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To-day members of two fighting Australian Infantry Brigades will parade through Melbourne in a March of Honour.

It is a well deserved honour as these men have served Australia well in the jungle of New Guinea in fierce fighting against the Japanese.

These men, nearly all from Victoria, many of them from Melbourne and its suburbs, have not marched through a capital city before.

To-day, they have been given the honour of a march and Melbourne has a chance to honour her own sons.

Some of these men fought at Salamaua, some won their spurs in the Huon Peninsula campaign.

These men deserve a tribute worthy of their fighting qualities.

While you honour them, it is well to remember that they need all the backing you can give them. They need weapons, ammunition, food, clothing - thousands of items are needed to ensure that these men can do their job properly. And these things must be paid for. Therefore support these troops by supporting the Second Victory Loan.

Many of the men marching today will wear decorations won for gallantry.

The 4th Brigade, which will be represented by 600 men in today's parade - men from Melbourne and from country centres - will lead the march. Brigadier C R V EDGAR DSO, of the 4th Brigade, will be march commander.

This Brigade embarked for New Guinea over 18 months ago, and after a period of intensive training at Milne Bay, was brought under the command of the 9th Division. It operated with this division at Lae, at Finschhafen and up the Huon Peninsula. From Gusika North, the brigade formed the spearhead of the advance along the Rai Coast to Sio.

More recently elements of the brigade occupied Karkar Island. During the drive up the New Guinea coast two Military Crosses, one DCM and five Military Medals were won by officers and men of the brigade.

The infantry battalions of this brigade are the 22nd, 37/52nd and the 29/46th Battalions.

Also marching with the brigade will be ancilliary troops, men who play a vital part in every campaign, the signals, engineers and supply personnel.

Of the infantry battalions, the 22nd marched from Hopoi Mission to Langemak Bay, a distance of 70 miles, during the Finschhafen attack, and it was forced to do some hard and vicious fighting before the enemy was compelled to retreat. It was the first action for most of the unit. They crossed the Keleung River for their first fight, and with tank support smashed the enemy's defences in a brisk engagement. From that day they have never looked back.

The first task of the 37/52nd Battalion was to carry out extensive patrolling during the attack on Lae. The battalion was then under command of the 9th Division. After Finschhafen and Sattelberg were captured, the battalion was prominent in the coastal drive to Sio and saw action on the Song River, at Bonga, Scarface, the Masewang River and at Fortification Point. Later this year it landed on Karkar Island.

During the investment of Lae, the 29/46th Battalion penetrated far into the mountains which line the Huon Peninsula, carrying out arduous patrols which were of great value to the operation. The unit was engaged in a fierce battle in the push up the coast from Gusika, and was responsible for the capture of Fortification Point. The next task which occupied it was the capture or extermination of the many Jap stragglers who formed pockets of scattered resistance along the coast and up the inland tracks.

For their part in the Huon Peninsula campaign, men of the brigade won eight decorations - two Military Crosses, one Distinguished Conduct Medal and five Military Medals.

These men have shown their gallantry in action. There will be more action before victory is won. That is why Australia needs to fill the Second Victory Loan. Unless you support the loan to the full, you will help delay that victory.

Show your admiration and support for the men marching today by helping to fill the loan.

### 15th Brigade

The 15th Brigade which will be represented by over 2000 men today fought at Salamaua.

It will be led by its commander, Brigadier H H Hammer, DSO and Bar, who won his DSO when the battalion he commanded at El Alamein broke the German line. The bar was conferred in recognition of his services with the 15th Brigade in New Guinea.

The 15th Brigade moved to New Guinea early in March 1943. Its first task was to defend the Port Moresby area from possible attack from the sea. When plans for clearing the Japs from the Wau and Salamaua areas were being drawn up, the 15th Brigade was allotted the task of pushing into Salamaua from the west to prevent enemy movement south of the Markham River.

The first move was to seize Bobdubi Ridge and to dominate the Japanese supply line from Salamaua to Mubo. The troops had to operate under appalling conditions of terrain, and terrific supply difficulties.

One battalion, the 58/59th, flew to Bulolo. From here it set out for Missim, a nightmare march during which the men had to force their way through almost impenetrable jungle, to climb 9600 feet above sea level, and to contend with a track which was mostly a stream of dirty slime. Frequently the track wound round the side of precipitous mountains, with drops of hundreds of feet waiting for the weary and unwary.

At Bobdubi the Jap was firmly entrenched in a network of formidable defences, from which he had relentlessly to be driven in fierce bloody fighting. Hand to hand clashes were frequent. Oneminiature fortress, "Old Vickers Position" was attacked five times before the Jap was finally dislodged and annihilated.

Dramatic shots of the bitter and often gruesome fighting for Bobdubi Ridge were a feature of the late Damien Parer's film, "Assault on Salamaua."

The 24th Battalion of this Brigade patrolled an area exceeding 1000 square miles north and west of Salamaua. Its task was to prevent any southward move by the Japanese from Lae to Wau. The men of this battalion harried and worried the Jap tirelessly. While they avoided any major engagement, they forced him to maintain a considerable force in the area, far greater in strength than their own.

By the use of unceasing, small patrols they gave an impression of a force which from point of view of numbers they never possessed. Ambushes were set and tracks policed by these jungle fighters, now grown cunning and deadly. Consequently no large scale attempt was ever made by the Jap to move south of the Markham River.

As a diversion for the assault on Lae, the battalion attacked powerful Japanese defences at Markham Point, where a bitter battle developed before the Jap was beaten.

To the west the 57/60th Battalion conducted extensive patrols in unknown territory. It had been flown to the Watut Valley, landing on the airstrip at Tsili Tsili, which the battalion was detailed to defend. On many occasions patrols of three or four men were seven and more days walk from their base.

After the capture of Lae, 15th Brigade moved to Nadzab to protect the air base there. The 24th Battalion crossed the Markham River in pursuit of the Jap across the Finisterres towards Sio.

These troops moved so fast along the rugged mountain trails that supplies were sometimes a day's march behind the forward patrols, despite the utmost efforts of supply personnel to keep up with the fighting elements.

I would like to tell you more about the fighting these men did in New Guinea.

A decisive defeat was inflicted by the 57/60th on the Jap when he attempted a determined three-pronged counter-attack at Mabelebu. Here, after confused and fierce fighting, his forces were cut to pieces. So decisive was this action that the Jap was unable to launch any further attacks along the Bogadjim Road.

Extreme difficulties were encountered by the 58/59th Battalion in the Kabenau River area. Precipitous mountains and raging torrents barred their way north. Only by outstanding determination were valuable patrols carried out.

An important task in this operation was to make contact with the Allied troops advancing west along the coast from Saidor. Eventually a patrol succeeded in making a way through to the coastal force.

The drive continued relentlessly until on the 13th of April Bogadjim was captured. Not content with this, the 57/60th Battalion surged forward, eager to complete the defeat of the enemy they had routed at Bogadjim.

After crossing raging, crocodile infested rivers these determined troops were soon at Madang which fell to us on the 21st of April.

This concluded the 15th Brigade's work in New Guinea and all units were concentrated in Madang, from where they were brought back to Australia.

While in New Guinea 15th Brigade established an outstanding record for low incidence of sickness. Never before had the dreaded jungle fevers been so successfully suppressed and beaten. The Brigade maintained its fighting strength and efficiency throughout two major campaigns lasting in all over 18 months.

Decorations won by the 15th Brigade in New Guinea are: two DSOs, one bar to DSO, 31 other decorations - MCs DCMs and MMs. In addition, a large number of members of the Brigade were Mentioned in Dispatches.

The salute today will be taken by Lt-Gen S G Savige, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, EC, who as Divisional Commander, had the 15th Brigade under his command at Salamaua.

#### Here they Come

The parade is led by mounted troopers, followed by the March Commander and his staff.

Brig Edgar, DSO, commands the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade. Brig Edgar previously served in Greece and Crete and also in the Owen Stanleys as commanding officer of the 2/2nd Infantry Battalion, a famous 6th Division unit.

Brig Edgar was awarded the DSO after the fierce bloody fighting at Templeton's Crossing, on the Kokoda Trail, when the Australians drove the Japs over the Owen Stanleys.

### 1st Group

The first group to come along is headed by the Navy Band.

These are 4th Brigade men, from all parts of Victoria, who did so well in the Huon Peninsula campaign and won several decorations.

This group is led by Lt-C 1 K S Casworth, who is followed by a group of Headquarters men.

Now here come two companies of the 29/46th Battalion, of which Col Casworth is Commanding Officer. He came to the battalion from the 7th Division.

During the Lae operation these men of the 29/46th carried out long and arduous patrols in the mountains, under conditions as bad as any experienced in New Guinea. Later they drove the Japanese up the Huon Peninsula from Gusika to Fortification Point. After capturing this strong point the battalion disposed of many Japanese stragglers. During the series of battles up the coast a MC was won by Capt R B Eames, and Sjt H H Herring, Cpl L McNee and Cpl W J Hamilton won the MM.

An indication of the spirit of these men is the story of the leadership of the late Cpl R Deslandes. Leading a section against a Japanese machine gun nest, Cpl Deslandes and his men met such heavy fire that one by one his section was wounded or killed until only Deslandes and one man were left. Although he was hit five times, the corporal pushed on until he fell mortally wounded, but not before he had achieved his object.

Following the infantry come troops attached to the brigade.

In this company are the brigade signalmen, who do such a marvellous job keeping communications going.

These are men of the 264th Light Aid Detachment, who keep the vehicles rolling.

Marching with them are Engineers, supply department platoons, and men of the Brigade Workshop - all vital links in efficient running of the Brigade.

### 2nd Group

Infantrymen of the 4th Brigade are marching in the Second Group behind the Laverton Air Force Band - a company of the 22nd Battalion, followed by men of the 37/52nd Battalion.

The group is led by Lt-Col J D Carstairs, formerly of the 2/7th Battalion.

Originally the 22nd was raised in South Gippsland, but it is now drawn from all parts of Victoria. Like the rest of the brigade they have had 18 months service in New Guinea, and were at Lae, Finschhafen and Madang.

The 22nd carried out one of the greatest marches of the New Guinea campaigns when they went from Hopoi Mission to Langemak Bay in ten days, clearing the Japs from 70 miles of vital coast line. It was the first action for most of the battalion.

In the struggle for Sattelberg they captured the village of Moreng after crossing 25 miles of rugged jungle country, and during the coastal drive which ended the Finschhafen campaign they captured the village of Lakona after bitter fighting.

The 37/52nd Battalion was originally enlisted in East Gippsland, but has later been reinforced with men from the Metropolitan area, as well as New South Wales and Queensland. It is commanded by Lt-Col J G Rohan, MC, who also came from the 2/7th Battalion.

After extensive patrolling during the Lae operation this Battalion took part in the drive from Finschhafen to Sio and fought hard actions on the Song River, at Bonga, Scarface, the Messwang River and at Fortification Point. Decorations won during this campaign were one DCM and one MM.

In more recent months the 37/52nd was at Madang, and its members took part in the occupation of Karkar Island, where a number of Chinese who were held prisoner by the Japanese there were liberated.



### 15th Brigade

Those were men of the 4th Brigade, who did a great job in New Guinea, and now come men of the 15th Brigade, over 2000 of them, led by their commander, Brigadier Hammer, DSO and Bar.

Following the Vic L of C Band comes Brig Hammer and his staff.

Brig Hammer served in Greece and Syria, and at El Alamein, where he won his DSO and was wounded. Brig Hammer took command of the 15th Brigade two days after the start of the Salamaua campaign, and won the Bar to his DSO at Salamaua.

Following Brig Hammer is the brigade headquarters staff, led by Capt S R Hedley, the intelligence officer. These men, all fighting soldiers, are the general administrators of the brigade and keep the supplies, communications, arms and equipment up to the front line troops. Several have been mentioned in despatches for their gallant work and devotion to duty. At Salamaua the headquarters troops captured the first Japanese prisoner of the campaign.

Marching with this headquarters are a Light Aid Detachment, a platoon of the 2/1st Guard Regiment, the signals section and brigade workshop troops, all of which were with the brigade in New Guinea.

They are followed by the 15th Australian Field Company of Engineers, who toiled incessantly cutting tracks, repairing roads, and building bridges under conditions as hard and rugged as any men have worked under anywhere in the world.

Also with the troops in this group is the Salvation Army representative, Wally Alvin, who was with them, in their hardships and their victories, since their first days in New Guinea. He has always been close to the front line, bringing hot coffee forward when it has been most needed.

Now come the infantrymen of the 15th Brigade - men who fought the foul jungle and the fouler Jap in New Guinea and who won through, and also won many decorations.

They triumphed against the Jap and they deserve a triumphant welcome from the people of Melbourne. Let them have it. They have played their part in forcing the Jap further and further from Australia.

### 24th Battalion

First comes the 24th Battalion led by Lt-Col George Smith, DSO, who served as a company commander through Libya and Greece with the 2/6th Battalion. For 12 months these men fought in front of Salamaua and in the Markham Valley before the fall of Lae. Col Smith won his DSO in the Markham. They have climbed higher than any other Australian troops in this war to fight the Jap 11000 feet up in the Ranges. They were with the 7th Division in the Ramu and later high in the Finisterres. In all, they gained 13 decorations in New Guinea, while they have the distinction of having suffered the fewest malaria cases of any battalion in New Guinea.

Marching with A Company is Sjt Spendlove, who won a DCM on Spendlove's Spur, in the Finisterres. Three times he rallied his men in a two hour fight for this position.

The company also saw action in the Salamaua operation. With this company is the signal platoon, which laid 130 miles of cable in the Markham, and another 100 miles of line north of Nadzab.

At the head of B Company is Capt Cameron of Cameron's Knoll, in the Ramu Valley. Many officers and men of the battalion lie buried there. Men of this company were in contact with a Japanese battalion between Lae and Salamaua three months before Salamaua fell. They were on their own, six days away from any effective assistance.

Machine gunners and mortar crews are also marching here. They have carried their heavy weapons up heart-breaking trails wherever the battalion has fought. Among them is Cpl Carney, who crawled forward into our own fire to direct the supporting twenty-five pounders, when observation was desperately necessary in a close fought action.

After the Victoria L of C Drum Band has passed, we see the other two companies of the 24th Battalion. C Company won eight decorations in one action - the assault on Markham Point. Among them are Sjt Bob Stevens, DCM of Wangrabbell - and WO Blundell, MM of Geelong, who got their ribbons leading their men when all their officers were either killed or wounded.

This company held a front of 30 miles for five months and crossed the Markham in native canoes to examine the Nadzab airstrip before the famous parachute landing there. With this company is a tank-attack platoon which fought as infantry in the Markham and high in the Finisterres.

Maj Whitelaw of Bendigo leads D Company. They accounted for 300 Japs in a nine day pursuit near the old German mission at Boana. Sjt Jackson won an MM in this action. They also fought well at Salamaua, where one platoon beat off an attack by 120 Japs, killing half of them.

Lt Ted Robinson gained his MC for brilliant patrolling in the Watut and Buang River areas. The company was also in action in the Ramu Valley, too.

Maj Keith Carroll, who fought previously with the 2/6th Battalion in Libya and Greece, brings up the rear.

#### 57/60th Battalion

That was the VDC Band which just passed.

They are followed by two companies of 57/60th Battalion. This battalion is commanded by Lt-Col RR Marston, DSO, ED. He won his DSO in New Guinea, where four other officers won the MC and three men the MM.

Long range patrolling was carried out by D Company, just passing now, towards Nadzab before the landing of airborne Australian and American troops in that area. Later they probed the Markham Valley to a point opposite Kiaipit. These patrols, operating from Tsili Tsili, were then the most advanced Australian troops in the Markham Valley.

Early this year the 57/60th Battalion carried out a large scale raid on Japanese occupied positions at Orgoruna and Mataloi, far up the Ramu Valley.

Among them is Pte Barney Ward, who was posted as missing for 14 days. He walked many miles over jungle tracks, living on native fruits and one emergency ration only, until he was located by a patrol.

In the advance which drove the Jap from the Ramu Valley and terminated in the capture of Bogadjim and the occupation of Madang, B Company took a leading part.

In this Company are Lts Berman and Passlow, who gained MCs at Mabelebu, where B Company fought the Japs in a heavy night action in which they inflicted very severe casualties on the enemy. Among the Japs who resisted stubbornly here were a party of marines, giants of fellows as Japanese go, and very vicious fighters.

The final attack to clear the way to Bogadjim was made possible by A Company, the next unit to pass. They are headed by Maj W McCall.

Fully laden with extra rations and ammunition, the men of A Company marched for a day and the greater part of the next over steep, jungle covered hills and through waist deep streams, to carry out a successful encircling movement on the road down to Bogadjim.

Here is Lt Jackson, who won his MC in an action during this drive, and Pte Max Hillberg, who wears the MM he was awarded for his gallantry in the same action.

They are followed by C Company which pushed on into Bogadjim and up the coast to Madang.

Patrols led by Lt Atkinson and Sjt Dick forced their way through dense jungle and swamp, two days ahead of the main body of the unit, and made a dangerous crossing of the Gogol River, eight miles south of Madang. The only Jap prisoner taken in over 7 months in the Ramu Valley was picked up here. It is interesting to note that the Japanese Headquarters recently reported the death of Lt-Gen Katigari in these operations.

#### 58/59 th Battalion

Heading the sixth group in this March of Honour is the Air Force Band from Point Cook.

Following the band are the four companies of 58/59th Infantry Battalion of 15th Brigade. It is led by its commander, Lt-Col George Warfe, MC, three times mentioned in despatches. Col Warfe fought in Libya and Greece with the famed 2/6th Battalion, and then commanded the 2/3rd Independent Company in their daring exploits against the Japanese in the Wau and Salamaua campaigns.

The 58/59th fought in two campaigns in New Guinea. It first distinguished itself by capturing and holding for eleven weeks the famous Bobdubi Ridge. Throughout this period the battalion did not lose contact with the enemy for a single day or night, and it contributed greatly to the collapse of the enemy resistance in the whole of the Lae and Salamaua areas.

After a brief rest the battalion was flown into the Ramu valley. For six months it gradually drove the enemy across the rugged Finisterres and down to his coastal bases. The campaign ended with the occupation of Madang.

Members of the battalion have won 6 Military Crosses and 5 Military Medals, and six members have been mentioned in despatches.

Leading the first company is Maj Frank Rowell, a veteran of the Middle East, while at the end of his company are Sjt Ayre and L Cpl Duncanson, who won Military Medals for bravery in evacuating wounded men under heavy fire from enemy snipers and machine guns.

In A Company, which follows HQ Company, are lads of No 7 Platoon who fought with C Company boys in the assault on what was known as "Old Vickers Position." The late Damien Parer recorded this action in his famous film, "Assault on Salamaua."

B Company formed the vanguard of the Australian advance across the Finisterre Ranges, as wild and rugged country as any in New Guinea. It was this thrust which led to the fall of Japanese-held Bogadjim and finally Madang. Marching in the rear of B Company is Capt BETHUNE who won a MC at Salamaua. There, also, is Sjt Matheson, who was decorated with the MM for courage and leadership in the Finisterres.

The men of C Company, after capturing the "Old Vickers Position" swam the flooded Francisco River in pursuit of the Japanese retreating on Salamaua. Later they penetrated the Finisterre ranges and linked up with the American forces advancing up the coast from Saidor.

Sjt Tremellan, who is with them, wears a MM for his exploits in hand to hand struggles with the enemy. Another decorated member of this company is Lt Proby, who was wounded in the action at Old Vickers.

At the rear of the battalion marches Maj H Sweet, who sailed to the Middle East in the first convoy to leave Victoria,

#### 7th Group

Coming now is the seventh and last group in this parade of honour. Here are men of the ASC, comprising 3 and 4 supply platoons and 152 Australian General Transport Company, who supplied the infantry battalions in all their battles. Theirs was not an easy task, for small groups had to handle the vital food and ammunition for many men. It involved long hours of toil, seven days a week, without rest or relief.

Last of all is a company of 15th Australian Field Ambulance, which performed noble service with the brigade throughout its New Guinea fighting. Men of this field ambulance performed miracles in evacuating wounded men under fire and in will rugged country, and in establishing medical posts in close contact with the forward troops. Their work, never ending but always performed with a cheerful selflessness, has won the admiration and respect of every man in the brigade.

You have seen these men and you have heard something of what they have gone through to protect you and yours from the viciousness of the Japanese. They have fought for you and have helped to drive the Jap back. They have given of their best. Will you not lend your money to see that they are properly equipped and fed? Fill the Second Victory Loan and back up the fighting soldier.

**N. GUINEA UNITS  
IN A.I.F. CITY  
PARADE FRIDAY**

**MEN** of the 15th and 4th Infantry Brigades, which took part in the Salamaua and Lae-Finschhafen actions in New Guinea, will march through Melbourne next Friday.

Both formations are of men enlisted from different parts of Victoria.

They include troops who were seen in the dramatic pictures of fighting for Bobdubi Ridge in the late Damien Parer's film, Assault on Salamaua.

One unit, the 24th Battalion, crossed the Markham River and pursued the Japanese across the Finis-terre Range.

Many of the men in the two brigades have been decorated.

**THREE 24TH BATTALIONS PAY  
TRIBUTE TO FALLEN MEMBERS**

"WE pay a tribute to the men of the first 24th Battalion who, for four years went through a hell of fighting in the last war," said the C.O. of the 3/24th Australian Infantry Battalion (Lt.-Col. G. F. Smith) at the Shrine of Remembrance yesterday.

Each year the 1/24th Battalion makes a pilgrimage to the Shrine. Yesterday men of three 24th battalions took part, and each paid tributes to the regiment's fallen.

Lieut.-Colonel Smith said the 2/24th Battalion kept up the good traditions of the last war unit at

Tobruk and El Alamein. The casualties of last war were, however, much greater than in this war. Of the many battles fought by the A.I.F., Bullecourt was its greatest.

"Because of the reputation of Australians as soldiers, we were asked to do the impossible in Greece, and when Rommel came near Alexandria the A.I.F. was rushed there from Syria, with the 2/24th Battalion one of the units," he added.

Lieut.-Colonel C. Weir, who was C.O. of the 2/24th Battalion when he was wounded at El Alamein, was present on crutches.

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**DECORATED VETERANS** of the New Guinea campaign, who will march in next Friday's Second Victory Loan parade, discussing battle exploits at their Watsonia camp yesterday. They are (left to right): Capt. J. F. Bethune, M.C.; Lieut. E. M. Griff, mentioned in dispatches; and Lance-Corporal R. G. Duncanson, M.M.

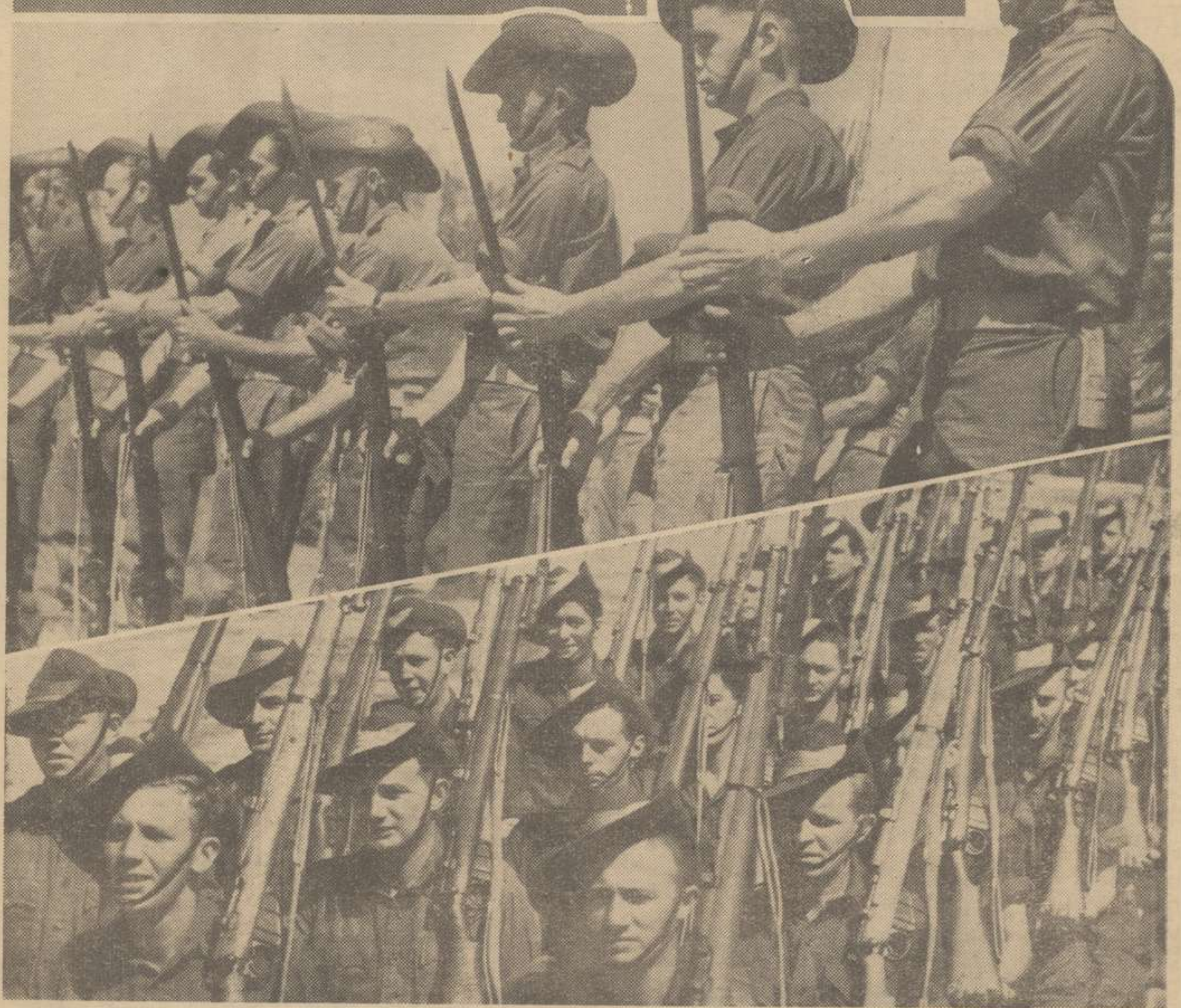
**Too Many Marches**

**P**ROTESTS are again being penned against the lack of enthusiasm displayed by onlookers at marches of service men and women. Several explanations may account for this. One is that the excessive frequency of marches to advertise war loans (there were two on succeeding days last week) have deprived them of much of their significance. If marches were few and better, citizens would be more likely to treat as a special event what is too often looked upon as a tiresome formality.

Next Friday's march of the 15th and 4th Infantry Brigades certainly will not be so regarded. But our admiration for the doughty warriors of the Salamaua and Lae-Finschhafen actions will scarcely produce continuous cheering along the whole route. Even loyal Londoners do not cheer the entire length of so historic an event as a Coronation procession. Let us have cheer posts by all means. But lack of continuous noise should not be interpreted as lack of appreciation.

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# GALLANT JUNGLE BRIGADES IN FIRST CITY MARCH



★ JUNGLE VETERANS of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry brigades, who will be on parade for the first time in Melbourne's Second Victory Loan march on Friday, rehearsing for their public appearance at their Watsonia camp yesterday. Some of them decorated for outstanding bravery, these Victorian members of famous brigades have battled to victory in many New Guinea campaigns.

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### 2600 Troops for March

IN the city march by the 15th and 4th Brigades on Friday, the former will be represented by more than 2000 troops, and the 4th by 600.

The brigades will march in seven groups and will take 23 minutes to pass. Lieut-General S. G. Savage will take the salute.

The march will start at 1.22 p.m., and reach the saluting base at 1.30 p.m.

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**LORD MAYOR ASKS**

**People To Cheer Parade Of Honor Tomorrow**

THE Lord Mayor (Cr. Nettlefold) appeals for a display of public enthusiasm at the Parade of Honor by members of the 4th and 15th Infantry Brigades through Melbourne streets tomorrow.

Brigadiers C. R. V. Edgar and H. H. Hammer, commanders of the brigades, will lead their formations.

Brigadier Edgar will be March Commander, and the salute will be taken at the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. by Lieut.-General S. G. Savige.

The brigadiers were together on staff work for the evacuation of Greece, and later commanded brigades in New Guinea. Brigadier Edgar received the D.S.O. for work at Templeton's Crossing, on the Kokoda Trail. Brigadier Hammer was awarded the D.S.O. at El Alamein and the Bar in the Salamaua campaign.



Brig. H. H. Hammer



Brig. C. R. Edgar

The march, which will start from Alexandra-ave. at 1.22 p.m., will be along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins, Market and Flinders streets to Flinders-st. Station.

The men, all Victorians, had most successfully fought Japanese and jungle, and earned the right to a triumphant reception, Cr. Nettlefold said in a letter last night.

The 4th Brigade fought on the Huon Peninsula, and the 15th in the Salamaua campaign, one of the most difficult in New Guinea. Many of the men marching had won decorations (more than 50 of them).

As a typical action calling for spontaneous recognition by the public, Cr. Nettlefold quoted the exploit of Sergeant Schwartz, of Brunswick, who, to clear an enemy pillbox on Bobdubi Ridge, crawled to the entrance and threw in a grenade. The Japanese threw it out before it exploded and repeated the performance until the sergeant became really angry and tossed in two grenades together. While the Japanese were throwing one out the other exploded.

**Victorian Awarded Military Medal For N.G. Bravery**

CANBERRA, Wednesday. — Cpl. (acting Sergt.) Leonard Sylvester Dick, of East Melbourne, was a member of a patrol which cleared the enemy from and occupied Bogadjim.

His initiative was recalled today by the acting Governor-General (Sir Winston Dugan) who announced the award of a Military Medal to A./Sergt. Dick for bravery in action.

The award has been approved by the King.

The citation discloses that on the numerous occasions when the patrol was divided, A./Sergt. Dick acted as patrol leader. When they pushed northward toward Madang the Gogol River seemed an impassable barrier, but he effected a crossing despite crocodiles.

About one mile south of Madang Japanese were encountered. In the ensuing action A./Sergt. Dick acted with fine leadership. With a small patrol he was the first to enter and occupy the township of Madang.

**Heroes Of Jungle In Big City Parade Today**

WEARING service dress, and carrying fixed bayonets, 2800 men of the 4th and 15th Brigades will march through the city today.

Moving from Alexandra-ave. at 1.22 p.m., the troops, who have fought in the jungle in New Guinea, will march by way of Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins and Market-sts., turning left into Flinders-st. to Degra-vest-st. and then into Flinders-st. station.

Lieut.-General S. G. Savige, who had the 15th Brigade under divisional command in New Guinea, will take the salute at the Town Hall.

Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar will be commander of the parade and Brigadier H. H. Hammer will lead

the 15th Brigade. Nine bands will play in the march and two at the saluting base.

Five well-known radio announcers will give a description of the brigades' histories and the exploits of some of the decorated men.

The Lord Mayor (Cr. Nettlefold) appealed yesterday for cheer leaders at every corner along the route and suggested that every club in the city should have cheer posts.

He said that when the march was over every citizen should go to his bank, broker or post office and give whatever he or she could to the Second Victory Loan.

Arrangements have been made with the Returned Soldiers' League

for distribution of cigarettes and sweets to the men and refreshments will be provided by the Y.M.C.A. and the Salvation Army.

Among the marchers are members of a Victorian battalion on whom Lieut.-General S. G. Savige staked his military reputation.

Lieut.-General Savige, whose famous 17th Brigade, A.I.F., was fighting in another sector, entrusted the opening of the offensive on Bobdubi Ridge—the front door to Salamaua—to a raw and inexperienced battalion of former militiamen.

Although faced by picked Japanese troops, they held fast until, reinforced by a crack battalion of the 17th Brigade, they swept the enemy from

the ridge and gained the vital Salamaua drome.

"Both units served in New Guinea for 18 months under particularly trying conditions, and inflicted severe casualties on the Japanese," said the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) yesterday, in a tribute to the 15th and 4th Brigades.

"Those who escaped death endured long months of hardship and danger, suffering all the privations that jungle fighting entails. These men have done their job—in fact, they've done a little more than that," said Mr. Forde.

The Minister will be at the saluting base today.

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**Veterans Of The Jungle**

AGREEING that marches of service men and women are far too numerous we have expressed the view that they should be fewer and better. If this policy were to be adopted such a march as today's might well be offered as the first of the few. The men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, nearly 3000 strong, are seasoned troops, who have proved their worth in hazardous jungle fighting and, as the Lord Mayor says, "have earned a right to expect a triumphant reception." Melbourne can have too many marches, but it cannot have too many marchers like these doughty warriors of Lae, Finschhafen and Salamaua.

MR. MELBOURNE DAY BY DAY



TIME MARCHES ON!

After The March

"COOL drinks for 2600 and some cake and biscuits, too, Dig!" That would be rather a tall order, even for the best regulated refreshment bar, but Mr. Alex Moodie, secretary of the Victorian Y.M.C.A. De-

fence Forces Committee, will be called upon today to supply it.

He has been asked once again by the R.S.L. War Service Fund officials at Anzac House to turn on refreshments for the 4th and 15th brigades after their march through Melbourne. He told me yesterday that he would have six Y.M.C.A. centres in Alexandra-ave serving free iced drinks, cake and biscuits to the troops.

This link-up between Anzac House and the Red Triangle has almost come to be part of the show when a big parade is turned on. And how the troops appreciate it!

Parade Of Warriors

THE particular imp—and what an imp!—that arranges Melbourne's temperamental weather, yesterday turned out a day that must have reminded the young jungle veterans who marched with bristling bayonets of the climate in which they sweated in New Guinea.

It was a stirring sight to see these browned warriors, and to realise that they were the men who blasted the Japs—those vaunted jungle fighters—out of their lairs, and showed them that the Australian Digger is made of stern stuff.

Nowhere was the enthusiasm greater than at Flinders-st. station, where the crowd kept up a continual paean of cheers as the boys were drummed into the station entrance. It was created, perhaps, by the impression that the scene gave of men entraining for the fighting area.

As the boys marched into the station entrance a girl in a blue working overall stood on the verandah tearing up a sheaf of papers and showering the confetti on the soldiers marching below. It was her tribute to the gallant 4th and 15th brigades.

CITY'S CHEERS GREET JUNGLE VICTORS

THROUGH tumultuous cheering, streamers and confetti, men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, who fought and beat the Japanese in New Guinea, marched through Melbourne yesterday.

Cheering was loudest at the Town Hall, where the salute was taken by Lieut.-General S. G. Savige, who took the 17th Brigade from Australia in 1940, and who had the 15th Brigade under his command at Salamaua.

In the march and among the wounded at the Town Hall were men of both A.I.F. and Militia. There was no distinction between them.

To the excited appreciative throng, they were simply the men of Bobdubi, Salamaua, and Bogadjim.

The reception was an echo of the great march of General Savige's brigade in 1940, when the men threaded their way through the crowd.

As most of the units in the parade were recruited in Victoria, there were many personal associations in the dense crowds along the route.

Eyes steadfastly ahead were only averted when the order to salute at the Town Hall was given.

Drums continued to beat the rhythm for battles and victory ahead.

(Pictures on Middle Page)



# MELBOURNE CROWDS "GO WILD" AT MARCH OF JUNGLE FIGHTERS

**RIOTOUS CHEERING** greeted jungle veterans of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades in their first city march yesterday in support of the Second Victory Loan. These pictures are typical of scenes along the route of the march of the seasoned victors. Boxes and ladders were used to give spectators a grandstand view.



Visit To Cot Cases Before City March



BEFORE YESTERDAY'S MARCH OF NEW GUINEA VETERANS, Lieut-General S. G. Savige, who took the salute during the parade in support of the Second Victory Loan, visited cot cases, who watched the march from outside the Melbourne Town Hall. (Below) Typical happy, cheering onlookers who lined the route of the parade. (See Page 5).



GENERAL VIEW of yesterday's spectacular parade of jungle troops of the 15th and 4th Australian Brigades in support of the Second Victory Loan. Above: Lieut-General S. G. Savige, who had the 15th Brigade under his command at Salamaua, taking the salute at the Town Hall base. Right: Close-up of faces of conquerors of the Japanese.

**MEN OF THE N.G. CAMPAIGNS**

**15th & 4th Brigades**

Men who took part in the famous Salamaua and Lae-Finschhafen actions in New Guinea will march through Melbourne on Friday next. They are members of the 15th and the 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, and it will be their first march through a capital city.

Both brigades are composed of men enlisted in Victoria, many of them from country centres. Many have won decorations for gallantry.

The 15th Brigade played an important role in the capture, in September last year, of the Japanese Huon Gulf stronghold of Salamaua.

After the capture of Lae by 7th and 9th Divisions, the 15th Brigade moved to Nadzab to protect that air base. The 24th Battalion crossed the Markham River, and pursued the Japanese across the Finisterres on the way to Sio.

After a brief rest, a second major task was carried out by the brigade early this year. It was the drive down the Bogadjim-road. The Japanese fought tenaciously from prepared positions, but nothing could stop the Australians; the drive continued relentlessly, and Bogadjim was captured in April.

In the drive on to Madang, patrols of 57/60th Battalion traversed dense jungle, swamp and crocodile-infested rivers, eventually to chase the Japanese from this stronghold.

The 15th Brigade includes men from Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat, Cobram, Warrnambool, Portland, Mildura, Geelong, Colac, Albury and Shepparton and other country centres.

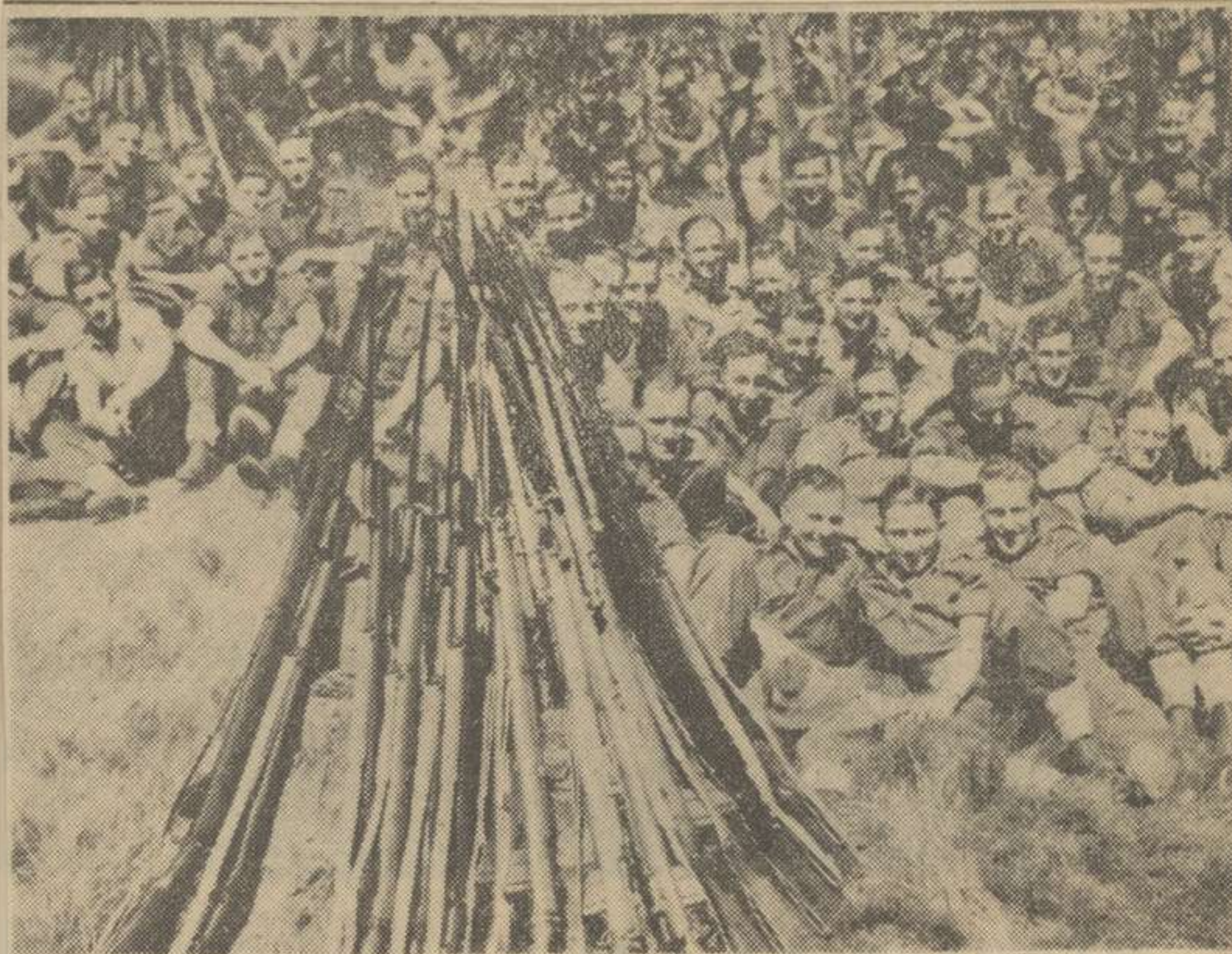
**THE 4TH BRIGADE**

Men of the 4th Brigade, which will have a smaller representation in the parade than the 15th, also come from many parts of Victoria. The 4th Brigade made a notable contribution to the Lae-Finschhafen campaign. Eight officers and men of the brigade were decorated for gallantry in that campaign.

The 37th-52nd Battalion was under command of 9th Division in the Lae campaign, and carried out extensive patrolling. Later it fought several actions in the Finschhafen-Sio drive — on the Song River, at Bonga, Scarface, the Massaweng River, and at Fortification Hill and Zagahemi. Later still it occupied Kar Kar Island.

The 37/52nd Battalion was raised originally from men who enlisted in East Gippsland. Later reinforcements were from the Melbourne area.

In the Lae operation the 29/46th Battalion carried out arduous patrolling into the mountains of Huon Peninsula. It fought a fierce battle in the push up from Gulsika, capturing Fortification Point. The battalion disposed of many Japanese stragglers.



With rifles piled in the foreground, men of the 4th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades who took part in the New Guinea campaigns are shown resting during a brief spell at Watsonia yesterday. The men will march through the city next Friday in aid of the Second Victory Loan.

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**DECORATIONS ANNOUNCED**

**Sergeant's Body as Shield**

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—The using of his body as a shield to guard a wounded American from the concerted fire of ten Japanese has earned Sergeant Frederick Makin (Canberra) the Military Medal.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. George Herbert Atkinson (Finley, Vic.) for "rare determination, leadership and control of the highest degree" while in command of a patrol in the Daumoina area. Lieut. Atkinson proved instrumental in forcing the enemy from there, and the whole of the Bogadjim area was cleared.

The Military Medal has also been awarded to another member of the same patrol, Corporal (Acting Sergt.) Leonard Sylvester Dick (East Melbourne). After accompanying Lieut. Atkinson's party throughout the advance, Corporal Dick, with a small patrol, was the first to enter and occupy the township of Madang.

The Military Medal was earned when Sergt. Terence Heldane Scott-Holland (St. Lucia, Qld.), rescued an Australian infantry company, cut off at Jivevang and out of touch for four days.

Outstanding devotion to duty under intense enemy fire has won the Military Medal for a stretcher bearer, Private Thomas Broadhurst Walton (Woolstonecraft, N.S.W.).

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**HONOR NEW GUINEA VETERANS**

**Opportunity for Public Appreciation**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE AGE.  
 Sir.—In connection with the march through the city on Friday, 13th inst., of the 15th and 4th Brigades, all of whom are Victorians, I desire to appeal for a display of enthusiasm by the public, as this is a march to honor two brigades of Australian infantrymen who fought with distinction in New Guinea, and pressed the Japanese back from our shores.

I would like to emphasise that the men who will be marching on Friday are those who fought, most successfully, both the Japanese and the jungle. They have earned the right to expect a triumphant reception, and this will give the Melbourne people a grand opportunity of giving these men a well-deserved tribute.

The 4th Brigade fought on the Huon Peninsula and the 15th in the Salamaua campaign, one of the most difficult fought in New Guinea. Many of the men who are marching have won decorations (over fifty of them). Typical is the case of Sergeant Schwartz, of Brunswick, who was a central figure in an amazing encounter when his battalion engaged the Japanese on Bobdubi Ridge. To clear an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Schwartz crawled to the entrance and threw in a grenade. The Japanese promptly hurled it out again. Sergeant Schwartz persisted, and held his grenade for two seconds before tossing it into the pillbox. But the Japanese were again too quick, and threw it out again before it exploded.

After two more grenades had been treated in a similar manner, Sergeant Schwartz "got mad." He threw in two grenades together. While the Japanese were busy throwing one out, the other exploded. When Sergeant Schwartz finally entered the pillbox he found the bodies of three Japanese.

Actions of this nature call for a spontaneous and enthusiastic recognition and appreciation by the public. Yours, &c.,

T. S. NETTLEFOLD, Lord Mayor.

**SOLDIERS OF DISTINCTION**

**Men of the 4th & 15th Brigades**

The brigadiers commanding the 4th and 15th Brigades will march with their troops in the brigades' parade of honor through Melbourne to-morrow.

The march commander will be Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar, D.S.O., 4th Bde.; Brigadier H. H. Hammer, D.S.O. and Bar, will march at the head of the 15th Brigade men. These two brigadiers together took part in the staff work for the evacuation of the A.I.F. from Greece, and subsequently commanded brigades in New Guinea.

Brigadier Edgar was awarded his D.S.O. for outstanding work at Templeton's Crossing, on the Kokoda Trail. Brigadier Hammer received a D.S.O. for his services at El Alamein, and a Bar to this decoration for his work in the Salamaua campaign.



Brig. Edgar.

Brigadier Edgar, who was first granted a commission in 1921, went to the Middle East (then a major) with the first contingent of troops bound for that area. He was a company

commander in a famous Sixth Division battalion. He was in both Bardia and Tobruk actions, and went to Greece with the 16th Brigade.

After Greece he was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and given command of the A.I.F. battalion with which he first served. He commanded this battalion in Syria and on the Kokoda Trail. Subsequently he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier, and in June, 1943, commanded the 4th Bde., which took part in the Lae-Finschhafen actions, and operations along the Rai coast.

Brigadier Hammer has also had a distinguished war career. Commissioned in 1926, he first served with the A.I.F. as a major. In the Middle East, after commanding an infantry training battalion, he was appointed Brigade Major, 16th Bde. In that capacity he served with the brigade in Greece. Brig. Hammer's first command was in January, 1942, when he was promoted Lieut.-Col. to lead a famous Ninth Division battalion, which made

the initial push in the El Alamein battle. Brigadier Hammer was wounded in the face by a machine gun bullet in this action. After he returned to Australia from the



Brig. Hammer.

Middle East he was promoted Brigadier, and took command of the 15th Bde. two days after the start of the Salamaua campaign.

The parade of honor of the 2900 men of the 4th and 15th Brigades, who will march in service dress with fixed bayonets, will start from Alexandra-avenue at 1.22 p.m. The salute will be taken at the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. by Lieut.-General S. G. Savage, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. The route will differ slightly from the usual. The men will march down Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins and Market streets. From there the parade will turn left along Flinders-street to de Graves-street, and then into Flinders-street railway station.



Brigadier Edgar (extreme right) and Brigadier Hammer, of the 4th and 15th Brigades, chatting to some of the seasoned jungle fighters under their command at Watsonia yesterday. The men will be seen in a spectacular parade through the city to-day in aid of the Second Victory Loan.

## Minister's Praise for Brigades

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) will be present at the saluting base for to-day's march of the 15th and 4th Infantry Brigades in Melbourne.

Mr. Forde, who hopes that a big attendance of spectators will greet the marching men, said yesterday that both units had made solid contributions to the task of defeating the Japanese in New Guinea. Both had served in New Guinea for 18 months under particularly trying conditions, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Australia would always associate the 15th Brigade with the long and bitter struggle in front of Salamaua in 1943. Here, in wild and inhospitable country, one of the brigade's battalions—the 58/59th—was in action for twelve weeks continuously, day and night, a feat of which any infantry unit could well be proud. The 15th Brigade also deserved the highest praise for its work in the defeat of the Japanese forces in the Finnisterre Ranges early this year, and their expulsion back to Madang and beyond.

The 4th Brigade had acquitted itself well whenever called upon. Its part in the defeat of the Japanese on the Huon Peninsula was something of which it could be justly proud. Some men of both the 4th and 15th brigades had made the highest sacrifice—they were buried in the country which they had helped to defend with their lives. Those who escaped death endured long months of physical hardship and danger, suffering all the inconveniences and privations that fighting in jungle country entails. Their example was an incentive to citizens to invest in the Second Victory Loan.

## Cheering Posts

The Lord Mayor (Cr. Nettlefold) stated yesterday that the men of the 15th and 4th Brigades who will march through the city in to-day's parade should receive the cheers that they thoroughly deserve for their services in New Guinea. He appealed to representatives of clubs and organisations to select posts in the city at which they could muster and cheer the troops on parade. Arrangements have been made for the Returned Soldiers' Association to distribute cigarettes and sweets to every member in the march. Refreshments are to be provided by the Y.W.C.A. and Salvation Army.



Lieut.-General S. G. Savige, who will take the salute in to-day's parade of honor of men of the 4th and 15th Brigades, who fought in the New Guinea campaign, is depicted leading the 17th Brigade march through the city last November.



Jungle Fighters on Parade: Men of the 4th and 15th Infantry Brigades, who fought in the New Guinea campaigns, received a tremendous ovation when they marched through the city yesterday in aid of the Victory Loan. The above picture shows part of the spectacular parade entering Elizabeth-street from Bourke-street.



Mr. Forde shaking hands with wounded soldiers opposite the Town Hall.



With rifles at the salute, the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade salutes the base during the parade yesterday.

## RAID AT FORMOSA

### Aircraft Battered and Planes

TOKYO, Oct. 13 (A.A.P.).—Formosa, which was the target of an Official Radio broadcast, was shown in a state of confusion in Keelung Harbor by Admiral Halsey's fleet, which caused great damage.

After the raid, the Americans destroyed or damaged 35 ships and other shore targets.

The Pacific Fleet communique said the aircraft came from a fast carrier task force. In addition to the damage done to enemy planes and shipping, shore defence works were attacked.

Extensive damage was done to hangars, buildings, oil dumps, warehouses, docks and industrial establishment at Finansho, Okarama, Tamsul, Hella, Reigaryo and Taichu.

Preliminary reports and photographs from aeroplane pilots indicated the number of planes destroyed on the ground.

## RAID ON NOEMFOOR

The day quoted a communique of the raid on Noemfoor, which said, 110 B-29's which first raided Noemfoor, and that they were again raiding Formosa at the same time as the raids were still in progress.

The radio also claimed that 400 American planes were seriously damaged in a surprise attack on Noemfoor airfield on the night of October 8, and that 11 of the Japanese planes returned."

### Role of the B29

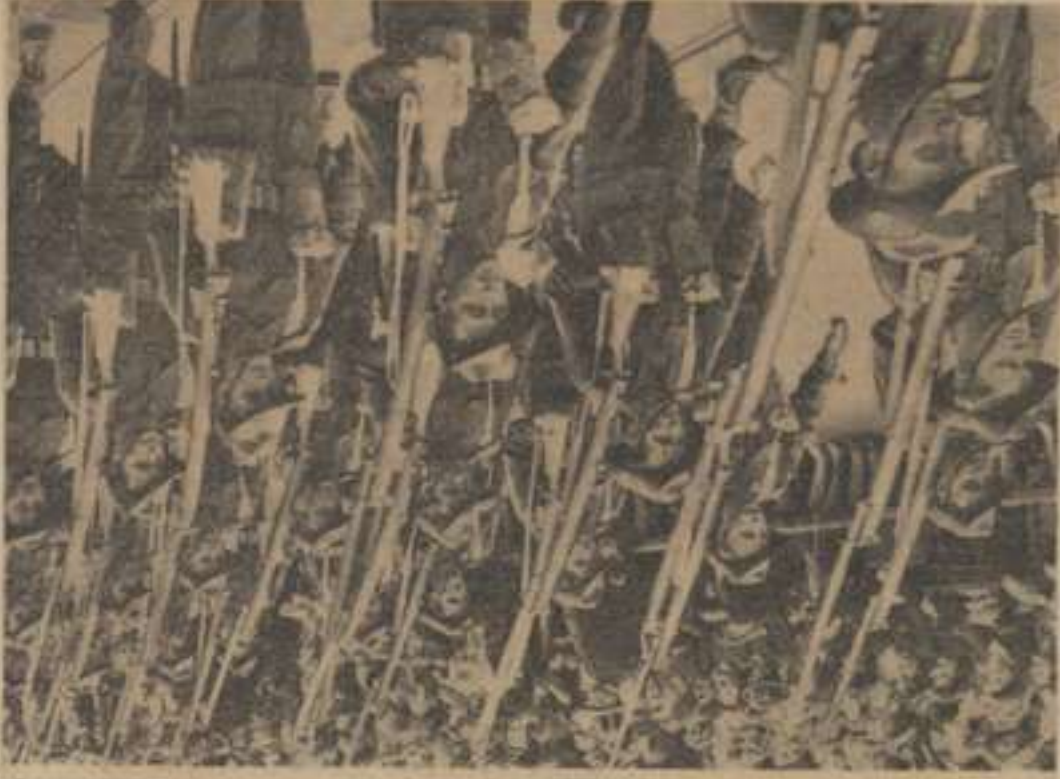
General Arnold, U.S. Air Chief, in a speech said the day was coming when B29's would be as numerous over Japan as B17's at present were over Germany. A tremendous super-bomber programme was being developed. The B29 was well able to take care of itself, and so far only three had been lost owing to enemy action. On one occasion 75 Japanese fighters attacked a formation of B29's, but not one Super Fortress was lost.

(Tokio Radio, in a statement in Japanese, intercepted by the Department of Information's Listening Post, yesterday, began by saying:—"Now the core of our national defence sphere itself is facing the powerful advance of the U.S.A. It is natural that the character of the war has become extremely urgent." After it was said:—"It is the traditional spirit of Japan to fight the enemy on the head with an iron stick when he ap-



4th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades marching through the city yesterday.

With rifles at the slope, New Guinea veterans of the 14th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades are shown approaching the saluting base during their Victory parade through the city yesterday in aid of the War Loan appeal.



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Lieut.-General S. G. Savige taking the salute at the Town Hall during yesterday's march of the 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades.

Hail. It was a march of seasoned soldiers, and what it lacked in the spectacular or glamorous it possessed in military precision and verve, and roused in the waving and cheering crowds a great emotion.

Flags of all nations fluttered over the Town Hall. In the streets, at the barricades and from a thousand windows and parapets, regimental tokens, miniature flags and curling scarfs gave color to the mass of humans assembled to pay homage to gallant men of the Australian army. Two bands played opposite the saluting base, where a ceremonial guard of the formations was mounted. Between the portico and Little Collins street stretcher cases and wounded men from Heidelberg Hospital, with nurses in their scarlet capes, were buttressed by men unable to march, a sprinkling of American soldiers and sailors and leave, and close relatives of the marchers.

Before the grey charges of the Victorian police loomed in sight at Princes-bridge, and the column of soldiery, bayonets fixed and with arms swinging rhythmically, appeared. Lieut.-General Savige, with Major-General C. E. M. Lloyd, accompanied the Minister for the Army, Mr. Forde, to the hospital cases. Each spoke to the bedridden men, and the crowd laughed warmly and cheered at little incidents of the inspection. A 29-48th Battalion color banner was waved in the vicinity, and it was probably here more than anywhere else along the route that the enthusiasm for the marchers was most demonstrative.

The salute was taken by Lieut.-General S. G. Savige, who commanded the Salamata divisional operation, in which some marching troops of the 15th Brigade were engaged.

At the saluting base also were noticed the Minister for the Army, Mr. Forde; Mr. Kennedy, M.L.C., State Minister of Transport; the Chief Justice of the High Court, Sir John Latham; the Victorian Chief Justice, Lieut.-General Sir Edmund Herring; the Lord Mayor (Cr. T. S. Nettleton); Air Commodore R. Orice, of the British forces in Australia; Captain A. H. Holmes (U.S. army); Air Vice Marshal A. Cole (R.A.A.F.); Commander P. P. Willett (R.A.N.); Lieut.-General Whitlam (V.D.C.); Major-Generals G. A. Vasey, C. A. Clowes, C. E. M. Lloyd (Adjutant-General), L. E. Beavis and A. J. Boase.

Army and air force bands headed the formations, which were commanded by Major-General C. R. V. Edgar (D.S.O.) on foot, with his staff. The march had the best characteristics of a military parade of active servicemen, with their winter dress and web pouches, most of them wearing "Australias" on their shoulder straps. First came the 4th Brigade, brigade details, and company representations of the 37/52nd Battalion and the 29/48th Battalion. Divided from them by a long space, the 160th Brigade came along in impressive strength—the 24th Battalion and the 50/60th, headed by Brigadier H. H. Hammer (D.S.O. and bar), and his staff, divisional troops and company formations.

With commanding officers, who served in the Middle East, these veterans of New Guinea campaigns, from the Kokoda trail to Madang and Karkoda Island, acknowledged by their military bearing the exclamations of a grateful populace. Country men and city men, all the marchers looked magnificent. They had a splendid reception in this second Victory Loan march through Melbourne.

**Medium and fighter bombers, artillery and mortars are still pounding buildings, and it is difficult to see any area which has not suffered some damage.**

The water supply, which runs into the city from the north, has been cut, and civilians have been forced to rely on limited reserves in the city. Food is short, and soldiers have been reported to be looting storehouses.

The Germans have brought up additional reinforcements in an attempt to relieve the city, and heavy fighting is taking place. The Americans already have withstood two counter-attacks from one of the Nazis' best divisions, and the forces are waiting for the major battle, which might develop at any time.

Judging by the mass of men and material which has appeared on the front outside Aachen, the Germans are determined to make every effort to prevent the city falling into Allied hands. The effort is too late, however. A division, heavily supported by artillery and tanks, on Thursday launched counter-attacks against the Americans holding the perimeter defences, but it was repulsed without any loss of ground. The Americans had to withstand particularly heavy artillery concentrations, but the enemy was not able to do more than come to close quarters with the forward elements.

Heavy fighting, which may well develop into a major battle, remains to be done, but the enemy has lost most of the vital ground and will find that the American defences are firm. Aircraft, which the Germans have been reduced to using where the battle is hurting most, have made several raids over the American lines. They have been attacking in fair strength, but paying the price in losses which the enemy cannot afford.

The planes have been able to attack only when the American aircraft are not in the sky, and in

effort has slowed down the pace of the American operations. Naturally, it has been impossible to enter Aachen in force, and at the same time to fight counter-attacks, and the latter is the only choice which the Americans have had open to them.

It is likely that the actual occupation of the city will not be completed for several days, although troops are making progress in the factory areas on the outskirts of the city.

**Water Supply Cut**

The destruction of Aachen is continuing systematically and efficiently. Strategic targets, of which there are many, are being dealt with promptly and mercilessly, and other parts of the city are being reduced in the Americans' good time. I looked over Aachen again on Thursday, and found that over night terrific damage had been done to the doomed city. Huge areas were blazing, and the entire city was covered with thick smoke. An ammunition dump which had been hit by medium bombers was burning, and flames were threatening to spread to adjoining areas. We remained at the observation post for two hours, and during that time waves of bombers attacked at short intervals, and artillery shelled selected targets continuously. The noise was almost deafening as the fighter bombers dived low, and the guns

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**MORE THAN 500 MEN** representing three 24th Battalions made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance yesterday to mark the anniversary of the 1/24th Battalion's last battle in 1918 at Montbrehain. With the colours of the 1/24th beside the Rock of Remembrance, Lieut-Colonel Weir, DSO, of the 2/24th, lays a wreath, while men of the 3/24th provide the guard with reversed arms. On Lieut-Colonel Weir's left is Mr E. J. Pittard, president of the 1/24th AIF Association, standing after placing a wreath.

## VICTORIAN BRIGADES TO MARCH

### Won Notable NG Victories

Australian troops of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades will march through the streets of Melbourne on Friday. These men won notable victories over the Japanese in the famous Salamaua and Lae-Finschhafen campaigns in New Guinea.

Both brigades are composed of men enlisted in Victoria. It will be the first march by these brigades through a capital city. Many of the men will be wearing decorations for gallantry.

In September, 1943, the 15th Brigade played an important role in the capture of Salamaua, and was assigned the task of seizing Bobdubi Ridge, which entailed much hard fighting. The 24th Battalion patrolled an area of more than 1,000 square miles north and west of Salamaua, its task being to forestall any southward move by the Japanese from Lae to Wau. It forced the enemy to maintain a considerable force in the area, and defeated the enemy in a bitter fight at Markham Point. To the west the 57/60th Battalion conducted extensive patrols in hitherto unknown territory, and men of the battalion were flown in to the Watut Valley, landing on the airstrip at Tsili Tsili, which the battalion was detailed to defend.

After the capture of Lae by the 7th and 9th Divisions, the 15th Brigade moved to Nadzab to protect that air base. The 24th Battalion crossed the Markham River and pursued the Japanese across the Finisterres on the way to Sio.

A second major task allotted to this brigade early this year was to drive down the Bogadjim rd. Bogadjim was captured in April, and Madang a little later.

The 4th Brigade, which will have a smaller representation than the 15th Brigade, and which is also composed of troops from many parts of Victoria, made a notable contribution to the Lae-Finschhafen campaign, for their part in which eight officers and men of the brigade were decorated for gallantry.



# FOR WAR WIDOWS

By OLD COMRADE

Provision of furniture for war widows in the category of a "gift" is a proviso of repatriation of which many widows of deceased servicemen are apparently unaware. War widows with children, wishing to set up home, may apply to the Repatriation Department for furniture to the value of £75. There are, of course, one or two necessary qualifications. The question has been raised by a correspondent who signs herself "Widow."

"I have three children and we are at present living in a small flat," she writes. "I have the offer to take over an extra sleep-out, which would be suitable for my eldest boy, but have no furniture for it. Do you think it possible that the Repatriation Department could do something? My husband was discharged in 1942, but died recently through war disabilities."

It seems that "Widow" has a definite case and should make immediate application to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, 615 Elizabeth st, Melbourne.

Repatriation authorities have power to supply a widow with children a gift of furniture, up to the value of £75, for establishment of a home, provided her husband died through war disabilities while in the Army or within five years after discharge. Applications should be made within 12 months of husband's death but if application is made at a later date it is within the commission's power to waive time limit provisions for special cases. "Widow's" husband died two years after discharge, and she is in a position to apply within 12 months. That satisfies two of the qualifications.

Although she already has a flat with some household furniture, she is quite within her rights in applying for more. From inquiries made yesterday it was ascertained that an application for additional furniture to meet the needs of a growing family would be viewed favourably. It is up to "Widow" now to show that the extra furniture is not a luxury, but a necessity, which in her case it certainly seems to be.

"8th Division": A letter of appreciation for an article "Why Has the 8th Division Been Forgotten?" published in this column, is received from Mrs E. Warnock, who writes: "I wish to say 'Very many thanks' to you for your articles about our neglected 8th Division boys, of which my son, Sgt K. H. Warnock, is one."

"Java" writes: "Being the widow of a member of a transport company which

## HERBERT POWER HANDICAP.

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Nagaton	8 11	Codell	7 6
Sir Romeo	8 11	Fairway Freddy	7 6
Neutron	8 10	Hemlock	7 6
Ellipsa	8 8	Judith Louise	7 6
Pandect	8 6	Lending Man	7 6
Valour	8 6	Mor Veil	7 6
Centenary	8 4	Pickway	7 6
Huntingdale	8 4	Tahitian	7 8
Spearman	8 4	Caigara	7 4
Grain Trader	8 3	Dominant	7 4
Sirius	8 3	Helianthe	7 4
Temple Chief	8 3	Barius	7 2
Azores	8 3	Parenva	7 2
Valentino	8 3	Taraboa	7 2
Contact	8 2	Taramoa	7 0
Field Ballon	8 0	Attorney	7 0
Great Idea	8 0	Bliss Bird	7 0
Peter	8 0	Chasey Bubbles	7 0
Cellini	7 13	Gamelin	7 0
Liberal Knight	7 13	Halga	7 0
Manstar	7 13	Miradale	7 0
Twovals	7 13	Miss La Veil	7 0
Errand Boy	7 12	Portland	7 0
Amazed	7 10	Queen Midas	7 0
Bootle	7 9	Remuera	7 0
Malt Brew	7 9	Son of Aurora	7 0
Cavallo	7 8	Trifan	7 0
Clayton	7 8	Watchguard	7 0
Prill King	7 8		

## TOORAK HANDICAP.

Amans	9 11	Barncluth	7 2
Millais	9 4	Big Sister	7 2
Counsel	9 2	Canada	7 0
Tea Cake	9 0	Chatfield	7 0
Lilette	8 13	Gala Chief	7 0
David's Last	8 11	Gold Hazard	7 0
Regency	8 10	Foxbow	6 12
Florin	8 6	Tarabah	6 12
Neutron	8 6	Aggressor	6 10
Action	8 4	Malaga	6 10
Nagaton	8 4	Taminiek	6 10
Sargallo	8 4	Varleson	6 10
Sirius	8 3	Gypsiana	6 9
Delina	8 2	Metro Star	6 9
Phones	8 2		

restrictions on the permitted maximum of such exports, but must improve the competitive ability of wo goods when wartime restrictions are removed.

## AUSTRALIAN BANK AVERAGES

NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA			
Quarter to:			
AUSTRALIA	Sept. '43	June '44	Sept. '44
Deposits	£	£	£
Fixed	25,552,000	27,449,000	27,593,000
Current	31,984,000	40,268,000	39,320,000
Total	57,536,000	67,717,000	66,913,000

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND			
Quarter to:			
AUSTRALIA	Sept. '43	June '44	Sept. '44
Deposits	£	£	£
Fixed	228,000	223,000	220,000
Current	1,067,000	1,356,000	1,362,000
Total	1,315,000	1,579,000	1,582,000

UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA			
Quarter to:			
AUSTRALIA	Sept. '43	June '44	Sept. '44
Deposits	£	£	£
Fixed	18,813,000	20,113,000	20,698,000
Current	20,663,000	25,579,000	25,072,000
Total	39,476,000	45,692,000	45,770,000

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA			
Quarter to:			
AUSTRALIA	Sept '43	June '44	Sept '44
Deposits	£	£	£
Fixed	30,303,000	21,381,000	21,636,000
Current	26,350,000	30,903,000	30,185,000
Total	46,653,000	52,283,000	51,821,000

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA			
Quarter to:			
AUSTRALIA	Sept '43	June '44	Sept '44
Deposits	£	£	£
Fixed	3,224,000	3,055,000	3,452,000
W'time dep	11,644,000	16,148,000	16,317,000
Treas bills	11,105,000	16,729,000	15,539,000
Securities	7,728,000	9,788,000	11,081,000
Advances	21,863,000	17,730,000	18,059,000
Total	55,564,000	63,450,000	64,429,000

\*Including Treasury bills.

RIGHT ROYAL, 7.5, car 7.5 (J. Thompson)	2
PRINCE BUZZARD, 8.0 (A. Mulley)	2
Others: Abydos, Betza, Cumberona, Goshawk, Nepean River, Brockwell, Massena, Beau Dome, Crystal, Arrankamp, Alan Jonathan.	
Betting: 3/1 Prince Buzzard, 11/2 ORAIGIE, 6 Abydos, Betza, 7 Cumberona, 8 Right Royal, 10 Nepean River, 16 Massena, 20 Goshawk, Diva (for 5/), win, £1/12/6; place, 11/, 13/8, 8/3, 1/2 hd, 1/2 len, 2/4.	
BREEDERS' PLATE (For Two-year-old Colts and Geldings), 5f	
MAGNIFICENT, by Ajax—Complete, 8.5 (F. Delaney)	1
DON GIOVANNI, 8.5 (J. Thompson)	1
TAMARCA, 8.5 (H. Darke)	1
Others: Souvenir, Tiber, Marshall, Tito, Streetfield, Grand Mosaic, Gallant Law, Bramall, Deliverance, Royal Sovereign, Metronome, King Spa, Win Top, Surprising, Bognic, My King.	
Betting: 2/1 Don Giovanni, 8 My King, Deliverance, 10 MAGNIFICENT, Tiber, Souvenir, 12 Bognic, Royal Sovereign, 20 King Spa, 25 Gallant Law, 33 Tamarca, Diva, win, £3/3/3; place, 19/3, 6/, £2/7/6, 15/ len, same, 1/6.	
CRAVEN PLATE, WFA, 10f	
TEA ROSE, by Mr Standfast—Tea Table, 3 yrs, 7.6 (J. Duncan)	1
MAYPOWL, 8.0 (E. Bartle)	2
FLIGHT, 8.5 (J. Thompson)	2
Others: Katanga, Grand Pils, Victory Lad, Betting: 6/4 Mayfowl, 7/2 Flight, 4 Katanga, 5 TEA ROSE, 15 Victory Lad, 50 Grand Pils, Diva, win, £1/12/6; place, 14/6, 6/, 2 lens, long head, 2.6.	
THE SHORTS, 7f	
WINNIPEG, by Manitoba—Parsonomy, aged, 8.0 (C. Moore)	1
NOBLEMAN, 8.2 (J. Duncan)	2
MODULATION, 8.10 (D. Munro)	2
Others: Tribal, Bahtheon, Sobu, John Halifax, Triad, Van Eyck, War Effort.	
Betting: 9/4 Modulation, 11/2 Sobu, 6 Van Eyck, 7 Nobleman, 8 Tribal, Triad, 12 WINNIPEG, War Effort, 50 John Halifax, Bahtheon, Diva, win, £3/1/; place, 18/, 12/3, 8/4, 1/2 hd, 3/4 len, 1/23 1/2.	
CLIBBORN STAKES (For three-year-olds), 134m	
REMOVAL, by Double Remove—Miss Jean (A. Mulley)	1
BEAU MONDE, 8.10 (J. Thompson)	2
ACCESSION, 8.12 (W. Cook)	2
Others: Scur Fel, Britannic, Prince Verity, Murray Stream.	
Betting: 7/2 Accession, 4 REMOVAL, Murray Stream, 9/2 Prince Verity, 7 Scur Fel, 8 Beau Monde, 20 Britannic, Diva, win, £1 8/9; place, 15/3, 17/8, 2/5 lens, 4 lens, 3/4.	
SQUATTERS' HANDICAP, 10f	
GAUNTLET, by Medieval Knight—Valeriant, aged, 7.13 (J. Thompson)	1
CASTLE FRONTENAC, 7.11 (F. Delaney)	2
NIGHTBEAM, 7.0 (R. White)	2
Others: Velled Threat, Dewar, Falcon Knight, Orderly, Lord Neith, Two's Company, Samaritan, Mustang, Chatham's Choice, Neta Linette, Buzz Off, First Night Parade, Lady	

# Jungle Veterans To March On Friday



**NEW GUINEA VETERANS IN VICTORY LOAN MARCH.** These members of the 57th-60th Battalion, photographed at their camp at Watsonia yesterday, played a gallant part in the New Guinea campaigns. They will march through the city on Friday in support of the Second Victory Loan. This will be their first march through a capital city since their return from the battle areas.

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## FAMOUS BRIGADES IN MARCH OF HONOUR

Lieut-General S. G. Savige will take the salute at the march of honour through Melbourne on Friday of 2,800 men of the 4th and 15th Brigades, both of which have distinguished themselves in New Guinea campaigns. Lieut-General Savige was divisional commander in the Salamaua campaign, in which the 15th Brigade played a major part.

The 15th Brigade will be represented by over 2,000 troops in the march, and the 4th Brigade by about 600. The 4th Brigade did a fine job in the Huon Peninsula campaign.

The route of the march will be from Alexandra av along Swanston st, past the saluting base at the Town Hall, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins, and Market sts, Queen's Bridge, and east along Riverside av. The march will start at 1.22pm, and the head of the column will reach the saluting base at 1.30pm.

## MARCH THROUGH THE CITY

### Public Enthusiasm Urged

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS

Sir: In connection with the march through the city on Friday of members of the 15th and 4th Brigades, all of whom are Victorians, I appeal for a display of enthusiasm by the public, as this is a march to honour two brigades of Australian infantrymen who fought with distinction in New Guinea and pressed the Japanese back from our shores. The men who will be marching fought most successfully both the Japanese and the jungle, and they have earned the right to a triumphant reception; this will give Melbourne people an opportunity of giving these men a well-deserved tribute.

The 4th Brigade fought on the Huon Peninsula, and the 15th in the Salamaua campaign, one of the most difficult fought in New Guinea. Many of the men who will march have won decorations (over 50 of them), and typical is the case of Sergeant Schwartz, of Brunswick, who was a central figure in an amazing encounter with the Japanese when his battalion engaged the Japanese on Bobdubi Ridge. To clear an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Schwartz crawled to the entrance and threw in a grenade. The Japanese promptly hurled it out again. Sergeant Schwartz persisted, and held his grenade for two seconds before tossing it into the pillbox. But the Japanese were again too quick, and threw it out again before it exploded. After two more grenades had been treated in a similar manner, Sergeant Schwartz threw in two grenades together. While the Japanese were busy throwing one out, the other exploded. When Sergeant Schwartz finally entered the pillbox he found the bodies of three Japanese.

Might I add that actions of this nature call for a spontaneous and enthusiastic recognition and appreciation by the public. — T. S. NETTLEFOLD, Lord Mayor.

## FOUGHT IN FAMOUS ACTIONS

Fighting men who took part in the famous Salamaua and Lac-Pinschhafen actions in New Guinea will march through the city on Friday. They are members of the 15th and the 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, and it will be the first opportunity they have had of parading through their own capital city.

Lieut-General S. G. Savige, who was in command in Salamaua campaign, will take the salute in front of the Town Hall. Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar will march at the head



Brig H. H. Hammer Brig C. R. V. Edgar (Military History Section Pictures)

of the 4th Brigade, while Brigadier H. H. Hammer will lead the 15th Brigade. Brigadiers Edgar and Hammer both took part in the staff work for the evacuation of the AIF from Greece. Subsequently they commanded brigades in New Guinea.

Both brigades are composed of men enlisted in Victoria, many of them from country centres. Many have won decorations for gallantry.

The 15th Brigade played an important role in the capture, in September last year, of the Japanese Huon Gulf stronghold of Salamaua.

It includes men from Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat, Cobram, Warrnambool, Portland, Mildura, Geelong, Colac, Albury, and Shepparton.

Men of the 4th Brigade which will have a smaller representation in the parade than the 15th, also come from many parts of the State. The 4th Brigade made a notable contribution to the Lac-Pinschhafen campaign.

The route of the march will be from Alexandra av along Swanston st, past the saluting base at the Town Hall, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins, and Market sts, Queen's Bridge, and east along Riverside av. The march will start at 1.22pm, and the head of the column will reach the saluting base at 1.30pm.

## AWARDS FOR PATROL LEADERS

CANBERRA, Wed: Award of the Military Cross to Lieutenant G. H. Atkinson, of Pinley (NSW), for bravery in action in New Guinea, was announced today by Sir Winston Dugan, Acting Governor-General.

Lieutenant Atkinson's skilful leadership of a patrol led to the occupation of Bogadjim, and patrolling towards Madang began. Bogadjim area was cleared, and, pushing northwards, the wide, deep, and crocodile-infested Gogol River was hazardedly crossed by rubber dinghy. Encountered a mile south of Madang, the enemy was forced from his positions by skilful manoeuvring and determined pressure, and Madang was entered.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Acting-Sgt L. S. Dick, of East Melbourne, who was a member of the patrol led by Lieutenant Atkinson, which occupied Bogadjim. He acted as patrol leader when on numerous occasions it was necessary to divide the patrol.

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## Men of Famous AIF Brigades will March Today



THESE MEMBERS OF THE 4TH AND 15TH AIF BRIGADES, photographed at Watsonia yesterday after preparing for their march through the city today in support of the Second Victory Loan, show little sign of their ordeals in the New Guinea jungle. Talking with them are their commanding officers, Brigadier H. H. Hammer, 15th Brigade (lt), and Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar, 4th Brigade (rt).

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## FAMOUS UNITS WILL MARCH IN CITY TODAY

Nearly 3,000 men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades will march through the city today. They are veterans of the New Guinea campaign.

The men will march three abreast in service dress, with bayonets fixed, starting from Alexandra av at 1.22 pm, and traversing Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins, and Market sts, left into Flinders st to De Graves st, where they will enter Flinders st station and entrain for their camp.

Lieut-General S. G. Savige, who had the 15th Brigade under divisional command in New Guinea, will take the salute at the Town Hall.

The head of the parade will reach the saluting base at 1.30 and Market st about 1.40 pm. It will take about 25 minutes to pass the Town Hall.

## ORDER OF MARCH

Units of the 4th Brigade will be the 46th Battalion, ancillary troops, 22nd Battalion, and 37/52nd Battalion, marching in two groups, about 600 men in all.

The 2,200 men of the 15th Brigade will march in five groups—ancillary troops, four companies of 24th Battalion, four companies of 57-60th Battalion, four companies of the 58/59th, and supply, transport, and field ambulance personnel.

Mrs Edward Campbell, Lady Mayoress, last night suggested that the public should shower rose petals along the route of the march. This suggestion had the support of the Lord Mayor, as there are many beautiful roses in bloom at present.

After the march troops will be provided with iced drinks, biscuits, and cakes from six YMCA stands. This service will be provided free by the Victorian YMCA defence forces committee on behalf of the RSL war service fund.

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## CITY MARCH BY FAMOUS BRIGADES

## New Guinea Fighters Cheered

Jungle fighters of New Guinea campaigns were given a rousing reception as they marched through city streets yesterday. Officers and men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades comprised the march—their first through a capital city.

These units had won notable victories over the Japanese in the Salamaua and Lae-Finschhafen campaigns. Melbourne has seen several longer parades of war heroes, but none received a warmer welcome from the large crowd which lined the barricades several deep long before the march was due to begin at 1.22pm.

There was even cheering before the march. This was for wounded men of the brigades, now patients in Heidelberg Military Hospital, and who were conveyed in military transports to a position of honour just north of the saluting base in front of the Town Hall. Some of these were cot cases, and they were attended by nurses and members of the AAMWS from the hospital. The guard of honour presented arms as Lieut-General S. G. Savige, who had the 15th Brigade under his divisional command in New Guinea, arrived at the Town Hall. He and Mr Forde, Army Minister, walked along to the wounded men and conversed with them.

## 24TH BATTALION'S RECORD

Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar marched at the head of the contingent of about 600 from the 4th Brigade, immediately behind the band from Flinders naval depot, and Brigadier H. H. Hammer at the head of the 2,200 troops from the 15th Brigade. Lieut-General Savige had a particular interest in the 24th Battalion—the third in its line to make Australian troops famous as fighters. He served with the original 24th Battalion in the First AIF, and many of his comrades of that battalion also saw the march, some of them from the Town Hall portico.

Both these brigades formed part of the original 3rd Division of Australian troops in Victoria.

Among those behind Lieut-General Savige, who took the salute, at the saluting base were Mr Forde, Cr Nettlefold, Lord Mayor; Sir John Latham, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia; Sir Edmund Herring, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria; Mr Kennedy, MLC, Minister for Transport; Lieut-General J. L. Witham, now serving with the VDC; Major-General L. E. Beavis, Master-General of the Ordnance; Major-General A. J. Boase; Major-General C. A. Clowes, GOC, Vic L of C Area; Major-General C. E. M. Lloyd, Adjutant-General; Major-General G. A. Vasey; Acting Air Vice-Marshal A. T. Cole, RAAF; Commander P. P. Willett, RAN; and Captain A. R. Holmes, representing the US Army Base Commander in Melbourne.

Units which marched were: 4th Brigade: 46th Battalion, ancillary troops, 22nd Battalion, and 37/52nd Battalion; 15th Brigade: Ancillary troops, 24th Battalion, 57/60th Battalion, 58/59th Battalion, and supply, transport, and field ambulance personnel. After the march they were served with iced drinks and cakes from four YMCA stands on No 1 platform at Flinders st. The refreshment, which was provided free by the Victorian YMCA defence forces committee, on behalf of the RSL War Service Fund, were doubly welcome because of the warm and strong north-easterly wind which blew during the march.

Mr Forde said that the marching of the men of these famous brigades through the streets of Melbourne should prove an inspiration. These gallant men had played no small part in keeping the enemy from our homes and our people, and it was up to every citizen to support their efforts to the limit.

The march was in support of the Second Victory Loan.

# Triumphant March of Australia's Jungle Fighters



MARCHING WITH BAYONETS FIXED THROUGH THE CITY STREETS YESTERDAY, 2,800 men of the 4th and 15th Brigades received a tumultuous welcome from thousands of people who lined the barricades to pay tribute to the men who were parading in a March of Honour to mark their many victories over the Japanese in the New Guinea jungles,

and to support the Second Victory Loan. In contrast to earlier marches, when the onlookers were strangely silent, a roar of cheering started before the marching columns appeared, and was taken up from strongpost to strongpost along the route until they entered Flinders street station at Degraes street. Flogs and confetti made the route colourful throughout.



LIEUT-GENERAL S. G. SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, taking the salute of the base outside Melbourne Town Hall. Brigadier C. R. V. Edger, DSO, who commanded the parade, is standing on Lieut-General Savige's right beside the dais, and behind him is Mr Kennedy, State Minister for Transport, representing the Premier, and Commander F. P. Willett.



MANY MEMBERS OF THE 4TH AND 15TH BRIGADES who are still on leave attended the march to lend their encouragement to their marching comrades. Here they are seen before the parade chatting informally with Mr Forde, Army Minister, who later took his place on the dais at the saluting base.



A GRAPHIC REMINDER OF ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE MARCH was provided by the Second Victory Loan record board on the Town Hall facade. As the men passed the saluting base, mothers, wives, sisters, and children, who had crowded the barricades for hours before the march was due to start, paid them colourful tribute with flogs and bunting.



MARCHING WITH A PRECISION which would have done credit to men who had just completed their training, instead of after many months in the steaming and slimy New Guinea jungle, members of the 57th/60th Battalion of the 15th Brigade approach the saluting base.

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VETERANS OF  
NEW GUINEA



Victorian members of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, who fought in the New Guinea campaigns, rehearsing at Watsonia Camp today for their march through the city next Friday.

**Lt.-Gen. Savige To Take Salute**

When 2800 members of the 4th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades parade through Melbourne in their March of Honor during the lunch hour on Friday, the salute will be taken by Lieut.-General S. G. Savige, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.



Lt.-Gen. Savige

Lt. - General Savige was in command of the troops who took part in the successful Salamaua campaign, in which the 15th Brigade played an important part. The 4th Brigade did well in the Huon Peninsula campaign.

The 15th Brigade will have the bigger representation in the parade—more than 2000. After the Salamaua campaign this brigade was given the job of driving the Japanese along the north New Guinea coast to Bogadjim and Madang.

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**Their Day In Town**

**M**ARCHES by Service men and women have become more frequent in Melbourne than they were in the early days of the war. More could be done to give them pageantry, with flags, regimental colors and enough bands to maintain the unblemished swing of a proud parade, yet every one of them catches the imagination with its own message. On Friday next, the message will be a particularly personal one to thousands of Melbourne citizens, for a majority of the men of the Fourth and Fifteenth Infantry Brigades who will march on that day belongs to this city.

The Fifteenth Brigade, which will have the stronger representation, is substantially a Melbourne formation. During the operations against Salamaua last year, it fought in fantastically difficult mountain country. Troops have seldom been asked to do as much. These troops were for the greater part our younger soldiers, those who had not been old enough for AIF Middle East service in the early days of the war.

The Fourth has come with honor from the Huon Peninsula campaign. Both of these Victorian Brigades are typical of the Australian infantryman. In them the old distinction between "militia" and AIF fades and loses its meaning. These are just our own young men who conquered Bobdubi Ridge and the steamy ways to Finschhafen—not to mention the Japs who gave them viperish opposition.

**Seasoned Jungle Fighters In City March Tomorrow**

Men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades who will march, nearly 3000 strong, through the city tomorrow have fought jungle battles of hazardous, grueling, and unconventional type.

Commanded by Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar, D.S.O., who had been with other formations in Bardia, Tobruk, Greece, Syria and on the Kokoda trail, the 4th Brigade had a hand in the Lae and Finschhafen operations, the second of which was one of the most important and critical of the New Guinea actions late last year.

In the Lae struggle, one battalion did exacting mountain patrols. In the later drive up the Huon Peninsula it was in some of the toughest and most successful fighting. Another battalion, attached to the 9th Division, did fine work at Lae and Finschhafen, afterward occupying Kar Kar Island. A third battalion was in the forefront of the Madang occupation.

The brigade's general work in the Huon campaign was of high standard, especially as many of the men were in action for the first time. Eight officers and men were decorated for gallantry in the Lae and Finschhafen operations.

**51 Decorated**

There is nothing like land work for the figure," said Miss Lang. "I saw no fat girls. They were slim and trim in their uniforms, with sun-tanned complexions. The new land girl looked pale beside the tanned, healthy, tree-moving land girl of a year's standing." In Bahrnsdale, when Miss Lang arrived with the State Superintendent (Miss Kitty McEwan).

Many of those marching tomorrow can claim the special nickname of "jungle navigators." Moving and fighting in some New Guinea's roughest country, they learned point-to-point pathfinding.

Men will march in service dress, with fixed bayonets, leaving Alexandra Avenue at 1.22 p.m. The march commander will be Brigadier Edgar. Brigadier Hammer will lead the 15th Brigade men.

The salute will be taken at the Town Hall by Lt.-Gen. S. G. Savige, who commanded the Salamaua operation.

The men will march in threes, and will traverse Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth, Collins and Market Streets, wheeling left into Flinders Street to De Graves Street and then into Flinders Street station.

**Order Of March**

Units of the 4th Brigade will be the 46th Battalion, ancillary troops, 22nd Battalion and 37/52nd Battalion, marching in two groups, about 600 men in all.

The 2200 men of the 15th Brigade will march in five groups—ancillary troops, four companies of 24th Battalion, four companies of 57/60th Battalion, four companies of 58/59th Battalion, and supply, transport and field ambulance personnel.

Nine bands will play, with two at the saluting base.

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## Cheering Thousands In City Give Tumultuous Ovation To Jungle Conquerors Of Japs

*Marching under a snowstorm of streamers, torn-up paper and confetti, men of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades, conquerors of the Japanese in many a jungle battle, were cheered tumultuously in their march of honor through city streets this afternoon in support of the Second Victory Loan.*

The many thousands lining the barricades gave them a real victors' ovation.

Unlike other parades, the cheering began before the march started. This was today's tribute to the cot cases and other convalescents from Heidelberg Military Hospital, who formed a strong-post to the north of the Town Hall for the first time in the history of these parades.

Among all the cheering thousands few realised, perhaps, how the last two fateful years have built up for those marching men a tradition and a record of great achievement. Some of them, or men like them, had marched in the war's early days as recruits of promise, but yet untried. Today on parade they represented the fulfilment of that promise.

Strong-posts along the route, groups of cheering girls waving from windows on high, mothers and wives, who had waited for hours behind the barriers, and little children, whose fluttering flags lent gay color to the panorama, joined in the city's welcome.

It was a scene at once joyous, poignant and inspiring.

It was a parade of one prevailing and subdued tone of khaki as distinct from the most picturesque

and colorful displays of the past, but what it lacked in color it had gained in romance.

The true color of that parade was not visible to the eye, nor was it to be judged by the grey steel of bayonets under a leaden sky, the sage green of patterned webbing and the rich russet of leather; rather was it in the knowledge of their accomplishments.

Of the quality of their marching there could be but one opinion — it was superb. This was all the more so, considering that these were not troops fresh in training from the parade ground, but men from battle stations, their leave just completed, and unaccustomed to precision marching since they left their training camps for New Guinea; yet the ripple of swinging arms and the pulsation of the ranks over Princes Bridge was as rhythmically perfect as any ever seen.

Perhaps some day the organisers of such a march will revert to the old custom of letting each band play its unit along the route past the saluting base, instead of the bandsmen marching silently while the Town Hall band, from its fixed position overwhelms all demonstration. Then may be truly judged the vocal enthusiasm of the people.

Brigadier C. R. V. Edgar, D.S.O.,

was March Commander, as leader of 600 men of the 4th Brigade which, only a brief 18 months ago, embarked for New Guinea to operate with the 9th Division at Lae, Finschhafen, and up the Huon Peninsula. More recently elements of this Brigade had occupied Karkar Island.

Of the Infantry battalions of this Brigade, the 22nd had forced the Japanese to retreat in vicious fighting during the Finschhafen attack. From that day of victory, in which most of the battalion saw action for the first time, they have never looked back.

Of the other two battalions, the 37/52nd won renown in the coastal drive to Sio and in the Karkar Island landing, while the 29/46th battled fiercely up the coast and captured Fortification Point.

For their gallant part in the Huon Peninsula campaign, this brigade won two Military Crosses, one D.C.M. and five Military Medals.

Brigadier H. H. Hammer, D.S.O. and bar, led 2000 men of the 15th Brigade. The bar was in recognition of his services in New Guinea, and the D.S.O. was won when his battalion broke the German line at Alamein.

## SAFETY OF MORESBY OWED TO THEM

It is to the 15th Brigade that Australia largely owes Port Moresby's security from sea attack. One battalion, the 58/59th, flew to Bulolo and marched through jungle while the 24th Battalion prevented any southward move by the Japanese from Lae to Wau.

Memories of this jungle fighting

must have thronged to the minds of these ranks in khaki and as they faced the cheering city—of hand-to-hand clashes on a slimy trail, of ambushes set and tracks policed, of crossing crocodile-infested rivers and malaria-ridden swamps—of triumphs that now must seem like a dream.

Lieut.-Colonel K. S. Cusworth led the first group behind the RAN Band with two companies of the 29/46th, of which he is commanding officer. Renewed cheering greeted the signallers, engineers, supply platoons and workshop personnel, for they, too, were vital links in the brigade operations.

In the second group were the Gippslanders, the 22nd battalion, led by Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Carstairs. Originally raised in South Gippsland, but now drawn from all over Victoria. Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Rohan, M.C., led the 37/52nd Battalion, originally enlisted in East Gippsland.

In the five groups of 2200 men of the 15th Brigade, under Brigadier H. H. Hammer, were the ancillary troops and the 24th, 57/60th, 58/59th Battalions, with supply, transport and field ambulance personnel.

They took part in the capture of Salamaua, the seizing of Bobdubi Ridge and the drive to Bogadjim and Madang.

Lieutenant-General Stan Sav-

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After the march iced drinks, cake, and biscuits were supplied free to the troops at six Y.M.C.A. centres in Alexandra Avenue. The men were serviced by Y.M.C.A. field representatives on behalf of the R.S.L. War Service Fund.

### A.T.C. CADETS TO PARADE

Tomorrow morning 1500 RAAF Air Training Corps cadets will march through the city in support of the Second Victory Loan. Two interesting mobile exhibits will be included. The first tended will demonstrate the free trade-training given to cadets in workshop practice and engine maintenance. The second will be a Tiger Moth aircraft mounted on a RAAF low-loader float.

The march will be led by Wing Commander E. A. Cato, Commanding Officer of No. 1 Wing.

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**EYES RIGHT!** This striking close-up photograph, taken from near the saluting base at the Town Hall, shows the calibre of men of the 15th and 4th Brigades, victors of many jungle battles, who were given a rousing reception in their March of Honor through the city this afternoon in support of the Second Victory Loan.



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## IN CAMPAIGN

From RANDALL HEYMANSON, The Herald Representative in New York

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third major theme of Republican propaganda is that Roosevelt perpetuated the depression and had to go to war to eliminate unemployment. Democratic strategy is largely defensive. It points to the President's record, tries to rebut the Republican charges and naturally makes the most of the alleged isolationist and fascist tendencies within the Republican party. The campaign as it draws to a close is becoming increasingly

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The Associated Press correspondent at Chungking points out that if the Japanese succeed in breaching this sector they will be able to make a frontal attack on Kweilin or bypass the city.

Below Kweilin the Japanese made further progress toward Kweiping and hard fighting continues.

Australian Associated Press  
LONDON, Today.—The German Army in Greece is retreating rapidly, according to Patriot troops who have been in contact with them all the time, says a correspondent at Corinth.

The enemy troops have no spirit left and do not attempt to fight. So far the only town from which the Germans have had to be driven by British troops was Patras. For the rest, the British troops are having great difficulty in keeping up with them.

At many places local Greeks knew the plan of the enemy minefields and British patrols found safe alleys marked. The roads were lined with cheering and waving crowds, throwing flowers, rice and raisins.

In most places reprisals were carried out in the past few months and people tell how friends and relatives were hanged just outside the town.

No Greek has asked when relief is coming through. The Greeks are desperately in need. They are too proud to ask for anything, but they are looking to the Allied nations for help.

On the way from Patras the British troops had food forced on them everywhere. In some places a whole village went without food to enable the residents to offer the troops one meal.

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MELBOURNE PAYS TRIBUTE TO GALLANT TROOPS

MIDDLE EAST AND NEW GUINEA REMEMBERED

MELBOURNE, Friday. —One of the biggest crowds seen for some time thronged the city streets to-day to cheer units of the 15th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades as they marched in support of the Second Victory Loan.

Loud cheering which swept the whole length of the procession, expressed the gratitude felt by the people of Melbourne for the bravery of the men who had turned back the Japanese on the Wau plateau behind Port Moresby, hunted them out of Finschafen in savage fighting, helped in the capture of Salamaua, and then rolled the enemy back along the coast to Sio.

Streamers and fragments of paper showered in tribute over these battle-tested troops who had risked their lives daily in defence of their homeland. Tanned by sun, and by anti-malarial drugs, the men looked fit after a spell of leave which they have just completed. Railway station entrances were thronged by women and children anxious to wave farewell as the troops embarked by train for their camps.

vented a southward move by the Japanese from Lae to Wau.

In the five groups of the men under Brigadier Hammer were the ancillary troops and the 24th, 57/60th, 58/59th Battalions, with supply, transport and field ambulance personnel.

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BRIG. H. S. HAMMER, D.S.O. & BAR (Military History Section)

FIFTEENTH BRIGADE.

Brigadier H. Hammer, D.S.O. and bar, an old Ballarat boy, led 2000 men of the 15th Brigade. The bar was in recognition of his services in New Guinea, and the D.S.O. was won when his battalion broke the German line at Alamein.

Australia largely owes Port Moresby's security from sea attack to the 15th Brigade. One battalion, the 58/59th, flew to Bulolo and marched through jungle, while the 24th Battalion pre-

Mr F. C. Wray (City Council and A.C.F.), Mr R. Jermyn (Red Cross Society), Mr W. Roff (Ballarat sub-branch, R.S.L.), and Mr W. Selkirk (Rotary Club).

In an address setting out the objects of the legion, Mr Weedon said that the legion, in safeguarding the welfare of ex-servicemen, had a big job before it, and desired to work in harmony with the Returned Soldiers' League. The legion did not seek to "grab" members of the league, a fact that he would like clearly understood. He looked to the day when there would be one large organisation devoted to the rehabilitation and welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependents. The Returned Soldiers' League had performed splendid work for its members, and he hoped it would give help to the legion, which would reciprocate. The legion had been founded much on the lines of the British Legion after the last war for which men enlisted as volunteers until 1916. The position in Australia, therefore, was somewhat parallel in the present war. The fact that the British Legion had functioned so well showed the necessity for there being only one body. Mr Weedon said the legion was about to launch its own official journal, and open club rooms in Melbourne.

#### R.S.L. VIEWS ON ELIGIBILITY

Mr Roff said it was realised that a very large number of men, through some slight disability, had been unable to give such war service as made them eligible to join the Returned Soldiers' League, under its constitution. Every man who left his home and loved ones to serve made some sacrifice for the country. The Returned Soldiers' League in some States had agreed to admit militiamen to membership of their branches, but in Victoria it was felt that a decision should be deferred until men now overseas returned, and had a voice in deciding the question. The Ballarat sub-branch was rapidly increasing its membership, which was now about 850. Mr Roff invited the legion to seek any assistance from him, and said that this would be cheerfully given.

Moving pictures in color, photographed by himself, were screened by Mr E. Doepe, and included views of Darwin before and after the bombing, and scenes in the region of Cape York.

Items were given on the musical saw by Mr V. Hodgkinson, and Pte. D. Bandel gave clever impersonations of George Formby.

#### BURRUMBEET PARK RACES.

The following programme has been arranged for the meeting of the Burrumbeet Racing Club to be held Saturday, 4th November: Enc. 3 and 4-Year-Old Handicap, 6 furlongs. Welter Handicap, £30, 7½ furlongs and 22 yards. Maiden Plate, £25, 6 furlongs. Spring Handicap, £50, 9½ furlongs. Novice Handicap, £25, 6 furlongs. Trial Handicap, £30, 9½ furlongs. Entries close Tuesday, 24th October.

## CAULFIELD ACCEPTORS

Debutante Stakes, half a mile (1.30).—Adiante 10, Aditi 11, Amnesia 9, Apropos 5, Beaumell 1, Bon Bibi 17, Chelsea 19, Cheviot 18, Golden Gossamer 20, Kinder Light 3, Lady Antog 12, Marocain 6, Mauve Star 16, Mintbine 2, Only Star 14, Royal Gift 8, Sweet Shy 4, Tilly Black 13, Twinkle Star 7, Wondering 15, 8.0.

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Caulfield Stakes, nine furlongs (2.35).—Counsel 4, 9.1; Lawrence 1, 9.0; Tranquil Star 2, 8.13; Lucifer 3, 8.11.

Caulfield Guineas, one mile (3.15).—Antares 4 (Hartney), 8.5; Bootle 7 (Morris), 8.5; Glen Rannock 2 (A. Dewhurst), 8.5; Kintore 9 (A. Breasley), 8.5; New Yorker 14 (H. McCloud), 8.5; Oxford Street 11 (—), 8.5; Prating 5 (J. Purcell), 8.5; Regal Coin 1 (J. Crilley), 8.5; San Martin 10 (J. Neale), 8.5; Silver Rocks 3 (H. Badger), 8.5; Tolstoy 15 (—), 8.5; Valcurl 8 (R. Heather), 8.5; Delina 13 (W. Williamson), 8.0; Provoke 6 (T. Hoppo), 8.0; Whizbeau 12 (S. Ralph), 8.0.

Herbert Power Handicap, one mile and three furlongs.—First Division (3.50).—Claudette 11, 8.11; Ellipsis 9, 8.8; Valour 14, 8.6; Spearman 1, 8.4; Temple Chief 6, 8.3; Contact 4, 8.2; Peter 10, 8.0; Errand Boy 16, 7.12; Malt Brew 12, 7.9; Martial Law 7, 7.8; Hemlock 5, Mor Vell 15, 7.6; Helianthe 2, 7.4; Taramoa 17, 7.2; Miradale 3, Queen Midas 8, Watchguard 13, 7.0.

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Toorak Handicap, One mile (5.10).—Tea Cake 17, 9.0; Lillette 24, 8.13; David's Last 20, 8.11; Regency 4, 8.10; Florin 11, Neutron 21, 8.6; Action 18, Nagation 1, 8.4; Phoinex 25, 8.2; Great Britain 14, Saint Warden 22, Valentino 16, 8.0; Three Wheeler 23, 7.13; Huntingdale 10, 7.10; Brazen Jester 2, The Bohemian 3, 7.7; Approve 19, 7.4; Audacity 13, Barncluth 15, 7.2; Chatfield 8, Gala Chief 6, 7.0; Malaga 7, 6.10; Judith Louise 5, Motion 9, The Ritz 12, 6.7.

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## Ballarat T.C. Spring Meeting

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Encourage 3 and 4-Year-Old Handicap, 6 furlongs: Moonya, 9.0; Kildonan 8.13; Coyette, 8.11; Arbitrator, 8.10; Goldennis, 8.9; King Khyyam, 8.7; Victoria Gold, 8.2; Gunnais, 8.2; Hawthorne, 8.0; Finshaw, 7.9.

Welter Handicap, 7½ furlongs and 22 yards: Illumination, 9.6; Grand Coulee 8.13; Kippilaw, 8.7; La Toba, 8.7; Mother's Boy, 8.3; Holster, 7.11; Prince Gala 7.0.

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Spring Handicap, 9½ furlongs: James town, 9.7; Big Warwick, 8.12; Cape Sabl 8.5; Telling the Tale, 7.13; Larroua, 7.0; Sarthorn, 7.0; Albany, 7.0.

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Declared 6 p.m. 12th October.

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## BURRUMBEET CLUB

### WARTIME FUNCTIONING.

Although transport restrictions and the petrol problem had precluded the Burrumbeet Park and Windermere Racing Club from holding their annual New Year's Day meeting at the lakeside, the club finished the year in a sound financial position.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet at the annual meeting held at the Stork Hotel yesterday afternoon, the president (Mr O. J. Coghlan) said the year had been very satisfactory in the circumstances. The Ballarat Miners Turf Club had generously placed their course and appointments

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 44 To 4 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Aug 44		<p>Weather: Fine and warm.</p> <p>The brigade began movement South at 2100 hrs tonight. Overcoats had been issued to all troops but other clothing requirements were to be issued at BRISBANE. Arrangements were made with 19 Aust Pers Staging Camp, JULAGO for the reception of 24 Aust Inf Bn on their arrival from NEW GUINEA and for the battalion to proceed on leave, with the exception of a party to proceed to KAIRI with the unit stores. Capt J CLEARY and 37 OR left JULAGO to proceed to KAIRI to establish an advance Bde HQ.</p> <p>In the evening Bde HQ, 57/60 Aust Inf Bn and portion of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn departed from JULAGO to proceed on leave. The baggage party under Lt D WHITE and Lt M A WILSON arrived at CAIRNS and remained with the train transporting the stores. Weather - Clear and sunny.</p>	
	2 Aug 44		<p>Capt J CLEARY and party arrived at CAIRNS and staged overnight. Baggage party left CAIRNS and arrived at TOLGA.</p>	1/3
	3 Aug 44		<p>Weather: Fine and dull.</p> <p>Baggage party unloaded stores and transported them to KAIRI where they were stored under cover.</p> <p>Capt J CLEARY and party left CAIRNS and arrived at KAIRI.</p> <p>24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Fd Amb, 15 Aust Fd Coy left MADANG in the Dutch ship "VAN HOUSTEN."</p>	1/3
	4 Aug 44		<p>Overcast and showery.</p> <p>Capt J CLEARY, OC Advance party inspected the stores and found them to be intact and well guarded.</p> <p>Capt CLEARY interviewed the DAQMG and GI at 11 Aust Div and</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 4 Aug 44 To 7 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Aug 44		<p>and made arrangements for the advance party to occupy the vacated 5 Aust Inf Bde site in the vicinity of KAIRI. Capt J CLEARY was instructed to leave the stores at the vacated 56 Aust Inf Bn site, vicinity of KAIRI.</p> <p>In view of the necessity of having vehicles attached permanently, Capt J CLEARY requested 11 Aust Div to grant him two vehicles. Accordingly 11 Aust Div instructed 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to transfer two vehicles to 15 Aust Inf Bde.</p>	
	5 Aug 44		<p>Weather - Overcast and showery.</p> <p>After meeting the first of the brigade troops to arrive in BRISBANE the Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO visited HQ Vic L of C Area and LHQ and discussed the arrangements for the March of Honour which was to be accorded the Brigade at the completion of leave. Brig H H HAMMER, DSO then travelled by train to BENDIGO to commence a well earned leave, after a considerable period of successful campaigning in NEW GUINEA. The vacated 5 Aust Inf Bde area, vicinity of KAIRI was handed over to Capt J CLEARY by the Camp Staff Officer and Advanced Bde HQ officially opened at 1200 hrs. Capt J CLEARY and 5 OR occupied the Bde HQ site and 4 officers 63 OR from the units occupied the old 56 Aust Inf Bn site.</p>	<p>113</p> <p>114</p>
	6 Aug 44		<p>Weather - Clear and sunny, showery during afternoon. All personnel were engaged in cleaning and improving the camp area.</p>	
	7 Aug 44		<p>Weather - Clear and sunny.</p> <p>The two vehicles from 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy were transferred to Advance 15 Aust Inf Bde who supplied their drivers.</p>	<p>115</p> <p>116</p>

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Date and Time.—From 7 Aug 44 To 11 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 Aug 44		All personnel were engaged in cleaning the camp site.	m
	8 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Capt J CLEARY, OC Adv HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde visited 11 Aust Div and submitted a list of all personnel who were entitled to leave. He was advised that leave arrangements would be made as soon as possible.	f
	9 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Lt D M WHITE, Bde Amenities Officer contacted Amenities 11 Aust Div and requested that some sporting material be allotted to the Brigade and was advised that no material was at present available. As most personnel had not been issued with winter clothing a requisition was made for the required quantity.	B
	10 Aug 44		Weather - Showery throughout day. All Bde HQ stores were rechecked and stacked separately in their various sections. Capt J CLEARY then inspected the stores to ensure that they were properly protected from the weather.	
			24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Fd Coy and 15 Aust Fd Amb disembarked at TOWNSVILLE, moved to JULAGO and at midnight departed for BRISBANE.	f
	11 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Lt D M WHITE, Amenities Officer again visited Amenities 11 Aust Div requesting an allotment of sporting material but was advised that there was still no material available. The brigade personnel arrived in MELBOURNE and arrangements at LTD were satisfactory. Troops were issued with leave passes, food coupons and tobacco within a very short time after arrival.	f

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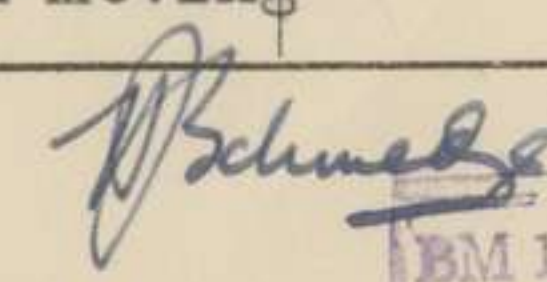
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Date and Time.—From 12 Aug 44 To 15 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	
			Education Service, 11 Aust Div was contacted with a view to obtaining a library. Education Officer advised that some books would be available in a few days time.	B
	13 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	
			Transport was made available for conveyance of personnel to Church parades in adjacent areas. Otherwise a day of rest.	B
	14 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	
			Advice was received from 11 Aust Div ordering the personnel of the Brigade to move with all stores to the MAPEE area. Move to be completed by 21 Aug. As the Brigade had only two 15 cwt trucks attached which were both constantly engaged for administration purposes, it was necessary to obtain extra transport to move the Brigade stores. Accordingly application was made to 11 Aust Div for a daily allotment of four 3 ton trucks until the completion of the move, this was agreed to. Capt J CLEARY advised the unit officers of the details for the move which commenced on the 15 Aug.	
			Capt J CLEARY visited the Camp Staff Officer, MAPEE and together they inspected the new Brigade area. There was only a limited number of huts erected which would all be filled to capacity for the stores. This meant that tents would have to be erected for all other requirements until they could be replaced by buildings.	B
	15 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	
			The four 3 ton vehicles allotted from 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy reported to the Brigade and were engaged for the day in moving	B

  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Aug 44		the stores to the new site. Six personnel also moved to the new camp area to guard the stores. The progress in moving the stores was hampered by the fact that there were very few personnel available for loading parties.	
	16 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. The transportation of stores to the new site in the MAPEE area was continued. Capt J CLEARY, OC Adv HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde contacted 11 Aust Div and obtained authority for 37 personnel to proceed on accumulated recreational leave. Transit Camp KAIRI was then contacted and they advised that the draft could entrain on 17 Aug 44. Arrangements were made accordingly.	
	17 Aug 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. The removal of stores to the new site was continued. 37 personnel from the brigade details were despatched on accumulated recreational leave.	
	18 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Removal of stores continued. The loss of the 37 personnel who had proceeded on recreational leave presented further difficulties in the removal of the stores. All personnel with the exception of six who were left to guard the remaining stores, shifted to the new site. At 1600 hrs 18 Aug Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde closed in the KAIRI area and reopened in the MAPEE area (Ref Map DIMBULAH 415393) at the same time.	
	19 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. The movement of the stores to the new site was completed. All stores were packed in sheds and protected from the weather.	

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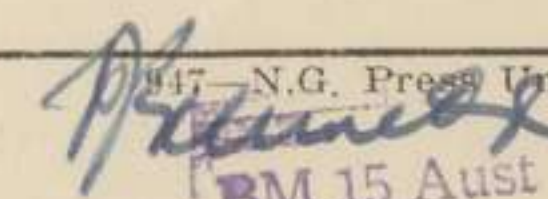
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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 19 Aug 44 To 26 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19 Aug 44		24 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Fd Amb and 15 Aust Fd Coy arrived at	B
	20 Aug 44		LTD MELBOURNE and commenced leave. Weather - Cloudy	
			Transport was made available for personnel attending Church parades in the area.	B
	21 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. All personnel were engaged in cleaning the area.	B
	22 Aug 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. 1 Officer and 5 OR were granted accumulated recreational leave.	B
	23 Aug 44		The strength of the brigade details was then 3 Officers 37 OR. Weather - Overcast.	
			The 11 Aust Div YMCA representative visited Capt J CLEARY OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and discussed the allotment of a Recreation Hut and comforts to the Brigade.	B
	24 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. In the evening the YMCA representative entertained the personnel by playing records over an amplifier. This was greatly	B
	25 Aug 44		appreciated. Weather - Clear and sunny. The YMCA representative procured for the Brigade two tents to be used as a recreational hut together with tables, chairs and forms.	
			VX81139 Maj KENT HUGHES, re-allotted from 47 Aust Camp Hospital to 15 Aust Fd Amb arrived at 11 Aust Div. Maj KENT HUGHES is temporarily remaining with HQ 11 Aust Div but is carrying out	B
			medical duties for the brigade personnel.	
	26 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	

  
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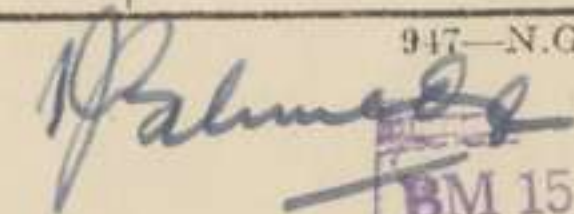
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Date and Time.—From 26 Aug 44 To 31 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Aug 44		Capt J CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde obtained permission from 11 Aust Div to send one 15 cwt truck and 12 personnel on a pleasure trip to the TULLY FALLS. This proved to be an enjoyable day.	1/3
	27 Aug 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. Transport was made available for various Church services held in the area, otherwise a day of rest.	1/3
	28 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. All available personnel were engaged in clearing and burning off the area.	1/3
	29 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Capt J CLEARY, OC Advane HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde discussed with DAAG 11 Aust Div the setting up of battalion camp sites in their respective areas. He was advised that no action should be taken until sufficient personnel arrive for each battalion.	1/3
	30 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Permission was obtained from 11 Aust Div to cart gravel for the purposes of gravelling floors of offices and tents.	1/3
	31 Aug 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. The YMCA representative obtained a wireless set and a small library to be installed in the brigade recreation hut.	1/2

  
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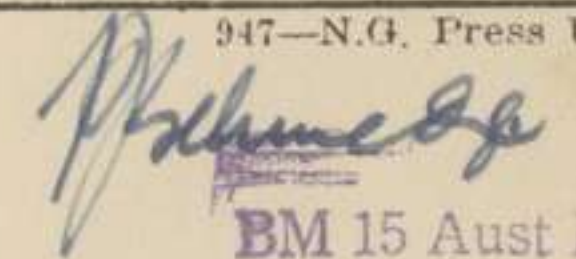
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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 44 To 4 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u> All battalions conducted general training in the camp area.</p> <p>A working party of 100 from 57/60 Aust Inf Bn were engaged on improvement of Siar plantation road.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by Capt T J SCHMEDJE, MC visited 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and inspected the battalion and the camp area. The battalion later marched past.</p> <p>Brig HAMMER addressed the troops and complimented them on their sterling performances of the past.</p> <p>In the evening Brig HAMMER accompanied by the Bde HQ staff visited 57/60 Aust Inf Bn for dinner. The party attended an excellent show - "The Fighting Fifteenth Follies" later in the evening. This show was produced in a week and revealed the amount of talent both in performers and in the art of improvisation available in 15 Aust Inf Bde.</p>	-
	2 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm.</p> <p>Church services held in all unit areas but otherwise a day of rest.</p>	B3
	3 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u> 57/60 Aust Inf Bn carried out range practices on 30 yard range and general training in camp area.</p> <p>58/59 Aust Inf Bn were engaged in construction of the SIAR road and general training in camp area.</p>	B3
	4 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm, heavy rain at night.</p>	

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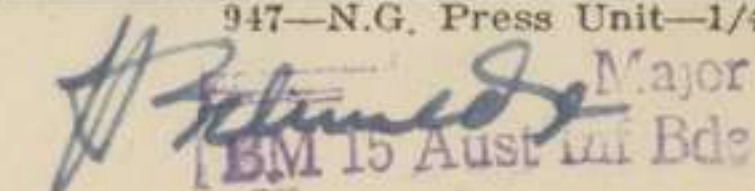
Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 4 Jul 44

To 6 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Jul 44		<u>TRAINING</u> 57/60 Aust Inf Bn continued with range practices and general training.	
			58/59 Aust Inf Bn continued with road construction and range practices.	B
	5 Jul 44		Weather - Overcast and warm, heavy rain at night. <u>TRAINING</u> 57/60 Aust Inf Bn were occupied with road construction and general training in camp area.	
			In the afternoon all officers of the brigade attended TEWT 2 - Battle procedure - held on the sand model at Bde HQ.	Appendix 1
			15 Aust Inf Bde Training Instruction 11 setting out the training policy for the month was issued today.	Appendix 2
			<u>GENERAL</u> In the evening Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by officers of Bde HQ attended a brigade boxing tournament. Although heavy rain fell the boxing continued and some excellent bouts	
			bouts were witnessed. The Brigade Commander and party were entertained at supper in 58/59 Aust Inf Bn officers mess.	B
	6 Jul 44		Weather - Overcast and warm. <u>TRAINING</u> 57/60 Aust Inf Bn activities were confined to range practices and road construction.	
			58/59 Aust Inf Bn were engaged on road construction and general training in the camp area.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Maj-Gen A H RAMSAY, CBE, DSO, ED visited the Brigade Commander	B

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Date and Time.—From 6 Jul 44

To 10 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Jul 44		Brig H H HAMMER, DSO.	
	7 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. <u>TRAINING</u>	
			57/60 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns continued their programme of road construction and general training.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Capt T J SCHMEDJE, MC and Capt T A MOLOMBY visited 57/60 and	B
	8 Jul 44		58/59 Aust Inf Bns. Weather - Fine and warm.	
			<u>TRAINING</u> Units continued general training in the morning with sports in the afternoon. Tabloid sports were held at Bde HQ and the Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO and several officers participated.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> 15 Aust Inf Bde Signal A1520 to 5 Aust Div set out the proposed priority of movement of the brigade.	B Appendix 3
	9 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. <u>TRAINING</u>	
			Brigade Commander Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by Capt V C THOMAS, MC visited 57/60 Aust Inf Bn for morning Church parade. Later in the morning a TEWT was held on the sand model at Bde HQ for all officers. The exercise, on the	
			attack, was conducted by Brig H H HAMMER.	B Appendix 4
	10 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm.	
			Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC and Capt V C THOMAS, MC, BM (L) visited MADANG Base Sub Area to discuss the movement of the Brigade to	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 10 Jul 44 To 12 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	10 Jul 44		<p><u>AUSTRALIA.</u></p> <p>24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) was visited and discussion of general matters were held with the Battalion Commander, Lt-Col G F SMITH, DSO and the Adjutant.</p> <p>Lt DUKE-YOUNG, Naval Base MADANG with Comd ROBERTSON R N visited the Brigade Headquarters and later inspected 58/59 Aust Inf Bn lines. They were very impressed with the lay-out of the camp and the excellent improvised living quarters. 4 Field Security NCOs were attached to the Brigade to-day. They will give security lectures to all members of the Brigade Group.</p> <p>particular reference will be made to security whilst on leave. In the past few weeks the number of men provided for working parties on roads in the area in pursuance of 5 Aust Div works policy has interfered with training to a very great extent. It has been found most difficult to continue with the training programme directed by 5 Aust Div under these circumstances.</p>	
	11 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm.</p> <p>Units continued with road construction and general training.</p>	
	12 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine and warm.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>57/60 Aust Inf Bn provided working parties for road construction and continued with general training.</p> <p>58/59 Aust Inf Bn continued with road construction. One company fired range practices.</p>	
			<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>DACG NEW GUINEA Force, Col REID accompanied by padre J C ENGLISH</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time. From 12 Jul 44 To 13 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Jul 44		24 Aust Inf Bn visited Brigade Headquarters and the battalions.	
			GOC 5 Aust Div, Maj-Gen A H RAMSAY, CBE, DSO, ED, visited the Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO. Maj-Gen RAMSAY accompanied by Brig HAMMER inspected battalion areas. The GOC was very impressed with the high standard of the areas, achieved in the main by ingenious improvisation with local material.	
			Capt V C THOMAS, MC, BM (L) visited HQ 5 Aust Div to attend a Unit Gas Officers Conference.	
			In the evening Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by officers of Brigade Headquarters enjoyed an excellent nights boxing at a brigade tournament. These tournaments have become a weekly feature and are much appreciated by the troops.	
	13 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm.	
			<u>TRAINING</u> Units again supplied large working parties for road construction but some general training in the camp area was carried out.	
			In the afternoon, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO conducted a TEWT on the Conduct of the Attack, for all officers of the brigade. A summary of the TEWT is attached.	Appendix 5
			A summary of a recent discussion on patrols was issued today and copy is attached.	Appendix 6
			The purpose of this discussion was to obtain the opinion of all officers on the Brigade patrolling policy laid down during and on completion of the SALAMAUA campaign, Jul-Sep 43. It was considered that the officers would be in a good position to discuss this matter after just recently using the methods	

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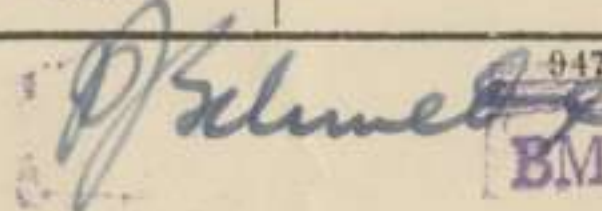
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	13 Jul 44		in the BOGADJIM - MADANG campaign. Generally speaking no alterations or improvements appeared necessary.	
			In the evening the Brigade Commander accompanied by officers of Brigade Headquarters attended a showing of the film "Standing Room Only" at the mobile cinema. Later supper was enjoyed in 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Officers Mess.	
			Lt-Col AGAR, Canteens Service, visited Brigade Headquarters in the afternoon.	B
	14 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. <u>TRAINING</u> General training was carried out in unit areas by all battalions. Road working parties are still proving a big drawback to the training programme.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Lt-Col SPARKES, 2 IC Jungle Training Battalion CANUNGRA, arrived to spend a few days with the brigade to study the experiences of 15 Aust Inf Bde in recent operations.	
			15 Aust Inf Bde Administration Instruction 11 was issued today and set out the details of the forthcoming move of the brigade.	B Appendix 7
	15 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by the Brigade Major, Capt T J SCHMEDJE, MC, visited 57/60 Aust Inf Bn to witness a battalion carnival. The day was a great success. Programme included platoon Drill, competitions and a carnival with all the usual attractions of side shows and	


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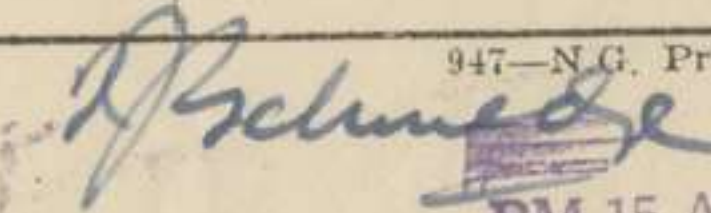
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Jul 44		fun booths. A battalion tea was enjoyed followed by a camp fire concert which produced some excellent singing. During the afternoon the Brigade Commander visited 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to witness organised sports.	
			Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC and Capt V C THOMAS, MC, BM (L) visited Movement Control MADANG for a conference regarding the impending move of the brigade to the mainland. HMT "KATOOMBA" is expected to arrive at MADANG approximately 20 Jul 44.	13
	16 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. In the morning a TEWT for all officers was held on the sand model and was conducted by the Brigade Major, Capt T J SCHMEDGE, MC. The subject of the TEWT was Orders. Suggested headings and lay outs were put forward and discussed.	Appendix 8
			Church services were held in unit areas but otherwise a day of rest.	13
	17 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. <u>TRAINING</u> Battalions continued general training and again large working parties were supplied for road construction.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> A conference of all Commanding Officers was held at Brigade Headquarters. Summary of points discussed attached.	Appendix 9
			In the evening the Tasmaniacs Concert Party conducted a show in the brigade area. Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by Lt-Col SPARKES and members of the brigade staff attended.	13
	18 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and windy.	

  
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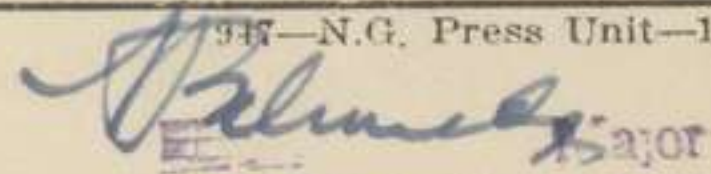
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Date and Time.—From 18 Jul 44 To 19 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Jul 44		<p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>Units were again fully occupied with general training and road making.</p> <p>A signal was received from 5 Aust Div today advising that working parties would not be required from the brigade after 19 Jul 44.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO visited HQ 5 Aust Div to interview GOC 5 Aust Div, Maj-Gen A H RAMSAY, CBE, DSO, ED.</p> <p>Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC accompanied the Brigade Commander and was interviewed by the GOC regarding attendance at Course 8, Junior Wing RMC &amp; SS (Aust).</p> <p>Brigade Major, Capt T J SCHMEDJE, MC visited 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>In the evening Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by officers of Brigade Headquarters visited the mobile cinema for a screening of the film "Silver Fleet". After the show supper was taken in the Officers Mess 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>Information was received that Lt-Gen S G SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, GOC New Guinea Force would visit the brigade on 20 Jul and carry out a ceremonial review of all units. An instruction was issued to units setting out the proposed itinerary of Gen SAVIGE and details of the ceremonial procedure to be adopted. Copy is attached.</p>	
	19 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Showery and warm.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>Units spent the day preparing for the visit of Lt-Gen S G SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, GOC New Guinea Force.</p>	<p>Appendix 10</p>

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 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 19 Jul 44

To 21 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19 Jul 44		Battalion ceremonial drill was practised.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Capt PAPWORTH, LO 5 Aust Div, who is attached to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to arrange details for the move to the mainland, and Lt ANDERSON, SC (L), visited Movement Control MADANG.	
			In the evening a brigade boxing tournament was held. Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO accompanied by officers of Brigade Headquarters attended and some excellent bouts were witnessed.	B3
	20 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm.	
			<u>TRAINING</u> 58/59 Aust Inf Bn conducted general training in the unit area. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn held a further ceremonial parade in preparation for the visit of GOC New Guinea Force.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> In the afternoon, GOC 5 Aust Div, Maj-Gen A H RAMSAY, CBE, DSO, ED, visited Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO.	
			Advice was received from 5 Aust Div today that HMT "KATOOMBA" was expected to arrive at MADANG on 26 Jul with the first flight of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp which is to relieve 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp.	B3
	21 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and hot.	
			<u>TRAINING</u> All units engaged in training in their respective areas.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> preparations for movement to AUSTRALIA continued. All units and Brigade Headquarters have stores boxed or crated satisfactorily.	B3

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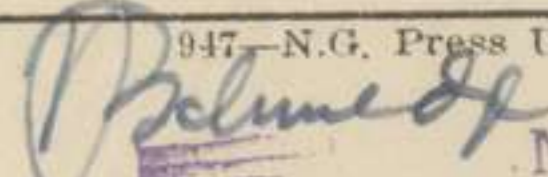
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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 22 Jul 44 To 25 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	22 Jul 44		Weather - Fine and warm. <u>TRAINING</u> Training carried out as usual in all units.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> The Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO decided to hold a concert on the evening of 24 Jul. Capt N R JOHNS and Lt D M WHITE began preparations for the programme and stage.	H
	23 Jul 44		Weather - Wet and humid. <u>TRAINING</u> Normal.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Routine matters were attended to but nothing of importance occurred.	H
	24 Jul 44		Weather - Fine. TTS "KATOOMBA" arrived MADANG and commenced discharging 7 Aust Inf Bde. In the evening the Brigade held its last concert in NEW GUINEA.	
			The programme was lively and enjoyable and all artists received an appreciative reception. As usual, the Senior Officers were the butt of some good natured chaff. Lighting arrangements were made by Capt L J BRENCHLEY, OC 266 Aust LAD to enable the barges to move to and from the Brigade Jetty during the hours of darkness. This allowed unloading to continue throughout the night.	H
	25 Jul 44		Weather - Overcast. To expedite reception and administration of the Brigade on arrival in AUSTRALIA the Brigade Commander, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO	

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Date and Time.—From 25 Jul 44 To 26 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	25 Jul 44		<p>decided that he would take the Staff Captain, Capt T A MOLOMBY and BOWO, WO I E MARX and fly to AUSTRALIA thus obtaining time to make the necessary preparation. Accordingly arrangements were made for the movement of the party by air. The Brigade Embarkation Officer, Capt V C THOMAS, MC, BM (L) went aboard the "KATOOMBA" and arrangements were made for the receipt of Brigade stores and personnel. Lt-Gen S G SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, GOC New Guinea Force, visited the Brigade at SIAR Plantation today. He spoke to unit parades and told the troops how satisfied he was with their excellent service during their period in NEW GUINEA. In the afternoon, on completion of his visit, the GOC, Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO, SC, Capt T A MOLOMBY and BOWO WO I E MARX moved to the 24 Aust Inf Bn at MADANG where the GOC again spoke to the troops in a strain similar to that of his morning addresses. The party staged overnight with the 24 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	
	26 Jul 44		<p>Weather - Fine At 0730 hrs the Brigade troops commenced embarkation and by 1200 hrs all troops were on board and the vessel on its way to AUSTRALIA. The embarkation was well organised and quite successful. The GOC, Lt-Gen S G SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO and party left MADANG by PT boat early this morning. On arrival at SAIDOR the Bde Comd accompanied the GOC in a Beaufort Bomber to LAE where he remained the night. Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC and WO I E MARX, BOWO, staged at SAIDOR</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 26 Jul 44 To 30 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Jul 44		as there was not sufficient plane space for their immediate	/s
	27 Jul 44		onward movement. Weather - Fine	
			Early this morning Brig H H HAMMER, DSO, Bde Comd left LAE by Douglas Transport plane. He flew to TOWNSVILLE and then on to BRISBANE where he waited for the first draft of the Brigade moving South on leave.	
			Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC and WO I E MARX, BOWO, flew to LAE today and arrangements were made for their movement by ship to	
			AUSTRALIA. Shortage of plane space being the reason put forward by Movement Control for this change of plans.	/s
	28 Jul 44 )		Weather - Fine.	
	29 Jul 44 )		AT SEA	/s
			A calm sea, good food and the prospect of home leave kept the troops in high spirits. Lectures, games and other entertain-	
	30 Jul 44		ments were arranged to keep them occupied. Weather - Fine	/s
			At sea.	
			<u>SUMMARY OF 15 AUST INF BDE OPERATIONS AND SERVICE</u> <u>IN NEW GUINEA</u> <u>MAR 43 to JUL 44</u>	
			1 The 15 Aust Inf Bde arrived in NEW GUINEA in Mar 43 and very soon after commenced its first active operation.	
			2 All battalions were engaged and the area of operations was very large, stretching from the WATUT VALLEY in the West to SALAMAUA in the East.	
			Heavy fighting was experienced by the 24 and 58/59 Aust Inf	

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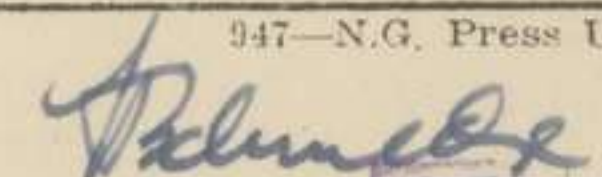
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			<p>Bns participating. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn established a record with 12 weeks continuous contact with the enemy.</p>	
		3	<p>After the fall of SALAMAUA the Brigade moved into the RAMU Valley and again took over an active role. Much valuable work was done and many hundreds of square miles of country cleared of the enemy. This operation culminated in the capture of BOGADJIM and MADANG.</p>	
		4	<p>During these operations the Brigade became famous for its outstanding control of malaria. Casualties to this cause were ridiculously light and on several occasions the Brigade was quoted as an example in reports by higher formations including New Guinea Force.</p>	
		5	<p>The physical condition of the Brigade remained unimpaired despite the long arduous service in extremely difficult country and the morale of all troops was the subject of special comment by several high ranking officers including</p>	
			<p>Lt-Gen Sir Leslie J MOORSHEAD, KCB, KBE, DSO, MC, ED, GOC New Guinea Force and Maj-Gen A J BOASE, CBE, GOC 11 Aust Div.</p>	
		6	<p><u>Strengths</u> The Brigade arrived in NEW GUINEA in March 1943 with Battalions each about 30 offrs 670 ORs strong. Since then approximately 600 reinforcements have been received.</p>	
			<p>Battle casualties for the 14 months to 30 April 1944 were 26 offrs and 305 ORs. The Brigade average posted strength per Battalion at 30 Apr 44 was 32 offrs 650 ORs. These figures indicate an economical expenditure of manpower</p>	

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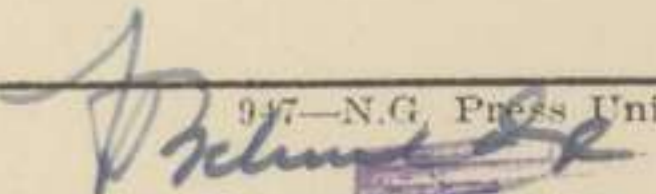
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			over 14 months tropical service which included practically 9 months of active operations. The figures are compiled at the end of a period of four months of hard campaigning from DUMPU to MADANG when sickness evacuations were much heavier than normal.	
			Through various causes the strengths dropped at times well under 500 men. In battle this adds an additional load to the men left in the unit. Sentries, patrols, attacks, working parties find the same men on the job all the time.	
			In contrast an AIF Brigade which arrived in the DUMPU area at the same time as this Brigade, was overstrength; after one engagement with the enemy they were reinforced.	
			7 In all 51 Decorations were awarded to members of the Brigade—these included a Bar to DSO awarded Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER and two DSOs to Lt-Cols SMITH AND MARSTON, Comds 24 and 57/60 Aust Inf Bns respectively.	
			8 Now - after 17 months tropical service the Brigade is on its way to AUSTRALIA for a well earned leave. The troops have established a fine reputation and can return to AUSTRALIA justly proud of their colours and name.	

  
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TEWT 2 - BATTLE PROCEDURE

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
2 Jul 44.

1. OBJECT

To practise all comds in battle procedure in the attack.

2. LESSONS

(a) "Time is a vital factor in battle and every device should be used to shorten period of recee and preparation and to make it effective. To achieve this object, the essentials are:

- (i) Intelligent anticipation by all comds,
- (ii) Issue of warning orders,
- (iii) an organised system which avoids unnecessary delays.

Men who go into action harassed and hurried, feeling that adequate preparations have been impossible will lose much in morale." (IT Chap VIII 337)

(b) "By foresight and system, it should often be possible for portions of the different stages to be carried out concurrently.

Stage 1:

The recee by the cmd and his assistants  
The moves of subordinate comds to a RV at which they may be given orders.  
The moves of the fighting tps and adm portion of force to assembly areas.

Stage 2:

The issue of orders by cmd. Recee by subordinate comds and their assistants. Move of fighting tps to unit or sub unit assembly areas.

Opening of HQ for battle.  
Preparations for Intercomm.  
Adm preparations.

Stage 3:

The issue of orders by subordinate cmd  
The moves of fighting tps to the areas from which they will deploy.

Stage 4:

Before going fwd to recee or receive orders, comds will issue such warning orders to enable their subordinates to begin their preparations for battle." (IT Chap VIII 338)

(c) "Orders should be confined to essentials and should be as brief, in subject matter, in headings and appendices, as is consistent with clearness. But a recognised form and sequence should always be followed as nearly as practicable since this makes important omissions less likely and assists subordinates who can more easily grasp the meaning of an order issued in a form with which they are familiar." (FSR Vol II Sec 15 (4))  
"A cmd can impress his will and inspire confidence in the success of an op far more easily through verbal orders, if well issued, than by pages of written orders."  
(FSR Vol II Sec 15 (3))

3. OPENING NARRATIVE

Tac R reports that a Jap Bde was moving south in the direction of ROOKWOOD on 18 Dec. Another first light report on 19 Dec disclosed an enemy force, about one bn, approaching the line CONE HILL - LONG HILL. The remainder of the Jap bde had halted some 15 miles North of this line. No enemy tks were seen. The enemy were NOT in MT.

In anticipation of the Jap move 57/60 Aust Inf Bn was ordered to move North to capture and hold the line CONE HILL - LONG HILL until the remainder of 15 Aust Inf Bde could est itself on the line GOLD KNOLL - SILVER RIDGE.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn has two bty arty under comd. No tp carrying vehs but Bn sp. weapons are on vehs.

4. NARRATIVE 1

A Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn, the leading coy, had reached the line GOLD KNOLL - SILVER RIDGE, astride the rd at 0800 hrs. The fwd elements were fired on from the high ground to the North. The Coy Comd from Eastern end of SILVER RIDGE observed considerable mov on CONE HILL and LONG HILL. Enemy MMGs opened up from POTTERS COPSE and LONG HILL. A mortar was seen to fire from CONE HILL. The Coy Comd hooked in on his line and reported the infm to the Bn Comd. The head of the 57/60 Aust Inf Bn was now just South of the rly line. The Bn Comd issued some instrs and hurried fwd to join A Coy Comd.

5. PROBLEM 1

- (a) Detail the actions and verbal or written instrs by the Bn Comd.
- (b) Whom would he take with him?

6. SKETCH

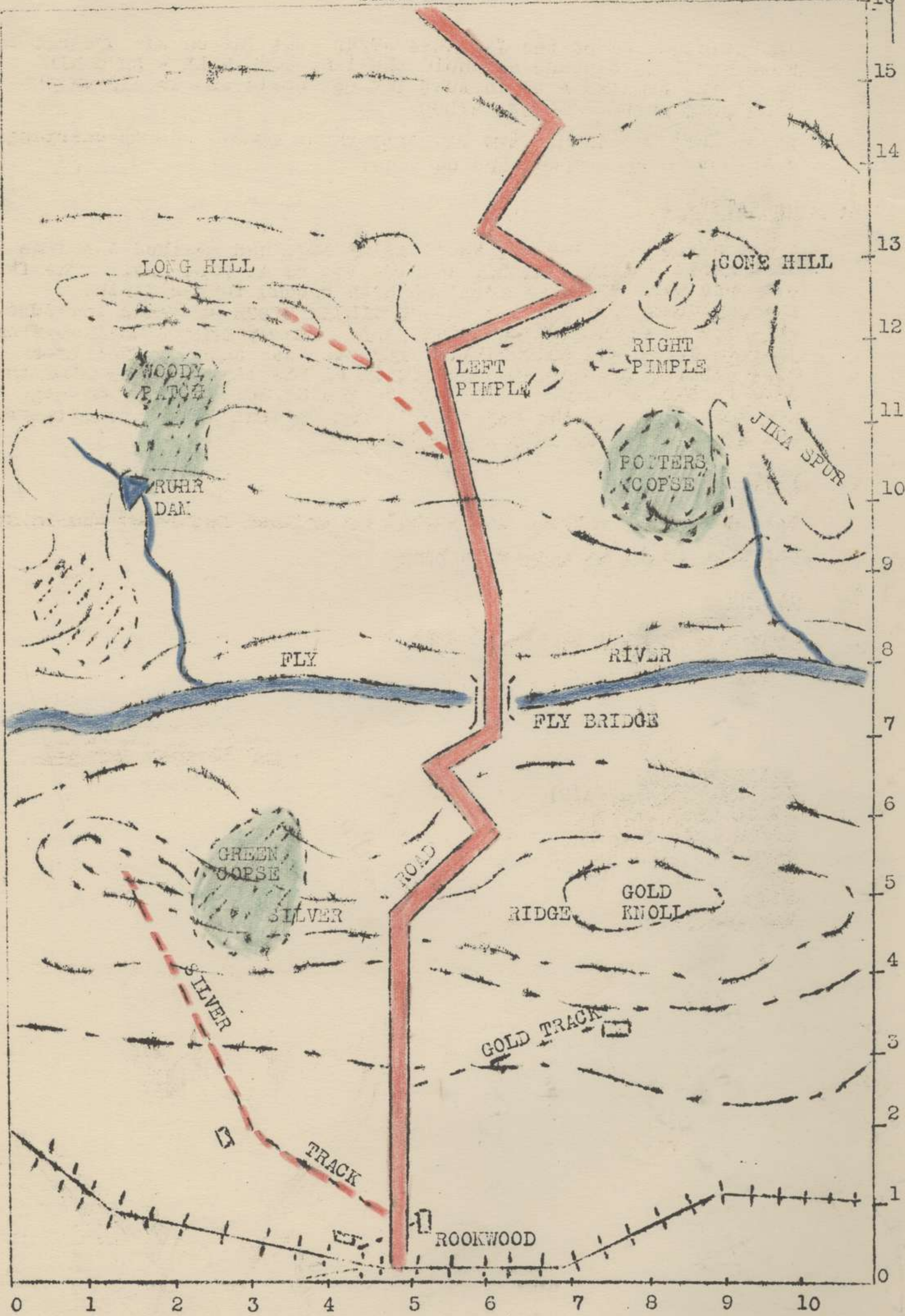
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- 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
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SKETCH OF AREA



Each section represents 1 foot

SCALE: 1 foot = 200 yds

15 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 11

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

5 Jul 44.

GEN

1. In view of the uncertain date of mov of the bde gp, trg for the month of Jul will continue as normal in accordance with the syllabus submitted by units. It is realised working parties and camp contr will tend to interfere with the trg programme but every effort is to be made to adhere to the syllabus.
2. Particular attention will be paid to the pts enumerated in the following paras.

WEAPON TRG

3. The standard to be aimed at by the end of the trg period is that all ranks have qualified in TSOT.

RANGE PRACTICES

4. The object of range practices at this stage should be to qualify every man in all practices laid down for the rifle, LMG and SMG.
5. The standard of range practices within the units is NOT good. The number of personnel who have failed to qualify is exceptionally high. In order that this standard be improved units will ensure correct coaching is carried out.
6. Every effort is to be made for personnel on essential duties as cooks etc to complete their range practices. From returns submitted this has NOT been the case.

CEREMONIAL

7. In preparation for any special parades of the bde gp in AUSTRALIA units will carry out ceremonial drill as frequently as possible. All units under comd will conc on this. Attention will be paid to the following.

Marching,  
Rifle Exercises,  
Steadiness on parade,  
Turnout,  
Correct distances between pls and coys,  
saluting (offrs and OR),  
Eyes right and left on the march,  
Gen smartness.

TEWTS AND DISCUSSIONS

8. Bns will continue with TEWTS as laid down in trg programme.
9. Bde TEWTS and discussions for all bn offrs will be continued at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

SPORTS

11. At least one afternoon per week will be devoted to organised sport. Competitive mil events are to be included.

LECTURES - SHIPBOARD

11. All offrs will prepare a series of lectures and lecturettes for the tps to be given during the forthcoming sea voyage. Suggested subjects suitable for this purpose are as follows.

Rationing,  
Malarial precautions while on leave,  
Dress, conduct and discipline on leave,  
Pre-marriage discussions by RMO,  
Conditions on Home Front,  
Hygiene and VD,  
Man Management,  
Minor tactics,  
Patrols and patrol reports,  
Direction finding by compass and stars.

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15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)  
14 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
266 Aust LAD (AIF)  
15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)  
A Pl & RDI 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)  
3 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
4 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
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# MESSAGE FORM

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<b>TO</b> <b>5 aust div</b> (w) For Information (INFO.)			Message Instructions <b>GR-</b>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

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 GP (.) first (.) HQ 15 aust inf bde 75 15 aust inf bde sig  
 sec 44 14 pl 2/1 aust gd regt 31 266 aust LAD 15 57/60 aust  
 inf bn 550 58/59 aust inf bn 620 3 aust sup dep pl 31  
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 aust inf bn 15 adv party 15 aust fd coy 5 total 1488 (.)  
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 adv party 240 15 aust fd amb less A coy 140 A pl and RDI 152  
 aust gen tpt coy 83 total 1045 MADANG area (.) 129 aust bde  
 wksp 110 129 aust bde ord fd pk 20 rear details 15 aust inf  
 bde 250 total 380 located LAE

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TEWT 3 - BN IN THE ATTACK

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
6 Jul 44.

1. ATTENDANCE

All offrs at SAND MODEL, Bde HQ at 0915 hrs 9 Jul 44.

2. OBJECT

To study the bn in the attack with special ref to the final preparations for battle and the conduct of the attack.

3. LESSONS

- (a) "To shorten the period of preparation without omitting any essential requirement must be the constant aim of comds and staff. The activities preceding an attack should be simultaneous in all grades of comd rather than consecutive." FSR Vol II Sec 56 (1)
- (b) "The selection and allotment of objectives is one of the principal means by which a leader exercises control over the attack..... Objectives should be selected for their tactical importance and should be easily recognisable on the ground." FSR Vol II Sec 56 (3)
- (c) "Control is obtained mainly by the following means: Issuing clear orders in which definite tasks are allotted to definite bodies of tps and from which all arms may understand thoroughly what assistance they may expect from each other." IT 1937 Sec 63 (7)
- (d) "Comds should be well fwd so that they can keep in close touch with the situation and exercise their influence on the fight without delay.
- (e) "The leader of every body of inf once committed to the attack must be determined to get fwd until his objective is reached."

4. OPENING NARRATIVE

The picture is the same for TEWT 2.  
The enemy has reached the line CONE HILL - LONG HILL and considerable activity has been seen as well as MGS at POTTERS COPSE, LONG HILL and a mortar in the vicinity CONE HILL. Our fwd tps have reached the line GOLD KNOLL - SILVER RIDGE. The fwd coy (A Coy) being astride the GRAHAM rd. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn less A Coy are at ROOKWOOD.

5. NARRATIVE 1

The Bn Comd has issued his warning order. B Coy is moving to ASSEMBLY AREA at HOUSE EAST end GOLD TRACK, C and D Coys to SILVER TRACK House. The Bn Comd completes the following orders to "O" Cp at GREEN COPSE at 0850 hrs.

VERBAL ORDERS

COMPASS  
TOPOGRAPHY  
INFO

1. Enemy

The enemy, str about one bn, are on CONE HILL and LONG HILL. considerable activity on those features. MMGs from POTTERS COPSE and LONG HILL and a mortar from CONE HILL. No tks have been seen.

2. Own tps

A Coy is astride the rd engaging the enemy with long range fire. Arty and mortars are registering and will harass known localities.

INTENTION

3. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will capture and hold the high ground CONE HILL LONG HILL.

METHOD - attack with two coys fwd, two coys in res.

4. Fwd coys - B Coy RIGHT. C Coy LEFT.

5. Objectives

- (a) B Coy: all incl CONE HILL - GRAHAM RD.
- (b) C Coy: excl GRAHAM RD to incl LONG HILL.

6. Routes - direct to objective.

7. Limit of Exploitation - Northern slopes of objectives.

8. FUPS

- (a) B Coy: just SOUTH of GOLD KNOLL.
- (b) C Coy: just SOUTH of SILVER RIDGE.

9. Start Line - EAST - WEST line through southern edge TALL TREES - GREEN COPSE.

10. Bearing. 360 degrees.

11. Liaison Pts

- (a) FLY RIVER br.
- (b) Where GRAHAM RD disappears over LONG HILL.

12. Rate of Adv

- 300 yds at 100 yds in 2 mins.
- 500 yds at 100 yds in 3 mins

13. Res

- (a) A Coy - RIGHT) follow 500 yds in rear of fwd coys.
- (b) D Coy - LEFT )

14. Mortars

- (a) Two mortars each fwd coy for consolidation.
- (b) Four mortars:-

Tasks

- (i) targets of opportunity from H to H plus 6 mins rate normal.
- (ii) No fire SOUTH of POTTERS COPSE
- (iii) Remain in posn till success then move to junc GRAHAM RD - LONG HILL TRACK. Further orders later.

15. MMG

- (a) One sec with each res coy.
- (b) On success move fwd rapidly to each fwd coy for consolidation.

16. Pnrs - with Bn HQ.
17. Tk A -  
(a) in res on wheels.  
(b) On success RV on rd just SOUTH of objective line.
18. Arty  
(a) One bty in sp each fwd coy - HE and little smoke.  
(b) FOO with B and C coys.  
(c) Tasks - RIGHT Coy.  
(i) H to H plus 6 mins - concs on POTTERS COPSE. Rate normal.  
(ii) H plus 6 mins to H plus 15 mins - 100 yd lifts to CONE HILL - Rate rapid.  
(iii) Thereafter targets of opportunity.  
(d) Tasks - LEFT Coy  
(i) H to H plus 8 mins - concs on WOODY PATCH - rate normal.  
(ii) H plus 8 mins to H plus 14 mins - 100 yd lifts to LONG HILL - rate rapid.  
(iii) Thereafter targets of opportunity.
19. Re-org - fwd coys on objective - res coys tasks later.
20. Mopping up  
(a) All coys responsible for mopping up rear of fwd coys.  
(b) Res coys deal with any pockets in rear of fwd coys.
21. H hr - 1015K - TIME NOW IS 0845K.

AIM

22. Eqpt and amm - normal.
23. Med  
(a) RAP - on rd SOUTH GOLD KNOLL. Then area FLY RIVER br.  
(b) WWCP - FLY RIVER br.
24. Tpt - A Ech behind br until success - then fwd to junc LONG HILL TRACK.  
B Ech remain present location - ROCKWOOD.
25. SAA - FLY RIVER br.
26. PW - FLY RIVER br.
27. TC - RPs at: (a) junc GOLD TRACK - GRAHAM RD  
(b) FLY RIVER br.  
(c) junc LONG HILL TRACK.
28. Tools - 2 picks, 2 shovels per sec.

INTERCOMN

29. Bn HQ with A Coy - on success junc GRAHAM RD LONG HILL TRACK.  
Will move just EAST GRAHAM RD.
30. LT - with each fwd coy.
31. WT - one per coy incl HQ Coy.
32. Runners to bn down GRAHAM RD
33. Report Centres  
(a) Until H plus 12 mins - junc GRAHAM RD - GOLD TRACK  
(b) Then - FLY RIVER br.  
(c) Then - GRAHAM RD - LONG HILL TRACK

34. Success Sigs - B Coy - RED GREEN  
C Coy - WHITE WHITE

QUESTIONS

CHECK BACK

PROBLEM 1

Questions and answers on the Bn Comds decisions for the detail of the plan. What are the normal principles underlying the various headings in the method para? (Supporting fire will be dealt with fully in a later TEWT but a few of the principles will be discussed)

1. The following notes are issued for study by all officers. All notes are excerpts from FSR Vol II Chap VI. Officers are requested to study the chapters in this manual together with IT 1937 Chap XI which deals in more detail with the action of battalion company and platoon in the attack:
2. "Whatever the size and composition of the forces engaged the planning and conduct of the attack are governed by certain general principles which it is essential that every commander should thoroughly understand, in order either to plan an attack himself or to play his part effectively in an attack staged by a superior commander." FSR Vol II.
3. The chief assets of the attacker are: firstly, the feeling of moral superiority which an offensive attitude gives, and secondly, the power to choose at what place, by what method and at what time the main action will be fought. To maintain this moral superiority, a commander must be perfectly clear as to the objective he seeks to attain, must be determined to succeed and must impress this determination on his subordinate leaders by resolute action and by clear and definite orders.
4. The main problems which the attacker has to solve in making his plan are:
 

Firstly, choice of place; he has to consider which ground best suits the characteristics of his force; which ground offers the best opportunities for surprise; and which ground, if captured, will bring the best opportunities for exploiting success; and to decide to which of these considerations he will give most weight, when, as is most usual, they are conflicting.

Secondly, choice of method: this means how best to deceive the enemy as to the place or places selected for attack and how best to apply the troops and fire power at his disposal to deal with the enemy's weapons and defences; whether to attack with or without artillery preparation; whether to place his armoured troops or his infantry in the van; how to maintain the impetus of the attack to a sufficient depth to overcome the enemy's resistance; and how to exploit any success gained.

Thirdly, choice of time: is the attack to be launched by daylight or under cover of darkness? How much time can be given to preparation? At what hour is the enemy most likely to be taken by surprise.
5. The chief pre-occupations of the attacker during the attack may be summarised as follows:
  - (i) How to obtain timely information on which to base his action.
  - (ii) How to maintain communication, so as to control or supervise his subordinates.
  - (iii) How to use his reserves effectively and in time.
6. The form and method of attack will vary according to the nature of the ground (e.g. open or enclosed, flat or mountainous), the armament, tactics and morale of the enemy, the accessibility or otherwise of his flanks, and more especially, according to the time and resources which the enemy has had available for the organisation of resistance. The position to be attacked may vary from ground hastily occupied - for example, by the enemy's protective forces to cover the deployment of the main body or by a force sent to oppose an outflanking movement - to a deliberately prepared and highly organised defence with elaborate entrenchments and obstacles.

7. In the opening stages of the attack, the superior fire power of the attacker, if properly applied, will enable him to engage with considerable prospect of success the areas most likely to conceal the enemy's main fire power; but in the later stages the destruction or neutralization of the enemy weapons will almost entirely depend on the information received from the forward troops as to what is barring their progress, and on the closeness of the touch maintained between the forward troops and the fire power which supports them. Where the enemy has had time to organise his defence in depth, the attack will only succeed if also organised in depth, i.e. with sufficient reserves to meet unexpected situations and to confirm and exploit success. The exercise of control and supervision over the attack is for the commander of every degree the most vital problem of all; it is primarily a matter of intercommunication and of getting back information from the forward troops.
8. The time factor always requires the most careful consideration. On the one hand, an attack launched without adequate reconnaissance and preparation is unlikely to succeed; on the other hand, when a favourable position for the attack has been gained, delay and hesitation are fatal, and enable the enemy either to strengthen his defences and complete his arrangements to meet the attack or to avoid the blow by withdrawal. Every device therefore must be adopted to shorten the period of reconnaissance and preparation.
9. Orders for the attack will include the allotment of objectives to units or formations; details of the fire plan to support the attack; the fixing of zero hour, which is usually the hour at which the forward troops cross their starting line (see Appendix IV, Sec III 2); the essential administrative arrangements; the position of headquarters; and the arrangements for intercommunication.
10. The selection and allotment of objectives is one of the principal means by which a leader exercises control over the attack. The extent and distance of the objectives define the effort required of each body of troops. Objectives will be selected for their tactical importance and should be easily recognizable on the ground. A formation or unit which is allotted an objective may lay down an intermediate objective to be captured first by a part of its troops.
11. The respective tasks and responsibility of adjacent units or sub-units will often be sufficiently clearly defined by the allotment of objectives, and a dividing line may be unnecessary, unless it is desirable for some special reason to define exactly the area within which each is responsible.
12. Whatever the form of the attack, it will usually fall into two separate stages; the initial stage, which has been planned, prepared and probably timed; and a subsequent stage when the fighting is looser and less organized and depends more on improvisation. This latter stage demands a much higher degree of skill, endurance and determination from all ranks, especially from subordinate commanders.
13. The programme of pre-arranged covering fire may at some points have failed to overcome the enemy's opposition, so that portions of his original front are still holding out. These points are usually best dealt with from the flanks or rear by a part of the troops which have pushed on past them; such co-operation requires good team-work and initiative on the part of subordinate commanders.
14. The further progress of the attack depends on the ability of the superior commanders to employ their reserves of tanks, of men and of other fire power so as to maintain the forward impetus, and on the skill and determination of subordinate commanders in finding and exploiting the enemy's weak points. The chief difficulty of commanders with reserves at their disposal will be to get a clear

picture of the situation in front; it is the imperative duty of the forward troops to assist them by sending back frequent reports of the progress of the attack, without which the superior commander is unable to influence the battle in the right way.

15. The main requisites of infantry leading in the attack may be summarised as follows:
- (i) The attack should be organised in depth, so that reserves are at hand to support the action of the leading troops, to take advantage of their success, to replace them when exhausted and to carry forward the advance without a check.
  - (ii) Every portion of the attacking force must be given a definite objective. To assist in maintaining direction, which is one of the chief difficulties, the objectives should be easily recognisable; in addition note should be taken of prominent landmarks, and the compass bearing of the direction of advance should be given in orders. Attacking troops should start square to their objective from a starting line well defined, if possible, by some natural feature such as a road, path, or ditch. The plan should not involve intricate changes of direction, which are dangerous. Infantry always tends to face towards the quarter from which it meets opposition and may lose direction from this cause.
  - (iii) Every body is responsible for its own protection, to the front and to the flanks.
  - (iv) A body of infantry should not deploy into extended formation until obliged to do so; extension increases the difficulties of control and lessens the opportunities for taking advantage of cover. Extensions should not be wider than five paces between men, or control will be lessened. If a wide front has to be covered, the interval between sub-units should be increased, and not between individual men.
  - (v) Infantry should not open fire as long as it can get forward without it; a fire fight must be to the advantage of the defender, who knows the range and can more easily replenish his ammunition supply. Also a steady advance without pause has a considerable moral effect on the enemy, while the continual change of range will reduce the efficiency of his fire.
  - (vi) Men held up should not be reinforced with additional men; either the attack should be pressed at other points where progress is still possible, or additional fire power should be provided.
  - (vii) The duty of a body of troops which is held up is to continue to engage the enemy and to fix him, so as to give units to the right and left the opportunity to get on; and to push forward itself as soon as their action or the weakening of the enemy makes it possible.
  - (viii) It is the duty of the advanced troops to keep commanders behind informed of the situation by frequent reports, so that they may be enabled to handle their reserves and supporting fire to the best advantage.
  - (ix) Finally, the leader of every body of infantry, once committed to the attack, must be determined to get forward until his objective is reached.

16. The pace at which infantry may be expected to move towards its objective must be taken into account since it affects the rate of movement of artillery or machine-gun barrages or the time for which concentrations of supporting fire must be maintained.
17. How to maintain intercommunication is one of the chief problems of an attacking force. One of the first essentials is that signals should be given early information of the intention to attack and of the general plan. The routes to be followed by headquarters during the attack should be settled as early as possible.



Appx 4

SUMMARY OF TEWT - CONDUCT OF THE ATTACK

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
G273  
14 Jul 44

1. GENERAL

- (a) The object of the TEWT, which was arranged for all officers of the brigade, was to study the battalion in the attack with special reference to the final preparations for battle and the conduct of the attack.
- (b) The subject was dealt with by a study of the various paragraphs of an operation order and from this the normal principles were determined.
- (c) A few of the principles for supporting fire were discussed but the intention was to deal with this fully in a later TEWT, similarly for reorganisation.
- (d) The following paragraphs are a summary of the principles brought out in the discussion. These notes should be read in conjunction with extracts from FSR Vol II issued as an attachment to TEWT 3.

2. INTENTION

- (a) The intention is the Commander's will and his object for carrying out a given operation. This must be suited to the means available such as ground, troops etc. The commander is the only person who can express an intention and it should never be left to a subordinate.
- (b) The intention must be impressed on the subordinates by the commander and it is their duty to ensure it is carried through. This means subordinates down to the man in the section so that in case of casualties to commanders the intention will be carried out by the next in command.
- (c) The main principle involved is the maintenance of the object. From the intention the plan in detail is prepared and put into action.

3. FORWARD COMPANIES

- (a) For an attack a battalion is divided into two echelons - forward and reserve troops.
  - (i) Forward troops are those intended to commit to the initial attack to gain first contact. These consist of infantry companies supported by MMGs and mortars etc.
  - (ii) Reserve troops are those troops the commander wishes to retain in his own hand and consist of a reserve of infantry troops and a reserve of fire power.
- (b) When making the decision as to how many companies should be forward the following points are to be considered:
  - (i) the task in hand,
  - (ii) frontages to be covered,
  - (iii) depth of the attack.
- (c) During the advance all sub-units must maintain their formations and intervals. Care should be exercised that the forward sections and platoons do not blend together making a long thin line with a reserve line crowding up on the forward troops. By maintaining formations and intervals as given in the orders sub-units retain room to manoeuvre and avoid bunching and crowding which may involve the whole of the attacking force in the first flush of battle.
- (d) The principle here is economy of force and no more troops other than those essential to attain the object should be forward troops. The more scanty the information available the stronger proportionally will be the reserve.

#### 4. OBJECTIVES

- (a) The selection of objectives is one of the principle means by which the leader exercises control over the attack.
- (b) Companies will usually receive frontages and objectives and the battalion commander may give intermediate objectives. Objectives may be described as an area or as from point to point. Dividing lines or boundaries are not always necessary but if given it should be indicated whether they are inclusive or exclusive.
- (c) Objectives are selected for their tactical importance. In desert warfare objectives are given in depth in order to penetrate to the enemy gun line. They should be easily recognisable on the ground to assist in maintaining direction. By night, and in certain cases by day, they may be given as a line a certain distance from the start line.
- (d) Objectives should be within the capacity of endurance of the troops, moral and physical, and within the power of weapons and ammunition available to support them.

#### 5. ROUTES OR LINES OF ADVANCE

- (a) It is always necessary to define clearly the route - there is usually an axis of advance, centre line or general bearing of the attack. Company routes to the objectives usually being given by the battalion commander. Such points as cover, room for deployment, surprise and control are to be considered.
- (b) A defiladed route such as ridges, timber etc may economise in supporting fire and save casualties.
- (c) Where a compass bearing is given this may be a battalion bearing with separate bearings for companies.
- (d) Intricate changes in direction are dangerous and, where possible, should always be avoided.

#### 6. LIMIT OF EXPLOITATION

Exploiting success must be controlled. It is essential that the objective is cleared of enemy but limits for pursuit must be defined in order that this control is maintained.

#### 7. FORMING UP POINT

- (a) This is usually a position under cover where final preparations are made for crossing the start line and here companies may be deployed in the formation in which they intend to attack. The formations may be the same as for the start line, but dependent on the distance to the start line they may be more concentrated.
- (b) Forming-up points need not be square to the objective though the start line must. It may be necessary to define the route from the forming-up point to the start line and timings must allow for time to be spent on the forming-up point.
- (c) Where troops can form up on a start line behind cover it is then not necessary to have a forming up point, the troops moving direct from assembly areas to the start line.

#### 8. START LINE

- (a) The object of a start line is to co-ordinate the attack and to ensure control is maintained in the initial stages.
- (b) The start line should be square to the objective in order to maintain direction. It should be well defined and easily recognisable on the ground. Where this is not so, as in the night attack, it will be essential to tape it.
- (c) Very little time should be spent on the start line, sufficient only for a quick check on formations and in the case where it is under view or fire there should be no halt.

- (d) If the attack is being supported by artillery the start line should be not less than 200 yards from the opening burst.
- (e) Timings for the advance and supporting fire are usually calculated from the time troops cross the start line.
- (f) It is essential the start line is crossed at the time laid down.

#### 9. LIAISON POINTS

- (a) To establish contact on boundaries liaison points are laid down. This ensures control during the advance to the objective in as much as information can be passed between sub-units, direction maintained and the advance co-ordinated.
- (b) Flank units or sub-units may be able to assist if they know the progress, dispositions etc of their sub-units.

#### 10. RATE OF ADVANCE

- (a) The rate of advance is dependent on the following factors:
  - (i) Ground - good ground allows a rate of 100 yards in one minute but this may vary up to 100 yards in 3 or 4 minutes.
  - (ii) The weight of ammunition and equipment carried.
  - (iii) The physical state of the troops.
  - (iv) The intensity of enemy fire.
- (b) The rate of advance affects the rate of movement of artillery, MMG or mortar supporting fire barrages, these advancing at the same rate as the infantry. Pause lines in artillery programmes allow time for the infantry to catch up and reorganise before proceeding.
- (c) The rate of advance is often calculated, in conjunction with artillery program, to allow for fighting during the attack.

#### 11. RESERVE

- (a) The reserve consists of a complete tactical unit and can be reserve of infantry companies and supporting weapons as tanks, T&A guns, MMGs, Mortars etc. They are employed as follows:
  - (i) To maintain the momentum of the attack,
  - (ii) to exploit success,
  - (iii) to deal with a threat against a flank,
  - (iv) for consolidation.
- (b) The commander must be quite clear on how he intends to employ his reserve. The problem of how to use the reserves effectively and in time depends greatly on the receipt of prompt and accurate information from forward troops.
- (c) The attack should be organised in depth i.e. with sufficient reserve to meet unexpected situations and to confirm and exploit success. It is the commander's chief means to influence the attack once it has been launched.
- (d) Reserves move forward by bounds but must not move so close as to become involved in the battle of the forward companies.

#### 12. SUPPORTING WEAPONS - ARTILLERY, MMG and MORTARS

- (a) Consideration must always be given to the use of the above weapons to support the infantry attack. Provided the ammunition is available there should always be fire support and where possible a concentration of heavy supporting fire. Economy and the requirements of the immediate future must be always held in mind.
- (b) In attacks against organised resistance artillery is usually by time barrages or concentrations on known enemy localities. The artillery program should not be timed so far ahead that it is tied up entirely. It should be flexible for fire by observation in the final stages after troops have been supported on to the objectives.

- (c) In attacks against uncoordinated resistance, here the fire support is usually best kept flexible with forward observation officers well forward for artillery, and some MMGs and mortars in the rear of forward companies to provide close support. There may be a short timed program prior to the direct support.

### 13. REORGANISATION

To be dealt with in a later TEWT. It is sufficient here to mention that at various periods during an attack reorganisation may be necessary to keep control.

### 14. MOPPING UP

This always requires good organisation. All troops are responsible for mopping up but certain sub-units as reserve platoons of forward companies and reserve companies may be specially detailed for the task.

### 15. H HOUR

- (a) This is usually the time at which the troops cross the start line.
- (b) The battalion commander when making his decision for H Hour must pay careful attention to the time and space problem. He must allow time for the issue of orders which will come into his considerations of time available. This emphasises the necessity for an organised method in the events that lead up to H Hour.
- (c) It is imperative that the troops cross the start line at the time laid down otherwise the whole attack may fail. Artillery support is tied up with the timings and it is all based on H Hour. Lateness will result in the troops being far behind the supporting fire resulting in unnecessary casualties.
- (d) The enemy situation will have a definite influence on H Hour. If speed is essential time for preparation will be short and only an organised method will cope with the situation. In the event of adequate time being available elaborate detailed preparations can be made.

### 16. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Administration details as supplies etc can be considered as being divided into forward and reserve supplies.
- (i) Forward supplies are those which accompany the troops in the initial stages of the attack and are available for immediate use.
- (ii) Reserve supplies, as for a reserve of any nature, are maintained to ensure success and to meet unexpected situations. These are brought forward from the rear as required.
- (b) The following points are a few which have to be considered:
- (i) Weight of stores carried,
- (ii) mobility of the troops, this will be affected by the man-load weights,
- (iii) Ammunition supply - how long can the man maintain himself in battle with the ammunition he carries?
- (iv) medical - the means of keeping a force in the field and the means of evacuating casualties.
- (c) Commanders and administration personnel must always endeavour to anticipate the amount of supplies and stores required and where they will be needed most. Reserves should never be committed prematurely, at the same time adequate arrangements as guides, method of transporting stores, locations etc must be made in order that reserves are pushed forward with all possible speed.

17. INTERCOMMUNICATION

- (a) The following points are to be considered:
- (i) The position of battalion HQ and its projected line of advance (usually along the axis),
  - (ii) allotment of signallers and equipment,
  - (iii) tasks for the Intelligence Section and liaison personnel,
  - (iv) details of any special light signals.
- (b) A detailed and systematic plan of intercommunication is essential in order for the commander to exercise control. Without this he cannot hope to gain the necessary information on which to base any further actions nor can he impart his will to subordinates.

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TEWT 4 - REORGANISATION

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
10 Jul 44

1 ATTENDANCE

All offrs at SAND MODEL, Bde HQ, at 1400K 12 Jul 44.

2 OBJECT

To study methods of rapid reorganisation, consolidation and exploitation after an attack.

3 LESSONS

- (a) "Reorganisation must be quick and good." Gen MONTGOMERY
- (b) "Consolidation has as its purpose to secure the objectives which have been reached, or other important localities which have been occupied against counter attack and as a base for further advance. The process includes the organisation of the position for defence; the reorganisation of the troops; the replenishment of ammunition, etc; the establishment of communication both to the rear and to the flanks; provision for observation and information; arrangements for supporting a further advance." FSR Vol II Sec 59 (2)
- (c) "There is often a period after a successful attack when ground beyond the allotted objective can be occupied with little or no resistance while the enemy is still surprised and disorganised." FSR Vol II Sec 59 (1)
- (d) "The exploitation of a success depends mainly on the leadership of the subordinate commanders. When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from a reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive. Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE." FSR Vol II Sec 59 (1)

4 TOPOGRAPHY

Issued at sand model.

5 NARRATIVE 1

Gen picture is the same as for TEWTS 2 and 3. Both fwd coys captured their objectives after a hard fight particularly in the case of the right coy. Amn expenditure was hy.

Right fwd coy

The right fwd pl now just fwd of CONE HILL had the pl comd wounded, 1 sec comd and 3 OR killed and 2 OR wounded. The left fwd pl just NORTH of the PIMPLES had the pl sjt and 2 sec comds wounded and 4 OR killed. Res pl now just NORTH of FOTTERS COPSE had 4 wounded. The coy was somewhat disorganised after its hard fight.

Left fwd coy

Now just NORTH of LONG HILL had a total of 10 cas. They are mopping up a few isolated enemy.

Many enemy dead and wounded were lying about on the bn front and the remainder, much disorganised could be seen running in the direction of TURTLE CREEK.

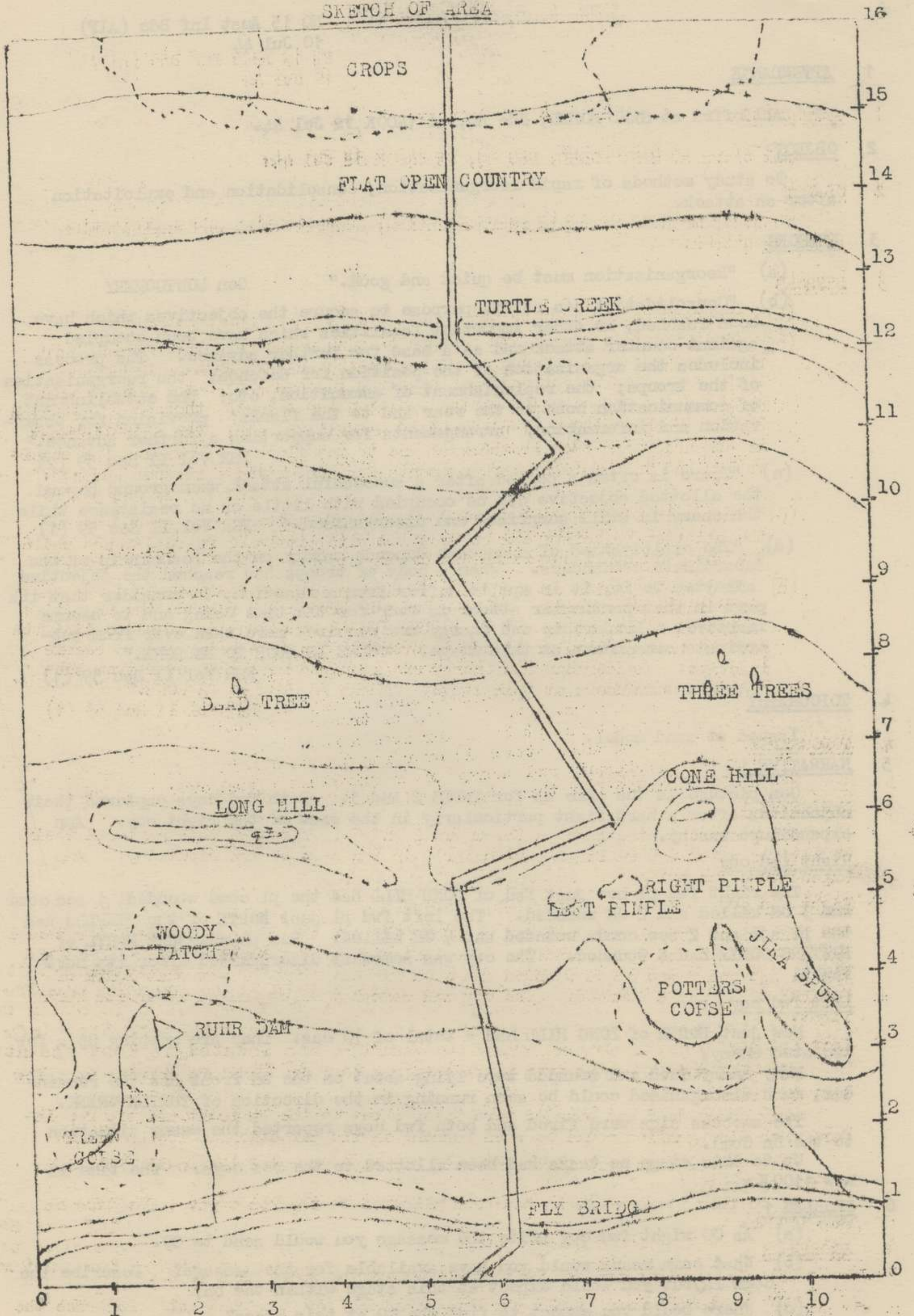
The success sigs were fired and both fwd coys reported the enemy situation to the Bn Coml.

Up to this stage no tasks had been allotted to the res coys. The time is now 1100K.

6 PROBLEM 1

- (a) As OC right fwd coy write the message you would send to CO.
- (b) What comm means would you have available for the message? Describe the comm layout you would expect at this stage within the bn.
- (c) Where would you expect to find the CO at this stage?
- (d) What action would the CO take to exploit success?

TEWT 4  
SKETCH OF AREA



Each section represents 1 foot = 100 yds

Subject: PATROLS

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
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1. A discussion on patrolling experiences during the DUMPU - FINISTERRE RANGES - BOGADJIM - MADANG ops and along the KABENAU RIVER to the coast was conducted at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde in which all offrs attended.
2. The following is a summary of the discussion.

### INTRODUCTION

3. The object of patrols is twofold. Firstly, it is to obtain infm in order to enable the comd to formulate his plan; secondly, the infm gained by the use of various types of patrols provides protection for his force against surprise.
4. Infm is usually obtained by recce, fighting and harassing the enemy. In the jungle observations are limited and no opportunity should be lost for patrols of all types to become the eyes of the comd. The gathering of infm regarding terrain, enemy locations and str is essential to a comd in building up a complete picture of the ground on which he is fighting or intends to fight.
5. An organized patrolling plan by the comd is necessary. A short time spent in the preparation of the patrolling plan will save many days in the obtaining of infm. Where infm is required patrolling should be carried out on as wide a front as possible.

### PATROL DETAILS

6. Patrols must be planned in detail in accordance with each task and a definite patrolling technique should be developed to ensure that the maximum value is obtained from each patrol.
7. There are four main types of patrols:-
  - Protective patrols
  - Special Recce patrols
  - Standing patrols
  - Fighting patrols

Such other types of patrols as contact and deceptive patrols may also be included. In various methods these patrols acquire infm for the compilation of the comd's plan, and infm in order to protect a force against surprise. In close jungle country infm regarding the ground on which our tps are located is most essential to the comd.

### TASKS

#### 8. (a) Protective patrols

"Its job as its name implies is to protect its pl, which is probably one of a number of pls protecting the bn as a whole."

IMT sec 68

Its main task is to search for an enemy within a given zone or area. Protective patrols may also be utilized for the protection of exposed L of C, FUPs, night advs.

#### (b) Special Recce patrols

Its task is to obtain and send back specific infm either concerning the enemy or topographical in time to be of use to the comd.



(c) Fighting patrol

The task of a fighting patrol is usually to obtain infm by fighting for it. Fighting patrols may also be used in a protective role - to delay the enemy during a withdrawal, protect preparations for attack or def, or to counter enemy patrols.

(d) Standing patrols

The task here is mainly to gain infm. This infm can be gained by sending out recce patrols from the standing patrol or by fighting. Standing patrols may be placed to protect vital areas e.g. lines of approach, track juncs, etc.

(e) Contact patrols

Their task is contact purposes with our own tps. May be used to provide infm of the ground occupied by our tps.

(f) Deceptive patrols

These are used either to create diversions during an attack and to create false impressions of str and dispositions. They are in actual fact a type of fighting patrol.

9. Tasks must be given in question form, be clear and understood by all members of the patrol. 1.
10. To enable the patrol leader to carry out his task to the best of his ability, the comd must give him all the infm available, why the patrol is being sent out and what is in the comd's mind. To be the "eyes" of the comd the patrol leader must be given the comd's "mind".
11. The completing of a task is entirely within the hands of the patrol leader who therefore must be carefully selected. He must be impressed with the value of his task and the importance of reaching his objective. The latter requires faultless leadership.
12. Patrols must be versatile. For all patrols where it involves any mov fwd of a locality, whether a recce, protective, standing patrols, etc, a log of topographical infm must be kept and passed to the IO to allow him to collab all infm available about the area fwd of our FDLs. No opportunity should be wasted in producing as much infm of the terrain as possible.

STR OF PATROLS

13. The size of a patrol is dependent on many things and no hard and fast rules can be laid down. Each patrol must be considered individually and the str decided accordingly.
14. The following pts are to be considered when determining the patrol str:
  - (a) task
  - (b) enemy estimated str and dispositions (incl terrain)
  - (c) distance from base (miles, hours, days)
  - (d) duration
  - (e) availability of natives and special tpt
  - (f) intercomn
  - (g) div, bde or bn policy
  - (h) own tps available.

15. Experience in ops has been that small patrols of two or three men, commanded by an offr, are most valuable for special reces as they are less conspicuous and can move faster. Small patrols are economical in man power and permit a comd to send out more patrols therefore covering more ground and thus ensuring a greater degree of intelligence. Much time is saved by patrolling simultaneously on a broad front as patrols sometimes takes days to complete a task.

16. A suggested str for a fighting patrol is one pl and in certain circumstances one coy.

17. Patrols must be versatile and whatever their str must be prepared to fight if circumstances warrant it. This applies equally to a special recce patrol although it is not designed as a fighting unit.

#### DURATION

18. It is not practical for a comd to lay down a "time in" for a patrol due to the difficulties of estimating time for mov in the jungle.

19. The essential thing is to get the infm required in one mission, and to ensure this the time to return must be left to the patrol comd's discretion.

20. The importance of reaching the objective must be impressed upon the patrol comd.

21. To provide for the case of a patrol taking longer than estimated, arrangements must be made before hand. As a gen rule, a two day patrol should always carry three days rations.

#### BRIEFING

22. Previous instrs issued on briefing by the use of photos, maps and briefing sketches have proved quite sound.

23. In order to impress the will of the comd on the patrol it is necessary for the CO, Bn IO or Coy Comd to brief the patrol personally. Wherever possible the whole patrol should be briefed by the comd particularly in the case of special recce.

24. For complete briefing it is essential the following be made available:

air photos  
maps  
briefing sketches.

Air photos are part of the technique of jungle warfare and all offrs should be trained in photo interpretation incl the use of the stereoscope. It is recommended stereoscopes be issued on the scale of one per coy.

25. Briefing sketches should be prepared by the Bn IO or comd on the spot from a study of maps, air photos and previous patrol reports. A well prepared sketch greatly assists the patrol to reach its objective as it is then in possession of all available topographical infm.

### NAVIGATION

26. A patrol must have a definite method of knowing its location at all times and how far it has travelled. The use of trained pacers is one method but where this is not practical due to terrain other methods such as timing, recognition of physical features, use of compass in conjunction with the map etc must be employed.
27. Keeping a navigation log has proved very satisfactory. The patrol must use their eyes at all times so that a complete picture can be given to the comd on return. The log is the most satisfactory method of recording the infm and it serves as a permanent record of the route.

### ALLOCATION OF DUTIES

28. The patrol leader must have a definite plan for the allocation of duties and regular reliefs. These may include:-
- formation scouts etc
  - bounds
  - action in case of surprise
  - pace makers
  - compass man
  - man loads
  - adm details

### INTERROGATION

29. Patrols must be interrogated by the person who briefed them and from this interrogation and the navigation log int personnel are then able to build up a complete picture of the whole front.
30. Prior to interrogation it is wise to put the patrol at their ease so as not to fluster them during interrogation. Tps must realize the importance of truthful and accurate reports and the danger of exaggeration and making guesses.

### MEALS

31. For short patrols the fd op ration is quite satisfactory as it is a balanced ration. However on lengthy patrols it is advisable to provide balanced SWP rations and then hot meals should be given at every opportunity.
32. When cooking the following precautions are necessary:-
- (a) no smoke by day.
  - (b) cook clear of sleeping areas.
  - (c) organize mov from meal area to sleeping area after dark by means of vines which are rolled up after last man passes.
  - (d) remainder of meals eaten on the track to be buried and so not give away patrolling activities.
- Comds must ensure that extra and well prepared rations are available for patrols returning to base to offset undue fatigue.

### SLEEPING

33. Patrols must carry sufficient sleeping accn to ensure reasonable comfort and rest for the men. Mosquito nets will always be carried as normally patrols will not bivouac in such close contact with the enemy that nets cannot be erected.

34. Attention should be given to the following pts:
- (a) keep away from creeks and water courses, tracks and track junc.
  - (b) keep off the ground and sleep in pairs.
  - (c) if in kunai clear 5 to 8 yds around the area.
  - (d) small drain around each bed area and build lean to or shelters.
  - (e) everyone to be aware of posns of own tps in patrol bivouac area.
  - (f) vines to sentry posts and latrines.
  - (g) sleep in dry clothes.
  - (h) keep away from native huts.
  - (j) apply mosquito lotion during sentry periods.

ADM DETAILS

35. All details of adm must be carefully planned by the comd having regard to the task and duration of the patrol. The individual should not be allowed to please himself what he carries and to ensure that a patrol is administratively complete comds must lay down what each man will carry and wear.

36. The following details are suggested as a guide:

- (a) food: one extra days ration above the amount necessary to carry out the task.
- (b) dress: by day : battle order less blanket roll.  
by night : battle order complete.
- (c) weapons and amn - one day.
  - (i) Recce patrols
    - grenades 2 per man
    - 50 rounds .303
    - 5 mags OSMG
    - no bren
    - extra owen
    - cups discharger
  - (ii) Fighting patrol:
    - grenades 4 sec 4 per man
    - 100 rounds .303
    - 6 mags OSMG and 100 rounds
    - Bren LMG and 5 mags
    - Sig cartridges, red, green, illuminating 2more than one day.
  - (iii) Recce patrol - pl patrol.
    - all pl weapons incl 2" mortar.
  - (iv) Fighting patrol:
    - all pl weapons plus
    - grenades 4 sec 4 per man
    - grenades 7 sec 4 per discharger cup
    - 100 SAA .303
    - 12 2" mortar HE
    - 3 2" mortar smoke.
- (d) carriers native  
For long range patrolling it may be necessary to accompany the patrol for duration or to lay down sup dumps for the return journey.
- (e) med  
Med orderly to accompany each patrol except in the case of special recce patrols.

INTERCOMN

37. Infm must be sent back to the comd by the quickest possible means, therefore intercomn must be planned and reliable.
38. Line comn is preferable and must be est whenever possible. If it is not possible to keep line up to a patrol, other means of comn, e.g. runner or wireless must be used from patrol to cable head
39. When line has been laid, wireless is an alternative means of comn only. When it is impossible to lay cable, wireless may be used as the main means of comn. When this is so, patrol leaders must be wireless minded and allow the operator sufficient time to set up his sta. and to take proper care of his eqpt.
40. It is not practical to order patrols to report by wireless at definite times, as the patrol may not be in a suitable area for WF comn at the time. Base should maintain a listening watch, and the patrol call base whenever suitable ground is reached.
41. Experience has shown that in most cases where wireless has failed, it was due to the inefficiency of the operator, or his failure to take proper care of the set, e.g. allowing set to get wet, not carrying spare parts.
42. Patrol comds must consider the fatigue of the men when using runners. It is often preferable to use PIB or police boy runners if available, as they do not suffer fatigue as much as a white man and also as they move faster.

RECOMMENDATIONS

43. The following recommendations are made:-
  - (a) patrols of sec str and above must be prepared to remain in posn overnight to observe enemy and gain infm once contact is est. On contact two members of the patrol should be sent back with the infm available.
  - (b) good results are obtained by recce patrols of one pl str breaking down into three sec patrols on arrival in the enemy area. Sec patrols then operate simultaneously.
  - (c) climbing irons should be made available for all patrols.
  - (d) the scale of stereoscopes should be increased to provide one per bn HQ and one per coy.
  - (e) the gas cape should be redesigned as a rain shelter and as a sleeping garment.
  - (f) special arrangements should always be made for sufficient ration res to be carried in order that the patrol may complete its task etc.
  - (g) Fd op rations issued for patrol rations should be in addition to the daily SWP ration so that extra rations are available to build up patrols on return.
  - (h) PIB or police boys should be att to assist as guides and runners for patrols.
  - (j) to assist in obtaining infm from natives greater attention should be paid to the trg of personnel in pidgin english.
  - (k) Jungle Navigation requires a high standard of trg for all personnel. Every officer and NCO should be able to interpret Air Photos.

- (m) keeping a navigation log fills in the gaps of infm not available to the comd when briefing. Thus a complete picture is built up.
- (n) achieving the object in one mission is of paramount importance.

*Lt Lt Hammer*

Brig  
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(12)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn	(12)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	(12)
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	(2)
Comd	
BM	
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)

15 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 11

RELIEF OF 15 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

14 Jul 44.

1. 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be relieved by 7 Aust Inf Bde in accordance with this instr.
2. For the purposes of this instr the relief has been divided into two phases -  
  
Phase 1 - The disembarkation on one day of certain 7 Aust Inf Bde units and the embarkation on the day following of certain 15 Aust Inf Bde units - see Appx A.  
  
Phase 2 - Approx 7 days after Phase 1 the disembarkation of remaining 7 Aust Inf Bde units and the embarkation of remaining 15 Aust Inf Bde units - see Appx A.
3. Dates of embarkation will be advised.
4. 15 Aust Inf Bde LOB Gp, personnel at NGDD LAE and MORESBY and units of 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp at LAE will be moved to AUSTRALIA under separate arrangements by NG FORCE.

PHASE 1

5. VACATION OF AREAS

- (a) Each of the 15 Aust Inf Bde units embarking in Phase 1 will be relieved by the corresponding unit of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (b) Each unit will forthwith -
  - (i) Recce and clear sites within unit area suitable for bivouacking relief unit overnight. These sites should be in close proximity to existing coy etc cookhouses.
  - (ii) Ensure all coy areas are clearly signposted.
  - (iii) Prepare handover files containing int files and other gen instrs.
  - (iv) Remove all rubbish from unit areas and leave intact any serviceable eqpt or stores not required.
- (c) On arrival of relief units, each unit will -
  - (i) Provide guides, properly briefed in their duties, in each coy area. Guides will be distinguished by white cardboard placed in the front of the hat. unit/
  - (ii) Provide hot meals on day of arrival of relief/and until relief is effected.
  - (iii) Give relieving unit complete handover files.
  - (iv) Handover unit areas and obtain from the CO of the relieving unit Handover Certificate as to the cleanliness and sanitation of the area.
  - (v) Ensure that any ord and accn stores remaining are properly transferred.
  - (vi) Appoint a rear party to collect remaining stores, cooking gear, etc. Party will rejoin unit on the same day.
- (d) Each unit will render to this HQ immediately on relief a certificate by the CO that the unit area has been left in a clean and tidy condition and that all surplus stores have been handed over to the incoming unit or returned to RSD.

6. DISEMBARKATION 7 AUST INF BDE UNITS

- (a) Disembarkation offr will be appointed by this HQ to assist 7 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Report centres, each in charge of an offr, will be est at 4 and 15 Aust Inf Bde jetties.

- (c) 57/60 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns will each provide -  
(i) 2 offrs and 4 NCOs for duty at report centres to receive incoming units and direct them to unit areas and stores dumps. Parties will wear white armbands on the right arm.  
(ii) 5 competent NCOs as guides for duty on LCMs working between vessel and jetties.  
(d) Time of reporting for duty will be advised later.

7. EMBARKATION OF 15 AUST INF BDE UNITS

- (a) Embarkation offr appointed is Capt V C THOMAS, MC, HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.  
(b) Units will embark in the order shown on Appx A.  
(c) Parties detailed under para 6 hereof will also be responsible for embarkation. In addition each unit will nominate one WO or Sjt per coy or equivalent sub-unit to report to Embarkation Offr to act as guides on board vessel.  
(d) Lt-Col R R MARSTON, DSO, ED is appointed OC Tps. He will work in conjunction with permanent OC Tps on board vessel.  
(e) Wireless comm will be maintained between vessel and 15 Aust Inf Bde jetty.  
(f) Personnel  
(i) All personnel excepting 15 Aust Fd Amb will embark from 15 Aust Inf Bde jetty. 4 Aust Inf Bde jetty will not be used unless absolutely necessary.  
(ii) 15 Aust Fd Amb will embark from MATUPI jetty.  
(iii) Adv party 24 Aust Inf Bn and Adv party 15 Aust Fd Coy will report to this HQ by 0900 hrs on day of embarkation.  
(iv) Unit personnel <sup>ready</sup> for embarkation will remain in unit lines until receipt of instrs to move to the jetty.  
(v) Personnel will embark in marching order with rifles slung reversed and in order of nominal rolls. Personnel will not remove eqpt prior to or during mov in LCMs.  
(g) Stores  
(i) On day prior to embarkation unit stores will be moved as follows: HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, 14 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, 266 Aust LAD to Jetty area; 57/60 Aust Inf Bn to area junc of SIAR road and track to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn; 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to area in front of Q Store; 3 and 4 Aust Sup Dep Pls to Jetty area.  
(ii) Units are responsible for the safety and protection of unit stores whilst in these areas. Adequate stores gds will be provided.  
(iii) On day of embarkation 57/60 and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns will, on receipt of instrs, commence loading stores and mov to jetty area.  
(iv) A Pl & RDI 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will provide a working party of 50 personnel to report to Jetty Offr by 0700 hrs. This party will be responsible for loading of all unit stores onto LCMs at Jetty.  
(v) Units will nominate baggage parties to accompany unit stores during voyage. Party will comprise not less than one offr and 10 OR per bn and Bde HQ; 1 NCO and 3 OR for A Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb and 1 NCO and 3 OR for both 3 and 4 Sup Dep Pls. Baggage parties will proceed on leave in accordance with para 21 2 Aust Corps Adm Instr 18.  
(vi) Units are responsible for protection of their own stores against damage or pilfering both prior to and during the voyage. COs may, at their own discretion, increase the str of baggage parties.

PHASE 2

7. DISEMBARKATION OF REMAINDER 7 AUST INF BDE

7 Aust Inf Bde will provide own guides and disembarkation parties.



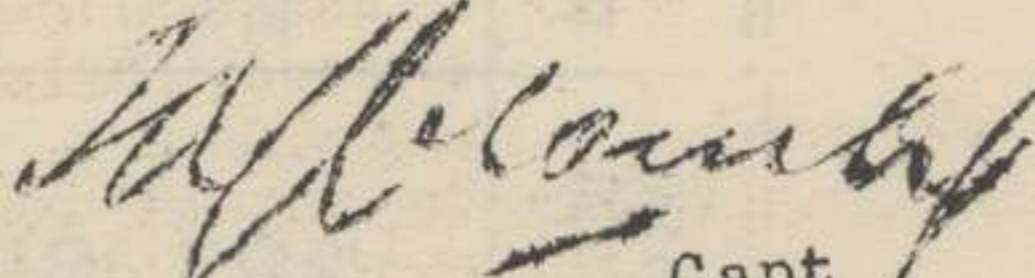
9. EMBARKATION OF REMAINDER 15 AUST INF BDE

- (a) Mov of these units will be co-ordinated by Lt N D ANDERSON, HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, in conjunction with 5 Aust Div "Q" LO Capt B J PAPWORTH.
- (b) 24 Aust Inf Bn will appoint embarkation offr for all units.
- (c) Each unit will provide unit embarkation offr and parties to assist in embarkation and loading of stores at respective unit jetties.
- (d) Units will embark as follows:
  - 24 Aust Inf Bn from MADANG
  - 15 Aust Fd Coy from NAGADA
  - 15 Aust Fd Amb from MATUPI
  - A Pl & RDI 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy from 15 Aust Inf Bde Jetty.
- (e) Lt-Col G F SMITH, DSO, is appointed OC Tps. He will work in conjunction with permanent OC Tps on board vessel.
- (f) Personnel will embark in accordance with para 7 sub para (e) section (vi) hereof.
- (g) Units will nominate baggage parties in accordance with para 7 sub-para (f) sections (v) (vi) hereof.
- (h) Each unit will render to this HQ certificate required by para 5 (d) hereof.

GENERAL

10. ON VOYAGE

- (a) Units will receive detailed instrs from permanent OC tps immediately upon embarkation. Gen instrs for voyage are contained in Appx F Standing Orders for movement within AUSTRALIA and its Territories.
- (b) Training - see 15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 11
- (c) Discipline - strict discipline will be maintained whilst on voyage. All parades will be properly supervised.
- (d) Gambling - org gambling is prohibited. Every offr is individually responsible for breaking up any gambling schools and taking appropriate action against offenders. Duty offr will be appointed to ensure that there is a constant supervision.

  
Capt  
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
57/60 Aust Inf Bn  
58/59 Aust Inf Bn  
15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)  
14 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
266 Aust LAD (AIF)  
15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)  
A Pl & RDI 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)  
3 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
4 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)  
Comd  
BM  
SC  
5 Aust Div  
4 Aust Inf Bde  
7 Aust Inf Bde  
File  
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PRIORITY OF MOVEMENT

SERIAL NUMBER	7 AUST INF BDE GP in ORDER OF DISEMBARKATION	APPROX STR	PLACE OF DISEMBARKATION	SERIAL NUMBER	15 AUST INF BDE GP in ORDER OF EMBARKATION	APPROX STR	PLACE OF EMBARKATION
			<u>PHASE 1</u>				
1	Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	43	15 or 4	1	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	75	15 Bde Jetty
2	Signal Section	23	Bde Jetty	2	15 Aust Inf Bde Signal Section	44	" " "
3	Adv Pty 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	10	" "	3	14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	31	" " "
4	25 Aust Inf Bn and		" "	4	266 Aust LAD	35	" " "
5	Adv Pty 9 Aust Inf Bn	740	" "	5	Adv Pty 24 Aust Inf Bn	15	" " "
6	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	27	" "	6	Adv Pty 15 Aust Fd Coy	5	" " "
7	One coy 11 Aust Fd Amb	67	MATUPI	7	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	550	" " "
8	61 Aust Inf Bn	590	15 Bde "	8	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	620	" " "
				9	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	31	" " "
				10	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	32	" " "
				11	A Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb	70	MATUPI
	TOTAL FIRST VESSEL	1500			TOTAL FIRST VESSEL	1488	
			<u>PHASE 2</u>				
9	Rear HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	33	15 Bde	12	A Pl and RDI 152 AGT Coy	83	15 Bde Jetty
10	7 Aust Inf Bde Signal Section	25	Jetty	13	24 Aust Inf Bn less adv pty	582	MADANG
11	241 Aust LAD	16	" "	14	15 Aust Fd Coy less adv pty	240	NAGADA
12	5 Aust Fd Coy	240	—	15	15 Aust Fd Amb less A Coy	140	MATUPI
13	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	30	15 Bde				
14	B Pl AGT Coy	80	Jetty		TOTAL	1045	
15	11 Aust Fd Amb less one Coy	140	MATUPI				
16	113 Aust Bde Wshops	110	—				
17	113 Aust Ord Fd Pl	20	—				
18	9 Aust Inf Bn	700	15 Bde				
19	Rear details 7 Aust Inf Bde	350	Jetty				
	TOTAL	1744					

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DISCUSSION 3 - ORDERS

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

G271

13 Jul 44.

ATTENDANCE

1. All officers at SAND MODEL Bde HQ 0930 hrs 16 Jul 44.

OBJECT

2. To study the layout and sequence of the following unit and sub-unit orders and to consider the detail required in these orders
- (a) A general warning order
  - (b) Operation orders for advance, attack and defence.

GENERAL

3. The necessity for a standard sequence and uniformity in orders is apparent. By having a standard sequence set out in a pro forma method or as an "aid memoire" commanders can become accustomed to a logical line of thought when issuing their orders. However the sequence must be flexible so that it can be adapted to any situation.
4. Orders whether verbal or written must be complete in detail and must not leave anything to chance, but at the same time they should not become too lengthy or too complicated.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

5. (a) What points would be required in a general warning order which would cover any operation?
- (b) Give a suggested sequence including sub-headings for an order on a battalion basis to cover advance, attack and defence.
- (c) Discuss the amount of detail required in a sub-unit order and whether the sequence as laid down for a battalion order is suitable for use in sub-unit orders.
- (d) Discuss the type of order and its sequence that would be given by commanders of 2, 3 and 4 Platoons. (Respective commanders of these platoons will carry out this discussion.)

DISTRIBUTION

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57/60 Aust Inf Bn	12
57/59 Aust Inf Bn	12
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*J. Schmede* Capt  
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION 3 - ORDERS

Appx 8  
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
G284  
3 / Jul 44

1. GENERAL

- (a) The object of the discussion, which was attended by all officers of the brigade, was to study the layout and sequence of operation orders, and to consider the detail required in these orders.
- (b) Orders for the attack, defence and advance were discussed, and as a result of the discussion a standard logical sequence was determined.
- (c) The following is a summary of the discussion.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) Warning order

This is an order issued to provide early notice of an intended operation. Normally it is based on scanty information and issued before a definite plan is made but contains sufficient information to commence a preliminary course of action.

(b) Operation orders

The object of an operation order is to bring about a course of action in accordance with the intentions of the commander and with full co-operation between all arms and services. It conveys in full detail the plan of the operation and the method of execution.

(c) Operation instructions

(i) These are issued when it is necessary to place a subordinate commander in a position in which he must act on his own judgment. In comparison with an operation order which lays down a definite course of action, an operation instruction leaves the course of action to the subordinate commander's initiative.

(ii) An operation instruction provides all available information likely to affect the performance of a task, states clearly the object to be attained and leaves the method to the subordinate commander's discretion. Certain limitations may be imposed to conform with the commander's strategy.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- (a) Orders should be complete in detail and should not leave anything to chance; at the same time they should not be too lengthy or too complicated.
- (b) An order should contain only what the <sup>recipient/</sup>requires to know in order to carry out his task.
- (c) In order that all forces may understand clearly the task allotted to each part, the whole order should be embodied in one and not as a series of separate orders.
- (d) The object to be attained with such information that affects its attainment should be briefly but clearly stated. The actual method of attaining the object will be given in sufficient detail to ensure co-ordination of effort.
- (e) Most of the detail of the method paragraph of an operation order becomes information for the orders of the next lower formation  
eg: the action and tasks of other sub-units,  
centralized artillery programs,

- (f) Where anything is normal there should not be need to mention this unless the omission is likely to cause doubt in the subordinate's mind.

4. USE OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations are used in orders to provide speed in their compilation. They must be correctly used. The use of an incorrect abbreviation may only lead to confusion and have the opposite effect as regards the time factor.

5. SEQUENCE OF ORDERS:

- (a) Attack : See Appendix "A" attached  
(b) Defence : See Appendix "B" attached  
(c) Advance : See Appendix "C" attached.

6. WARNING ORDERS

The following general points, where possible, should be included in a warning order:

- (i) Situation  
(ii) Probable action  
(iii) Rendez-vous and time for issue of orders  
(iv) Assembly areas for "F" and "T" Groups  
(v) Routes  
(vi) Time of movement or "No move before....."

7. CONCLUSION

By a study of the layout and sequence of an order, commanders can then issue their orders in an easy manner, adopting a logical line of thought and ensuring all the necessary detail is covered.

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Capt  
EM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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SEQUENCE OF OPERATION ORDER - ATTACK

APPX A

.....AUST INF BN 00 1

SECRET  
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COMPASS

For verbal orders

TOPOGRAPHY

INFM

1. Enemy

Incl following details where applicable:

Approx str, morale, FDLs, areas MMG and mortars, gun posns, patrol activity, enemy posn from SL to objective, wire, minefds, booby traps, extent of development of fdworks, gas and likely enemy action.

2. Own Tps

- (a) Brief summary of action of next higher fmn.
- (b) Brief summary of flanking fms and co-operating arms incl areas and bdys.
- (c) Additional tps coming under comd.
- (d) Tps reverting to comd.
- (e) Tps leaving comd.

3. Air

- (a) Enemy if applicable (may be included as a sub-para under Enemy)
- (b) Brief outline of co-operating and supporting aircraft.

4. Met

INTENTION

5. ....Aust Inf Bn will .....

METHOD

6. Summary

7. Fwd Tps

- (a) RIGHT.....  
with under comd .....  
in sp .....  
Objective  
Task and/or probable role on objective  
Limit of exploitation
- (b) LEFT.....  
with under comd .....  
in sp .....  
Objective  
Task and/or probable role on objective  
Limit of Exploitation

8. Assembly areas

9. FUP

- (a) Location
- (b) Action to be taken there
- (c) Route to SL.

10. SL

11. H Hr
12. Route. Axis of adv or bearing of attack
13. Rate of Adv
14. Bounds
15. Liaison Pts
16. Res
  - (a) Composition
  - (b) Mov
  - (c) Probable role
  - (d) Limit of exploitation.
17. Guides
18. Inf Weapons
  - (a) MNG ) (i) Allotment
  - (b) Mortars ) (ii) Task Table
  - (c) Tk A ) unit, gun area, task, timings, amm, rate, remarks.
19. Para
20. Arty
  - (a) Allotment
  - (b) Tasks - as in para 18.
  - (c) FOOs
21. Tk A (Arty)
  - (a) Allotment
  - (b) Tasks.
22. AA
23. Engrs
24. Flank protection
25. Mopping up
26. Patrols
27. Deception
- ADM
28. Med - RAP, WWCP, line of evac, allotment of SBS
29. Amn - amount carried on man. Location res.
30. Sups
31. Tools
32. Eqpt
33. Tpt - A and B Ech - Tpt plan. B Ech if brigaded - time and place.
34. TC - RPs, lt restrictions, traffic circuits, signposting.
35. Stragglers Post
36. PW - Action to be taken, location PW cage, responsibility for erection, stores.

- 37. Sal
- 38. Rec
- 39. Native carriers - allotment, rations, escorts.
- 40. Engr stores
- 41. WPs
- 42. Malarial precautions
- 43. EYE

INTERCOMN

- 44. Bn HQ ) location, times of opening, moves.  
Report Centre )
- 45. IT )
- 46. WT ) Allotment
- 47. VS )
- 48. DRLS
- 49. Wireless silence
- 50. Success Sigs - e.g A Coy RED GREEN
- 51. Code Words
  - (a) For imposing wireless silence
  - (b) For breaking wireless silence
  - (c) For changing frequencies
  - (d) Ref this order
  - (e) Cancellation this order
  - (f) Bounds or liaison pts
  - (g) Units and sub-units
- 52. Ground/air sigs
- 53. Password
- 54. Synchronization

For verbal orders - any questions.  
comds check back on orders

ACK

Issued by

Capt  
Adjt ....Aust Inf Bn

Signed at

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SEQUENCE OF OPERATION ORDER - DEFENCE

APPX B

... AUST INF BN 00 1

SECRET  
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Ref Map:

COMPASS )  
          ) For verbal orders  
TOPOGRAPHY )

INFM

- 1. Enemy )
- 2. Own tps ) as for attack
- 3. Air )

INTENTION

4. ... Aust Inf Bn will .....

METHOD

5. Summary

6. Ground vital to def

7. FDLs

8. Disposns of tps

- (a) Covering tps ) Comd, composition, task, time of occupation,
- (b) outposts ) time and route of withdrawal.
- (c) Fwd tps
  - (i) .... Coy with under comd .....  
          in sp .....
    - (ii) area
    - (iii) task
  - (d) Res
    - (i) .... Coy with under comd .....  
          in sp .....
      - (ii) area
      - (iii) task

9. Bdys

10. Time of occupation

11. Development - works policy, tasks in order of priority.  
                  Alternative posns.

12. Inf Weapons

- (a) MMG ) Allotment
- (b) Mortars ) Task table
- (c) Tk A )

13. Pnrs

14. Cav or tks

15. Arty

- (a) Allotment
- (b) Task
- (c) FOOs
- (d) Time to commence registration



SEQUENCE OF OPERATION ORDER - ADVANCE

APPX C

... AUST INF BN 00 1

SECRET  
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COMPASS )  
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TOPOGRAPHY )

INFM

1. Enemy )  
2. Own tps ) as for attack  
3. Air )

INTENTION

4. .... Aust Inf Bn will .....

METHOD

5. Summary
6. Groupings and tasks
  - (a) Covering tps or adv gd mob tps
    - (i) Comd
    - (ii) Tps
    - (iii) Axis of adv
    - (iv) Tasks
  - (b) Adv Gd - as for (a)
  - (c) main body - in order of march incl R and O Gps
  - (d) Flank gd
7. Route
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14. Bounds
15. Report lines
16. Bdys
17. Pts of junc
18. Recce parties
19. Deception
20. AA - incl action on air attack.

ADM

21. As for attack

INTERCOMN

22. As for attack.

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APP 29

NOTES ON BRIGADE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE 8

HELD AT BDE HQ 1600 HRS 17 JUL 44

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
G281  
19 Jul 44.

Subject: LEAVE INSTRUCTIONS

These notes are in confirmation.

1. MALARIAL CONTROL WHILST ON LEAVE

The following action will be taken by units to ensure malarial control is maintained during the period of leave.

- (a) Units will prepare a memo to be forwarded to each soldier at his home address, stating he must take one atebirin tablet daily for his entire period of leave and until such time as he rejoins his unit in its concentration area.  
This memo will also stress the importance of continuing with atebirin and the consequences which will result in the event of failure to carry out the necessary precautions.
- (b) Prior to embarkation, and aboard ship, units will conduct a series of lectures on the above lines. This will include a talk by the commander to his officers and a lecture by RMOs pointing out the serious effect malaria can have on health, in addition to normal lectures given by officers.
- (c) The soldier must be made to realise the importance of avoiding malaria. There are two factors to be considered - the soldier's health and the unnecessary wastage of manpower through sickness.
- (d) It is the ambition of this Brigade to establish the highest record of Returned to Unit in the AMF and to prove that the present outstanding record of malarial control is not skin deep. To achieve this it requires the co-operation of all ranks.

2. ATEBRIN CONTAINERS

In order to prevent the possible loss of atebirin whilst on leave units will provide sufficient containers for an issue of one per man. Wax match tins with the tops painted red or the normal atebirin containers, if available, will suffice.

3. SCALE OF ISSUE - ATEBRIN

Sufficient atebirin will be issued by units to cover travelling time and the period of leave plus 14 days reserve.

4. DISCIPLINE

This Brigade will be the only formed body of troops on leave during the future period. Consequently the Brigade will attract considerable attention and, therefore, the importance of maintaining a high standard of discipline is obvious. Good behaviour and good discipline will add to the present high reputation the Brigade has earned.

5. SALUTING

Whilst on leave troops will pay the correct compliments to officers at all times. This includes officers of other units and not only officers of this Brigade.

6. DRESS

All troops are to be advised of the correct dress to be worn whilst on leave. The following points are to be noted:

- (a) Service Dress complete with all badges and colour patches and all buttons fastened will be worn. Collars and ties with Service dress will not be permitted.
- (b) Hats will be worn turned up with chin straps beneath the chin.
- (c) Belts WE, gaiters and boots will be worn. Shoes may be worn for social functions. On no account will shoes and gaiters be worn together.

7. GAMBLING

Prior to embarkation no soldier will be paid more than £5, the object being to control gambling during the forthcoming voyage. Every effort will be made by units to prevent gambling in order to protect the soldier and to ensure sufficient money is available for his leave.

8. HOME ADDRESSES

Units will maintain a record of home addresses for all ranks. This may be required in the event of a possible concentration for a march before leave expires and also for the purpose of contacting any officer or OR for special duty.

9. PRE-MARRIAGE TALKS

Further to the pre-marriage talks already conducted, units will determine, either direct or through their chaplains, details of any other members desiring to be advised on this subject. RMOs will make any necessary arrangements for their continuation.

10. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

- (a) Units will ensure troops receive education on the subject of AWL. Troops should be made to realise the serious consequences of any case of AWL.
- (b) Any troop who, through unusual or unexpected circumstances, requires an extension of leave should make the necessary application, stating his case, to his unit and also to his nearest LTD.

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Capt  
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Subject: INSPECTION BY LT-GEN S G SAVIGE, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
G283  
18 Jul 44.

1. Lt-Gen S G SAVIGE, DB, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE accompanied by Maj-Gen A H RAMSAY, CBE, DSO, ED, GOC 5 Aust Div will carry out an inspection of all units of the brigade on 20 Jul 44.

2. ITINERARY

The following times are only approximate and subject to alteration. Units will be advised of any changes to this itinerary.

0930 hrs Arrive 57/60 Aust Inf Bn. Ceremonial parade - inspection and march past.  
1030 hrs Morning tea Officers Mess 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.  
1100 hrs Arrive 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Ceremonial parade - inspection and march past.  
1200 hrs Cool drinks Officers Mess 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.  
1230 hrs Lunch HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.  
1400 hrs Depart for MADANG.  
1430 hrs Arrive 24 Aust Inf Bn. Ceremonial parade - inspection and march past.  
1530 hrs Afternoon tea Officers Mess 24 Aust Inf Bn.

3. CEREMONIAL PROCEDURE

Attached as Appendix A is the procedure to be carried out by units for the ceremonial parade, inspection and march past as per the itinerary.

4. DRESS

- (a) Dress will be drill order.  
(b) Pistols, rifles and Owen SMGs only will be carried. Bren LMGs will not be on parade. Owen SMGs will be grouped together in platoons.  
(c) Equipment will be scrubbed and cleaned but not whitened. Equipment of RPs and guards will be whitened. Brasswork will not be polished.  
(d) All ranks will wear a good clean suit of clothing.  
(e) Pugarees and colour patches will be worn.  
(f) Gaiters will be worn and these must be uniform within the unit, i.e. either all American gaiters or all Australian gaiters.  
(g) Boots will be polished.  
(h) Decorations will be worn. Units will ensure all personnel who are entitled to wear decorations have the necessary ribbons and are on parade.

5. STEADINESS ON PARADE

Units will impress on all ranks to remain steady on parade. They will not follow the reviewing officer with their eyes or move at any time they are not standing easy.

6. ARMS DRILL

Arms drill will be in accordance with MTP 18. Special attention is to be paid to drill for Owen SMG numbers as laid down

in MTP 18 sections 90.1.98.

7. TRAFFIC CONTROL

RPs will be posted on roads in vicinity of battalion parade grounds to control traffic during the reviewing officers address and march past.

8. ATTENDANCE

All ranks less essential duties, which must be kept to an absolute minimum, will be on parade. This includes unit RMOs and Chaplains.

9. SALUTING BASE

- (a) Units will construct a raised saluting base in a suitable position for the reviewing officer to address the parade and to act as a stand for the march past.
- (b) This stand will have a frontage of at least five yards and a width of three yards.
- (c) The saluting base will be flagged in accordance with MTP 18 Plate 7.

10. BUGLERS

- (a) Buglers or trumpeters of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will be made available for sounding the General Salute on each battalion parade.
- (b) They will move with inspecting party's barge to MADANG.

11. TRANSPORT

- (a) Bde TO will arrange for three jeeps to be standing by in the car park at Bde HQ as from a time to be notified.
- (b) Capt V C THOMAS, MC, BM(L) will act as guide for the official party and will be responsible for clearing the road of any other transport during the movement of the party.

12. ENTERTAINMENT

- (a) Units will arrange morning and afternoon tea as laid down in the itinerary.
- (b) At the completion of the march past for each unit all officers will assemble at their respective Messes for the purpose of meeting Gen SAVIGE.

13. PREPARATION

On 19 Jul 44 units will make all necessary arrangements for the inspection and review. Battalion parades to rehearse the ceremonial procedure will be held.

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CEREMONIAL PROCEDURE

1. PRELIMINARY PROCEDURE

Units will march on to the battalion parade ground and will form-up in a suitable formation to suit the ground.

2. RECEIVING THE REVIEWING OFFICER

- (a) When the Reviewing Officer presents himself before the centre of the parade he will be received with a General Salute. Unit commanders will wait until the reviewing officer is on the parade ground before giving the salute.

Orders - GENERAL SALUTE - PRESENT ARMS

The men will present arms and all officers will salute, supernumerary ranks will present arms.

SLOPE ARMS  
ORDER ARMS  
STAND AT EASE.

- (b) On the command PRESENT ARMS bugler or buglers will sound the General Salute.
- (c) On the completion of the general salute battalion commanders will march out and receive the reviewing officer.

3. INSPECTION

- (a) The reviewing officer will carry out an inspection of all companies.
- (b) The company commander of the leading company, on the movement of the battalion commander, will immediately prepare his company for inspection.

Orders - ATTENTION  
OPEN ORDER - MARCH  
RIGHT DRESS  
EYES - FRONT.

- (c) During the RIGHT DRESS CSMS will not march out to a flank and dress the ranks. Dressing will be automatic on the command EYES RIGHT. When the ranks are steady the company commander will give EYES FRONT.
- (d) Before the inspection of one company is completed, the next company will be prepared for inspection so that there is no delay when the reviewing officer approaches.
- (e) The reviewing officer will pass down the front rank of each company from right to left; the centre rank from left to right; and the rear rank from right to left.
- (f) Commanders will accompany the reviewing officer during the inspection as follows:
- (i) The company commander will move level with the reviewing officer on the side further from the troops.
  - (ii) The battalion commander will move immediately behind the reviewing officer.
  - (iii) The divisional commander and brigade commander will follow the battalion commander.
  - (iv) Staff officers in order of seniority will follow the brigade commander.

(v) Platoon commanders will not accompany the inspection party.

4. ACTION ON COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION AND THE ADDRESS

- (a) The reviewing officer will resume his position at the saluting base and the battalion commander his place on parade. The battalion commander will not repeat a. General Salute at this stage.
- (b) The battalion commander will then give the order BATTALION CLOSE. On this order companies will automatically close on the centre or in a suitable formation in which all troops can hear the address by the reviewing officer.
- (c) The action of closing the battalion on one order must be practised beforehand to ensure a neat smart action is carried out by companies.

5. THE MARCH PAST

- (a) The reviewing officer will give orders for the March Past and the battalion will then march past in column of route.
- (b) When the battalion commander has saluted in the march past he will move out and place himself on the right rear of the reviewing officer and remain there until the parade has passed. During his absence the battalion second in command will assume command.
- (c) On the arrival at the first flag of the saluting base the company commander will give the order EYES RIGHT or LEFT. The company commander only will salute with the hand. All other officers will turn their heads in the required direction.
- (d) The order EYES FRONT for sub-units will not be given until the rear of the sub-unit is clear of the saluting base.
- (e) Constant intervals in accordance with MTP 18 Plate 10 will be maintained by sub-units in the march past.
- (f) When passing the saluting base troops will give an upward lift when turning their heads and the eyes will look straight at the reviewing officer.

6. ACTION ON COMPLETION OF THE MARCH PAST

On completion of the march past companies will move to their respective parade grounds for dismissal.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES  
OF 15 AUST INF BDE

IN NEW GUINEA - FEBRUARY 1943 - JULY 1944

1. The Brigade began movement to NEW GUINEA in February 1943 and by March 1943 was concentrated in the MORESBY area.
2. Operational requirements were such that the Brigade was then temporarily split up:-

Brigade Headquarters and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn moving to BOEDUBI area.

24 Aust Inf Bn moving to the BULOLO VALLEY - MARKHAM VALLEY area.

and

57/60 Aust Inf Bn moving to TSILI TSILI area.

3. Attached are brief chronological accounts of each unit in the Brigade.

4. DECORATIONS

The following are the total number of decorations won by members of 15 Aust Inf Bde and by members of other units under command 15 Aust Inf Bde for the particular operations during the period June 1943 to April 1944.

Bar to DSO	- 1	Brig H H HAMMER, DSO
DSO	- 3	Lt-Col G F SMITH Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col R R MARSTON, ED Comd 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Maj K S PICKEN Adm Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
OBE	- 2	Lt-Col W D REFSHAUGE Comd 15 Aust Fd Amb Maj B H TRAVERS BM 15 Aust Inf Bde
MC	- 22	Including Lt-Col G R WARFE, Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
MBE	- 2	
DCM	- 6	
MM	- 21	
MID	- 21	

24 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT AND OPERATIONS

- Mar 43 Battalion arrived at MORESBY.
- Apr 43 Battalion less one company located in the  
to EULOLO VALLEY. Extensive patrolling was  
carried out and in September an attack was  
Sep 43 launched at MARKHAM POINT.
- One company was under Command 15 Aust Inf Bde  
in the HOPE area and took part in the SALAMAUA  
operation.
- Sep 43 Battalion crossed the MARKHAM River and con-  
to centrated at NADZAB whilst clearing the SANAM  
Jan 44 VALLEY of the enemy retreating from LAE
- Jan 44 Moved to DUMPU where extensive patrolling was  
to carried out and a successful attack launched on  
CAMERONS KNOLL. Battalion then held in reserve  
Apr 44 at GUYS POST.
- Apr 44 Located at SAIDOR for ground defence. Deep  
to patrols were sent into the hinterland during  
Jun 44 this period.
- Jun 44 Concentrated at MADANG awaiting movement to  
to the mainland.  
present  
date.

DECORATIONS

DSO	-	1	Lt-Col G F SMITH
MC	-	2	
DCM	-	2	
MM	-	3	

57/60 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Mar 43 Battalion arrived at MORESBY.

Jun 43 Then moved to TSILI TSILI for air drome  
to defence and patrolled extensively in that  
Sep 43 area.

Sep 43 Located at NADZAB and patrolled North  
to and West.  
Oct 43

Oct 43 Concentrated at MORESBY refitting and  
to training.  
Jan 44

Jan 44 In the RAMU VALLEY conducted a battalion  
to raid on ORGORUNA. Later advanced along the  
Apr 44 BOGADJIM Road and captured BOGADJIM and MADANG.

May 44 Concentrated at MADANG training and await-  
to ing movement to the mainland.  
present  
date

DECORATIONS

DSO	-	1	Lt-Col R R MARSTON	ED
MC	-	4		
MM	-	5		

58/59 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Mar 43	Arrived at MORESBY.
May 43 to Sep 43	Moved to BULOLO VALLEY and from there moved to BOEDUBY and took part in the SALAMAUA campaign.
Sep 43 to Jan 44	Concentrated at MORESBY for refitting and training.
Jan 44 to Apr 44	In RAMU VALLEY carried out extensive patrolling along the KABENAU River to the coast and to BOGADJIM.
May 44 to present date	Concentrated at MADANG for training and awaiting movement to the mainland.

DECORATIONS

MC	-	7
MM	-	5
MID	-	8

HQ 15 AUST INF BDE

MOVEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Mar 43 Arrived at MORESBY.

May 43 Conducted the SALAMAUA operation with  
to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3  
Sep 43 Aust Indep Coy.

Sep 43 Area Command NADZAB and conducted the  
to SANAM VALLEY operation.  
Nov 43

Nov 43 At MORESBY refitting and training, 57/60  
to and 58/59 Aust Inf Bns.  
Jan 44

Jan 44 In RAMU VALLEY. Conducted operations at  
to ORGORUNA - CAMERONS KNOLL - KABENAU River and  
Apr 44 BOGADJIM - MADANG.

May 44 At MADANG - Training 57/60 and 58/59 Aust  
to Inf Bns.  
present  
date

DECORATIONS

Bar to DSO	- 1	Brig H H HAMMER, DSO
CBE	- 1	
MBE	- 1	
MID	- 7	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 44

To 5 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny.	
			Capt J CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde interviewed DAQMG 11 Aust Div regarding accommodation of stores. The matter was deferred pending determination of future movement of the brigade.	B.
	2 Sep 44		Weather - Fine. As the result of a request to 11 Aust Div by Capt J CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde one jeep was allotted to this HQ. This brought the brigade transport strength to 2 x 15 cwt and one jeep.	
	3 Sep 44		Weather - Dull and showery. Transport was made available to move personnel to their respective church service in adjacent areas, otherwise a day of rest.	B.
	4 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. 1 Officer and 15 OR marched in ex leave. This increased the strength of the brigade details to 5 Officers 35 OR.	B.
	5 Sep 44		Working parties continued clearing the area. Weather - Overcast and showery.	B.
			Capt J CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde again interviewed DAQMG 11 Aust Div regarding setting up of Brigade and Battalion sites. He advised that the present site should be used as a Brigade Reception Camp and up to 350 personnel on return to unit be held in it and that such personnel be used as working parties to prepare the battalion sites. The sites should be occupied when prepared.	
			Capt J CLEARY also discussed the position regarding accomod-	

*B. J. Cleary*



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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 5 Sep 44 To 8 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 Sep 44		ation of stores and was advised that an indent should now be submitted for them. Working parties continued clearing the area.	1/3
	6 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. WO II MOORE, Bde QMS, interviewed ADOS 11 Aust Div and arranged to draw additional tentage and blankets to accommodate at this site, drafts of up to 350 personnel returning from leave until accommodation can be arranged for them at battalion sites. WO II MOORE also requested ADOS for advice as to the drawing of full scale of accommodation stores for brigade and all units under command, and also explained that quantities of accommodation stores may be required at very short notice. ADOS informed WO II MOORE that the whole matter would be taken up with 11 Aust Div and this brigade contacted as soon as possible. Working parties continued clearing the area.	1/3
	7 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. Working parties continued clearing the area.  During the evening the YMCA officer from 11 Aust Div visited the brigade and conducted a quiz session. Small prizes in the form of comforts were donated and the entertainment proved to be very enjoyable.	1/3
	8 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advanced HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde visited REDLYNCH Staging Camp at CAIRNS and discussed with the Movement Officer the drafting of 15 Aust Inf Bde troops from the Staging Camp.  The Movement Officer agreed not to send more than 200 personnel on any one draft and at intervals of not less than two or three	

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*Belmont*

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 Sep 44 To 14 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Sep 44		days. It was also suggested that a Sergeant from this Brigade be attached to REDLYNCH for liaison purposes and to assist with the movement of troops.	B
	9 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. With the possibility of large numbers of personnel returning to their units in the near future, plans were made for the clearing of the area and the erection of tents for accommodation.	B
	10 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Transport was made available for troops attending Church parades in the adjacent areas. Otherwise a day of rest.	B
	11 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Mr M H WHARTON YMCA Welfare Officer was attached to the Brigade. All available were engaged in clearing the area and erecting tents.	B
	12 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast. WO II MOORE discussed with ADOS 11 Aust Div the allotment of accommodation stores for the bedding of up to 300 personnel at the Brigade Reception Camp.	
	13 Sep 44		Working parties continued clearing the area. Weather - Clear and sunny. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the area. G III I 11 Aust Div was contacted by the Bde "I" section representatives regarding plans of the allotted Bde and Bn sites. He advised that no plans existed as the sites had not previously been occupied. A supply of 1" maps were obtained of the Bn areas and Jungle Training Areas.	B
	14 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. A draft of personnel marched in and previous arrangements made	B

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).....

Date and Time.—From 14 Sep 44..... To 16 Sep 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	14 Sep 44		proved sufficient for their accommodation. The total strength by units was then:- HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde                      1 offr      7 OR 24 Aust Inf Bn                              2      "      15      " 57/60 Aust Inf Bn                          1      "      31      " 58/59 Aust Inf Bn                          6      "      33      " 15 Aust Fd Amb                              1      "      9      " 152 Aust Gen Tpt    6      " 3 Aust Sup Dep Pl    2      " 129 Aust Bde Wksps    9      " Total for Brigade <u>11      "      112      "</u>	
	15 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. An allotment of five 15 cwt 4 x 4 vehicles was made to the Brigade by 11 Aust Div. This considerably relieved the transport difficulties for light work but where the removal of large quantities of equipment or the cartage of gravel was involved daily allotments of 3 ton trucks still were obtained from 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the area and in the erection of additional tents.	73
	16 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde accompanied by a representative from each unit inspected the new Brigade area. Capt CLEARY decided that work should be commenced to clear the sites in preparation for the anticipated movement of the Battalions to their respective areas when sufficient personnel were available. Accordingly he issued instructions to the	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 16 Sep 44 To 19 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 Sep 44		unit OCs to detail daily working parties for the preparation of their respective areas. He also advised that limited working parties would continue to clear the staging area on the	
	17 Sep 44		15 Aust Fd Amb site. Weather - Clear and sunny. Transport was made available for personnel attending Church parades in adjacent areas, otherwise a day of rest.	B
	18 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. Strength of Brigade details 11 offrs 135 OR. NX97 Maj W A PIKE, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn reported to Bde HQ ex leave and assumed command of the clearing and construction of the new sites. Capt J R CLEARY still remains OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde for all administrative purposes. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the Brigade and Battalion sites.	
	19 Sep 44		<u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Bde HQ was opened at WATSONIA, Victoria today by Maj T J SCHMEDJE, BM, Capt T A MOLOMBY, SC and Capt N R JOHNS, BASCO. Weather - Overcast. Working parties continued on the clearing of the sites. An allotment of 3 ton trucks was obtained daily from 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy for the purpose of carting away rubbish cleared from the sites.	B
			<u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Weather - Clear and sunny. Lt N D ANDERSON SC (L) marched into WATSONIA. Lt J WILLIAMS, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn was sent to LTD CAMP PELL to	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit... HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).

Date and Time.—From... 19 Sep 44..... To... 21 Sep 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19 Sep 44		act as LO to assist in the reception of 15 Aust Inf Bde troops marching in ex leave and to arrange for their movement to WATSONIA where the Brigade is to concentrate for its March of Honor through MELBOURNE on 13 Oct 44.	B
	20 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. NX76326 Lt V PASSLOW, LO 15 Aust Inf Bde reported ex leave. Strength of Brigade details 15 offrs 196 OR. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the new sites. <u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Weather - Cloudy and showery. Today the Brigade assumed Command of all 4 Aust Inf Bde and 11 Aust Inf Bde troops in the WATSONIA camp. 15 Aust Inf Bde personnel commenced marching in ex leave and it is expected that this will continue until approximately 6 Oct 44 when all personnel of the Brigade should have completed their leave. The Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER has been in constant touch with the Brigade. He has also maintained close contact with Vic L of C on matters relating to the March of Honor. This included such things as rifle and equipment which all had to be borrowed; all Brigade arms and equipment being left with the Rear HQ in the concentration area at ATHERTON.	B
	21 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Arrangements were made with ADOS 11 Aust Div for the Brigade to draw sufficient tents to fulfil requirements for the anticipated move to the new sites. ADOS advised that these could be drawn within several days. All personnel were engaged in clearing the new sites.	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 21 Sep 44 To 25 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	21 Sep 44		<u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Weather - Cloudy but fine. Lt D M WHITE, Amenities Officer marched in ex leave.	1/3
	22 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Maj-Gen A J BOASE, Comd 11 Aust Div accompanied by GI 11 Aust Div visited Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and inspected the area. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the Brigade sites.	1/3
	23 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Capt R BOWDEN, OC 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec reported ex leave. Strength of Brigade details 14 Offrs 198 OR. Maj W A PIKE and Capt J R CLEARY, OC Adv HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde inspected the new Brigade areas and decided that the Battalions would move into them on the following week. Accordingly instructions were issued that 57/60 Aust Inf Bn would move on 25 Sep 44, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn on 26 Sep 44, 24 Aust Inf Bn on 27 Sep 44 and Bde HQ on 2 Oct 44. All available personnel were engaged in clearing the new camp areas.	1/3
	24 Sep 44		Weather - Clear and sunny. Transport was made available to carry personnel to their respective Church parades in adjacent areas, otherwise a day of rest.	1/3
	25 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn personnel moved from the Brigade Staging area to their new site at ref map DIMBULAH 413404. Capt R BOWDEN, Bde Sig Offr visited CO 11 Aust Div Sigs and	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).....

Date and Time.—From 25 Sep 44..... To 26 Sep 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	25 Sep 44		discussed the signal position within the Brigade, special attention being paid to stores and equipment. Personnel with the exception of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn were engaged in clearing their camp sites. <u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Weather - Warm and sultry. Over the past week drafts of personnel have been marching in ex leave and throughout all units normal camp maintenance and administration is being carried out. A prominent feature at the present time is the behaviour and discipline of the troops. AWL figures are at an admirable low level, scarcely reaching double figures in any unit.	
	26 Sep 44		Weather - Overcast and showery. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn personnel moved from the Brigade Staging area to their new site ref map DIMBULAH 1" 414413. 15 Aust Inf Bde HQ and 24 Aust Inf Bn continued with the preparation of their areas. As there were no buildings erected on the new sites, all stores were left in the store huts at the Brigade Staging area. Each Battalion was instructed to leave a small number of personnel at their respective sheds to act as guard and to maintenance equipment. <u>WATSONIA HQ</u> Weather - Fine and warm. A car DS was obtained through Vic L of C for the Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER today. Lt D M WHITE, 15 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Officer obtained supplies of sporting equipment from Vic L of C for all units today.	B

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 27 Sep 44 To 28 Sep 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27 Sep 44		<p>Weather - Clear and sunny.</p> <p>Strength of Brigade details 16 offrs 330 OR.</p> <p>24 Aust Inf Bn personnel moved from the Brigade Staging area to their new site ref map DIMBULAH 1" 410409.</p> <p>With the sudden influx of large numbers of personnel, a considerable quantity of blankets were required. Accordingly Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde interviewed ADOS 11 Aust Div in an endeavour to draw the required quantity in advance. ADOS advised that blankets were in short supply, but that every effort was being made to obtain them.</p> <p>Maj J C WATSON, OC 2 Coy Sigs, visited Capt R BOWDEN, OC 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec and advised that all signal equipment in the Brigade would be inspected by 'M' Sec Sigs 11 Aust Div with the object of classifying the state of the equipment.</p> <p><u>WATSONIA HQ</u></p>	
	28 Sep 44		<p>Weather - Cool and cloudy.</p> <p>Capt S R HEDLEY, IO 15 Aust Inf Bde marched in ex leave.</p> <p>Attached as appendix is 15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 1</p> <p>Weather - Clear and sunny.</p> <p>Due to the small number of personnel with Bde HQ and as all three battalions had settled in their new areas, Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde instructed the battalion OCs to each supply, in turn, daily working parties to assist in clearing the Bde HQ site.</p> <p>A daily allotment of 4 - 3 ton trucks was still being obtained from 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy by 11 Aust Div. This transport was being used for carting gravel and for the removal of debris</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">B.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Appx 1</p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 28 Sep 44.....To 29 Sep 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 Sep 44		from the camp areas. An indent was submitted to 11 Aust Div requesting the normal entitlement of MT for the Brigade and units under Command. It was also requested that should any delay be involved in the delivery of the vehicles, a jeep be made available to each unit as early as possible. <u>WATSONIA HQ</u>	
			Weather - Warm with strong winds. Capt B LEFFERS, Hygiene Officer, 15 Aust Inf Bde marched in ex	73
	29 Sep 44		leave. Weather - Clear and sunny. Communications were supplied to all battalions by the laying of a party line. A DRLS was also established to the battalions. Maj W A PIKE and Capt J R CLEARY, OC Advance HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde inspected the battalion sites and discussed with the Battalion OCs the layout of the area in anticipation of the arrival of the remainder of the Brigade. All personnel were engaged in improving their camp areas. <u>WATSONIA HQ</u>	
			Weather - Fine. Maj T J SCHMEDJE, BM and Capt S R HEDLEY, IO visited Capt FISHER Department of Public Relations this morning and the requirements of the Department of Public Relations for the publicity of the march discussed. Copies of the publicity given to 7 Aust Div were loaned to the BM and IO as an example and guide to what was wanted. Attached as Appendix is 15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 2	73
				Appx 2

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).....

Date and Time.—From 30 Sep 44..... To 30 Sep 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Sep 44		<p>Weather: Overcast.</p> <p>129 Aust Bde Wksp moved from the Brigade Staging Area to their new site, DIMBULAH 1" 415404.</p> <p>Work continued on the camp sites.</p> <p>Strength of the Brigade Details 18 offr 330 OR.</p> <p><u>WATSONIA HQ</u></p> <p>Weather: Showery and cool.</p> <p>The Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER, held a conference this morning. Lt Col G F SMITH, CO 24 Aust Inf Bn, Lt Col G F WARFE, CO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and Lt Col R R MARSTON, CO 57/60 Aust Inf Bn attended. Administration details of the March of Honour were discussed and certain details of dress laid down. The The Brigade leave policy was also laid down. This was nightly leave from 1600 hrs to 2359 hrs and 1600 hrs Friday till 0800 hrs Monday.</p> <p>Duty offr were on the following scale:-                      Bde HQ : 3 including one Capt                      Units : 1 Orderly offr                      1 Offr per coy or equivalent including 1 Capt.</p>	
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APP 1

15 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 1

WATSONIA

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
27 Sep 44

1 GENERAL

- (a) The principal object of trg whilst at WATSONIA camp is to produce the highest possible standard of ceremonial drill in preparation for the march through MELBOURNE on 13 Oct 44.
- (b) The type of trg to be carried out will also be a means of instilling a high standard of discipline amongst the tps.

Minor irregularities of discipline such as the failure to observe rigidly the orders for dress and failure to pay compliments have been noticed. During the forthcoming trg period these matters can be rectified.

2 TRG PERIODS

- (a) Trg parades will be held daily from Mon to Fri incl between the following hrs:-

0830 - 1200 hrs  
1400 - 1600 hrs

- (b) Units will take immediate action to commence trg on the undermentioned lines. Programme of trg will cover the period up to 13 Oct 44.

3 ROUTE MARCHES

- (a) For the purpose of hardening tps units will carry out a series of route marches commencing with marches of 2 hrs duration and gradually working up to marches of longer duration.
- (b) Any route not necessitating movement through HEIDELBERG may be taken.
- (c) Dress worn on route marches must be uniform and in accordance with the orders for dress laid down in Bde ROs No 9 of 26 Sep 44.

Equipment will be worn and rifles carried when these articles are issued to units.

4 CEREMONIAL

- (a) Ceremonial drill will be carried out in accordance with MTP 18. Application has been made for an issue of these pamphlets for the purpose of reference and they will be distributed on receipt.
- (b) Any departure of procedure as laid down in MTP 18 will be advised in further instrs.
- (c) The initial period will be devoted to elementary drill stressing the following drills:-

Elementary Foot Drill	MTP 18 Secs	8 - 37
Squad Drill	MTP 18 Secs	38 - 47
Drill with arms	MTP 18 Secs	51 - 89
Saluting	MTP 18 Secs	102 - 104

- (d) Following the initial period, pl, coy and bn drill in accordance with MTP 18 Secs 114 - 123 will be carried out.
- (e) During all trg in drill the principles of ceremonial will be stressed.

**5 RANGE PRACTICES**

- (a) The following ranges are available for bde units:-
  - 30 yd range : East end WATSONIA camp
  - 600 yd range : Donalds Lane, Sth MORANG.
- (b) Application has been made for trg smn and if made available units will carry out rifle practices.
- (c) Rifles issued may require zeroing but as these rifles are only on loan and are on charge to other units no action will be taken to zero them.
- (d) Further instrs covering allotment of ranges will be issued.

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**DISTRIBUTION**

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
58/59 Aust Inf Bn  
15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)  
3 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
4 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)  
152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)  
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)  
4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
11 Aust Inf Bde  
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RANGE PRACTICES

WATSONIA

Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
29 Sep 44.

Ref Map: YAN YEAN 1-in.

**1** GENERAL

The following ranges have been made available for units of 15 Aust Inf Bde between 3 Oct 44 and 10 Oct 44.

- (a) MORANG Rifle Range  
Location - off McDONALDS LANE. Map ref of entrance gate 096566,  
Number of target stands - 20.
- (b) Six 30 yd ranges -  
Location - East end of WATSONIA camp.

**2** ALLOCATION OF RANGES

- (a) Ranges will be available to units between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs as follows:

Serial	Unit	Dates		Remarks
		MORANG Rifle Range	30 yd range	
1	Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 266 Aust LAD 14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 15 Aust Fd Coy 3 Aust Sup Dep Pl 4 Aust Sup Dep Pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 129 Aust Bde Wksp	6 Oct 44	5 Oct 44	Capt BRENGHLEY 266 Aust LAD will be responsible for all units of Serial 1.
2	84 Aust Inf Bn	9 Oct 44	9 & 10 Oct 44	
3	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	3 Oct 44	4 Oct 44	
4	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	4 Oct 44	3 Oct 44	
5	4 Aust Inf Bde	5 Oct 44	6 Oct 44	

- (b) If required by units a further allocation will be made.

**3** PREPARATION OF RANGES

Units as shown, will be responsible for preparing ranges for firing by 0900 hrs 3 Oct 44.

- (a) MORANG Rifle Range - 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) 30 yd ranges - 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

**4** SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Prior to and during use of ranges Red danger flags will be flown. For MORANG range flags will be flown at the following points:
  - (i) flag staff situated near kitchen building
  - (ii) flag pole in tree butt 400 yds North of target gallery
  - (iii) markers gallery
  - (iv) firing point.

- (b) Units will also ensure adequate sentries are posted.
- (c) Normal range discipline for firing will be carried out.
- (d) Units will ensure that sufficient officers are available for the supervision of firing.

5 TARGETS

Arrangements are being made for the issue of targets.

6 TPT FOR MORANG RANGE

Bde TC will supply to units the maximum number of vehs available and will advise units the day previous the number allotted.

7 ALLOTMENT OF AMN

(a) Allotment as follows:

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	}	3000 rds
15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		
266 Aust LAD		
14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		
129 Aust Bde Wksp		
24 Aust Inf Bn		8000 "
57/60 Aust Inf Bn		8000 "
58/59 Aust Inf Bn		8000 "
15 Aust Fd Coy		1400 "
3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	}	1000 "
4 Aust Sup Dep Pl		
152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		800 "
4 Aust Inf Bde		8000 "

(b) Capt CAMERON A/Bde QM will arrange distribution to units when required.

(c) Units can anticipate a further allotment of amn on the above scale.

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 Maj  
 BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

- 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
- 15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
- 3 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
- 4 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
- 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)
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