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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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2 Aust Mot Div.
Unit Adv HQ (G STAFF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Jan 43 to 1200 hrs 12 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKEBY	1 Jan		G Registry commenced.	JHL
ref Map TALLAROOK			Units occupying camps North of Goulbourn River to be prepared to evacuate camps at 24 hours notice.	JHL
1 m to 1 inch			First Scout Cars (DINGO) received in Div. 9 to 6 Aust Armd Bde, 1 to Div HQ.	JHL
177247	2 Jan		Int Summary No 59 issued.	Appx "C" JHL
	3 Jan		Capt D.R.DOWNEY I.O. carries out road and bridge recce of West route to concentration Area A.	Appx "E" JHL
	4 Jan	1100	Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn closes PUCKAPUNYAL. Opens ROKEBY.	ref Map TALLAROOK 177247. JHL
		1100	GOC and GSO 1 inspect 105 Aust A Tk Regt Pack run exercise. Amendment No 1 to O.I. No 18 issued	Appx "A" JHL
	6 Jan		First White Scout Car received in Div.	JHL
	7 Jan		Bde Overland Exercise takes place. Div Tps are included.	JHL
			GOC and officers of Div HQ inspect exercise at various times / and areas	Appx "F" JHL
	7 Jan	2015	Lecture on Military Law by Maj J.FULTON to Div officers	
	8 Jan		Int Report No 117	Appx "B" JHL
	9 Jan		Int Summary No 60.	Appx "C" JHL
	11 Jan		Lieut V.W.OFFICER : G Learner promoted to Capt as from 6 Jan 43.	JHL
	12 Jan		GOC and GSO 1 visit LHQ	JHL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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2 Aust Mot Div
Unit Adv HQ (G STAFF)

Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 12 Jan 43 to 2359 hrs 20 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROPERY	12 Jan		All Jeeps on issue to 2 Aust Mot Div to be returned to EOD.	<i>JK</i>
ref Map TALLAROOK	13 Jan		Trg Instn No 16 issued	Appx "F" <i>JK</i>
1 m to 1 inch	14 Jan	2015	Lecture on Military Law by Maj J. FULTON to Div officers.	<i>JK</i>
	14 Jan		Brig J. CLAREBOUGH Comd 3 Aust Army Tank Bde visits Div HQ	
177247	15 Jan		Warning Order re move of 48 Aust Fd Bty from School of Arty received.	Appx "F" <i>JK</i>
			Int Report No 118 issued.	Appx "B" <i>JK</i>
	15 Jan	1200	Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 15 Jan 43 issued	Appx "D" <i>JK</i>
	17 Jan		Capt A.W. GILL reports for duty at Div on appointment as ISO.	<i>JK</i>
	18 Jan		Int Summary No 61 issued	Appx "C" <i>JK</i>
		2005	Warning Order:- One Bty 22 Aust Fd Regt will replace 48 Aust Fd Bty as Depot Bty at School of Arty (Fd) HOLDSWORTHY	<i>JK</i>
		2015	Lecture to Div officers on "A Tk Bty in Armd Division" by Lt-Col J. SIMPSON C.O. 105 Aust A Tk Regt.	<i>JK</i>
A	19 Jan	0245	Warning Order received for Movt of 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp to Vic L of C Area and to come under comd 2 Aust Mot Div on arrival.	Appx "F" <i>JK</i>
			44 Bty 22 Aust Fd Regt named as Bty to go to HOLDSWORTHY	<i>JK</i>
		2340	Code word for Movt of 2 Aust Mot Bde & detraining stations / Notified.	Appx "F" <i>JK</i>
	20 Jan		Training Instn No 17 and 18 issued.	Appx "F" <i>JK</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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2 Aust Mot Div.
Unit Adv HQ (G. STAFF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 21 Jan 43 2359 hrs 28 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKEBY	21 Jan		Maj TANNER A/AA&QMG visits GEELONG - GHERANG Area to arrange camp sites for 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp.	<i>FL</i>
ref Map TALLAROCK		2015	Final lecture of series on Military Law by Major J. EHLTON.	<i>FL</i>
1 m to 1 inch	22 Jan		Int Report No 119 issued	Appx "B" <i>FL</i>
177247			Capt H.H. YOFFA reports for duty at Div HQ on appointment as Ordnance Officer.	<i>FL</i>
	24 Jan		Cricket Match Armoured (2 Aust Mot Div) v Army. at RICHMOND Cricket Ground. GOC present. £600 raised for POW funds.	<i>FL</i>
			Int Summary No 62 issued	Appx "C" <i>FL</i>
	25 Jan		Lieut J. JOHNSTON 14 Aust Camouflage Trg Unit conducts 3 day cadre for Div Tps at Div HQ.	<i>FL</i>
		2015	Lecture to Div Officers on "Artillery in Armoured Formation" by Lt-Col J.R. ELLIS C.O. 22 Aust Fd Regt.	<i>FL</i>
	26 Jan		Combat Efficiency Report forwarded.	Appx "F" <i>FL</i>
	27 Jan		Camouflage cadre at Div HQ completed	<i>FL</i>
	28 Jan		Lieut J. JOHNSTON commences 3 day Camouflage cadre at 105 Aust A Tk Regt	<i>FL</i>
			Lt-Col W.B. MAGUIRE relinquishes appointment as GSO 1 and reports for duty as GSO 1 Ops at LHQ.	<i>FL</i>
		1905	Sites 20A and 25 SEYMOUR Area to be vacated by 15 Feb. 6 Aust Army Arm Wkshop to be located at SEYMOUR Racecourse, 105 Aust A Tk Regt at LISTERFIELD	<i>FL</i>
		1910	Movt Details received for 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp.	<i>FL</i>

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2 Aust Mot Div.
Unit Adv HQ (G. STAFF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 29 Jan 43 2359 hrs 31 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKEBY	29 Jan		Strength of Div HQ Now 30 Officers 169 O Rs. Strength of	JH
ref Map TALLAROOK			Division now 332 Officers 5200 O Rs.	JH
1 m to 1 inch		2050	Movt Details (Rail times) received for 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp.	JH
177247			Q Instn showing movement and allocation of sites issued.	Appx 'F' JH
			Capt M.BURNELL A Learner reports to LHQ for duty as GSO III	JH
			on AFV Directorate.	JH
			Int. Summary No 65 issued	Appx 'C' JH
	30 Jan		Camouflage Trg Cadre at 105 Aust A Tk Regt completed and	JH
			Lieut JOHNSTON returns to L of C Area.	JH
	31 Jan		AQ inspects Lysterfield Camp.	JH
		2359	Location Statement issued	Appx 'D' JH
			<i>McNeill</i> Maj. 2, S. 2 Aust. Mot. Div.	

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Copy No 28

4 Jan 43

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 2 AUST MOT DIV
OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 18

1. Delete sub para 8 (1) and substitute :-

(1) WEST Route - 65 miles.

HILDENE 098318 - rd junc 065285 - 020286 -
003236 - 990218 - 994183 - 959179 - 903173 -
908165 - WEST to 807072 - 796069 - 737050 -
SOUTH to LANCEFIELD - CLAREFIELD (ref
WELLSOURNE 4m) F518 - (ref SURBURY 1") 803744 -
826737 - 824720 - rd bend 867714 - 892674 -
884640 - 917636 - CRAIGIEBURN 980621.

2. Addendum. Add attached Appx "E" - Water Points Concentration
areas A, B and C.

Mitchell, R. J. Lt Col
GS 2 Aust Mot Div

Ack

Signed at 100 hrs

Issued by DRIS and hand

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APPX. A

WATER POINTS - CONCENTRATION AREAS A, B, C.

AREA A.

Ref Maps YAN YEAN 1"
SUNBURY 1"

Serial No	Map Ref	Type of Point	Treatment Required	Remarks
A 1.	C47518	Fire Hydrant	Nil	RESERVOIR supply
2.	C48520	2" stand pipe	"	"
3.	058562	1 1/2" stand pipe	"	"
4.	060568	Fire hydrant	"	EPPING supply
5.	147731	1 1/2" stand	"	"
6.	C80680	Dam 5 feet deep	Chlorination	WHITTLESEA supply (also 2 fire hydrants)
7.	007698	Reservoir 4' deep	Sedimentation and chlorination	500,000 gals approx. Suitable for abattoirs only 800,000 gals approx. Very turbid
8.	923626	Dam 6' deep	" " "	3 million gals. Good water.
9.	968663	Rain tanks	Nil	6,000 gals above ground. 40,000 gals underground require chlorination.
10.	981630	Dam 3' deep	Chlorination	80,000 gals. Small unit.
11.		Wind pumps at bores		All underground water in the area highly mineralized, but has no ill effect on residents when drunk occasionally. Hard but will lather.
12.	MERRY CREEK		Chlorination	Magnesium seems higher in Eastern area.
13.		Underground tanks	Chlorination	At points to be selected. Perennial stream - springs Many houses have underground tanks for rain- water storage. Treatment essential before use for drinking.

AREA B.

Ref Map GEELONG 1"

Serial No	Map Ref	Type of Point	Treatment Required	Remarks
B 1.	432893	1½" stand pipe	Nil	GEE LONG supply PENINSULA supply (4") Ends approx here Horrocks test at 463869 showed colour in second cup. 12 million gals approx. Supplements MONTPELIER - main BELLARINE PENINSULA supply. 15' lift. In via 340940 out via 327923. On reticulation system. Water, especially in the CERES-WAURN PONDS area, is brackish and unsuitable for drinking.
2.	430891	Fire plug	-	
3.	442876	4" main	-	
4.	453883	BARWON River	Chlorination	
5.	to 463869			
6.	439869	1½" stand pipe	-	
	347865	Reservoir	-	
7.	335958	BARWON River	Chlorination	
8.	402926	1½" stand pipe		
9.	390922	" " "		
10.	395899)	Orphanages		
11.	385909)			
12.		Windpumps at bores		

AREA C

Ref Map CRANBOURNE 1"

C 1.	173979	1½" stand pipe	Nil	At SKYE ROAD CAMP On BEACONSFIELD-HASTINGS main. Movement to point restricted by Class 2 bridge at 215892. Private On FRANKSTON-MORNINGTON grade line. Water in open sump 3' below surface Only access by syphon 15' head Open - 30 yards from road " " " Hand pump 4 gallons per minute or access to sump available.
2.	170955	" "	-	
3.	217900	" "	-	
4.	215870	¾" stand pipe	-	
5.	210867	1½" stand pipe	-	
6.	111885	Air valve	-	
7.	117892	Air valve	-	
8.	128916	1½" stand pipe	-	
9.	131927	Water tower	-	
10.	130927	Reservoir	-	
11.	146932	do	-	
12.	144933	¾" stand pipe	-	
13.	158933	2" stand pipe	-	
14.	174963	2" stand pipe	-	
15.	220938	Air valve	-	

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Copy No. 7

2 AUSTRALIAN MOTOR DIVISION REPORT NO 117.

to 1200 hrs 7 Jan 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

1. For the purpose of 2 Aust Motor Div Operation Instructions Nos 17 and 18, routes from SEYMOUR Area to CRAIGSWORTH Area both East and West of HUME HIGHWAY were the subject of recon by Div I.O. on 10/11 December 42 and 3 Jan 43. Copy of Reports on these routes are attached to Copy No 2 of this Report only.
2. Also attached to Copy No 2 is Bridge Recon Report by Capt D.F. COLLINS R.A.E. upon bridges on the above routes. It should be noted that bridges at ref map PTALONG 1" 967203 and 920083 are in bad condition and definitely dangerous, the first to be by M.T. and the second to any M.T.
3. Another bridge inspected by Capt COLLINS and estimated as no more than Class 3 is at ref map MELBOURNE 4 m to 1 in 0326. Abutments are in bad condition and walls are being undermined by roadway falling away. (All HQ 2 Aust Motor Div)
4. The lack of a LANGFORD 1" to 1 m Sheet is handicapping operations of this formation.
- Ref Map SHELVY 1".
5. Rd 892675 to 906670 is impassable to M.T. owing to excessively steep downward and sideward slope.

(12 Aust Arm Regt - A1)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

(i) Security of Information.

6. Forwarded to OSI Via L of C Area by separate memo is envelope of letter from:-

QM 21 F.O.D. LIVERPOOL.

Addressed to:-

The QM,
2nd Aust Motor Div Concert Party,
SEYMOUR Victoria.

7. Attached to Copy No 1 is a copy of report from T Aust F 3 Sec re a breach of security by Postal Sgt of 1 Aust Arm Div at SEYMOUR on 2 Jan 43.
8. T Aust F 3 Sec reports that small boys at BROADFORD have collected colour patches from soldiers. Some boys have up to 40 in number.

(ii) Security of Material.

9. T Aust F 3 Sec reports that during weekend 2/3 Jan, large field guns were noticed in ALBERT PARK approx 1 mile from FITZROY St, ST KILDA. These guns did not appear to be guarded despite many Civilians in the Area.

Distribution.

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Rawson Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Motor Div. *Ad*

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APPX "B"

Copy No. 7

to 1200 hrs 14 Jan 43.

1. Ref Map TALLAHOOX 17.

- (1) There is no School as shown at TYAKK 166084
(14 Aust Armd Regt - A 1)

2. Forwarded to GSI Via L of C Area are envelopes addressed to this HQ illustrating breaches of Security by HQ 1 Aust B.O.D; No 2 Sub Depot 1 Aust B.O.D; Area 78 HOBOKEN; D M E LH.. The addressing of this formation to its actual location continues with monotonous regularity.

Coast 2 Aust Bot Div.

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2 AUST NOT DIV INT REPORT NO 119

to 1200 hrs 21 Jan 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

- Ref Map PUCKA THE AREA 1"
1. Br at 021392 is class 2 only and dangerous to M.T.
Fords exist 60 yds upstream suitable for tracked vehs;
and 150 yds downstream suitable for M.T.
 2. Br at 020398 is dangerous to all military traffic. A
Ford exists 80 yds upstream suitable for M.T.
 3. Br at 019437 is class 12.
 4. Ford at 014438 is suitable for all M.T.

(5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE - A1)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

Censorship.

5. An officer of this BR reports that YMCA Soldier's Rest
Room at BENHIGO holds a Concession postal stamp and that
letters (uncensored) are there accepted for posting from
soldiers attached to local camps. Up to 400 letters
per night are some-times posted.
6. Letters addressed to personnel 6 Aust Armd Bde are
frequently noted to bear location of Units on envelopes.
Action has been taken to train recipients not to divulge
camp location and to give correct address.

Security of Information.

7. Further examples of envelopes showing breaches of security
are forwarded under separate cover to Vic L of C Area.

McMichael *Kjfr* Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Not Div.
HDD

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3 Jan 43.

2 AUST HQT DIV INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY NO 59.

(From 2359 hrs 25 Dec 42 to 2359 hrs 2 Jan 43.)

- (a) Portions marked with three side lines will NOT be reproduced below Ede or equivalent HQ.
- (b) Portions marked with one side line should be made the subject of instruction to tps.

PART I. -- OPERATIONS.

GENERAL.

1. General.

The enemy is pushing on with the development of air bases on the North coast of NEW GUINEA and in NEW BRITAIN. On 23 Dec 42 construction parties landed on WEWU to put the landing strip there in order. There has been considerable activity on the aerodromes at ARAWE, CAPE GLOUCESTER and CASIMBA.

2. By 26 Dec 42 there were 72 unidentified vessels, also 1 transport, 3 motor vessels and 1 probable A/C carrier at RABAU. This number is an increase during the week preceding, but is not an increase in total number of shipping in NE Sector. No corresponding increase of shipping at BUN-FAISI has been noted, and this quantity of shipping (95 vessels on 22 Dec) represents a collecting together of all ships in that area - possibly some en route for TRUK for repairs. However the development of the large aerodrome at MUNDI in NEW GEORGIA has been continued at full speed despite air raids. There is, as yet, no firm indications of the enemy intentions.

3. UNA - CAPE SAN ANTONIO.

Allies hold line of SENEKI CK and about two thirds of main strip. Several enemy posts NW end of main strip were knocked out on 21 Dec. Enemy are resisting strongly in peaks on SOPUTA - SANANDA track. US tps have cleared enemy from track junction South of ENTRANCE CK, 200 yds from BUNA GOVT STA. (All adv LHQ Int Summary No 21 and Vic L of C Daily Int Summary).

AIR.

4. Estimated number of land based A/C in NE and NW sectors of SWPA on 24 Dec were:-

NE Sector	-	307	(of 245 on 17 Dec)
NW Sector	-	112	(of 111 on 17 Dec)

Note:- There has been a substantial increase - over 60% - in fighter A/C in SE Sector - all in NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND areas. A considerable increase in bomber A/C is noticeable in NW SECTOR. It is now definitely established that float planes are based in AROE IS.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No 21)

APPX

5. The marked enemy activity in NW Sector on land sea and air is significant when considered with the increased enemy aerial recon along NW coast of AUSTRALIA.

PART 11 - ENEMY OOB.

A. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

6. Jap Flexible Cannon - 20mm.

Photographic reproductions of this cannon are held at this HQ.

The Flexible 20 mm Cannon has to be operated by an Air-gunner and so is designed for use in bombing planes. Fighter aircraft using cannon have them fixed in the wings. These fixed cannons are cocked, fired and set to safe by the use of compressed air cylinders and Bowden cables. In the "Zeko" a trigger grip mounted on the left side of the cockpit, can be set to "7.7 mm only" or "7.7 mm and 20 mm cannon" as required.

The cannon is a recoil operated automatic weapon patterned on the OERLIKON. It is air cooled and is fed by a drum type (French) magazine in sizes to hold 15, 30, 60, or 100 rounds. The flexible cannon is mounted at the point of balance allowing lateral and vertical movement. The winding handle, shown on the right side, draws the recoil portions to the rear, cocking the cannon. The rate of fire is reported to be 500 rpm and each cannon is allotted 200 rounds when going on a sortie.

The Ammunition - The shells are 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " overall and are centre fired with a propellant charge of granulated nitrocellulose. The projectile is of a steel construction with a driving band. The HE used is TNT. The incendiary shells contain a phosphorus pellet which is broken and scattered on contact by a TNT burster.

As the fuse is very delicate and the fillings extremely sensitive strict safety precautions must be exercised when handling this ammunition.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No 21)

7. JAP Land Mine.

Photographic reproduction of this mine is held at this HQ.

The container is of light metal construction. The centre of the top to a radius of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " is reinforced, this ensures that pressure collapses the curved part of the top and is communicated to the detonator.

To render safe:- Remove the brass cover and take out the detonator complete. The resistance of the shear wire, and consequently the pressure necessary to detonate the mine, is not known.

Further details will be published when the technical examination is complete.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No 21)

8. JAP Portable Signalling Lamp.

A Japanese Portable Lamp similar in function to our Lucas-type lamp has been captured near the ANKOGA CROSSING.

The lamp consists of a metal cylinder 4" long with ends 5" in diameter. One end forms the door with an adjustable shutter, in six grades, for controlling the intensity of light, the other end houses the reflector. Inside a 6 V bulb adjustable in three dimensions throws light on

to the reflector. An extensible tube sight for aligning on to the receiving station is attached to the side. On the top is an adjustment probably for use with a small reading telescope. A pin hole and shutter in the side allows the sender to view the light. No battery, lead or key are available for examination.

B. ARMY TACTICS.

9. Detachment Bulletin of YAZAKA BUTAI, dated 19 Nov.

1. Because of confusion caused Army laborers and natives who did not participate in actual fighting it will be necessary in the future to control them and take special precautions.

2. It is not permissible to retreat even a step from each unit's original defensive position. I demand that each man fight until the last.

3. As previously instructed, those without firearms or sabres must be prepared to fight with sharp weapons such as knives or bayonets tied to sticks, or with clubs.

(Adv HQ Int Summary No 21)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

NIL.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

NIL.

PART V - SECURITY.

SECURITY OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL.

10. Laxity of Guards.

Recent checks at camps disclose that guards rarely challenge the entry of anyone in uniform. When queried by FSS personnel on reply was "a man in uniform is OK". Again when FSS personnel say "FSS" any information is given without request for credentials. Guards must be instructed that all persons authorized to enter any camp will carry an appropriate authority to enter. FSS and Provost will carry a special pass, and this will be checked to guard against imposition by persons posing as FSS or Provost.

COMMENT:- The importance of guards and all military personnel realizing that the wearing of a uniform is not a guarantee of the wearer's bona fides is exemplified by the following extract from GHQ India War Information Circular No G.9, August 1942----

"An order from EWSCIA division to 20 Inf Regt dated 26 Mar 42, captured in its stated that prisoners or deserters who gave the password "Silver Moon" were to be sent immediately to Div Headquarters and that the order was to be brought to the attention of forward troops with appropriate discretion.

The password had not been broadcast to British troops by wireless or pamphlets, as we did at Tobruk on one occasion when Italian would-be deserters were told what password to use; and the order was addressed to one sector only, v that held by 20 Inf Regt. It must therefore be assumed that the order was designed to facilitate the return to

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th. enemy lines of enemy agents operating behind our lines in British uniforms, and who might be mistaken by enemy troops for British P.W. or deserters.

This is the first definite indication of the employment of agents in this manner, though they have been suspected on various occasions."

(adv HQ Int Summary No 21)

M. L. L. L.
Lt Col
GS 2 Aust Mot Div.

Distribution:-

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6 Aust Armd Eds (20)
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22 Aust Fd Regt
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2 AUST NOT DIV INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY No 66.

(From 2359 hrs 2 Jan 43 to 2359 hrs 8 Jan 43.)

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS.

GENERAL

1. Photographic reconnaissance shows that on 30 Dec, some 85 ships aggregating possibly 320,000 tons, were concentrated in RABAUH Harbour or its vicinity. On 2 Jan this had risen to 87 ships of nearly 340,000 tons. This is the largest concentration of shipping at RABAUH to date. The previous record was 60 ships representing 250,000 tons on 20 Oct. In addition, 4 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser and 6 destroyers were sighted in the BUIN-FAISI area on 2 Jan. Apart from the obvious possibility of further serious attempts to land troops and supplies on GUADALCANAL and/or some part of NEW GUINEA, it may be that large scale troop movements representing the arrival of reinforcements and the relief of formations exhausted by fighting is intended. In this connection it is interesting to note that about 75,000 tons of shipping is required constantly in this area for normal supply and maintenance. There is still no real indication of the enemy's intentions.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No 22)

2. Latest reported ship sightings are:-

5 Jan; RABAUH - 75 ships incl 12 possible destroyers.
6 Jan; 70 miles E of GASMATA (Course S.W.) - 4 transports,
4 destroyers, 2 cruisers.
5 Jan; BUIN-FAISI - 1 battleship, 1 heavy cruiser, 4 destroyers,
4 cargo vessels.

(Via L of C Area Daily Int Sum
No 90)

3. Aerodromes and landing grounds at present in use or under construction by the enemy from SCOMBA Island in the West, to MUNDA in NEW GEORGIA in the East, form a nearly continuous chain linking the NW and NE sectors and making it possible for the enemy to switch his available aircraft from one side of SWPA to the other at short notice. Until recently, the greater part of DUTCH NEW GUINEA formed the largest gap in this chain, but the development of HOLLANDIA, the existence of at least usable strips at BABO and at MOEMI, and the probable intended development of KAUKENAU (450 men arrived there on 21 Dec) will reduce this gap to less than 400 miles. Further, in addition to forward operational bases such as KOEPANG, DILLI, FUIJORA, MATHUS Island and DOBO in the West, and LAE, SALAMAU, CAPE GLOUCESTER, GASMATA, FAISI and MUNDA in the East, there are supporting bases some 250 to 500 miles further back, e.g. KENDARI, AMBON and BABO in the NW, LORENGAU, the RABAUH Group and BUKA in the NE. The development of landing grounds at HUMBOIST BAY (HOLLANDIA), WEWAK, MADANG and PINSCHHAVEN forms a lateral link between the NW and the NE groups.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No 22)

TIMOR.

4. It is now confirmed that about 5,000 troops complete with Motor Transport, equipment and stores were landed at LAIVAI about 24 Dec, and that LAIVAI is being developed as a base. A further 5 vessels were in the Harbour on 30 Dec. The number of enemy troops on the island has risen from 8,000 on 24 Nov to more than 26,000 on 1 Jan, including 48 Division which has now been identified there. In addition, most of these troops have been concentrated at the PORTUGUESE end, leaving DUTCH TIMOR with relatively small forces. Latest movements by the enemy include the occupation of BEAGO, LORE and possibly ALIAMBATA, a far more vigorous effort than any previously made to eliminate our guerrilla forces in the mountainous regions, and the cutting of our communications with the coast by patrols based on BEGO and BETANG. There is no evidence that the enemy contemplates offensive operation from the Island against NW AUSTRALIA, but it certainly appears that he is determined to remove the nuisance value that our troops have undoubtedly had, and to consolidate his hold on the Island against any potential threat from DARWIN. Furthermore, the occupation of anchorages on the SE coast may be connected with possible raids by submarines and small surface vessels against Allied seaborne supply routes along the North coast of AUSTRALIA.

(Adv HQ Int Sum No 22)

BUNA - CAPE SANANDA.

5. All enemy resistance is destroyed around BUNA. Mopping up of stragglers continues. Some increased enemy activity was encountered up to 7 Jan at TARAENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA village). Enemy main position is now about 3 miles South of SANANDA POINT. Our A/C very active throughout NEW GUINEA.

(Vic L of C Area Daily Int Sums)

PART III - ENEMY COB.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

6. JAP "BANGALORE TORPEDO".

Photographic reproductions of this equipment are held at this HQ. Details of this weapon were given in 2 Aust Mot Div Int Summary No 52 of 12 Nov 42.

7. JAP INFANTRY FLAME THROWER.

Photographic reproductions of this equipment are held at this HQ.

This equipment is carried and operated by one man, no special protective clothing being worn.

According to a recently interrogated Prisoner of War, Flame Throwers were issued to 55 Engineer Regiment on the scale of one per platoon. A petrol driven compressor, capable of being transported by two native carriers, is used to charge the compression cylinder.

Further details will be supplied when the technical examination is complete.

(Adv HQ Int Sum No 22)

8. JAP COLLAPSIBLE BOATS.

A Prisoner of War described a boat used by the Japanese in crossing the river near SAMBO. It was constructed of wood and made up of four independent watertight sections which when hooked together, formed a boat capable of carrying 10 men. This boat was drawn back and forth across the river by a system of ropes and pulleys.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No 22).

9. INTERCHANGEABILITY OF S.A.A.

Tests have been made to ascertain whether British 9 mm and .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. can be used in Japanese machine guns.

The results of the tests, to date, are as follows:-

- (i) 9 mm S.A.A. is used in the British Sten S.M.G. and the Australian AUSTEN S.M.G. is NOT suitable for use in Japanese Medium Machine Guns.
- (ii) .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. is NOT suitable for use with the 7.7 mm "JUKI" Type '92' H.M.G. owing to chamber differences.

Tests are still being made on a M.M.G. of approximately .303 in. calibre and also a H.M.G. which may possibly take over .5 A.Tk Rifle S.A.A.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No 22).

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

10. The following maps are classified by Engrs as follows:-

<u>Ref Map.</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Classification.</u>
PYALONG 1"	967203	5 (fair condition only)
11. "	963076	24
"	951099	14
"	920083	3 (bad)
SUNBURY 1"	883682	6
MELBOURNE 1/2 in	0326	3 (bad)

(5 Aust Fd Sqn - A1)

11. Ref Map SUNBURY 1".

Rd 892675 to 906670 is impassable to M.T. owing to excessively steep downward and sideward slope.

(12 Aust Armd Regt - A1)

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

SOLOMONS
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12. A reliable report states that on 26 Dec the number of JAPS at REKATA BAY had been increased to 4000 with many more expected to arrive, together with an expected visit of a high ranking officer.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No 22).

PART V - SECURITY.

13. Reports have reached this HQ that small boys at BROADFORD have made a practice of collecting unit colour patches. Troops should be warned that it is strictly forbidden to make gifts of unit colour patches to ANY person.
14. Cases are still occurring of writings by troops of their names, units and often locations, on Cafe menus, hotel and lavatory walls etc. Suitable warnings should be given by all units.

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/6 Jan 43.

2 AUST HQ DIV INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY NO 31.

(From 2359 hrs 8 Jan - 2359 hrs 17 Jan 43)

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS.

NW SECTOR

1. Recent enemy actions in TIMOR, activity by the army and army air force in the KAI and TANIBAR Islands (the force at SAUMLAKI BAY has been raised to one battalion) and increased interest in the South coast of NEW GUINEA as far as MERAUKE, may easily be accounted for as defensive measures designed to secure the TIMOR area against a potential threat from AUSTRALIA. On the other hand, these moves may equally well be explained as the preparation of a firm base for overseas operation and this interpretation is supported by the fact that the observed use of LAIVAI as a port appears to be in excess of the requirements of the forces known to be in NE part of the Island. It is true that 48 Division, which was recently identified there, is a two regiment Formosan formation whose past history suggests that it is more fitted for garrison duties than for an offensive campaign, but this will still fit into the general picture of the development of a strong forward base with the main striking troops held in the back-ground until they are called forward for actual use.

NE SECTORRABAUL

2. After adequate allowance for naval vessels and for Shipping required for normal maintenance of the forces known to be in the area, there is still sufficient shipping at RABAUL to transport two divisions to GUADALCANAL or to NEW GUINEA. Total shipping figures at RABAUL dropped from 92 vessels of all types on 2 Jan to 75 on 5 Jan, but in effect the concentration has been maintained. This concentration has been persistently attacked from the air, and direct hits and near misses have been scored.

IAE

3. Careful estimates show that the enemy convoy thatacked off IAE originally carried the equivalent of two regts with stores, supplies and equipment and a proportion of Div tps. More than 5000 men with their stores, supplies and equipment were landed. The original force at IAE is estimated at 3 - 4000 tps, including a large proportion of L of C Units. The new force is apparently a regt group with remnants of a second. IAE - SALAMAUVA Area has been heavily fortified and the area may now be regarded as a fortress with an adequate garrison of fighting tps and provides additional evidence of the enemy's intention to maintain his footing in NEW GUINEA at all costs. Two air bases at PINSCHAVEN and MADANG can be used if drop at IAE becomes unusable.

BUNA - SANANANDA-AREA.

4. With the completion of the BUNA campaign on 3 Jan our forces have been regrouped for the attack on the SANANANDA area and River AMBOGA. A U.S. Battalion has already driven the enemy back on the right and captured TARAKONA on 8 Jan. Movement in this area is greatly restricted by the swampy nature of the ground of which the enemy took full advantage in planning his defenses. There is in consequence no continuous line but a series of defended localities. The present positions known to be occupied by the enemy are roughly as follows:-

- (a) From just West of TARAKONA, SSW to Tarakona Creek.
- (b) Two areas across the main SOPUTA-SANANANDA track, one just north of the road block at 187266, the other some 1500 yards further South.
- (c) A block house near track junction at 187292.
- (d) From SURIRAI in a southerly area to the track corner at 182298.

It is estimated that the enemy has at least 2000 men in the SANANANDA areas: 1500 North of the road block and 500 South of it. It is believed that in both cases the enemy is short of food and weapons.

(All above IHQ Info Sum No 23)

5. Latest report to 16 Jan states that our forces are maintaining pressure on enemy South of track junction.

(Vic L of C Area Daily Int Sum 26Jan)

PART II - ENEMY 36B

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

6. JAP AMB WAGON.

The following description of an ammunition wagon captured at GONA, has been received from NEW GUINEA.

Length	11 ft 3 ins
Width	6 ft
Height	2 ft 11 ins
Wheel Base	7 ft

BRIDGESTONE tyres (24x6) are fitted to the four wheels, and the connecting brackets, which is rather an ingenious device, projects out 4 ft in front.

The compartments vary in size and are mostly perforated, thereby enabling shells to be stacked tightly and safely.

A number of corridors throughout the wagon separate the numerous compartments.

The plating, being approx 1/16 of an inch thick, is NOT bullet proof and the wagon is riddled with holes - probably due to machine gun fire from the air.

The roof, apart from a man-hole measuring 1 ft x 2 ft 10 ins, has been camouflaged with sods and blocks of wood. Gun fittings suitable for AA gun are also situated on the roof.

7. JAP Hand thrown TOXIC SMOKE CANDLES.

A quantity of enemy "nose gas", "and tear gas" candles has been found in the SOPUTA area.

To date there has been no indication of the enemy attempting to use gas, and in view of the small number of these generators found, it is considered possible that they may have been brought for the purpose of testing respirators.

Photographic reproductions are held at this HQ.

(Adv LH, Int Sum No 23)

8. J.PANESE Substitution of Rubber for Leather.

A JAPANESE ammunition pouch and bayonet frog, captured in the BUNA area, were found to have been made from stout sheet rubber (2mm thick) reinforced with moulded fabric.

As this type of equipment is normally manufactured from leather, the following possibilities are therefore suggested:-

- (i) Naval equipment - (not affected by salt water to the degree of leather).
- (ii) Shortage of leather and increased availability of rubber.
- (iii) Possibility of this equipment being manufactured by JAPANESE in N THAILANDS EAST INDIES and indicating the subsequent movement of troops from that area to BUNA.
- (iv) Simplicity and ease of manufacture (in the case of ammunition pouch rubber sheeting was moulded, possibly being vulcanized).

(Adv LH, Int Sum No 23)

9. JAP Lt RECCE Boat.

A sketch of a rubber recce boat found WAIROPE 14 Nov 42 is held at this HQ.

It is possible that this may be a similar type of craft to that reported in 2 Aust Mat Div Int Summary No 56 of 12 Dec 42 para 7.

(Adv LH, Int Sum No 23)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

- 10. Ref Map SUNBURY 1".
Rd 892675 to 906670 is impassable to MT owing to excessively steep downward and sideward slope. (12 Aust Arm Regt - A1)
- 11. Ref Map PUCKA TRG AREA 1".
Br at 021392 is class 2 only and dangerous. A ford 60 yds upstream, though steep, is suitable for tracked vehs.
A ford 150 yds downstream is suitable for MT with a small amount of work.
- 12. Br at 020393 is dangerous for all military traffic. Ford 60 yds upstream is suitable for MT.
- 13. Br at 019437 is Class 12. (5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE - A1).

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

NIL.

PART V - SECURITY

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

14. Many instances are occurring of correspondence being addressed to this formation and units, in envelopes naming location. All instances of this should be reported through normal channels to this Hq at once and the envelope should be forwarded.

CENSORSHIP

15. Reports reaching LHQ indicate that the evasion of unit censorship by

(a) the use of civil post and telegraph facilities and

(b) the misuse of green envelopes is, to a large degree, the result of two factors.

Firstly officers in many units unreasonably delay franking letters submitted to them, and secondly it is evident that a large proportion of soldiers do not realize the possible complications of evasion of censorship.

It is the duty of all officers to see that there is no delay in the franking and despatch of their men's mail and more time and attention should be given to the security education of troops. (Adv LHQ Int Sum No 23)

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24 Jan 43.

2 AUST MOT DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 62.

(From 2359 hrs 17 Jan - 2359 hrs 23 Jan 43.)

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS.

GENERAL.

SOLOMONS:

1. Although the concentration of shipping in the RAEBUL area has considerably decreased (on 11 Jan there were 62 vessels including one A/C carrier and 37 large ships) the possible threat of a major offensive operation against GUADALCANAL or against NEW GUINEA remains. For the present however the enemy is making a determined effort to maintain his forces in both these places, despite the losses he has been continually sustaining by air and sea in these attempts. On three occasions already this month forces of from eight to ten destroyers have been sent down to GUADALCANAL from the BUIN-FAISI station and have returned after a very brief stay off the island. It is probable in fact that stores only were delivered and these by the expedient of throwing them overboard in containers and leaving them to float to shore. It is known that the 10-15,000 army off-atives on the island are short of supplies and it is most unlikely that they will attempt a serious offensive until substantial additional forces arrive.

NEW GUINEA

2. Examination of air photos and re-assessment of available reports has made necessary a revised estimate of the size of JAP force landed at LAE on 8 Jan. Four transports probably discharged their troops and stores apart from what was carried on the warships. It is therefore considered that a maximum of 3,600 men with their equipment stores and supplies may have been safely delivered. The arrival of this reinforcement at LAE synchronizes with other moves. Overland routes to LAE are being constructed from MADANG and RI-SCHAVEN. Landing grounds at GASHATA, CAPE GLONCESTER, MADANG and WEHARU have been still further developed. The presence of the enemy in the "FOUR RIVERS" area has been more prominent, particularly at mouth of the MAMPARE and KUMUSI Rs.

SANANANDA.

3. Enemy are now confined to isolated small pockets of resistance. Of the 500 JAPS estimated to have been in this area on 10 Jan, 200 are thought to have escaped to the WEST and 160 others killed or taken prisoner. Thirty figures up to 15 Jan only. Since then SANANANDA has fallen, but no enemy casualty figures are yet received at this HQ. (All Adv LEC, Instr No 24 and via L of C Area Daily Int Summary.)

AIR.

4. LAE CONVOY.

From 6 - 10 Jan Allied Air attacks were mostly concentrated on the above convoy both inward and outward bound between GASMATA and LAE. An approximate total of 365 enemy intercept sorties were made, from continuous fighter cover provided for the convoy.

Enemy A/C losses reported were:-

80 A/C destroyed.
25 " probably destroyed.
42 " damaged.

In addition 3 enemy transports and 1 destroyer were sunk.

PART 11 - ENEMY OOB.(a) ENEMY EQUIPMENT.5. JAP 75 mm amm.

Photographic reproductions of this ammunition are held at this HQ.

Owing to the shortness of the cartridge case (and consequent reduction in range), it is believed that this ammunition is used in the 75 mm Regimental Gun.

This is further indicated by characters on the charge bag which show "Type 41", suggesting the "MEIJI 41" (1907 model). This weapon was previously the old Japanese Mountain Gun, but has since been replaced for this purpose by a more modern weapon. It is now issued on the scale of 3 guns per Infantry Regiment for close support purposes.

6. JAP Flam. Thrower.

It is learned from a captured document that the liquid used in the Japanese Flam. Thrower consists of:-

Crude Oil - 5 litres.
Benzine - 6 litres.

Total fuel 11 litres (2½ gallons approx).

7. JAP Explosive Ammunition (Possibly New).

Immediately subsequent to a strafing attack on DOBODURA by "ZEPHUS" (Type "O" Single Seater Fighters) on 26 Dec 42, a bullet was salvaged from the attacked area which consists of a steel case 1½ inches long and approx 11 mm in diameter, hollow at the rear and containing an incendiary or explosive mixture. The salvaged ammunition bears no rifling marks nor are there any indications to show that the steel case is enclosed in an envelope, although this may be quite possible. This would make the bullet of about .50 inch calibre. There is, however, a cannelure at the rear of the projectile which could have had a copper driving band fitted before firing.

8. JAP "Molotov Cocktail".

A specimen of a Japanese "MOLOTOV Cocktail", captured recently in the BUNA Area, was found to consist of a faintly pale blue and slightly cloudy liquid contained in a clear glass "1 litre typ." bottle. Unfortunately the container was NOT available for examination.

While a preliminary report stated that the liquid burned more slowly than "straight" petrol, and with increasing heat in the action of scattering, chemical analysis shows that it corresponds very closely to ordinary 91 gasoline, NOT only in composition but in rate of burning. A small quantity of gum, derived mostly from dissolved rubber, was also noted in the liquid.

9. Japanese Camouflage Garment

An interesting example of Japanese ingenuity and ingenuity is illustrated by this item of camouflage equipment, worn by enemy troops in the SOLOMONS. Details and sketches are held at this HQ

10. Enemy Tactics

The following examples of uses employed by the enemy in the Buna area have been reported.

(a) Dummy Snipers - A patrol advancing up the coast was fired on by a tree-top sniper. They halted, located him and apparently shot him down. They then advanced and were fired on again. This happened several times. Thorough investigation revealed that one sniper had been holding up the patrol and dummies had been placed in other trees; these being dropped by a pulley arrangement after the Americans had fired sufficient shots, making them imagine that they had cleared the opposition.

(b) "Drop Shorts" - the morale and spirit of an American Company advancing under covering fire of own guns was seriously affected by this ruse.

Every time our guns opened up to provide covering fire for an advance on gun fire on any target, the one known Japanese 70-mm gun in the Government Gardens area also opened up and placed its rounds amongst the forward Americans. The Japanese timed the activity of their own gun to coincide exactly with that of our own supporting artillery. This made the troops imagine that they were being blitzed by "Drop Shorts" of their own guns. No amount of demonstration by showing our troops dud 70-mm shells would convince them that the shelling was not from our own guns.

11. JAP Defences.

JAPANESE defences in the Buna-CAPE TIDALADERE area included two types of earthworks.

The bunker type consists of a covered trench with closely timbered sides and top. The top is built up into a mound with coconut logs piled longitudinally and packed with earth to make a burst proof course, proof against mortars and light anti-personnel bombs, this gives partial protection against direct hits from 25 pounder shells. These mounds have ground level slits for forward automatic fire and are camouflaged by local natural materials and connected by crawl trenches.

The second type is similar in appearance but not loop-holed for firing. These are used for shelters and protection against artillery and mortar fire. Attacking troops are attracted by these raised structures and tend to make them objectives but are then caught in fire from ground level posts on flanks and in rear.

The types of defences in these areas are governed by the nature of the ground which is very swampy and consequently most defences being built above ground.

Held at this HQ are sketches showing types of defences used in the Buna-TIDALADERE area.

(All Adv LH2 Int Summary No 24)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

NIL.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

12. Interesting extracts from a chart giving estimated GERMAN OOB as at 31 Dec 42 are as follows:-

RUSSIA	Northern Front	41 Divs.
	Central Front	83 Divs.
	Southern Front	78 Divs.
FRANCE		33 Divs.
NORWAY		10 Divs.
GERMANY & PROTECTORATE		41 Divs.
GREECE & CRETE		2 Divs.
AFRICA (TRIPOLITANIA)		4 Divs (2 Armd 2 Motor)
TUNISIA		2 Divs (1 Inf, 1 Armd).

GRAND TOTAL GERMAN TPS:-

314 Divisions.

PART V - SECURITY.

NIL.

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30 Jan 43.

2. AUST MOT DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 53.

(From 2359 hrs 23 Jan to 2359 hrs 29 Jan 43)

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS.GENERAL.AIR STRENGTHS

1. At the moment it is probable that the large increases in the air strength of both sectors are mainly defensive measures and that the enemy's immediate object is to protect his shipping movements and to harass our reconnaissances. In addition the enemy has at last made use of his Medium Bomber strength in NE Sector and has struck heavily at MINE BAY. It is possible that all this may be the prelude to large scale offensive operations in one or both areas.

NW SECTOR.

2. Enemy preparations in this sector can mean one thing only: the enemy intends some major move in this sector. On the other hand there is no sign of an immediate threat. No heavy naval units nor any large body of first-line troops are yet in the forward area, though there are unconfirmed reports that both these are expected. In any case, these can be moved down quickly when all else is ready.
3. Enemy interest in the South coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA has continued. There were two raids on MERAUKE on 18 Jan and one on 20 Jan with a further alarm on 21 Jan. Unconfirmed reports state that a new aerodrome is being constructed between KAUKANAU and AGATZ and it is known that the runway at BAGO is being extended. The presence of 9,000 tons whale ship off MANOKWARI on the North coast of NEW GUINEA is significant. Vessels of this type have been used before for ferrying aircraft and for carrying fuel.

NE SECTOR.

4. The long period of quiescence in enemy bombing in this Sector was broken on 17 Jan, when there was a heavy raid on the TURNBULL Landing Strip at MINE BAY. Considerable damage was done and the fuel dumps were destroyed. This raid was followed by others on 18, 20 and 21 Jan at different targets in the area. In addition there has been constant reconnaissance over the D'ENTRECASTEAUX and WOODLARK Islands and it is possible that the enemy is contemplating the establishment of an outpost and landing strip in one group or the other. There has been considerable activity at WEWAK and 25 fighters have been reported on the runway. These may have been brought in to cover the arrival of two convoys, one on 20 Jan, the other on 21 Jan. Altogether four transports got through and could have landed ample men and supplies for the construction of the aerodrome there.

Shipping at RAFAUL has been maintained on the somewhat reduced scale noted last week. There were 61 vessels, including 44 merchant ships, in the harbour on 18 Jan and 60 were counted from air photographs of part of the area on 21 Jan. 38 of these aggregated 198,000 tons. It seems probable that the enemy retains the power to move two divisions on the reduced NEW GUINEA scale in whichever direction he wishes.

SANANANDA.

5. Following the successful clearing up of opposition South of the Road Block on 14 Jan, Australian troops on 15 Jan began to move North by tracks on the left flank of the enemy's positions. The next day they swung East from CAPE KILLERTON and forced their way down the coast to WYE POINT. By 18 Jan it was evident that the enemy's forces had been broken up into comparatively small fragments which could be reduced separately. Meanwhile one US regiment was pressing NW from TARAKENA and another contained and attacked enemy pockets just North of the old Road Block. By 22 Jan almost all organized resistance had ceased and our combined forces were engaged in mopping up. Since 8 Jan, 280 dead and prisoners have been accounted for South of the Road Block and 1,000 North of it. In addition many more bodies remain to be counted in both areas. It is probable that in addition to the 200 who escaped to the West on the night 13/14 Jan, small parties of the enemy have made their way either by barge up the coast or overland across the AMBOGA River. All organized enemy resistance in SOPUTA - SANANANDA - CAPE KILLERTON - TARAKENA Area is now reported overdone. (All Adv LHQ Int Sum No 25)

PART III - ENEMY DOB

EQUIPMENT.

JAP floating Smoke Candles - Type 94 Model B.

6. Among the equipment captured in the SOPUTA Area were three Type 94 Floating Candles. These were packed in a wooden case divided into three compartments. One small compartment contained a round box (approximately 6 inches in diameter) in which were packed six ordinary hand grenade type fuzes, and several lengths of safety fuze with detonators attached. A second small compartment contained three metal clamps for attaching to each of the Smoke Candles. Translation of the accompanying instructions shows that a floating bolt completes the equipment, but to date no such item has been recovered. It is considered that this bolt would be clipped to the metal clamp when attached to the Smoke Candle. Annotated photographs and a translation of the Instructions are held at this HQ. (Adv LHQ Int Sum No 25).

JAP 20mm Ammunition.

7. The first report from ballistic tests conducted with the Japanese 20mm GERLICH type cannon (recovered from a ZENE) shows a muzzle velocity of 1,650 feet per second. (Adv LHQ Int Sum No 25).

JAP Arm Band.

8. A recent report from NEW GUINEA states that a Japanese in the DANAWATU area was found wearing an arm band, 4 inches wide, consisting of five alternative bands of red and white stripes. According to a captured text book, this arm band is worn by the Weekly Duty NG.

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

BISMARCK SEA.

Name of Water Area between NEW GUINEA and the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO.

It has been decided by the Commander of the SWPA, with the concurrence of the Commander of the SPA, that in order to avoid confusion and long descriptive passages the water area between NEW GUINEA and the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO will, in future, be named the BISMARCK SEA. The limits of the water area so designated are defined as follows:-

Water area within the general boundaries of --

WEWAK - MANUS ISLAND - NEW HANOVER - NEW IRELAND -
NEW BRITAIN - ROOK ISLAND - NEW GUINEA - WEWAK.

exclusive of entrance and exit channels.

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

N I L.

PART V - SECURITY.

10. An analysis of reports reaching Adv HQ indicates that officers and troops generally do not appear to understand their responsibilities in so far as it concerns security of information, and it is apparent that Unit Security officers should concentrate on educating their units on the subject.

UNIT CENSORSHIP.

11. The standard of franking by officers is generally poor and in many cases displays either negligence or ignorance of the relevant instructions - A.F.C.I. No 22, etc. The privilege of the use of Green Envelopes is still considerably abused; and numbers of parcels continue to arrive containing captured enemy material - in some cases, live ammunition.

MORALE.

12. Morale generally appears to be fair, and it is apparent that as usual with Australian troops, the nearer the front, the higher the morale. Security mindedness on the whole is improving; but there is still room for much improvement, particularly regarding troop movements.

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

as at 2359 hrs 15 Jan 43.

Serial	Unit	Location	Meters Projection
1.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	TALLAROOK 1"	177240
2.	T Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	"	"
3.	22 Aust Fd Regt	"	1935
4.	228 Aust LAD	"	"
5.	22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	"
6.	105 Aust A.Tk Regt	"	2126
7.	261 Aust LAD	"	"
8.	Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	"	177240
9.	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	"	"
10.	1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div.	"	"
11.	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	"	"
12.	HQ AASO 2 Aust Mot Div	"	"
13.	6 Aust Army Armd Wkshops AEME	"	1829
14.	6 Aust Army Armd Crd Fd Pk	"	"
15.	2 Aust Mot Div Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl"		177248
16.	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp Pro Pl	"	"
17.	2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit	"	"
18.	2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office	"	"
19.	2 Aust Mot Div Concert Party	"	"
<u>6 AUST ARMD BDE GP.</u>			
20.	HQ 6 Aust Armd Bde (AIF)	"	0735
21.	12 Aust Armd Regt (AIF)	"	"
22.	237 Aust LAD (AIF)	"	"
23.	13 Aust Armd Regt.	"	"
24.	260 Aust LAD	"	"
25.	14 Aust Armd Regt	"	"
26.	289 Aust LAD	"	"
27.	9 Aust Mot Regt	"	"
28.	301 Aust LAD	"	"
29.	3 Aust Recce Sqn (AIF)	"	"

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Serial	Unit	Location	Notes Projects
30.	5 Aust Fd Sqn	TALLAROOK 1 st 0735	
31.	6 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn	"	"
32.	6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	"	"
33.	4 Aust Transporter Coy AASC	"	"
34.	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	"	"
35.	6 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop AEME (AIF)"	"	"
36.	6 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk.	"	"

W. Nicholls Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Mot Div.
J.C.D.

Distribution.

Copy No	1	GHQ SWPA	22	3 Lof C Sub Area
	2-7	IHQ	23	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div
	8	IHQ for C-in-C	24	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div.
	9-12	ADV IHQ	25	DAFV
	13	2 nd Ech Aust	26	Stationery Depot Via L of C Area.
	14	M G Gp TOWNSVILLE	27	G
	15	" BRISBANE	28	AQ
	16	" SYDNEY	29	6 Aust Armd Bde
	17	" MELBOURNE	30-31	War Diar.
	18	" HOBART	32-33	File
	19	" ADELAIDE	34-35	Spare
	20	" PERTH		
	21	" DARWIN		

SECRET

Copy No 32

LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

as at 2359 hrs 31 Jan 43.

Serial	Unit	Location	Moves Projected.
1.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	TALLAROOK 1 st 177246	
2.	T Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	" "	
3.	22 Aust Fd Regt	" 1925	(44 Bty to move to HOLDSWORTHY NSW on date to be fixed)
4.	228 Aust LAD	" "	
5.	22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	" "	
6.	105 Aust A Tk Regt	" 2126	(to vacate present site by 15 Feb 43)
7.	261 Aust LAD	" "	
8.	Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	" 177246	
9.	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
10.	1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
11.	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
12.	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
13.	6 Aust Army Armd Wkshop ARME	" 1829	(to move to SEYMOUR R/Courbe ref TALLAROOK 1 st 1933 between 10-15 Feb 43)
14.	6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Pk	" "	
15.	2 Aust Mot Div Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl	" 177246	
16.	6 Aust Armd Bde Bp Pro Pl	" "	
17.	2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit.	" "	
18.	2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office	" "	
19.	2 Aust Mot Div Concert Party	" "	
<u>6 Aust Armd Bde Gp.</u>			
20.	HQ 6 Aust Armd Bde (AIF)	" 0735	
21.	12 Aust Armd Regt (AIF)	" "	
22.	237 Aust LAD (AIF)	" "	
23.	13 Aust Armd Regt	" "	
24.	260 Aust LAD	" "	
25.	14 Aust Armd Regt	" "	
26.	289 Aust LAD	" "	

Serial	Unit	Location	Movos Projected.
27.	9 Aust Mot Regt	TALLAROOK 1 ⁿ 0735	
28.	301 Aust LAD	"	"
29.	3 Aust Recon Sqn (AIF)	"	"
30.	5 Aust Fd Sqn	"	"
31.	6 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn	"	"
32.	6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	"	"
33.	4 Aust Transporter Coy AASC	"	"
34.	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	"	"
35.	6 Aust Armd Bde Workshop AEME (AIF)	"	"
36.	6 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	"

UNITS TO COME UNDER COMD.

2 Aust Mot Bde Gp (see Appendix)

M. J. Nicholls Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Mot Div.
AOD

Distribution.

Copy No.	1	GHQ SWPA	24	3 L of C Sub Area
	2-7	INQ	25	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div
	8	INQ for C-in-C	26	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div
	9-13	ADV INQ	27	DAFV
	14	Vic L of C Area	28	Stationary Depot Vic L of C Area.
	15	2nd Ech Aust.		
	16	M C Gp TOWNSVILLE	29	G
	17	" BRISBANE	30	AQ
	18	" SYDNEY	31	6 Aust Armd Bde
	19	" MELBOURNE	32 - 33	War Diary
	20	" HOBART	34 - 35	File
	21	" ADELAIDE	36 - 37	Spare.
	22	" PERTH		
	23	" DARWIN		

APPENDIX TO 2 AUST INT DIV LOCATION STATEMENT.

as at 2359 hrs 31 Jan 43.

2 AUST MOT BDE GP.

2 Aust Mot Bde Gp (now under comd Second Aust Army) comes under comd 2 Aust Mot Div on arrival in Victoria from N.S.W.

Movement commences on 5 Feb 43.

Units will move to following locations:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Intended Location</u>	<u>Ref Map.</u>
HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde	GHERANG	ANGLESEA 1" 1776
6 Aust Mot Regt	DRYSDALE	PORTARLINGTON 1" 6292
293 Aust LAD	"	"
15 Aust Mot Regt	GHERANG	ANGLESEA 1" 1776
294 Aust LAD	"	"
17 Aust Mot Regt	"	"
226 Aust LAD	"	"
20 Aust Mot Regt	"	"
296 Aust LAD	"	"
1 Aust Fd Sqn	"	"
3 Sqn Sigs	"	"
2 Aust Mot Bde Gp AASC	CORIO Oval	GEEELONG 2" 4494
" " " " Wkshops	BEIMONT	" 4292
Two Tpt Pls	CORIO Oval	" 4494
2 Aust Lt Fd Amb	GHERANG	ANGLESEA 1" 1776

REGCE REPORT UPON AVAILABLE
ROUTES FOR M.T. SEYMOUR AREA
TO CONCENTRATION AREA "A"
 (vide 2 Aust Mot Div Op
 Instruction No 17.)

By: D.R. Downey Capt I.O. 2 Aust Mot Div on
 10 - 11 December 42.
Weather: Fine and clear.

Ref Maps.

Routes E of HUME HIGHWAY - TALLAROOK, KINGLAKE, YAN YEAM -
 all 1"

Routes W of " " - PUCKA TRG AREA 1" - PYALONG 1" -
 MELBOURNE 4 m = 1" - SUNBURY 1".

Vehicle - SHASTIN' WASSON.

PART 1.

E OF HUME HIGHWAY.

ROUTE 1. TRAWOOL ER - STRATH CK - FLOWERDALE - KINGLAKE
 (Black WEST - WHITTIESEA - WOODSTOCK.
 Route) Mileage 56 m. (c.f. 48 m per HUME HIGHWAY).

1. This route is well defined through undulating and timbered country and is recommended for all Vehs except tks. Road Surface is fair metal to STRATH CK (G1), First class metal STRATH CK to KINGLAKE WEST (B1) and bitumen surface (A1) from KINGLAKE WEST to WHITTIESEA. Brs are mainly timber 20 - 30' (class 12) and should be confined to one vehicle or one gun and trailer at the one time. Cover is sparse to FLOWERDALE, but from FLOWERDALE to WHITTIESEA is excellent cover through dense timber. From WHITTIESEA to WOODSTOCK cover is very poor in open flat country.
2. One section of route, viz KINGLAKE WEST to WHITTIESEA contains steep gradients and road is made dangerous by steep curves and no fences. A max of 10 m.i.h. by day or night would be necessary in this section.
3. Brs at 316995 and 274834 should be inspected by Engrs before route is adopted, although both brs are apparently sound and capable of taking M.T.

ROUTE 2. TRAWOOL ER - STRATH CK - MURCHISON GAP - BROADFORD.
 (Green Mileage - 30 m. (c.f. 16 m. per HUME HIGHWAY).
 Route)

4. Surface is fair metal (B1) from STRATH CK to BROADFORD, running through hilly country with a dangerous section at MURCHISON GAP. Cover is fair. Brs are usual class 12, but one br at 238059 needs inspection.
5. Route is not recommended owing to distance and junction with traffic on HUME HIGHWAY.

W OF HUME HIGHWAY.

ROUTE 3 HILDENE - rd juncn 076291 - 057253 - 047248 - GLEN-
 (Red ARCTA - rd juncn 264206 - 963173 - 959179 - HIGH CAMP-
 Route) 938114 rd juncs - MORANDING - thence (ref MELBOURNE
4 m - 1") via track to LANCEFIELD / (KILMORE RD at
 6334 2354 - LANCEFIELD - CLARKFIELD - (ref SUNBURY 1") -
rd juncs 803744 - 326737 - 804720 - rd bend 867714 -
rd juncs 892674 - 884640 - 917636 - CRAIGIEBURN.

APPX. E

PART 1

ROUTE 3
(Cont)

Mileage - 68 m (c.f. 48 per HUME HIGHWAY)

6. Above route passes through 'back-block' country fairly well timbered in places, in other parts open and flat. Roads are fair to good gravel and metal with a general classification of B1, although sections marked C1 in Part II hereof are strictly - classified. Route from rd juncs 076291 to 057254 (about 2½ miles) is very bad going, and strictly cannot be classed higher than B2. The road there is bush track winding between trees with many potholes and fords. However the track will carry 3 ton loads and all fords have rock bottoms. Engr recce should be made of this section with a view to improving roads against wet weather, and approached to fords. It does not appear that any suitable detour exists.
7. Guides or T.C.P.'s will be necessary as recommended in Part II, particularly from MORANDING to LANCEFIELD Rd (where no one inch map exists) and from CLARKEFIELD to FIFTEEN MILE Lane.
8. Br at 966204 (CRB Classification 5) appears unsafe, and subject to Engr recce, may necessitate the detour mentioned in Part II para 17. This detour involves and extra 3 miles only

ROUTE 4
(Blue
Route)

PUCKAPUNYAL - TOOBERAC - KILMORE or to HIGH CAMP -
rd Junc 938114 - thence via Route 3 to CRAIGIEBURN
(Blue Route).

Mileage to KILMORE - 38 m. (c.f. 25 m per HUME HIGHWAY).
Mileage to CRAIGIEBURN - 114 m.
(partly via Route 3)

9. This route is not recommended on account of extremely rough stretch of road (C2) (C3) between PUCKA and TOOBERAC and on account of junction of traffic above KILMORE or alternatively the distance involved in branching off to use Route 3. Rds (apart from above stretch) are good and cover to HIGH CAMP fair to good. See Part II for particulars.

ROUTE 5
(Trace)

As per trace herewith entitled "Route 2" (prepared by
GSI Vic L of C Area) PUCKA to SOMERTON via HILDENE -
BROADFORD - WANDONG - WOODSTOCK.

Mileage - 40 m (c.f. 48 m per HUME HIGHWAY)

10. This route was not reced owing to possession of above trace which gives full details. The route is not recommended. It is noted that rd classifications marked in trace show as low as C3 rds. This confirms comments of rds due South of HILDENE set out in para 11 hereof. This route would contain a majority of very bad roads and involves a crossing at BROADFORD.

GENERAL

11. A number of rds South to S.W. of HILDENE as far South as Sq 0213 were reced.
Conclusion:-
No route between route 3 (red) and HUME HIGHWAY is practicable owing to extremely bad C2 and C3 rds and the fact that all rds except route 3 must cross HUME HIGHWAY above KILMORE.

12. Marked maps are submitted herewith.

TIME TAKEN: (One day East Route)
(One day West Route)

DATE OF REPORT: 14 Dec 42.

M. Dowling Capt.
I.O. 2 Aust Mot Div.

PART II.

RECCE REPORT by D.R. Downey Capt.
- available routes SEYMOUR - Concentration Area A.

Route	Information.
<u>ROUTES E OF HUME HIGHWAY. ROUTE 1 (Black Route)</u>	<u>TRAWOOL Br 224244 - rd June 290172 - STRATH CK - FLOWERDALE - KINGLAKE WEST - WHITTLESEA - WOODSTOCK. (56 miles)</u> <u>TRAWOOL BR - RD JUNE 290172</u>
<u>A. Surface & Gradients.</u>	1. Good wide formed metal rd (A1). Easy gradients. <u>Rd June 290172 - STRATH CK.</u> 2. Fair formed metal in all the way (C1). This portion of route is very winding, and in two places (inc cutting about 274135) road has fallen in toward deep drop to CK. CRB Warning Signs have been erected. Safe road space still exists. Easy gradients. <u>STRATH CK - FLOWERDALE</u> 3. First class metal rd (C1). Safe easy going. Occasional passing quite possible. Easy gradients. <u>NOTE.</u> 4th class rd shown on TALLAROOK 1" sheet from STRATH CK 243066 to 246068 is in fact a C1 rd, good metal surface and is normal turn off to FLOWERDALE. The 2nd class rd shown at 242063 is not usable. <u>FLOWERDALE - KINGLAKE WEST</u> 4. First class gravel rd (B1). Rd alternates between A1 and B1 and is accordingly classed B1 for the whole sector. Rd undulates through first class cover. Easy gradients. <u>KINGLAKE WEST - WHITTLESEA</u> 5. Good bitumen rd (A1) all way except for winding section through hills 252768 - 212740 which is partly bitumen, partly metal (B1). That section contains steep gradients and sharp curves. No fences exist. Extreme caution at night would be essential and one stream traffic only. <u>WHITTLESEA - WOODSTOCK</u> 6. Good bitumen (A1) to 140677, where turn R to WOODSTOCK into B1 metal. Flat country. <u>B. Cover.</u> 7. Route affords good cover from FLOWERDALE onwards to WHITTLESEA; prior to FLOWERDALE and after WHITTLESEA cover sparse. Rd has many defiles and except between FLOWERDALE and KINGLAKE WEST, it would be difficult for Vehs to leave the rd. Cover at WOODSTOCK very sparse, Country being open and flat. <u>C. Bridges.</u> 8. Many brs span route, mostly single span timber of about class 12. Some strong double & triple span timber brs are met usually about class 16. Lowest br estimated was class 10 at 272111 and 274834. N.B. One br (at 316995) was not classified pending engr inspection. Br is triple span, 63'x12', longest span 27', supported by three 12" beams. These beams appear badly eaten by white ants. N.B. Br at 274834 (class 10) is sunken on bed logs on one end and should be inspected.

PART II

ROUTES E OF HUME HIGHWAY (CONT)

RECCE REPORT by D.R.Downey Capt.
(Cont)

Route	Information
D. <u>T.C.P.'s</u>	9. Recommended at 290172, 243066, 315970, 262777, WHITTIESEA, 140677.

ROUTE 2. (Green Route)

Same route as (1) above to STRATH CK thence via MURCHISON GAP TO BROADFORD (30 miles)

STRATH CK - BROADFORD

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| A. <u>Surface & Gradients</u> | 10. Fair metal road STRATH CK to BROADFORD, with some loose gravel. (B1) Steep gradients through MURCHISON GAP Sq 1905, km 2005, with sharp curves, no fences and loose edges. Extreme caution necessary by day or night. MURCHISON GAP is safe only for one stream of traffic. |
| B. <u>Cover.</u> | 11. Fair cover. Vehs could go off rd except through MURCHISON GAP. Hilly, sparse timber. |
| C. <u>Bridges.</u> | 12. Usual class 12 brs (w). Br at 238059, (STRATH CK) should be inspected owing to rotting of timber. |
| D. <u>T.C.P.'s.</u> | 13. At 237057 and 086104. |

ROUTES 7 OF HUME HIGHWAY. ROUTE 3 (Red Route) HILIDENE - rd junc 076291 - 057253 - 047248 - GLENAROUA - rd junc 964206 - 963178 - 959179 - HIGH CAMP - rd junc 938114 - MORANDING - thence (ref MELBOURNE 4m to 1") via track to LANCEFIELD / KILMORE Rd at 9354 - LANCEFIELD - CLARKEFIELD - (ref SUNBURY 1") rd juncs 803744 - 826737 - 804720 - rd bend 867714 - rd juncs 892674 - 884640 - 917836 - CRAIGIEBURN.
(68 Miles)

A. RD SURFACE & GRADIENTS & COVER

HILIDENE - RD JUNC 076291.

14. Gravel rd (A1) through sparse timber. Flat easy going.

RD JUNC 076291 - 057253

15. This section (2½ miles) is a dirt track, extremely rough going, through belts of timber on the road, with numerous fords. Section is class B2, but 3 ton Vehs could traverse under guidance. Night driving would be difficult. Engr recce of this section would be useful to provide against wet conditions. All fords however are rock-bottomed and quite passable and cover is good.

16. Detour over ASHES Br 079280 around second class rd over br 062253 was not reced as information graded A1 received was that that road was bad and br at 062253 was impassable.

PART II

RECCE REPORT by D.R. Downey Capt.
(Cont)

Route 3
(Cont)

Route	Information
	<u>RD JUNC 057253 - 964206</u>
17.	Gravel rd (A1) through sparse cover. Easy going. <u>RD JUNC 964206 - 963178</u>
18.	Gravel rd (C1) very winding in Sq 9620. This section contains the br at 966204 (class 5) referred to under B hereof. A detour appears from map GLENAROUA - 994182 - 960179 of which portion from GLENAROUA - 994182 was reced. That portion is gravel (B1) and balance of portion would no doubt be C1. If engrs condemn the above br, the detour would be available.
	<u>RD JUNC 963178 - HIGH CAMP</u>
19.	Gravel rd (B1) through flat open country to junc at BENDIGO Rd.
	<u>HIGH CAMP - RD JUNC 938114</u>
20.	^{is} This/BENDIGO Rd, bitumen(A1). <u>RD JUNC 938114 - JUNC WITH LANCEFIELD/ KILMORE RD.</u>
21.	Gravel rd (C1) with good cover. Undulating country after MORANDING. A dangerous level crossing without warning device exists at 925101. Portion of this sec viz 10 1/2 miles from MORANDING to junc LANCEFIELD/KILMORE Rd (9334) appears as track on MELBOURNE 4m sheet. ^{for 10 1/2 miles of distance} This portion is actually a formed metal rd (B1) with many passing places. From G317 to G334 rd is gravel but classed C1 (C2). <u>RD JUNC 9334 - CLARKEFIELD.</u>
22.	Good metal and later bitumen rd (A1) through open country. <u>CLARKEFIELD (RD JUNC 803744 SUNBURY 1") - RD JUNC 917635</u>
23.	Formed metal (B1), very winding with some short steep gradients Sq 8073 and again at KONGADERRA area. This section needs policing for direction. Cover is poor.
B. <u>Bridges.</u>	24. Brs are mainly the usual 20' single span timber brs approx class 12, but two need special inspection by engrs. One at 966204 is approx 85 yds timber br on piles spanning MOLLISON'S CK. Br bears CRB classification 5 and appears in weak condition. Rails are broken and bridge appears to sag. Engr recce is strongly recommended. Other doubtful brs are at 920084 and 889682 and G317
C. <u>T.C.P.'s.</u>	25. Points or guides should be established at all road juncs and references mentioned in description of route above. In addition a point is necessary at ref MELBOURNE 4m sheet F359.

PART II

RECCE REPORT by D.R.Downey Capt.
(Cont)

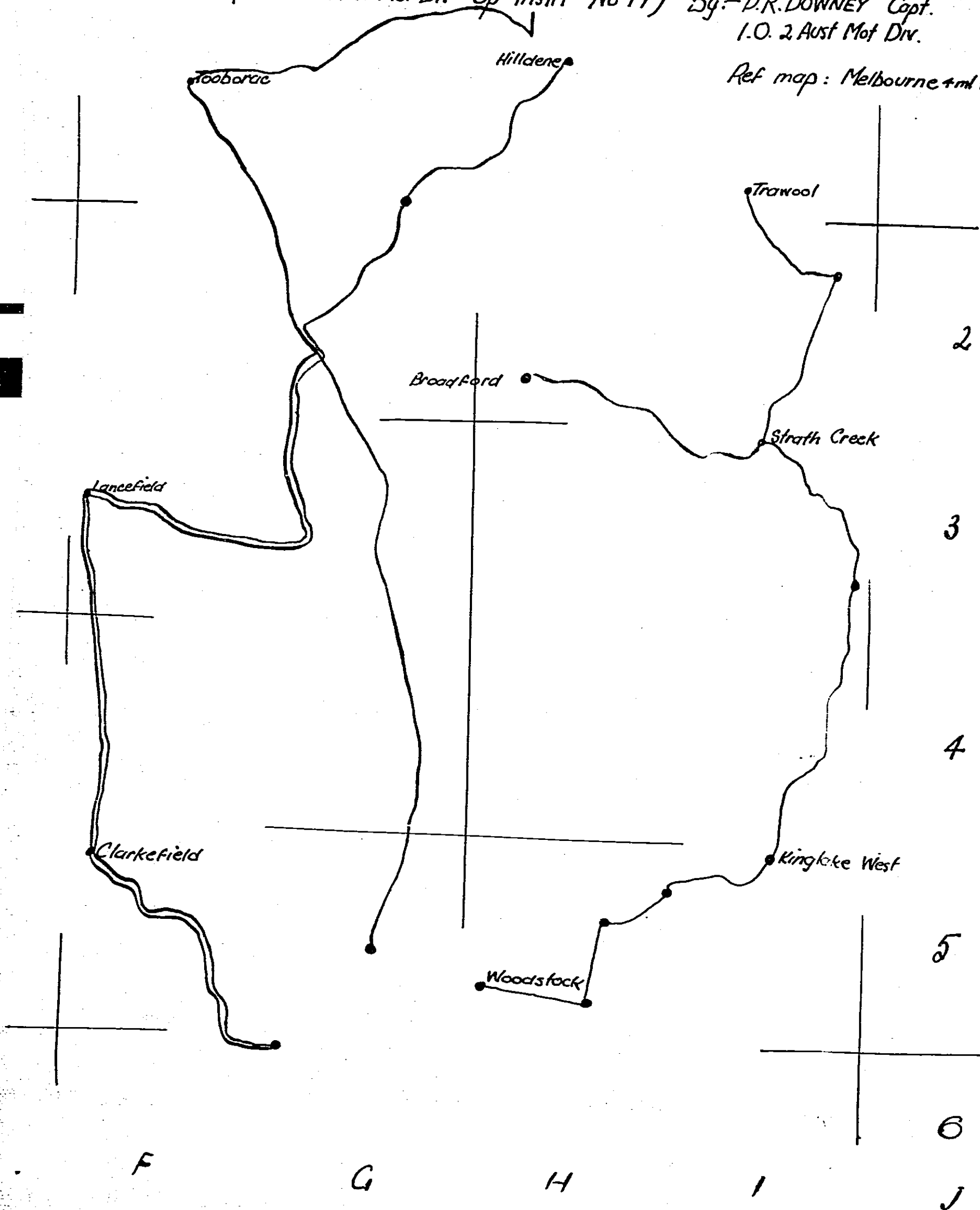
Route 4.

Route	Information
<u>ROUTE 4.</u> (Blue Route)	<u>PUCKAPUNYAL - via alleged second class rd to TOOBERAC -</u> <u>via BENDIGO RD to KILMORE or via BENDIGO RD to HIGH</u> <u>CAMP - RD JUNC 938114 - thence via Route 3 to</u> <u>CRAIGIEBURN.</u> (38 m to KILMORE; 114 m to CRAIGIEBURN).
A. <u>Rd Surface,</u> <u>Cover &</u> <u>Gradient.</u>	26. Rd to TOOBERAC shown 2nd class rd on PUCKA TRG AREA & PYALONG 1" sheets is in fact a very bad surface, rd junc 997338 to 908324 (class 02 (C3)) - a distance of six miles. Rd is partly metal, partly earth. Heavy Vehs would not get through in wet weather and speeds would necessarily be very slow. Cover is fair to good. Country undulating. 27. TOOBERA - KILMORE is A1. 28. Rd junc 938114 via LANCEFIELD - CRAIGIEBURN see Route 3.
B. <u>Bridges.</u>	29. Brs on PUCKA - TOOBERAC Section are class 12 at least. Brs on BENDIGO rd class 12 - 18.
C. <u>T.C.P.'s.</u>	30. Points at 935313, TOOBERAC 831306, and rd junc 938114.
<u>ROUTE 5.</u>	See trace PUCKA - SOMERTON "Route 2" prepared by by GSI Vic L of C Area.

PROPOSED ROUTES FOR
M.T. VEHs - SEYMOUR AREA
TO CONCENTRATION AREA "A"

(vide 2 Aust Mot Div Op Instr No 17) By: D.R. DOWNEY Capt.
 I.O. 2 Aust Mot Div.

Ref map: Melbourne 4ml 601"



Memorandum

RECCE REPORT UPON SUGGESTED DEVIATIONS FROM WEST ROUTE
TO CONCENTRATION AREA "A"

(Vide 2 Aust Mot Div Op Instruction No 18 para 8 (1))

By - Capt BOWNEY D R IO 2 Aust Mot Div.

Date Made - 3 Jan 43.

Weather - Fine and clear after rain.

Vehicle - Staff Car.

Time taken - 3½ hours.

Ref Maps

Routes W of HUME HIGHWAY -

TULLAROOK 1"
PYALONG 1"
MELBOURNE 4m
SUNBURY 1"

Following receipt of Bridge Recce Report by Capt D F COLLINS RAE, (annexure to 6 Aust Armd Bde Int Report No 27 of 31 Dec 42), the following deviations from WEST Route to Concentration Area "A" were reced in company with Capt COLLINS and IO 6 Aust Armd Bde.

DEVIATION 1.

From rd June C65285 WEST to rd June C20286 thence SOUTH
to rd June C03236.

1. This deviation will avoid the bad section of the route (about 2½ mile) mentioned in para 6 of Capt BOWNEY'S Recce Report of 14 Dec 42.
2. Surface is B1 and going easy. Cover is fair.
3. Three fords at 045286, 020286 and 019278 should be improved with gravel.

DEVIATION 2.

From GLENARQUA (rd June 990218) SOUTH to rd June 994183 thence
WEST to rd June 959179

4. This deviation will avoid class 5 br at 966203. (Note: Capt COLLINS states this is MAXIMUM classification)
5. Surface is B1 throughout. Cover fair.
6. A small washaway across rd at 990180 should be reinforced with screenings.

DEVIATION 3.

From rd June 959179 WEST to rd June 908173 - rd June 908165 -
WEST to rd June 807072 - rd June 796069 - rd June 787050 -
SOUTH to LANCEFIELD.

Mileage - 18.4 miles. (c.f. mileage via MORANDING 23.1 miles)

7. This deviation will avoid class 3 br at 920083 and class 5 br at ref MELBOURNE 4m sheet G327. (Note: Capt COLLINS estimates br at 926083 would require a substantial rebuilding to make

2.

it a class 9 br. Estimated 1 tp for 7 days; also that br at G327 would require work by 1 tp for 2 days. The deviation is accordingly strongly recommended, particularly as approx 5 miles are saved.

8. Surface is B1 throughout, through undulating country. Gradient are gentle and would afford no trouble to hy MT.
9. Earlier part of deviation (viz about 6 miles to Sq 5209) is through open country with poor cover. Cover then becomes good until within 2 - 3 miles of LANCEFIELD when country again becomes very open. However that part of existing WEST route along KILMORE - LANCEFIELD rd has 10 miles of poor cover through open country.
10. Route is well defined. TCP's recommended at rd juncs 959179 908173, 908165, 865137, 807072, 787050.
11. Capt COLLINS reports that brs throughout are at least class 9
12. Tracing is attached showing existing ~~EXISTING~~ and proposed routes.
Total mileage - Existing route 70 miles.
Proposed route 65.5 miles

Date of Report: 4 Jan 43.

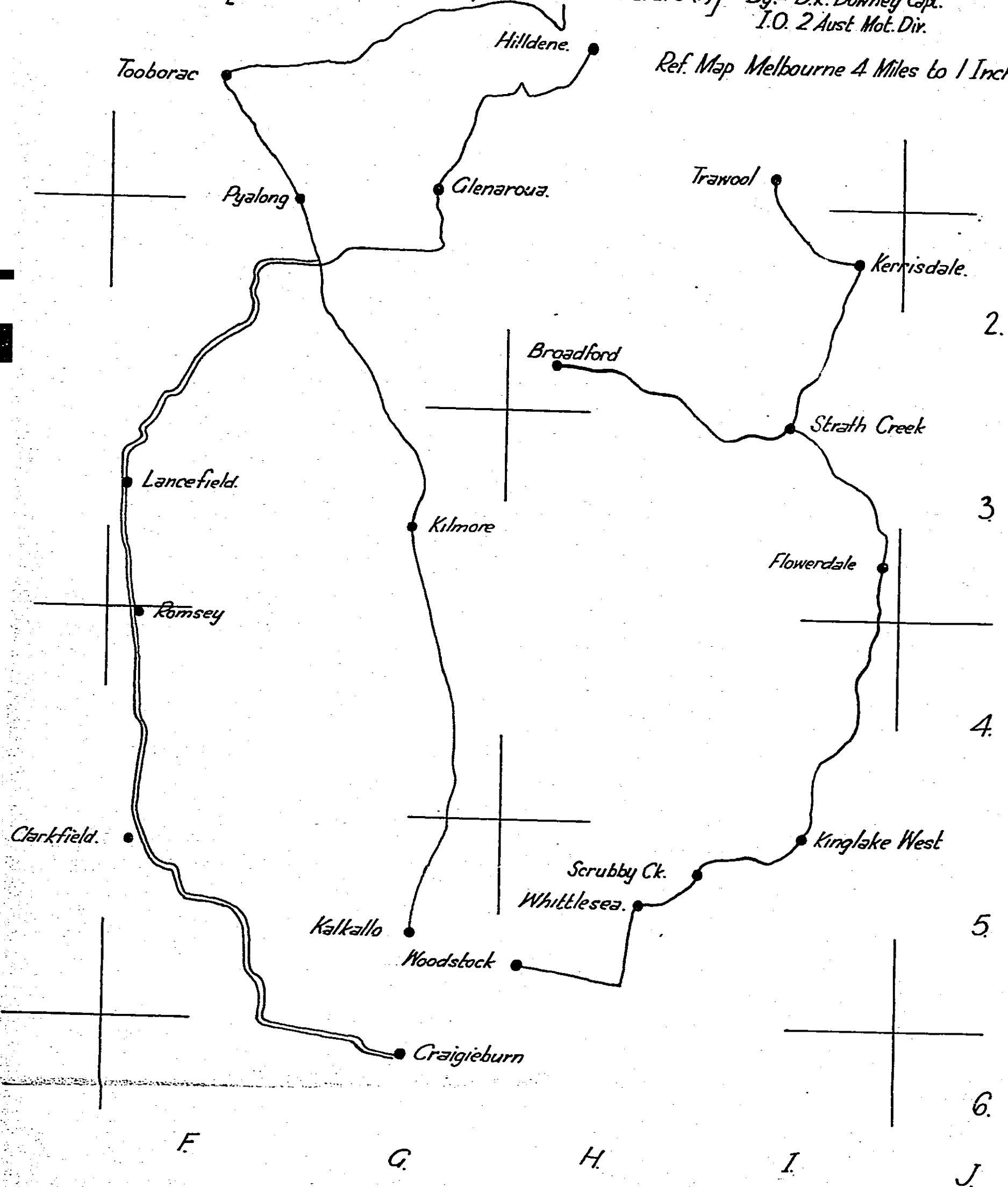
Rawley Capt
IO 2 Aust Mot Div

This tracing annexed
subsequently to
Div. O.I. No 18.

PROPOSED ROUTES FOR
M.T. VEHs. - SEYMOUR AREA
TO CONCENTRATION AREA "A"

[Vide. 2 Aust. Mot. Div. Op. Instrn. No 18 Para. 8 (1)] By:- D.R. Downey Capt.
I.O. 2 Aust. Mot. Div.

Ref. Map Melbourne 4 Miles to 1 Inch.



NAMN/HK

Adv HQ 2 Aust Mot Div

43/64/G

8 Jan 43.

2 AUST MOT DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 16
ARTILLERY LECTURES - OFFERS.

Two lectures will be given in accordance with the following table in the "G" Room, HQ 2 Aust Mot Div:-

Serial No	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer.
1	Mon 18 Jan 43	2015 hrs	Characteristics and Employment of A Tk Artillery with Armoured Formations.	Lt Col J M SIMPSON 105 Aust A Tk Regt.
2.	Mon 25 Jan 43	2015 hrs	Characteristics and Employment of Field Artillery with Armoured Formations.	Lt Col J R ELLIS 22 Aust Fd Regt

2. The under-mentioned Offers will attend:-

HQ 6 Aust Armd Bde	3 Offers.
12 Aust Armd Regt	1 Senior Offer
13 Aust Armd Regt	1 Senior Offer
9 Aust Mot Regt	1 Senior Offer
5 Aust Fd Sqn	1 Offer
22 Aust Fd Regt	5 Senior Offers at Serial No 1.
105 Aust A Tk Regt	5 Senior Offers at Serial No 2.
HQ 2 Aust Mot Div	All Offers
HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div	3 Senior Offers
Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	1 Offer.
1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	2 Offers.

3. This instruction does not amend 2 Aust Mot Div Training Instruction No 14 - Instruction in Military Law.

M. A. Nicholas Lt Col
GS 2 Aust Mot Div.

Distribution:-

6 Aust Armd Bde (7)
22 Aust Fd Regt
105 Aust A Tk Regt
Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn
1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div
HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div
All Offers Div HQ
File (2)
War Diary (2).

APPX F (1)

HAMN/VLP

Adv HQ 2 Aust Mot Div.

20 Jan 43.

2 AUST MOT DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 17.
ARTILLERY RANGE PRACTICE SAT 23 JAN 43.

1. To enable Officers who have not previously had the opportunity of witnessing a 25 pr Artillery Shoot, a party of the following maximum composition may attend that of the 58 Bty 22 Aust Fd Regt at PUCKAPUNYAL Artillery Range Sat 23 Jan 43.

6 Aust Armd Bde	15 Officers.
105 Aust A Tk Regt	2 "
Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	1 "
1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	2 "
HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div.	2 "
6 Aust Army Armd Wkshp AEIR	1 "
6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Pk	1 "
2 Aust Mot Div Pro Coy	1 "
2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office	1 "
2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit	1 "

2. Each Unit listed above will advise this HQ by signal not later than 1100 hrs Fri 22 Jan 43, the number of Officers who will attend.
3. Officers will rendezvous near the sentry box at the main entrance to the PUCKAPUNYAL Artillery Range at 0845 hrs Sat 23 Jan 43.
4. Units of Div Tps will mutually arrange co-ordination of transport.

W B Maguire Lt-Col.
G S 2 Aust Mot Div.

Distribution.

6 Aust Armd Bde (10)
22 Aust Fd Regt (for information)
105 Aust A Tk Regt.
Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn.
1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div.
HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div.
6 Aust Army Armd Wkshop AEIR
6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Pk.
2 Aust Mot Div Pro Coy.
2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office.
2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit.

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— War Diary (2)

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Adv HQ 2 Aust Mot Div.

20 Jan 43.

2 AUST MOT DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 18.
ARTILLERY RANGE PRACTICE SAT 23 JAN 43.

1. All Officers HQ 2 Aust Mot Div will give details on the attached form Appx "A" in respect of 25 pr Artillery Shoots.
2. Those who provide a negative answer in column (b) will indicate in column (c) or (d) whether duty will permit their attendance at a shoot at POCKAPUNYAL Artillery Range Sat 23 Jan 43. The shoot will be conducted by 58 Bty, 22 Aust Fd Regt.
3. Transport, arrangements for which will be arranged by "G" Branch, will leave HQ 2 Aust Mot Div at 0815 hrs 23 Jan 43.
4. It is suggested that heads of Branches and Services, when detailing an Officer to remain at HQ, consider those who have already witnessed a shoot.

 Lt-Col.
G S 2 Aust Mot Div.

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22 Aust Fd Regt (for information)
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— War Diary - 2.

APPX "A" TO 2 AUST MOT DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 18.

Particulars of Offrs HQ 2 Aust Mot Div concerning 25
pr Artillery Shoots.

Name (a)	25 pr shoot previously attended (b)	Available to attend Sat 23 Jan 43. (c)	Duty will prevent at- tendance Sat 23 Jan 43 (d)
COL PENINGTON			
LT COL MOUIDS			
MAJ TANNER			
MAJ HARGRAVE			
MAJ STEWART			
MAJ PRYDE			
MAJ SANDY			
MAJ NICHOLLS			
MAJ SASON			
CAPT REDMOND			
CAPT BURNELL			
CAPT DREMLER			
CAPT CLARKE			
CAPT DENEHY			
CAPT THOMSON			
CAPT RICH			
CAPT OFFICER			
CAPT DONEHY			
CAPT GILL			
CAPT HANCAHOS			
CAPT PHILLIPS			
LIEUT LOXTON			
LIEUT LYNCH			
LIEUT PIPKORN			
LIEUT ROWLANDS			
LIEUT STEYNE			
LIEUT WOSKIMMING			
LIEUT MASTERMAN			

APPX. F(ii)

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TO 2 April 1942 Div (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

FROM LAND FORCES

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IN REPLY TO NUMBER

SECRET	○	WORKING	ORDER	○	5
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and	by	HOLDSWORTHY	by	one	40
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from	2	Asst	MIT	Div	50
○	the	BTY	with	selected	55
will	more	from	location	to	60
HOLDSWORTHY	as	from	as	possible	65
under	arrangements	LHQ	increments	and	70
come	under	from	LHQ	School	75
17	Arby	Completed	arrival	○	80
SECOND	○	Personal	arms	and	85
eqpt	And	all	unit	eqpt	90
less	eqpt	less	guns	and	95
gun	store	and	less	school	100
less	army	vehicles	will	equipment	105
BTY	○	Guns	and	gun	110
store	○	US	Asst	FD	115
BTY	and	all	vehicles	Asst	120
taken	to	New	gunner	by	125
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SD 4445

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In Reply to Number

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22. August 7d Regt

FROM

2. August 11st Div

Originator's Number.

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Date.

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following	from	LANDFORCES	①.	44	Fd
Bty	will	take	participation	7	Regt
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FROM *MILBASE. MELBOURNE*

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<i>Landfill</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Secret</i>	<i>Secret</i>	<i>Army</i>	10
<i>2</i>	<i>Arml.</i>	<i>Mel</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>Melbase</i>	15
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Mel</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Mel</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	20
<i>Landfill</i>	<i>Mel</i>				25
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<i>Mel</i>	<i>Secret</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>SD 3646</i>	35
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<i>Arml</i>	<i>Mel</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>Will</i>	<i>Arml</i>	45
<i>located</i>	<i>GHERANG</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>GHERANG</i>	<i>Q</i>	50
<i>detaining</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>GHERANG</i>	<i>STATION</i>	<i>Q</i>	55
<i>detained</i>	<i>allocation</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>to</i>	60
<i>Arml</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>arranged</i>	<i>at</i>	65
<i>conference</i>	<i>SEYMOUR</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Jan</i>	70
<i>by</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>Arml</i>	75
<i>and</i>	<i>HQ RIG</i>	<i>Arml</i>	<i>Lo/c</i>	<i>Arml</i>	80
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TO 2 Aust Mot Div

FROM SECOND Aust ARMY

Originator's Number 2125

Date 28

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request.	inform	unit	locations		

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Second Asst Army

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In Reply to Number

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FROM	LANDFORCES		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	DATE	IN REPLY TO NUMBER
			QM. 7950	29	
(WRITE HORIZONTALLY)					
ABOUTS	SYDNEY	MILBARK	SYDNEY	ABOUTS	5
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					25
MOST	SECRET	⊙	FURTHER	TO	30
QM 7950	of	29 JAN	⊙	Amendments	35
destination	of	units	⊙	Serials	40
12	and	14	CORIO	⊙	45
Serial	13	BEAUFORT	⊙	Serial	50
2	and	3	Drysdale	⊙	55
Serial	1	4	5	6	60
7	8	9	10	11	65
15	GHERANG	⊙	MOUL	SYDNEY	70
16	advised	ARMY	MELBOURNE	and	75
LHO	MOUL	allotment	serials	8	80
train	⊙	14	⊙	Time	85
Cable	first	train	Sunday	5	90
Feb	BLACKTOWN	depart	0400	MOSSVALE	95
1236 -	1330	GEORGEOWN	1616 -	1824	100
⊙	SATURDAY	6	Feb	GRIFFITH	105
0827 -	0918	NARRANDERRA	1207 -	1255	110
FOURMERE	arrive	2017	⊙	Second	115
Train	Sunday	5	Feb	BLACKTOWN	120
depart	1100	MOSSVALE	1838 -	1930	125
⊙	SATURDAY	6	Feb.	NARRANDER	130

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WAR DIARY

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV

For month ended 20 Jan 43.

APPX

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Serial No	Formation etc/ down to Div HQ and Bdes	Approx percentages available with Units.												Role	Present employment eg assembly, trg, preparation for ops.
		Weapons								Transport					
		Rifles	LMGs	MMGs	TSMGs	Mortars 2"	Mortars 3"	2 Pps	25 Pps	NT	Carriers	Tanks	Strength of Personnel		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
1	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div	99%	50%		88%					72.2%		37.5%	63%	In support of Vic I of C Force.	Training.
2	Div Tps	64%	43%		30%			75%	100%	69.9%			66.7%	"	"
3	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp	136%	43%	219%	58%		100%	45%		62.4%	178.3%	35%	78.5%	"	"

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV

SECRET

for month ended 20 Jan 43.

Serial No (a)	Formation etc (b)	General Standard of Offrs & NCOs (q)	Phase of trg covered during the month (r)	Type of warfare Formations considered capable of (s)	Remarks (t)
1	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div	Sound	Advanced individual training	P Training will be complete after approximately two months of divisional training with full establishment of personnel and equipment.	
2	Div Tps	Generally good, but require higher training with troops. This will be possible only when brigades are ready for divisional training	Artillery - battery training, revision of individual training, full calibre and sub calibre shooting. Signals - individual training.	P Two months' divisional training after completion of unit training. The time will be governed largely by Signals which will firstly have to be brought up to W E with trained reinforcements followed by six weeks of Signals unit training.	The shortage of personnel which are in the main Specialists is hindering the training of Signal, Artille and AEME units.
3	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp	Improved slightly during the last month. Units are still embarrassed by the presence of overage and unsuitable offrs awaiting disposal and NCOs unsuitable for work in an armoured formation.	Advanced individual training.	P Require two to three months to complete training.	

WAR DIARY ADV HQ G STAFF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

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- A. Intelligence Reports Nos 121/124.
- B. Intelligence Summaries Nos 64/66.
- C. Location Statements.
- D. Other Documents: (i) List of Div Offrs and G Staff.
 (ii) Combat Efficiency Report.
 (iii) Passwords.
 * (iv) D R L S Time Table
 * (v) Defensive positions WINCHELSEA Dec 1941.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

ADV HQ : G STAFF
Unit 2 AUST MOT DIV (AIF)

(Erase heading not required)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Feb 43. To 0910 hrs 9 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKESBY ref Map	1 Feb		20 Aust Mot Regt and 296 LAD not to move with 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp to Vic L of C Area	/3 Aust Armd Div (To come under comd)
TALLAROOK 1" to	2 Feb	1800	Advance Party 44 Fd Bty (22 Aust Fd Regt) moves to School of Artillery (Fd Med & Survey) HOLDSWORTHY. 44 Fd Bty becomes Depot Bty.	
1 mile 177247				
			Lt-Col L. MOULDS C.O. Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div appointed to Sig 2 Aust Corps and leaves to join 2 Aust Corps.	
	3 Feb	1130	Major McDONALD R.V. 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp reports to Div HQ before moving to GHERANG with Advance Party.	
		1415	GOC holds conference at Div HQ ref future of 2 Aust Mot Div. GL, AG, DAAG, ADME, ADOS, ADWE, attend.	
		1545	Brig F. WELLS Comd 6 Aust Armd Bde and Brig MACARTHUR ENSLOW Comd 4 Aust Armd Bde confer with GOC ref new formation 4 Aust Armd Bde.	
	4 Feb	1200	1 Aust Fd Sqn not to move with 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp to Vic L of C Area	(To come under comd 3 Aust Armd Div)
	5 Feb		2 Aust Mot Bde Coy AASC not to move with 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp to Vic L of C Area	To come under comd Second Army.
	7 Feb	1300	Adv HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp opens GHERANG and Bde Gp comes under comd 2 Aust Mot Div.	Ref Map ANGLESEA 1 in 173757
	8 Feb		6 Aust Mot Regt and 293 Aust LAD, open HQ at DRYSDALE (from NARRALAN N.S.W.)	Ref Map PORTARLINGTON 1 in 622222
			15 Aust Mot Regt, 17 Aust Mot Regt, 294 LAD, 226 LAD 3 Sqn Sigs 2 Lt Fd Amb open GHERANG (from WALLGROVE N.S.W.)	Ref Map ANGLESEA 1 in 173757
	9 Feb	0910	44 Fd Bty, (22 Aust Fd Regt) moves to HOLDSWORTHY School of Arty Fd as Depot Bty.	

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ADV HQ : G STAFF
Unit 2 AUST MOT DIV (ATE) (Erase heading not required)
Date and Time.—From 0910 hrs To 2359 hrs
9 Feb 43. To 18 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROCKBY ref Map	9 Feb	2300	Rear Bde HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde closes at WALL GROVE NSW L of C Area	
TALLAROOK 1" to	10 Feb		Two Tpt Fls 6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC open GEELONG Racecourse (from WALLGROVE N.S.W.)	Ref Map GEELONG 1 in 441917
1 mile 177247	11 Feb	0900	105 Aust A Tk Regt and 261 LAD closes SEYMOUR opens DARLEY	Ref Map BALLAN 1 in 5056
		1600	6 Aust Army Armd Wkshop close SEYMOUR, open SEYMOUR Race course 6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Flk " " " " " "	Ref Map TALLAROOK 1 in 299311
	12 Feb		2 Aust Mot Bde Gp Wkshop opens SEYMOUR Common (from WALLGROVE N.S.W.)	Ref Map GEELONG 1 in 421927
	14 Feb		Move of 2 Aust Mot Bde Gp to Vic L of C Area completed with arrival of Out of Gauge Vehicles by road.	
	15 Feb	1100	Lt-Gen J. NORTHGOTT (C.G.S.) and Maj-Gen R. DEWING (British Army) and G.O.C. inspect ceremonial parade of 6 Aust Armd Bde and Div Tps under command of Brig F. WELLS at PUCKAPUNYAL. Gen NORTHGOTT takes salute at march past of men and tanks.	
			3 Aust Armd Bde will raise for 4 Aust Armd Bde the following: 4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn, 4 Aust Armd Bde Gp Wkshop, 4 Aust Armd Bde Cipher Sec, 4 Aust Armd Bde Pro Pl, 4 Aust Armd Bde Fd Cash Office, 4 Aust Armd Bde Postal Unit,	
			5 Aust Fd Sqn and 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb will transfer to 4 Aust Armd Bde when required.	
	16 Feb	0600	Strength of Div now 466 Officers 7315 O/Rs. Strength of Div HQ 27 Officers 181 O/Rs.	
			Warning Order 4 Aust Armd Bde will concentrate SINGLETON NSW L of C Area.	
	18 Feb		AC1 Tank Users trials commence at PUCKAPUNYAL. Capt FOGARTY 3 Aust Armd Div & Capt PEARSON 13 Aust Armd Regt in charge. 6 Aust Armd Bde personnel in crews.	

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Unit 2 AUST MOT DIV (AIF) (Erase heading not required)
Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 19 Feb 43 To 2359 hrs 29 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
POKERY ref Map	19 Feb		SM 3627 covering the re-organization of Armoured Divisions AIF is issued.	JH
TALLAROOK 1" to			2 Aust Mot Div and all units to be disbanded except 22 Aust Fd Regt, 223 LAD, 22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec, 13 Aust Armd Regt and	JH
1 mile 177247			260 LAD which will transfer to 3 Aust Armd Div; 15 Aust Mot Regt, 294 LAD which will transfer to 1 Aust Armd Div and	JH
			5 Aust Fd Sqn and 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb which will transfer to 4 Aust Armd Fde.	JH
	20 Feb		Capt D.G.DENEHY GSO III is reposted as GSO III(S.D) HQ N. T. Force and marches out from Div HQ.	JH
	23 Feb	0930	Warning Order for movt of 15 Aust Mot Regt and 294 LAD to 1 Aust Armd Div received.	JH
		0940	Warning Order for movt of 22 Aust Fd Regt, 22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec, 228 LAD, 13 Aust Armd Regt and 260 LAD to 3 Aust Armd Div Received.	JH
	25 Feb	0600	Strength of 2 Aust Mot Div HQ now 27 Officers 160 O/Rs and the strength of 2 Aust Mot Div now 437 Officers 7035 O/Rs (including units under orders to move but still under comd.)	JH
		1130	GOC inspects 105 Aust A Tk Regt at DARLEV	JH
	26 Feb	1500	GOC inspects 2 Aust Mot Rie Co at GHERANG	JH
	27 Feb	1100	GOC inspects 6 Aust Mot Regt at DRYSDALE.	JH
	23 Feb	2359	Location Statement issued.	JH

M. J. Nicholls
Maj.
G.S. 2 Aust. Mot. Div.

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2 AUST NOT DIV INT REPORT NO 121.

to 1200 hrs 4 Feb 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Ref Map PUCKAPUNYAL TRG AREA 1".

1. Br at 011506 is in poor condition and unsuitable for military traffic. With new decking br would be about class 1G.
2. Rd and Creek Crossings at 014506.
No brs exist. Two 23' brs with appreciable earthworks would be necessary to make road suitable for traffic. A short detour of approx 200 yds on South side of road obviates necessity for brs.
3. Br at 047468 is class 1G. Length 95 ft, width between kerbs 7 ft. Width just sufficient for dual wheel 3 ton lorry. Widening of br to take M3 tanks is beyond capabilities of 5 Aust Pd Bqn RAE with present equipment.
4. Br at 125493 is unsafe for military traffic as South abutment is undermined and decking is bad. Ford over dry creek exists on West side, but South approach to Ford is very steep.
5. Ford suitable all military traffic exists at 042468.
6. Road from 982506 to 995506 is impassable all M.T.

(All 5 Aust Pd Bqn RAE -Al)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

Security of Information.

7. Photographs taken recently of personnel of this HQ for Record purposes, show Colour Patches in most cases.
8. An officer reports that in an issue of APV Working Dress to him from Unit Q Store, he found the following name and address:-

"Miss Violet MILLER,
Princep Rd,
BICTON,
FREMANTLE. W.A."

Paper slip found is enclosed with copy No 2 of this Report.

9. Official correspondence incorrectly addressed has been received as follows:-

(1) From 23 A.I.F.B. to C.O. 14 Aust Armd Regt
PUCKAPUNYAL.

APPX 7

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| (ii) | From S.I.P.O.D.
Vic L of C Area | to | C.O. 1st Aust Arm Regt.
PUCKAPUNYAL |
| (iii) | " S.O. Canteens,
WELBORN | " | Offrs Mess,
HQ 2 Aust Mot Div.
ROKESBY. |
| (iv) | " 1 Aust S.O.D.
No 2 Sub-Depot | " | S.A.D.O.D.
2 Aust Mot Div.
SEYDOUR. |
| (v) | " " | " | " |
| (vi) | " ALBANY L of C | " | 2 Aust Mot Div.
ROKESBY. |
| (vii) | " Vic L of C Area
Records Office. | " | CC 2 Aust Mot Div Sigs
ROKESBY. |
| (viii) | " S.M.S.V. | " | S.M. 2 Aust Mot Div.
SEYDOUR. |
| (ix) | " HQ Pro School
PORT GELLINERAND V. | " | CC 2 Aust Mot Div
SEYDOUR VIC. |

(envelopes are forwarded to S I Vic L of C Area by separate memo this day).

10. A private letter passed by Military Censor 757 is addressed to:-

"3X14826,
Lt V.F. HUNTER,
Ed Stores Troop, 3rd Pd Pk Sqn RAS,
2 Mot Div,
Australia"

Civilian Morale.

11. An offr reports that persistent statements are circulating amongst teaching circles in WELBORN that teachers working voluntarily in munitions during last Xmas holidays in response to an urgent call through Education Dept, were
- (a) found useless for most types of work,
 - (b) in fact, not actually employed full time
 - (c) not occupied to material advantage.

(HQ 2 Aust Mot Div - A2)

12. Another offr reports that in connection with the above, a number of teachers went to a factory at opening hour but two - three hours later they could still find nothing to do. One woman teacher, becoming tired of this, left her telephone number and went home. Up to date of this information, she had heard nothing further.

(HQ 2 Aust Mot Div - A3)

13. Reports from a number of officers and WCOs indicate that civilians met with recently, particularly women, have a happy complaisance concerning the Pacific situation and the war generally, and appear convinced that the war will undoubtedly end in 1943. This attitude appears fairly general and is apparently induced by
- (a) the successful Russian counter-offensive
 - (b) the successful drive in Africa
 - (c) the Allied success in SWHA
 - (d) a complete failure to distinguish between these events and the general situation in the Pacific.
- Many references are made to the optimistic reports in newspapers.

(HQ 2 Aust Hot Div - 12)

James C. Pennington
Capt for Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Hot Div.

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2 AUST MOT DIV INT REPORT NO 122.

to 1200 hrs 11 Feb 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Ref Map PUCKA TRG AREA 1".

1. Timber br, class 24, now completed at 011506.

(5 Aust Fd Sqn RAN - A1)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

Security of Information.

2. VX120591, Tpr A.O'CONNOR, "C" Sqn, 13 Aust Armd Regt reports that W/T signals have been heard on several occasions from the home of Otto KRUGER, Kemp Ave, SPRINGVALE, VIC. These appear to be incoming signals received by a radio set. A light is frequently visible from one window of KRUGER'S home until the early hours of morning. (c.3)

3. Official correspondence incorrectly addressed has been received as follows:-

(i)	From 1 Aust Base Ord Depot No 2 Sub Depot	to	HQ 6 Aust Armd Bde DYSART
(ii)	" "	"	DADOS 2 Aust Mot Div. SEYMOUR.
(iii)	" Base Ord Depot No 3 Sub Depot	"	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div SEYMOUR. AUSTRALIA.
(iv)	" 1 Aust Base Ord Depot, No 2 Sub Depot	"	OC 2 Aust Mot Div. SEYMOUR

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4. Ref National Security (General) Regulations.

Removal of Direction Signs Order. Defaulters :-

Wallan Hotel, Broadford Hotel,
Wandong Store, Craigieburn Store,
Tallaroek Mechanics Institute.

Security of Military Personnel.

5. It has been noticed by units of this formation, when on route marches, that many drivers of civilian cars do not slacken speed when passing troops. Apart from the danger involved, the actions of these drivers show a lack of consideration, as troops are frequently smothered in dust. It is felt that something in the way of warning in the press, would help stop this nuisance.

Samuel G. Penchy
Capt
Maj-Gen.
Comd 2 Aust Mot Div.

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2 AUST HOT DIV INT REPORT NO 183.

to 1200 hrs 19 Feb 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Ref Map KINGLAKE 1".

1. Fr at 313096 has now been reconstructed and is class 12. (5 Aust Pd Sqn RAE - AI.)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

2. Official correspondence incorrectly addressed. (15 envelopes are forwarded to G3 I Vic L of C Area by separate memo this day).

McNicholls Maj Gen

Maj Gen
Comd 2 Aust Hot Div.

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2 AUST NOT DIV INT REPORT NO 124.

to 1200 hrs 28 Feb 43.

A. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Ref Map ANGLESNA 1"

1. Tar paved rd (A1) exists from crossroads 398782 to 410780 but from last point to end of road at mouth of THOMPSON'S CK is CS, earth, badly worn.
2. ZEALIN'S Rd from 345788 to crossroads 398782 is graded and gravelled, class A2.
3. Br at 250806 is undergoing repairs.
4. Br at 222710 has been burnt. Crossing in gully impassable in wet weather due to boggy bed and steep slopes.

(HQ 2 Aust Not Ede)

B. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Censorship.

1. Many cases have occurred of personnel posting uncensored letters at SEYMOUR P.O. In all cases possible disciplinary action is being taken and punishments promulgated. It appears that facilities offered by rest rooms and hostels for writing letters, encourage troops to write their letters in those places, and, taking advantage of one penny concession postage in many hostels, to post the letters uncensored through civilian P.O's. Action is being taken by this HQ at the SEYMOUR rest room to arrange for a warning against evasion of unit censorship to be prominently displayed in the writing room there concerned.

(b) Security of Information.

2. Rumours of reorganisation, disbanding of units, formation of new units, movement and the like, are circulating throughout this formation.
(T Aust P S Sec and Unit Officers)
Instructions have been issued by this HQ that particular care must be taken by franking officers and that personnel should be warned with regard to letters and telephone conversations and posting mail other than through unit channels.
3. Lectures by P S personnel to units within 2 Aust Not Ede Cp have been given during the week and the film "Next of Kin" shown to 700 personnel at GIERANG on 22 Feb. Considerable impression and interest was created by the film.
4. Several more letters have been received from B.O.D. ALBURY and BARDIANA addressed to this formation naming location.

- 2 -

5. Two envelopes displaying in the address both ignorance and lack of security have been received from Area 23A Drill Hall OSSLONG addressed to

O.C.

2 Aust M.D.

ROKERY. Aust.

Above letters were posted on 23 and 24 Feb.

Shaw, Cap. for
Comd Maj-Gen.
2 Aust Not Div. *Ad*

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2 AUST NOT DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NO 64.

(From 2359 hrs 29 Jan 43 to 2359 hrs 10 Feb 43)

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PART I - OPERATIONS.

AERODROME CONSTRUCTION

1. The enemy is pushing on with the construction of aerodromes and landing grounds in both NW and NE sectors. Apart from the continued development of RAPOPO aerodrome near RABUL, WEWAK, MADANG and FINSCHHAVEN on the North coast of NEW GUINEA, and MUNDA, VELLA LAVELLA and KOLOMBANGARA on or very close to NEW GUINEA, work is in progress at no less than six places in NEW BRITAIN. The landing ground at CAPE GLOUCESTER is being improved and new strips or clearings are being made at OPEN BAY, UBILI, and REIN BAY on the North coast and at WIDE BAY and CAPE CUNNINGHAM on the East coast. The object of these may be to provide bases from which close and continuous fighter cover may be given to his convoys from RABUL to NEW GUINEA.

In DUTCH NEW GUINEA, a strip is being cleared at NIME (9 miles SE of KAUKENAU). This, with the reported development of a base at KAIMANA, is further evidence of the enemy's interest in SW coast of NEW GUINEA.

NW SECTOR

2. Air sightings show that a convoy sufficient to carry one regiment was at AMBON on 20 Jan and that a second convoy of one destroyer and three transports was there on 28 Jan. Recent evidence suggests that AMBON is being developed as a forward base by the enemy and these convoys may indicate the arrival of combat troops.

NEW GUINEA

3. There have been three principal areas of activity:-

- (a) South of MADANG.
Enemy has shown considerable interest in a negotiable track of about 130 miles from MADANG to LAE, and is evidencing greater enterprise than before in moving up the MARKHAM from LAE.

- (b) MUBO-WAE Area.

Sharp clashes have occurred BLACK-CAT CK Area, also near WANDUNI where our forces on 28 Jan withdrew to a ridge just North of BULOLO. On 29/30 Jan enemy from BLACK-CAT CK Area attacked in strength at WAE but were driven back to CRYSTAL CK Area losing 300 killed. On 3 Feb our tps with Arty support attacked and occupied a farm 3500 yds S.E. of WAE.

APPX B

(c) FOUR-RIVERS AREA.

Enemy has succeeded in maintaining small forces South of the KUMUSI, no doubt reinforced by stragglers from SANANANDA. There have been frequent reports of barge activity up and down the coast from SALAMAU to LAE. It is probable enemy has established staging camps at mouth of the WARIA and the MAMBARE.

(All above Via L of C Int Review
No 20 and Daily Summaries)

PART 11 - ENEMY COB.

(a) Enemy Equipment.

4. JAP Weapons.

Information concerning the under-mentioned weapons has been extracted from a Japanese document recently captured in the SOLOMONS. Details are unverified and reliability can NOT be stated.

(i) 150 mm Trench Mortar (5.91 in)

Type	:	Model 95
Traverse	:	7° left and right.
Elevation	:	45° to 80°
Maximum Range (shown on sight)	:	2100 metres (2269 yards)
Crew	:	11 men
Danger Area	:	up to 250 metres (273 yards) radius of burst.

(ii) JAP 81 mm Mortar Model "94".

Maximum Range	:	5000 metres (5468 yds)
Max muzzle velocity	:	700 metres (2298 feet) using AP shells
	:	726 " (2382 ") using H.E. shells.

Projectile's time of flight	:	600 metres (656 yds) in first second.
	:	1000 metres (1094 ") in two seconds.

(iii) JAP Short Machine Gun - Model "B".

The following details suggest that this weapon is one that has not been previously encountered. It is not considered that they relate to the SOLOTHURN, the only SMG captured from the Japanese to date.

Calibre	:	7.7 mm
Magazine capacity	:	50 rounds.
Total weight	:	4.6 kilograms (10 lbs)
Rear sight	:	100 - 1000 metres
Rate of Fire	:	1200 rounds (period NOT stated)
Usage	:	For quick sharpshooting mainly street fighting.

5. JAP use of captured Weapons.

A CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN made "Bron" LMG has been recently captured in the NEW GUINEA area. A many-pointed star within a triangle, stamped on the top of the body, clearly indicates that at one time this weapon belonged to the CHINESE army.

While the LMG closely approximates the BRITISH "Bron", comparison reveals that a number of minor modifications have been made in the BRITISH weapon, the most apparent (for purposes of rapid identification) being the elimination of a series of radial rings which extend the full length of the barrel of the CZECH LMG.

Type	: ZB 26
Calibre	: 7.92 mm (.312 in)
Weight	: 22 lbs.

The rifling of the barrel is of particular interest, the lands and grooves finishing at the gas-vent. From the gas-vent to the muzzle (1½ in approx) the barrel is "clean-bore", suggesting on first impression a calibre of approx 9 mm.

It is reported in "War Information Circular No S9" that weapons of similar design are now being made in CHINA.

6. JAP. Lacrymatory Smoke Candle: Type "162K" Green Band.

The following analysis of the contents of this Tear Gas generator (reported in Adv LHQ Weekly Intelligence Summary No 23 of 8 Jan 43) has been received.

Chloracetophenone	20.0 grams
Nitrocellulose	62.8 grams
Camphor and other organic material (non-toxic on burning); other soluble	17.2 grams (by difference)
Total weight of filling	100.0 grams.

No information is available at present as to the nature of the element in the "Nose-gas" Generator reported in the same summary.

(all above Vic L of C Int Review No 29)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Ref Map PUCKA AREA

7. Timber br at 011506 has been completed by Engrs - class 24.

(5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE)

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

N I L.

PART V - SECURITY.

Security of Information.

8. Publishers' - FACT SERVICE.

HQ USASOS have advised that the Publishers' Fact Service, 38 West 48th Street, NEW YORK, is distributing a questionnaire throughout the U.S. Army requesting specific information concerning production of tanks.

It has been determined that the Publishers' Fact Service is a letter-head used by Time and Life Magazines to make surveys on various specific questions.

All questionnaires emanating from the Publishers' Fact Service or other similar companies should be ignored and should be forwarded to GS (Int), LHQ.

Security of Personnel.

9. Captured Enemy HE.

Bomb disposal authorities allege that numbers of troops are in possession of "souvenir" fuses of Japanese 75 mm shells and 20 mm aircraft cannon shells, still containing their HE content. The danger of this practice is obvious.

A serious dermatitis or severe burn is likely to be incurred by inexperienced personnel removing the fillings from bombs, shells etc.

Troops should be warned that the inclusion of explosives in any form in mail matter is not only a serious breach of security regulations, but endangers the safety of aircraft, shipping, the personnel and mails carried, and the recipient of the "souvenir".

(Vic L of C Int Review No 20)

Security of Documents.

10. As a number of units and services are now in possession of US Army text books and documents, it is considered that the classification of protected documents by the US Army should be as widely known as possible and the corresponding AUSTRALIAN classification applied, viz :

<u>US</u>	<u>AUSTRALIAN.</u>
Confidential	Security
Restricted	Secret
Secret	Most Secret.

There is also the US classification "Very Secret", indicating the document so marked is for the officer to whom it is addressed ONLY, and for no other officer.

(Vic L of C Int Review No 20)

M. B. Nicholls Maj.
G S 2 Aust Mot Div.

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2 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 65.

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PART I -- OPERATIONS

GENERAL.

N.W. SECTOR

1. The development of enemy strength in this Sector continues.

On the SW coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA photo reconnaissance reveals that a landing ground is being made at TIMIKA (11 miles SE of KAUKENAU) and that a quantity of stores have been landed. This, combined with the previously reported clearing of a new strip at NINE miles to the NW suggests that the enemy intends to establish a strong forward base in the area.

NE SECTOR.

2. WENAK -- WENAK is being developed by the enemy as an operational base both for his land and air forces. It is known that he is landing troops there in numbers greatly exceeding his requirements for purely local defence and administration. The enemy has occupied the whole of the area around BOGIA BAY, 120 miles to the SE.

WAU-MISO

3. On the night of 3/4 and early morning of 4 Feb the enemy made several determined attempts to break through our fwd positions 2800 yds SE of WAU. These attacks were repulsed with losses to the enemy. Later with effective arty support the CCSE area (2500 yds NE of WAU) and LEAHY's Farm (3500 yds SE of WAU) were cleared of enemy. On 9 Feb the main body of the enemy in CRYSTAL CK area SE of WAU were forced to withdraw through WANDUMI suffering casualties from our arty.

It has now been ascertained that the force which arrived at LAE by convoy on 8 Jan was an Independent Infantry Group (in composition somewhat similar to our Brigade Group) and that a portion of this Group was used in the attack on Wau. The ship of this convoy which was sunk off ARAKE carried another portion of this Group of which 7/800 men were lost.

MANBARE

4. It is estimated that there are approximately 900 enemy troops South of the MANBARE. Many of these are stragglers from the SAMBANDA Force. Activity in this area is confined to patrol clashes, with our patrols pushing on to KURENDA.

SOLMONS ISLANDS

5. The building up of enemy sea and air strength continues. There has been an average of 30 vessels in the BUIN-ELISI-TONOLEI area since 30 Jan and air activity has been particularly intense at BUKA, MUNDI and BILLIE. It appears that he has moved

SOLOMONS ISLANDS

Para 5 cont'd

his fighter strength forward from the R.B.U.L.-K.VIENG area and enemy fighters South of BUKA are now estimated at 53. In addition there have been two more "TOKIO-EXPRESS" (on 1 and 4 Feb). It is thought that these were used for evacuation of troops from G.U.D.I.C.N.L.

M.D.NG

6. On 5 Feb enemy reported to control B.G.L. (approx 90 mls NW of M.D.NG) and patrolling areas inland and along the coast. (All above, LHQ I S No 27, Vic I of C Area Int Review No 21 and Daily Summaries)

SEA

R.L.PACIFIC

7. (a) On 4 Feb a large group of enemy warships sighted 170 mls NE of GREENWICH IS heading SE by East. This group consisted of

	2 A/C carriers.
	4 battleships
	6 heavy cruisers
	2 light cruisers
	12 destroyers
Total	26

R.B.U.L.

- (b) The concentration of enemy shipping in the harbour has remained approx the same through the week. On 2 Feb photo recon of part of the area showed

	1 large U/I vessel
	2 destroyers
	2 patrol craft
	2 tankers (4,000 and 10,000 tons)
	1 unspecified vessel
	36 vessels totalling 184,000 tons.
Total	44 vessels.

AIR

8. (a) Our A/C are continuing wide attacks on enemy dispositions in S.E.P. area. The Allied air attacks have now extended to the GILEBES where KENDARI dome and installations were severely damaged.

- (b) The estimated enemy Order of Battle in the S.E.P. at 4 Feb 43.

Total 544 A/C

PART II. ENEMY OOB

(A) ENEMY EQUIPMENT

9. (a) Japanese 75 mm Regimental Gun -- HEIJI 41st (1908)

The following preliminary report on this weapon, used by the Japanese at BUKA, has been extracted from H. NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No.106 of 27 Jan 43.

Length of barrel	136 cm -- 53.0"
Width of breech ring	27 cm -- 10.5"
Height of breech ring	18 cm -- 7.0"
Wheel track	92 cm -- 35.9"
Height of wheels	88 cm -- 34.3"
Axis to top of barrel	31 cm -- 12.1"
Length of trail	173 cm -- 67.5"
Width of trail	60 cm -- 23.4"
Diameter of trail	8 cm -- 3.1"
Perch -- length (trail)	60 cm -- 23.4"

ENEMY EQUIPMENT
para 9(a) cont'd

Rifling	right to left
Diameter of cartridge case	
base	9 cm - 3.5"
width of rim	3 cm - 1.2"
Length of case from rim	18 cm - 7.0"
Length of projectile	30.8 cm - 12.1"
Length of fuze	6 cm - 2.3"
Calibre	75 mm - 2.9"

The gun is mounted on a carriage fitted with wooden wheels with iron rims and a box trail of tubular steel to which is welded a tubular steel perch fitted with a spade. It has a hand operated "wellin" type breech screw hinged on the right with an extracting principle similar to that of an 18 pounder.

The sighting and range gear appear to have been on the left with two collapsible seats being provided for the crew; seats fold to the centre of the trail when not in use.

The buffer and recuperator are situated in the cradle beneath the piece and are probably spring and oil operated.

The traversing gear was probably on the left and only allowed for a small amount of traverse - probably about 10°.

The amount of elevation could not be determined.

(b) Japanese Weapons.

Information concerning the undermentioned weapons has been obtained from PW sources. Details are unverified and reliability can NOT be stated.

(1) 15 mm Anti Tank Rifle.

Type
Magazine Capacity
Loading

Weight
Mounting

Shall of Ammunition

Crew

92 (1932)

7 rounds

Gas operated, Single shot.
Trigger must be pulled to fire each individual shot.
Reported that if pressure is maintained on trigger, two shots are sometimes released.

130 lbs approximately
Eared attached towards muzzle end of barrel - a supporting leg is also attached to body in vicinity of butt. Two carrying handles are fitted to this rear leg for purpose of transportation.

140 rounds total per gun.

28 rounds packed in a case.

Section Leader (Corporal)

8 1207

(11) Flare or Illuminating Hand Grenade.

Grenade is similar in design to HE variety.

Is used chiefly for purposes of illumination, but is stated to have HE quantity as well.

Identified by brass fuse cover being painted PURPLE and without RED band on top of "filler Plug".

Fuse is "time" (delay NOT known) -- grenade is set in operation similarly to Types "91" and "97" (HE).

(11.5) Time Delay on Japanese Hand Grenade Fuses --

It is reported that the Japanese are now using a grenade with a four second fuse. As the time is NOT indicated on the exterior of the grenades, troops are always informed of the delay when grenades are issued.

(12) Use of Anti-tank Mines.

Japanese Anti-tank Mines used in the S. KAWAND. Area were laid along the left hand wheel track and spaced irregularly four to ten feet apart. A total of ten mines were so laid. These were covered with sand and only the igniter showed. Two mines were found beside the road tied to sticks about seven feet long, presumably for pushing under vehicles. One mine sighted had been run over by a tank but only the detonator had fired, another had exploded and blown the track off a General Stuart.

(13) Japanese Submarine-Borne Aircraft.

It is reported that about 30 I-type Japanese submarines are designed to carry small floatplanes in water-tight compartments on their decks. Four submarines of a similar type carry midget submarines instead of planes. The latest information regarding the maximum speed of the I-type submarine is 20 knots surfaced and 9 knots submerged.

Either of the two types of seaplanes noted in (i) and (ii) below may be carried.

The wings and fuselage are stored in separate tubular compartments which are water-tight and located side by side with their axes parallel to the submarines in prolongation of the conning tower. No Catapult or crane is reported, although a portable crane is a possibility. Time of launching plane is estimated by unofficial sources at one hour after surfacing.

(i) Type 96 small reconnaissance seaplane. Maximum speed 170 mph at 12,000 feet. Endurance 500 miles without bomb load.

(ii) Type Zero No 1 small seaplane Model 1. Maximum speed 190 mph. Endurance 475 miles.

(All above from Vols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100)

PART III -- TOPOGRAPHICAL

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PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

NIL

PART V - SECURITY

10. Green Envelope - Abuse of Privilege.

Attention is directed to the gross abuse by troops of the use of GREEN envelopes.

Many letter sight d in this area have contained information, such as impending moves, location and description of units. This is definitely a breach of censorship regulations and also an abuse of a privilege granted to troops.

It is pointed out that GREEN envelopes are issued for the correspondence of strictly private and family matters and must NOT, on any account to be used for ordinary correspondence.

Steps will be taken by all unit commanders to ensure that the subject matter of the above is clearly explained to all troops.

11. Lost Identity Document

The Director of Amenities issues "Certificates of Acceptance" which serve as documents of identity for authorized civilian personnel attached to YMCA, etc.,

These certificates are complete with photograph and the possession of one by an enemy agent might prove of great value.

It has been reported to HQ The L of C Area that a certificate of acceptance issued to Philip THORPSTONE, formerly a YMCA representative, has been lost.

All units should be informed of the loss of this certificate and instructed to take the necessary action to obtain and forward it to GS (Int) LHQ, should knowledge of its whereabouts come into their possession. They will also immediately report to GS (Int) of their formations, the circumstances under which it came into their possession together with the name and address of the person from whom they obtain it.

(LHQ.I S. No 27)

12. Telephone Conversations - Security.

A further instance has been brought to notice regarding the lack of security of telephone communications. A report from a civilian source reveals that, as a result of crossed telephone lines, this civilian overheard a conversation between a military officer and a friend, in which the officer gave particulars of his pending departure from the state, his supposed destination and duty on which the troops under his command would be engaged.

This glaring breach of security emphasised the necessity for care in the use of open telephone lines for the conveyance of any secret military information.

J.H. Lee to Lint
for Maj.
3 S 2 Aust Mot Div.

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8. AUSP. MPT. DIV. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 55.

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PART 1 - OPERATIONS.

GENERAL.

N E SECTOR.

1. The enemy has been active in the construction and improvement of aerodromes and landing grounds over the whole sector. This applies particularly to WENAK, MADANG, ALEXISHAVEN and KAVIENG and for the first time for many weeks GASHATA is reported to be serviceable. In addition aircraft sightings reveal that landing grounds have been constructed at five different points in NEW BRITAIN apart from the RASAU group of aerodromes.

LAE - WAI

2. A comparatively reliable source indicates that up to 50 light tanks (M3593 - 5 tons) may have been landed from the convoy which arrived at LAE 6.7 Jan. We must therefore be prepared to meet tanks in the LAE - WAI area.

WAI - MUBO.

3. The enemy has, in general, withdrawn towards MUBO and his main strength is now between there and WAIPILE. The area West of the BULCLO River may be considered clear. It is improbable, however, that the enemy has abandoned altogether his intention of capturing WAI, and a further attack may be expected when the enemy has had time to build up sufficient forces. Meanwhile, at least 900 enemy dead have been counted in this area, and the fact that many of the bodies are in a poor condition suggests that food is short and that the Allied air attacks have interfered considerably with his supplies. Again he has shown lamentable lack of ability in grappling with his "Q" problem.

WARIA - KUMUSI - AMBOGA.

4. US patrols have reached the KUMUSI and have established themselves in control of the delta. The enemy has apparently anticipated the movements of his forces though there still may be as many as 400 scattered between the KUMUSI and the AMBOGA. There have been a number of minor engagements in which the enemy lost heavily. DANAWATULU and BAKUMBARI were captured on 7 Feb. Patrols report that there is no trace of the enemy at the mouth of the MAMBARE. There are definite indications, however, that the enemy intends to try to hold KOB at the mouth of the WARIA and the nearby landing ground at DONA. It is known that there are at least 200 well-armed and disciplined men here and four A/A guns and a number of HQs have been landed. A submarine is reported to visit here each night.

SOLOMONS.

5. It is now evident that the enemy has decided to cut his losses, and so far from landing additional troops and supplies on GUADALCANAL recently, he has withdrawn from the island and from the neighboring RUSSET Group. Tps were evacuated by "TOKYO EXPRESS" (name given to a group of fast moving destroyers).

(All above Via L of C Area Weekly
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SRA

NEW BRITAIN.

5. RABAU - The number of transport and merchant vessels in the RABAU area has again assumed fairly large proportions. This increase may be due to the addition of vessels that were recently in the SOLOMONS area. Photo review on 14 Feb showed a total of 79 ships in RABAU HARBOUR including 250,000 tons of merchant vessels and transports.
Note - It has been calculated that a JAP div of 15,000 tps, fully equipped would need 102,000 tons of shipping to move it - or 6.8 tons per man, an average for the GUADALCANAL and Buna convoys was, however, 6.8 tons per man.

SUBMARINES.

7. 1 submarine was sighted 225 miles East of SYDNEY and 135 miles ESE of WILSONS PROMONTORY. On 19 Feb 1 possible submarine was sighted 62 miles NE of JALINS (Q Land) and another probable 167 miles WSW of FREEMANTLE. On 19 Feb a submarine was sighted TORBAY BAY (14 miles WSW of ALBANY W.A.).

AN.

3. Allied aircraft have attacked the enemy in all sectors, the main enemy base at RABAU has been subjected to devastating raids.

NW AREA.

9. TGEAL and DOBO in the ARGE IS were bombed. Photos of DOBO show nearly all buildings razed due to this and previous attacks.

NE AREA.

10. NEW GUINEA. - Enemy bases and dumps at MUDAN, FINECHAPPEL, SALAMARA and LAS were attacked. Tracks at MUDAN were bombed and strafed, also enemy positions between KORO and WARIA River in the MOROBE area.

(All above Via L of C Area Weekly
Int Review No 22 and Daily
Int Sum)

PART II. - ENEMY COB.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

11. (a) JAP 37 mm Anti-Tank Gun "TAISHO" (1922 model).

This gun is mounted on a carriage with a split Trail and iron shod wooden wheels. Breech block is hand operated sliding type. Traverse is 45°, elevations not given. Gun is fitted with a small steel shield which has been penetrated by a 37 mm fired by our tanks.

(Via L of C Weekly Int Review No 22)

(b) JAP triple Barrel 35 mm AAA Gun.

This gun has calibre of 35 mm, elevation 75° and traverse of 360°. The gun is fitted with three barrels, each with flash eliminators and cooling wings. Loading principle is very similar to the BREN with the ejection opening on the bottom of the breach. Each barrel is loaded independently. Each magazine holds 15 rounds. Projectile weighs 12 oz approx and is 4.3" and 4.5" long.

(Vic 1. of C Weekly Int Review No 23)

(c) JAP incendiary French Mortar Bombs.

1) 50 mm A report has been received from INDIA regarding the use of an incendiary mortar bomb by the Japanese in BURMA. Details of the bomb have not been received though reports suggest that it might be a 50 mm bomb, such as is fired from the normal Grenade Discharger.

2) 80 mm (Type 84). Weight - 11 lbs 9.7 oz. Filling is phosphorus and carbon disulphide with rubber pellets, which on contact with anything inflammable cause fire by chemical action.

No report has been received of either of the abovementioned being used in the SWPA, but it is suggested that they may be used at some future date.

(Vic 1. of C Weekly Int Review No 22)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

12. Ref Map KINGLAKE 14.

(a) Br at SL3996 has now been reconstructed and is Class 12.

(5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE - AL)

PART IV - OTHER FRONTS.

N I L

PART V - SECURITY.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

12. Following the recent movement to a forward area of a unit from this area, an inspection of the vacated camp site was made by Field Security Personnel. It was found that while the Camp Buildings and area were left in exceptionally good order, adequate steps had NOT been taken to guard the security of information relating to the unit in question. In a building formerly used as Unit Offices and Orderly Room a collection of unwanted papers was found in a fireplace. These papers included draft operation instructions, routine orders, nominal roll and a large number of personal letters. While the failure to destroy these documents may have been due to carelessness on the part of an individual employed in the Orderly Room, it is stressed that one person's laxity might under other circumstances - result in serious consequences for his whole Unit.

REMEMBER - "Clear up before you clear out" is more than a motto for tidiness - it is also an excellent principle for Military Security.

HQ (2)
 Vio L of C Area (2)
 6 Aust Armd Bde (14)
 2 Aust Mot Bde (14)
 22 Aust Fd Regt
 1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div
 105 Aust A Tk Regt
 Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn
 HQ 2 Aust Mot Div AASC
 6 Aust Army Armd Workshop AEME
 2 Aust Mot Div Pro Coy
 Circulation (2)
 File (2)
 War Diary (2)

SECRET 3/43/3

Copy No. 33...

LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.as at 2359 hrs 15 Feb 43.

Serial	Unit	Location	Moves Projected
1.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	TALLAROOK LP 177246	
2.	2 Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	"	"
3.	22 Aust Fd Regt less 44 Sby	"	1325
4.	225 Aust LAD (AIF)	"	"
5.	22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	"
6.	105 Aust A Tk Regt	BALLAR LP 435500	
7.	231 Aust LAD	"	"
8.	Fd Stores Tp 2 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	TALLAROOK LP 177246	
9.	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div.	"	"
10.	1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div.	"	"
11.	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div. (AIF)	"	"
12.	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div.	"	"
13.	6 Aust Army Armd Wkshops AEME.	"	150311
14.	6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Pk.	"	"
15.	2 Aust Mot Div Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl.	"	177246
16.	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp Pro Pl.	"	"
17.	2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit.	"	"
18.	2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office.	"	"
19.	2 Aust Mot Div Concert Party.	"	"
<u>3 Aust Armd Bde Gp.</u>			
20.	HQ 3 Aust Armd Bde (AIF)	"	0736
21.	12 Aust Armd Regt (AIF)	"	"
22.	237 Aust LAD (AIF)	"	"
23.	13 Aust Armd Regt	"	"
24.	250 Aust LAD	"	"
25.	14 Aust Armd Regt	"	"
26.	229 Aust LAD	"	"
27.	9 Aust Mot Regt	"	"
28.	301 Aust LAD	"	"

APPENDIX C

Serial	Unit	Location	Notes Projected
29.	3 Aust Recce Sqn (AIF)	BALLAROOK	0735
30.	5 Aust Fd Sqn	"	"
31.	6 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn	"	"
32.	6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	"	"
33.	4 Aust Transporter Coy AASC	"	"
34.	5 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	"	"
35.	6 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop AEME (AIF)	"	"
36.	6 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	"
<u>2 Aust Mot Bde</u>			
37.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde	ANGLESEA	173757
38.	3 Aust Mot Bde Sig Sqn	"	174057
39.	15 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	"	173758
40.	204 Aust IAD	"	"
41.	17 Aust Mot Regt	"	177757
42.	225 Aust IAD	"	"
43.	6 Aust Mot Regt	PORTARLINGTON	023022
44.	203 Aust IAD	"	"
45.	Two Tpt Pls (ex 1 Aust Mot Div Tps Coy AASC)	GEELONG	441017
46.	2 Aust Lt Fd Amb	ANGLESEA	173755
47.	2 Aust Mot Bde Wkshop AEME	GEELONG	441020

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Distribution

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	2-7	INQ	24	DAFO
	8-12	ADV INQ	25	Stationery Depot 3 L of C Area
13		Via L of C Area	26	6 Aust Armd Bde
14		2nd Ech Aust	27	2 Aust Mot Bde
15		M 2 Gp TOWNSVILLE	28	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div.
16		" BRISBANE	29	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div.
17		" SYDNEY	30	G
18		" MELBOURNE	31	AG
19		" HOBART	32-33	War Dir 17
20		" ADELAIDE	34-35	File
21		" PERTH	36-37	Sp, re
22		" DARWIN		

Not Dated

SECRET 3/43/8

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

as at 2359 hrs 28 Feb 45.

Serial	Unit	Location	Moved Proposed
1.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	FALLAROCK 1 st 177248	
2.	T Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	" "	
3.	22 Aust Fd Regt Less 44 Bty	" 3325	To 3 Aust Arml Div Area as soon as possible.
4.	228 Aust LAD (AIF)	" "	
5.	22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	" "	
6.	305 Aust A Tk Regt	BALLAN 1 st 435530	
7.	261 Aust LAD	" "	
8.	Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	FALLAROCK 1 st 177248	To E.T.G. WAGGA as soon as convenient.
9.	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
10.	1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
11.	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	" "	
12.	HQ A ASG 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
13.	6 Aust Army Arml Wkshop AEME	" "	
14.	5 Aust Army Arml Gnd Fd Pk	" "	
15.	2 Aust Mot Div Hqd Bde Gp Pz Pk	" 177248	
16.	3 Aust Arml Bde Gp Pz Pk	" "	
17.	2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit	" "	
18.	2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office	" "	
19.	2 Aust Mot Div Concert Party	" "	
<u>6 Aust Arml Bde Gp.</u>			
20.	HQ 6 Aust Arml Bde	" 0735	
21.	12 Aust Arml Regt (AIF)	" "	
22.	237 Aust LAD (AIF)	" "	
23.	13 Aust Arml Regt	" "	To 3 Aust Arml Div Area as soon as possible.
24.	250 Aust LAD	" "	
25.	14 Aust Arml Regt	" "	
26.	282 Aust LAD	" "	
27.	9 Aust Mot Regt	" "	
28.	301 Aust LAD	" "	

Serial	Unit	Location	Moves Projected.
29.	3 Aust Recce Sqn (AIF)	TALLAROOK 1" 3735	
30.	5 Aust Fd Sqn	" "	To SINGLETON NSW 4 Mar 43.
31.	6 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn	" "	
32.	6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	" "	
33.	4 Aust Transporter Coy AASC	" "	
34.	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb (AIF)	" "	To SINGLETON 4 Mar 43.
35.	6 Aust Armd Bde Workshop AEME (AIF)	" "	
36.	6 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk	" "	
<u>2 Aust Mot Bde Gp.</u>			
37.	HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde	ANGLESEA 1" 173757	
38.	2 Aust Mot Bde Sig Sqn	" 173757	
39.	15 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	" 173757	To 1 Aust Armd Div Area as soon as possible.
40.	224 Aust LAD	" "	
41.	17 Aust Mot Regt	" 177757	
42.	226 Aust LAD	" "	
43.	6 Aust Mot Regt	PORTARLINGTON 622922	
44.	293 Aust LAD	" 1" "	
45.	Two Tpt Pls (ex 1 Aust Mot Div Tpt Coy AASC)	GEE LONG 1" 441917	
46.	2 Aust Lt Fd Amb	ANGLESEA 1" 173756	
47.	2 Aust Mot Bde Workshop AEME	GEE LONG 1" 421926	

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	2-7	HQ	24	DAFV
	8-12	ADV HQ	25	Stationary Depot Vic L of C Area
	13	Vic L of C Area	26	6 Aust Armd Bde
	14	2nd Ech Aust.	27	2 Aust Mot Bde
	15	M G Gp TOWNSVILLE	28	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div
	16	" BRISBANE	29	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div
	17	" SYDNEY	30	G
	18	" MELBOURNE	31	AQ
	19	" HOBART	32-33	War Diary
	20	" ADELAIDE	34-35	File
	21	" PERTH	36-37	Spare
	22	" DARWIN		

DIV HQ OFFICERS

23 Feb 43.

G.O.C.	NX198	Maj-Gen	LOCKE W J M	
A.D.C.	VX89087	Capt	RICH H J	(also Amenities Officer)
General Staff				
GSC 11	NX334	Maj	NICHOLIS N A M	
GSC 111 C W	VX81096	Lieut	LOXTON J H	
G Learner	VX100019	Capt	OFFICER V W	
Capt Intelligence	SX22297	Capt	DOWNEY D R	
AQ Staff				
A/AA & QMG	VX89084	Maj	TANNER A W	
DAAG	VX89086	Maj	HARGRAVES W	
Q Learner	VX81098	Capt	REDMOND A L	
R A E Adjutant	VX81146	Lieut	LIVINGSTONE R T	
L S O	NX134250	Capt	GILL A W	
Education Officer	NX26821	Lieut	MASTERMAN I G	
Chaplains				
3rd Class	VX117249	Chap	O'DRISCOLL W	
4th Class	VX133014	Chap	WADE J	Att HQ AASC
	VX108360	Chap	CALDERWOOD C	Att 22 Aust Fd Regt
A D M S	VX81101	Col	PENNINGTON G A	
D A D H	VX104393	Maj	PRYDE D A	
Ordnance				
A D O S	VX81095	Capt	DEMMEER E E	
Ordnance Officer	VX108094	Capt	YOFFA H A	
E & M E				
A D M E	VX81099	Maj	STEWART C A	
D A D M E	VX81094	Capt	CLARKE A J	
Provost D A P M	VX89088	Maj	EASON J L	
HQ Sqn				
O C	VX44354	Maj	SANDY D A	
2 L/c	VX89085	Lieut	ROWLANDS A W	
Camp Commandant	VX81100	Capt	THOMPSON H J	(Hospital)
A/Camp Commandant	SX23763	Capt	HANCAWORTH C G	Att from 6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC
Catering Officer	VX85219	Lieut	PIPKORN C C O	
Transport Officer	SX23765	Lieut	MACSKIMMING C C	Att from 3 Aust Recce Sqn.

G STAFF.

Chief Clerk	VX83651	W.O.1	WALKER A J
Clerk	VX83625	S/Sgt	LITTLE I
Clerk	VX83639	Cpl	KUHN H
Clerk	VX83677	Cpl	TAYLOR C J
Clerk	VX108966	Cpl	PETERING V L
Orderly	VX122547	Tpr	WHITE W
Orderly	V185597	Tpr	THOMPSON R
Orderly	VX109584	Tpr	BOURKE S J
Clerk "I" Duties	VX83633	Cpl	PAPAS N
Draughtsman	V315533	Spr	BEST E F

(Att R A E)

APPX D

SHEET 1.

War Diary

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

SECRET

For month ended 20 Feb 43.

Serial No	Formation	Approx percentages available with units														Role	Present employ- ment eg assembly trg preparation for ops.
		Weapons										Transport			Strength of Personnel		
		Rifles	LMGs	MMGs	TSMGs	Mortar 2"	Mortar 3"	2 Pr	6 Pr	25 Pr	40 mm	M T	Carriers	Tanks			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div	99	50		88							69		37	65	In support of Vic I of C Force.	Training and re-organization
2	Div Tps	70	52		28			75		67		66	50		64	"	"
3	2 Aust Mot Bde Gp	102	40	113	22		100	55				71	117		78	"	"
4	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp	143	39	214	58		100	45				66	189	36	77	"	"

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

For month ended 20 Feb 43.

Serial No (a)	Formation etc (b)	General Standard of Offrs & NCOs (s)	Phase of trg covered during the month (t)	Type of warfare Formations considered capable of (u)	Remarks (v)
1	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div	Sound	Advanced individual training		Column (u) has not been completed. This is not possible as certain units have been warned and are reorganizing for movement to other formations and serials 1, 2, 3 and 4 will shortly cease to exist - LHQ SM 3627 of 19 Feb 43 refers
2	Div Tps	Generally good but require higher training	Artillery - battery training, revision of individual training. Signals - individual training		
3	2 Aust Mot Bde Gp	Fair	Individual and specialist training		
4	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp	Improving - overage and unsuitable offrs and NCOs not yet disposed of	Advanced specialist and commencement of troop training.		

SECRET 72/43/G

Copy No

Adv HQ 2 Aust Mot Div.

4 Feb 43

PASSWORDS.

Herewith list of passwords which will come into operation at 1200 hrs Eastern Summer Time 8 Feb 43. Previous list will be destroyed by fire on 10 Feb 43 and certificate of destruction will NOT be rendered.

2. The code word will be "FRUIT".
3. Receipt will be ack on att A57.

[Signature]
G S 2 Aust Mot Div.

Distribution.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. GSI Vic L of C Area (for infm) | 14. 6 Aust Arm'd Bde Wkshop AAME |
| 2. 6 Aust Arm'd Bde | 15. 22 Aust Fd Regt |
| 3. HQ Sqn 6 Aust Arm'd Bde | 16. 105 Aust A Tk Regt |
| 4. 12 Aust Arm'd Regt | 17. Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn |
| 5. 13 Aust Arm'd Regt. | 18. 1 (Div HQ) Sqn Sigs |
| 6. 14 Aust Arm'd Regt | 19. HQ 2 Aust Mot Div AASC |
| 7. 9 Aust Mot Regt | 20. 2 Aust Mot Div Pro Pl |
| 8. 8 Aust Recce Sqn | 21. 2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit |
| 9. 5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE | 22. 2 Aust Mot Div Cash Office |
| 10. 6 Aust Arm'd Bde Sig Sqn. | 23. 6 Aust Army Arm'd Wkshop AAME |
| 11. 6 Aust Arm'd Bde Coy AASC | 24. 6 Aust Army Arm'd Ord Fd Pk |
| 12. 4 Aust Tptr Coy AASC | 25. War Dairy |
| 13. 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb | 26. File. |

1. CABIN
2. APPLE
- * 3. ICE
- * 4. GATE
5. TRAP
6. CUB
7. BOAT
- * 8. SPEED
9. TROUT
10. UNCLE
11. CHERRY
12. WINE
13. SPIDER

14. CHICKEN
15. DELTA
- * 16. EGG
17. STAR
18. FEATHER
19. OPAL
20. SUNNY
21. SNOW
22. CINOZ
23. RAPID
24. PUN
- * 25. LIGHTING
26. CLIFF

27. SADDLE
28. GRAPES
29. IVY
- * 30. SAUCE
31. TABLE
32. GABLE
33. ECHO
34. DICE
35. SMOKE
36. CITY
- * 37. MINT
38. PAGAN
39. TART

Nav Diary

2 AUST. MOT. DIV.

D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE

SECRET

Copy No. *277*

13 Feb. 1943.

To commence 0645 hrs 15 Feb. 1943.

"A" Run

2 AUST. MOT. DIV.	6 AUST. ARMD. BDE.		6 AUST. ARMY. ARMD. W/SHOPS		22 AUST. FD. REGT.		2 AUST. MOT. DIV.
Depart	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arrive
0845	0915	0920	0945	0950	1010	1015	1020

"B" Run

2 AUST. MOT. DIV.	22 AUST. FD. REGT.		6 AUST. ARMD. BDE.		ARMD. SITE 22		6 AUST. ARMY. ARMD. W/SHOPS		2 AUST. MOT. DIV.
Depart	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arrive
1230	1235	1240	1315	1320	1340	1345	1350	1355	1415

"C" Run

2 AUST. MOT. DIV.	6 AUST. ARMD. BDE.		6 AUST. ARMY. ARMD. W/SHOPS		22 AUST. FD. REGT.		2 AUST. MOT. DIV.
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1830	1900	1905	1930	1935	1955	2000	2005

NOTE

1. This D.R.L.S. replaces previous time table issued 1st Dec 1942 which has been amended to exclude the 105 Aust A/Tk Regt in runs. (see connecting Run No. 4)
2. All despatches must be at Sig Office 15 minutes prior to departure of D/R.
3. Despatches per D.R.L.S. WILL BE FRANKED BY AN OFFICER.

P. Mills Lind.

SIGER. 2 Aust. Mot Div.

SECRET

D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE

Copy No. 37.
13 Feb. 1943.

To operate from 0845 hrs 15 Feb 1943

CONNECTING RUNS WITH VIC. L of C - 2 AUST MOT BDE - 106 A/Tk

Run No. 1.

GHERANG	KARDINIA		GHERANG
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
0915	1000	1100	1145

Run No. 2

DRYSDALE	KARDINIA		DRYSDALE
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1000	1030	1100	1130

Run No. 3

VIC L of C.	KARDINIA		VIC L of C
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
0915	1045	1500	1630

Run No. 4

106 AUST A/Tk	VIC L of C		106 AUST A/Tk
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1025	1200	1400	1530

Run No. 5

VIC L of C	SEYMOUR SITE 22		VIC L of C
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1000	1200	1400	1600

NOTE

1. Runs 1 and 2 connect with Run 3, and traffic is cleared to SEYMOUR via Run 5 on the following day.
2. Traffic from SEYMOUR is cleared from Site 22 on Run 5 at 1400 hrs. (D/R leaves 2 Aust Mot Div at 1230 hrs), and is delivered to Kardinia by run 3 on the following morning thus connecting with Runs 1 and 2.

P. Wilks-Lind
Sgmr, 2 Aust Mot Div.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

H.Q.
3 Cav Bde.,
R/course,
Geelong,
27 Dec '41.

2 Cav Div.

Defensive position - Winchelsea Area.

Further to verbal instructions from 2 Cav Div, the accompanying map depicts the posts which were dug by 8 (L.H.) Div Recce Bn in the above area.

The sec. posts in the two tp localities S.W. of Winchelsea have been wired in, as a protection to stock.

The trenches which were dug in the tented area and in the public park were left open and uncovered by arrangement with the secretary to the trustees who administer the park.

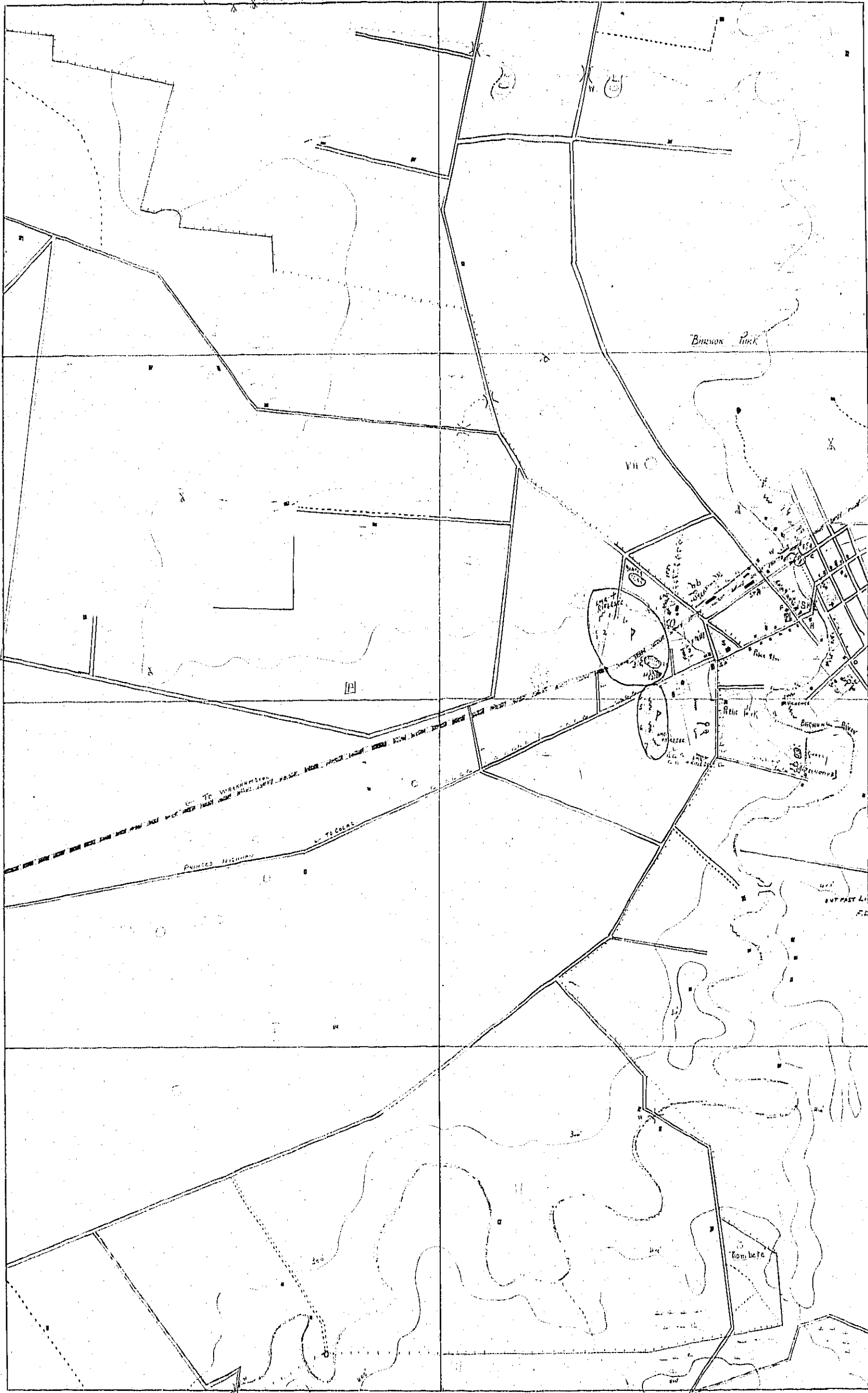
All other trenches for protection against air attack along the river were filled in and the only trenches in the area which remain open are the ones mentioned above.

London E. Hanson Col
Comd. 3 Cav Bde.

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ENLARGEMENT FROM CORN HILL REEL C-140 & C-141 SHEET 17024000 WY 242500 4/28/41



To Siding
2041
HITCHCOCK
Wardens

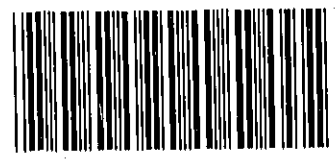
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OUTPOST LINE SECTION DATA DUG
FILE - 17024000
BY SECTION 90
LTP. RIGHT TURN TO
WINDMILL CREEK AD
EXC.
LTP. WINDMILL CREEK AD
JAC. TO LEFT TURN

To Siding
2041

SCALE - Four Inches to One Mile

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APPENDICES.

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2 Mot Div, 2 Armd Div and
Disbandment of 2 Aust Mot Div.

(X) Not in duplicate.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
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Adv HQ G STAFF
Unit 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 43 0001 hrs To 16 Mar 43 1900 hrs

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKBY Ref Map	1 Mar		Instruction received that 105 Aust A Tk Regt and 261 Aust LAD are not to be disbanded but will be retained pending further instructions.	JH
TALLAROOK 1" to	3 Mar		6 Aust Armd Bde Pro Pl disbanded.	JH
1 mile 177247	4 Mar	0700	5 Aust Fd Sqn, 4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn, 4 Aust Armd Bde Pro Pl, 4 Aust Armd Bde Cash Office, 4 Aust Armd Bde Cipher Sec, 4 Aust Armd Bde Postal Unit (all raised from 2 Aust Mot Div) move from SEYMOUR Area to Concentration Area SINGLETON and come under comd 4 Aust Armd Bde.	JH
	5 Mar	1400	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb moves to 4 Aust Armd Bde Area.	JH
			Brigadier F.E.WELLS Comd 6 Aust Armd Bde appointed to Comd 3 Aust Mot Bde as from 2 Mar 43.	JH
	6 Mar		Maj-Gen W.J.M.LOCKE GOC 2 Aust Mot Div appointed to Comd 3 Aust Armd Div as from 15 Mar 43.	JH
	11 Mar		ACI Tank Users Trials are carried on with special trials for War Correspondents under arrangements with Director General Public relations.	JH
	13 Mar	2200	Warning Order "T" Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF) to move to 4 Aust Armd Bde - no move before 6 Apr 43.	JH
	14 Mar		Movt Order. 22 Aust Fd Regt and 13 Aust Armd Regt to move to 3 Aust Armd Div, 20 Mar - 24 Mar 43.	JH
	15 Mar		Lieut MASTERMAN S.C. Education Div HQ moves to take up appointment as Education Officer 4 Aust Armd Bde.	JH
		2359	Location Statement issued.	JH
	16 Mar		C Sqn 12 Aust Armd Regt moves to 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, 4 Aust Armd Bde.	JH Appx B.

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Adv HQ G STAFF
Unit 2 Aust Mot Div (AIE)..... Date and Time.—From 16 Mar 43 To 25 Mar 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
POKEBY Ref Map	16 Mar	1900	G.O.C. to remain with 2 Aust Mot Div till 3 Apr 43.	<i>[initials]</i>
TALLAROOK 1" to			Warning Order - 4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshops - raised from 6 Aust Armd Bde Wkshops will move to 4 Aust Armd Bde Area.	<i>[initials]</i>
1 mile 177247		2000	G.O.C. and Officers' Mess entertain 100 Officers of Div Tps and 6 Aust Armd Bde at Mess.	<i>[initials]</i>
			2 Aust Lt Fd Amb disbanded.	<i>[initials]</i>
	17 Mar		Col G.A. PENNINGTON ADMS leaves Div on appointment as CO 121 Aust Gen Hospital	<i>[initials]</i>
			Maj D. PRYDE DADH leaves Div on Appointment as DADH 2 Aust Inf Div	<i>[initials]</i>
			Maj N.A.E. NICHOLLS G 11 leave Div on appointment as INSTR Staff School (Aust)	<i>[initials]</i>
			Capt D.R. DOWNEY IO moves to ADV LHQ for posting.	<i>[initials]</i>
	18 Mar		Lieut C.J.B. McSKIMMING Acting Tpt Officer moves to 23 Aust Inf Bde on posting as T.O.	<i>[initials]</i>
			AC1 Tank Users Trials completed - Capt PEARSON returns tanks to 1 BOD	<i>[initials]</i>
	21 Mar	0500	22 Aust Fd Regt, 22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec, 228 Aust LAD close at SEYMOUR on movement to 3 Aust Armd Div.	<i>[initials]</i>
	22 Mar		Lieut LIVINGSTONE Adjut RAE Div HQ moves to E.T.D. WAGGA pending reposting.	<i>[initials]</i>
	23 Mar		237 Aust LAD moves to ROWVILLE and comes under comd Vic L of C Area.	<i>[initials]</i>
	24 Mar	0430	13 Aust Armd Regt, 260 Aust LAD close PUCKAPUNYAL and move to 3 Aust Armd Div.	<i>[initials]</i>
	25 Mar	0600	4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshops closes at PUCKAPUNYAL and move to 4 Aust Armd Bde at SINGLETON.	<i>[initials]</i>

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Date and Time.—From

25 Mar 43

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31 Mar 43

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WAR DIARY

2. MUST NOT DIV INTELLIGENCE. 1. SUMMARY NO 57.

From 2300 hrs 21 Feb 45 to 2350 hrs 3 Mar 45

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PART I OPERATIONS.

N E SECTOR.

1. There has been continuous shipping movement on a small scale between DILLI, AMBON, PAK PAK, BABU and the TANIMBAR Islands no doubt connected with normal supply and maintenance of existing garrisons.

N E SECTOR.

2. WEWAK. The enemy is still pressing on with the development of a double chain of bases (advance and rear) stretching right across NE and NW sectors from SABANG on NW tip of SUMATRA to KALIE Island in the MARSHALLS. WEWAK is common to both these chains, and there has been continued intense constructional activity at this place. Extensive grading is going on and a 1500 x 100 yard strip is being prepared. In addition there is a large system of dispersal lanes with 77 bays under construction at SE side and another ring of bays at NE end. The rapidity of this work is striking and substantial stores supplies and reinforcements have been landed recently. In this connection the recent strafing of a launch at TANAHMERAH (140 miles North of MERAUKE) is interesting. Here there is a 600 yard strip, which could be used in an emergency and this could be extended to 1100 yards without much difficulty. In addition stretches of the river DINGEL are suitable for float planes. The existence of negotiable routes from WEWAK to LADANG is now confirmed. The shortest of these routes along the coast via BOGIA is about 300 miles. It is also noteworthy that the aerodrome at ALISHAVEN is being improved, and that extensive work is going on. M. LAHANG aerodrome near LAE is now being developed and clearings and landing strips have been seen at three different places in the MANTHAN Valley. It is probable that road communication in this area is fair.

3. WAI. The Japanese have been forced to withdraw from their positions near WANDUMI through HOUSE GUTTER and GUADAJASAI towards MIBO. Our patrols and A/C have harassed the enemy during the withdrawal and constant allied air attacks have made some positions untenable for the Japanese. Total enemy killed in this area from 29 Jan to 1 Feb is 1045 with 11 P.Ws.

4. KARABU. These passes of harbour area on 12 Feb still show 72 vessels. This high concentration is in excess of the needs of normal supply and maintenance for the area. It can probably be accounted for by the withdrawal of shipping from the BURN, PAKSI and BLKA areas which has been observed lately.

PART II -- ENEMY GUN.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

5. JAP 75 mm MOBILE A A GUN - TYPE 89.

Characteristics

Calibre : 75 mm (2.95")
Length : 107 10.4"
M V : 2360 feet per sec
Max Altitude : 5000 ft
Max Ground Range : 15,000 yds
R F : 20 R P M
The projectile weighs 14 lbs 6 oz.

(Vic L of C Weekly Int Review No 23)

PART III -- TOPOGRAPHIC.

Ref Map ANGLESEA 1"

6. Road from 410730 to end of rd at mouth THOMPSONS CK is C3 earth badly worn.
7. Br at 250805 is undergoing repairs.
8. Br at 232710 has been burnt. Crossing in gully is impassable in wet weather due to boggy bed and steep slopes.

(2 Aus Mot Bde)

Ref Map COLAC (Strat) 2nd Edn.

9. Br marked unsafe at 132264 has been replaced by a new wooden br 18' wide.

(2 Aus Mot Bde)

Ref Map WESTERN PORT 1"

10. Wooden br at BENTONS RD 112032 is now demolished and work completing a culvert should now be finished.

(Vic L of C Weekly Int Review No 23)

PART IV -- OTHER FRONTS.

NIL

PART V -- SECURITY.

JAP PROPAGANDA -- P O W BROADCASTS.

11. There are now 4 Japanese controlled radio stations broadcasting names and messages from Australian P O W and/or British or Australian civilian internees in Japanese hands: BATAVIA Radio, Radio TOKYO, Radio SAIGON and SINGAPORE Radio.

Of some 40 letters read from BATAVIA Radio since December 1st only three have contained propaganda material. Radio TOKYO's messages have always been fairly free of propaganda. For the first few weeks after Radio SAIGON started broadcasting Prisoner of War messages, these contained personal matters only. On 2 Feb, however, they commenced to include propaganda material, SINGAPORE Radio's messages contain practically no propaganda as yet.

It seems from these new developments that the Japanese are trying to build up a trusting audience for their prisoner of war broadcasts by broadcasting messages free of propaganda for a certain period, after which they start inserting propaganda. This is not done consistently, but propaganda is interspersed with the messages, presumably, to retain the confidence built up in an unsuspecting audience. The danger of this is that the audience's opinion of the propaganda will be lowered, but it is feared to be considerably increased by this new development.

(Adopted from Australian Broadcasting Commission Report of 29 Jan 48)

SPREADING OF RUMOURS.

12. The following is the result of an investigation into an incident brought to the notice of this HQ in the form of uncensored correspondence. The letter stated that some Americans are in possession of Japanese heads and hands as souvenirs. An investigation was recently conducted by a member of the Field Security Section to try and trace the source from which the information contained in the letter was obtained. The writer of the letter admitted that he had heard the story from his wife, and had believed it to be true and never questioned the authenticity of it. The writer is the Manager of a large shipping company and when it was pointed out to him that his action in writing such things could be serious, he was quite serious in his apologies and obviously distressed. The shipping agent's wife who had passed the news to a bridge party, obtained the story from a City Beauty Salon operator. Investigations continued from this point and the beauty salon operator obtained her story from her old friend, who is a Commissioner, when interviewed, stated that he heard the story whilst attending an American hospital, where a large number of U.S. soldiers was present and a discussion arose concerning the toughness of the U.S. Marines who had recently arrived from GUADALCANAL. One member stated that a U.S. Marine had in a box a Japanese head which he had brought with him as a souvenir. It may be pointed out that no one checked the story, but accepted it at its face value but, after passing through the number of hands, each informant had added his own version, wherein the car driver put her piece in by saying "the luggage first put into the ambulance emitted an appalling stench, and on investigation one of the boys found to have brought a souvenir "a Jap's head ineffectively cured in his 'hat' and another person who passed the story also added details concerning a Jap hand nailed onto a piece of board. This is just one of the many examples of how an unconfirmed story is accepted at face value and is passed through many mouths until it becomes a wide rumour, possibly causing harmful results.

(Vic I of Weekly Int Review No 13)

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2 Aust Mot Div.

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2 AUSI HQ DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 22

(From 2300 hrs 3 Mar to 2300 hrs 10 Mar 43)

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PART I OPERATIONS

N W SECTOR.

1. The enemy appears to be increasing his positions in the KAL, TANIMBAR and ANCE Islands. His interest in N W New Guinea particularly at RAUKENAU, PAK PAK and SALV has been maintained.

N E SECTOR

2. On 1 Mar an enemy convoy of 3 cruisers, 4 destroyers and 7 sub- and cargo vessels were sighted off North coast of NEW BRITAIN proceeding Westerly. Later a further 4 vessels joined the convoy which turned into VITIAZ STRAIT. Our aircraft attacked these vessels from 1 to 5 Mar and the entire 28 vessels were sunk. It is believed that 55 of the intercepting aircraft were shot down and many others damaged. The loss in men is estimated at 15000 or more in addition to naval personnel. This loss must seriously dislocate the enemy's immediate plans.

KUMUSI - MAMBARE

3. During the period 25 Jan to 24 Feb inclusive 400 Japanese were killed and 73 captured in the KUMUSI-MAMBARE areas.

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4. According to native reports the enemy have occupied MARTENSBERG (20 mls WSW of SEPIK River mouth).

(All above Vol I of C Weekly Int Review No 24.)

SEA.AUSTRALIA.

5. On 26 Feb one submarine was sighted 25 miles NE by E of PORT STEPHENS NSW.

(Vol I of C Int Review No 24).

AIR.TIMOR.

6. 28 Feb. In a devastating raid by Beaufighters on PENFOBI drone 7 enemy fighters, 5 bombers, were destroyed, 9 fighters and 2 bombers damaged. 2 A/A positions were silenced, and buildings SW of main strip were left burning.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

7. BABO and RAUKENAU bombed.

(Vol I of C Int Review No 24)/

PART II. ENEMY COB.ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

8. JAPANESE HIGH ANGLE COB NAVAL - APPROX 3 INCH.

The gun is fitted with a hand operated vertical sliding breech block, incorporating an existing principle similar to that of a 25 pdr. The piece is mounted on a conical steel case which allows for a 360° traverse. The traversing gear operates on the worm and wormwheel principle and is situated on the right hand side of the piece. Two platforms, one on either side of and attached to the superstructure, allow the layers to be moved with the gun as it is traversed.

the elevating gear operates on the pinion and arc system and provides for approx 50 deg and 75° elevation.
On the RHOE, and attached to the gunners platform, is what appears to be an electrical system which could possibly be a predicting device for A work.

(Vic 1 of Weekly Summary No 14)

PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

- (a) 354/11 - PRINCES HIGHWAY WEST, Br No 503000 (Map Ref 33370)
Repairs have been completed, Safe load remains at 12 tons.
- (b) 353/3 - Ref Map ANGLESEA 1" to 1 mile. Bit paved rd (B1) exists from Xrds 392700 to 410700 but from last point to end of rd at mouth of THOMPSONS CK is CS, earth, badly worn.
- (c) REALLY'S RD from 345700 to Xrds 393700 is graded and gravelled Class B2.
- (d) Br at 350000 is under repairs.
- (e) INVERLEIGH - STASDALE RD - Br over LEYCE River ref 200 302 is undergoing repairs and will be closed at times during the month of Mar.

PART IV - OTHER EVENTS

Nil.

PART V - SECURITY

ENEMY AGENTS

10. It is known that the Axis powers have used A/C, Submarines and surface craft to introduce agents into areas under Allied control.
From information received at this HQ it appears that these methods are likely to be used in the near future in the case of AUSTRALIA.

Although in the past there have been reports from time to time which have given some grounds for suspicion that the enemy may have already landed agents in AUSTRALIA in this way, there has been no definite evidence that such was the case; however recent reports referred to above indicate that there is now reason to believe that such attempts may definitely be expected.

Whilst it is most undesirable that anything in the nature of a "spy scare" should be precipitated, the following information is given as an indication of what lines it may be anticipated the enemy may take in this connection.

- (i) Chinese of pro-Japanese sympathies may be landed in NEW GUINEA, and introduced into AUSTRALIA as refugees.
- (ii) Chinese of pro-Japanese sympathies may be landed in AUSTRALIA by submarine, aircraft or parachute in lonely districts probably NOT very far from centres of population.
- (iii) English-speaking Germans, pro-German Danes, or White Russians may be introduced by similar methods into AUSTRALIA in the guise of members of the Allied forces. In this connection it should be borne in mind that our own personnel have been carried to and from NEW GUINEA by surface craft and aircraft, by the simple expedient of attaching themselves unofficially to units and parties of troops in transit, and by asking for, and paying for, the trip by service aircraft.

It is important that observation parties, control posts, Field Security Secs and others concerned should be warned to keep a careful lookout for attempts to introduce enemy agents by the methods outlined above, and to report immediately to the nearest appropriate authority any occurrence which may arouse their suspicions; it is equally important that all such reports be investigated immediately.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION

11. Some days before the arrival of an important convoy at an AUSTRALIAN port recently, a pilot informed a number of civilians and a Military Officer of the expected arrival. He also named the ships concerned and the formations aboard the ships. Subsequent events proved the pilots statement to be correct in every detail.

The Military Officer concerned reported the incident to the correct authorities, and action has been taken to trace the pilot in question.

Had the above information been passed to enemy submarines which were known to be in the general area, the result may well have been a major disaster.

The importance of reporting immediately all such leakages of information should be stressed at all ranks.

At Eversong on 31 Jan 43, the Rector of a coastal town made reference in his prayers to the "patrol which leaves this port" - coupled with those engaged in submarine warfare.

As many church services are broadcast, the Rector's prayers may well disclose to the enemy the location of an operational base.

This aspect of the matter has been brought to the notice of the gentleman concerned.

(All above via L of C Int Review No 24).

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FIFTY FACTS ABOUT BRITAIN AT WAR

THE HOME FRONT.

1. With the enemy only 20 miles away, Britain is producing mighty weapons of war for herself and her allies. Her production of planes now equals Germany's. She is producing 40,000 big guns a year, with 25,000,000 rounds of ammunition, and millions of small arms, with 2,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Add to this: ships, locomotives, tanks and a thousand types of military supplies.
2. Everything in Britain is mobilized for the winning of the war. Two out of every three persons between the ages of 14 and 65 are working full-time in the Armed Forces, Civilian Defence or War Industry. This is equivalent to a mobilization of 60,000,000 people in the U.S.A. The production of luxuries has ceased. Civilian necessities are severely curtailed.
3. In Britain today, every fit man between 18½ and 41 has already been drafted into the Forces, unless irreplaceable in an essential job. The age limit has now been raised to 51.
4. 7,000,000 women of Britain between 18 and 41 have already been registered and are being directed into war work. Unmarried women between 20 and 30 can be drafted into uniformed forces.
5. 3,500,000 women are already working in industry and the number is mounting rapidly. Millions more, mainly housewives, are working part-time.
6. Even boys and girls are helping in Britain. Seven out of every ten between the ages of 14 and 17 are doing war work.
7. One home out of every five has been destroyed or damaged by air-raids over Britain. Over 44,000 civilians have been killed and over 50,000 injured. 1,000 were killed in April of this year.
8. Workers and employers have sacrificed peace time rights to ensure maximum production. 8,000,000 workers in essential industry cannot quit their jobs or be dismissed, except by permission of the Government.
9. Party politics are out for the duration. Labor leaders sit in the Cabinet and on all important Government Committees. In the factories, joint labor-management committees work out production problems.
10. Working time lost in labor disputes in Britain is less than one hour per worker per year.
11. Because of the need to conserve shipping for vital military supplies, the people of Britain have willingly accepted severe rationing of almost all foods. No one can buy more than 2 ounces of butter, or more than 2 ounces of tea a week. Many fruits are completely unobtainable.
12. Britain is mobilizing its fields as well as its factories. The home production of food has almost doubled since the outbreak of war. 6,000,000 more acres are under the plough than before the war. Britain is now the most highly mechanized farming country in Europe.
13. Clothing is strictly rationed on a coupon system. If a woman bought two pairs of stockings a month, and one apron a year, she would have no coupons left to buy other clothes.

14. Clothing rationing has released 300,000 tons of shipping a year and some 750,000 workers for transfer from clothing industries to service in the Forces or war industry.
15. Every fit man and woman is trained to play some part during air-raids, or in the event of an invasion. About 1,500,000 men and women are engaged in civilian defence work, and over 4,500,000 in the Fire Guard. About 2,000,000 men are enrolled in the Home Guard, receiving intensive military training in their spare time.
16. The British people have gone in for war saving in a big way. Over 15,000,000,000 dollars has already been raised - an average of 320 dollars per head. In 1941, National Savings covered more than a third of Government expenditure.
17. For every dollar spent on defence in 1938-9, Britain is spending over 16 dollars in 1942. In June 1942 Britain was spending 48,000,000 dollars a day on the war, and had spent a total of 34,400,000,000 since September 1939. 60% of the National income is spent on the war.
18. No one in Britain is making a profit out of the war. Excess profits are taxed 100% (with a small refund promised after the war). Income Tax is at the rate of 50%. Surtax starts on income of 8,000 dollars a year, and brings the rate up to 97½% on all income over 80,000 dollars.
19. In 1939, 2,000,000 weekly wage earners in Britain paid income tax amounting to 10,000,000 dollars. By 1941 the number had risen to 5,500,000 workers, paying income tax of 500,000,000 dollars.
20. The experience of the British has been of value to the U.S.A. Not only in the designing and use of war weapons, but also in tackling civilian defence, blackout, rationing, evacuation and other war time problems.
21. The production of British planes has doubled in the last year. 87% of the R.A.F. planes operating from home bases, and 75% at bases abroad are British made.
22. In the huge raid on Cologne on May 30 1942 the bombers employed, which numbered over 1,000 were all British made.
23. The latest British bombers, the Stirling, Halifax and Lancaster, carry heavier loads of bombs than any other bombers in the service in the world. The Stirling can carry 8-tons of bombs-much more than even the bomb load of the huge American Boeing Flying Fortress.
24. Britain produces today an imposing list of fighters which have proved successful in every theatre of war. The Spitfire, Hurricane and Bristol Beaufighter are without equal in their combination of speed and firing power.
25. Shipping is Britain's life-line; 1941 launchings totalled 1,250,000 tons. Naval tonnage produced in the last quarter of 1941 was 4 times as great as that produced in the last quarter before the war; merchant tonnage, twice as great.
26. Britain is now producing twice as many tanks as in August 1941, three times as many as in February 1941, and five times as many as in August 1940.
27. To foil enemy bombers, Britain has dispersed her huge production all over the country. Parts for tanks are made in 6,000 small shops and then assembled. Underground quarries have been converted into factories.

28. In 1941, Britain sent 20 battlefields abroad 9,761 planes (over four times the number she imported), and 3,000 tanks (15 times the number she imported).
29. The British have collected enormous quantities of metal scrap, including 200,000 tons of railings and gates, equal in weight to 12,500 medium tanks. House to house collections, buildings destroyed by air raids and other sources have yielded in all 1,000,000 tons of metal scrap - enough to build 1,000 destroyers.
30. Scientific research in Britain has given the Allies many powerful weapons of war. British scientists developed and perfected "radar", a revolutionary discovery in the detection of approaching aircraft.
31. By November 1941, British Empire purchases in the United States since the outbreak of the war have amounted to over 5,000,000,000 dollars - more than ten times the value of goods exported by the United States under Lend-Lease program, helped to develop U.S. defense industries.

THE FIGHTING FRONTS

32. In the Battle of Britain - the first decisive set back to Nazis - the victorious R.A.F. destroyed 2,375 German aircraft in less than three months - over three times the number of British planes lost.
33. During the year which followed the fall of France, the R.A.F. made more than fifteen hundred raids over Germany and German-occupied Europe, dropping 20,000 tons of bombs in the six months from April to October 1941.
34. In daylight sweeps over the Continent of Europe in the first half of 1942, the R.A.F. destroyed enough Axis planes to make up 15 complete squadrons.
35. The Bomber Command of the R.A.F. has been hammering at all key points in Axis - controlled Europe, with serious effects on Axis production. Apart from the colossal raids on Cologne, Bremen and Essen (the home of the Krupp Works), the R.A.F. has bombed Berlin, Milan, the Skoda works in Czechoslovakia, the Renault plant near Paris, Hamburg, Rostock, Lubeck, Augsburg and hundreds of other vital production centres and transportation points.
36. The scale of the bombing raids on Germany by the R.A.F. in May and June 1942 was unprecedented. In the largest German raid on Britain, about 400 tons of bombs were dropped. In the raid on Cologne the R.A.F. dropped 5,000 tons of bombs, including 1,000,000 incendiaries - all in space of 90 minutes.
37. The fighter command of the R.A.F. has carried out operations on the scale of the 1,000-Bomber raids over Germany, sometimes sending up 1,000 fighters in one day.
38. The Coastal Command of the R.A.F. defending Allied shipping flew more than 50,000 miles in the first two years of the war; escorted 8,200 convoys; made 260 attacks on enemy vessels and sank 300,000 tons. It attacked 300 U-boats, and destroyed 75 aircraft attacking convoys, and drove off 500.
39. While building up her resources at home for a crushing blow at the Axis, Britain has been fighting all over the world. She has liberated Abyssinia and seized strategic territory in East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Iceland and Madagascar. She has maintained her shipping lifelines over the seas of the world.

40. By the beginning of 1941, Britain was sending to battle-fronts abroad 80 per cent of her total military production and every soldier for whom shipping space was available.

41. For two years, British troops have been fighting on a world-wide front, mostly alongside troops from other parts of the Empire. Up to January 1942, 71 per cent of all British Empire casualties suffered on land were men from the United Kingdom. Total Empire casualties in the land forces in the first two years of the war were over 1,500,000.

42. A third of the British troops who fought in Greece were from the United Kingdom; i.e. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In Greece the proportion was nearly one-half. In Libya and Africa it was over a half.

43. When France fell in 1940, Britain was left alone in North Africa with a force of 40,000 men against 100,000 Italians in Libya and over 300,000 in Abyssinia. During General Wavell's campaign in Libya, his striking force never exceeded 50,000 men. In 8 weeks he had taken the whole of the country.

44. Malta, strategic British island in the Mediterranean, has resisted Axis attack for over two years with the enemy only 28 miles away and the nearest British base 1,000 miles across the sea. Malta has had over 1,000 air raid alerts, and has destroyed over 50 enemy aircraft.

45. Out of the thousands of ships conveyed by the British Navy, less than one out of 100 has been lost.

46. The British Navy has not only inflicted sea punishment on the enemy's naval forces, as at the Battle of Matapan, but has in addition sunk 3,250,000 tons of enemy merchant shipping.

AID TO RUSSIA

47. All British munitions of war sent to Russia have been sent under British Lend-Lease. Up to the end of June 1942, practically all aid promised by Britain had been sent. This aid includes tanks, anti-aircraft guns, ammunition, radio equipment, machine tools, medical supplies, food and vitally needed raw materials.

48. Large convoys carrying British aid to Russia have fought their way through, by the Arctic routes, against the dangers of storms, icebergs, U-boats, aircraft and destroyers.

49. To send help to Russia through Iran (Persia), Britain has built special assembly plants for trucks in that country. By January 1942, 200 trucks a month were being assembled and carrying supplies. Locomotives and freight cars are specially built in Britain to transport supplies to Russia over the Persian railroads. The quantity of planes sent through Persia increased 600 per cent in 1942.

50. Britain has sent 6,000,000 pairs of boots to Russia. Mrs Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund has raised over 8,000,000 dollars by means of which the British Red Cross has already sent 500,000 blankets, 250,000 woollen garments and large quantities of medical supplies. British cotton and woollen mills have been working overtime to produce the clothing needed.

2 AUST NZR DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 69

(From 2359 hrs 10 Mar 43 to 1200 hrs 18 Mar 43)

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PART 1 OPERATIONS.

N E SECTOR.

1. The enemy building up of aircraft strength in the SWPA was recently demonstrated by the number of aircraft used to cover the convoy destroyed off NEW GUINEA. In this engagement Japanese aircraft losses were reported to be - 62 fighters destroyed, 17 probably, 22 damaged. The total Japanese air losses during the week ending 8 Mar in this area is now reported to be 87 destroyed, 23 probably, 39 damaged.

It is more than evident that the enemy considers LAE-SALAMAUVA as a key position both as his main outpost protecting RABAU from the SW and also as a base from which further attacks can be made on our positions in NEW GUINEA. In this key position he realizes that he may at any time be subjected to a frontal attack from the sea. This possibility he would regard with reasonable equanimity, but he is far from happy with the threat to his rear, due to our forces in the WAU area and our use of the airfields there. This fact is borne out by the heavy attack by 26 bombers and 21 fighters on the 9 Mar on the WAU drome in an attempt to restrict our use of this base.

In spite of the considerable danger from Allied air attack to a convoy proceeding to LAE he was forced to take the risk in order to get a sufficient force ashore which would be used to drive us from the WAU Goldfields area.

This venture has ended in disaster and must give us a respite in the WAU area, but he must feel that his hold on LAE-SALAMAUVA has become more precarious, and will therefore endeavour to reinforce that area by other means.

A Chinese escapee has stated that on 15 Feb there were 6,000 Japs at MADANG and FINSCHAPPEN. The reliability of this report is now known, but it is felt that although this statement may be exaggerated, the number of troops in these two localities has recently increased.

NW SECTOR.

2. There is nothing of significance to report.

WAU-MUBO AREA.

3. The enemy has withdrawn most of his troops from the area. Some enemy movement has been observed but no heavy clashes have been reported. Our patrols are continually active in the entire area.

4. Enemy barge activity at LAE and LASO is reported to have increased. Many more barges were seen in LAE Harbour.

WARIA RIVER.

5. The Japanese evacuated the beach between BAU and KOB and moved to a posn. south of WARIA RIVER mouth. On the 9 Mar

the enemy appeared to be evacuating the river mouth area, but only one barge was believed in use.

MAMBARE RIVER.

6. On the 5 Mar, 3 enemy barges containing approx 200 tps were attacked and sunk North of CAPE WARHURT, by our patrol boats. No enemy survived.

On 6 Mar, allied tps secured a beach head at DOUGLAS HARBOUR in the vicinity of CAPE WARHURT and patrolled the surrounding area.

On 9 Mar, 100 Japanese were observed preparing barges in the DURIWA area, probably intending to evacuate. Our patrols covering a wide area from 6 miles south of CAPE WARHURT to BEACH (2 mls N E of DURIWA) report the area clear of the enemy. Other allied patrols covering DELTA IS.

SE NEW GUINEA.

7. Japanese survivors from the convoy destroyed off the NEW GUINEA coast have landed along the coast near PORLOCK HARBOUR, TUPU and ORO BAY. Some survivors landed on GOODENOUGH IS. Our patrols have killed or captured most of these enemy elements.

SEA.

NEW GUINEA.

8. Photo Recon at BABO reveals:

- 1/5000 ton converted tanker
- 1/4000 ton cargo vessel in harbour.

WEWAK

9. On 5 Mar 1 destroyer, 1 cargo vessel of 3-5000 tons stationary in harbour.

On 8 Mar photos revealed 2 small u/i vessels, 1 patrol craft in the harbour.

On 9 Mar 1 heavy destroyer, 2 cargo vessels of 4-5000 tons were anchored in the harbour.

RABAUL

10. On 7 Mar Photo Recon revealed 53 vessels in the Harbour. As visibility was bad this may not be the full strength of shipping at RABAUL.

Also numerous small craft in Harbour.

On the same day 4 u/i vessels were sighted 20 mls North of RABAUL course N N W.

AIR.

11. Allied A/C continue to bomb and strafe enemy posns throughout the area. Considerable damage has been done to Japanese installations at most of their bases. AROE IS, FINSCHAPFEN, GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER have been heavily bombed and received extensive damage. Enemy air activity has increased during the week. Raids have been made on WIVICANI on GOODENOUGH IS, DARWIN, MERAUKE, PORLOCK HARBOUR, ORO BAY and WAU.

Allied air attacks on enemy posns were made as follows:-

AROE IS, TANIMBAR IS (SAUMBAKE, MARETS), KAI IS (TOCAL), TINCER (FUILORO), DUTCH NEW GUINEA (MYE), (KAKEMAU), NEW GUINEA (ALEXISHAVEN, FINSCHAPFEN, IAL, MALAKEN), SALAMATA, WARTIA RIVER, MUBO, CAPE NELSON, KIRIWINA IS and NEW BRITAIN (GASMATA, CAPE GLOUCESTER).

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PART II - ENEMY O & B.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

12. (a) Japanese Paper Capes- Probably Anti - Gas.

A report received from NEW GUINEA states that the paper has been chemically treated, and although it only partially prevents water penetration, it is completely oil resisting. It is considered that it would be resistant to penetration by blister gases.

(b) Japanese Unidentified Dual- Purpose Gun.

Information has been received indicating that the Japanese possess a gun of approx 4.3 in or 4.2 in calibre with a range of 19,000 yds. It is stated that this is a dual purpose gun being used as an anti aircraft and field artillery weapon. These facts suggest it may possibly be the 105 mm Mobile AA gun, type 125, characteristics of which are believed to be as follows:-

Weight of gun and mount	: 7 Tons.
Maximum horizontal range	: 19,000 yds
" vertical "	: 36,000 feet.
Elevation	: 0° to 85°
Traverse	: 360°
Rate of fire	: 10 rpm
Weight of projectile	: 35.2 lbs

JAPANESE PARATROOPS.

13. In Sep 42 Japan was believed to have only three Bns and two Coys of troops trained for paratroop operations; but it is now estimated that she has 24,000 troops so trained, at least two airborne divisions (3rd and 5th) have been identified.

The main places at which the enemy employed paratroops were PALEMBANG, MINADO and KOEPANG.

If paratroops were based in the LALE SALAMAU area, allowing a range of 450 miles, they could operate in an area from MERAUKE to MILNE BAY including the tip of CAPE YORK. Similarly from WEWAK they could operate throughout central NEW GUINEA, while MERAUKE could be attacked from KAUKENAU.

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PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL.

NIL.

PART IV - SECURITY.

ENEMY AGENTS - SUSPECTS.

14. On 15 Feb 43, an American patrol near GONA, NEW GUINEA, captured two Japanese prisoners, a third man escaping into the Jungle. Upon interrogation the Japs stated that the third man was an Australian soldier who had been in their company for three days.

Investigations revealed that a man Metodoji DIMITREVICH and another had deserted from an Australian Infantry Brigade and DIMITREVICH was identified by the Japs from photos. He was enlisted in the Australian Army as a friendly alien. -

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JUGOSLAVIAN - but represented himself to the Japs as a BULGAR.

It is considered that this man may be an enemy agent and his photo and description have been circulated in NEW GUINEA by HQ NG Force.

In view of the possibility that, unaware of the fact that he has been identified by his late Japanese companions, he may attempt to return to our lines in NEW GUINEA or to AUSTRALIA, his description and photo are being reproduced and circulated in AUSTRALIA.

This incident draws attention to the need for careful checking of "friendly aliens" serving in our forces.

JAPANESE REPRODUCTIONS OF OUR MAPS.

15. Demonstration of Japanese thoroughness was displayed recently when two replicas of our 4 miles - 1 inch Stag maps came to hand. They had been expertly copied and reproduced even to coloring. Spelling of some place names had been changed to agree with their own pronunciation of maps in use and the British RF of 1:253,440 had been changed to their RF in general use 1,250,000.

Jap characters replaced our own information round the margin and the typical Jap sense of non-humorous wit and imitation was evident by the statement on maps "Produced by Adv HQ AUSTRALIA".

Security of information received a "blow under the belt" in this case, and all ranks must ensure that the security of such documents is guarded and preserved.

USE OF CODES.

16 Attention is directed to the alarming number of cases which have been detected wherein personnel of units, particularly in operational areas, namely NEW GUINEA have been communicating with their relatives and friends by means of a code indicating their location and unit etc.,. Many instances have also come under notice where in civilians are endeavouring to communicate also by code with military personnel in operational areas, asking them to indicate their location by means of a prearranged code. One method which seems to be particularly prevalent is the practice of writing under the stamps.

All cases in which civilians have been concerned, the matter has been referred to Security Service for appropriate action. All unit commanders should seriously impress upon their troops that the use of codes in correspondence is strictly forbidden under Field Censorship Regulations. The seriousness of this breach should be impressed on all concerned as this practice has been growing at an alarming rate.

Military personnel who disclose their unit location are jeopardising their own safety as well as the safety of their comrades, particularly in view of the possibility of enemy agents in our midst.

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PART V - GENERAL.

USE OF BOTTLES ON LAND TARGETS BY ALLIED AIRMEN.

The following stratagem used by Allied airmen is reported for information in case the enemy should imitate it.

On raids over KALULI (KAHILI?) aerodrome we've dropped empty bottles - any kind we could find, along with our bomb loads. This practice has been found to be very effective mainly because of the many purposes it accomplishes - firstly, because an empty bottle when tossed from a plane sounds very much the same as a bomb falling through space, and will naturally cause any ground personnel in the target area to believe that they are the recipients of twice the "pay load" that actually is dropped. Much sleep and otherwise valuable time is consumed by necessitating a search for "possible delayed action bombs" that they heard drop but didn't hear explode. This practice is of definite value if for no other reason than nuisance effect.

The usual Japanese procedure, where land targets are under bombardment by our planes, is to keep their searchlights out until they are reasonably sure that all the bombs have been dropped before they attempt to pick up the raiding planes in their searchlights. A Captain of one of our aircraft relates that they have been able to confuse the enemy considerably with this practice of using empty bottles as substitutes for bombs.

"We've been able to completely fool them by making a dry run first, dropping a few bombs with the bottles and then hang around for a while until they turn on their lights. Then we make a second and third run giving them a real thing"

These tactics have also been successfully employed against the airfield at MUNDA

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUST MOT DIV.

as at 2359 hrs 15 Mar 43.

Serial	Unit	Location	Moves Projected.
1	HQ 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	TALLAROOK 1" 177246	To be disbanded.
2	T Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)	" "	To 4 Aust Armd Bde not before 6 Apr 43
3	22 Aust Fd Regt less 44 Bty	" 1825	To 3 Aust Armd
4	228 Aust LAD (AIF)	" "	Div Area 20 Mar
5	22 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	" "	43.
6	105 Aust A Tk Regt	BALLAN 1" 493580	
7	261 Aust LAD	" "	
8	Fd Stores Tp 3 Aust Fd Pk Sqn	TALLAROOK 1" 177246	To E.T.C. WAGGA as soon as convenient
9	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
10	1 Sqn Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
11	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Aust Mot Div (AIF)	" "	
12	HQ AASC 2 Aust Mot Div	" "	
13	6 Aust Army Armd Whshop ABME	" 182511	
14	6 Aust Army Armd Ord Fd Pk	" "	To be disbanded
15	2 Aust Mot Div Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl	" 177246	
16	6 Aust Armd Bde Gp Pro Pl	" "	
17	2 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit	" "	
18	2 Aust Mot Div Fd Cash Office	" "	
19	2 Aust Mot Div Concert Party	" "	
<u>5 Aust Armd Bde Gp.</u>			
20	HQ 5 Aust Armd Bde	" 0735	
21	12 Aust Armd Regt (AIF)	" "	To be disbanded
22	237 Aust LAD (AIF)	" "	
23	13 Aust Armd Regt	" "	To 3 Aust Armd
24	260 Aust LAD	" "	Div Area 20 Mar 43
25	14 Aust Armd Regt	" "	
26	289 Aust LAD	" "	To be disbanded

Serial	Unit	Location	Notes Projected
27	9 Aust Mot Regt	TALLAROOK 1" 0735	
28	301 Aust LAD	" "	To be disbanded
29	3 Aust Recce Sqn (AIF)	" "	
30	6 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	" "	
31	4 Aust Transporter Coy AASC	" "	
32	4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop AEME (AIF) "	" "	To SINGLETON at date to be fixed
<u>2 Aust Mot Bde Gp.</u>			
33	HQ 2 Aust Mot Bde	ANGLESEA 1" 173757	To be disbanded
34	2 Aust Mot Bde Sig Sqn	" 174757	
35	15 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	" 173708	To 1 Aust Armd Div Area as soon as possible
36	294 Aust LAD	" "	
37	17 Aust Mot Regt	" 177757	
38	228 Aust LAD	" "	
39	6 Aust Mot Regt	PORTARLINGTON 022922	
40	293 Aust LAD	" "	To be disbanded
41	Two Tpt Pls 16 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	GEE LONG 1" 441917	
42	2 Aust Lt Fd Amb	ANGLESEA 1" 173735	
43	2 Aust Mot Bde Wkshop AEME	GEE LONG 1" 441928	

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF 2 AUSST MOT DIV.

as at 2359 hrs 31 Mar 45.

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1	HQ 2 Ausst Mot Div (AIF)	TALLAROOK 1" 177246	Disbanding
2	1 Ausst Fd Security Sec (AIF)	" "	To 4 Ausst Armd Bde Not before 6 Apr 45
3	105 Ausst Tk A Regt	BALLAN 1" 495580	
4	261 Ausst LAD	" "	
5	Sigs 2 Ausst Mot Div	TALLAROOK 1" 177246	
6	Cipher Sec Sigs 2 Ausst Mot Div (AIF)	" "	
7	HQ AASC 2 Ausst Mot Div	" "	
8	6 Ausst Army Armd Wkshop ARME	" 109311	NUCLEUS ONLY (Disbanding)
9	6 Ausst Army Armd Ord Fd Pl	" "	
10	2 Ausst Mot Div Ind Bde Gp P1	" 177246	
11	2 Ausst Mot Div Postal Unit	" "	
12	2 Ausst Mot Div Concert Party	" "	
<u>6 Ausst Armd Bde Gp.</u>			
13	HQ 6 Ausst Armd Bde (AIF)	" 1735	
14	12 Ausst Armd Regt (AIF)	" "	
15	14 Ausst Armd Regt	" "	
16	239 Ausst LAD	" "	NUCLEUS ONLY (Disbanding)
17	2 Ausst Mot Regt	" "	
18	3 Ausst Recce Sqn (AIF)	" "	
19	6 Ausst Armd Bde Coy AASC	" "	
20	4 Ausst Transporter Coy AASC	" "	
<u>2 Ausst Mot Bde Gp.</u>			
21	HQ 2 Ausst Mot Bde	ANGLISEA 1" 173157	
22	17 Ausst Mot Regt	" 177757	
23	286 Ausst LAD	" "	NUCLEUS ONLY (Disbanding)
24	15 Ausst Mot Regt	FORTARLINGTON 632922 1"	(Moving to FORT ARNOLD)
25	292 Ausst LAD	" "	

Serial	Unit	Location	Moves Projected.
26	2 Aust Mot Bde Sig Sqn	ANGLESEA 1 st 194757	NUCLEUS ONLY (Disbanding)
27	Two Tpt Pls & Aust Armed Bde Coy AASC	GEE LONG 1 st 441217	(Moving to PUCKAPUNYAL)
28	15 Aust Mot Regt (AIF)	ANGLESEA 1 st 110757	To 1 Aust Armd Div Area 3 10
29	15 Aust Mot Regt Sig Bn	" "	9 Apr 48.
30	294 Aust LAb	" "	

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Date and Time.—From 1 May 1943 To 31 May 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
29 MAY 1943				
Seymour	1 May		Reccomendations forwarded to L H Q in connections with officers of this forematonx awaiting disposal.	
	15 May		Major Tanner interviewed Brig C Prior regarding reposting of officers.	
	17 May		Major Tanner interviewed Brig Prior when proposal re disposal of officers, as originally submitted to MIL-SEC in March, was approved.	
	22 May		In consultation with MIL-SEC Branch (Tanner; Hutchinson) arrangements for disposal of officers was finally completed.	
	31 May		2 Aust Mot Div disbandment completed.	