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**37/52 Infantry Battalion**

**July - August 1944**



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 1 JUL 44 To 2 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
NAGADHA.	1 JUL 44	1900	<p>Training according to syllabus continued during the morning. A road party of 1 officer and 100 OH's was again supplied by this unit today. Dry weather during the past few days has considerably helped these parties in their tasks. As far as was possible with the number of men absent on work parties, kit inspections and complete check of all stores was carried out during the afternoon. Make and mend periods followed the kit inspection.</p>	
NAGADHA.	2 JUL 44	1900.	<p>Church parades were conducted by Padre A.A. Bale at 0830 hrs for HQ Coy and Bn HQ, and in the afternoon for C and D coys. Rest periods for all troops were ordered after</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 2 JUL 44 To 3 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>the inspection of camp lines and areas had been carried out. Fresh meat, butter, bread and a liberal supply of canteen goods were received and issued by the unit today</p> <p>20 points of rain fell during the night 1/2 Jul.</p>	
NAGADFA.	3 JUL 44	1900	<p>The usual work parties were again supplied for construction on the main MADANG-ALEXIS-HAFEN road and the jeep track to NAGADFA beachhead being continued. Training continues for those troops not engaged on work or ration parties. T.O.E.T's, lectures on patrol and patrol reports and weapon training formed part of the syllabus. Lt. a Lidgerwood left the unit this morning. This opp. has been</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 3 JUL 44 To 4 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>hosted to 29/46 AUST. INF. BN.</p> <p>Major H.G. Wright (adm. band 37/52 Bn) and Capt Hammill (R.M.O.) visited B Coy during the day, leaving Bn HQ at 1030 hrs and arriving back at 1100 hrs.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Kyle (47d a/c) visited the unit at 1100 hrs and in view of the absence from Bn HQ of Maj. Wright and Capt. Hammill spoke to Capt. W.S. Rowley (adjt) regarding the medical position in this area. Lt. Col. Kyle departed shortly before 1200 hrs. No rain fell over night 2/3 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA.	4 JUL 44	1900.	<p>work parties of 10 offrs and 90 men were required for road construction today. The dry weather during the past few days have considerably helped the work to proceed at a</p>	

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Unit 34/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 4 JUL. 44 To 5 JUL. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>satisfactory rate. Training was continued according to syllabus attached.</p> <p>a draught of four officers and 47 OH's joined the unit today. Capt S.W. Weeks, Capt J.F. Anderson and Lt. Ware rejoined from leave and Lt. Sinclair from L.H.Q. Gas School Balgala. Four of the OH's rejoined the unit from schools and 1 left, the remainder from Gen Prints Depot.</p> <p>Advice was received today that films will be screened at D.I.D. Nagada 5 Jul 44 and not in the unit area as previously advised. It is expected a concert party will entertain the unit at the end of the week.</p>	
NAGADA.	5 Jul.	1900	work parties today absorbed 2 officers & 84 OH's	



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Date and Time.—From 5 JUL 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>Sections of the NAGADA beachhead to B. Echelon area were constructed and improved. Training included T.O.E.T's, section formations and fieldcraft.</p> <p>D Coy conducted range practices on 30 yds range and 2" mortar range. Specialists training was conducted in platoon areas.</p> <p>Major Walshaw M.C. (B.M. 4 Bde) visited Major H.B. Wright at 1200 hrs, staying for luncheon at Bn HQ. After the midday meal, the two officers moved to D Coy to review the training and firing practices being conducted by that company.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Kingman (I.O.) moved to 4 Bde HQ to assist in the preparation of an Int. course for totally untrained personnel to be held at 4 Bde HQ.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 1ST INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 5 JUL 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c.
			<p>commencing 10 Jul. Lt. Kingman will act as an instructor during the course. One offr and two OR's from each bn will attend. Lt. ACM Clark has been selected as the offr student from this unit.</p> <p>Five personnel of this unit moved to 5 Div Reception Camp Madang to join the leave draft there awaiting transport.</p> <p>The fairly long walks over muddy tracks did not deter a number of our troops from attending the screening of 'Bonflikt' at D.I.D. NAGADA.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell during the show, but did not lessen the pleasure of the excellent performance.</p> <p>225 points of rain were recorded over night 4/5 Jul.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 6 JUL 44. To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
NAGADA	6 JUL	1900.	<p>One offr and 20 OR<sup>s</sup> were required for work on the roads and tracks in the NAGADA area.</p> <p>Training was continued, the syllabus including weapon training, T.O.E.T<sup>s</sup> and N.C.O.<sup>s</sup> cadre.</p> <p>Rumours continue to circulate, mostly of which are mere speculation, but all deal with the same subject — home leave. Various dates of our departure have been specifically mentioned, but little faith is being placed in any of these reports. As it is expected that the concert party performing tonight at NAGADA D.I.D. will present the same show in our Recreation area tomorrow night, very few troops applied for permission to witness the show.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 HAST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 6 JUL. 44. To 7 JUL. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
NAGADDA.	7 JUL. 44	1900.	<p>100 points of rain fell during the night 5/6 Jul.</p> <p>Three offrs and 120 oth's were today required for work parties on the Nagada gap track. Training for those troops remaining in camp was confined to weapon training and section formations. The unit was entertained this evening by some of the members of the 'Lazmaniacs' Concert Party. Although the troupe was small they worked hard to produce a bright, if somewhat short show which was much appreciated. The party will entertain <sup>Coy in</sup> <del>B Coy</del> D Coy's area tomorrow afternoon and D Coy in the evening. 50 points of rain were recorded during the night 6/7 Jul.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 8 JUL. 44 To 9 JUL. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
NAGHADA.	8 JUL 44.	1900	<p>One offrs and 100 OR's were again required for road maintenance and construction today. Training was continued during the morning and was mainly a revision of the weeks training. During the afternoon internal economy was carried out, all stores and personnel equipment being checked. Make and mend periods filled the rest of the day.</p> <p>Advice has been received that a leave draft of 2 offrs and 30 OR's will leave the unit within the next few days.</p> <p>No rain fell during the night.</p>	
NAGHADA.	9 JUL. 44	1900	<p>6 church parade was held at 0830 hrs in H.Q. Coy Huss Hvt. Once again Padre da Bale</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 9 JUL 44 To 10 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>conducted the service Lt Clark and 2                      OR's moved to 4 Bde HQ at 1030 hrs to attend                      the 4 Bde Int. course which will commence                      tomorrow. The leave draft of two officers                      and 30 OR's which was warned early on Saturday                      to be ready to move left for 5 Aust SW                      Reception camp at 0830 hrs today.                      Rest periods were ordered for all troops after                      church parade today. Many troops obtained                      permission to visit neighbouring units                      No rain fell over night 8/9 Jul.</p>	
NAGADH.	10 JUL.	1900.	<p>1 officer and 100 OR's were required for work                      on the train road and jeep track today.                      Training was continued for those troops left</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 10 JUL 44 To 11 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
			<p>in the area while the recruits underwent T.S.O.E.T. and trained according to a special syllabus.</p> <p>54 OR's from leave, schools and X list returned to the unit today, arriving at NAGADH beachhead at 1030 hrs. The unit was again entertained by the Tasmanians this evening when a new show was provided. No rain fell during the night although the sky was threatening.</p>	
NAGADH	11 JUL	1900	<p>2 offrs and 100 OR's were engaged on road parties today. Training included weapon training, map reading, section formations and recognition and identification of targets. Specialists continued their own training in platoon areas.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 FUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 11 JUL 44 To 12 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Heavy rain commenced at 1500 hrs today, recording almost 100 points by 1900 hrs.	
NAGADA.	12 JUL.	1900	<p>3 offrs and 100 OR's reported for duty on the road and jeep track today. Troops remaining in coy areas continued training which included map reading, weapon training and preparation of exercises.</p> <p>Lt Col Sparkes (C.I. Jungle Warfare Training School Banungra) accompanied by Maj. Walsae M.C. (B.M. 4 Bde) visited Maj. H.B. Wright, arriving at 1100 hrs. The two visitors stayed for luncheon at BN HQ and with Maj. Wright reviewed the training programme during the afternoon.</p> <p>Sgt Tuckard (A.E.S 4 bde) visited the unit and</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 12 JUL. 44 To 13 JUL. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Spoke to troops of D Coy (AMRON MISSION) during the morning. The heavy showers which commenced yesterday afternoon continued through the night. Two hundred and seventy five points were recorded.	
NAGADA.	13 JUL.	1900.	3 offrs and 200 OR's were required for working parties at NAGADA road and on the main ALEXIS - MADANO road. Training continued according to syllabus. Specialists continued their own training in platoon areas. Sgt Wickhead spoke to troops of Bn HQ and HQ Coys in the afternoon, choosing as his subject "The Military and Political Situation in China". 50 points of rain were recorded during the night 12/13 Jul.	



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Date and Time.—From 14 JUL 44 To 15 JUL 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADHA.	14 JUL.	1900	<p>One officer and one hundred O.H.'s were again required for working parties on the jeep track to Nagada beach-head and the main MADANG-ALEXIS road. Twenty O.H.'s were also required for work at the Bulks bantun Nagada.</p> <p>Training was continued according to syllabus D Coy conducted field firing exercises during the morning and afternoon. Exercises for N.C.O.'s were also prepared. 275 points of rain were recorded during the night 13/14 Jul.</p> <p>The comedy "Standing Room Only" was screened at NAGADHA this evening. a number of troops were given permission to attend.</p>	
NAGADHA.	15 JUL.	1900	<p>Internal economy was carried out during</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUSTR. INF. BN Date and Time.—From 15 JUL. 44 to 16 JUL. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>the morning, all stores, weapons, and personal kits being inspected. at 1200 hrs the unit was ordered to stand down until 0700 hrs 17 Jul. Sports competitions were arranged during the afternoon. A coy comdts conference was held at BnHQ at 0930 hrs. Arrangements for the forthcoming ration of bar were discussed.</p>	
			<p>50 points of rain were recorded during the night 14/15 Jul.</p>	
NAGADIA.	16 JUL.	1900	<p>b church parades were conducted by Padre Bale for HQ Coy and BnHQ at 0830 hrs, C. Coy at 1400 hrs and H. Coy at 1800 hrs. During the afternoon most troops participated in sports while some obtained permission</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUSTR. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 16 JUL 44 to 17 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			to visit friends in other units nearby.	
			no rain fell during the night 15/16 Jul.	
NAGADA.	17 JUL 44.	1900.	<p>One oppr and 100 OR's were required for work parties today. Owing to the numbers of men required for engineer work parties, ration parties and general maintenance duties an outline training syllabus has been prepared which will be adhered to where possible. This syllabus included the preparation and improvement of 30<sup>+</sup> ranges and individual assault courses. This is also in preparation for the BN field training syllabus which will commence 24 Jul. 44.</p> <p>Major H.G. Wright and Capt. G. R. West made a</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 17 JUL. 44 To 18 JUL. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>rendezvous with Maj. E. Green (OC. B Coy) in B Coy training area, which is situated west of the Nagada River in sq. 6932 1/25000 series. as the area is of undulating nature with several deep re-entrants it is intended to use this area as a field firing range also.</p> <p>no rain fell over night 16/17 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA.	18 JUL.	1900.	<p>One oppr and 100 OR's were again required for engineer work parties today. 1 N.C.O. and 9 OR's of C Coy were engaged on repairing the AMRON MISSION road which has deteriorated rapidly in the past few weeks.</p> <p>Training was continued for those troops not required on the work parties, N.C.O. adms</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 18 JUL 44 To 19 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			were also conducted.	
			No rain fell during the night 17/18 Jul.	
NAGADA	19 JUL	1900.	Two offrs and 100 ORs were required for Engr. work parties today. Training was continued in the various coy try areas, conforming to the outline syllabus; specialists continued their own training.	
			Major H.E. Wright visited 4 Bde H.Q. this morning returning shortly after 1330 hrs accompanied by Capt. Curtis (S.C. 4 Bde).	
			A number of troops were given permission to attend the screening of "The Silver Fleet" in the NAGADA beachhead area, this evening.	
			Major Wright, Capt. Rowley, Hammill & Macleod	



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Date and Time.—From 19 JUL 44 to 20 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			also attended. approx 20 points of rain were recorded during the morning.	
NAGADH.	20 JUL	1900.	<p>One opp and 100 OK's formed work parties on the main ALEXISHAFEN — MADANG road today. Training continued in the coy areas according to the syllabus. Preparation of field firing ranges was also continued. Range practices were carried out by A coy during the morning. a farewell concert was given by personnel of this unit for Mr. Wilkinson ( Salvation Army Rep.) who is leaving this unit after 14 months service with us. Mr Wilkinson will join 29/46 Bn and in his farewell speech promised to visit the unit at least once or twice.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 20 JUL 44 To 21 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>each week. a few words of thanks and appreciation on behalf of the officers and men were extended to Mr Wilkinson by Major H.E. Wright. No rain fell during night 19/20 Jul.</p>	
NAGADH.	21 JUL.	1900	<p>The usual work parties were required today for construction of the main road. Training syllabus today included range practices on 30 yd ranges. Construction of field firing ranges was continued, ranges in A and C Coys areas were traversed and sketches produced.</p> <p>Capt. S.W. Wicks (O.C. A Coy) and Lt. F.W. Ware attended a sitting of D.C.M. held at 29/46 Bn HQ. Today 5 points of rain fell during the night 20/21 Jul.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 22 JUL. 44 To 23 JUL. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA.	22 JUL.	1900.	<p>Further work parties were supplied to 15th Coy R.A.E. by this unit today. Range practices were included in the training syllabus again today. During the afternoon internal economy was carried out. at the conclusion of the kit inspections the unit was ordered to stand down until 0700 hrs 24 Jul.</p> <p>No rain fell overnight 21/22 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA.	23 JUL.	1900.	<p>Church parades were conducted by Padre ad. Bale for Bn HQ. and HQ. Coy at 0830 hrs, C. Coy at 1400 hrs and A. Coy at 1800 hrs.</p> <p>With the consistent clearing of the area and digging of wide drains, the ground has become reasonably hard, so that in Bn HQ. and HQ. Coy</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 23 JUL. 44. To 24 Jul. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>areas, particularly, courts for volley-ball and soft-ball have been constructed. These sports are very popular after training hours and during rest periods. No rain over night 22/23 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA.	24 JUL.	1900	<p>One off and 100 oh's were required for Engr. work parties during the day. a further step in training was commenced today with the introduction of the field programme. Lessons in map-reading were conducted by some coys, while others carried out training in all weapons. Range practices on both 30 yd and jungle ranges were also carried out.</p> <p>No rain fell during the night 23/24 Jul.</p>	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 25 JUL. 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADAH	25 JUL.	1900	<p>Further work parties were supplied to 15 Field Coy for construction work and road parties. Training was continued, the syllabus conforming to the outline given in Dg. Syllabus 17-22 Jul. Demonstrations of a section occupying fire positions were given to troops of C. Coy during the afternoon. Practices on 30 yds and jungle ranges were conducted.</p> <p>Much interest in the movements of 15 Aust. Inf. Bde has been taken by our troops recently. It has been generally known that this formation has been prepared for home leave and expected to be gone this week. It was learnt today that portion of 15 Aust. Inf. Bde embarked today.</p>	



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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			heedless to say a fresh crop of rumours broke out, all of them optimistic.	
			No rain over night 24/25 Jul.	
NAGADIA.	26 JUL.	1900.	work parties were again supplied by this unit to 15 field Coy R.A.E.	
			Range practices were held during the day by two of the rifle coys. weapon training and the preparation of field firing ranges formed the rest of the syllabus.	
			Major H.E. Wright (Adm. Comd 37/52 Bn) made a rendezvous with Brig. G.H. Edgar D.S.O. at HQ 29/46 Aust. Inf. Bn today. The comd. told Maj. Wright that the Brigade will shortly move to Australia for 24 days leave and will return	

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Date and Time.—From 26 JUL 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>to New Guinea. The comd intimated that in his opinion the leave period was rather short and not what the units deserved.</p> <p>Major Wright was introduced to Mr. Bolin Long (official war historian) who suggested that an unofficial history of this unit be made, dealing mainly with the personalities of the unit.</p> <p>Two OR's of B Coy were 'flattened' by a 'drop short' during the field firing practices of 2/14 Hd. Regt this morning. Although somewhat shaken the two men were unhurt. In view of the proximity of the south boundary of the arty range to B Coy L of C, a request that the</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 26 JUL. 44. To 27 JUL. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>South boundary be shifted 500 yds NORTH has been made so 4 Bde HQ.</p> <p>No rain fell during the night</p>	
NAGADA.	27 JUL.	1900	<p>work parties were supplied to Nagada beachhead under comd 15 Td Coy RAE today. Training continued and conformed to the general outline laid down. Practice in throwing live grenades and firing the 2" mortar were carried out by some coys.</p> <p>A coy comds conference was held at Bn HQ at 1000 hrs at which Major Wright advised the coy comds of the impending move and discussed such things as packing and disposal of stores. It is expected that all stores will remain.</p>	



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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>at a Bde dump; location to be advised.</p> <p>The bur ration and arrangements for the drinking etc of the bur was also discussed.</p> <p>No rain fell during the night 26/27 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA	28 JUL	1900.	<p>work parties reported this morning to Nagada beachhead for work under the direction 15 field Coy RAE.</p> <p>Training was continued. The syllabus included weapon training and section exercises including patrols and ambushes. Map reading exercises were also conducted.</p> <p>at 1400 hrs a warning order received from 4 Bde advised that no movement will be made before 6 Aug 44.</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 28 JUL 44 To 29 JUL 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Discussions on the forthcoming Referendum were held by some of the coys this evening. Interest in this question is being sustained within this unit. As Mr Wilkinson (Sole Army Rep.) visited the unit this evening, a concert by members of HQ Coy and Bn HQ was arranged for his entertainment.</p> <p>No rain fell during the night 27/28 Jul.</p>	
NAGADA.	29 JUL.	1900.	<p>Work parties were required at Nagada again today. Training continued during the morning and internal economy was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>Lt. A. Clark (A/adjt.) returned from 4 Bde HQ at 1100 hrs this morning. The Intelligence Bureau</p>	



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Date and Time.—From 29 JUL. 44 To 30 JUL. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at which he was a student having been completed at 1600 hrs 28 Jul 44.	
			as from 1 Aug 44 the issue of ateburi will be reduced to one per man per day.	
			No rain fell during the night 28/29 Jul	
NAGADA.	30 JUL.	1900.	<p>Church parades for Bn HQ, HQ Coy, B Coy, were held at 0830 hrs by Padre Ball. C &amp; D Coys attended church parade at 1400 hrs and A Coy at 1600 hrs.</p> <p>The bulk of the unit's stores and records were packed during the day and sent to B Echelon whence they will be sent to Hqs Stores Dump at 4 Bde HQ (SIAR).</p> <p>It is expected that a beer ration of 2 bottles</p>	



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Unit 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 30 JUL. 44. To 31 JUL. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>per man per week will come into effect about 2/3 Aug 44.</p> <p>Lt. Jas. Hingman returned from 4 Bde Ent. school at 1600 hrs this afternoon</p>	
NAGHDA.	31 JUL.	1900.	<p>a Bn parade was held at 1430 hrs this afternoon. Major H.C. Wright (adm. board) informed the troops on this parade that it is expected that the unit, together with the other 4 Bde units will leave shortly for Australia and will receive 24 days leave. Major Wright also said that at the conclusion of the leave period the unit will return to New Guinea and take part in further operations on the island. An inspection of the parade</p>	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 31 JUL 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p><i>followed Major Wright's speech.</i></p> <p><i>a conference of all officers was held after the parade was dismissed.</i></p> <p><i>Preparations (cleaning of areas, requisitions for new clothing and equipment etc) for the coming move were continued today.</i></p>	

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1. GENERAL

Owing to the rapid deterioration of the AMROBY MISSION Jeep Track, an extra rd party of 1 B.C.O. 9 C.O.s. will be supplied daily by C Coy, for maintenance work on this track.

2. PROGRAMME - Preparation for Bn. Field Trg Syllabus Rifle Coys.

- (a) Preparation and improvement of 30 yd ranges to incl
  - Falling targets
  - Snapping Misses
  - Standing
  - Kneeling) Figures
- (b) Preparation of individual assault course as per App B to Bn Trg Instr No. 5.
- (c) Preparation of Field Firing Range
- (d) B.C.O.s. Lectures  
Use of map and compass

H.Q. Coy as per syllabus attached.

3. PIONEERS

Pioneer assistance will be made available on application to H.Q. Comd.

WORKING PARTIES 17-22 JUL 44

Date	A Coy	C Coy	D Coy	H.Q. Coy
JUL 17 and 20		10 AMROBY RD.	1-40 Eng Rd 1-20 Jeep Tk	1-40 Eng. Rd.
JUL 18 and 21	18 JUL 1-20 Jeep track	1-40 Eng Rd 10 AMROBY RD	21 JUL 1-20 Jeep Tk	Do.
JUL 19 and 22	1-40 Eng Rd 1-20 Jeep Tk.	10 AMROBY RD		Do.

Ration parties as required by Q.M.

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Daily Routine

0830	Coy Parade
0830-0930	Smartening Drill
0930-1000	
1000-1015	Break
1015-1045	
1050-1130	
1330-1415	
1420-1500	
1500-1515	Break
1515-1545	P & R.T.
16	Dismiss
1800-2000	Night syllabus

NIGHT SYLLABUS

TUESDAY 18 JUL	Organization & W.E. of Bn.	Lt. WITHINGTON
THURS 20 JUL	Coy debate on referendum	Lt. GRIFFIN
TUESDAY 25 JUL	Duties of Pioneer Pl	Cpl SWAN
	Fire Control M.M.G.	Sjt GORDON
THURS 27 JUL	Tactics Tk/A	Cpl LEITCH
	Fire Control Mortar	Sjt HOWER
TUESDAY 1 AUG	Hygiene	Cpl McCOLL
	Tk/A Weapons	Cpl ARELETTE
THURSDAY 3 AUG	Description M.M.G.	Cpl NICHOLLS
	Description Mortar	Cpl BROOKS

SIGNAL PLATOON Daily training in line building and maintenance, duties and practice in switchboard operating, Morse and wireless.

	<u>19 JUL</u>	<u>24 JUL</u>	<u>28 JUL</u>	<u>2 AUG</u>
M.M.G.	MED TOEGD Mechanism CAB Gas Semaphore P & R T	MED TOEGD Fire Control CAB Map reading Sec Drill P & R.T.	MED TOEGD Fire Control CAB Stripping Sec Drill P & R T	MED TOEGD Fire Control CAB Stoppages Semaphore P & R T

	<u>20 JUL</u>	<u>25 JUL</u>	<u>29 JUL</u>	<u>3 AUG</u>
MORTAR	MED Maintenance Fire Control EMD CAB O P P & R T	MED Quiz Amn - Fuzes Fire Control Aiming Map & compass P & R T	MED MI Battle Proc Corrections CAB Tactics Area Tragetts P & R T	MED EMD Ranging Flanking Fire EMD Maintenance P & R T

	<u>16 JUL</u>	<u>21 JUL</u>	<u>26 JUL</u>	<u>31 JUL</u>	<u>4 AUG</u>
TK/A	MED Tk/A Weapons Inf Bn Gun Drill CAB Inter-com. Mechanism P & R T	MED Ops general Laying & firing Map reading Security Battle proc. P & R T	MED CAB Mech. Epidemics N.G. Tanks N.G. Map reading P & R T	MED Quiz. Gun drill Badges-rank CAB Map reading P & R T	MED Coop -T's & Inf Keeping direction Inf Sec in attack CAB Map reading P & R T



H.Q. Coy Syllabus (Cont)

	<u>18 JUL</u>	<u>22 JUL</u>	<u>27 JUL</u>	<u>1 AUG</u>	<u>5 AUG</u>
PIONEER	MED SMG Grenade CAB Map R Rifle Posns. P & R T	MED Grenade Recap Rifle CAB SMG Bren P & R T	MED Bren Bayonet CAB Grenade throwing various types P & R T	MED Mortar Bayonet CAB Theory of S A P & R T	MED Rifle positions Bayonet CAB Quiz on weapons P & R T

RANGE PRACTICES

MMG	<u>7 AUG</u> Classification practice	<u>11 AUG</u> Stoppages	<u>16 AUG</u> Section drill
Mortar	<u>8 AUG</u> SMG Rifle	<u>12 AUG</u> Mortar	<u>17 AUG</u> Mortar
Tk/A	<u>9 AUG</u> Rifle SMG LMG	<u>14 AUG</u> 2 pdr	<u>18 AUG</u> 2 pdr
Pioneer	<u>10 AUG</u> Rifle	<u>15 AUG</u> SMG	<u>19 AUG</u> Combined

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 8  
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FIELD INSTRUCTION (Adapted from Form 100) (Rev. 1-44)

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37/52 Aust Inf Bn  
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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL

Coys will carry out a four weeks course of Field Training commencing 24 JUL 44

2. OBJECT

1. To increase the efficiency of all troops in the handling and firing of their weapons.
2. Exercise the individual soldier in dealing with unexpected opposition.
3. Exercise all comds in control and application of fire.

3. PROGRAMME

Training will be divided into three phases:

Phase I. Handling and firing of weapons

- Weeks 1-2 incl.
- (a) Zeroing of weapons
  - (b) 30 yd range - Rifle - Bren - S.M.G.
  - (c) Grenade Range - throwing and firing
  - (d) 2" Mortar - range practice
  - (e) Correction of faults and stoppages on the range
  - (f) Bayonet

Phase II. Field Firing Exercises incl:

- Week 3.
- (a) Section Field Firing exercise
  - (b) Platoon Field Firing exercise
  - (c) Individual Assault Course, using live ammunition.

Phase III. Tactical Exercise

- Week 4.
- (a) 1 day Coy exercise using skeleton enemy  
OR
  - (b) 2 day Coy v Coy using present Coy Defensive Positions as Firm Bases.

Lectures

- In addition to the foregoing trg, Offrs and N.C.Os lectures will be carried out, including the following subjects:
- (a) Correct conduct of Range Practices
  - (b) Conduct of Field Firing Exercise
  - (c) Issue of orders
  - (d) Unspiring

4. COY SYLLABUS

Detailed Coy syllabus of trg, based on this instruction will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. not later than 1400 hrs each FRIDAY.

5. APPENDICES

- Battalion outline training syllabus App. "A"  
Suggested individual assault course App. "B"

6. WEEKLY REPORTS

Coy Comds will include in their weekly reports, summary of trg carried out during the week, recapitulation required and general remarks as to standard attained.

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SUGGESTED LAYOUT - INDIVIDUAL ASSAULT COURSE

CALL B. APPX. AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Track or marked course along the side of a hill. **all firing into the hill.** *See sketch*
2. E.C.O. at each point to check and mark scores.
3. Completion of exercise E.C. to move over course and discuss correct procedure and points in disposal of targets.
4. Suggested targets and marking.
  1. Plainly visible figures/  
Hit within set time when target becomes visible. 10 points
  2. Obstacles and appearing targets.  
Correct procedure to quick reaction. 10 points
  3. Bayonet training.  
Situation given so that bayonet must be used. 10 points  
Bayonet work
  - 4 Fox-hole  
Method of neutralising 10 points
  5. Dummy booby traps and concealed  
Helmet and face target.  
Discovery and disposal of trap and target. 10 points
6. Safety precautions
  1. E.C.O. at each firing point will be responsible for safety precautions in his sector.
  2. Target areas will be at least 70 yds apart.
  3. Where possible, target will be defiladed from flank.

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Week 1 & 2.

- Handling and firing of weapons
- 30 yd range practices **RIFLE** Competitive and harmonisation shooting as per para 14 App 11  
**SMG** Battle practice  
**SMG** Pan 14 Practices 2-4 incl.
  - 30 Gren H.E. & Smoke **Underarms** Throwing from lying posn.  
Firing from discharger.
  - Mortar 2" **Underarms** Firing by selected personnel using H.C.O.'s as fire controllers.
  - In both grenade and mortar practice, especially when using smoke, a small problem will be presented which the firer is required to solve, and target area **MUST** be clearly discernable from the firing point.
  - In all the above practices, personnel not actively engaged on the firing point will be kept well clear of the sound, and an Officer or Senior H.C.O. will be detailed to instruct these personnel in the practices to be fired and the correction of faults revealed on the sound.
  - Table showing practices completed, number of troops exercised and score will be appended to Coy Comd Weekly Report

WEEK 3.

- Field Firing Exercise.
- (a) Section field firing exercise with surprise targets.  
(b) Platoon field firing exercise using support weapons.  
(c) Individual assault course see suggestions App. B.
  - Copies of the above exercise showing location, danger areas, direction of fire, ammunition requirements and forecast of events will be submitted to Bn.H.Q. by 7 AUG for approval.

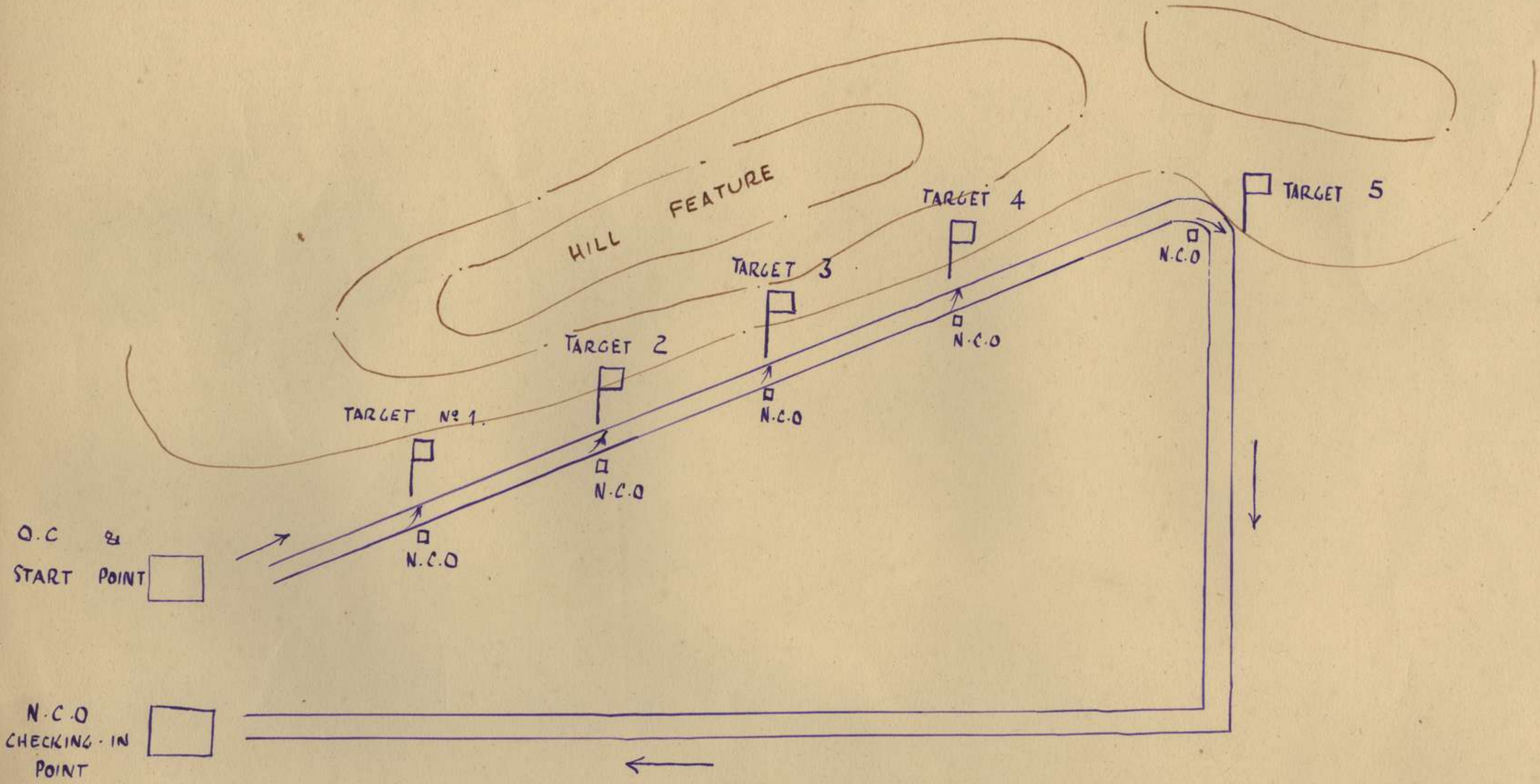
WEEK 4.

- Company Exercises.
- Lessons to be taught  
(a) Control by Junior Comds.  
(b) Orders  
(c) Use of support weapons  
(d) Exercise of H.Qs.
  - Coys will prepare  
(a) One day coy exercise using skeleton enemy.  
A Coy v C Coy) supplying umpires and enemy  
B " v D. " ) or  
(b) Two day two coy exercise  
A Coy v C Coy  
B Coy v D Coy Using bivouac areas as firm bases.
  - Copies of exercises to be submitted to Bn.H.Q. by 14 AUG.
  - H.Q. Coy will arrange for: Det of Sigs - One Sec H.M.C.  
One det mortars & Det pioneers, to be made available as required by Coy Comds.
  - Extra umpires will be drawn from Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy.
  - Requisitions for quarry monobel - switches booby trap-ballastite rounds, will be submitted to R.S.W. by 1600 hrs  
31 JUL 44.

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Field Trg.

- (a) Section in attack exercises incl.
- (b) (1) Deployment on contact
- (2) Ambushes
- (3) Selection of ground
- (4) Booby traps siting of - Improvising - Delousing.

Lectures

- (a) Elementary map reading
- (b) T.D. - Weapon pits - Design and siting of
- (c) How to obtain information - How to pass back information.

S.S.C.'s.

- Eight lectures
- (a) Use of Air Photos to supplement maps (2nd lecture)
  - (b) Conduct of section exercises

WORKING PARTIES 10-15 JUL 44

Date	"A" Coy	"C" Coy	"D" Coy	"E.G" Coy.
JUL 10-13			1-40 Eng Rd Wks 1-30 Jeep track	2-40 Eng Rd Wks.
11-14		1-40 Eng Rd 1-30 Jeep Rd		Ditto
15-18	1-40 Eng Rd 1-30 Jeep Rd			Ditto

Reinforcement Training - Rifle Coy.

- (a) 14 days refresher course culminating in T.D.E.T.
- (b) Subjects to be covered.

Weapons	Rifle	Iron	Bayonet
	S.S.C.	Grenades	2" mortar
	Application of fire		

Drill Daily period 20 min (smartening) drill, co-ord exercise (close order)

Elementary map reading

Elementary tactics	Field craft	Field works in jungle
	Com and Cam	JAP methods and tactics
	Patrols	Section tactics
	Section exercises	

Lectures

- (1) Short outline of role of 37/52 Aust Inf Bn and 4 Aust Inf Bde in NEW GUINEA
- (2) Malarial precautions
- (3) Hygiene
- (4) Bn equipment and ammunition scale
- (5) Bde Units of Location Role
- (6) Natives Customs Contact with Handling of

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"B" Company Syllabus of training for week ending 8 JUL 44

Daily 0830-0930 Company parade, inspection, close order drill, care and cleaning of weapons.

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0930 1230	S.M.G. Drill Bren stoppages F.D.T.	Lecture patrols Patrol reports	Map reading Indication & recognition of features	2" Mortar holding aiming & firing S.M.G. Drill	30 yd range	Local patrols
1330 1630	Fieldcraft Setting and springing ambushes	Section patrols Written reports handed in.	Section attack exercises	Recapit minor tactics	30 yd range	Local patrols
<u>N.C.O. Cadre</u>						
0930 1230	Introduction minor tactics Principles of war.	Command-verbal orders Fieldcraft	Defence T.E.W.T.	Platoon in attack T.E.W.T.	30 yd range	Examinations minor tactics
1330 1630	Appreciations	Section in attack T.E.W.T.	Patrols	Attacking organized defences	30 yd range	Examinations minor tactics



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COY COMDS WEEKLY REPORT

37/52 Aust Inf Bn  
15 JUN 44

Reports under the following headings to reach this HQ by 1600 hrs each Sunday.

1. Training
2. Lectures
3. Works
  - (a) Proposed
  - (b) At present in progress
  - (c) Time for completion
4. Clothing and equipment
5. General Health
6. Issues of expense stores
7. Controlled stores - certified check
8. Salvage
9. (a) AHS & AMENITIES  
(b) Proposed
10. Recommendations.

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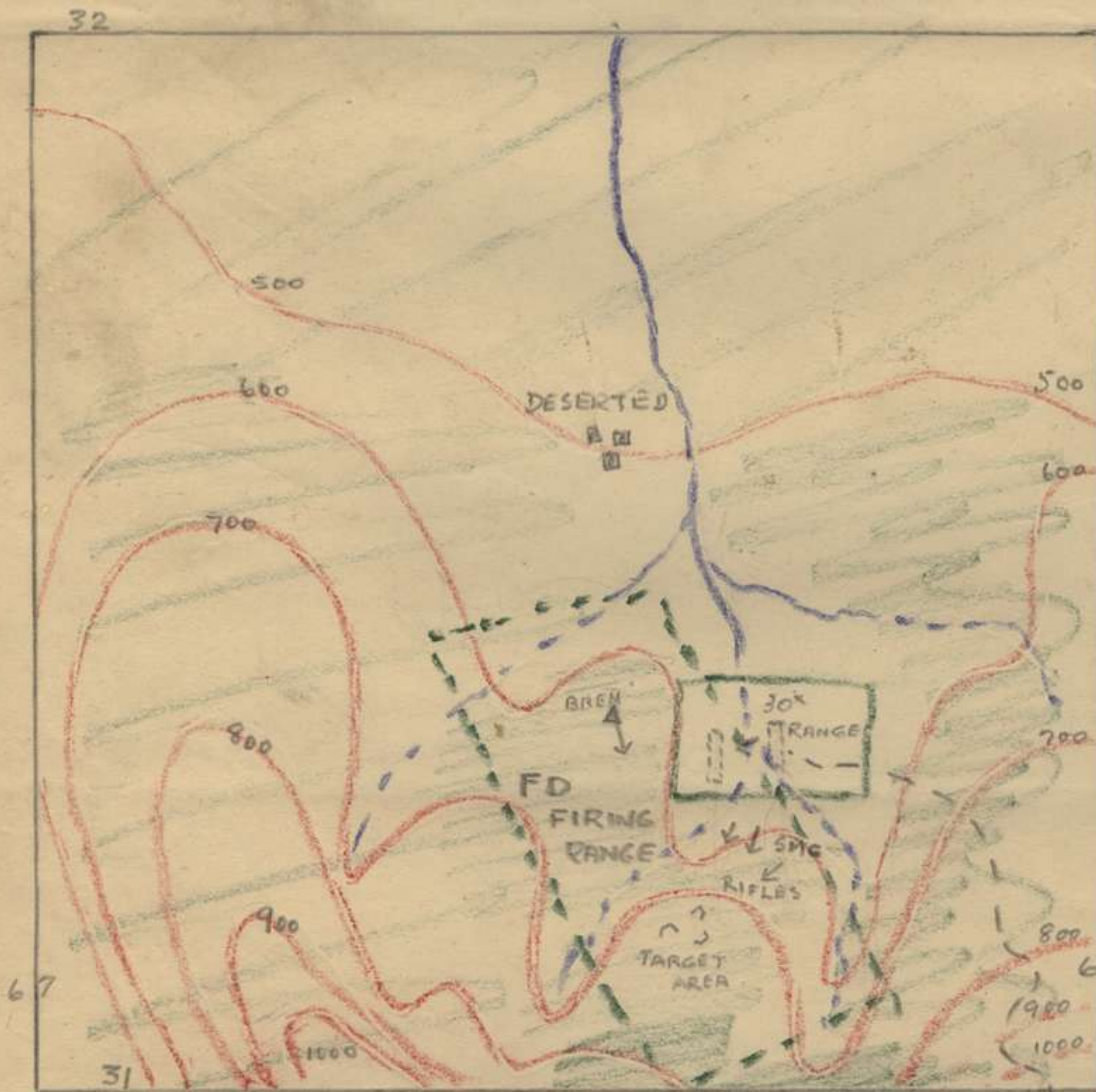
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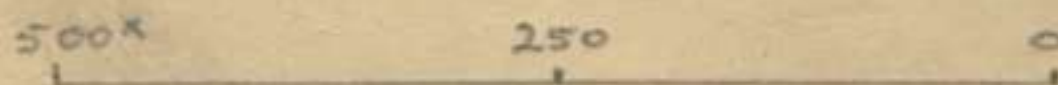
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ENLARGEMENT OF Sq 6731.



674 } 676  
 14 } - 310  
 Target area 676 310.  
 30 yds range 677 314.  
 68 angled fire 175°  
 mag.



DETAILS.

FD FIRING RANGE:

1. SPUR IN REAR OF TARGETS RISES SHARPLY FROM 600 TO 1000<sup>x</sup>.
2. DIRECTION OF FIRE SOUTH.
3. DANGER AREA - LOCAL.
4. RANGE SUITABLE FOR EXERCISES UP TO PL IN ATTACK.

30x RANGE

1. RANGE IS FROM ONE SIDE OF CK INTO STEEP BANK.
2. DANGER AREA - LOCAL.

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Subject : SPECIAL SURRENDER LEAFLETS  
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Attached are copies of a Special Surrender Leaflet (with translation) which it is intended to drop in the near future.

2. The time and place of these drops will be advised later, and in sufficient time to enable the forward troops to be warned before the drops actually taking place.
3. In the meantime it is requested that all troops be made familiar with the leaflet and its contents, in order that the success of the scheme will not be jeopardized in the early stages by any unfortunate incidents.

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# 日本軍各部隊指揮官各位

貴下並びに部下將兵の困難なる状況下数ヶ月にわたる  
勇戦奮闘に対し、當方又武人として深盡なる敬意を表す。

思ふに戦況は既に其の峠を越し、此の上の流血は徒らに  
慘劇を延引するに過ぎず。

部下統率の重責を負はる、諸君は徒に面目等に執着す  
ることなく、多数の部下將兵、陛下の赤子の尊い人命、  
及び其の両親、妻子、兄弟、姉妹の心に思ひを致し、人事を盡したる  
者の潔さを以て、軍使を送り議せられよ。

勇戦奮闘、人事を盡し既に死の無益なるを知りて軍門に  
降るは何等武人の面目を傷くるものに非ず。未來の貴國  
の爲、多数の貴下將兵の生命を救ふこそ眞の大勇、眞の忠  
節と思惟せらる。

而して貴國に於ける例又少しとせず。古くは日露戦役に  
於ける建川挺進隊隊長―前駐露大使建川美次中將―、  
新しくはノモンハン事件に於ける朝香中將、宮殿下、いづれも  
其の一例に過ぎず。

敢て再言す、

陛下より預られたる多数の尊き生命を徒らに失ふを避け、  
將兵をして未來の貴國の爲に力を盡すの道を講ぜられよ。

我々武人の禮として帶劍許與等條件附のそれを議す  
の用意あり。

速に軍使を派遣されんことを切望して熄まず。

聯合軍最高指揮官



Responsible Officers of the Japanese Forces!

We, as officers of fighting forces, admire the courage you have shown in gallant actions during many months under difficult conditions.

We think that the situation in this theatre has already become clear, and that further resistance on your part will serve for nothing but to prolong this tragedy of useless bloodshed.

We hope that you, officers who are responsible for the lives of your men, will not adhere to a useless "honour"; but that you will think of the precious lives of your men and of the anxiety of their parents, wives, children, brothers and sisters; and that you will arrange for the capitulation of those who have done their best as soldiers and human beings, so that they may live for the future.

It is no disgrace for an officer to surrender after he has done his best; when it is clear that death will not improve the situation of his forces. On the contrary, we think, it is true patriotism for him to save the lives of his men for the future benefit of his country.

Examples of this are not few in your country. Lieut-General Tatekawa, ex-Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, and Lieut-General Prince Asaka are among them.

We repeat that we hope you will avoid losing uselessly many precious lives of those who are under the command of your Emperor, and that you will arrange the means for your men to serve the future welfare of their country.

We are prepared to negotiate with you for a conditional surrender which you can honourably accept.

We hope that you will send envoys without delay.

C-in-C.,  
ALLIED FORCES



BEACHES CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR USE BY SMALL CRAFT.

TAKEN FROM INTERPRETATION OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHS

Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, Vegetation and Hinterland
<u>MORTIFICATION POINT 1/25000</u>							
Able	GUSIKO 625734	Clear	50 yds	8 yds at ends. 4 yds at centre	Very steep	Sheltered	Steep climb for 40 - 50 yds through timber to GUSIKA village. Inland normal kunai covered spurs merging with timber. Fairly rugged. Coastal track crosses watercourse at beach.
Baker	622748	Doubtful whether entrance to lake is of sufficient depth for landing craft.	120 yds	8 yds	Sand bank below water line.	Sheltered	Beach merges into heavy timber and getaway would be north for 350 yds through heavy timber to kunai patch. Inland shelving kunai spurs and timber in gullies.
Charlie	615768	? (obliques only)	35 yds approx	10 yds approx	Fairly flat	Sheltered from SE.	10 - 15 ft climb into coconut plantation good concealment in timber. Kunai ridges and timbered gullies inland.
Dog	SOWI R 609775	? (obliques only)	400 yds approx	10-15 yds approx	Fairly flat	Exposed	Coastal track along beach at this point. Kunai covered coral shelves rise sharply, leaving a narrow coastal strip approx 200 yds wide covered in fairly heavy timber. Good concealment.
Easy	LAKONA 590793	? (obliques only)	650 yds approx	10-15 yds approx	Fairly flat	Exposed	Beach rises to narrow coastal ledge. Good concealment in timber. Fairly open country on both banks of SANGA R. Kunai covered coral shelves rise sharply 50 - 60 yds inland. Coastal track follows flat country around base of hills.
Fox	MASAWENG R From 584806 across MASAWENG R to 584816	Clear	1100 yds	15-20 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Except for odd clumps of timber there is no cover on the beach. The terrain is mainly grass covered and rises gently inland to heavy timber 500 yds inland. Good cover to north and west where timber covers the



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, Vegetation and Hinterland
George	West of 569848 HUBIKA	No reef. Beach inclined to be rocky.	70 yds	15-20 yds	Slight shelf near shoreline otherwise fairly flat.	Exposed	lower slopes of the coral shelves which are particularly steep in this area. Good coastal track.  Slight cover under timber along cliff face and up watercourse, coastal track crosses watercourse 100 yds from mouth. Cliff 20-30 yds high. No cover on flat and coral slopes inland.
How	West of 565843 HUBIKA	No reef. Beach inclined to be rocky.	35 yds	15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Cover in timber below cliff face west of beach. Foot track from HUBIKA village down into timber. No cover above cliff.
Item	HUBIKA 561849	Narrow approach through rocks.	20 yds	10-15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	A small beach actually the mouth of a watercourse. Probably flooded in wet season. Cover in timber in watercourse. Main coastal track crosses watercourse at beach. 20 - 30 ft cliff lines shore - No cover above cliff.
<u>MASAWENG R WEST 1/25000</u>							
Jig	557854	Approach between rocks. Rock in water offshore may cause difficulty.	60 yds	15 yds	Fairly flat	Fairly sheltered	A stretch of sand in a sheltered cove. No cover except a few trees in watercourse at south end of beach. Climb from beach 15 - 20 ft to kunai coastal-plain. 40 yds from beach to coastal track.
King	554862	Clear	35 yds	15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Cover along cliff face and in watercourse. Coastal track crosses watercourse 100 yds upstream. Cliff 20 - 30 ft high along shore.
Love	552866	Beach rocky	200 yds	15-18 yds	Flat	Exposed	No cover. From beach a 30 ft cliff rises to the coastal ledge. A watercourse at east end of beach would provide easy access to coastal track 150 yds inland.



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, Vegetation and Hinterland
Mike	WANDOKAI 519881	Clear	Two beaches separated by a narrow headland. 250 & 90 yds	15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	No cover. Beach dark in color. Probably black sand. Main track 100 - 200 yds. inland with footpads down to huts on shore. Main coastal track 20-30 ft above beach.
Nan	513882 - 497883	Mainly clear Rocks at west- ern end, also reef 400 yds long under water close inshore at 526 904	2200 yds	20-25 yds	Flat	Exposed	Very little cover. Odd clumps of trees along foreshore. Grass covered coral terraces rise sharply from coastal shelf. Coastal shelf slopes gradually to beach. Main track varies from 50 - 200 yds inland. Good access to beach.
<u>BLUCHER POINT 1/25000</u>							
Oboe	507916 - 494939	Sandy beach throughout. Rocky obstruct- ions for 350 yds on head- land at 505920, also from 497930 - 494937	2700 yds	20 - 25 yds	Flat	Exposed	No cover except at south east end near AGO, and in clump of timber 498925. Coastal track varies from shore to 200 yds inland. Track from WALINGAI down cliff to huts on fore- shore. Very little cover inland. Coral terraces rise <b>steeply</b> from coastal strip. One wrecked barge on rocks at 505921. One beached barge visible at 503922. Good access from beach to coastal track. Many native gardens in area.
Peter	491946	Clear	220 yds	30 - 35 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Very little cover. Coastal track 100 yds inland with easy grade to beach. Coconut plantation on shore. Three wrecked barges on beach.
Queen	491950 - 475980	Clear	For approx 4500 yds of coastline, a sandbank approx 30 yds wide lines the shore below water level. No depth can be determined. No rocks or reefs are visible.			Exposed	The bare coral shelf extends to the water's edge, in most places ending in a cliff 10- 20 ft high. No cover except in timber and coconuts at 475963. Coral terraces rise steeply from coastal shelf



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, vegetation and Hinterland
BLUCHER POINT and SIALUM 1/25000							
(No coverage of coast from 475980 to 436031)							
Roger	NANDA 435732	Clear	only portion of beach covered. At least 350 yds	15 yds	?	Exposed	Good cover in timber around NANDA village. Coastal track 20 yds inland. Normal coral terraces further inland
Sugar	NUZEN 427047	Clear	650 yds	20 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Good cover in timber along river. Main coastal track crosses stream at mouth, descending on to beach from 15 - 20 ft shelf. General country grass covered.
Tare	425059	Clear	120 yds	30 yds	Flat	Exposed.	Very little cover. Coastal track crosses stream at beach, descending from open grasscovered coastal shelf 10 - 20 ft high.
Uncle	KESJAROA LAGOON 408077 to 385100 (Possible landing only)	Coral reef extends from HARDENBERG PT parallel to coast through SIALUM to 383104 leaving an entrance to lagoon 650 yds wide at 395093	4200 yds	5-10 yds	Flat	Sheltered	Fair cover in plantations and timber fringe along shore. Country inland is grasscovered. Easy access to coastal track from beach.
Victor	379106	Clear	230 yds	25-30 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Good cover in plantation and timber on shore. Coastal track along beach at this point. Area heavily cultivated. One beached barge visible



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, Vegetation and Hinterland
Blue	375111	Doubtful beach Coral shelf 50 yds wide at undetermined depth lines shore	170 yds	25 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Very little cover. Footpad from beach to coastal plain 10-15 ft above waterlevel. Main coastal track 350 yds inland. Easy access through kunai and cultivation. Bare coral shelves inland.
Green	371116	Doubtful beach Coral shelf 60 yds wide undetermined depth lines shore.	220 yds	25 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Slight cover in timber along 10-15 ft cliff. Also cover in timber lining lagoon 100 yds inland. Access to coastal track from beach up cliff and SE along coast for 300 yds, then inland 400 yds to track. Terrain generally kunai covered.
William	352123	Clear	130 yds	10-15 yds	Fairly flat.	Exposed	10 - 15 ft cliff lines beach. Track crosses watercourse at beach. Very little cover. Generally kunai covered with odd clumps of timber. Coral shelves inland.
X-ray	348125	Doubtful beach Coral shelf 20 yds wide at unknown depth lines shore.	200 yds	10-15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Good cover in timber lining shore. Easy access to coastal track 200 yds inland. Terrain generally kunai - covered with clumps of timber and cultivation.
Yoke	344128 to 339129	Doubtful beaches. Three beaches coral reefs offshore 100, 110 yds at unknown depth. 120 yds long separated by rocky headlands.		10-15 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Good cover in fringe of timber along shore at two beaches. No cover at beach at 339129. 10-15 ft cliff lines shore throughout. Coastal track 350 yds inland, across open kunai.
<b>KELANGA HARBOR 1/25000</b>							
Zebra	SAPARO R 324135	Clear	600 yds	20 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	No cover. 10-15 ft cliff lines beach. Main coastal track fords river at beach. Numerous tracks from beach to coastal plain. One wrecked barge on beach. Terrain inland open grassland.



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, Vegetation and Hinterland
Black	310143	Clear	300 yds	30 yds	Flat	Exposed	Excellent cover in timber. Main coastal track runs along beach throughout its length. Country inland mainly grassland.
White	KELANA HARBOR 295155	Good beach - 10 - 15 yds wide extends from 305148 to 294164 - a distance of 2500 yds. Under water reefs at unknown depth make landing doubtful, except at 294155, where a passage through reefs to a 300 yds clear stretch of beach can be traced. In addition, a clear approach to a 200 yds beach is possible at river mouth 294163			Flat	Sheltered	The entire beach is fringed with light timber and coconut plantations, affording some cover. The main coastal track leads on to or very close to the beach at several places. Country inland mainly grassland and cultivation.
Purple	289178 to 278183	Clear. Very shallow water inshore.	1500 yds	35 yds	Flat	Exposed	Good cover in coastal fringe of timber. Easy access to coastal track 20 - 100 yds inland. Country inland open grassland.
Pink	275185 to 616386	Clear. Narrow coral shelf below water level at 272188, 630381 and 623386	5500 yds	10-15 yds	Flat	Exposed	Flat terrain behind beach. Good cover in coastal fringe of timber. Well used coastal track skirts beach.
ORANGE Green	573394	Clear	400 yds	30 yds	Flat	Exposed	Excellent cover in heavy timber. Extremely rough getaway to west up steep cliff, and to the east coral terraces are rough down to the shore. Faint coastal track fords river at beach.
Mauve	SIO 1/25000 NAMBARIWA 542402 to 545405	Clear - probably shallow approach	530 yds	5-10 yds	Fairly flat	Fairly sheltered	Fair cover in timber lining shore. Easy access to coastal track. Country open kunai ridges and timbered gullies.



Name	Beach	Approaches	Length	Width	Steepness	Exposed	Exits, vegetation and Hinterland.
Bronze	SIO 516443 to 503446	Doubtful landing Channel and reefs as shown on SIO 1/25000 Probably shallow passage.	1700 yds	10 yds	Flat	Sheltered	Good cover in timber and coconuts. Track runs along shore through plantations.
Crimson	485427	Good entrance 150 yds wide through reefs	200 yds	15 yds	Fairly flat	Sheltered	Excellent cover in timber. Main coastal track follows shore at this point. Good access to open grasslands inland.
Violet	449440 - 406435	Clear	200 yds	15-20 yds	Fairly flat	Exposed	Very little cover. Very flat grass- covered terrain. Easy access to main track.



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	ALEXISHAFEN	1/25000	(A)
	MADANG EAST	1 in to 1 mile	(ME)
	MADANG WEST	1 in to one mile	(MW)

Serial	Unit	Veh Ser No.	Ref Map	Map Ref	Remarks
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
2	4 Aust Inf Bde sig sec(AIF)	88	MA	728286	
3	25 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt		MA	728286	
4	264 Aust LAD	88	MA	728286	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	701247	
6	A Coy		MA	702244	
7	B Coy		MA	715215	
8	C Coy		MA	704248	
9	D Coy		MA	715250	
10	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304	
11	A Coy		MA	698304	
12	B Coy less two pls		ME	673302	704298
13	10 Pl		ME	672299	673302
14	12 Pl		ME	678307	
15	C Coy		ME	671299	
16	D Coy		MA	701305	
17	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	99	A	706324	
18	A Coy		A	700326	
19	B Coy		ME	683312	
20	C Coy		A	713331	
21	D Coy		A	700339	
<del>22</del>	<del>C Coy PIB</del>		<del>MW</del>	<del>663254</del>	
<del>23</del>	<del>9 Pl</del>		<del>MW</del>	<del>610205</del>	
<del>24</del>	<del>10 Pl</del>		<del>MW</del>	<del>634308</del>	
<del>25</del>	<del>11 Pl</del>		<del>MW</del>	<del>634359</del>	
26	Sec 39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl		MA	703293	



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2	4 Aust Inf Bde sig Sec (AIF)	88	NA	728286	
3	264 Aust LAD	88	NA	728286	
4	25 Pl, 2/1 Gd Regt	88	NA	728286	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	NA	703247	
6	A Coy		NA	703244	
7	B Coy		NA	704246	
8	C Coy		NA	704248	
9	D Coy		NA	716248	
10	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	NA	701304	
11	A Coy		NA	698304	
12	B Coy		NA	701307	
13	C Coy less 15 Pl		NA	700309	
14	15 Pl		NW	673302	
15	D Coy		NA	701305	
16	37/52 Aust Inf B n	99	A	706324	
17	A Coy		A	700326	
18	B Coy		A	677323	
19	C Coy		A	713331	
20	D Coy		A	700339	
21	Sec 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl		NA	703293	



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MADANG WEST 1" to 1 mile (MW)

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Veh ser</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Ref Map</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
2	25 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		MA	728286	
3	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	88	MA	728286	
4	264 Aust LAD	88		FINSCHHAFEN	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	701247	
6	A Coy less 9 pl		MA	715215	
7	9 Pl A Coy		MA	713230	
8	B Coy less 10 Pl		MA	702244	
9	<del>10 Pl B Coy</del>		MA	<del>685249</del>	
10	C Coy		MA	704248	
11	D Coy		MA	715250	
12	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304	
13	A Coy		MA	698304	
14	B Coy less 2 Pls		ME	673302	
15	11 Pl B Coy		ME	672259	
16	12 Pl B Coy		MA	674314	
17	C Coy		ME	671299	
18	D Coy		MA	701305	
19	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	99	A	706324	
20	A Coy		A	700326	
21	B Coy <del>less 11 pl</del>		ME	683312	<i>677923 1/25000</i> <del>11 Pl KARKAR under</del> <del>comd 5 Aust Div</del>
22	C Coy		A	713331	
23	D Coy		A	700339	
24	C Coy PIB		MW	663254	
25	9 Pl		MW	610205	
26	10 Pl		MW	634308	
27	11 Pl		MW	634359	
28	Sec 39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl		MA	703293	



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697343 to 697330. south boundary .33  
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37/52 Aust Inf Bn  
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1. All offrs will prepare a resume of the recent ops at KARKAR ISLAND, as it affected their own commands.
2. Resume will be submitted to En Hq by 1700 hrs 20 JUN 44.
3. The following general points will be covered.
  - (a) Move to SARANG - Orders and info received prior to move. Embarging and move to SARANG. Steps taken to put tps "In picture".
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  - (c) During landing - Points noted. Modifications. Stores and comms.
  - (d) Subsequent ops - Lessons learnt. Infm gained. Summary of terrain traversed. Functioning of barge supply line. Supporting Arms. Liaison by sup arms comds.
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PART I

OPERATIONS KARKAR ISLAND

Ref Map KARKAR IS 1-inch - 1-mile

1. RESUME OF OPERATIONS

June 2 : A landing was effected by 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at BISON BAY 814858 at 0830 hrs without opposition, and by 1200 hrs had cleared to 814830 and 823888. By 1800 hrs MARANGES VILLAGE to the NORTH and KURUM MISS to the SOUTH had been reached without opposition.

June 3 : At 0820 a report was received that the 108 Mk III Wireless Sets were unsuccessful and N<sup>o</sup> comm with fwd ops would be possible after 0900 hrs. Cable was urgently requested, by 1200 hrs comm had ceased - limit of line to 824898 and 823883.

A report at 1700 hrs showed A Coy (NORTH) had reached 895896 (time unknown) and C Coy (SOUTH) 852760 (at 0900 hrs). By evening of 3 June A Coy reached 895976 and C Coy KAUILO with NO opposition and NMS.

June 4 : A Coy reached 952996 at 1500 hrs and C Coy 003853 at 1445 hrs without opposition.

June 5 : B Coy relieved A Coy at 952996 at 0900 hrs and D Coy relieved C Coy at 003853 at 1030 hrs. A Coy returned to 814857 and C Coy to 816861. At 1500 hrs C and D Coys met at BULU PTN and operations ceased. No opposition was encountered throughout the operations.

2. PATROLS

PIB patrols were sent out as follows :-

- (i) 816857 - 823888 - 848888 - 830929 and return via coast track.
- (ii) 816857 - 848855 - 818880 - return via coast track.
- (iii) 816857 - 828844 - 833849 - 844846 - 837827 - 852882 - 851813 - 830800 and return via coast track.

Patrols reported NMS.

Further patrols by PIB to MARAP - BUNPAT reported NMS .  
Patrols by 37/52 Aust Inf Bn to 840912 - 840902 - 842780 and to BIU - DID Hill and DOGOWAN reported NMS.

All patrols reported no signs of recent occupation by the Japanese.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Owing to the fact that the 108 Mk III Wireless Sets carried proved unsatisfactory, and additional supplies of cable were not available until the operation was nearly complete Communications generally were unsatisfactory.



## PART II

### GENERAL SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RE JAP OCCUPATION

#### OF KARKAR ISLAND

#### 1. COMPILATION

Compiled from report of PIB, ANGAU interrogation of Natives and Chinese inhabitants and personal observations of 37/52 Aust Inf Bn patrols.

#### 2. RELIABILITY

A full account of Jap activities will necessitate further interrogation of natives who fled to the hills on Jap occupation. The information contained hereunder is considered fairly reliable.

#### 3. IDENTIFICATION

Documents dated Oct 43 found at TABEL MISS 812857 and DOGOWAN PTN contained information of 6 Coy - 2 Bn, 239 Inf Regt. Source A.T.I.S. (Capt Collins).

#### 4. MOVEMENTS (NATIVE REPORTS)

The Jap force which occupied KARKAR IS had been in occupation of ALEXISHAFEN during Dec 42.

In April 43 a recon party of approx 30 commanded by a Capt NAIDA made a complete circuit of KARKAR by barge calling in at several points including BISON BAY, and MARANGIS PASSAGE 815860 - 825907. The recon party left at dawn the following day - for ALEXISHAFEN.

Approx 15 May 43 Capt NAIDA with a Lieut (?) SATO as 2 i/c of a force 40 - 50 landed and established a base at BIU 873756, 12 troops were stationed at BIU and relieved periodically during the 6 weeks they were there. Remainder were moved to other areas.

Capt NAIDA recruited approx 200 natives from nearby villages and trained them at BIU (believed later taken to ALEXISHAFEN). Outposts were set up at various times and occupied for short periods only - evidence at following points :-

BIU	-	873756	
BULU	-	008932	
MULUK	-	011861	(in charge of Sup Pte (?) ISI from Jan to Mar 44)
KULKUL	-	828887	(where hut was built - in charge of sup Pte (?) KUTAKI)
KULILI PTN	-	952897	(Occupied between June and Sep by approx 20)

During Oct, Lieut (?) SATO handed over 2 i/c duties to Lieut (?) MOTOMOTO and returned to ALEXISHAFEN, shortly afterwards all troops left KARKAR IS (destination unknown) and the island was unoccupied for 3 months. In Jan 44, 4 barges containing 50 - 60 pers commanded by Capt (?) SATO landed at KURUM 823783. About 10 remained at KURUM. 2 patrols were sent out to patrol round the island. 1 patrol (35 pers) went EASTWARDS and 1 patrol (15 pers) went NORTH. Patrols met later at BULU PTN in sq 0093.

Small parties were left en route and coast watching stations were set up at DID - MULIK - KULILI - MANGAR. A wireless station was established near DID in charge of Sup Pte (?)



A small party under Sup Pte (?) GOTO were based at TABEL MISS 812857 - where they employed natives to obtain salt from the sea and oil from Copra. Owing to Allied bombing, all outposts were recalled and concentrated at DOGOWAN PTN (where force HQ was believed established) early in Mar 44.

The whole force left by barge for ALEXISHAFEN Mar 20, 44.

NOTE : This date may be 4 days out as calender kept by Chinese at TARI was 4 days ahead of ours when contacted by our troops 2 Jun 44.

### 5. INSTALLATIONS

Trench systems were built at :

DOGOWAN PTN - several bunkers.  
DID -  
KULILI -

(See sketch attached Appendix "A")

### 6. DUMPS

Ammunition dump at DOGOWAN PTN - contained :-

- (i) 75 mm Shells @ (large quantity)
- (ii) Type 89 Grenades (few)
- (iii) .256 SAA (large quantity).

### 7. GUNS

A large gun was reported at BIU dug in - evidence of direct hiss by strafing are visible. (No ammunition or shell cases were found near area).

A large gun was reported at DOGOWAN - No evidence.

### 8. GENERAL

A thorough search was made throughout DOGOWAN PTN and resulted in no signs of RADAR or RADIO equipment, but extensive defensive positions on DID hill suggest probable location (if in existence?), but presumed to be gun position, although difficult terrain would not allow gun to be taken to fortified area. It is suggested that reported W/T may have been a portable type similar to our No 11 Set, as no evidence of RADIO or L/T equipment has been located.



PART III  
TOPOGRAPHICAL

1. TRACKS

(a) COASTAL

From BISON BAY 815850 to 910986 coastal track runs as shown on map. Well defined but overgrown. From 910986 to 931998 main track departs from coast (see overlay appendix "B"). Coastal track is overgrown and not used.

From 011872 to 005842 track follows closely to coastline. Track 905762 to 892758 a good jeep track exists, following southern slopes PATILO HILL. All other tracks in coastal area conform to map. With little work the coast track could be made jeepable. Slight bridging and widening in parts would be necessary. Complete coastal circuit presents very easy going.

(b) INLAND

From KURUMITAU 848888 to MOM 857905 a good track exists (see overlay trace appx "B").

A good tracks exists from MANGAR 2 815839 to MOBAN 1 837827. Track shown from MOBAN 1 to coast at 816818 is now existent. A well defined foot-track joins MANGAR 815821 and MARUP 1 833806. Well used track runs from BIU 873756 to DID 870777. Track from DOGOWAN 995834 to YUK YUK 972821 does not exist, but from DOGOWAN to YUK YUK 989820 to coast at 996820 a good track exists. Track 000940 to 000920 is overgrown and does not exist. From 814828-MARUP 2 to BOROMAN 2 2 to DOGOWAN R at 874786 to KUMURIA 1, 2, 3, 4, to ULUN 915786 to PEIN, a good Government track runs (see overlay Appx) Easy going and jeepable.

2. VILLAGES

Amendments to existing map as follows :-

KENG - 849948	BOROMAN 1 - 868793
LANGLANG - 894986	BOROMAN 2 - 870796
BAN GAME - 906887	MARUP 2 - 853815
TOLAI - 913887	MANGAR 2 - 815839
SIGENTIKA - 906970	MANGAR 3 - 815849
KOROPAK - 915995	MOBAN 1 - 837827
DELTIGU - 923998	MOBAN 2 - 840840
YUK YUK - 988819	BAFOR 1 - 845846
ULAN 1 - 932790	BAFOR 2 - 853848
ULAN 2 - 915786	
KUMURIA 1 - 897786	
KUMURIA 2 - 897793	
KUMURIA 3 - 899793	
KUMURIA 4 - 903790	

3. STREAMS

Water is not plentiful on the island. Majority of streams shown on map are non-perennial. However, permanent water is available at OULILAN CK mouth, at Cks 868968, 879977, three creeks shown in sqs 0089, creeks as shown bet MULUK MISSION and WASAU with a good stream at WADAU. DOGOWAN R is flowing and provides good water. NO water exists between BIU and DOGOWAN with exception of small stream at KAVAILO.

4. BEACHES

All previous information issued on this subject was most accurate.

Following additions were noted :-



Approach to SHONE JETTY 955996 is by a narrow channel only. Ingress only at high tide and then only when knowledge of channel is obtained. There is NO entrance to KAVAILO - shallow reefs at entrance enclose bay.

The approach to KURUM PTN Jetty is through a narrow channel only - previous knowledge is desirable.

5. NATIVE POPULATION

Preliminary ANGAU reports indicate that population does not approach the 10,000 as previously stated. This may be due to Jap recruiting and deaths among natives, and accurate figures are not available until check has been completed. Natives are friendly and co-operative to Aust tps.

6. OP's

A native OP is located at 833806 giving excellent vision NORTH to MARANGIS to HANSA BAY and SOUTH through BIU to SEK IS. Coastline from SEK IS to HANSA BAY is clearly visible.

7. NATIVE FOODS

There is an abundance of paw-paws, bananas, Taro, yams and Gallip nuts on the island and fish are readily obtainable.

Approx 25 horses are reported on the island mainly in vicinity of KULILI PPN. All in fair condition.

833806	-	1	HANSA	833806	-	1	HANSA
833807	-	2	HANSA	833807	-	2	HANSA
833808	-	3	HANSA	833808	-	3	HANSA
833809	-	4	HANSA	833809	-	4	HANSA
833810	-	5	HANSA	833810	-	5	HANSA
833811	-	6	HANSA	833811	-	6	HANSA
833812	-	7	HANSA	833812	-	7	HANSA
833813	-	8	HANSA	833813	-	8	HANSA
833814	-	9	HANSA	833814	-	9	HANSA
833815	-	10	HANSA	833815	-	10	HANSA
833816	-	11	HANSA	833816	-	11	HANSA
833817	-	12	HANSA	833817	-	12	HANSA
833818	-	13	HANSA	833818	-	13	HANSA
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833822	-	17	HANSA	833822	-	17	HANSA
833823	-	18	HANSA	833823	-	18	HANSA
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833830	-	25	HANSA	833830	-	25	HANSA







RESTRICTED

Subject : HANDING IN OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

4th INF BATT  
28 MAY 1944  
No X/53

Main HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)  
GS/1658/Int  
28 May 44

*[Handwritten signature]*

- RAA 5 Aust Div
- RAE 5 Aust Div
- Sigs 5 Aust Div
- 4 Aust Inf Bde
- 8 Aust Inf Bde
- 15 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bn
- 5 Aust Div Carr Coy
- ASC 5 Aust Div

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- Pro
- Salvage
- "Z" FS Sec
- Det ANGAU
- MADANG Base Sub Area
- File
- War Diary

INTELLIGENCE  
29 MAY 1944  
SECTION File #

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It is requested that the following report received from "Z" Aust FS Sec be promulgated to all troops under your command.

"Much information of a vital nature concerning the enemy, his movements to and from the Area, Identifications, Order of Battle, Names of Commanders, methods etc has been obtained for General Staff Intelligence during the MADANG - ALEXANDRA operations. The general response of the troops in handing in large quantities of documents and valuable material has been most gratifying and it is wished to express appreciation accordingly.

"In many cases units and individual troops have asked for details concerning the contents of diaries, operation orders and other documents handed in. It is obvious that these cannot be given but a general outline of what is contained in the document e.g. general movement of units from the area, Dumps and Barge hideouts were located, known staging areas were confirmed, etc, will be obtained and explained by Field Security Personnel on application.

" Enemy material on arrival at Div HQ is split into three categories :-

Category A - Diaries, marked maps, codes, ciphers, operation orders, roneoed carbon copies, and all handwritten material. All Gas and CW printed material. All signal message forms whether written on or otherwise, new types of weapons, ammunition and equipment and all Anti-Gas clothing and equipment.

Category B - Text books and general printed matter.

Category C - Other enemy equipment of intelligence value.

"Souvenirs obviously of no intelligence value may be posted to home addresses by the troops provided the imprint of the 'War Souvenir Stamp' is placed thereon. Arrangements can be made with the FS NCO attached to have the material stamped.

"Documents and equipment of intelligence value may also be forwarded to home addresses (preferably not returned to the sender) through Intelligence Channels. Such material should be handed to the FS NCO attached or to the Unit IO to arrange delivery to FS Sec at HQ 5 Aust Div. Labels held by all IOs and FS personnel will be attached by them in the presence of the sender and will show the name of article found, place captured, map ref, time and date, sender's No. Rank and Name and mainland addressee nominated by the Sender. In some cases the material may take some time to reach the addressee and in a few isolated cases may be retained altogether by LHQ for intelligence, experimental and other reasons. On the whole however documents and material have and will reach home and other addressee safely and within a reasonable period of time."

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Lt Col  
GS/5 Aust Div



Major H.E. WRIGHT Administering Command 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

INTELLIGENCE

10 JUL 1944

37/52 Aust Inf Bn  
Nos 214-220  
4 JUL 44

CALL  
AND  
INSTRUCTIONS

214. APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE

All applications for discharge will be submitted to this H.Q. in quadruplicate.

215. CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT

A request has been received from L.H.Q. for a JAPANESE type-writer. Although troops may regard this equipment of no use, it can be of considerable use to our forces. Any such typewriter located will be forwarded to this H.Q.

216. AUSTRALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL TRAVELLING ON VESSELS OF RAN AND USN

- 1 From time to time parties of troops are carried on small vessels of RAN and USN, such as ML's and PT Boats. These craft carry only sufficient rations for crew. In addition as personnel of RAN are rationed differently from the Army, members have to make up any excess expenditure from their own pockets.
- 2 All troops travelling on these boats will carry sufficient rations for the journey.
- 3 Accommodation being extremely limited on these craft all ranks will refrain from going below except at the express invitation of a member of the ship's company.

217. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENTS AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES G.R.O. P.218.

1. Amendments have been made to War Financial Regulations providing for the shortening of the period upon the expiration of which a member's allotment and dependant's allowance will be suspended in the event of his absence without leave. These amendments have effect on and from 1 JUN 44.
2. Where the member has been declared an illegal absentee, the D.F.O. will, under the regulations now amended take action as outlined in paras 3 and 4 of this order.
3. Where no dependant's allowance is payable in respect of the member's allotment, the D.F.O. will suspend payment of the allotment as from the earliest possible date.
4. Where the member has made an allotment in respect of which dependant's allowance is payable, the D.F.O. will at once forward a notice to the member's allottee that the allotment and dependant's allowance will be suspended after payment of two more fortnightly payments, including any instalment which may be payable on the date of notice.
5. In addition to the forfeiture of all active and deferred pay (including the amount paid as allotment) for the whole period of the member's absence without leave, the total amount of the dependants allowance paid in respect of any day after the date of the notice mentioned in para 4 of this order will be debited to the member and will be recovered from his future pay.
6. Any allotment and related dependants allowance which has been suspended on account of the member's absence without leave will not be reinstated until the D.F.O. has been advised of the member's apprehension or return to duty.

218. AUDITORS

Capt G.H.S. WEST and Lt. A.C.M. CLARK have been appointed Unit Auditors and will audit all regimental and canteen funds.

219. AMENITIES

Pictures will be shown at NAGADA BEACH WEDNESDAY 5 JUL. A concert party will be showing in battalion area during the week. Particulars will be promulgated at a later date.

NO.	NAME	GRADE	REGIMENT	COMPANY	POST	STATUS	REMARKS

T.O.R.



**INTELLIGENCE**  
 18 JUL 1944  
**SECTION** File E.

**RESTRICTED**  
**MESSAGE FORM**  
**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**

*J Sec*

FORM 100  
 (GPO: 1944)  
 (Price 1/6)

**ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1**  
 by

Serial No. 20/44  
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**Major H.B. WRIGHT Administering Command 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.**

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**37/52 Aust Inf Bn**  
**Nos. 221- 225**  
**10 JUL 44**

In Reply to Number Date Originator's Number TO FROM

**221. SALUTING AND DRESS**

Attention is drawn to H.O. 49 for action. This order will again be promulgated to all ranks. Steps will be taken to withdraw all clothing kahki drill and issue jungle greens in lieu.

**222. CLEANLINESS OF AREA**

The cleanliness of the area generally still leaves a great deal to be desired. Areas must at all times be kept free from rubbish and undergrowth. Particular care will be taken to ensure that doovers are not littered with unauthorised articles.

**223. CLOTHES RATION COUPONS 1943/44.**

Approval has been given for the exchange of all clothing ration coupons for the year 1943/44 in the hands of NEW GUINEA personnel for coupons of the 1944/45 series. Personnel desiring to exchange coupons will forward same to Pay Sgt by 13 JUL 44.

**224. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK**

As it is the practice of LTD's not to enter up leave in A.B.83, companies will ensure that A.B.' 83's of personnel returning from leave are inspected and all relevant entries made. Should any entries appear to be irrelevant they will be referred to this H.O. In some cases it has been noticed that reinforcements have not been issued with Record of Service Book. A check must be made of all personnel reporting in to ensure that they are in possession of A.B.83.

**225. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS - PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

The Sales Tax Exemption Act provides that certain items of uniform of approved pattern may be purchased by members from civilian sources without payment of sales tax. The provision includes the following:

- Jacket S.D. Officers
- Safari Jacket
- Trousers S.D. Officers
- Greatcoat
- Cap S.D. Officers

The exemption will not be available unless:

- (a) the articles in question are purchased exclusively for military purposes; and
- (b) a certificate is furnished by the purchaser to the vendor in accordance with pro forma set out hereunder.

**SCHEDULE**

The Commissioner of Taxation, I (Rank, name, and army number) name in block letters) hereby certify that the (insert description) purchased by me from ..... on ..... are for use as, or as part of, the approved uniform of the Defence Forces and are not for re-sale.

TIME OF ORDER	REMARKS	INITIALS	SIGNATURE
		T.H.T.	..... Signature.
		R.O.T.	<i>R. K. ...</i> Adj. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
			Capt.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

*G Sec*

Serial No. 21/44.

by

Major H.E. WRIGHT Administering Command 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

25 JUL 44.

No. 232 - 241.

**232. RIFLE RANGES - 30 YARDS**

1. The following unit ranges are declared permanent danger areas:-

- 24 Aust Inf Bn: Ref Map MADANG AIRBORNE 1/25000  
Map Ref 713225. Bearing 233°
- 29/46 Aust Inf Bn: Map Ref 697304. Bearing 320°

**233. COMMONWEALTH REFERENDUM 1944 - PARTICIPATION OF OFFICERS & ORs**

1. In connection with the forthcoming Commonwealth Referendum members of the A.M.F. -

- (i) May attend meetings in uniform
- (ii) Will not address meetings
- (iii) Will not take part in processions or demonstrations
- (iv) Will not undertake canvassing or the distribution of literature or cards.

Special leave will not be granted to members in connection with the Referendum Campaign.

2. The following officer has been appointed Deputy returning officer for 5 Aust Div :-

Capt. J.T. ANDERSON, HQ 5 Aust Div

3. Units returning to ANST between 1 AUG and 19 AUG will vote prior to movement .

4. The undermentioned material will be forwarded to Coys when available :-

- Referendum Pamphlets
- Declaration Envelopes (Forces)
- Ballot Papers
- Alphabetical list of Voting Places
- Instructions for Presiding and Assistant Presiding Officer.
- Form of Return (Ballot Papers)
- Notices - Statement of Proposed Law.

**234. TELEGRAMS - DATES OF LODGMENT**

1. Cases have occurred in which telegrams lodged by personnel in NEW GUINEA have reached mainland addressees at dates SUBSEQUENT to Army advices to next of kin of the death in action of the soldier concerned. These occurrences have been the cause of great distress of mini, recipients of the delayed messages being given misplaced hope that in the circumstances the casualty telegram is in error.

2. To make clear to recipients the actual date of origin of telegrams from soldiers in NEW GUINEA, it has accordingly been decided to require that the date, e.g. 30th June be inserted after the signature in telegrams lodged by personnel. The date detail will be regarded as chargeable additions and thus to be taken into account in assessing amounts to be collected from senders.



235. HANDLING AND USE OF NATIVE LABOUR

1. Natives will NOT be employed on duties normally performed by troops and for which a W.L. is provided.

2. H.C. Force Instruction Q.5699 states :-

" Except where approval has been given by HQ H.C. Force for natives to be employed on other duties, they will be employed only on the following tasks:

Plantation work (under AMOPCB)	Malaria Control
Engg Works	Crews for Small Craft
Rat construction	Docks Operating
Carrying	General Labouring, such as
Clearing and grass cutting	in dumps and unloading
	small ships.

3. The best manner of handling natives to achieve the best results is as follows :-

(a) A group of natives will normally be accompanied by a white overseer who is responsible for seeing that the natives carry out the duties allotted to them in a proper manner and as expeditiously as possible; all orders to the natives being given through the overseer.

(b) Aust or allied personnel will not be permitted to fraternize with the natives at any time, nor engage them in conversation, nor shall they offer them presents of any kind incl tobacco or cigarettes. The practice of bartering will not be permitted.

4. It is to be impressed on all concerned that the prestige of the white man in the eyes of the natives must be maintained at all costs, only by so doing can the best results be achieved.

236. TRAVEL TO DECLARED AREAS UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

1. The following amendment to the instructions relating to the restriction of interstate passenger transport in the mainland has been issued in respect of travel of civilians and service personnel paying their own fares:

" Certain areas may be declared under National Security (General) Regulations by the Defence authorities and all civilians and service personnel paying their own fares entering these areas must hold a "Permit of Entry" from the Defence Authorities.

These "permits of Entry" are required for all travel, whether interstate or intrastate.

Civilians, and service personnel paying their own fares, who desire to make an interstate journey for the purpose of entering a prescribed area must, in addition to a "Permit of Entry" hold a Priority Permit, and the fact that a "permit of Entry" is held is not to be accepted as conclusive evidence of the merits of the application. Service personnel travelling on duty or on Home Leave pass are not required to hold a "Permit of Entry."

237. CONTROLLED STORES

The attention of all ranks is again drawn to the necessity of wearing lanyards to safeguard against loss of pistols, watches, compasses etc.

If any of these articles become lost the onus will be on the person losing the article to prove that all necessary precautions were taken.



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MESSAGE FORM

Form 2188 (Part 1)  
(Approved 28/1/44)

238. HYGIENE

Recently several latrines in the area became blown with result that new latrines had to be installed. This was a direct result of negligence and all troops must be warned of the dangers arising from this source, and the necessity for closing of lids firmly impressed upon them. Coy Comds will ensure that all latrines are properly fly proofed.

239. SHORTS

1. Troops are reminded that it is an offence to have shorts in their possession on the N.W. coast of New Guinea. On no account will trousers be cut down for sporting or other purposes.

239. SOUVENIRS

All ranks are reminded that no Jap material or equipment may be posted unless accompanied by a slip bearing the Div Souvenir stamp. This instruction also applies to souvenirs etc made from enemy materials, slip containing a description of the articles to be sent, plus the name and number of the sender, and the addressee must be forwarded to the Div Int Sec who will arrange for the Div stamp to be affixed to the slip which will then be returned to the sender. The slip should be enclosed in the package with the articles and the parcel franked in the normal way and with censor stamp impressed on the outside of the parcel. All franking Officers will ensure that this procedure is carried out.

240. SHIRTS WEARING OF

Personnel resting in doovers will at all times wear shirts. Failure to observe this order will result in disciplinary action being taken.

241. PERSONNEL REPORTING BACK TO UNIT

In spite of previous instructions issued, a large number of personnel returning to unit have been proceeding straight to companies without first reporting at M.H.Q. Coys will check with all personnel and where it is found they have not reported to M.H.Q. appropriate action will be taken.

*N.S. Rowley* Capt.  
ADIC. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

A DCM convened by Major General RAMSAY GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 19 JUL 44 for the trial of

EX 155780 Pte BELTON G.E. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Charge

AWL from 0700 hrs 10 JAN 44 until 1015 hrs 8 MAY 44.

Finding

Guilty

Sentence

to undergo detention for 78 days

& Date

19 JUL 44.

Confirmation

by Major General A. RAMSAY

& Date

21 JUL 44.



MESSAGE FORM

(Continued) SECTION

From/Location  
& Date

25 JUL 44

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM: The accused was in open arrest for 11 days and in close arrest for 12 days awaiting trial.

For Action

Australian Comforts Fund Issue 21 JUL 44.

- 552 Fine Tobacco
- 552 Papers
- 552 Packets Cigarettes
- 552 Tooth Paste
- 552 Laundry Soap
- 552 Toilet Soap
- 552 1/2 lbs Chocolate

TO

(u) For Information (INFO)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day
THI or TOR	THI or TOR	THI or TOR	THI or TOR
Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day

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

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN or by any means except Wireless

Originator's Instructions

Time of Day

Time of Day

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MESSAGE FORM AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Serial No. 21/44.

Major. H.F. BRIGHT Administering Command 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

18 JUL 44

Nos. 226-231

226. MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

A check will be made of personal documents of all reinforcements to ensure that their medical classification is not lower than A.S. A certificate will be rendered to this H.Q. by 20 JUL 44.

227. OUT OF BOUNDS

The Air Port at MADANG has been placed out of bounds to all personnel other than members employed in construction and operation of same or having written permission to be in that area.

The recreation grounds and sports oval in MADANG Townsite is available for organized sports to all units.

228. IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO EQUIPMENT

Officers and men being the actual users of army equipment can often see the need for improvements and the means of effecting them.

Recently a soldier irritated by his boot laces when tied round the ankle constantly slipping up over the top of the boot, suggested that a loop be incorporated in the back of the boot. LMG adopted the idea and now all boots AB universal are being made with this loop. Actually the soldier's own design was not perfect and has been modified, but his idea was good and he will receive monetary reward for it.

Where an idea can be patented the army inventions department will give the soldier professional advice in safeguarding his interest.

This order will be promulgated to all troops and any ideas submitted will be forwarded to this H.Q. for forwarding to LMG.

229. JUNGLE AND 30 YARD RANGES

The following Jungle and 30 yard ranges are declared permanent danger areas.

29 Aust Inf Bn. Ref Map MADANG AIRDRONE 1:25000  
Jungle Range. Ref 690242 Length of range 200 yds  
Bearing 34° 30'

30 Yd Ranges Ref 692239 Bearing 280°  
" 714213 " 310  
" 703243 " 234°

29/46 Aust Inf Bn.  
Jungle Range Ref 695394 Length of range 200 yds  
Bearing 284° 30'

50 Yd Range Ref 697297 Bearing 334° 30'  
Grenade Range " 699306

37/52 Aust Inf Bn. Ref Map ALPHISBACH 1:25000  
30 Yd ranges Ref 705323 Bearing 352° 30'

702323 164° 30'  
679322 344° 30'  
698328 198° 30'

Grenade Range Ref 698342



MESSAGE FORM

Form 6218 (Large)  
(Date of Issue) (Address) (1947)

230.

TROPICAL SPREAD

The following outlines the method of reconstruction of tropical spread to approximate fresh butter.

This is carried out by the addition of salt and water in the following method

Ingredients

- 1 lb tin of tropical spread
- 1 heaped tablespoon salt
- 3 tablespoons water (4 oz)

Place spread in container, dissolve salt in water and add slowly to spread - beating briskly until all moisture is absorbed.

The spread absorbs the cold water quite readily and it is not necessary to warm the water or the spread.

The butter will be soft after mixing but will harden if allowed to stand overnight.

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KITS

To facilitate the obtaining of kits from Kit Stores, all personnel who have had a change of Army Number since lodgment of kit will notify company office. Personnel holding official receipts for kits will also notify number of receipt. In all cases of withdrawals it is necessary to notify number under which kit was lodged.

*W.S. Rowley* Capt.  
412 37/52 Avast Inf. Co.

Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day
System	System	System	System
Co	Co	Co	Co

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

If Note to be introduced or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in CIPHER

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except by radio

Signed



287 A.A.B.B.3

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

It has been noticed that although these books have been on issue for a comparatively short time only, in a large number of cases they are already in a bad state of repair. While they are not sufficiently well made to withstand any hard wear, care must be taken to see that they are as well preserved as is possible under the circumstances. Companies will take steps to have stiff covers placed on all books. It is suggested that cover as provided be cut and sewn on. All troops are to be made aware of the fact that these books comprise a basic document and as such, particular care must always be paid to their preservation.

*N.S. Rowley* - Capt.  
Adjt 37/58 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

The following stores have been reported lost and any companies holding any of these stores will return same to R.Q.

OWN S.E. Co. 526-613-337-645-332 and 429

Lamps Daylight Signalling SR 3  
Stands Lamp Daylight signalling 3  
Telephone Sets "D" Mk V 8

Base Plate Mortar 3" Mk 11 with serial No. 45962

AES CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Total number of courses being studied by personnel under command  
5 Aust Div. 294

These courses included the following numbers.  
Bookkeeping and accountancy 48 English 23 Agriculture 27  
Diesel Engine Operation 16.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY EITHER  
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 THE MESSAGE MUST BE SENT BY EITHER  
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BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

TIME	DATE	TO	FROM	CLASS	EXTENSION	REMARKS

T.H.I.  
T.O.R.



**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/7/1944 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
NR	1		1 2 8 19 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1							
-	1	-	31			1							
		DETAIL	'A'	'B'	QMF	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.	31		1								32
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

**OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK**

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

**OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.**

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

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 15/7/1944**

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



## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/7/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX 157	ROWAN	J.O.	C.O.	No	Home Leave	28/6/44
Maj	VX 13927	WRIGHT	H.E.	21/e	Yes	(Adm Comd)	
"	QX 6239	GREEN	E.G.	Coy Comd	"		
Capt	VX108220	PAGE	R.W.M.	"	"		
"	VX108221	WICKS	S.W.	"	"		
"	VX108223	CLAPPERTON	G.T.	"	"		
"	VX108224	DODDRELL	A.S.R.	21/e Coy	No	Home Leave	9/7/44
"	VX108226	ANDERSON	J.F.	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX108227	SPRUZEN	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX108228	ROWLEY	N.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX 38715	WEST	G.R.S.	21/e Coy	"		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	J.K.	Q.M.	"		
Lt	VX108229	COLE	V.T.	T.O.	No	Home Leave	28/6/44
"	VX 45710	URQUHART	A.C.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX 27291	CRIPPIN	L.T.	MMG	Yes		
"	VX108230	KINGMAN	J.A.V.	I.O.	No	Instr 4 Aust Inf Bde	5/7/44
"	VX 50359	SCOTT	A.T.	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX 57210	WARE	F.W.	"	"		
"	VX 25905	POWNEY	T.S.	"	"		
"	VX101971	WITHINGTON	A.E.	A/Coy Comd	"		
"	VX 88142	BROWN	D.O.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX104387	MURPHY	R.J.R.	Tk/A	No	Home Leave	28/6/44
"	VX102553	BATTERSBY	R.H.	Pl Comd	"	4 Aust Inf Bde	27/2/44
"	NX169409	SPICER	J.O.	"	Yes		
"	NX 37290	PRINGLE	A.L.	"	No	Home Leave	9/7/44
"	VX 24281	CLARK	A.C.M.	A/Adjt	"	Sch 4 Aust Inf Bde	9/7/44
"	VX102701	CRAWFORD	C.	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	N 43787	DUNN	A.P.	"	"		
"	NX121126	HANSEN	C.H.	SigO.	"		
"	WX 4737	COOPER	J.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX 89402	SINCLAIR	R.C.	"	"		
Capt	SX 19024	HAMMILL	R.D.	M.O.	Yes		

## PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap (1V Class)	QX 49260	BALE A.A.	4 Aust	Inf Bde 10/2/44	Padre

15 JUL 44

Date of Despatch

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

*H.E. Wright* Maj  
Adm Comd 37/52 commander Inf Bn



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/7/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11, 12c, 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

**Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.**

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.				
			1	W.Os. Class I.				1	1				
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.									
1	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.									
				Staff Sergeants									
NR	2		29	Sergeants		8		2	NR				
NR	13		51	Corporals		7		1	NR				
118	106		554	Troopers, Privates, etc.		19	5						
				Civilians counting as O.R.									
119	123	-	644	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2	ADPC ADAL ADAC AEMF AAMC AACCC	34	3	4	1				
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				Detail	G.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
					A.I.F.	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.						678
				A	436	242							
				B(1)									
				B(2)									

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	4 Aust Inf Bde			1	D.R.O.		
1	5 Aust Div Amen			1	M.D.O. NAGADA		
				9	4 Aust Inf Bde		

**Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 37/52 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 15/7/1944**

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



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15 / 7 / 1944 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths	1							Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevenson				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4		
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2		
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boltermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				<b>Non-T'men</b>				
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batman	34	34		
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Regt Pol	7	7		
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Storemen	6	6		
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Str Bns	21	14	7	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Dvrs MT	12	12		
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Dut	4	4		
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN</b>				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				LMG&R'men	397	289	11	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		MMG Nos	23	23		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		MORT Nos	73	73		
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Orderlies	32	32		
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Pioneers	32	32		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	3	Coach Trimmers				Water Dut	2	2		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Generators				Tk/GunNos	19	19		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Dut	3	3		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				R.S.M.	1	1		
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				<b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				C.S.M.	5	4	N	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				R.Q.M.S.	1	1		
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				C.Q.M.S.	5	4		
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tptn. Plant				SJTs	23	21	N	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				<b>See Back</b>				
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1						
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
GARRIED FORWARD	1			CARRIED FORWARD		17	13	CARRIED FORWARD		57	53	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	767	644	1

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

15 JUL 44  
Date of Despatch

Adm Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn  
Signature of Commander







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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 1 AUG 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGARD A.	1 AUG	1900.	<p>During the morning preparations for the departure of the unit from the Madang area were continued. New clothing, boots and web equipment was issued. An effort is being made to provide each member with three sets of new clothes prior to embarkation. Until further notice rifles, S.W.G.'s will be retained by members and it is expected that these weapons will be carried on the mainland at 1000 hrs I.O. 9 Aust. Inf Bn visited the area and all maps and documents relating to the area were handed over.</p> <p>One offr (Lt. G. Ladstone) and 28 OR's including 5 new members to the unit rejoined at 1400 hrs today.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGA-H.D.H.	2 AUG 44	1900	<p>Preparations were continued again today. The troops have been warned against attempting to carry excess gear to the mainland. As many troops possess souvenirs (mostly of Jap origin) these are being forwarded to I.O. 5 Aust SW. for approval and will be dispatched to the mainland through postal channels. For the first time since leaving Australia in Feb. 43, beer was available to our troops this evening. The ration which allows 2 bottles per week to each man was issued between 1800 and 1930 hrs in accordance with instrs issued by 5 Aust SW.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell over night 1/2 Aug.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 3 AUG 44. To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADH.	3 AUG 44.	1900.	<p>A Battalion parade was held at 1100 hrs this morning. Brig G.H.V. Edgar D.S.O. and Capt. J. Wilson (A/BM. 4 Bde) arrived at 1115 hrs and after a short address by the comd 4 Bde, a march past was held, at the conclusion of which Brig. Edgar spoke informally to the officers. While addressing the troops Brig. Edgar stated that all troops who have not had leave from New Guinea will receive approx 40 days on return to their home states, and that the Brigade will move to the mainland as a leave draft. Information that 7 Aust. Inf Bde will assume responsibility for 4 Bde area as from 060001K was received at 1430 hrs this afternoon. <i>D</i></p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST INF B.N. Date and Time.—From 3 AUG 44 To 5 AUG 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			a Coy comd conference was held at Bn HQ at 1430 hrs this afternoon.	
NAGADFA.	4 AUG.	1900.	Further issues of clothing and equipment were made during the day. The amount of excess kit held by members of the unit is steadily being decreased as new issues become available.  Lectures by Sgt Cook (F.S. Sec. 4bde) to all coys during the morning and afternoon gave the troops a good impression of the work of this unit in the field.	
NAGADFA.	5 AUG.	1900.	Heavy rain fell during the night 3/4 aug.  All unwanted clothing and equipment was collected from members during the morning.	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 5 AUG 44 To 7 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Tentage areas were cleaned and administrative matters attended to. Stand down was ordered at 1200 hrs, after which organized sport and competitions were held. Volley-ball is proving an ideal game for these conditions and is very popular.</p>	
NAGADP.	6 AUG 44.	1900.	<p>Church parades for HQ Coy and BnHQ at 0830 hrs, A+B Coys 1030 hrs and C+D Coys at 1400 hrs were conducted by Padre Ball.</p> <p>Internal economy took up portion of the morning, after which rest periods and sports were ordered.</p>	
NAGADP.	7 AUG	1900	<p>as the preparations for the possibility of a quick movement have been made, a</p>	D

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 7 AUG 44 To 8 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>a limited training programme was commenced today Training will be confined to the mornings and will consist of squad drill, rifle exercises, and bayonet training. Organized sport and competitions will take up the afternoon.</p> <p>Lectures have been prepared to fill the first two periods after midday meal.</p> <p>Two radios have been obtained through Amenities of bde and will be shared by the coys.</p> <p>Short lectures have been arranged by Padre Ball and the ofrs to help fill in the evenings.</p> <p>a number of packs of playing cards has also been obtained and these have been distributed</p>	
NAGADA.	AUG 8	1900.	Training continued during the morning	

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Unit 37/52 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 8 AUG 44 To 10 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			and early afternoon, followed by organized sports in the afternoon. The weather during the last two days has been hot and dry and the conditions of the area has considerably improved since our return from KARAKAR. IS.	
NAGADA.	9 AUG.	1900.	Training was continued and the last periods during the afternoon given over to competitive sports. Lt. Battersby (L.O. 4 Bde) reported to BnHQ at 1200 hrs today. It is anticipated that Lt. Gen. Savage (G.O.C. 2 Aust. Corps.) will visit the area tomorrow afternoon.	
NAGADA.	10 AUG.	1900.	Training continued today at 1400 hrs. Lt. Gen. Savage arrived at BnHQ and inspected the troops training. The General was impressed.	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 10 AUG. 44. To 11 AUG. 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>by the training and appearance of the troops and, informally, wished the troops "all the best while on leave and afterwoods"</p> <p>During the evening lectures were read to the troops. A cricket tournament was arranged by members of HQ Coy. a further four day training programme will commence tomorrow.</p>	
NAGADA	11 AUG.	1900.	<p>Training was continued, a considerable portion of the morning being given to squad drill and company parades. Organised sports competitions were held during the afternoon. a bright concert staged by members of B Coy this evening was well attended and received several topical sketches brought loud applause</p>	

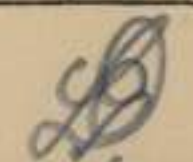


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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 12 AUG. 44 To 13 AUG. 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGA DA.	12 AUG.	1900.	<p>Squad drill and company parades formed the basis of this morning's training. Internal economy was conducted after dismissal. Anklets-web, which previously have been difficult to obtain, are now available, and unsatisfactory anklets were recalled. Stand down was ordered at 1200 hrs and rest periods permitted during the afternoon.</p>	
NAGA DA.	13 AUG.	1900	<p>Church parades were conducted during the morning by Chaplain Bale. Rest periods were ordered after 1000 hrs. In preparation for the swimming carnival to be held at 4 Bde HQ tomorrow, those troops entering the various events were permitted to move to SIAR PTN.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUSTR. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 14 AUG. 44. To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADFA.	14 AUG.	1900	<p>Training (weapons, squad drill) was continued during the morning.</p> <p>Our troops were successful in the swimming carnival at Bde HQ, taking the competition from 29/46 Bn by 2 points.</p> <p>Major H.E. Wright (adm. bond.) reported to 4 Bde HQ at 1400 hrs and on his return all offrs were advised that a parade of 29/46 Bn and 37/52 Bn would be held at 29/46 Bn area 15 Aug 44.</p> <p>This unit will be at 29/46 Bn area at 1000 hrs 15 Aug when a practice parade and march past will be held. Maj. Gen. A.W. Ramsay CBE, D.S.O., ED, (G.O.C. 5 Aust Div.) will inspect the troops and take the salute in the afternoon.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 14 AUG. 44. To 15 AUG. 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			The film "Boys from Syracuse" was screened in the unit area this evening.	
NFG ADA.	15 AUG. 44.	1900.	at 0830 hrs this morning troops were fallen in and inspected and at 0900 hrs the first coy moved to 29/46 An area. At 1000 hrs a practice parade was held which was followed by a march past. At 1400 hrs Maj Gen A.W. Ramsay CBE, DSO, ED, (G.O.C. 5 Div.) arrived and inspected the units by companies. In a speech to the troops after the inspection, the General complimented those present on their appearance and soldierly bearing. He spoke of the good name earned by 4 Bde units by the efficient way in which they went into	



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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 15 AUG. 44. To 16 AUG. 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>action at Finschaffan and intimated that "a job" awaited this Bde upon return to New Guinea. It is probable that 4 Bde units will march through Tulbourn at the conclusion of the leave period.</p> <p>The march past followed the General's speech and troops were dismissed in their own coy areas at 1600 hrs. at 2000 hrs wireless news of the allied landings in South of France was received.</p>	
NAGADRA.	16 AUG.	1900.	<p>As it is expected that the unit will embark on or about 19 Aug 44 only two periods of training were carried out today. This consisted of coy parades, followed by weapon training. Kit inspections were then held and</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 16 AUG. 44 To 18 AUG. 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			and such items as field dressings, discs identity and anklets—were issued. Organized and	
			competitive sports were held during <sup>the</sup> afternoon.	
NAGADA	17 AUG.	1900.	a syllabus similar to that carried out yesterday was repeated today work parties were employed in cleaning up various areas. In the afternoon "two man" tents (which have been used since the unit left base) were struck and returned to R.Q. store. accommodation for all troops was found in various mess huts, office buildings etc, which will be left standing after our departure.	
NAGADA.	18 AUG.	1900.	a check to ensure that all troops are conversant with the orders issued in Pw. Adm	

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Unit 37/52 Aust. Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 18 AUG 44 To 19 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Instn. No 7 (31 Jul. 44) was held today at 1200 hrs further instructions regarding the actual movement were issued. Reveille will be at 0500 hrs 19 Aug. breakfast 0515 hrs, move to embarkation areas at 0600 hrs. Order of movement to be as laid down in Bn Adm. Instn No 7. Sports equipment was packed and a final check of equipment and clothing carried out. A security check of all areas was conducted during the morning.</p>	
ABOARD	19 AUG.	1930	<p>Bn HQ 37/52 Aust. Inf Bn closed down at Reveille this morning. at 0600 hrs troops commenced movement to NAGADA jetty, being lifted from there at 0800 hrs by barge.</p>	
H.T. KATOOMBA.				

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 19 AUG 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>On arrival at Madang Wharf the troops were immediately embarked aboard "H.T. KATOOMBA,"* see appx "A" our unit being the first of 4 Bde units to Routine orders H.T. be embarked. Embarkation of all troops KATOOMBA to 11 for by units was completed by 1150 hrs and O.D.B of units aboard. departure made at 1200 hrs</p> <p>Accommodation aboard is ship is comfortable and clean, meals are excellent, a limited supply of canteen goods is obtainable at the ships canteen. "Action stations" was sounded at 1600 hrs, when troops assembled at their respective stations and donned life jackets. This will be a daily parade at 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs except while in port.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 19 AUG 44 To 26 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			atebrun check will be held on 1600 hrs	
			boat-drill parade.	
<u>ABOARD KATOOMBA.</u>	<u>20-25 Aug.</u>		<u>aboard H.T. KATOOMBA. see</u>	
			<u>appendix for ship's Routine Orders.</u>	
<u>KALINGA.</u>	<u>26 Aug.</u>	<u>1900.</u>	<u>H.T. KATOOMBA pulled into</u>	
			<u>HAMILTON Wharf at 0900 hrs. Troops were</u>	
			<u>assembled in disembarkation areas at 0645 hrs</u>	
			<u>and disembarkation commenced at 0730 hrs,</u>	
			<u>the troops immediately embussing for</u>	
			<u>movement to KALINGA PARK where the</u>	
			<u>unit will stage while being issued with</u>	
			<u>clothing etc. While at KALINGA unit</u>	
			<u>will be under own administration, including</u>	
			<u>pay, postal and G. requirements.</u>	<u>D</u>



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 26 AUG. 44 To 27 AUG 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>The camp R.A.P. and canteen facilities are at the disposal of all units, meals will be prepared by the camp staff. Clothing etc. will be drawn from B.O.D.</p> <p>all rifles and S.M.G.'s were withdrawn from personnel today, extra blankets were issued, which will be withdrawn on departure from KALINGA. Leave from 1600 to 2359 hrs was granted to 90% of personnel this evening.</p>	
KALINGA.	27 AUG.	1900.	<p>Issue of S.D. uniforms was commenced this morning. about 50% of the uniforms are new pattern, the remainder of the jackets are old style, some of which are second hand.</p> <p>Greatcoats, braces, towels, bootlaces, arks etc.</p>	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37/52 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 27 AUG. 44 To 28 AUG. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>web and woollen underwear were also issued.</p> <p>Subsistence (40 days) was paid and sufficient atebun to cover the leave period was issued</p> <p>V. K. B's withdrawn from personnel prior to departure from the mainland in Feb. 43 were returned during the morning.</p> <p>Leave as for 26 Aug 44 was again granted this evening Personnel living in Brisbane and other Queensland areas moved to L T D. Brisbane at 1400 hrs this afternoon.</p> <p>Lt. D. J. Whelan and Sgt. H. C. Morgan rejoined the unit from 'A' list at 1300 hrs today</p>	
K. FLING A.	28 AUG.	1900.	<p>As certain sizes of clothing (particularly trousers) had been unobtainable yesterday</p>	D



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 28 AUG 44. To 29 AUG 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>changes were made and the syles now being available, further issues were made.</p> <p>Personnel living in areas between Sydney and Brisbane, and Seymour and Sydney, were placed on draft and left for South Brisbane at 1930 hrs this evening.</p> <p>Leave was granted to 90% of personnel this evening.</p>	
KALINGA.	29 AUG.	1930.	<p>all troops were today warned to be ready to vacate KALINGA CAMP by 1800 hrs. at 1500 hrs a parade of troops with all gear was held and vehicle and carriage numbers were issued to all groups. The camp area was cleaned and extra blankets withdrawn.</p>	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.  
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Unit 37/52 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 29 AUG. 44 To 31 AUG. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>at 1600 hrs the unit was ready to march out. The 29/46 Bn departed from KARINGA at 1600 hrs. at 1900 hrs all troops were assembled in groups ready for embussing. at 2000 hrs troops embussed and moved to Sth. Brisbane Station, where they entrained, leaving at 2130 hrs.</p>	
EN ROUTE TO	30-31	AUG.	En route to Melbourne	
CAMP PELL	31 AUG	2000	<p>after evening meal at Symour, the troops train arrived at Spencer St. at 2015 hrs, the change over to the electric train being completed quickly and smoothly.</p> <p>all through the train journey from Brisbane</p>	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37/52 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 31 AUG 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>the behaviour of the troops has been excellent at Royal Park station vehicles were waiting to transport our kit-bags, but most troops having previously experienced difficulty in locating kit-bags in the dark, preferred to carry their own the short distance to "Hut 20" Very little delay was caused in the issue of H.L.<sup>2</sup>,<sup>5</sup> practically all metropolitan troops took the advice of Camp Bell Staff to report the following day for pay and food coupons etc.</p> <p>Accommodation for country personnel was arranged at LTD, those members who expected to leave early the following</p>	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37/52 AUSTR. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 31 AUG. 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>morning drew pay, food coupons, cigarettes issue on obtaining their leaving passes. By 2230 hrs all city personnel had left and most country personnel had received pay and were bedded down for the night. Those troops who had not had leave from New Guinea received all the leave due to them, plus the usual travelling time. Those personnel who had returned from previous leave received the balance due to them, most troops receiving between 40 and 48 days leave</p>	
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*J. Sec*

37/52 ADPT INF BN, THE PRO PROGRAM 10 - 15 AUG.

**1. Routine.**

AUG 10 : 11 : 14 : 15

Date-Time	Originator	FROM
0830-0900	Coy Parade : P1 and Coy Drill	
0900-0940	Period 1.	
0940-1020	" 2.	
1020-1100	" 3.	
1100-1140	" 4.	
1140-1200	Co-ordination Exercises & Bayonet.	
1400-1430	Period 5.	
1430-1500	" 6.	
1500-1600	Organised Sport and Games.	
0830-0900	Coy Parade etc	
0900-1200	Kit inspection .Adm. Make and mend	
1400-1600	Sport.	

AUG 12

AUG 13.

Free

**2. THE SUBJECTS**

(a) Lectures incl.

Second Front (C.A.S. No.10) 6 periods  
Discussion on A.T.M. 34

(b) Application of Fire	3	"
(c) Q.D exercises in Coy area	2	"
(d) Section Exercises	4	"
(e) Rifle & S.M.C.	6	"
(f) Field Sketching in Syndicate	3	"
	24	"

Coyes will NOT move further from Coy Areas than 30 minutes marching time.

10 AUG 1944

*A. S. Rowley* Capt.  
Adpt 37/52 ADPT INF BN

THIS IS FOR	Originator's Instructions	Yields to be interpreted or fall into	THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WHITTEN	
	Deposits of Envoys	empty hands, this message must be	except	
		sent IN CIPHER		
		Signed		



# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

**FROM**  
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

**TO**

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

*Swimming Pers. Training*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

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

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

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

FORM 100  
(April 1944)  
(Printed in U.S.A.)

27/52 Aust Inf Bn  
31 JUL 44.

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TIONS

27/52 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.7

The following instructions on pre embarkation administration

will be acted on forthwith :-

1  
1 AUG 1944  
SECTION

1. REAR PARTY - rear party will comprise :-

Lt.	SINCLAIR	R.C.	O.C.
Sjt	GILMOUR	S.A.R	
Pte	WESSLING	G.B.	
"	COOK	H	
"	ANDRONICOS	G.F.	
"	BERNARDY	C.E.	
"	SCHAEFER	L.H.	
"	St OBE	V	
"	FAVELL	D	
"	ROSE	J.J	
"	STERLING	K.L.	

O.C. Bde rear party, Lt ROUGHTON P.A. HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

2. STORES & EQUIPMENT - Stores & equip will be concentrated at HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde Area, each Coy or unit box will contain list of contents - copy to O.C. rear party - one copy retained by Coy Clerks

3. MAIL for personnel on rear parties will be addressed as follows:- No. Rank Name Unit C/- HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Aust.

4. CLOTHING & EQUIP. - Coys will ensure that leave personnel carry all clothing & equipment on issue, no items will be discarded for the carrying of any other articles, each man will be in possession of a pullover.

5. WEAPONS - All ranks will carry weapons - SMG with one magazine. Pistols worn below arm pouch on right hip, lanyard over right shoulder.

6. AMMUNITION - All amm will be carried, Certificates rendered by Coy Comd prior to movement.

7. JUNGLE BERETS - Jungle berets will be re-issued to troops, these will not be worn without permission from Bn.H.Q.

8. PACKING OF PACKS - Packs will be packed with only blanket roll and groundsheet on outside looped in horseshoe manner, ends down - haversacks will be worn on left side, nothing showing outside haversack. Water bottles filled in rear.

9. ROLLS - Coys will carry & maintain nominal or embarkation rolls, these will be serially numbered in accordance with numbers allotted by BnHQ.

10. IDENTIFICATION PERSONAL - Serial No's will be placed in front of hats tucked into hat band, cards will be issued by BnHQ.

11. EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION OFFICER - Lt CLARK A.C.R.

12. BAGGAGE OFFICER - Lt KINCHAN J.A.V. HQ Coy will detail one NCO and 6 ORs as work party at Baggage Officers disposal. Time required to be notified by Lt KINCHAN to HQ Coy.

13. ORDER OF MVT TO EMBARKATION POINT B Coy HQ Coy BnHQ A C & D

NO	NAME	GRADE	UNIT	STATUS	REMARKS
1	Seen				
2	man				
3	Tales				
4					
5					
6					
7					
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10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
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30 night  
Thurs 31 arrived Royal Park



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Serial No 24/44.

Major H.E. WRIGHT Administering Command 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

10 AUG 1944

37/52 Aust Inf Bn.  
9 AUG 44.  
Nos. 244 - 250

244. WAR SOUVENIRS

1. All captured enemy equipment, material, weapons, etc of every description are the property of the Commonwealth Government until released either by :-

- (a) The issue of a War Souvenir Certificate by Division covering their release, whereupon the article becomes the finder's property and may be passed through normal postal facilities provided the War Souvenir Certificate is attached, or
- (b) LHQ when of no further use to GS (Int) in which case the article will be forwarded to the address given on the covering Captured Equipment Label attached.

2. Articles normally released by Division under the War Souvenir Certificate include :-

Odd articles of clothing, accoutrements, bayonets, etc, shell and cartridge cases provided same are certified deloused, flags, insignia, personal issues such as water bottles, map cases, helmets, etc, printed text books, stationery, minor signal and engineer equipment provided same are certified by an officer of the respective arm as being of no military operational value.

However, occasionally some of the above articles may be required for intelligence purposes in which case the unit concerned will be notified.

3. Personnel sending any enemy equipment, etc not covered by a War Souvenir Certificate through postal or other channels are subject to severe disciplinary action as well as the confiscation of the article concerned.

245. JUNGLE AND FIELD FIRING RANGES

1. The following Unit Jungle and Field Firing Ranges are declared permanent danger areas :-

Ref Map ALEXISHAPEN 1:25000

37/52 Aust Inf Bn -

(a) FIELD FIRING RANGE

Start point Map ref 698327 through 696326 along creek bank to finishing point 698328.

(b) SNAPSHOOTING RANGE

Start point map ref 707329 through 700332 to finishing point 698334

(c) JUNGLE RANGE

Start point map ref 707336 through 708338 to finishing point 708340.



14. ORDER OF EMBARKATION BY SERIAL Nos

On embarkation troops will remain troop decks to avoid congestion and facilitate deck loadings.

15. CONCENTRATION AREAS - Coys will concentrate and move from present areas.

16. BLANKETS - One blanket will be carried.

17. MALARIA CONTROL ON LEAVE - Troops proceeding on leave will continue to take suppressive atabrin throughout leave and period of return to unit.

Troops recently returned from NEW GUINEA will be warned of dangers of latent malignant tertian malaria becoming active and causing grave illness, if atabrin administration is stopped or if the drug is irregularly taken. In country districts particularly, death may occur before skilled medical attention can be obtained.

The following preventive actions will be taken before leaving a malarious area :-

(a) If a unit as a whole is proceeding on leave, it will ensure that sufficient supplies of atabrin tablets are held to enable a issue of one tablet daily (7 tablets weekly) to each member until arrival at L.T.D. from which leave will commence.

(b) Upon arrival at L.T.D. personnel will be issued with sufficient atabrin tablets to enable him to take one daily (7 tablets weekly) during the period of his leave and the time it will take to return to his unit, plus an additional 14 days (Minimum issue 30 tablets)

Should any illness occur whilst on leave, personnel will report to the nearest Army Medical Officer, or, should one not be available to the nearest qualified medical practitioner from whom he will receive free treatment.

18. CANTEN SUPPLIES 7 days canteen supplies will be drawn prior to embarkation.

19. CLEANLINESS OF AREAS - Coy Comds will render certificate of cleanliness of areas prior to movement from such area. Latrines to be sealed & marked, all refuse to burnt & buried, buildings may be left standing.

20. MEDICAL POST. - HMO will establish Medical Post at point of embarkation.

21. Embarkation will liaise with SSG on times of embarkation & positioning of troops.

22. RATIONS.- One meal F.O.R. & emergency ration will be carried by each man.

23. Two man tents will be withdrawn prior to move and on instructions from Q.M.

24. Coy Comds will ensure that discs identity, field dressings are carried by each man.

25. No intoxicating liquor or inflammable material will be taken aboard boat.

*Rowley*  
Capt.  
Lt Col 27/50 Aust Inf Bn

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN (EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED OTHERWISE)

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYRILIC LETTERS TO INDICATE TO THE RECIPIENT THE CORRECT SPELLING OF NAMES

ORIGINATOR'S INFORMATION (NAME OF UNIT)

THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

SYSTEM TIME IN	DATE	GROUP	SYSTEM TIME OUT	DATE	GROUP	SYSTEM TIME IN	DATE	GROUP	SYSTEM TIME OUT	DATE	GROUP

T.H.I.  
T.O.R.



245. JUNGLE AND FIELD FIRING RANGES (Contd)(d) GRENADE THROWING RANGE

Map ref 698328.

(e) 30<sup>x</sup> RANGE

Map ref 706334. Angle of fire 21°.

246. CLOTHES RATION COUPONS ) EXCHANGE OF MEMBERS IN NEW GUINEA

1. Reference New Guinea Force RO, No. 130 of 1 JUL 44.
2. Similar approval for the exchange of 1944/45 coupons (except those printed in red) cannot be anticipated on the expiry of the current clothes rationing year. Members in New Guinea will therefore regard 1944/45 issues as having the same currency as civilian coupons.

247. GRAVES - DESECRATION

1. Article 4 of the Red Cross Convention places an obligation on belligerent parties to the Convention (including Australia and Japan) to ensure that the dead are honourably interred and that their graves are respected and marked so that they may always be found.
2. Unauthorised interference with human remains is a criminal offence under the laws of New Guinea, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour.
3. No member of the Forces will, except in the course of his duty, in any way interfere with any grave, or any dead human body of whatever nationality, or any human remains; or without authority be in possession of any such remains including the ashes of a cremated soldier.

248. UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

All troops will be warned of consequences of having in their possession any ball blank or ballastite ammunition or explosive after having declared that all such ammunition has been handed in.

249. ABBREVIATIONS

It has been noticed that some companies have been using incorrect abbreviations.

The term B.H.Q. is incorrect as this is the abbreviation for Brigade Head Quarters. Bn.H.Q. is correct abbreviation for Battalion Headquarters.

Attention is drawn to F.S.P.B.

250. WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT ACT, 1941 (NSW)

Information for Intending Applicants for Qualification Certificates.

1. Any member of the forces or discharged member of the forces, who desires to apply for land exclusively set apart under the War Service Land Settlement Act 1941 (NSW), shall first make application in the manner prescribed for a qualification certificate entitling him to apply for land. Having made the application for a qualification certificate, an application for land notified as available may then be lodged with the appropriate authority. Issue of a qualification certificate must be established before exclusive confirmation, etc, of land to an applicant can be effected.



2. Applicants for qualification certificate should note the following :-

- (a) If within the Commonwealth, the applicant must sign his own application and should lodge same on the prescribed Form 1.
  - (b) A parent or other relative or any person may make application on the prescribed Form 2 on behalf of a member of the forces on service outside the Commonwealth.
  - (c) Application on behalf of a prisoner of war should be prepared on Form 2 and production of available documentary evidence as to the serving member's fitness and his desire to apply for land should be made. Production of correspondence and supporting references may possibly provide evidence of value to the Committee in determining these factors with reasonable satisfaction during interview. It has been proved practicable to secure an endorsed authority from a prisoner of war in Germany.
  - (d) Authority to represent should be signed by the serving member and be endorsed by a senior officer of rank not lower than captain in the Army, lieutenant in the Navy and flight lieutenant in the Air Force, or by a Justice of the Peace, etc, and be produced at the interview with the committee. Where a Power of Attorney has been executed, production of same for sighting should be made at the interview.
  - (e) References given by practical men as to the applicant's experience and adaptability in pastoral or farming pursuits are preferred by the Committee, particularly from the applicant's previous employers, if any.
  - (f) A discharged service man should produce his discharge at the interview.
  - (g) The Committee requires to interview the applicant, where available, or a duly authorised representative who is well informed regarding the applicant's merits, experience and fitness to engage in rural pursuits. Where necessary an appointment will be arranged. It is thus important to supply a private address for prompt contact in the absence of the applicant. The issue of qualification certificates will be facilitated if applicants can be personally interviewed by the Committee. Service men on leave particularly are invited to call at the Committee's rooms in the Lands Department if the Qualification Certificate or the Committee's decision has not been received. Careful perusal of the instructions above will ensure satisfactory interviews and facilitate the issue of certificates where warranted. Any change of address should be notified.
3. The Act provides that persons who have been discharged from the forces for misconduct or incapacity due to their own default are not entitled to apply.

4. The Committee's address is : The Chairman, Classification Committee, War Service Land Settlement Act, GPO Box 39A, Sydney. The office is at Room 38, Ground Floor, Lands Department, Bridge Street, Sydney. Telephone 806 - Extension 2280.

*A. S. Rowley* Capt.  
Adj't 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major E J SELBY  
Actg. O. C. TROOPS H. T. MATOOMBA

No. 6.

1. BLACKOUT.

Preparations for blackout will be completed by 1830 hrs on 19 August 1944. Commencement of blackout will be signalled by two rings on the ship's bells.  
Blackout will terminate at 0600 hrs on 20 August 1944.

2. COMMANDER'S ROUNDS.

The ship is inspected daily at 1100 hrs. From 1100 hrs until the inspecting party had passed through their respective quarters Unit Commanders (vide Routine Order No 5 Para 3) will ensure that an officer is present in the area to meet O C Troops.

3. CHURCH SERVICES.

On Sunday 20 August 1944 the following Church Services will be held:-

UNITED CHURCH SERVICE.

A United Church Service will be held on the Bridge Deck starboard side in the vicinity of the piano at 1000 hrs. Chap Bale will conduct the service and C.O. 29/46 Bn will detail a senior officer to take command of the service.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION.

A Church of England Service with Holy Communion will be held on the Bridge Deck starboard side in the vicinity of the piano at 1050 hrs. Chap Bale will conduct the service. 37/52 Bn will detail a senior officer to take command of the service.

Church of England personnel should be encouraged to attend the second in lieu of the first service.

Lt Mitchell will arrange to clear the area at 0955 hrs.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE.

A Roman Catholic Service will be held on the Bridge Deck portside forward at 1000 hrs. Chap Reis will conduct the service.

The Bridge Deck patrol will clear the area at 0955 hrs.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CONFESSIONS.

Chap Reis will hear confessions in Cabin 60 between 1930 and 2030 hrs on 19 August 1944.

4. DETACHED.

The following personnel are detached for the duration of the voyage as shown opposite their respective names:-

VX 105939	Sgt Cole A (29/46 Bn)	Chief Steward.
VX 109109	Pte Smith R N (29/46 Bn)	Chief Engineer.
VX 148143	Pte Ritchie C R (29/46 Bn)	Chief Engineer.
S 54995	Pte Kennedy R (37/52 Bn)	Chief Engineer.

5. CORRIGENDUM.

Reference Routine Order No 5 Para 3, for CCapt *Curtis* " read "Maj Howieson", and in Group 6 include "130 Pde Ord Fd Park".

*R. H. Henry*  
..... Capt.  
(R. H. HENRY)  
Staff Officer.

NOTICES.

Chap Bale (C of E) is located in Cabin 60 and is available to troops except between 1930 and 2030 hrs on 19 August 1944.

Chap Reis (RC) is located in Cabin 63.

A Ship's Concert will be held in the vicinity of the piano on the Bridge Deck amidship at 1615 hrs. on 19 August, 1944. under the direction of Mr. Wilkinson (Salv. Army).



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major E. J. SELBY  
Actg. O. C. TROOPS H. T. KATOOMBA

1. BLACKOUT.

Preparations for blackout will be completed by 1820 hrs on 20 August 1944. Commencement of blackout will be signalled by two rings on the ship's bells. Blackout will terminate at 0600 hrs on 21 August 1944.

2. MESS CERTIFICATES.

It is necessary for all officers, WOs and Sgts to complete a form T208. This HQ will prepare the forms. 29/46 Bn and 37/52 Bn will each detail an officer and a Sgt to report to the Staff Officer in the Ship's Orderly Room at 1900 hrs on 20 August 1944 whose duties will be to obtain the signatures of all officers, WOs and Sgts in their respective units. No 6 Group will detail an officer and No 7 Group will detail a WO or Sgt who will report at the same time and who will be responsible for obtaining the signatures of officers, WOs and Sgts other than those belonging to 29/46 Bn and 37/52 Bn. 1 officer representing Lt-Cdr Crawford will also report at the same time.

3. NEXT PORT OF CALL.

It is probable that the next port of call will be reached about mid-morning on Monday 21 August 1944.

4. LEAVE.

Applications for leave or for permission to go ashore at the next port of call will not be entertained.

5. MOORING SHIP.

When the ship is being moored it is essential that all ranks maintain the utmost quietness in order that the orders of the ship's officers can be clearly heard. All officers and NCOs will enforce this.

6. TRIMMING SHIP.

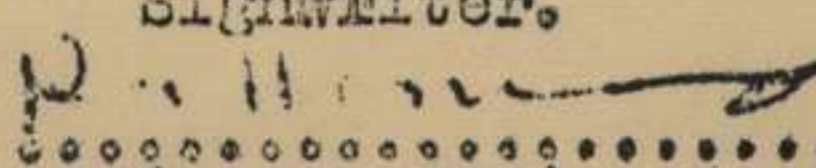
It is essential that when the ship is being moored or is approaching a mooring point, the ship should be correctly trimmed and the Deck Patrols will prevent personnel as a whole from crowding to one side of the vessel.

7. GANGWAY GUARD.

37/52 Bn will post a continuous gangway guard of 1 officer, 1 Sgt and 4 ORs during the period the vessel is tied up (either to a wharf or alongside another ship). The duties of this guard will be to prevent any service personnel from leaving or boarding the ship unless in possession of an appropriate authority.

8. DETACHED.

The following personnel are detached for duty as shown opposite their respective names:-

- |   |                                      |                |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| • | WO 143217 Pte Channel A (29/46 Bn)   | Chief Engineer |
| • | WO 143300 Pte Lummo K. J. (29/46 Bn) | Carpenter      |
| • | WO 141257 Pte Arundell H. (29/46 Bn) | Carpenter      |
| • | WO 147025 Pte Edgerton H. (37/52 Bn) | Signwriter.    |
-   
 ..... Capt.  
 (R. H. HENRY)  
 Staff Officer.



NOTICES.

CONCERT.

A concert will be held in the vicinity of No. 4 Hatch at 1900 hrs on 20 August 1944 under the direction of Mr. Wilkinson.

LOST.

1 Puggaree  
Pay Book & AB.83 - Pte. Jackson S.

FOUND.

1 Tobacco Pouch  
1 Artificial Denture (Lower Set).  
1 Set Identification Discs. (WX22606 HARRIS W.F.).



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

MAJOR E. J. SELEY  
Actg. O. C. TROOPS H. T. KATOOMBA

No. 8

1. BLACKOUT.

There will be no Blackout while the ship is in port.

2. LIFEBELTS.

Lifebelts will be automatically carried as the ship leaves port.

3. DETACHED.

The following have been detached for duty with Deck Patrols: -

VX142088	Sgt.	RENEHAN	W. T.	37/52 Aust Inf. Bn.
VX112387	Sgt.	NEYLAN	T. J.	do
VX87540	Sgt.	EDWARD	L. M.	HQ, 4 Aust Bde.

*[Signature]*  
 ..... Capt.  
 (R. H. Henry)  
 Staff Officer.

Notices.

Found.  
2 Shirts.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

22 August 1944.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

MAJOR E. J. SELBY  
Actg. O. C. TROOPS H. T. KATOOMBA

No. 9

1. B LACKOUT .

Preparations for Blackout will be completed by 1800 hrs on 22 Aug 44. Commencement of Blackout will be signalled by two rings on the ship's bells.

Blackout will terminate at 0600 hrs on 23 Aug 44.

2. STANDING TO AT TENTION.

Troops will not normally stand to attention whilst at sea.

..... *R. H. Henry* ..... Capt.  
(R. H. H ENRY).  
Staff Officer.

NOTICES.

CONCERT.

A concert will be held in the vicinity of No. 4 Hatch at 1900 hrs on 22 Aug 44, under the direction of Mr. Wilkinson.

REQUESTS FOR RECORDINGS.

Personnel who wish to hear any recordings which they have heard over the Ship's Broadcasting System played again, are invited to make requests to Mr. Wilkinson (Cabin 26, Bridge Deck).



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major E. J. SELBY  
Actg. O.C TROOPS H.M. KATOOMBA

No. 10

**1. BLACKOUT.**

Preparations for blackout will be completed by 1750 hrs on 23 August 1944. Commencement of blackout will be signalled by two rings on the ship's bells.

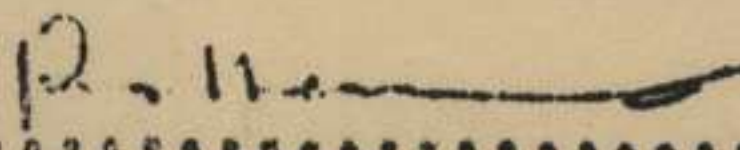
Blackout will terminate at 0600 hrs on 24 August 1944.

**2. TWO-UP ETC.**

Reference Ship's Standing Orders Para 18, any member irrespective of rank, present at a game of two-up, dice or any other similar game, who does not take action to "break up" that game and report it to higher authority, will be guilty of an offence and will be dealt with under AA 11.

**3. BRIDGE DECK AFT-VICINITY OF BOAT STATION S 7.**

It will be the responsibility of the Bridge Deck patrol to ensure that the area of the Bridge Deck in the vicinity of Boat Station S 7 adjacent to crew's quarters is kept clear of troops during the hours of darkness.

  
 ..... Capt.  
 (R.H. HENRY)  
 Staff Officer.

NOTICES.

PUNISHMENTS AWARDED BY C.O. 29/46 AUST INF BN.

VX105938 Cpl Clancy G J	Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that at 1330 hrs on 22/8/44 he was present when a game of two-up was being played contrary to Ship's Standing Orders Para 18 and that he did not take any action to prevent the disobedience of such orders (AA 40)	Reduced to Private
NX 90370 Pte O'Donnell N F	Neglected to obey Ship's Standing Orders Para 18 in that at 1235 hrs and 1330 hrs on 22/8/44 he was concerned in the running of a two-up school (AA 11)	Fined £3.
VX106033 Pte Robertson A H S	do	Fined £5.

CONCERT.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major E.J. SELBY  
Actg. O.C. TROOPS H.T. KATOOMBA

No. 111. BLACKOUT.

Preparations for blackout will be completed by 1745 hrs on 24 August 1944. Commencement of blackout will be signalled by two rings on the ship's bells.  
Blackout will terminate at 0600 hrs on 25 August 1944.

2. CARE OF ARMS.

Oil and flannellette in limited quantities may be had on application to the Ship's Q.M.

3. DISSEMBARKATION.

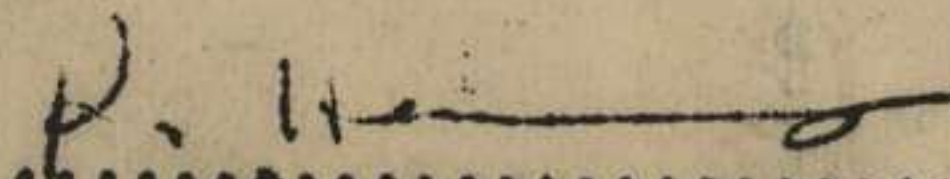
Full details of disembarkation will be promulgated in Routine Orders to be issued on Friday 25 August 1944. Appendix "A" to this order sets out the areas allotted to the various units for disembarkation purposes.

4. MAIL.

Attention is invited to Ship's Standing Orders Appendix 5. Mail for despatch from the next port of call, franked and impressed with the Unit Censor Stamp, will be received in the Ship's Orderly Room up to 2000 hrs on 25 August 1944.

5. FRESH WATER.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the necessity for rigid economy in the use of fresh water.

  
..... Capt.  
(R.H. HENRY)  
Staff Officer.

NOTICES.LOST.

1 Purse  
1 Wallet

FOUND.

1 Pair Spectacles (In case).  
1 Set of Identification Discs (Harris N.F.).  
1 MM. Medal.



DISSEMBARKATION STATIONS.

When the order to proceed to disembarkation stations is given, all ranks will proceed to the stations set out below:-

UNIT	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL	SLEEPING ORS OF ORs	CO or OC	DISSEMBARKATION STATION
37/52 Bn	634	No. 1 Troop Deck Port Hnks 1-395 Stbd Hnks 2-422 Cabin 389	Major Wright	Bridge Deck both sides from forward end to No. 5 Hatch
154 A.G.T. Coy	76	Cabins 1-23 Cabins 355-389	Lt Joyce	Bridge Deck both sides aft of No. 5 Hatch.
29/46 Bn	575	No. 2 Troop Deck No. 5 Troop Deck	Lt-Col Cusworth	No. 1 Troop Deck No. 2 Troop Deck No. 5 Troop Deck
4 Bde Sigs	46	Cabins 299-339	Capt Bayliss	Cabins 307-389
2/1 Gd Regt	33	Cabins 287-299	Lt Forsythe	Cabins 291-303
264 Aust L.A.D.	16	Cabins 279-287 Cabins 255-263	Capt Rollston	Cabins 267-287
4 Aust Bde	70	Cabins 211-255	Capt Curtis	Cabins 211-263
130 Bde Ord Fd Park	14	No. 5 Troop Deck	Lt Allen	Bridge Deck Port-side in vicinity of Boat Station P. 7
1 Sup Dep	23	Cabins 339-355	Lt Greig	Men's Canteen aft.
126 A.G.T. Coy	1	-	Major Cooper	Officers' Lounge
4 Aust Fd Amb	2	-	Lt-Col Kyle	Officers' Lounge
22 Bn	2	-	Major Howieson	" "
61 Bn	1	-	Pte Yeo	Orderly Room.
R.A.N.	Lt-Comdr Crawford will make arrangements for the Naval Party and Lt Whitham.			

All personnel named above as COs or OCs, together with the Adjutants of 37/52 Bn and 29/46 Bn, will remain in the vicinity of the Officers' Lounge.

*R. H. Henry*  
.....Capt.  
(R. H. HENRY).  
Staff Officer.