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21 Infantry Brigade

April - June 1945

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HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

W A R D I A R Y
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From 1 April 45

To 30 April 45

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for Brig
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde*

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Date and Time.—From 1 APR 45 To 30 APR 45

SHEET **1**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	APRIL			
KAI RI	1		EASTER SUNDAY. Rest day.	
	2		The first day of 21 Aust Inf Bde Rifle Competition was held at DANBULLA Rifle Range. (See appendices G and I March War Diary). Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, and Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, attended the matches.	
	3		21 Aust Inf Bde Rifle Competition was continued at DANBULLA Range. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY was present and, at the conclusion of the Competition, presented individual prize winners and winning teams with their prizes. See Appx A.	APPX A - Programme 21 Aust Inf Bde Rifle Competition.
			21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 3/45 (Sports Meeting) was issued. See Appx B.	APPX B - 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 3/45 Sports Meeting.
			21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4/45 . See Appx C.	APPX C - 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4/45
	4		21 Aust Inf Bde Sports Meeting was held on No 1 Sports Ground in the vicinity of Bde HQ. Attached as Appx D is a programme of the meeting.	APPX D - Programme 21 Aust Inf Bde Sports Meeting.
	5		21 Aust Inf Bde Swimming Carnival was held at Lake EACHEM. The following places were obtained by members of this HQ:- 100 yds Breaststroke - Capt HOBSON 3rd 150 yds Medley (3 men) - HQ Team (Capt HOBSON, Sig LODGE, Cfn DERUM) 2nd. Reveille Race - Lt HATHERLY 2nd. Diving. - Capt MOORE 3rd.	

/ Officers Relay

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SHEET 2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	APRIL			
KAI RI	5 (cont.)		<p>Officers Relay - HQ Team 3rd Sergeants Relay - HQ Team 1st.</p> <p>Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, proceeded to SAN REMO BEACH, CAIRNS Area, to view a demonstration at 1000 hrs of NAVAL LANDING (NL) PONTOONS and at 1145 hrs a demonstration of UNDERWATER DEMOLITIONS. During the afternoon and at night there were demonstrations of machine gun firing, etc.</p> <p>Appx A to 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4 was issued. Appx E. Amendment 1 to 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4 issued. Appx F.</p>	<p>APPX E - Appendix A to 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4/45 APPX F - Amendment 1 to 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4/45</p>
	6		<p>At 0800 hrs troops of 21 Aust Inf Bde moved out from camp on the march to the HERBERTON Area for 21 Bde Exercise No 4.</p> <p>During the morning a conference of Umpires for 21 Bde Exercise was held at this HQ. Instrs to Umpires 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No 4 (see Appx G) and Time Table for Umpires (see Appx H) were issued. Maj L.E. WALCOTT, BM, departed on 24 days home leave.</p>	<p>APPX G - 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No 4 Instrs to Umpires. APPX H - Time Table for Umpires.</p>
	7		<p>Troops of 21 Aust Inf Bde continued their march to the bivouac area at map ref 538052 BATTLE FRERE one inch. Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY, who was directing 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise, conducted the Umpires over the ground of the exercise. Capt R. FISHER, LO 1, departed to attend E.C.O.'s course at CAIRNS.</p>	
	8		<p>21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise continued.</p>	

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SHEET 3

Place	Date APRIL	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	9		At 1045 hrs 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise finished and troops of the participating units commenced moving to the Brigade Bivouac Area at MOOMIN.	
MOOMIN	10		At 1105 hrs troops of this HQ arrived at the bivouac site and HQ was opened at map ref 317158 HERBERTON one inch. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, visited HQ 7 Aust Div.	
	11		At 1400 hrs Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY conducted a conference of COs and Chief Umpires in connection with 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No 4. At 1600 hrs Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY addressed 2/16 Aust Inf Bn on points arising from the Brigade Exercise. Adm Instr No 5/45 was issued and is attached as Appx I.	APPX I - 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 5/45
	12		At 0800 hrs Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY addressed 2/14 Aust Inf Bn on the Brigade Exercise and repeated the address to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs. At 1400 hrs Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY and Capt R.GOODE, BM(L), recced the HERBERTON Area to inspect field firing ranges.	
	13		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY and Lt D.BURGESS, SC, visited 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. Capt R.GOODE, BM(L), and WO II KENNEDY recced a site for a miniature range for HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde. A signal was received from 7 Aust Div confirming the appointment of Lt D.BURGESS as SC 21 Aust Inf Bde.	
	14		Capt R.R.MOORE, IO, recced the WATSONVILLE Area to select suitable country for training Intelligence personnel in field sketching, etc. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY visited the three Bns.	

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SHEET 4

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	APRIL			
MOOMIN	14 (cont)		Capt R.GOODE, BM(L), visited HQ 7 Aust Div. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, and Lt D.BURGESS, SC, attended 18 Aust Inf Bde Rodeo at HERBERTON. While there Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY discussed the move of 21 Aust Inf Bde to KAIRI Camp with Maj-Gen MILFORD, GOC 7 Aust Div.	
	15		Preparations were made for the return to KAIRI Camp.	
KAIRI	16		Troops of HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde commenced their march to KAIRI at 0730 hrs and covered the distance of twenty one miles by 1510 hrs, arriving in good condition.	
	17		Routine.	
	18		Adm Orders for Movement issued. Appx J.	APPX J - HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Orders for Mvt.
	19		Lt-Col P.RHODEN, CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, visited this HQ. At 1100 hrs members of HQ were inoculated against Cholera. VX 55119 Lt F.R.MANNING, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, arrived at HQ to take up duty as SC(L).	
	20		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY and Capt R.GOODE, BM(L), departed for CAIRNS.	
			Capt FISHER, LO1, returned from ECO's Course, at CAIRNS.	
	21		A wet day. Routine Orders (serials 57-62) by Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY were published. Appx K.	APPX K - ROs (57-62) by Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY.

/ Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY.....

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Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

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SHEET **5**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	APRIL			
KAIKI	21 (cont)		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY and Capt R.GOODE, BM(L), returned to this HQ from CAIRNS.	
	22		Rest Day.	
	23		At 1430 hrs Brig ROGERS, DMI, visited HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and had a discussion with the Brigadier, Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY.	
	24		Routine.	
	25		Mr THOMPSON representative of the INVENTIONS BOARD visited this HQ. Later he visited Bns and discussed inventions with the troops. Attached as Appx L is a letter to 7 Aust Div - Penalties for Absence without Leave.	APPX L - Letter. Penalty for Absence without Leave.
	26		Lt-Cols SUBLET and PICKEN, COs of 2/16 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns respectively, visited Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY at this HQ.	
	27		21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 6/45 was issued and is attached as Appx M. At night Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY dined at HQ 11 Aust Div.	APPX M - 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 6/45
	28		The authority for the promotion of Lt D.BURGESS, SC, to the rank of T/Capt was received. 21 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No 14 was issued. Appx N.	APPX N - 21 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No 14.
	29		Routine.	
	30		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY visited Bns and HQ 7 Aust Div.	

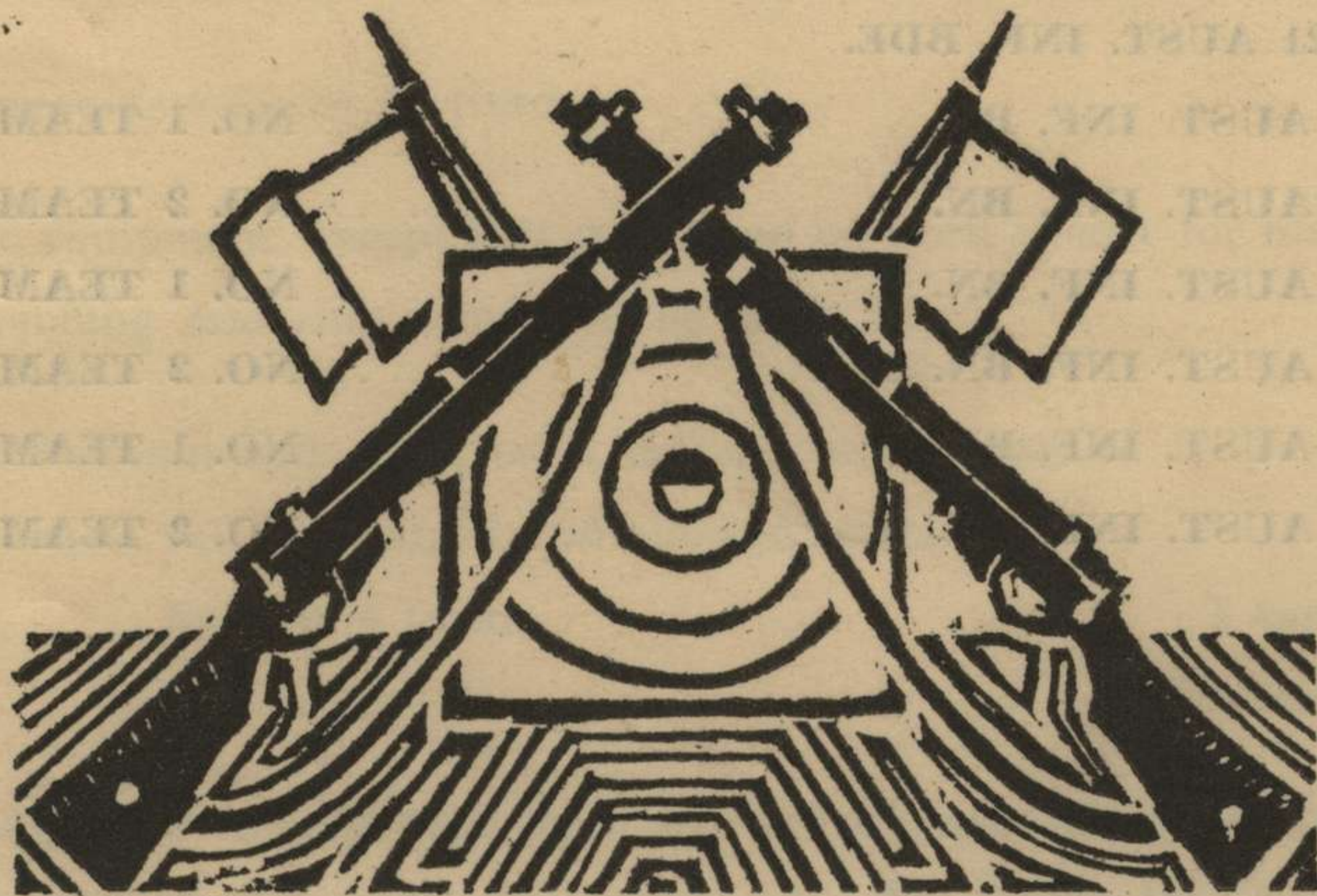
Attached as Appx O are documents and trace relating to the re-organisation and re-naming of roads, areas, etc. in STRATHPINE CAMP.

WAR DIARY

21 AUST INF BRIGADE

APPX A.

Rifle Competition



∴ 2nd and 3rd APRIL, 1945 ∴

TEAMS COMPETING

HQ 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

2/14 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 1 TEAM
2/14 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 2 TEAM
2/16 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 1 TEAM
2/16 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 2 TEAM
2/27 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 1 TEAM
2/27 AUST. INF. BN.	NO. 2 TEAM

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. SMLE Rifles Mk. 3 will be used.
2. Rests will not be used.
3. Slings will not be used to support the rifle during firing.
4. Bayonets will not be fixed.
5. No equipment, except belt web, need be worn except for match No. 6 when webbing and side arms will be worn.
6. Each team will shoot each match concurrently.

Targets will be grouped and allotted as follows :-

Each of 6 teams 3 targets

One team 2 targets

After each match each team will move progressively to the next group of targets on the right. OC Range will give orders for these moves on the loud speaker.

7. The score of each firer for each match will be recorded on a score sheet. Before leaving the mound the firer and scorer **must** both sign the score sheet. If the firer is not satisfied that the score is correct he **must** immediately ask the mound officer for a check, and any adjustment, as a result of the check, made before leaving the mound.

Once the score sheet is signed and handed in **NO ALTERATION WILL BE MADE.**

8. Before each match the captain of each team will draw ammunition for his team from ammunition point at rear of mound.

THE BUNA BULLSEYE

Match No. 1

2 April, 45

APPLICATION 200 yds.

2 sighters (not to count).

5 rounds.

Fired from lying position.

Possible Score—Team 250

THE SIDON SNAPSHOT

Match No. 2.

2 April, 45

SNAPSHOOTING 200 yds.

10 rounds.

Fired at 22 inch discs—bulls and inners score.

Fired from lying position.

Firer may be in aiming position when target appears. 5 exposures of 10 seconds each. 2 shots to be fired at each exposure. Interval of 20 seconds between exposures. Targets to appear in same position for each exposure.

Possible Score—Team 500

THE MYOLA MARKSMAN

Match No. 3

2 April, 45

APPLICATION 300 yds.

2 sighters (not to count)

5 rounds.

Fired from lying position.

Possible Score—Team 250

THE POPONDETTA PLATE

Match No. 4.

2 April, 45

CONTROLLED APPLICATION 300 yds.

5 rounds.

Fired from lying position.

Firer in position ready to fire on appearance of the target.

The target will be exposed for 2 minutes.

There will be no marking during the practice.

Possible Score—Team 250

THE RAMU RAPID

Match No. 5.

2 April, 45

EMERGENCY 300 yds.

5 rounds.

Fired from lying position.

Firer standing at ease on the mound, rifle unloaded, safety catch applied, sights at 200.

On appearance of target he assumes the lying position, loads and engages the target.

Target will be exposed for 40 seconds

Possible Score—Team 250

THE DAMOUR DERBY

Match No. 6

3 April, 45

ATTACK FIRE WITH MOVEMENT

Dress—Webbing and side arms.

Fall in at 350 yards, rifle loaded with 6 rounds, safety catch applied.

On whistle blast firers move forward at the high port and as they reach 325 yards the targets will appear and remain up for 15 seconds.

On the appearance of the targets the firers double forward and fire 2 rounds from the lying position on the 300 yards mound.

Another whistle blast will be given as the signal to advance from the 300 yards mound, and the targets will again appear as the firers reach 225 yards

On the appearance of the targets the firers double to the 200 yards mound and fire 2 rounds from the kneeling position.

The firers will again advance on a whistle blast and the targets will appear as they reach 125 yards. They double forward to the 100 yard mound and fire 2 rounds from the standing position.

Possible Score—Team 300

TRIPOLI TILES MATCH

Match No. 7.

3 April, 45

This match is a knock out competition. Two teams oppose each other. Each team fires at 10 disc targets, the discs representing the opposing team. As a disc is hit it falls and the corresponding man in the opposing team is "knocked out."

Umpires will indicate when a man is knocked out by tapping him on the leg and calling "Stop."

A man firing after he has been knocked out by an umpire will cause his team to be disqualified.

Teams fall in, in line, at 225 yards, rifles unloaded, safety catches applied and butts on the ground.

On the appearance of the targets teams double to the 200 yard mound and engage their targets from the lying position.

The targets remain up for 40 seconds.

The team which has knocked down most discs at the end of 40 seconds is the winner. In the event of a draw the teams will immediately fire again, commencing the advance from 210 yards.

Results - TILES MATCH

FIRST ROUND

V.

V.

V.

Bye

SECOND ROUND

V.

V.

FINAL

V.

MATCH Won by

2/16 No 1

SCORES

OWN TEAM		MATCH						Total
NAME		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
Team Total								
Possible		250	500	250	250	250	300	1800

SCORES

OPPOSING TEAMS		MATCH						Total
TEAMS		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Bde HQ		192	155	176	172	128	158	981
2/14 Bn N ^o 1		223	390	219	207	195	246	1480 ②
N ^o 2		203	295	206	208	171	219	1302
2/16 Bn N ^o 1		220	370	225	212	202	251	1480 ②
N ^o 2		210	340	219	206	167	212	1354
2/27 Bn N ^o 1		223	415	226	226	194	240	1524 ①
N ^o 2		209	300	213	191	190	210	1313
Possible		250	500	250	250	250	300	1800

MATCH

TEAMS

O.C. RANGE

CAPT. H. DALBY

2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

MOUNDS OFFICERS

LT. D. S. THOMSON

2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.

LT. J. L. DUNCAN

2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

O.C. BUTTS

LT. R. J. LENEHAN

2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

BUTTS OFFICERS

LT. E. J. LONG

2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

LT. N. I. C. CAMERON

2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.

21 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR No 3/45APPX B21 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETINGHQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
3 Apr 451. GENERAL

Ref 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 2/45 of 26 Mar 45, the above meeting will now take place at No 1 Sports Ground on 4 Apr 45.

2. BDE PARADE AND COY DRILL COMPETITION

- (a) As a Brigade Parade would interfere with the structures on the ground, this has been cancelled, but a march past will still take place. The best coy of each unit will be chosen, and will compete in an inter-unit Coy Drill Competition.
- (b) This Coy will be selected by a Committee appointed by each unit. During the March Past the Committee will be stationed at the Saluting Base and will move there prior to the march past. In addition to the march past each Battalion Selection Committee may consider drill and turnout when selecting the coy to represent the battalion.
- (c) To assist respective Committees, Bns will march past with intervals of 40 paces between Coys.
- (d) After the march past, selected coys will move to North side of oval and prepare to compete in the competition.

3. MARCH PAST

- (a) The Brigade will march past in the order :-

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn

- (b) SP - Rd junc at entrance to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

- (c) ST - 1030K

- (d) Route - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will move via No 1 Picture theatre rd junc to SP. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will fall into line of march in that order. When units have marched past they will move off the oval and turn right into HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde tpt lines where they will be broken off. See Appx "A" attached.

- (e) Bands will report to WO I TIPTON at 1020K.

- (f) WO I TIPTON will arrange guides and flags for march past.

4. MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Personnel will return to unit lines for midday meal.

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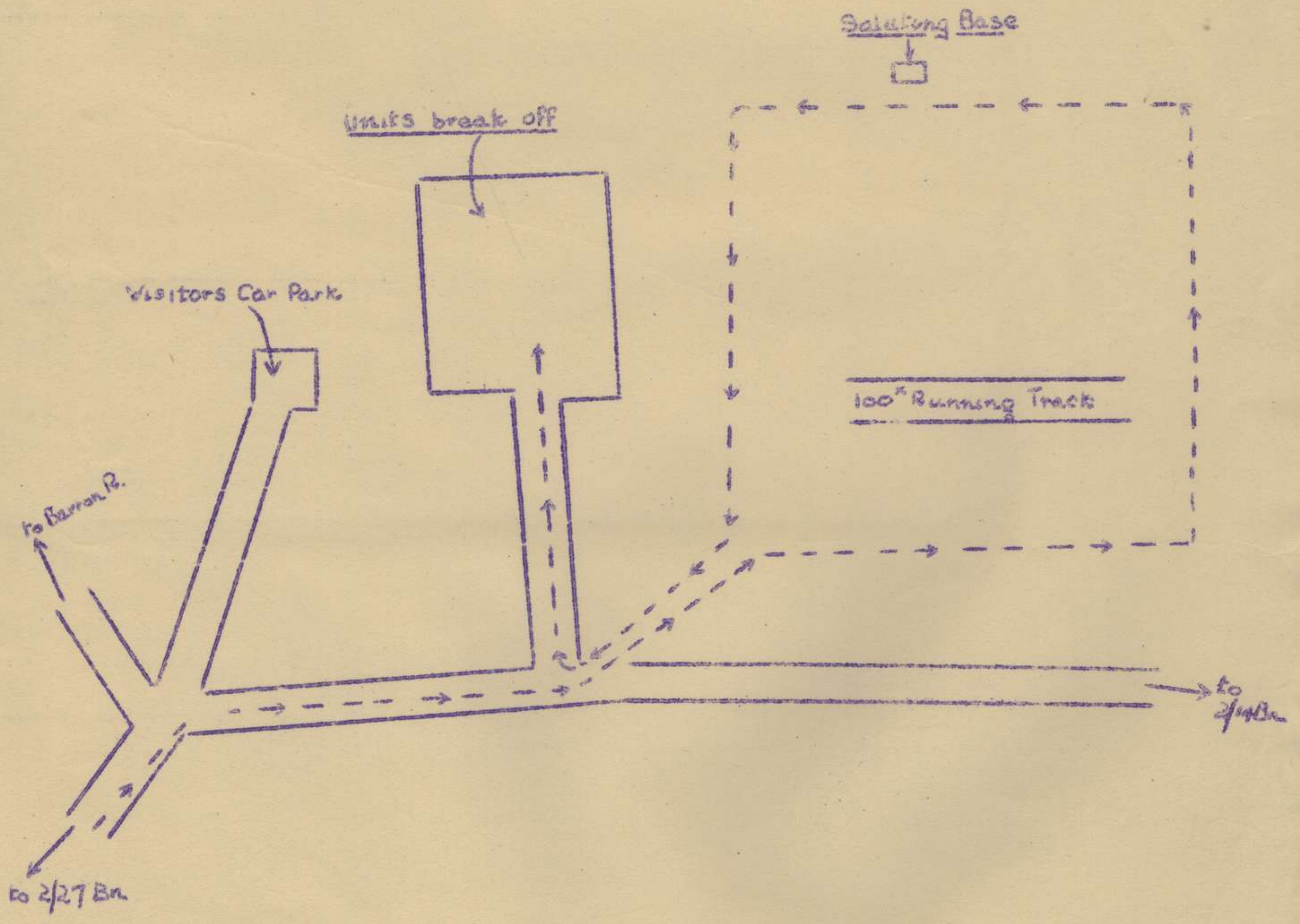
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2/16 Aust Inf Bn		Comd
2/27 Aust Inf Bn		BM
Committee Representative	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	SC
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for DR Burgess Lt
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

APPX "A" to -
21 AUST INF BDE
ADM INSTR No. 3/45

ROUTE of MARCH PAST - (broken line)

PLAN DIAGRAMMATIC ONLY



Hq. 21 Aust Inf Bde
3 Apr 45

Ref Maps : DIMBULAH }
GORDONVALE }
HERBERTON } One inch to one mile
BARTLE FRERE }

APPX C

GENERAL

1. This instruction deals with the movement of units to 21 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No 4 and the movement to and setting up of the Bde Bivouac Area at MOOMIN.

MOVEMENT TO EXERCISE NO 4

2. (a) Instructions for movement of OWN TROOPS under command Lt-Col PICKEN, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be issued separately as Appx "A" to this Instruction. Appendix "A" will be issued to units of OWN TROOPS only.
- (b) Instructions for movement of ENEMY under command Lt Col SUBLET, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will be issued separately as Appx "B" to this Instruction. Appx "B" will be issued to enemy force only.

MOVEMENT AT CONCLUSION EXERCISE NO 4 to MOOMIN

3. (a) At the conclusion of Exercise No 4 all units with the exception of two lt secs 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will move to MOOMIN via rd and track june 412074, track june 322106, WONDECLA, HERBERTON.
- (b) Two lt secs 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will move to rd and track june 412074. Bde TO will arrange for 2 x 3 ton vehicles to report to this point to carry personnel of 2/6 Aust Fd Amb back to unit lines.
- (c) Times cannot be given for above moves as these are dependent on time of completion of exercise.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

4. (a) JGs, Battle Order with hats Khaki Fur Felt.
- (b) Tents shelter halves and mosquito nets will be carried in rolls on the belt.
- (c) Blankets may be carried at units' discretion.

WATER

5. (a) 2 x 3 ton water carts will be attached to OWN TROOPS force during movement to exercise area.
- (b) 1 x 3 ton water cart will be attached to ENEMY force during movement to exercise area.
- (c) Water carts allotted in sub-paras (a) and (b) above will report back to Bde TO at MOOMIN camp on movement of units B Ech to MOOMIN Camp.
- (d) Separate instructions will be issued to each force regarding location of water points.
- (e) Units will indent for and issue sterilizing outfits on the basis of 15 outfits per 100 men.
- (f) Location WP - MOOMIN 316156.

POL

6. (a) While at MOOMIN will be drawn on demand using AAB 55a at DID WONDECIA.
- (b) Units will carry sufficient 4 gallon petrol drums to ensure issue on drum for drum basis.

SUPS

7. (a) Fresh rations will be used for consumption 6 and 7 Apr and the breakfast meal of 8 Apr. Troops will carry hard rations for the next six meals. A hot meal will be provided at midday 10 Apr in the field. For evening meal troops will be in Bde Bivouac Area.
- (b) Fresh rations, covering consumption 6, 7 & 8 Apr will be drawn at DID KAIRI. Hard rations for consumption 8, 9 & 10 Apr will also be drawn DID KAIRI. Fresh rations for consumption 10 Apr and from that date on will be drawn DID WONDECIA.
- (c) Indents submitted to BASCO 21 Aust Inf Bde on 4 Apr will cover consumption for 7, 8 & 9 Apr and hard ration indent only for 10 Apr 45.
- (d) Indents submitted 7 Apr 45 will be for 2/3 fresh rations to be drawn DID WONDECIA for consumption 10 Apr 45.
- (e) Considerable care will need to be taken in the compilation of AF W3809 and AF W3810, over this period as rations drawn at different DIDs are accountable to those DIDs.
- (f) As from 6 Apr 45, indents for rear parties will be submitted direct to DID KAIRI under the normal arrangements when Bde is on exercise. If fresh rations are required for B Ech covering consumption 8 and 9 Apr 45 these are to be indented for with rear parties.
- (g) Time of drawing from DID WONDECIA will be notified.

TRANSPORT

8. (a) 2 x 3 ton vehicles will report to each 2/14, 2/16 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns at 0900K 6 Apr 45. These vehicles will remain with units until 1600K 10 Apr and will be used for maintenance of units during exercise and movement of stores from present camp to MOOMIN.
- (b) 2 x 3 ton vehicles will report from Bde Tpt Pool to each 2/14, 2/16 & 2/27 Aust Inf Bns at 0900K 6 Apr to convey B Ech to Exercise area.
- (c) 2 x 3 ton vehicles will report from Bde Tpt Pool to each 2/14, 2/16 & 2/27 Aust Inf Bns B Ech Areas at 0930K 8 Apr 45 to assist move B Ech to MOOMIN.
- (d) Units will place orders with Bde Tpt Office for additional vehicles required for movement of stores to MOOMIN.
- (e) No operational transport will be used.

MEDICAL

9. (a) Units will ensure that ALL clothing taken out on exercise is treated with anti-mite lotion.
- (b) Arrangements for evacuation real casualties from MOOMIN Bivouac Area will be advised later.

CANTEEN

10. (a) Arrangements have been made to draw supplies from bulk canteen at WONDECIA.

- (b) Units must obtain a clearance certificate from KAIRI Canteen before supplies can be drawn from WONDECIA.
- (c) Drawing days at WONDECIA will be notified later

POSTAL

- 11.(a) Mail will be delivered to Fd Post Office at present site up to and including 9 Apr 45.
- (b) On 10 Apr 45 and onwards Fd Post Office will be situated at HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde at MOOMIN.

DR Burgess Lt Col. Capt
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/59 Aust IAD
Comd
BM
SC
IO
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BASCO
CQMS HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
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EVENT	PLACINGS			TIME	UNIT POINTS							
	1st	2nd	3rd		or DIST	Bde HQ	2/14	2/16	2/27			
HIGH JUMP	Beckhouse	2/14	Simmons	2/27	Glazebrook	2/14	5'5"	6		3		
BROAD JUMP	Toovey	2/27	Fletcher	2/14	Bagwell	2/27	18'10"	3		6		
HOP STEP JUMP	Fairhall	2/27	Toovey	2/27	Lawler	2/27	39'11"			9		
SHOT PUTT	Harley	2/16	Young	2/27	Holmes	2/14	31'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1	5	3		
100 YDS 1st heat	Gilbert	2/14	McGuirke	2/16	Simms	2/27	10 3/5					
2nd "	Ross	2/27	Argent	2/27	Ricketts	2/16	10 4/5					
FINAL	Gilbert	2/14	Ross	2/27	Simms	2/27	10 3/5	5		4		
Kicking the Football	Mullins	2/27	Carlton	2/16	Conroy	Bde	57yds	1		3	5	
440 yds BICYCLE (ORs)	Pickett	2/27	Honery	2/14	Beard	2/27	39 1/5			3	6	
100 yds OFFICERS	McGuire	2/27	Dempsey	2/14	Davies	Bde	10 3/5	1		3	5	
220 yds 1st heat	Ross	2/27	Gilbert	2/14	Ricketts	2/16	24					
2nd heat	Simms	2/27	McGuirke	2/16	Perkins	2/14	25					
FINAL	Gilbert	2/14	Ross	2/27	Simms	2/27	24 1/5			5	4	
THROWING THE FOOTBALL	Davis	2/14	Munroe	2/27	Quarrell	2/14	102 2/3			6	3	
880 yds FINAL	Fletcher	2/14	Sheppard	Bde	Harrison	2/27	2.13 3/5	3		5	1	
440 yds BICYCLE (OFFICERS)	Lillieman	2/27	McKenzie	2/16	Young	2/27					3	6
MILE MEDLEY RELAY		2/14		2/27		2/16	4.3		10	2	6	
440 yds 1st heat	Vincent	2/14	Argent	2/27	Stephan	2/27	58 1/5					
2nd heat	McGuire	2/27	Scott	2/16	Carlton	2/16	57 2/5					
FINAL	Argent	2/27	Vincent	2/14	McGuire	2/27	57 1/5			3	6	
CROSS CUT SAW		2/16		2/16		2/27				16	2	
120 yds HURDLES	Beckhouse	2/14	Barnes	2/27	Murray	2/16	16 1/5					
2nd heat	Veitch	2/16	Boyle	2/14	McGuire	2/27	17 1/5					
FINAL	Beckhouse	2/14	Barnes	2/27	Veitch	2/16	16			5	1	3
TUG OF WAR												
1st heat		2/16		2/14								
2nd heat		2/27										
FINAL		2/27		2/16		2/14				2	6	10
100 yds OFFICERS RELAY		2/27		2/16		2/14	1.11 2/5			2	6	10

EVENT	1st		2nd		3rd		Time or Dist	Bde HQ	2/14	2/16	2/27
WOOD CHOP 1st heat	Warren	2/14	Newton	2/16	Seamick	2/27					
2nd heat	Zahl	2/16	Ennor	2/14	Spindler	2/27					
FINAL	Warren	2/14	Zahl	2/16	Seamick	2/27		5	3	1	
MILE CHAMPIONSHIP	Loder	2/14	O'Donohue	2/27	Rupoldt	2/27		5		4	
TOTAL POINTS								5	69	45	97

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APPX 1

21st Aust. Inf. Bde.

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

7 Aust Div. Sports Ground

Saturday, March 31st, 1945

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4TH

COMMITTEE

Capt. D. W. Thomas
Lt. W. M. Davies

Lt. V. R. Piper

Lt. H. O. Murnane
Lt. G. G. MacDonald

CHIEF MARSHALS

Capt. D. W. Thomas
Lt. G. G. MacDonald

UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS

No. 1 HQ 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

No. 3 2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.

No. 2 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

No. 4 2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

BRIGADE PARADE AND COY. DRILL COMPETITION

The athletics programme will be preceded by a Brigade Parade and Coy. Drill Competition on the sports ground in the morning, commencing at approximately 1000 hours.

PROGRAMME

No.	Time	Event	World Record
1.	1330	100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (Heat One.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
2.	1332	100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. (Heat Two.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
3.	1335	HIGH JUMP 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Height.....	6ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
4.	1345	440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (Heat One.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
5.		440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (Heat Two.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
6.	1350	BROAD JUMP 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Distance.....	26ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
7.	1400	220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (Heat One.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
8.		220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (Heat Two.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
9.	1405	HOP STEP AND JUMP 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Distance.....	52ft. 5 7-8ins.
10.	1415	120 YARDS HURDLES (Heat One.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
11.	1418	120 YARDS HURDLES (Heat Two.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
12.	1420	SHOT PUTT 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Distance.....	16lbs. Shot Putt 57ft. 1ins.
13.	1430	TUG-O-WAR (1 v 4 winner heat one.)	
14.	1433	(2 v 3 winner heat two.)	
15.	1437	100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	9.4 sec.
16.	1440	KICKING THE FOOT BALL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Distance.....	Place Kick 93 yards
17.	1450	440 YARDS BICYCLE RACE (or's) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	25 2-5 secs.

No.	Time	Event	World Record
18.	1455	100 YARDS OFFICERS' RACE 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
19.	1500	220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	20.3 secs.
1500—1515		AFTERNOON TEA.	
20.	1515	THROWING CRICKET BALL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Distance.....	140yds. 2ft.
21.	1518	880 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	1min. 49.6secs.
22.	1522	WOOD CHOP (Heat One.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
23.	1525	WOOD CHOP (Heat Two.) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
24.	1530	440 YARDS BICYCLE RACE (Officers) 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
25.	15.35	MILE MEDLEY RELAY RACE 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	3min. 11.6secs
26.	1555	440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	46.4secs.
27.	1600	CROSS CUT SAW 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
28.	1605	120 YARDS HURDLES FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	13.7secs.
29.	1608	TUG-O-WAR FINALS 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
30.	1613	100 YARDS OFFICERS' RELAY RACE 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	
31.	1618	WOODCHOP FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	15in Diameter 57 1-5secs.
31.	1625	MILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....	4min. 6.4secs.

SCORE SHEET

POINTS AWARDED.

Individual Events 5-3-1

Team Events 10-6-2

Event	HQ. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.	2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.	2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.	2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.
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APPX E

MOVEMENT OF OWN TROOPS

1. GENERAL

This instruction deals with the movement of OWN TROOPS on 6/7 Apr 45, under command Lt Col PICKEN, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn to exercise No 4.

2. COMPOSITION OF FORCE

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
7 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
Two lt sees 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

One lt see 2/16 Aust Fd Amb will report to each 2/14 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns at respective unit lines by 0730 hrs 6 Apr 45, and will remain with those units during move to exercise area.

3. SP - Rd june between 2/14 and 2/31 Aust Inf Bns.

4. ST -

(a)	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	-	0800 hrs 6 Apr 45
(b)	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and Attached	-	0808 hrs 6 Apr 45
(c)	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	-	0812 hrs 6 Apr 45

5. ROUTE

Rd june HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde - KAIRI - rd june 464311 - rd june 442301 - rd june 449262 - rd june 435253 - GILLIES HIGHWAY to 485229 - AHERTON/MALANDA rd - MILLAA MILLAA/MALANDA rd to rd june 538052.

6. BIVOUAC AREAS

(a) Night 6/7 Apr 45 - sq 4821 and sq 4820
(b) Night 7/8 Apr 45 - sq 5305 and sq 5304
(c) Unit areas to be allotted by Force Commander.

7. B ECHs

(a) Unit B Echs will move to following areas on 6 Apr 45 :-

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and attached	536095
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	534101
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	529098

(b) B Echs will move from above areas to MOOMIN Bivouac Area on 8 Apr 45.

8. WP - Will open 563119 by 1300 hrs 6 Apr 45, and close 0900 hrs 8 Apr 45.

9. MEDICAL

Arrangements for evacuation real casualties 6 - 10 Apr 45 will be advised later.

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APPENDIX "B" to
21 AUST INF BDE
ADM INSTR No 4/45

MOVEMENT OF ENEMY

1. GENERAL

This instruction deals with the movement of ENEMY Force on 6/7 Apr 45 under command Lt Col SUBLET, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to exercise No 4.

2. SP - Rd June vicinity No 1 Theatre.

3. ST - 0700 hrs 6 Apr 45.

4. ROUTE

Rd June HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde - KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - ATHERTON/FAVENSHEE rd to rd and track June 431068.

5. BIVOUAC AREAS

(a) Night 6/7 Apr 45 - sq 4118
(b) Night 7/8 Apr 45 - sq 4207

6. B ECHs

Will move to area to be selected by Force Commander on 6 Apr 45, and move to MOOMIN Bivouac Area on 8 Apr.

7. WPs - Water may be drawn from either ATHERTON or WONDECLA Camp Site.

8. MEDICAL

Arrangements for evacuation real casualties 6/10 Apr 45 will be advised later.

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 21 AUST INF BDE

ADM INSTR NO 4/45

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

5 Apr 45

W. D.

APPX

F

1. Para 4 (b) amend to read:

"Tents shelter halves will be carried on belt in roll. Carrying of mosquito nets is optional."

2. Appx 'A' para 9 add:

- (a) One ambulance will report to each 2/14 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns with lt see 2/6 Aust Fd Amb at 060730K.
- (b) Ambulances will move with marching column to Exercise Area. During Exercise they will maintain a CP at 518020 to evacuate real casualties.
- (c) 2/14 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns will each arrange for one jeep to report to their unit at 071700K. These jeeps will be used to evacuate real casualties during Exercise to CP at 518020.
- (d) CP at 518020 will close 100800K and open rd june 298096 at 101030K, close rd june 298096 101500K and move to MOOMIN camp.

3. Para 6(c) add:

One officer from each HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde, 2/14 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns are to report to Lt-col PICKEN at 2/27 Aust Inf Bn present camp site to recon camp site for bivouac nights 6/7 and 7/8 Apr 45.

4. Add Para 10:- SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Individuals will NOT be permitted to carry both blank and ball amn at the one time.
- (b) It is suggested that Bren gunners and personnel with OSMGs carry ball amn for Bren Guns, and riflemen carry blank amn only.

5. Add para 11 - IDENTIFICATION OWN TROOPS

Puggarees will NOT be worn by OWN TROOPS Force.

6. Add para 12 - CARE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

- (a) Units will render to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde by 1800 hrs on the day of leaving bivouac sites, a certificate stating that they have inspected the area occupied and repaired any damage to the satisfaction of the property owner.
- (b) Bde TO will render a similar certificate covering sites occupied by HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde, 2/14 and 2/16 Aust Inf Bns B Echs.

DR Burgess Lt Col
Capt
SC-21 Aust Inf Bde

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INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

1. The exercise in which you are to act as an umpire, is "uncontrolled". By this it is meant that neither force is acting in accordance with a strict plan laid down by the Directing Staff. Each side has complete freedom of manoeuvre within the limits of a set task. This task is given to each Force Comd prior to the exercise, and is such that the two opposing forces should meet each other. When and where they meet and in what strength, can NOT be accurately forecast.
2. For these reasons, a very high standard of umpiring is required. Each umpire is, to a large extent, thrown on his own resources. Wherever possible, major engagements will be umpired by the Senior Umpires, but should two forces meet unexpectedly, junior umpires will have to paint the picture and make the decision.
3. To assist junior umpires in these decisions, the following "rules of thumb" will be followed :-
 - (a) No surprise and normal sp fire
 - (i) A section dug in, in defence, can only be overcome by a pl (or force equal thereto).
 - (ii) A pl dug in, in defence, can only be overcome by a coy (or equivalent).
 - (iii) A coy dug in, in defence, can only be overcome by a bn (or equivalent).
 - (b) No surprise but very heavy sp fire

Any force may be overcome by a force NOT less than twice its size.
 - (c) Complete surprise

Where complete surprise is gained, either by infiltration (by day or night), by ambush or by manoeuvre, a force may be overcome by a force of its own size.
4. It is essential, however, that umpires of opposing sides meet each other immediately before, or during, each local action, and decide on the outcome thereof.
5. Remember you are there to represent, as far as is humanly possible, those elements of battle which can NOT be used in an exercise. Do NOT try to command the unit or sub-unit you are umpiring. Paint the picture of fire, (mortar, arty, MMG, rifle or whatever it may be); where it is falling; how heavy it is; what casualties are being suffered; and, allow the comd to make his own decision. You must influence the comd you are umpiring, NOT by orders, but by representing what is happening to him and his force.
6. Where major engagements are to take place, some time will always be necessary for the attackers to make their plan and put it into effect. In this time, senior umpires of each force will meet and receive direction from the Director as to the outcome.
7. All umpires must be continually active and alert to pass on all available information of movements and further intentions, both to their next senior umpires and to their junior umpires.

4 Apr 45

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APPX H

TIME TABLE FOR UMPIRES

Time	Event	Remarks
071800K	Message No 1 handed to Lt Col SUBLET OC ENEMY FORCE	Sighting of convoy 120 miles SSW GWYNNE PT.
080700K	OWN TPS land by gliders at MINBUN	Paint picture that fight to overcome guards and organise PWs ready for movement would take one hour.
080730K	Fighting with guards completed	CO at this stage could send out recon patrols in prepara- tion for move to coast.
080730K	Seaborne troops land South and East of GWYNNE PT.	No information given to enemy force.
080755K	Message No 2 handed to Lt Col SUBLET, OC ENEMY FORCE	Landing of glider borne tps near MINBUN. Orders to move to MINBUN and destroy Aust Force.
080810K	Message No 3 handed to Lt Col SUBLET, OC ENEMY FORCE	Seaborne landing South and East of GWYNNE PT

Apr 45

Maj
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
11 Apr 45

GENERAL

1. This Instr deals with the leave policy and town picquets for duration of bivouac MOOMIN.

LOCAL LEAVE

2. (a) Each unit may permit 10% of unit strength to proceed to HERBERTON on night leave on all nights except 12 to 15 Apr incl when 18 Aust Inf Bde will be in the area.

(b) As the hotels and cafes in HERBERTON can only provide for a small number for evening meals it is suggested that as far as possible personnel have the evening meal in camp before proceeding on leave.

(c) All personnel proceeding on leave will be correctly dressed.

TOWN PICQUET - HERBERTON

3. (a) Picquet will consist of -

1 officer
1 sergeant
8 Other Ranks

(b) Dress - JGs, boots AB, anklets web, belt and side arms, hat turned up.

(c) Duration of duty - Picquet will commence duty in HERBERTON at 1830K and remain on duty until 2300K or later if town is NOT quiet and cleared of troops by that time.

(d) Duties - (i) Picquet will maintain a continuous patrol of town area. For this purpose picquet will be divided into two patrols as follows:-

No. 1 Patrol - 1 Offr 4 ORs
No 2 Patrol - 1 Sgt 4 ORs

(ii) Patrols will operate alternately, one being out and the other standing by at the picture Theatre in HERBERTON.

TRANSPORT

4. Unit providing picquet will also supply 1 x 15 cwt van for transporting picquet to HERBERTON and for use of picquet in HERBERTON.

PICQUET ROSTER

5.	Wed 11 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn	Thu 19 Apr 45 - 2/27 Bn
	Thurs 12 Apr 45 - 2/14 Bn	Fri 20 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn
	Fri 13 Apr 45 - 2/27 Bn	Sat 21 Apr 45 - 2/14 Bn
	Sat 14 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn	Sun 22 Apr 45 - 2/27 Bn
	Sun 15 Apr 45 - 2/14 Bn	Mon 23 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn
	Mon 16 Apr 45 - 2/27 Bn	Tue 24 Apr 45 - 2/14 Bn
	Tue 17 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn	Wed 25 Apr 45 - 2/27 Bn
	Wed 18 Apr 45 - 2/14 Bn	Thu 26 Apr 45 - 2/16 Bn

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APPEX J
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HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

ADM ORDERS FOR MOVEMENT

J.

The following are arrangements which will apply prior to a move from this area overseas.

SECURITY

1. (a) Puggarees and colour patches will be removed. Each man will put his puggaree and colour patches in an envelope marked with his number and name and hand this to Q Store for safekeeping. Orders will be given to this is to be carried out.
- (b) The unit name must NOT appear on any packages or unit stores.
- (c) During recent months ships have been torpedoed in waters of SWPA. DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES IN CORRESPONDENCE OR CONVERSATION.

CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES

2. See that you have all the following items in good order. These should be carried as shown

	Worn or carried on the man	Carried in Haversack and/or pouches	Pack
Knife and Lanyard	1		
Identity Discs (set of 2 steel)	1		
Paybook	1		
AAB 83	1		
* Fold dressing	1		
Waterproof Wallet	1		
Jersey Pullover	1	1	
Shirts	1	2	
** Trousers	1		
(** If you have 3 sets take two in the pack. Cellular shirts will be exchanged for drill material)			
Boots AB	1		
* Boots Tropical Studded	1		
* Gaiters American	1		
Anklelets Web	1		
Singlets Cotton	1		
Drawers Cotton	1		
Hat with Band, chin strap and Badge	1		
Belts waist USA Pattern or Aust Pat. 1 1/2 inches	1		
Enamel mug			
Mess Tins			
Knife Fork and Spoon			(each)
* Emergency Ration			
Titles Australia (metal)			
Towels			
Holdall			
Soap			
Razor and 2 spare blades			
Shaving Brush			
Comb and/or hair brush			
Tooth Brush			
Ground Sheet			
* Water Sterilising Outfit			

Worn or carried on the man	Haversack and/or pouches	Pack or sea kit bag
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- * Pack First Aid Individual
- * Tin Dubbin or Mineral Jelly
- * Insect Repellent Lotion
- * Water Proof ration bag
- * Steel helmet and net
- Mosquito net
- Housewife
- Gas Cape
- Spare Pairs of boot laces
- Blanket

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* Items marked will not be issued until a warning order to move is received. All clothing - shirts, trousers, underclothes, and socks must be treated with anti-mite fluid. Blanket will also be treated with anti-mite fluid - 1 1/2 oz fluid per blanket is sufficient.

EQUIPMENT

3. Webbing - belt, braces, and pouches
Water Bottle and carrier
Haversack and shoulder straps
Pack and two supporting straps.

EITHER Rifle with sling or Owen Gun & Sling or Revolver and cleaning materials.

Bayonet, scabbard and frog	Oil Bottle and Pullthrough
Oil bottle (filled)	Flannelette
Pullthrough	Muzzle Cover
Flannelette	6 Magazines
Muzzle and Breech covers	

A label showing number and name of owner and serial number 61098 will be attached to the upper sling swivel of rifles or trigger guards of owens and pistols.

AMMUNITION

4. Rifle 50 rounds, Owen 6 mags, revolver 12 rounds.
Bren Guns will be carried with wallet and magazines.
Chests will be carried with Q Stores.

KIT STORE ARRANGEMENTS

5. Prior to moving, clothing and personal gear not to be taken will be sent to kit store. SD Uniform and greatcoat will be placed in a sand bag with a packing slip showing number, rank, name, and unit and a list of contents of the bag. On the outside there will be a label showing number, rank, name and unit. The clothing will be clearly marked (with marking ink if possible) with the army number of the owner. These items are put in sand bags so that they can be cleaned while we are away.

All other gear, not being taken will be put in kit bags. Do NOT tie kit bag and sand bag together.

TOBACCO

6. 24 days' ration of tobacco will be available before embarkation.

H. R. Ryood Capt
for Maj
EM 21 Aust. Inf Bde

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Serials 57 - 62

by

Brigadier I. N. DOUGHERTY

Commanding 21 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

21 Apr 45

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

DUTY BATTALION ROSTER

57. The following is the duty bn roster to 10 Jun 45 :-

22 Apr - 29 Apr incl	-	2/16 Aust Inf Bn
30 Apr - 6 MMay incl	-	2/27 Aust Inf Bn
7 May - 13 May incl	-	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
14 May - 20 May incl	-	2/16 Aust Inf Bn
21 May - 27 May incl	-	2/27 Aust Inf Bn
28 May - 3 Jun incl	-	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
4 Jun - 10 Jun incl	-	2/16 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE DUTY OF DUTY BATTALION

58. The Duty Bn will arrange for a working party to clean up No 3 Picture Site adjacent to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Transport Lines, by 1000 hrs on the morning following the showing of pictures.

GAMBLING

59. (a) It has come to notice that GAMBLING is taking place before and during the screening of films in both No 3 and No 8 picture sites.
- (b) All ranks are again reminded that GAMBLING, with the exception of "Housie Housie", is NOT permitted.
- (c) It is the duty of all officers and NCOs to ensure that the provisions of para (b) above are strictly complied with.

LOCAL LEAVE

60. Owing to there being some doubt regarding the LOCAL LEAVE policy the following will clarify the position :-

- (a) Day leave when granted will terminate at 2400 hrs.
- (b) Overnight leave will only be granted in special cases to personnel who have next-of-kin, relations or fiancées to stay with.
- (c) Leave is NOT permitted to INNISFAIL.
- (d) Leave to MAREEBA is restricted to personnel visiting next-of-kin only.

AAFs D 11

61. In future names of all witnesses will be inserted on the back of AAF D 11. This applies whether an investigation is carried out or not.

MOSQUITO SURVEY

- 62. (a) A recent survey by 2/2 Aust Malaria Control Unit disclosed rubbish dumps and trenches at the map references as shown hereunder, and it is reported that these dumps are breeding grounds for mosquitos
- (b) Location of dumps, ref map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile 486384 and 487388.
- (c) No rubbish of any description is to be dumped in the above areas.

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 SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

22 Apr - 29 Apr	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
30 Apr - 6 May	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
7 May - 13 May	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
14 May - 20 May	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
21 May - 27 May	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
28 May - 3 Jun	2/2 Aust Inf Bde
4 Jun - 10 Jun	2/2 Aust Inf Bde

ROUTINE DUTY OF DUTY BATTALION

The Duty Bn will arrange for a working party to clean up No 3 picture site adjacent to H 21 Area for the two spots lines, by 1000 hrs on the morning following the showing of pictures.

GAMBLING

- (a) It has come to notice that GAMBLING is taking place before and during the showing of films in both No 2 and No 3 picture sites.
- (b) All tanks are again reminded that GAMBLING, with the exception of "House Housie", is NOT permitted.
- (c) It is the duty of all officers and NCOs to ensure that the provisions of para (b) above are strictly complied with.

LOCAL LEAVE

68. Owing to there being some doubt regarding the LOCAL LEAVE policy the following will clarify the position.

- (a) Day leave when granted will terminate at 2400 hrs.
- (b) Overtime leave will only be granted in special cases to personnel who have next-of-kin, relatives or illnesses to stay with.
- (c) Leave is NOT permitted to REMISSION.
- (d) Leave to MARKEBA is restricted to personnel returning from overseas only.

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APPX L

Subject: PENALTIES FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

Ref No: AG 2432

25 Apr 45

7 Aust Div

Copy to: 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
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1. Letter from 2/14 Aust Inf Bn is forwarded. It is pointed out that in the case mentioned in para 3 (b) the corporal merely was awarded leave without pay for one month.

2. I concur with remarks of CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn as expressed in his para 6. The prestige of the Army is dependent largely on the standards set by officers in L of C Areas, for they are the only officers with whom the public comes in contact. When they set low and unsatisfactory standards the prestige of, and respect for, the Army rapidly diminishes.

Ivan W. S. S. S. Brig
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

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APPX M

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

27 Apr 45

AASC TRANSPORT ALLOTTED UNDER COMD BDES ETC

This instruction is issued to define the principles that will be observed, so far as operational conditions permit, when AASC transport is placed under comd Bdes etc in order to supplement first line transport.

- (a) Each Tpt Pl will move into ops complete to WE in personnel and vehicles.
- (b) CASC 7 Aust Div will instruct pl comds etc that each det to units of more than 3 vehicles will be accompanied by a NCO, and, for 6 or more vehicles, a driver mech will be added.
- (c) A NCO from the Pl will be responsible for correct maintenance and records and, if necessary, will be placed under Bn Tpt Officer.
- (d) Vehicles will NOT be driven by other than ASC drivers.
- (e) Task vehicles only will be attached by Bdes to Bns etc - Pl domestic vehicles are required by the Pl.
- (f) CG Pl is to be free to check and inspect any ASC vehicles allotted to units.
- (g) Local adm as per 7 Aust Div RO A125 of 12 Nov 44.
- (h) The maximum loading of $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton 4 x 4 vehicles will be 800 lbs.
- (i) The maximum loading of trailers GS used with trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton will be :-
 - (i) Trailers 2 wheeled 8 cwt (Aust) - 900 lbs
 - (ii) Trailers 2 wheeled 8 cwt (USA) - 800 lbs.

R. B. Burgess Lt Capt
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

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21 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTR No 14

OF 28 APR 45

~~2/1/47~~

It is anticipated that there will be a period of approximately 3 weeks for training in this area.

During this period the Pde Comd desires that training be carried out in accordance with the policy as discussed by him with COs and that the following receive special attention:

1. MAP READING

Fixing position in thickly wooded country both on and off tracks.

2. PATROLLING

Stress to be laid on accurate and adequate patrol information. Objective to be aimed at is that each individual soldier should be faultless in his bushmanship.

3. SECURITY IN THE FIELD

(a) Advance and approach marches

Formations for movement of a battalion in various types of country, when enemy fire is likely to be encountered as a first step in gaining of contact, are to be revised and practised.

(b) When in a static position

The protection of Sub-units, particularly the siting of platoons and sections and their sentries. Any breach of discipline by a sentry during this training period should be treated with due seriousness, as the ability of sentries to perform their duties under present conditions will be reflected in the field.

The need for checking sentries and testing to see that they know their duties both in static camps and during operations, must be impressed on all the less experienced officers.

The lessons learned during the static period following the advance to DUMPU should be considered and stress laid on such training as will prevent carelessness developing during such a period.

(c) With relation to the local population

ME conditions should be borne in mind in view of the possibility of moving to an area where there may be a similar type of native population in close proximity to camps and even living amongst or near troops in the field during operations. COs will stress all aspects of security arising from these conditions and in view of the large number of troops who have not served under such conditions will eliminate any inclination towards the Australian attitude of "trust thy neighbour".

4. BATTLE PRACTICES

Section battle practices as discussed with COs will be carried out. The battle practice against a pill box using supporting fire and grenade, as conducted by 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, is an excellent exercise teaching confidence in weapons and their ability to destroy the occupants of a pill box, and also as a pure demonstration of the value of fire combined with movement.

5. GENERAL

It is desired to maintain the troops in a state of general physical fitness without over straining, so that on reaching a battle area they will be fit whilst still retaining the maximum reserve of physical effort.

It is anticipated that fresh fruit will be difficult to obtain after leaving this area, and it is suggested that units endeavour to purchase fruit during the remainder of the period in this area. Approval will be given for units to send to towns on the coast (except INNISFAIL) for this purpose.

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Maj
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
- 7 Aust Div
- Comd
- BM
- SC
- IO
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SECURITY IN THE FIELD

(a) Advanced and exposed positions

(b) When in a static position

(c)

BATTLE PRACTICES

Section battle practices as discussed with 300 will be carried out. The battle practice against a pill box using supporting fire and grenades, as conducted by 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, an excellent exercise teaching confidence in weapons and their ability to destroy the occupants of a pill box, and also as a demonstration of the value of close co-operation with movement.

APPX O

SUBJECT : REORGANISATION - STRATHPINE CAMP

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

File No - Q3

25 May 44

1. Reference this HQ memo Q3 of 12 May 44, further information has now been received as to the scale on which unit requirements in buildings, etc, may be based. This scale is shown in Appx "A".

2. Each bn will prepare a plan of its area, enlarged 4 times from the STRATHPINE Camp 1" to 800' map, on which will be shown the following :-

(a) Present sites of -

Kitchens	(K)
Mess Huts	(MH)
Officers Messes	(OM)
Sergeants Messes	(SM)
Showers	(S)
Latrines	(L)
Coy Lines	(CL)
Officers Lines	(OL)
Parade Grounds	(PG)
Sports Grounds	(SG)
QM Stores	(QS)

(b) Proposed sites of -

Adm building	(AB)
Meat House	(M)
Canteen	(C)
Recreation Hut	(RH)
Drying Room	(DR)
Additional Kitchens	(K)
Additional Latrines	(L)
Additional Showers	(S)
Offrs & Sgts Messes	(OM) and (SM)

(c) Existing buildings which are NOT required.

3. Present sites will be shown in ink, proposed sites in pencil, and existing buildings NOT required in shaded pencil. The abbreviations in brackets above will be used, and, in the case of showers and latrines the number of each will be shown, e.g. a block of 40 showers will be shown as follows :- S40

4. It is particularly stressed that in estimating additional buildings, showers, etc, the maximum use must be made of those at present existing. The whole area will be subdivided into Coy, BHQ, etc, areas.

5. It should be noted that "Scale "A"" means 5% of unit strength e.g. coy showers Scale "A", would be 6 showers.

6. The above infm is required urgently and each bn will produce its plan by 0900 hrs 27 May 44.

7. Units other than battalions will NOT prepare plans but will decide locations of additional kitchens, latrines, showers, etc, in accordance with the scale shown in Appx "A". An officer from this HQ will contact each unit on 26 May 44 and incorporate this infm on a master plan.

L. Spalott

Liaj
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Fd Amb

2/124 Aust Ord Fd Pk
2/124 Aust Bde Workshops
IO 21 Aust Inf Bde

PROPOSED SCALE OF ACCOMODATION - STRATHPIRE CAMP

1. In BATTALION Areas ONLY

- 1 Adm Building
- 1 Meat House
- 1 Canteen
- 1 Recreation Hut
- 1 Drying Room
- 1 Officers Mess
- 1 Sergeants Mess
- 1 Officers Mess Kitchen
- 1 Sergeants Mess Kitchen
- 1 Officers Latrine (Scale A)
- 1 Sergeants Latrine (Scale A)

2. In ALL AREAS, on the basis of 1 per Coy or equivalent Sub Unit

- Officers and Sergeants Latrine (combined) Scale A
- Officers and Sergeants Showers (combined) Scale A
- Kitchen
- Latrine (ORs) Scale A
- Shower Block Scale A
- Mess and Recreation Hut

SUBJECT:

REORGANIZATION OF STRATHPINE CAMP

HQ 7 Aust Div
15 Jul 44

Q39/101

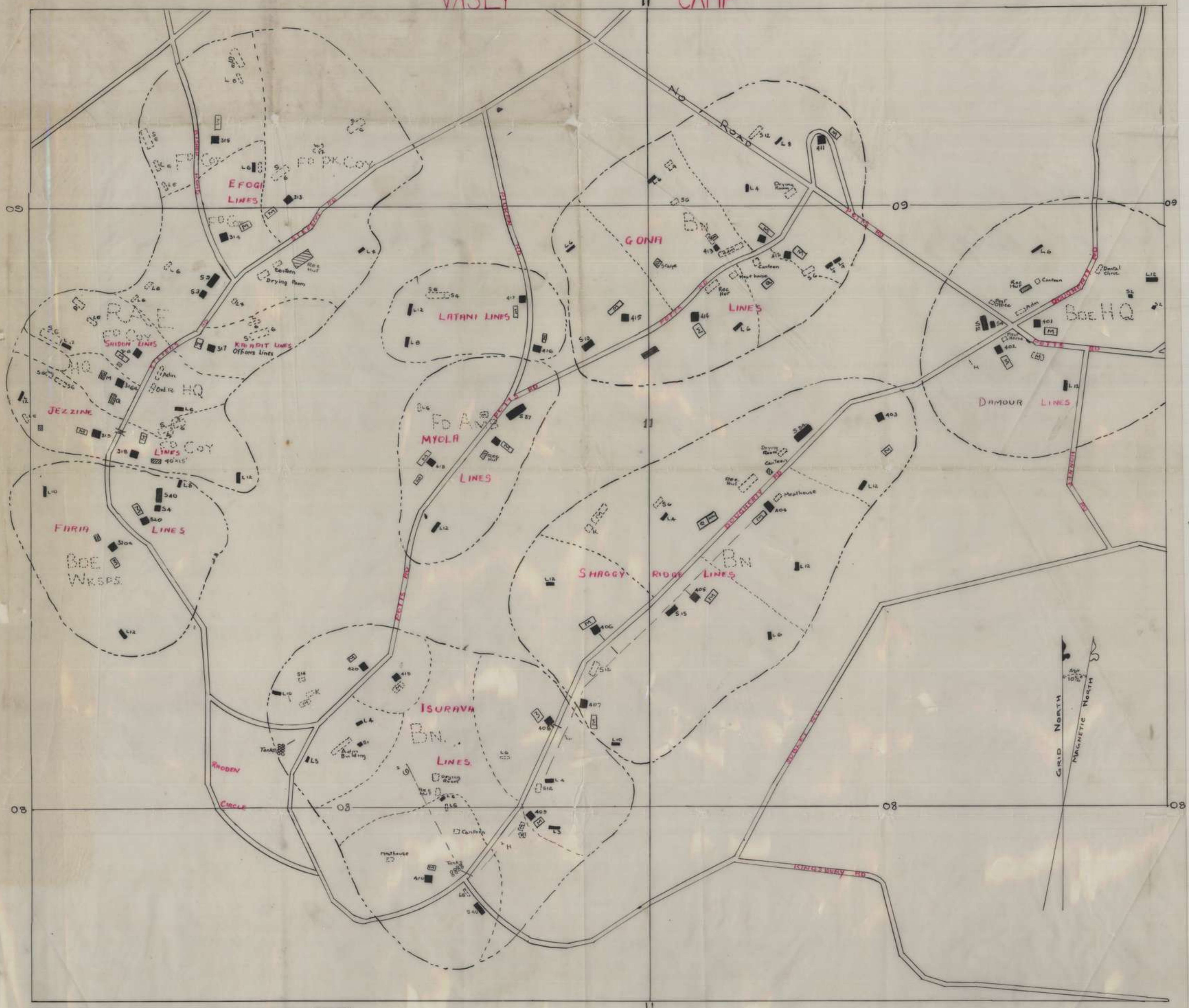
18 AUST INF BDE
21 AUST INF BDE
25 AUST INF BDE

1. Forwarded herewith plan of 21 Aust Inf Bde camp area.
2. Suggested improvements and additions have been shown by dotted lines on the plan.
3. A co-ordinated plan of renaming is considered necessary throughout the camp area. It is suggested that roads be named after senior officers of 7 Aust Div, areas after GOCs of 7 Aust Div and lines after well known places where the Div has distinguished itself. To arrive at a co-ordinated plan it will be necessary for Bdes to confer.
4. Suggested names will be written on the plan in red ink and plan returned to this HQ by 18 Jul 44.

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fa Lt-Col
AA & QMG 7 Aust Div

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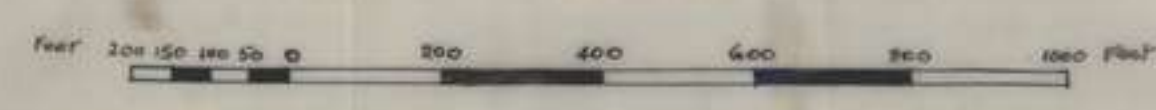
VASEY CAMP



LEGEND

STRUCTURES STANDARD	
Unit Boundaries	Kitchen
Coy Lines	Mess
ROADS	Showers
Bitumen	Latrines
Gravel	STRUCTURES NOT STANDARD
Formed	Stores
Unformed	STRUCTURES PROPOSED
Water Mains	
Water Hydrants	

SCALE
1" = 200'



CAMP STRATHPINE
MILITARY AREA 7
ARMSTRONG RD SECTOR
(Brigade Group Area)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 21 AU ST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

SHEET 1.

Place	Date MAY	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAI RI	1		Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, proceeded to IRVINE BANK RANGE and witnessed an artillery firing demonstration. Lt L.W. WHALAN, Education Officer, reported that personnel of HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde had subscribed a total of one hundred and forty pounds to the Third Victory Loan.	
			Attached as Appx A is a letter of thanks received by Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY from Dr MEAGHER, Lord-Mayor of PERTH.	APPX A - Letter of Thanks from Dr MEAGHER, Lord - Mayor of PERTH.
	2		Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, returned to HQ from IRVINE BANK RANGE.	
	3		Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY visited 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. Attached as Appx B is Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY'S letter of 23 Mar 45 AA Amenities Service Information Letter No 7 - and 7 Aust Div's reply, dated 3 May 45.	APPX B - Letter to 7 Aust Div and reply (AA Amenities Service Infm Letter 7.
	4		A Warning Order for the movement of 21 Aust Inf Bde for service in tropical areas was repeated to units concerned. See Appx C.	APPX C - Warning Order for Movement on Tropical Service.
	5		Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY attended 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Ceremonial Parade. He inspected the Parade and took the salute on the March Past. Maj L.E. WALCOTT, BM 21 Aust Inf Bde, returned to this HQ ex leave.	
		At 1800 hours personnel of HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde commenced the celebration of the Bde's Birthday Anniversary.		
	6		Rest Day.	

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Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

SHEET 2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAI RI	MAY			
	7		ROUTINE.	
	8		Attached as Appx D is Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY'S letter to 7 Aust Div - Pre-selection of Officers.	APPX D - Letter to 7 Aust Div - Pre-selection of Officers.
	9		V.E. Day. 7 Aust Div Thanksgiving Service was attended by personnel of this HQ. Padre REDDING gave the address.	
	10		Capt R.R.MOORE, IO, attended a lecture on the SLIDEX CODE at 7 Aust Div Sigs.	
	11		Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, and Capt L.HOBSON, Sig O, reced TANK ROCK RANGE in connection with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn Exercise to be held on 15 May.	
			21 Aust Inf Bde MALAY SCHOOL which commenced on 23 Apr ended on this day. 23 personnel from Bde HQ and Bns attended.	
	12		ROUTINE	
	13		Rest Day. SX 231 Capt L.HOPTON marched in from Staff School (Aust) to take up appointment as BM(L) and DX 862 Capt L.J.JONES arrived from Staff School (Aust) to fill the appointment of SC(L). COs of Bns attended a conference with Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY at this HQ.	
	14		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, Capt R.R.MOORE, IO, Capt K.RICHARDSON, BASCO, Lt SEGGIE, BOO, Lt HATHERLY, Hyg O, and LOs watched 2/16 Aust Inf Bn Exercise with artillery and air support at TANK ROCK RANGE. Maj-Gen MILFORD, GOC 7 Aust Div, and Brig EATHER, Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde, were also present.	

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Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45 SHEET 3

Place	Date MAY	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAI RI	15		<p>A conference of COs of Bns was held at this HQ to discuss certain matters referred to the Bde Comd, Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, by the GOC 7 Aust Div, Maj-Gen MILFORD. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Maj L.E.WALCOTT and COs of Bns discussed the following matters:—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Allotment of Man Pack Flamethrowers, Street and Village Fighting, Brigading of 3 inch Mortars, Methods of Demolishing Bunkers.</p> <p>A copy of Notes on the Conference is attached as Appx E.</p>	APPX E - Notes for GOC's Conference.
	16		<p>Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, and Lt-Col K.PICKEN, CO 2/27 Aust Inf Bn, prepared a TEWT on street fighting to be conducted under the direction of Lt-Col PICKEN on 18 May 45 at ATHERTON. See Appx F.</p>	APPX F - 21 Aust Inf Bde TEWT No 2 /1945 Street and Village Fighting.
	17		<p>Brigaded Mortar Pls conducted a test shoot at TANK ROCK RANGE. The tests were conducted under the direction of Maj TOMS, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. A copy of a report on the tests is attached as Appx G.</p>	APPX G - Report on Test Shoot of Brigaded Mortar Pls.
	18		<p>21 Aust Inf Bde TEWT No 2, Street Fighting, was held at ATHERTON under the direction of Lt-Col PICKEN, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Capt L.HOPTON, BM(L), Capt R.R.MOORE, IO, and LOs attended the TEWT.</p> <p>In the afternoon Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY proceeded to HQ 7 Aust Div for a conference.</p>	
	19		<p>Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY received instructions to prepare a Bde Planning Team for early movement to MOROTAI. Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, and Capt D.BURGESS, SC, met Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY at HQ 7 Aust Div at 1100 hours and it was decided that the Planning</p>	

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Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

SHEET 4

Place	Date MAY	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	19 (cont)		<p>Team consist of Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Staff, Service Representatives, COs of Bns, Fd Regt, Fd Coy and Fd Amb, a total of 75 all ranks.</p> <p>A conference of COs included in the Planning Team was held at this HQ to discuss movement of the Team.</p> <p>A conference was conducted by Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, at Bde HQ and was attended by Maj RUSSELL, 2 i/c 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, Maj TOMS, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and mortar officers of all bns to discuss battle procedure for brigading 3 inch mortars.</p>	
	20		<p>Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY and Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, departed for CAIRNS to contact Movement Control Representatives and to accelerate movement of the Planning Team.</p> <p>As COs were warned to move at one hours notice, Maj HEARMAN, 2/16 Aust Inf, was appointed Adm Comd of 21 Aust Inf Bde and to be responsible for the movement of the main body.</p>	
	21		<p>21 Aust Inf Bde Planning Team left KAIRI for CAIRNS at 1615 hours. The party arrived at CAIRNS at 1830 hours and, after a meal at the Railway Station, entrained at 1930 hours. A nominal roll of the Planning Team is attached as Appx H.</p>	APPX H - Nominal Roll 21 Aust Inf Bde Planning Team.
	22		<p>The Planning Team arrived at TOWNSVILLE at 0600 hours and embarked in the Dutch ship, SCHWARTENHONDT, at 0830 hours. The ship sailed at 1130 hours.</p>	
	23, 24, 25		At sea.	
	26 27 - 30		<p>FINSCHHAFEN was reached and mail was put off.</p> <p>At sea. BIAK Is was reached on 29 May and mail was put ashore.</p>	

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In the forenoon....

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Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

SHEET 5

Place	Date MAY	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	31		<p>In the forenoon MOROTAI was reached. In the afternoon Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY disembarked and moved to 7 Div HQ where he spent the night. The remainder of the Planning Team disembarked at 1700 hours and spent the night at the Transit Camp.</p> <p><i>I discussed the OBOE TWO operation while on board the Swantonhoundt with all my Officers, and as much information as was available was studied. This subject will be included in my report on the operation to be furnished later.</i></p>	
			<p><i>Loan Dougherty Brigadier 13 Jun 45</i></p>	

21 AUS. INF. BDE:
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APPX

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AIR MAIL.

LORD MAYOR'S ROOM,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
PERTH.

4th April, 1945.

Dear Brigadier Dougherty,

Now that I have returned home it is with great pleasure I write to thank you for your courtesy and consideration to me while visiting troops under your command. I shall always count it my greatest privilege that I was allowed to spend even such a short time in the company of the fighting men of our A.I.F. They are magnificent men and it was a great delight for me to be able to tell my fellow citizens how fit and well they are, how justifiably proud they are of past achievements, and how they anxiously look forward to complete victory and returning home to their loved ones.

May I ask you to convey particularly to the officers and men of the Western Australian Units under your command the most sincere good wishes of my wife, the Councillors of the City of Perth, and my fellow citizens. I was proud indeed to learn from you of their wonderful record, and trust and pray that we may soon have the opportunity of welcoming them back to Western Australia as the victorious soldiers of a triumphant King.

Yours sincerely,

P. W. Heagley

LORD MAYOR.

NX.148.

Brigadier I.N. Dougherty,
Headquarters, 21st Aust. Infantry Brigade,
AUSTRALIA.

*Note I sent copies to all hrs
and showed this original
to Co. 4/16 Br.
I.N. Dougherty
15 Jan 45*

B/JG.

WAR DIARY
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPX **B**

A38/4/45.

21 AUS. INF. BDE.

Subject : AA AMENITIES SERVICE INFORMATION LETTER NO 7

HQ 7 Aust Div.
3 May 45.

Ref : AG *10887*

21 AUST INF BDE (2)

Reference your AG2005 of 23 Mar 45.

Following is the text of a LHQ memo concerning the
above :-

" With reference to your AG10087 of 20th April, 1945, concerning paras 7 and 8 of the above-mentioned letter, action has been taken to delete the paragraphs in question, and to substitute two paragraphs which, it is considered, will remove any misapprehension with regard to the implementation of Amenities policy. "

McKinnon
Lt-Col.
AA&QMG 7 Aust Div.

WAR DIARY.

Subject : AA AMENITIES SERVICE INFORMATION LETTER No 7

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

Ref No : AG 2005

23 Mar 45

7 Aust Div

1. Reference paras 7 and 8 of the above letter, I consider that too many Directors of Services and subordinates of those directors, who in many cases have little idea of how to run an army, tend to think they can usurp the powers of a commander.
2. I wish to put on record my disapproval of the wording of paras 7 and 8 of AA Amenities Information Letter No 7. In a formation the formation commander is responsible for implementing the C-in-C's directions, assisted by his staff, in accordance with directions issued by any other commander in the direct chain of command under the C-in-C.
3. It is sheer impertinence on the part of the Amenities Service to send out an instruction worded like the one in question.
4. The Army's efficiency rests on the principle of single command for a formation, and it would be an impossible situation if the Amenities representative set themselves up ^{as} another authority with powers of command in a formation.

Leon A. Sangster
Brig
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY MESSAGE FORM

APPX **C**
Register No. *C*

Army Form C2136 (Large)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			21 AUS. INF. BDE.

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 21 inf bde <i>Originator</i>	04 1230Z <i>Date—Time of Origin</i>	<i>Office Date Stamp</i>
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For Action

2/14 2/16 2/27 inf bns 21 inf bde sig sec
7 pl 2/1 gd regt 2/59 LAD

TO <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i> comd BM SG IO TO BASCO BOO	<i>Message Instructions</i> GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No. **GO 1005 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.)** units will prepare for tropical service (.) move with unit eqpt vehs accn stores tentage scale A plus spare tentage at present held (.) personnel will disembark with personal arms eqpt tent shelter half net mosquito and cot folding (.) as areas are undeveloped accn stores tentage and appropriate unit eqpt will be separately crated with distinctive markings to facilitate top stowage for earliest discharge at destination (.) 7 div adm order 22 applies two copies GRO 318/43 particulars will be submitted earliest ack

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless Signed <i>[Signature]</i> Capt	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER Signed	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority addressees 1-3 drls 4-6 & info by hand	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Time</td> <td style="text-align: center;">System</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Op</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">THI or TOR</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Time Cleared</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Time	System	Op	THI or TOR			Time Cleared		
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WAR DIARY

21 AUS. INF. BDE.

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APPX D

Subject: PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

Ref No: AG 2593

8 May 45

7 Aust Div (3)

1. I do not consider that the officer pre-selection system is working out at all as was intended by its sponsors.
2. I do not know all that led up to the institution of the system. However, I assume that it was aimed at making the system of selection of officers more "democratic", (that word needs definition I agree). It was no doubt intended to ensure that every soldier had an opportunity to exercise his right to consideration for promotion to commissioned rank. It was, I have no doubt, aimed at eliminating any injustices that may have occurred in the past.
3. I agree that the people who originated the idea of the pre-selection system were guided by honest motives, and give them credit for aiming at progress and improvement. However, I respectfully contend that the system has failed, and that under the present system, injustice is being done to a far greater number of prospective officers than was done in the past. As a result our Army leadership will deteriorate.
4. It is after much consideration that I make this contention. It is based on my experience gained in the past, and my ideas of the motives that guide COs and officers generally in war, on a consideration of all aspects of psychology involved, and on reflection on the ideal of making the method of selection as "democratic" as possible.
5. I contend that the system as at present working, is a most iniquitous one. It has become something akin to a bureaucratic master rather than a servant. Injustice is being done to many soldiers who otherwise would get fair and just consideration by their COs. This is accentuated by the fact that the LHQ Board has now ceased to function, and brilliant lads who have come to notice since the various boards made their deliberations will be barred from attending OCTU until all those previously graded eligible have been absorbed. In addition there are among those classified D by the LHQ Board, some who are held in very high regard by their COs, and these NCOs are debarred from any opportunity to attend OCTU as the board no longer exists and they cannot be reconsidered.
6. I do not propose to write a thesis on the subject of officer selection. My views in general are expressed in a report signed by members of 21 Bde local pre-selection boards which sat in 1943. A copy of this report is attached as appendix A. My views as expressed in that report hold, irrespective of the constitution of any board.
7. I attach as appendix B some figures and facts.
8. In the interests of the Army's efficiency, and of administering "democratic" justice generally, I strongly recommend that the pre-selection system as at present operating be abolished immediately

It is achieving nothing but undesirable results. I recommend that the system previously in operation, on the lines of para 3 of the report in Appendix A, be reinstated. The COs and other officers of the Australian Army are anxious to get only the best to lead the Army. They are not likely to allow prejudice to influence them when the stakes are life and death. They are human beings, and citizens of Australia, and not a class apart as some individuals and sections of the press and popular thought would have us believe. They are wholly concerned in giving every soldier the opportunities that are his right in a democracy. They have, as a group, equally good or perhaps better education and knowledge of human nature than the members we are likely to get on a permanent pre-selection board. In addition they are in touch with the troops in the practical life they lead; they are up to date in their experience; they have known the troops under their command under many and varying conditions.

9. I have a lot of faith in our Commanders, and Commanding Officers, and their ability to select officers who will do credit to the Australian Army.

10. I write this with no desire to be derogatory or rude to anyone. I have indicated that I give credit to those who aimed at progress and improvement, even though they failed in their attempts. I do, however, want to express my views where injustices are being done and no good is being achieved.

11. This appears to be a matter which will recur from time to time in the future, in view of certain ideas held by some in Australia, and fostered by elements of the Australian Press. Therefore I am lodging copies in the War Diary, so that by medium of historians, these views expressed now may perhaps assist succeeding generations to avoid pitfalls when selecting officers for the army which will either be called upon to prevent future wars and ensure peace, or fight in future wars if we fail in our ideals of maintaining peace.

Alan L. Dougherty,

Brig
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

COPY

PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
11 Dec 43

7 Aust Div

1. Reference SM20967 LHQ concerning the above, attached are nominal rolls by units under categories requested.
2. The opinions of the candidates' COs were not in anyway considered by the Board in arriving at its opinion. This course was taken as the Board considers that if the CO's opinions were taken into consideration then that opinion must itself be final; for example, if a CO states that a candidate is not fit to be an officer, then no Board is capable of reversing this opinion after seeing a candidate for 20 minutes (the average time spent by the Board) or even for a week.
3. Only those who have observed a candidate under varying conditions over a period of time, are competent to give an almost guaranteed correct opinion as to the suitability of the candidate to be an officer. The CO, being the man who is advised by his Coy Comds and Second-in-Command, formed into a committee, on the suitability of the candidates for commissions, and who then makes his decision based on their advice and his own observation, is such an authority.
4. The Board considered that if it considered the CO's opinion, then in accordance with the views expressed above, that opinion would have to decide the group into which a candidate was placed. The Board felt that this course would not be in keeping with the spirit of the system of pre-selection, and it considered that the system is designed to give the man who feels he is being victimised by his CO the right to be considered by an independent body.
5. Although the Board considered that COs are just and fair in their judgment, which is, as mentioned above, based on the opinions of their officers formed into a committee plus their own opinion, it decided that in view of the aim of the method of pre-selection then the CO's opinion must not be considered at all.
6. This being so, and the fact that the members of the Board examining the candidates were people who did not know the candidates, it is stressed that the Board's proceedings can only be regarded as a very incomplete examination, 20 minutes only being given to each candidate. This being so, the opinion of the Board, being the equivalent of an examination result in one aspect of the candidates only, may not indicate the suitability of a candidate to be an officer in every way. In the opinion of the Board, the CO's opinions should be considered by the LHQ Board.
7. In the remarks column of Appx "A", in some cases there is a note to a "rider" in this covering letter. Here is the rider:-

" In some cases the CO's opinion, based on sound knowledge and formed as a result of fair and unbiased judgement, differs from the result of the Board's examination. These are cases in which the CO's opinion should be given weighty consideration by the LHQ Board".

"(a) In the case of SX12065 Pte K.D.JACKSON, CO 2/27 Aust Inf Bn considers that JACKSON is in no way fitted to be an officer, though he feels he will impress any Board that examines him and the OCTU Staff if he gets that far.

"(b) Similarly in the case of VX12979 Cpl BROWNING G.N. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, the CO states:-

"An original member of the unit. Very fine and cool soldier in active ops with a very good record. With an OCTU would make a good officer."

The Board as a result of its short examination cannot say Cpl BROWNING possesses all the qualities required by an officer. In justice to him, as he is one of the few, in whose case the Board's opinion conflicted with a very good report given by his CO, then in view of the CO's opinion, it is recommended that he go before the LMG Board in the same way as those marked Category "A".

In this way he can be compared with other candidates during a longer period, and it is considered that this is the only way to be fair to Cpl BROWNING and the Army as a whole.

8. It is suggested by the Board that those marked Category "C" should not be forever barred from future consideration, as it is seen that in one instance a candidate has been placed in this class, owing perhaps to the fact that he was not as impressive when in front of the Board as he is in normal times, and there can be many such other instances.

PRESIDENT (Sgd) Ivan N. DOUGHERTY, Brig

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(Sgd) A. MACKINNON, Major

Appendix 'B' to
21 Aust Inf Bde
AG 2593 of 8 May 45

Number of personnel eligible to attend OCTU under
pre-selection system 15

Number of personnel eligible to attend and who would
be recommended by their CO's at present time 6

Number of personnel eligible to attend who would be
recommended by their CO's after further experience 3

Number of personnel eligible to attend but whom CO's
are not prepared to recommend or certify that they
are prepared to accept as officers 6

If CO's were given the right of selection, of their first 32
recommendations only 6 are eligible to attend.

A FLAMETHROWERS

1. Consider minimum of 108 x M2 Flamethrowers required per Division.
2. A Flamethrower Maintenance Unit should be raised on proper WE and organised into a HQ and three platoons, each platoon being capable of servicing 36 Flamethrowers.
3. This Maintenance Unit should :-
 - (a) Hold the Flamethrowers when NOT in use.
 - (b) Maintain them.
 - (c) Charge compression cylinders.
 - (d) Mix fuel.
 - (e) Bring forward the flamethrowers, complete with ready-mixed fuels, and compression cylinders and hand them over to units as required.
 - (f) Effect the more technical maintenance while they are with the unit.
 - (g) Collect them after use.
4. It is considered that at least 24 would be needed for a battalion attack.
5. In an assault landing Flamethrowers should accompany the assault battalions, although not necessarily in the assault waves. If they are NOT with battalions, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to get them up in such an operation. Whether they are with the assault waves or not depends on anticipated use, ie to cross the beach, or to attain objectives further inland after targets have been located.

*I can only get 120
for my brigade in
the OBOE operation
L. S. Humphrey
15 Jan 45*

B FIGHTING IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES

GENERAL

1. All the normal principles of war apply equally well in street fighting to any other form of warfare; they must however, be employed to meet the special circumstances.
2. Considerations include :-
 - (a) The best route, eg up the street itself or along the back of the buildings.
 - (b) Covering fire; what type and from where it can best be brought to bear.

SPECIAL TRAINING

3. Special training is required in :-
 - (a) Methods of forcing an entry into different types of houses, eg from street level or through the roof.
 - (b) Employing the right weapon for the job once inside, eg OSMG, grenade, bayonet.
 - (c) Method of clearing a house from room to room - working in pairs, covering each other, etc. Similar to clearing a trench system.
 - (d) Climbing.
 - (e) Use of explosives to force and entry or breach a wall.

GENERAL RULES

4. When holding a static position in town
 - (a) Keep well back in shadows and do NOT expose body in windows, embrasures, etc.
 - (b) Be careful of dust and mortar under a MG barrel disclosing its position.
 - (c) Be sure you are NOT silhouetted.
5. When moving through and clearing a town
 - (a) Never bunch except to cross a street or a side street and use smoke or grenades to cover the crossing.
 - (b) It will often be advantageous to get on top of a building, break the roof and work downwards (normal principle of high ground).
 - (c) Clear and concise orders are essential.
 - (d) Covering fire should always be used.
 - (e) Always cross streets at right angles.
 - (f) Be careful NOT to be skylined when working along tops of buildings.
 - (g) Roll over walls, do NOT expose the body upright.
 - (h) Movement along the facade from doorway to doorway often offers advantages over the back yards of houses as an approach.
 - (i) Tanks or Tk A guns can often knock a hole in a wall through which the interior can be flamed, thus clearing the way for the initial entry.

WOODEN OR GRASS VILLAGES

6. Best to set alight to these and burn them down. White phosphorous from 25 pdrs or 3" mortars can be used.
7. Keep to windward while burning down a village.
8. If a wooden building, houses, equipment or machinery which it is desired to capture intact, the enemy occupying it must be out-flanked and manoeuvred from the position.

C. BRIGADING OF 3" MORTARS

1. The artillery method of -
 - (a) Description of targets
 - (b) Fire control orders, could well be adopted by 3" Mortars.
2. Limitations on mortars as against arty are -
 - (a) Degree of traverse available without moving baseplate and consequently re-registering targets.
 - (b) Calibration of sights
 - (c) Variation in mortars
 - (d) Each mortar has to be ranged independently
 - (e) Range
 - (f) Communications
 - (g) Best results obtained when pls are located close to each other and thus offer a big target.
3. Mortars can successfully be brigaded for a pre-arranged fire plan, and, with certain limitations can engage subsequent targets.
4. Mortar platoons would normally be located in three separate areas. This requires three FOOs (one per pl) with the attacking tps and a central control officer further back. The initial fire plan presents no great difficulty. Ranging, however, must be controlled by the Central Control Officer.
5. For subsequent switches to other targets, each FOO would have to range his own pl, and each pl would have to range at a different time. This would again require control by the CCO. (see report attached).
6. Communications would consist of line from each FOO to a switchboard with the CCO, and thence to each platoon. A further line direct from the FOO to his own platoon would be of assistance. A duplicate wireless link might also be necessary.
7. If the three platoons are located in the same area, some of the above difficulties could be overcome, although for a pin-point target the above procedure would still be necessary.
8. It is considered that the brigading of 3" mortars is a practical proposition and that many occasions will arise for their employment. They can best be used in a pre-arranged fire plan. For subsequent support there must be either -
 - (a) a further pre-arranged fire plan, or
 - (b) a system of FOOs and communication as outlined in paras 4 and 5 above.

REPORT ON SHOOT BY BRIGADED MORTARS 14 MAY 45

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
15 May 45

1. NUMBER OF MORTARS USED : Twenty mortars were used on the supporting fire programme - the other four being under command of forward companies. It is considered that this is likely to be the maximum number ever available, as some mortars will almost invariably be under command of rifle companies.
2. VOLUME OF FIRE : Firing at a rapid rate of 15 rpm, these mortars could bring onto the target area the same number of bombs as three regiments of artillery firing at intense rate. The fire of particular mortars can be applied to pin-pointed targets in the area without affecting the correct distribution of fire over the whole target area. Approximately 120 bombs would be in the air at the one time.
3. TIME REQUIRED FOR RANGING : For one to three targets, time required is estimated at one and a quarter hours. For each additional target an extra half hour would be required for ranging. If tasks were such that each could be carried out with one battalion's mortars the time required for ranging would be reduced to one-third.
4. FLEXIBILITY : During the first two phases of the attack eight serials were fired on a time programme and two serials were fired on call from the Mortar FOO with the forward company commander. The latter of these two was on a target NOT previously registered, though the switch was simple and easily estimated, ie 6 degrees traverse and 50 yards extra elevation. Time taken to engage target was one minute. Its flexibility is limited by the range and traverse. At 1500 yards targets can be engaged within 400 yards on each side of the zero line, and at 900 yards about 250 yards on each side without moving the base plate. If the base plate has to be removed, a further half hour per eight mortars would be required for fresh ranging. Should the range be increased to 3100 yards, as proposed, the flexibility would be increased, both by the range and extra degrees of traverse subtended, eg at 3000 yards targets along a mile of front could be engaged without moving the base plate.
5. CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS : ^{mort man} Communication channels between the FOO moving with forward company commander and the Mortar "Regiment" controller were 108 Set, line and 536. Of these the 108 set was the only completely effective as the 536 Set ceased to function over about 800 yards and the line was out of action most of the time owing to movement. All fire control by the FOO was therefore done by means of 108 Set.
Communication between the "Regiment" Controller and the Comds of the three battalion batteries was by a party line, though as a safety precaution for this exercise they were also within voice control. Communication within the battalion mortar batteries was by the normal sound-powered phones of the mortar platoons.
NO difficulty was experienced in control.
6. AREAS ABLE TO BE NEUTRALISED : The target area for phase I was approximately 500 yards by 100 yards. This was engaged at first with 12 mortars and during the last three minutes with all 20 mortars. In Phase II all mortars were concentrated on an area approximately 150 yards by 100 yards.
It is considered that the area able to be neutralised effectively at normal rate of 8 rounds per minute by 20 mortars would be approximately 400 yards by 200 yards with four mortars superimposed on special targets. This would allow (depending on

shape of target area and angle at which its longest side was inclined to the line of fire) approximately one dangerous bomb every two seconds ie one bomb within at least 100 yards of every spot in the target area. This could be made one dangerous bomb per second by firing rapid (variations caused by length and width of beaten zone are allowed for). This may be compared with the artillery rate of one shell within 35 yards every twelve seconds. (NO allowance for beaten zone.)

7. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE : Twenty mortars firing at a rapid rate of 15 rpm would require 300 rounds per minute. To neutralise an area 400 yards by 200 yards at normal rate for six minutes and rapid rate for two minutes would take 1560 rounds (3 3 ton vehicles) plus approximately 75 for ranging.

8. METHOD OF RANGING : One mortar from each battery was ranged on each task by the usual method. Two or three rounds were fired by each of the remaining mortars to check fall and pattern of bombs.

9. SUMMING UP : As compared with the battalion mortars -

(a) Advantages of Brigaded Mortars for a Set-piece Attack

- (i) Three times the weight of fire can be brought down on the target area; or
- (ii) An area three times the size can be engaged; or
- (iii) Three areas of the same size can be effectively engaged.

Disadvantages

- (a) If a smaller number of mortars can perform the task by increasing the rate of fire, then it would save vehicles or carrying parties if the smaller number of mortars were brought forward.
- (b) Control - A "middleman" has to be brought into the control system and this means one extra chance of mistake or breakdown.
- (c) Counter-battery - As the nature of the ground and the limited range may often force all mortars into approximately the same area, a better target may be provided for enemy counter-battery fire.
- (d) Time required for ranging - If, say, eight mortars could perform the task by increasing rate of fire they would require only one third the time required by 24 mortars for ranging.

The conclusion would seem to be that brigading of mortars for a set-piece attack is practicable and flexible; and that it is desirable, if the nature of the ground and the amount of ammunition permit, that the attacking infantry receive the benefit of the extra weight of fire power provided.

(sgd) W B RUSSELL Maj
Officer in Charge of 21 Aust
Inf Bde Mortars 14 May 45

*Comments on shortage
of mortar ammunition
for OPSE will be included in
June War diary and
later in report on operation.
J. S. D. 15 June 45.*

W. Gray
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STREET AND VILLAGE FIGHTING

Ref Maps : HERBERTON) one inch to one mile.
DIMBULAH)
SKETCH MAP attached (initially, one copy per bn)

OBJECT

1. To consider the application of the principles of warfare to the special circumstances of street fighting.

OPENING SITUATION

2. Enemy

- (a) A JAP force has been fighting a rearguard action back from MAREEBA towards HERBERTON.
- (b) On 17 May 45, after being forced out of their posns in the TOLGA area, they withdrew through ATHERTON, and it is believed their next defensive posn will be the PASS between ATHERTON and HERBERTON.
- (c) They have left small isolated posns behind to cover their withdrawal and it is believed that some enemy have been left in the township of ATHERTON itself, with the object of denying us the use of the Main rd.

3. Own Tps

- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde, after defeating the enemy at TOLGA, has continued the advance down the Main rd.
- (b) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn is adv guard to the Brigade and at 180900K, the leading coy reached a point just North of ATHERTON at 395281.
- (c) At this point they came under long range MMG fire from CHURCH, and the fwd secs which had got into the North end of the town at 395266 came under fire from the BAKERY and other snipers further up the Main street and on each side of it.

17 May 45

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4. NARRATIVE 1

- (a) The CO 2/27 Aust Inf Bn decides to leave the leading coy to clean up the town so that the main rd can be used by the remainder of the Brigade. With the rest of his bn, he will move round the township to the East and continue the advance.
- (b) The leading coy is given two x 3" Mortar Dets, one sec MMGs, one 2 pr Tk A gun and six flamethrowers, to assist in its task.

5. PROBLEM 1

As Coy Comd of this Coy, what is your initial action?

6. NARRATIVE 2

Information supplied by patrols indicates that enemy are in the CHURCH in some strength. Two MGs have been pinpointed in the porticos on the North and East sides, a discharger cup was fired from the roof and there are a number of snipers. It is considered that there are at least two LMGs in the building not disclosed.

7. In the BAKERY and adjacent SHOPPING BLOCK there is one LMG and some snipers - estimated at one sec. Several snipers are undisclosed beyond the BAKERY and six enemy were observed in the Main street in vicinity of the Officers' CLUB. A building protected by sandbags (possibly a HQ) was seen beyond the CLUB.

8. The patrol on the right states that this area is not occupied. One oil dump in the OIL DEPOT was fired and it is considered that this area is probably booby-trapped and under fire from the rear of CLUB.

9. PROBLEM 2

What is the Coy Comd's appreciation and plan?

10. NARRATIVE 3

The left platoon reaches a position across the rd SE of the CHURCH and comes under fire from the CHURCH. Any movement across the open ground surrounding the CHURCH is impossible. All the enemy posns appeared to be outside of the CHURCH itself, in the porticos and battlements around the roof.

11. PROBLEM 3A

What is the left fwd platoon comd's plan?

12. PROBLEM 3B

What is the right fwd platoon comd's plan? (Infm still as per Narrative 2).

13. NARRATIVE 4

The left platoon cleared the CHURCH and reached the line of the Main rd ATHLETIC - YUNGABURRA beyond.

The right platoon has cleared the CLUB and through to HOTEL No 2 and SHOP, opposite HOTEL No 1.

At this point they came under fire from HOTEL No 1, from the LATRINE and the POST OFFICE.

The platoon comd informs the coy comd that he can NOT clear these areas without heavy casualties.

14. PROBLEM 4

What is the coy comd's plan for clearing this area?

REPORT ON SHOOT BY BN MORTAR PLs FIRED AS A
BDE MORTAR COY - 17 MAY 45.

APPX G

WAR DIARY

1. GENERAL.

The shoot was carried out by 7 Mortars from each Bn in ^{two} phases, as an indirect shoot.

- Phase 1. 3 OPOs under comd Control, with Pl Mortar posns, dispersed over area of approx 800 yds front.
- Phase 2. 1 OPO firing Coy Mortars under comd Control with Pl Mortar posns concentrated in one area.

COMMS.

between
Comd Channels were ~~xxx~~ control to OPOs and mortar posns via switchboard, using "L" Phones. By this method it enabled Control to speak to each OPO without bringing in all OPOs on line at the same time. Also with switchboard in circuit this allowed Control to have all OPOs on line at the same time for passing of orders where required.

A further private line was laid from OPOs direct to their respective Mortar posns thus giving Control and OPOs an alternative chain of communication.

The Sig layout took 25 minutes to bring in all stations to Control for first shoot.

3. TARGETS.

Phase 1.

Serial 1. Area Shoot by Coy (BEAR). TARGET RANGED

Coy fired by splitting target in half for two Pls and the third Pl superimposed over target. Area covered 200 x 100 yds and this was considered a very satisfactory neutralizing fire by 315 bombs in one minute rapid.

Serial 2 & 3. Area Shoot by Coy (WOLF). TARGET RANGED.

A quick switch to range target required only two minutes to bring fire to bear on target for one minute normal from previous target Serial 1.

Serial 4. Point Target by Coy (PILL BOX).

On this target there was no ranging carried out and firing only one round per mortar found not satisfactory.

Serial 5. Coy Shoot Target as for Serial 4.

Coy fired two rounds rapid after one minute break to allow necessary adjustments from observation in Serial 4. This also was unsatisfactory and a waste of ammunition. It is considered that two detachments are far more satisfactory for point targets.

Phase 2.

Serial 6. Area Shoot by Coy ("V") TARGET RANGED.

Coy ranged only one mortar in each Pl. The normal time to range three Pls separately is approx 90 minutes but by ranging one mortar in each Pl required only 15 minutes.

The target area was covered by two Pls with a third Pl superimposed over area which covered 140 x 50 yds. On inspection of area where 273 bombs fell the pattern, intensity was of a very

AND

satisfactory nature.

On Comds fire order one mortar fired 4 rounds short which was ascertained to be caused by one of the superimposed mortars of the 2/14 Bn. The base plates of this unit had not been bedded in as they were the P1 that closed into the area from Phase 1.

Serial 7.

OPO was given orders to fire on target which was given to him by reference from Control

This necessitated a quick switch of 56 degrees involving the change of all base plate positions and the Coy was ready to continue firing in five minutes from completion of order.

This shoot was satisfactory from the point of view that at least two rounds per mortar be fired to allow observation and consider two minutes ample time for corrections to fire for effect.

The target given was one of which may be encountered at any time as it was an enemy mortar post. A target of this nature is considered to be at least three to four hundred yards in rear of enemy FDL's, thus the degree of safety margin would not have to be considered as in the case of a close support shoot.

4. METHOD OF RANGING.

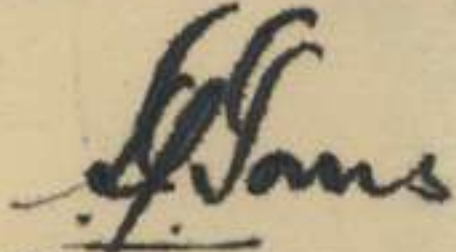
One mortar from each Pl was ~~exchanged~~ ranged on the target the normal method. Three rounds were fired by the remaining mortars the Line and range determined by the one mortar ranged in each Pl.

To bed in the base plates and to check each mortar line and range necessitated the remaining mortars to fire three rounds each.

5. SUMMING UP.

(a) It is considered that there is a definite future for the Bn Mortar Pls being co-ordinated as a Bde Mortar Coy under one Control Officer. Where there is more than one target to be ranged it then requires each mortar Pl to establish its own FOO or OPO, as this saves considerable time. With one target one FOO or OPO is sufficient to carry out ranging as only one Mortar Pl can range at one time.

(b) The Signal layout of line using a switchboard was found to be very satisfactory for Control, co-ordination, flexibility and issue of orders. The supply of line, switchboard, extra Phones and Operators be a Bde responsibility and also the laying of same. The Sig layout be the responsibility of the Control Officer with assistance of a Sig NCO.


Maj
Officer in Charge 21 AUST INF
BDE MORTARS 17 May 45.

DISTRIBUTION.

21 Aust Inf Bde
2/14 Bn, 2/16 Bn, 2/27 Bn(for infm)

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APPX H

NOMINAL ROLL HQ 21 AUST INF BDE PLANNING TEAM

1.	NX 148	Brig	DOUGHERTY	I.N.			
2.	NX 34843	Maj	WALCOTT	L.E.			
3.	SX 231	Capt	HOPTON	L.I.			
4.	WX 4760	Capt	BURGES	D.R.			
5.	NX 127267	Capt	FISHER	C.M.			
6.	NX 14812	Capt	RICHARDSON	K.M.			
7.	VX 50901	Capt	HOBSON	L.F.			
8.	VX 112605	Capt	HOFFMAN	A.L.			
9.	NX 20965	Capt	MOORE	R.R.			
10.	NX 113732	Lt	DAVIES	W.M.			
11.	VX 14250	Lt-col	RHODEN	P.E.	(2/14 Aust Inf Bn)		
12.	WX 1598	Lt-col	SUBLET	F.H.	(2/16 Aust Inf Bn)		
13.	VX 48	Lt-col	PICKEN	K.S.	(2/27 Aust Inf Bn)		
14.	VX 106	Lt-col	RICHARDSON	F.	(2/5 Aust Fd Regt)		
15.	NX 446	Lt-col	HUMPHREY	R.	(2/6 Aust Fd Amb)		
16.	NX 34752	Maj	REID	P.	(2/6 Aust Fd Coy)		
17.	WX 4893	Capt	HUGHES	G.	(2/16 Aust Inf Bn)		
18.	NX 142877	Lt	PALLIER	N	(2/14 Aust Inf Bn)		
19.	SX 3692	Lt	RAFTERY	G.	(2/27 Aust Inf Bn)		
20.	VX 14411	WOII	PERAZZO	G.V.			
21.	VX 18201	L Sjt	RALPH	L.M.			
22.	NX 4963	L Sjt	LINDLEY	R.A.			
23.	VX 14914	L Sjt	JOHNSON	L.			
24.	NX 91704	Cpl	MUSGROVE	J.W.			
25.	VX 28372	Cpl	SULLIVAN	J.F.			
26.	QX 27572	Cpl	PARKER	G.W.			
27.	SX 4163	Cpl	POTTER	R.			
28.	SX 4839	Cpl	SPARROW	F.D.			
29.	VX 52752	L Cpl	EDWARDS	J.			
30.	QX 32512	L Cpl	LUM	F.R.M.			
31.	QX 32562	Pte	MARTELL	A.			
32.	VX 141216	Pte	SUTTON	G.J.			
33.	QX 32752	Pte	FREEMAN	H.			
34.	NX 131570	Pte	GRIFFIN	C.H.B.			
35.	NX 86375	Pte	HIGGINS	R.T.			
36.	NX 175908	Pte	WILSON	E.F.			
37.	NX 48420	Pte	QUARMBY	A.E.			
38.	NX 127445	Sig	DONNELLY	J.P.			
39.	NX 65505	Sig	McGRATH	K.M.			
40.	WX 4367	Sig	ARCHIBALD	A.			
41.	VX 149906	Sig	ATKINSON	K.			
42.	QX 48639	Sig	KERR	R.			
43.	VX 22785	Pte	BUNTON	M.			
44.	SX 18772	Pte	LIDDY	R.M.			
45.	SX 4201	Pte	McDONALD	S.R.			
46.	NX 101542	Pte	WOOD	L.H.			
47.	SX 2864	Pte	FLURIS	V.			
48.	SX 4427	Pte	SMITH	G.J.			
49.	SX 4916	Pte	DONNELLAN	L.V.			
50.	SX 4250	Pte	HOARE	C.G.			
51.	WX 8959	Pte	ELVEY	E.A.			
52.	WX 14171	Pte	FOWLER	J.H.			
53.	SX 8431	Pte	WATSON	E.C.			
54.	NX 28027	Pte	SCULLY	A.J.			
55.	NX 153329	Pte	TAPP	M.			
56.	VX 69122	Pte	ROBERTS	G.T.			
57.	VX 50643	Pte	ROYALS	J.			
58.	VX 26023	Pte	KERSHAW	H.W.			
59.	VX 16622	Pte	MANN	S.			
60.	SX 17007	Pte	GODFREY	C.C.			
61.	WX 9449	Pte	KEELY	H.			
62.	SX 8197	Pte	McPHAIL	L.H.			
63.	SX 4834	Pte	McLAREN	C.B.			
64.	QX 35611	Pte	PARKER	R.S.			
65.	SX 12357	Pte	CHAPMAN	M.			
66.	NX 127236	Pte	PARSONS	F.M.			
67.	NX 170184	Pte	MALONEY	J.P.			
68.	NX 127242	Pte	HOFFMAN	C.H.			
69.	NX 13255	Pte	KELLY	T.			

ATTACHMENTS

1.	TX 5321	Pte	NORTON	H.S.	-	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2.	WX 5798	Pte	WESTLAKE	H.G.	-	2/16 Aust Inf Bn
3.	NX 46689	Pte	COOK	C.	-	2/27 Aust Inf Bn
4.	TX 11417	Gnr	REINMUTH	T.F.	-	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
5.	SX 9052	L Cpl	MULRONEY	H.G.	-	2/6 Aust Fd Amb
6.	TX 13996	Spr	PHILLIPS	R.W.	-	2/6 Aust Fd Coy
7.		Sjt	STAUNTON		-	2/5 Aust Fd Regt

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118
(Adap ed.)

Unit HQ 21 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 JUN 45 To 30 JUN 45

SHEET **1.**

Place.	Date. JUNE	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	1		21 Aust Inf Bde Planning HQ moved from the Transit Camp and set up on the MOROTAI Peninsula near 7 Aust Div Planning HQ. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, held a brief conference of COs and informed them that the plan for Operation OBOE TWO was essentially the same as outlined on the voyage to MOROTAI except that 25 Aust Inf Bde would now be included, making 7 Aust Div complete, and that the air and naval support was likely to be increased.	<i>I am writing some comments on the planning period. These will be placed in War Diary for September as an Appendix. Indorby Brig 10 Sep 45.</i>
	2 - 3 - 4		Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY studied the latest intelligence information on OBOE TWO and discussed the Bde task and the Bde plan. 21 Aust Inf Bde Planning HQ set up and prepared to function.	
	5 - 6		Tables, charts and check sheets were prepared for planning purposes. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY discussed with COs the outline Bde Plan and studied models, air photos and maps. The Intelligence Section commenced work on models. The aim was one 1:2500 model of the Bde Landing Area for each ship on which bns were to embark.	
	7		Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM 21 Aust Inf Bde, produced the first draft of 21 Bde Operation Order. The main body of Bde HQ arrived at MOROTAI and moved to 7 Aust Div Staging Area at SABATAI.	
	8		The draft of 21 Bde Operation Order was checked by Brig I.N.	

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Place.	Date. JUNE	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	8 (cont)		DOUGHERTY and amendments were made to it.	
			The draft of 7 Aust Div Distribution of Force to Convoys was received and the initial break up of Force to Ships was commenced.	
	9		The ammended draft of 21 Bde Operation Order was checked by Maj L.E.WALCOTT ,BM, and final details were added.	
	10		21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 1 OBOE TWO was issued. See Appx A attached. The firm 7 Aust Div Distribution of Force to Convoys was received and the "G" Planning Staff commenced the firm 21 Bde Distribution of Force to Ships.	APPX A - 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 1 OBOE TWO.
11		21 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order No 1 OBOE TWO - less appendices L and M - was issued. See Appx B. The draft of 21 Aust Inf Bde Landing Table was commenced. Loading diagrams of major ships were prepared in conjunction with checking and balancing force to ships.	APPX B - 21 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order No 1 OBOE TWO.	
12		The "G" Planning Staff took out the final balance of		

dit /Distribution of Force to Ships.

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Place.	Date. JUNE	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	12 (cont)		Distribution of Force to Ships.	
	13		The Intelligence Section prepared traces of Distribution of Force to Ships for reproduction. Draft of 21 Bde Landing Table was completed and checked. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY prepared a letter to 7 Aust Div expressing concern at the suggestion that the ammunition expenditure during OBOE TWO Operation would have to be curtailed. Appx C.	APPX C - AMMUNITION.
	14		The Draft 21 Bde Landing Table was issued. See Appx J. Units' Responsibility for Supplying Ships was detailed. See Appx D .	APPX J - 21 Aust Inf Bde Landing Tables - OBOE TWO. APPX D - APPOINTMENT OF SHIPS' STAFF.
	15		Amendment 1 to Draft Bde Landing Table was issued. 21 Aust Inf Bde Planning HQ moved from the Peninsula area to SABATAI Staging Area where it rejoined the main HQ.	
	16		Reproduction of Loading Diagrams and Loading Lists for LSTs, LCTs, LSMS and LISs was commenced. 21 Aust Inf Bde Alternative Plan Operation OBOE TWO was issued. Appx E . Capt P.K.ROBERTS, GIII Air, reported for duty.	APPX E - 21 Aust Inf Bde Alternative Plan Operation OBOE TWO.

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Place.	Date. JUNE	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	16 (cont)		Amendments 2,3,4 to Draft Bde Landing Table were issued.	
	17		21 Aust Inf Bde Distribution of Force to Ships was issued. See Appx F . Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, held a conference of OCs Troops of all ships forming 21 Aust Inf Bde Convoy. Wave diagrams were received from 7 Aust Div and issued. Appx G.	APPX F - 21 Aust Inf Bde Distribution of Force to Ships.
	18		Loading Diagrams and Loading Lists were issued. Embarkation of certain elements of the Bde Convoy commenced. The Intelligence Section completed models of the Bde Landing Area and distributed them to units. Amendments 5,6 and 7 to Draft Bde Landing Table were issued.	APPX G- Wave Diagram
	19		Lt-Gen MORSHEAD, GOC 1 Aust Corps, accompanied by Maj-Gen MILFORD ,GOC 7 Aust Div, and Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY, Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde, visited the bns of the Bde. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY addressed each bn concerning the impending operations of the Bde in BORNEO and he wished everyone good luck. At 1600 hours Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY addressed personnel of Bde HQ and wished all goodluck in the forthcoming operation. Att as Appx H is a list of Observer Offrs att to 21 Bde Gp.	APPX H - OBSERVER OFFICERS.
	20		HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde moved to Personnel Assembly Area for embarkation. Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY embarked on HMAS MANOORA.	

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Place.	Date. JUNE	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	21		HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde embarked, the main HQ with Brig I.N. DOUGHERTY, Bde Comd, on HMAS MANOORA and the Alternate HQ with Maj L.E.WALCOTT, BM, on HMAS WESTRALIA. LOs were attached to their respective bns and embarked with the Bn HQ in each case. Rear HQ remained at MOROTAI to come forward on F plus 2 Day and F plus 6 Day.	
	22 - 23		Routine on board ship. Bde HQ took part in scrambling net practice. During the afternoon of the 23rd the Convoy sailed from harbour to move round the island for a rehearsal.	
	24		Rehearsal was held. All ships and craft manouvered in accordance with the Landing Plan. Assault waves in LVTs landed while the remaining waves went in to approximately 50 yards from the shore and returned. The rehearsal was satisfactory in all aspects. The convoy returned to harbour at MOROTAI by midday.	
	25		The convoy remained at anchor in MOROTAI Harbour and further scramble net practice was held.	
	26		The convoy sailed for BALIKPAPAN at 1345 hours.	
	28 -29 -30		Routine on board ship.	

*Done by Dougherty
10 Sep 45
Brigadier*

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21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1

OPERATION OBOE TWO

(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde
Operation Order - OBOE TWO)

GENERAL

1. This order deals with the administrative arrangements for operation OBOE TWO.

LANDING SCALES

2. Units will embark on assault scale increasing to light by F plus 2 day and to normal by F plus 6 day.

BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

3. (a) First Key Plan attached as Appendix "A".
- (b) 2 Aust Beach Group will be responsible for the unloading of craft and shipping, working of beaches, and establishment and development of the Beach Maintenance Area.
- (c) Units and detachments assembling in the personnel Transit Area will report to Control Centre:-
- (i) On arrival
 - (ii) When completely assembled.
 - (iii) Prior to moving out.
- (d) Stores arriving in Ferry Service and after F Day will be dumped in 21 Aust Inf Bde unit Stores Area from where they may be collected by units. Units will arrange for at least one OR to be in attendance at this area for sorting and guarding of unit stores.
- (e) Stores will be clearly marked with War Office serial number and colour bars.

ENGINEERS

4. (a) The following tasks are being completed in the order of priority as shown:-
- (i) Unloading Facilities
 - (ii) Auster Strip
 - (iii) Water Points
 - (iv) Main supply routes for Div and Bde
 - (v) Bulk oil installations (Stage 1)) Proceed
 - (vi) Wharf facilities) concurr-
 - (vii) Airfield (Stage 1)) ently
 - (viii) Hospital, CCS and Ambulances
 - (ix) Bulk oil installations (Stage 2)
 - (x) Completion of Wharfage
 - (xi) Main L of C roads and access roads
 - (xii) Refrigeration
 - (xiii) Airfields (Stage 2, 3, 4 and 5)
 - (xiv) Coverage

- (xv) Dump Hardstanding
 - (xvi) Unit accommodation
 - (xvii) Assistance to NICA in facilities for handling civil population.
 - (xviii) Restoration of civil facilities useful for Army purposes.
- (b) No coverage construction will be undertaken if existing facilities can be made to serve the purpose.
 - (c) CRE 7 Aust Div will be establishing a Div RAE Dump by F plus 4 day in Divisional Area.
 - (d) Engineer stores are limited. All units will conserve and avoid wastage as much as possible.
 - (e) As the sewerage installations will probably be out of order with consequent danger of excreta borne diseases, NO portion of the system will be used until investigated by RAE.

WATER

- 5. (a) Personnel will embark with water bottles filled and will ensure that bottles are full for the landing on F day.
- (b) Unit water vehicles and trailers will be embarked filled.
- (c) Units landing to F plus 2 day will embark with 2 gal water containers on the basis of 2 containers per 3 men.
- (d) Units will ensure that the greatest care is taken of all water containers in order that they may be used for any subsequent operation.
- (e) 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will be establishing a water point as early as possible. Location will be advised.
- (f) All water will be super-chlorinated for one hour or boiled.
- (g) No town water supply or reticulation system will be used without approval from this HQ.
- (h) 3 ton 4 x 4 - 400 gal water carts will be available on call from AASC to assist in supply of water to units.

AMMUNITION

- 6. (a) Units will land with first line ammunition.
- (b) Replenishment in initial stage for infantry battalions, 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less reserve squadron, and B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will be through Bde reserve. Reserve will be located in Bde 'B' Echelon area and will be controlled by BASCO.
- (c) Requests for ammunition will be made to Staff Capt or BASCO.

(d) When AP is established location will be advised.

SUPPLIES

7. (a) Carried on the man:-

1 x A3 emergency ration
1 x O2 Ration
1 x 6 oz Tin Solid Fuel
1 x Water Sterilizing Outfit
1 x 4 oz bottle insect Repellant Lotion
1 x Atebrin Tin containing 28 tablets.

(b) In unit bulk:-

1 x O2 ration
4 days expense stores and anti malarial stores.
Insecticide dispenser (Aerosol) Freon Bombs on
basis 1 per 10 men

(c) Local Purchase - CO NICA will be responsible for all requisitioning, obtaining and paying for local supplies.

(d) Rations to be issued:-

ABL(6) F plus 1 day to F plus 7 day.
A3 as required
O2 as required
Chocolate "D" as required within available stocks.
Bread making ingredients from and including F plus 3
day on demand.
SWP Scale (including biscuits) as from F plus 8 day.
Tobacco, cigarettes, papers and matches will be items
for issue pending establishment of Canteen Issue
Points.
First issue F plus 2 day, thereafter weekly.

(e) Expense Stores

- (i) 4 days to be carried in unit bulk.
- (ii) First issue of 7 days requirements will be made on F plus 4 day.
- (iii) Solid fuel will be available for issue with O2 rations first issue F plus 1 day.

(f) Fresh supplies of potatoes and onions will be landed on approximately F plus 15 day.

(g) DID will commence issues to units on F plus 1 day for consumption F plus 2 day. SP will be advised.

(h) Accountancy-rations will be issued on receipt of indent AB55 from F day to F plus 2 day, after which indents will be lodged 24 hours prior to issue.

POL

8. (a) Range fuel will NOT be available for cooking purposes and MF 80 will be issued in lieu. Range fuel will be issued only for small stationary engines.

(b) MF Petrol

- (i) Vehicles will be embarked with fuel tanks filled either to 95% capacity or to within one gal of total capacity whichever is the greater.

- (ii) Reserve in 4 gal drums to allow 50 miles running will be carried on all vehicles except those powered with spark ignition engines on which ammunition is loaded. Drums to be carried on vehicles by types are:-

Jeeps	1	Drum
All other petrol engined vehicles	5	"
All Diesel engined vehicles	5	"
Tanks M3 med	17	"
Tanks Matilda	10	"
Tractors (RAE) D4 plus TD 18	6	"
Tractors (RAA) TD 9	3	"
Auto Patrol	9	"
Mechanical Shovel	6	"

(c) Flame Thrower Fuel

All fuel including Geletrol for flamethrowing equipment will be drawn from PPs. (See para 9 for initial refills)

(d) Distribution of POL

- (i) Beach Gp (BIPOD Pl) will be responsible for any necessary issues to units F day and F plus 1 day.
- (ii) Supply Depot Pls of 7 Aust Div AASC will establish PPs in vicinity of DIDs and will commence issuing to units F plus 2 day.
- (iii) Units will exchange empty drums for full drums. All drums damaged will be returned to DIDs.
- (iv) POL will be issued on demand; form AB55a will be used.

REFILLS FOR FLAMETHROWERS M2-2 (MANPACK)

9. (a) Trailer of jeep and trailer allotted from 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl to each of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be loaded as follows:-
- (i) Fuel: 6 x 4 gal tins thickened fuel
6 x 4 gal tins distillate.
- (ii) 12 Air Pressure Tanks.
- (iii) One box ignition cylinders (100 per box)
- (b) The above will allow fuel for 6 thick and 6 thin refills and compressed cylinders, and igniters for 12 refills.
- (c) Following will be carried by Bde 'B' Echelon:-
- (i) Fuel: 18 x 4 gal tins MT Thickened Fuel
18 x 4 gal tins distillate.
- (ii) 36 Air Pressure Tanks
- (iii) Ignition Cylinders } NIL - All carried by battalions.

- (d) Four commercial air cylinders (160 lbs each) will also be carried with Bde 'B' Echelon as alternative supply to that provided by recuperation truck. See sub para (e)
- (e) Recuperation truck for charging air tanks of flamethrowers, together with operating personnel will be attached to 2/59 Aust IAD. Truck also available for charging Arty reservoirs compressed air.
- (f) Immediately Air Pressure Tanks are emptied, they will be passed to recuperation truck for recharge and return to unit.

DRESS

- 10. (a) Mosquito nets will be carried on the man.
- (b) Personnel will embark with helmet steel and hat khaki, fur, felt.
- (c) Helmet steel will be worn for landing and hats khaki, fur, felt carried in bed roll or haversack.

SPARE CLOTHING

- 11. (a) Personnel will embark with one spare set of clothing carried in the bed roll. This spare set will NOT be used during voyage.
- (b) Prior to disembarkation, dirty sets will be placed in sacks and spare clean sets worn ashore.
- (c) Units will arrange for the marking of sacks for this purpose and for their inclusion in "troop space" cargo in unit tonnage tables.

'B' Echelons

- 12. (a) Initially 'B' Echelons will be brigaded under control of Brigade Transport Officer.
- (b) Will establish initially at 21 Aust Inf Bde Unit Stores Area. For location see First Key Plan.
- (c) When possible unit 'B' Echelons will remain brigaded and will only be moved to unit 'B' Echelon areas when considered necessary by COs.
- (d) Staff Captain will be notified IMMEDIATELY of any change in location of 'B' Echelons.

AASC

- 13. (a) Det 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl will be under command 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 2/34 Aust Sup Depot Pl in support 21 Aust Inf Bde.

MEDICAL

- 14. (a) Stretcher Bearer Squad comprising one NCO and 4 ORS in support each:-
 - 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (less reserve Sqn)
 - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

- (b) 'B' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb less 4 stretcher bearer squads on landing will be establishing an ADS in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. Location of ADS will be advised.
- (c) 'A' Company 2/6 Aust Fd Amb on landing will be in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.
- (d) Beach Dressing Station GREEN BEACH - for location see First Key Plan.
- (e) MDS 2/5 Aust Fd Amb - tentative location medical area in vicinity MBDS or in area to be selected.
- (f) Evacuations
 - (i) RAPs are to be cleared by Beach AAMC Coy. 2/6 Aust Fd Amb are to take over this function on landing.
 - (ii) As medical facilities on shore will be limited on F Day, all casualties occurring in landing craft, except LVTs, will remain on craft and return to LSIs or LSTs. Casualties occurring in craft carrying stores may have to be moved from craft to allow unloading of stores.
 - (iii) Casualties occurring in LVTs will be left in vicinity of beach.
- (g) Casualties estimated to be fit RTPU within 21 days will be retained in shore medical installations as from date to be notified byt NOC before F plus 2 day.
- (h) Dental

One Section 2/6 Aust Dental Unit with 2/6 Aust Fd Amb.

MALARIA CONTROL

- 15. (a) Det 2/2 AMCU will be in support 21 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) Arrangements have been made for DDT air-spraying of maintenance area and SEPINGGANG Airstrip.
- (c) All units will make every effort to destroy adult mosquitoes and control breeding places in their vicinity.
- (d) Insecticide dispensers (Aerosol) Freon Bombs will be carried in unit bulk.
- (e) Other important mosquito borne diseases - Dengue, Filariasis.

HYGIENE

- 16. (a) Attention is drawn to GRO A479/44 which states:-

" Every Officer commanding a unit is responsible for the health of the troops under his command and it is his responsibility to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of disease within his unit. He will ensure that adequate supplies of the equipment and materials provided for this purpose are maintained."

It also defines the responsibility of hygiene dutymen and hygiene requirement in the selection of camp sites.
- (b) Water
 - (i) There will be NO bathing in waterways or in the sea. The position regarding sea bathing will be reviewed later.

(ii) Water for ALL uses, including ablutions and the washing of clothes, will be superchlorinated for one hour or boiled.

(iii) Where possible it should always be tested for arsenic, cyanide and other common poisons.

(c) Food

Local raw food stuffs and food prepared or handled by natives will NOT be eaten. The consumption of local pork should be unequivocally forbidden due to heavy incidence of Parasitism, tuberculosis and salmonella infections in local pigs.

(d) Sanitation

(i) Fly-proof deep trench or "hot squat" latrines will be constructed in ALL areas as soon as possible.

(ii) Tins and food refuse, WET and DRY, will be incinerated. Burnt tins will be flattened before disposal.

(iii) DDT will be available for the destruction of flies, fleas, lice or other pests.

(iv) Camp sites vacated by units will be left scrupulously clean.

(e) Anti-Mite Lotion

Will be applied to clothing immediately prior to embarkation and two-weekly intervals thereafter.

(f) Malarial Precautions

Ref GRO A321/44.

It is the responsibility of every officer and NCO to enforce full malarial precautions.

Times: Dusk - 1900 hrs
Sunrise - 0700 hrs

Where possible an officer will check the proper use of protective clothing and nets.

Atebrin - one tablet per day.

(g) Local Buildings

No buildings will be inhabited by troops until sprayed with DDT or Freon Bomb and declared habitable by a medical or hygiene officer.

(h) Venereal Disease

Troops will be warned that venereal disease is rife and that other serious tropical diseases are contracted as a result of cohabitation.

(i) Rat Destruction

Supplies of rat poison are available from AASC resources. ALL rats killed or poisoned will be burned without handling.

(j) Disinfestation of Enemy Dead

Pure Creosote will be sprayed on bodies and surrounding ground. This gives 100% repellent action and 98% larval kill.

TRANSPORT

17. (a) Allocation of jeeps and trailers from Det 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl to supplement unit first line transport:-

2/14 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer
2/16 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer
2/27 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer.

(b) Allocation of load carrying vehicles for landing only:-

Unit	Supplied by	2½ ton 6 x 6	Tons DW
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	2/12 Aust Tpt Pl	2	6
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	"	2	6
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	"	2	6

(c) All load carrying vehicles allotted to units will be clearly marked with the word "STORES" and the serial number of the unit to which they are allotted. This marking will be in 18" lettering and clearly written on both sides of the vehicle, (i.e. vehicles allotted to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will be marked

STORES $\frac{2/14}{56}$).

(d) All vehicles allotted to units for load carrying will on landing be directed to 21 Aust Inf Bde Stores Area (See First Key Plan for location), unloaded and redirected to their respective General Transport Areas.

(e) Filled sandbags will be placed on the floor of the driver's cabin of all vehicles to minimise casualties from land mines. Requirements of sandbags for this purpose are available through engineer channels.

DEWATERPROOFING

18. (a) The initial stages of dewaterproofing will be done by drivers as soon after landing as possible and in any case within 3 miles of landing.

(b) Initial stages consist of:-

- (i) Tighten fan belt.
- (ii) Open all vents and drain holes.
- (iii) Remove rubber tubing and grease from spark plugs.
- (iv) Clean down commutator of generator and starting motor with clean rag moistened with petrol.
- (v) Remove extension pipe if required.
- (vi) Check oil level in sump, differential, and gear box. If level has increased proceed to dewatered vehicle park for flushing and refilling.

(c) Dewaterproofing will be completed under unit arrangements within 5 days of landing.

(d) Non-expendable and recoverable expendable items will be recovered and retained by units for subsequent dewaterproofing.

- (e) On completion, all vehicles that have waded will pass through 2/59 Aust LAD for final checking. This will be completed within 7 days of landing.
- (f) Vehicles and generator sets that have been drowned or immersed for lengthy periods during landing will pass direct to drowned vehicle park. For location see 1st Key Plan.
- (g) Arrangements are being made to ensure that there are AEME personnel on each vessel carrying vehicles, for supervision of waterproofing Stage 4, and final check of all vehicles shipped.
- (h) Indents for stores required to complete waterproofing kits will be lodged as soon as possible.

ORDNANCE

- 19.
- (a) All casualties to controlled stores will be notified promptly by signal to ADOS 7 Aust Div, repeated this HQ. Nature of casualty will be stated, e.g. DEA, lost, etc, and units will specify whether replacement is required.
 - (b) Indents for replacement of unserviceable controlled stores will be accompanied by certificate of replacement and AAF G1033.
 - (c) Units will, as far as possible, show details of all casualties to controlled stores, including receipts, losses, etc, on AAF E5-1(a) submitted on 20th each month.
 - (d) All casualties to vehicles will be notified by signal to this HQ. Nature of casualty and advice if replacement required will be stated.
 - (e) Indents - will be kept to a minimum and only essential items demanded. Urgent requirements may be requested by signal.
 - (f) Demands for signal stores will be made to 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec who will request supplies from HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div.
 - (g) Disposal of arms and equipment of personnel wounded, killed in action, missing, prisoners of war or sick, will be in accordance with GRO 299/44.
 - (h) Camouflage equipment is available at MOROTAI for any requirements.
 - (i) One blanket per man will be carried in Unit bulk.

REPAIR

- 20.
- (a) All repairs will be passed through 2/59 Aust LAD except in cases of emergency when units may contact 2nd Echelon Wksp direct.
 - (b) Units will indicate on all repair requisitions the latest possible time by which repairs are required.
 - (c) Cannibalisation will only be carried out by AEME units.
 - (d) All tyres for repair will be evacuated through Ord and Park.

- (e) Units will be notified immediately if repairs are likely to be delayed.
- (f) Vehicles drownd for lengthy periods will pass through 2 Aust Beach Wksp for immediate treatment.

RECOVERY

21. (a) Units requiring recovery service will notify AEME by the quickest possible means giving the following information:-
- (i) Unit
 - (ii) Location of equipment and any directions to assist in its location by recovery crews.
 - (iii) Type of equipment including make and registered number.
 - (iv) Brief description of damage or fault.
 - (v) Indication whether or NOT repairs can be effected in situ and, if known, replacement parts required.
 - (vi) Whether towable or not.
 - (vii) Whether or NOT driver is with vehicle.
- (b) Units are responsible for safeguarding their equipment until taken over by AEME.
- (c) Beach Recovery will be by 2 Aust Beach Wksp. A Recovery Post will be established on GREEN BEACH as early as possible.
- (d) "B" Vehicle Forward Recy Sec will be located adjacent to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde. Time of opening and changes of location will be advised.
- (e) "A" Vehicle Forward Recy Sec will be located adjacent to A Armd Sqn HQ. Equipment one tractor.
- (f) Requests for recovery will be made as follows:-
- Forward of Bde HQ, through Bde HQ to Forward Recovery Sec.
Rear of Bde H Q, excluding BMA to Div Recovery Pool.
BMA to 2 Aust Beach Wksp.
- (g) Div Recovery Pool - Location:
- | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| F Day | - | 2 Aust Beach Wksp |
| F Plus 1 day | - | 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp |
| F plus 2 day onwards | - | 2/56 Aust LAD. |

PROVOST AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

22. One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy plus 2 NICA personnel in support 21 Aust Inf Bde will:-
- (a) Maintain PW and enemy civilian collecting points at HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) Assist in control of refugees.
 - (c) Be responsible for evacuation of PW and enemy civilians.
 - (d) Be responsible for traffic control forward of Bde HQ including sign-posting of main highways.

PRISONERS OF WAR

23. (a) PW collecting point at Brigade HQ.
(b) Units to escort PW to Bde HQ.
(c) Bde IO will ensure that collecting point is placed in such a position that security will not be endangered.

REFUGEES

24. (a) Strict control of refugees will be exercised by all ranks.
(b) Refugees will NOT be allowed to use main highways or in any way interfere with military operations.
(c) Refugees will be directed by provost working in conjunction with NICA to refugee compound to be established in BMA.
(d) Where necessary refugees will be interrogated by NICA and will NOT be allowed to return to their homes or move around area of operations, unless in possession of a pass.
(e) Legal officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting refugees.

ENEMY CIVILIANS

25. (a) Enemy civilian Collecting Point - Bde HQ.
(b) Units to escort enemy civilians to Bde HQ where they will be escorted to ENEMY CIVILIAN INTERNMENT CAMP controlled by NICA. Location to be advised.
(c) Persons of half Japanese parentage will be considered enemy civilians.
(d) Bde IO will ensure that collecting point is placed in such a position that security will not be endangered.

SALVAGE

26. (a) Salvage collecting points will be established.
(b) Evacuation by returning transport.
(c) The importance of salvage will be impressed on all ranks.
(d) System for collection and return of salvage will be established in every unit.

POSTAL

27. (a) Initially inwards and outwards mail will be moved by sea.
(b) Addresses will be:-
(i) Main Body of Unit - Normal
(ii) Any Det of unit with Force - A Detachment.
(iii) IOB remaining at MOROTAI - B Detachment.

- (c) Until stamps available mail may be posted without stamps using notation "NSA".

FINANCE

28. (a) Field Cash Office will establish on approximately F plus 12 day.
- (b) Units will ensure that the following documents are taken:-
- Requisition for Cash Book (WF123)
Regimental, Canteen and Mess Trust Account Books (WF145)
Trust Account Requisition Book (WF132)
- (c) Military personnel will NOT give, trade or barter any army clothing or supplies to natives.
- (d) All claims for damage or injury against the Military Forces will be referred by the claimant to CO NICA.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

29. 30 days initial requirements will be carried by all units.

REINFORCEMENTS

30. (a) Units will be brought to WE strength prior to embarkation.
- (b) Reinforcements are to be held at MOROTAI to make good battle casualties during the operation.

CANTEENS

31. Canteen Issue Points will be established by approximately F plus 4 day.

ECHELON AND RECORDS

32. (a) "D" Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon will be allotted to 7 Aust Div for the operation and will be located at HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (b) This detachment will carry out all normal records functions. All correspondence to records will be addressed to above detachment.

DISCIPLINE

33. (a) The Commanding Officer of any major unit of the AMF i.e. battalion, regiment, etc, having small units, detachments or troops of other units under command, or attached, will be the commanding officer for the purpose of discipline of such small units, detachments or troops.
- (b) (i) Natives for the most part are Mohammedans. Their customs and their women folk will be respected. Dealings with natives will be friendly but not familiar. All soldiers will be acquainted with the "Berneo Book for Servicemen".
- (ii) Except in operations, native villages are out of bounds to all troops except members of NICA and others expressly authorised to enter them.

(iii) Looting, theft, pillaging and unnecessary destruction of Civilian Property

This is strictly forbidden. All personnel will be warned that any contravention of this order will be treated as a serious offence and dealt with accordingly.

PROMOTION IN THE FIELD

34. WOs and NCOs may be promoted in the field to acting rank only, to fill vacancies created on F day and thereafter. It will be necessary, however, for the approval of Comd 7 Aust Div to be furnished with the casualty return, otherwise promulgation of the promotion in Routine Orders Part II will NOT be effected by 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon. As soon as it is practicable following the promotion in the field, application for the promotion will be made to this HQ in terms of 7 Aust Div Adm Instr A8/44. The date on which it is desired the promotion will take effect will be shown after the word "approved" on the application pro forma as follows:-

(WEP.....)

MISSING PERSONNEL

35. (a) Within seven (7) days after the date on which a member becomes missing the unit will appoint an officer to investigate and report on the relevant circumstances. Four copies of the report will be forwarded to this HQ.
- (b) To preserve evidence for the Investigating Officer, units will, immediately a member is reported missing, obtain written reports from all available witnesses and hold such in unit records.
- (c) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters concerning missing personnel.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DEAD OR MISSING PERSONNEL

36. (a) The attention of all units is directed to GRO A299/44.
- (b) Personal effects of deceased personnel will be disposed of as follows:-
- (i) His paybook (WP5) and any cash, cheques, money orders, postal notes, canteen orders, war bonds, war saving certificates or stamps, taxation stamps, postage stamps and any other documents or monetary instruments likely to effect the member's estate, which were found on his body or among his personal effects, will be delivered to the nearest pay representative. The pay representative's receipt (WP 176) will be obtained for all items other than the soldier's paybook.
- (ii) When the pay representative has completed the necessary entries in the member's paybook, it, together with Record of Service Book (AAB 83), No 2 (round) identity disc or, if only one disc is found on the body, a copy of the inscription thereon, will be despatched by registered post to 'D' Detachment 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon in the area.

- (iii) Other personal effects, including clothing ration book, will be parcelled securely in a double wrapping, if possible, and despatched to Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit until F plus 16 days, thereafter to Det 10 Aust Kit Store. Kits received by Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit will be held and passed to Det 10 Aust Kit Store upon its arrival in the area. A strongly secured tag inscribed as follows will be attached to each parcel:-

Personal Effects of Dead or Missing Personnel
(Whichever is applicable)

Army No.
Rank
Name and Initials
Unit

- (c) All personal effects, arms and equipment (excluding ammunition) of RAAF and Allied Forces found by AMF units, will be parcelled securely in a double wrapping if possible, and despatched to:-

Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit - In the case of RAAF and US Personnel.

NICA

In the case of NEI pers.

An inventory of all effects recovered will be enclosed in the parcel, and a tag showing particulars vide sub-para 36 (b) (iii) above will be attached to the parcel.

BURIALS

37. For location see First Key Plan attached as Appendix "A".

PERSONNEL RELEASED FROM ENEMY CUSTODY

38. (a) Attention is directed to GRO 112/45. All personnel released from enemy custody whether military or civil will be returned through this HQ to RELEASED PERSONNEL CAMP, location to be advised.
- (b) No interrogation of released personnel, other than for immediate tactical purposes and to provide the information to be furnished on Interrogation Forms "A" (Appendix 'B') and "C" (Appendix 'C') will take place below HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (c) Six copies of Interrogation Form "A" in respect of each member of the Armed Forces and Interrogation Form "C" in respect of each European civilian released, will be forwarded as soon as possible to this HQ by the unit responsible for release.
- (d) Units will ensure that paras 1 to 4 only of Interrogation Form "A" are completed prior to evacuation, and that all paras of Interrogation Form 'C' with the exception of para 10 are completed.
- (e) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting the above.

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND POL DUMPS

39. (a) Captured enemy equipment will be handled in accordance with GROs G473/43 and G238/44, in conjunction with FS Sec (EE).
- (b) All enemy supply or POL dumps captured will be guarded and their location reported immediately to this HQ. Their contents will not be used without authority.
- (c) All medical equipment captured will be passed to the nearest medical unit.

CIVIL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

40. (a) A Netherlands Indies Civil Administration Unit (NICA), strength approximately 178 all ranks is allotted to 7 Aust Div and will be available for advice and assistance on civil affairs.
- (b) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting above.

"A" RETURNS

41. (a) AAF W3006 to reach this HQ by 1900 hrs each day.
- (b) AAF W3008 and AAF W3009 to reach this HQ by 1900 hrs each Friday.
- (c) Burial Returns will be furnished by all chaplains and units under command performing burials. Distribution as follows:-
- 2 copies to "D" Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon
 - 1 Copy to unit of deceased
 - 1 Copy to 24 Aust War Graves Unit
 - 1 Copy to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

"Q" RETURNS

42. All units will submit to this HQ by 1930 hrs daily quantity of ammunition by types expended for the 24 hours ending 1800 hrs that day. Nil returns are required.

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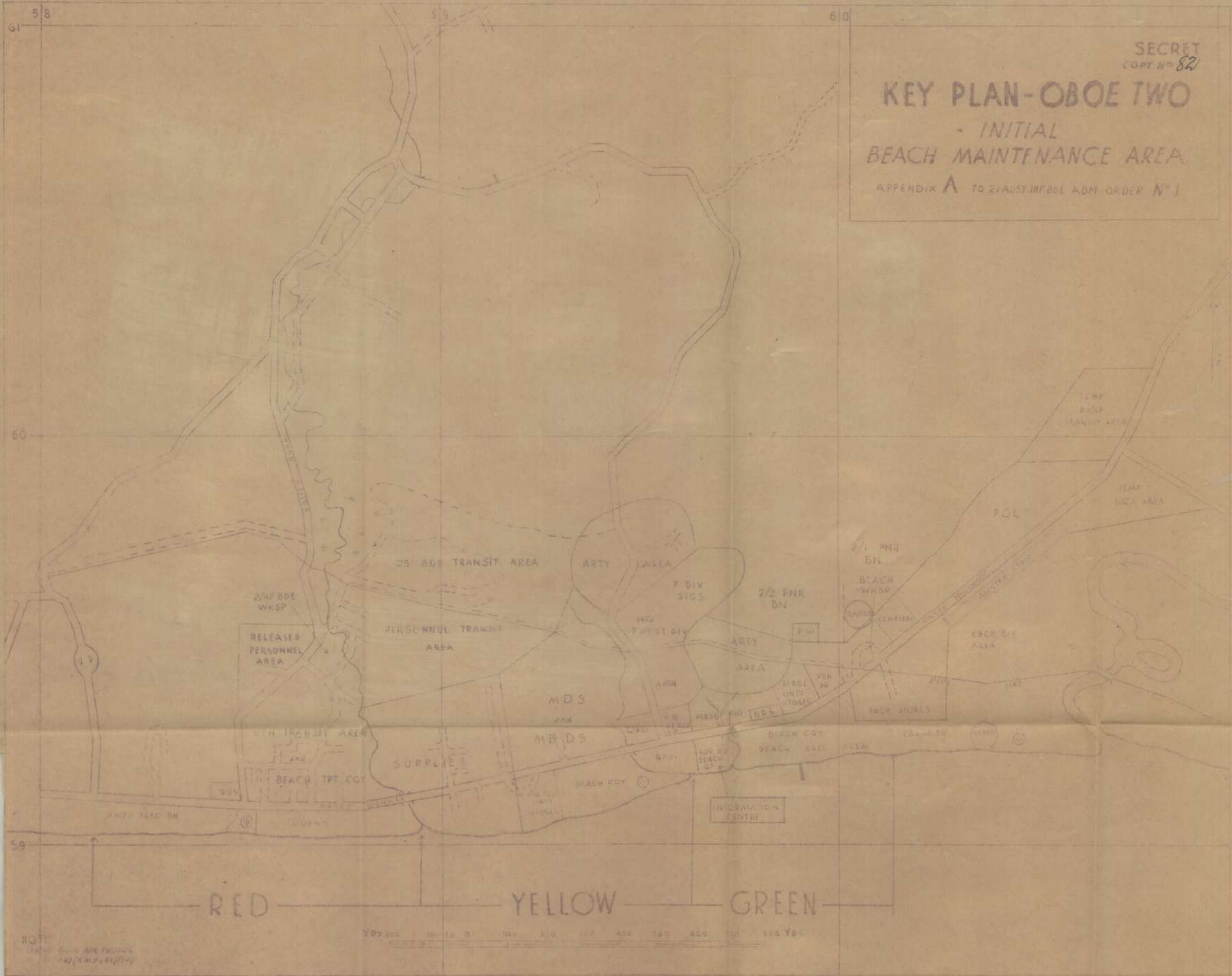
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KEY PLAN-OBOE TWO

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BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

APPENDIX A TO 21AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER N° 1



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APPENDIX "B" to 21 Aust Inf Bde
Adm Order No.1 Operation OBOE TWO
of 11 Jun 45

INTERROGATION FORM "A"

STATEMENT BY BRITISH OR AUSTRALIAN NAVY ARMY OR AIR FORCE
PRISONER OF WAR

1. Place of Recovery: _____
Recovering Unit: _____ Date: _____
 2. Number : _____ Names in full: _____
(surname in block letters first)
Rank : _____ Unit or Ship: _____ Religion: _____
 3. Next of kin: _____
Relationship: _____ Address: _____
 4. Circumstances of capture:
(a) Date: _____ Place: _____
(b) State briefly events immediately prior to capture: _____

(c) Rank, substantive, temporary or acting held at time of capture: _____
(d) State if wounded, sick or injured, prior to capture and nature of disability: _____
 5. Events following capture:
(a) Names of camps at which interned, and approx dates spent at each: _____
(b) Describe briefly:
(i) Accommodation: _____
(ii) Issue of rations: _____
(iii) Issue of clothing and footwear: _____
(iv) Issues of mail: _____
(v) Issues of Red Cross Hampers: _____
(vi) Treatment by guards: giving names of any individuals responsible for atrocities: _____
 6. Medical Treatment:
(a) Medical treatment received: _____
(b) Place of treatment: _____
(c) For what treated: _____
 7. Employment and pay:
(a) State nature of work, and hours worked per day: _____
(b) Places where such work was carried out: _____
(c) Did you receive any remuneration (ORs only): _____
 8. Remarks: anything else you wish to record: _____

 9. Pre-war occupation: _____
- To the best of my belief the above particulars are correct:
Signature of member making statement: _____
Signature of Officer before whom statement is made: _____

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APPENDIX "C" to 21 Aust Inf Bde
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INTERROGATION FORM "C"

STATEMENT BY BRITISH OR AUSTRALIAN
CIVILIAN RECOVERED FROM THE ENEMY

1. SURNAME (Block Letters).....
2. CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
3. SEX.....AGE.....RELIGION.....
4. NATIONALITY.....PHYSICAL CONDITION.....
5. OCCUPATION..... NORMAL ADDRESS.....
or BUSINESS.....
6. NEXT OF KIN..... ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE ADVISED
RELATIONSHIP.....
ADDRESS
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ORIGINAL CAPTURE BY ENEMY.....
.....
8. NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF PLACES AT
WHICH INTERNED DURING CAPTIVITY.....
.....
.....
9. DATE AND PLACE OF RECOVERY FROM THE
ENEMY : UNIT BY WHOM RECOVERED.....
.....
.....
10. STATE IF IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING:
(a) PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN ENEMY HANDS:
(YES OR NO).....
(b) DEATH OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN ENEMY HANDS: (YES OR NO).....
(c) JAPANESE ATROCITIES: (YES OR NO).....
.....
- SIGNATURE OF OFFICER WITNESSING STATEMENT.....
DATE..... RANK AND APPOINTMENT.....
SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT.....
11. STATEMENT BY PERSONNEL NOT REQUIRING REPATRIATION:
STATE BRIEFLY REASON FOR remaining in re-occupied territory:
.....
.....

Signature.....

W.D

SECRET

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jun 46

AMENDMENT No.1 TO 21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No.1
OPERATION OBOE TWO

Delete Paragraph 27 and substitute the following :-

POSTAL

27. (a) Initially all inwards and outwards mail will be moved by sea. When air facilities become available first class mail matter will be moved by air and second class by sea.
- (b) Addressing of Correspondence - Accommodation address for Detachments
- (i) Where necessary the provision of GRO 117/45 will apply to correspondence addressed to personnel of Units engaged in OBOE TWO operation. The parent form of address will be used exclusively if Units and their relative detachments which moved from the mainland are engaged in the operation as a complete Unit.
- (ii) If 004 form of addressing is to be used for a detachment, Units will advise OC 7 Aust Div Postal Unit immediately the designation of the detachment addresses to be used. Failure to advise will result in delay to official and private correspondence.
- (c) Delivery of Troops Correspondence during Embarkation Period
- (i) After units embark delivery of troops letter correspondence will be effected to vessels lying in the Stream pending departure. Outward letter correspondence from such vessels will be despatched by the Postal NCO appointed by CO 6 Troops.
- (ii) Appointment of Ships Postal NCO
- CO 6 Troops will appoint a Postal NCO to carry out the Postal arrangements on board. The Regimental No, Rank, Name and Unit of the NCO so appointed will be furnished to CO 6 Aust Base Post Office, MOROTAI, and to OC 7 Aust Div Postal Unit.
- (d) Until stamps are available personnel may post mail matter without stamps, using the notation NSA (no stamps available).
- (e) It is expected a FPO will be established in the Beach Maintenance Area by F plus 2 Day.

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21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1OPERATION OBOE TWO

(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde
Operation Order - OBOE TWO)

GENERAL

1. This order deals with the administrative arrangements for operation OBOE TWO.

LANDING SCALES

2. Units will embark on assault scale increasing to light by F plus 2 day and to normal by F plus 6 day.

BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

3. (a) First Key Plan attached as Appendix "A".
- (b) 2 Aust Beach Group will be responsible for the unloading of craft and shipping, working of beaches, and establishment and development of the Beach Maintenance Area.
- (c) Units and detachments assembling in the personnel Transit Area will report to Control Centre:-
- (i) On arrival
 - (ii) When completely assembled.
 - (iii) Prior to moving out.
- (d) Stores arriving in Ferry Service and after F Day will be dumped in 21 Aust Inf Bde unit Stores Area from where they may be collected by units. Units will arrange for at least one OR to be in attendance at this area for sorting and guarding of unit stores.
- (e) Stores will be clearly marked with War Office serial number and colour bars.

ENGINEERS

4. (a) The following tasks are being completed in the order of priority as shown:-
- (i) Unloading Facilities
 - (ii) Auster Strip
 - (iii) Water Points
 - (iv) Main supply routes for Div and Bde
 - (v) Bulk oil installations (Stage I)
 - (vi) Wharf facilities
 - (vii) Airfield (Stage 1)
 - (viii) Hospital, CCS and Ambulances
 - (ix) Bulk oil installations (Stage 2)
 - (x) Completion of Wharfage
 - (xi) Main L of C roads and access roads
 - (xii) Refrigeration
 - (xiii) Airfields (Stage 2, 3, 4 and 5)
 - (xiv) Coverage
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- (xv) Dump Hardstanding
 - (xvi) Unit accommodation
 - (xvii) Assistance to NICA in facilities for handling civil population.
 - (xviii) Restoration of civil facilities useful for Army purposes.
- (b) No coverage construction will be undertaken if existing facilities can be made to serve the purpose.
- (c) CRE 7 Aust Div will be establishing a Div RAE Dump by F plus 4 day in Divisional Area.
- (d) Engineer stores are limited. All units will conserve and avoid wastage as much as possible.
- (e) As the sewerage installations will probably be out of order with consequent danger of excreta borne diseases, NO portion of the system will be used until investigated by RAE.

WATER

- 5.
- (a) Personnel will embark with water bottles filled and will ensure that bottles are full for the landing on F day.
 - (b) Unit water vehicles and trailers will be embarked filled.
 - (c) Units landing to F plus 2 day will embark with 2 gal water containers on the basis of 2 containers per 3 men.
 - (d) Units will ensure that the greatest care is taken of all water containers in order that they may be used for any subsequent operation.
 - (e) 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will be establishing a water point as early as possible. Location will be advised.
 - (f) All water will be super-chlorinated for one hour or boiled.
 - (g) No town water supply or reticulation system will be used without approval from this HQ.
 - (h) 3 ton 4 x 4 - 400 gal water carts will be available on call from AASC to assist in supply of water to units.

AMMUNITION

- 6.
- (a) Units will land with first line ammunition.
 - (b) Replenishment in initial stage for infantry battalions, 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less reserve squadron, and B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will be through Bde reserve. Reserve will be located in Bde 'B' Echelon area and will be controlled by BASCO.
 - (c) Requests for ammunition will be made to Staff Capt or BASCO.

(d) When AP is established location will be advised.

SUPPLIES

7. (a) Carried on the man:-

- 1 x A3 emergency ration
- 1 x O2 Ration
- 1 x 6 oz Tin Solid Fuel
- 1 x Water Sterilizing Outfit
- 1 x 4 oz bottle insect Repellant Lotion
- 1 x Atebrin Tin containing 28 tablets.

(b) In unit bulk:-

- 1 x O2 ration
- 4 days expense stores and anti malarial stores.
- Insecticide dispenser (Aerosol) Freon Bombs on basis 1 per 10 men

(c) Local Purchase - CO NICA will be responsible for all requisitioning, obtaining and paying for local supplies.

(d) Rations to be issued:-

- ABL(6) F plus 1 day to F plus 7 day.
- A3 as required
- O2 as required
- Chocolate "D" as required within available stocks.
- Bread making ingredients from and including F plus 3 day on demand.
- SWP Scale (including biscuits) as from F plus 8 day.
- Tobacco, cigarettes, papers and matches will be items for issue pending establishment of Canteen Issue Points.
- First issue F plus 2 day, thereafter weekly.

(e) Expense Stores

- (i) 4 days to be carried in unit bulk.
- (ii) First issue of 7 days requirements will be made on F plus 4 day.
- (iii) Solid fuel will be available for issue with O2 rations first issue F plus 1 day.

(f) Fresh supplies of potatoes and onions will be landed on approximately F plus 15 day.

(g) DID will commence issues to units on F plus 1 day for consumption F plus 2 day. SP will be advised.

(h) Accountancy-rations will be issued on receipt of indent AB55 from F day to F plus 2 day, after which indents will be lodged 24 hours prior to issue.

POL

8. (a) Range fuel will NOT be available for cooking purposes and MT 80 will be issued in lieu. Range fuel will be issued only for small stationary engines.

(b) MT Petrol

- (1) Vehicles will be embarked with fuel tanks filled either to 95% capacity or to within one gal of total capacity whichever is the greater.

- (ii) Reserve in 4 gal drums to allow 50 miles running will be carried on all vehicles except those powered with spark ignition engines on which ammunition is loaded. Drums to be carried on vehicles by types are:-

Jeeps	1	Drum
All other petrol engined vehicles	5	"
All Diesel engined vehicles	5	"
Tanks M3 med	17	"
Tanks Matilda	10	"
Tractors (RAE) D4 plus TD 18	6	"
Tractors (RAA) TD 9	3	"
Auto Patrol	9	"
Mechanical Shovel	6	"

(c) Flame Thrower Fuel

All fuel including Geletrol for flamethrowing equipment will be drawn from PPs. (See para 9 for initial refills)

(d) Distribution of POL

- (i) Beach Gp (BIPOD Pl) will be responsible for any necessary issues to units F day and F plus 1 day.
- (ii) Supply Depot Pls of 7 Aust Div AASC will establish PPs in vicinity of DIDs and will commence issuing to units F plus 2 day.
- (iii) Units will exchange empty drums for full drums. All drums damaged will be returned to DIDs.
- (iv) POL will be issued on demand; form AB55a will be used.

REFILLS FOR FLAMETHROWERS M2-2 (MANPACK)

9. (a) Trailer of jeep and trailer allotted from 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl to each of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be loaded as follows:-

(i) Fuel: 6 x 4 gal tins thickened fuel
6 x 4 gal tins distillate.

(ii) 12 Air Pressure Tanks.

(iii) One box ignition cylinders (100 per box)

(b) The above will allow fuel for 6 thick and 6 thin refills and compressed cylinders, and igniters for 12 refills.

(c) Following will be carried by Bde 'B' Echelon:-

(i) Fuel: 18 x 4 gal tins MT Thickened Fuel
18 x 4 gal tins distillate.

(ii) 36 Air Pressure Tanks

(iii) Ignition Cylinders } NIL - All carried by battalions.

- (d) Four commercial air cylinders (160 lbs each) will also be carried with Bde 'B' Echelon as alternative supply to that provided by recuperation truck. See sub para (e)
- (e) Recuperation truck for charging air tanks of flamethrowers, together with operating personnel will be attached to 2/59 Aust IAD. Truck also available for charging Arty reservoirs compressed air.
- (f) Immediately Air Pressure Tanks are emptied, they will be passed to recuperation truck for recharge and return to unit.

DRESS

- 10. (a) Mosquito nets will be carried on the man.
- (b) Personnel will embark with helmet steel and hat khaki, fur, felt.
- (c) Helmet steel will be worn for landing and hats khaki, fur, felt carried in bed roll or haversack.

SPARE CLOTHING

- 11. (a) Personnel will embark with one spare set of clothing carried in the bed roll. This spare set will NOT be used during voyage.
- (b) Prior to disembarkation, dirty sets will be placed in sacks and spare clean sets worn ashore.
- (c) Units will arrange for the marking of sacks for this purpose and for their inclusion in "troop space" cargo in unit tonnage tables.

'B' Echelons

- 12. (a) Initially 'B' Echelons will be brigaded under control of Brigade Transport Officer.
- (b) Will establish initially at 21 Aust Inf Bde Unit Stores Area. For location see First Key Plan.
- (c) When possible unit 'B' Echelons will remain brigaded and will only be moved to unit 'B' Echelon areas when considered necessary by COs.
- (d) Staff Captain will be notified IMMEDIATELY of any change in location of 'B' Echelons.

AASC

- 13. (a) Det 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl will be under command 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 2/34 Aust Sup Depot Pl in support 21 Aust Inf Bde.

MEDICAL

- 14. (a) Stretcher Bearer Squad comprising one NCO and 4 ORS in support each:-
 - 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (less reserve Sqn)
 - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

- (b) 'B' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb less 4 stretcher bearer squads on landing will be establishing an ADS in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. Location of ADS will be advised.
- (c) 'A' Company 2/6 Aust Fd Amb on landing will be in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.
- (d) Beach Dressing Station GREEN BEACH - for location see First Key Plan.
- (e) MDS 2/5 Aust Fd Amb - tentative location medical area in vicinity MBDS or in area to be selected.
- (f) Evacuations
 - (i) RAPs are to be cleared by Beach AAMC Coy. 2/6 Aust Fd Amb are to take over this function on landing.
 - (ii) As medical facilities on shore will be limited on F Day, all casualties occurring in landing craft, except LVTs, will remain on craft and return to LSIs or LSTs. Casualties occurring in craft carrying stores may have to be moved from craft to allow unloading of stores.
 - (iii) Casualties occurring in LVTs will be left in vicinity of beach.
- (g) Casualties estimated to be fit RTU within 21 days will be retained in shore medical installations as from date to be notified byt NOE before F plus 2 day.
- (h) Dental

One Section 2/6 Aust Dental Unit with 2/6 Aust Fd Amb.

MALARIA CONTROL

- 15. (a) Det 2/2 AMCU will be in support 21 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) Arrangements have been made for DDT air-spraying of maintenance area and SEPINGGANG Airstrip.
- (c) All units will make every effort to destroy adult mosquitoes and control breeding places in their vicinity.
- (d) Insecticide dispensers (Aerosol) Freon Bombs will be carried in unit bulk.
- (e) Other important mosquito borne diseases - Dengue, Filariasis.

HYGIENE

- 16. (a) Attention is drawn to GRO A479/44 which states:-

" Every Officer commanding a unit is responsible for the health of the troops under his command and it is his responsibility to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of disease within his unit. He will ensure that adequate supplies of the equipment and materials provided for this purpose are maintained."

It also defines the responsibility of hygiene dutymen and hygiene requirement in the selection of camp sites.
- (b) Water
 - (i) There will be NO bathing in waterways or in the sea. The position regarding sea bathing will be reviewed later.

(ii) Water for ALL uses, including ablutions and the washing of clothes, will be superchlorinated for one hour or boiled.

(iii) Where possible it should always be tested for arsenic, cyanide and other common poisons.

(c) Food

Local raw food stuffs and food prepared or handled by natives will NOT be eaten. The consumption of local pork should be unequivocally forbidden due to heavy incidence of Parasitism, tuberculosis and salmonella infections in local pigs.

(d) Sanitation

(i) Fly-proof deep trench or "hot squat" latrines will be constructed in ALL areas as soon as possible.

(ii) Tins and food refuse, WET and DRY, will be incinerated. Burnt tins will be flattened before disposal.

(iii) DDT will be available for the destruction of flies, fleas, lice or other pests.

(iv) Camp sites vacated by units will be left scrupulously clean.

(e) Anti-Mite Lotion

Will be applied to clothing immediately prior to embarkation and two-weekly intervals thereafter.

(f) Malarial Precautions

Ref GRO A321/44.

It is the responsibility of every officer and NCO to enforce full malaria precautions.

Times: Dusk - 1900 hrs
Sunrise - 0700 hrs

Where possible an officer will check the proper use of protective clothing and nets.

Atebrin - one tablet per day.

(g) Local Buildings

No buildings will be inhabited by troops until sprayed with DDT or Freon Bomb and declared habitable by a medical or hygiene officer.

(h) Venereal Disease

Troops will be warned that venereal disease is rife and that other serious tropical diseases are contracted as a result of cohabitation.

(i) Rat Destruction

Supplies of rat poison are available from AASC resources. ALL rats killed or poisoned will be burned without handling.

(j) Disinfestation of Enemy Dead

Pure Creosote will be sprayed on bodies and surrounding ground. This gives 100% repellent action and 98% larval kill.

TRANSPORT

17. (a) Allocation of jeeps and trailers from Det 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl to supplement unit first line transport:-

- 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer
- 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer
- 2/27 Aust Inf Bn - 1 Jeep and trailer.

(b) Allocation of load carrying vehicles for landing only:-

Unit	Supplied by	2½ ton 6 x 6	Tons DW
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	2/12 Aust Tpt Pl	2	6
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	"	2	6
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	"	2	6

(c) All load carrying vehicles allotted to units will be clearly marked with the word "STORES" and the serial number of the unit to which they are allotted. This marking will be in 18" lettering and clearly written on both sides of the vehicle, (i.e. vehicles allotted to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will be marked STORES ^{2/14} 56).

(d) All vehicles allotted to units for load carrying will on landing be directed to 21 Aust Inf Bde Stores Area (See First Key Plan for location), unloaded and redirected to their respective General Transport Areas.

(e) Filled sandbags will be placed on the floor of the driver's cabin of all vehicles to minimise casualties from land mines. Requirements of sandbags for this purpose are available through engineer channels.

DEWATERPROOFING

18. (a) The initial stages of dewaterproofing will be done by drivers as soon after landing as possible and in any case within 3 miles of landing.

(b) Initial stages consist of:-

- (i) Tighten fan belt.
- (ii) Open all vents and drain holes.
- (iii) Remove rubber tubing and grease from spark plugs.
- (iv) Clean down commutator of generator and starting motor with clean rag moistened with petrol.
- (v) Remove extension pipe if required.
- (vi) Check oil level in sump, differential, and gear box. If level has increased proceed to drowned vehicle park for flushing and refilling.

(c) Dewaterproofing will be completed under unit arrangements within 5 days of landing.

(d) Non-expendable and recoverable expendable items will be recovered and retained by units for subsequent waterproofing.

- (e) On completion, all vehicles that have waded will pass through 2/59 Aust IAD for final checking. This will be completed within 7 days of landing.
- (f) Vehicles and generator sets that have been drowned or immersed for lengthy periods during landing will pass direct to drowned vehicle park. For location see 1st Key Plan.
- (g) Arrangements are being made to ensure that there are AEME personnel on each vessel carrying vehicles, for supervision of waterproofing Stage 4, and final check of all vehicles shipped.
- (h) Indents for stores required to complete waterproofing kits will be lodged as soon as possible.

ORDNANCE

- 19.
- (a) All casualties to controlled stores will be notified promptly by signal to ADOS 7 Aust Div, repeated this HQ. Nature of casualty will be stated, e.g. DEA, lost, etc, and units will specify whether replacement is required.
 - (b) Indents for replacement of unserviceable controlled stores will be accompanied by certificate of replacement and AAF G1033.
 - (c) Units will, as far as possible, show details of all casualties to controlled stores, including receipts, losses, etc, on AAF E5-1(a) submitted on 20th each month.
 - (d) All casualties to vehicles will be notified by signal to this HQ. Nature of casualty and advice if replacement required will be stated.
 - (e) Indents - will be kept to a minimum and only essential items demanded. Urgent requirements may be requested by signal.
 - (f) Demands for signal stores will be made to 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec who will request supplies from HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div.
 - (g) Disposal of arms and equipment of personnel wounded, killed in action, missing, prisoners of war or sick, will be in accordance with GRO 299/44.
 - (h) Camouflage equipment is available at MOROTAI for any requirements.
 - (i) One blanket per man will be carried in Unit bulk.

REPAIR

- 20.
- (a) All repairs will be passed through 2/59 Aust IAD except in cases of emergency when units may contact 2nd Echelon Wkaps direct.
 - (b) Units will indicate on all repair requisitions the latest possible time by which repairs are required.
 - (c) Cannibalisation will only be carried out by AEME units.
 - (d) All tyres for repair will be evacuated through Ord Rd Park.

- (e) Units will be notified immediately if repairs are likely to be delayed.
- (f) Vehicles drownd for lengthy periods will pass through 2 Aust Beach Wksp for immediate treatment.

RECOVERY

21. (a) Units requiring recovery service will notify AEME by the quickest possible means giving the following information:-
- (i) Unit
 - (ii) Location of equipment and any directions to assist in its location by recovery crews.
 - (iii) Type of equipment including make and registered number.
 - (iv) Brief description of damage or fault.
 - (v) Indication whether or NOT repairs can be effected in situ and, if known, replacement parts required.
 - (vi) Whether towable or not.
 - (vii) Whether or NOT driver is with vehicle.
- (b) Units are responsible for safeguarding their equipment until taken over by AEME.
- (c) Beach Recovery will be by 2 Aust Beach Wksp. A Recovery Post will be established on GREEN BEACH as early as possible.
- (d) "B" Vehicle Forward Recy Sec will be located adjacent to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde. Time of opening and changes of location will be advised.
- (e) "A" Vehicle Forward Recy Sec will be located adjacent to A Armd Sqn HQ. Equipment one tractor.
- (f) Requests for recovery will be made as follows:-
- Forward of Bde HQ, through Bde HQ to Forward Recovery Sec.
Rear of Bde H Q, excluding BMA to Div Recovery Pool.
BMA to 2 Aust Beach Wksp.
- (g) Div Recovery Pool - Location:
- | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| F Day | - | 2 Aust Beach Wksp |
| F Plus 1 day | - | 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp |
| F plus 2 day onwards | - | 2/56 Aust LAD. |

PROVOST AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

22. One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy plus 2 NICA personnel in support 21 Aust Inf Bde will:-
- (a) Maintain PW and enemy civilian collecting points at HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) Assist in control of refugees.
 - (c) Be responsible for evacuation of PW and enemy civilians.
 - (d) Be responsible for traffic control forward of Bde HQ including sign-posting of main highways.

PRISONERS OF WAR

23. (a) PW collecting point at Brigade HQ.
(b) Units to escort PW to Bde HQ.
(c) Bde IO will ensure that collecting point is placed in such a position that security will not be endangered.

REFUGEES

24. (a) Strict control of refugees will be exercised by all ranks.
(b) Refugees will NOT be allowed to use main highways or in any way interfere with military operations.
(c) Refugees will be directed by provost working in conjunction with NICA to refugee compound to be established in BMA.
(d) Where necessary refugees will be interrogated by NICA and will NOT be allowed to return to their homes or move around area of operations, unless in possession of a pass.
(e) Legal officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting refugees.

ENEMY CIVILIANS

25. (a) Enemy civilian Collecting Point - Bde HQ.
(b) Units to escort enemy civilians to Bde HQ where they will be escorted to ENEMY CIVILIAN INTERNMENT CAMP controlled by NICA. Location to be advised.
(c) Persons of half Japanese parentage will be considered enemy civilians.
(d) Bde IO will ensure that collecting point is placed in such a position that security will not be endangered.

SALVAGE

26. (a) Salvage collecting points will be established.
(b) Evacuation by returning transport.
(c) The importance of salvage will be impressed on all ranks.
(d) System for collection and return of salvage will be established in every unit.

POSTAL

27. (a) Initially inwards and outwards mail will be moved by sea.
(b) Addresses will be:-
(1) Main Body of Unit - Normal
(2) Any Det of unit with Force - A Detachment.
(3) ICB remaining at MOROTAI - B Detachment.

- (c) Until stamps available mail may be posted without stamps using notation "NSA".

FINANCE

28. (a) Field Cash Office will establish on approximately F plus 12 day.
- (b) Units will ensure that the following documents are taken:-
- Requisition for Cash Book (WF123)
Regimental, Canteen and Mess Trust Account Books (WF145)
Trust Account Requisition Book (WF132)
- (c) Military personnel will NOT give, trade or barter any army clothing or supplies to natives.
- (d) All claims for damage or injury against the Military Forces will be referred by the claimant to CO NICA.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

29. 30 days initial requirements will be carried by all units.

REINFORCEMENTS

30. (a) Units will be brought to WE strength prior to embarkation.
- (b) Reinforcements are to be held at MOROTAI to make good battle casualties during the operation.

CANTEENS

31. Canteen Issue Points will be established by approximately F plus 4 day.

ECHELON AND RECORDS

32. (a) "D" Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon will be allotted to 7 Aust Div for the operation and will be located at HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (b) This detachment will carry out all normal records functions. All correspondence to records will be addressed to above detachment.

DISCIPLINE

33. (a) The Commanding Officer of any major unit of the AMF i.e. battalion, regiment, etc, having small units, detachments or troops of other units under command, or attached, will be the commanding officer for the purpose of discipline of such small units, detachments or troops.
- (b) (i) Natives for the most part are Mohammedans. Their customs and their women folk will be respected. Dealings with natives will be friendly but not familiar. All soldiers will be acquainted with the "Borneo Book for Servicemen".
- (ii) Except in operations, native villages are out of bounds to all troops except members of NICA and others expressly authorised to enter them.

(iii) Looting, theft, pillaging and unnecessary destruction of Civilian Property

This is strictly forbidden. All personnel will be warned that any contravention of this order will be treated as a serious offense and dealt with accordingly.

PROMOTION IN THE FIELD

34. WOs and NCOs may be promoted in the field to acting rank only, to fill vacancies created on F day and thereafter. It will be necessary, however, for the approval of Comd 7 Aust Div to be furnished with the casualty return, otherwise promulgation of the promotion in Routine Orders Part II will NOT be effected by 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon. As soon as it is practicable following the promotion in the field, application for the promotion will be made to this HQ in terms of 7 Aust Div Adm Instr A8/44. The date on which it is desired the promotion will take effect will be shown after the word "approved" on the application pro forma as follows:-

(WEP.....)

MISSING PERSONNEL

35. (a) Within seven (7) days after the date on which a member becomes missing the unit will appoint an officer to investigate and report on the relevant circumstances. Four copies of the report will be forwarded to this HQ.
- (b) To preserve evidence for the Investigating Officer, units will, immediately a member is reported missing, obtain written reports from all available witnesses and hold such in unit records.
- (c) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters concerning missing personnel.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DEAD OR MISSING PERSONNEL

36. (a) The attention of all units is directed to GRO A299/44.
- (b) Personal effects of deceased personnel will be disposed of as follows:-
- (1) His paybook (WP5) and any cash, cheques, money orders, postal notes, canteen orders, war bonds, war saving certificates or stamps, taxation stamps, postage stamps and any other documents or monetary instruments likely to effect the member's estate, which were found on his body or among his personal effects, will be delivered to the nearest pay representative. The pay representative's receipt (WF 176) will be obtained for all items other than the soldier's paybook.
- (11) When the pay representative has completed the necessary entries in the member's paybook, it, together with Record of Service Book (AAB 83), No 2 (round) identity disc or, if only one disc is found on the body, a copy of the inscription thereon, will be despatched by registered post to 'D' Detachment 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon in the area.

- (iii) Other personal effects, including clothing ration book, will be parcelled securely in a double wrapping, if possible, and despatched to Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit until F plus 16 days, thereafter to Det 10 Aust Kit Store. Kits received by Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit will be held and passed to Det 10 Aust Kit Store upon its arrival in the area. A strongly secured tag inscribed as follows will be attached to each parcel:-

Personal Effects of Dead or Missing Personnel
(Whichever is applicable)

Army No.
Rank
Name and Initials
Unit

- (c) All personal effects, arms and equipment (excluding ammunition) of RAAF and Allied Forces found by AMP units, will be parcelled securely in a double wrapping if possible, and despatched to:-

Det 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit - In the case of RAAF and US Personnel.

NICA In the case of NEI pers.

An inventory of all effects recovered will be enclosed in the parcel, and a tag showing particulars vide sub-para 36 (b) (iii) above will be attached to the parcel.

BURIALS

37. For location see First Key Plan attached as Appendix "A".

PERSONNEL RELEASED FROM ENEMY CUSTODY

38. (a) Attention is directed to GRO 112/45. All personnel released from enemy custody whether military or civil will be returned through this HQ to RELEASED PERSONNEL CAMP, location to be advised.
- (b) No interrogation of released personnel, other than for immediate tactical purposes and to provide the information to be furnished on Interrogation Forms "A" (Appendix 'B') and "C" (Appendix 'C') will take place below HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (c) Six copies of Interrogation Form "A" in respect of each member of the Armed Forces and Interrogation Form "C" in respect of each European civilian released, will be forwarded as soon as possible to this HQ by the unit responsible for release.
- (d) Units will ensure that paras 1 to 4 only of Interrogation Form "A" are completed prior to evacuation, and that all paras of Interrogation Form 'C' with the exception of para 10 are completed.
- (e) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting the above.

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KEY PLAN - OBOE TWO

- INITIAL
BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

APPENDIX A TO 21AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER N°1



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CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND POL DUMPS

39. (a) Captured enemy equipment will be handled in accordance with GROs G473/43 and G238/44, in conjunction with FS Sec (EE).
- (b) All enemy supply or POL dumps captured will be guarded and their location reported immediately to this HQ. Their contents will not be used without authority.
- (c) All medical equipment captured will be passed to the nearest medical unit.

CIVIL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

40. (a) A Netherlands Indies Civil Administration Unit (NICA), strength approximately 178 all ranks is allotted to 7 Aust Div and will be available for advice and assistance on civil affairs.
- (b) Legal Officer HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be contacted on all matters affecting above.

"A" RETURNS

41. (a) AAF W3006 to reach this HQ by 1900 hrs each day.
- (b) AAF W3008 and AAF W3009 to reach this HQ by 1900 hrs each Friday.
- (c) Burial Returns will be furnished by all chaplains and units under command performing burials. Distribution as follows:-
- 2 copies to "D" Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Echelon
 - 1 Copy to unit of deceased
 - 1 Copy to 24 Aust War Graves Unit
 - 1 Copy to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

"Q" RETURNS

42. All units will submit to this HQ by 1930 hrs daily quantity of ammunition by types expended for the 24 hours ending 1800 hrs that day. Nil returns are required.

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APPENDIX "B" to 21 Aust Inf Bde
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INTERROGATION FORM "A"

STATEMENT BY BRITISH OR AUSTRALIAN NAVY ARMY OR AIR FORCE
PRISONER OF WAR

1. Place of Recovery: _____
Recovering Unit: _____ Date: _____
 2. Number : _____ Names in full: _____
(surname in block letters first)
Rank : _____ Unit or Ship: _____ Religion: _____
 3. Next of kin: _____
Relationship: _____ Address: _____
 4. Circumstances of capture:
(a) Date: _____ Place: _____
(b) State briefly events immediately prior to capture: _____

(c) Rank, substantive, temporary or acting held at time of capture: _____
(d) State if wounded, sick or injured, prior to capture and nature of disability: _____
 5. Events following capture:
(a) Names of camps at which interned, and approx dates spent at each: _____
(b) Describe briefly:
(i) Accommodation: _____
(ii) Issue of rations: _____
(iii) Issue of clothing and footwear: _____
(iv) Issues of mail: _____
(v) Issues of Red Cross Hampers: _____
(vi) Treatment by guards: giving names of any individuals responsible for atrocities: _____
 6. Medical Treatment:
(a) Medical treatment received: _____
(b) Place of treatment: _____
(c) For what treated: _____
 7. Employment and pay:
(a) State nature of work, and hours worked per day: _____
(b) Places where such work was carried out: _____
(c) Did you receive any remuneration (ORs only): _____
 8. Remarks: anything else you wish to record: _____

 9. Pre-war occupation: _____
- To the best of my belief the above particulars are correct:
Signature of member making statement: _____
Signature of Officer before whom statement is made: _____

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APPENDIX "C" to 21 Aust Inf Bde
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INTERROGATION FORM "C"

STATEMENT BY BRITISH OR AUSTRALIAN
CIVILIAN RECOVERED FROM THE ENEMY

1. SURNAME (Block Letters).....
2. CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
3. SEX.....AGE.....RELIGION.....
4. NATIONALITY.....PHYSICAL CONDITION.....
5. OCCUPATION..... NORMAL ADDRESS.....
or BUSINESS.....
6. NEXT OF KIN..... ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE ADVISED
RELATIONSHIP.....
ADDRESS
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ORIGINAL CAPTURE BY ENEMY.....
.....
8. NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF PLACES AT
WHICH INTERNED DURING CAPTIVITY.....
.....
9. DATE AND PLACE OF RECOVERY FROM THE
ENEMY : UNIT BY WHOM RECOVERED.....
.....
10. STATE IF IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING:
(a) PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN ENEMY HANDS:
(YES OR NO).....
(b) DEATH OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN ENEMY HANDS: (YES OR NO).....
(c) JAPANESE ATROCITIES: (YES OR NO).....
.....
- SIGNATURE OF OFFICER WITNESSING STATEMENT.....
DATE..... RANK AND APPOINTMENT.....
SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT.....
11. STATEMENT BY PERSONNEL NOT REQUIRING REPATRIATION:
STATE BRIEFLY REASON FOR remaining in re-occupied territory:
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.....

Signature.....

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jun 45

AMENDMENT No.1 TO 21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No.1
OPERATION OBOE TWO

Delete Paragraph 27 and substitute the following :-

POSTAL

- 27. (a) Initially all inwards and outwards mail will be moved by sea. When air facilities become available first class mail matter will be moved by air and second class by sea.
- (b) Addressing of Correspondence - Accommodation address for Detachments
 - (i) Where necessary the provision of GRO 117/45 will apply to correspondence addressed to personnel of Units engaged in OBOE TWO operation. The parent form of address will be used exclusively if Units and their relative detachments which moved from the mainland are engaged in the operation as a complete Unit.
 - (ii) If 004 form of addressing is to be used for a detachment, Units will advise OC 7 Aust Div Postal Unit immediately the designation of the detachment addresses to be used. Failure to advise will result in delay to Official and private correspondence.
- (c) Delivery of Troops Correspondence during Embarkation Period
 - (i) After units embark delivery of troops letter correspondence will be effected to vessels lying in the Stream pending departure. Outward letter correspondence from such vessels will be despatched by the Postal NCO appointed by Os C Troops.
 - (ii) Appointment of Ships Postal NCO
Os C Troops will appoint a Postal NCO to carry out the Postal arrangements on board. The Regimental No, Rank, Name and Unit of the NCO so appointed will be furnished to CO 8 Aust Base Post Office, MOROTAI, and to OC 7 Aust Div Postal Unit.
- (d) Until stamps are available personnel may post mail matter without stamps, using the notation NSA (no stamps available).
- (e) It is expected a FPO will be established in the Beach Maintenance Area by F plus 2 Day.

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