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WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/7 AUST INF BN

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Route 7 MILNE BAY	1	<p>In pursuance of a training policy laid down by Bde, each Coy is sending out Pls on two or three day exercises. Accordingly two Pls of D Coy moved out today on such an exercise. This will involve the preparation of night defences for bivouac areas in addition to movement and attack through jungle country. The area of D Coy's exercise is in the vicinity of the junction of the Wanna Wanna and Kalohi Cks (Ref map MILNE BAY 2"= 1 mile).</p> <p>The det of 2/6 Armoured Regt which has been quartered with this unit for some time moved out during the day to their own camp site further along Route 7.</p> <p>2 The second Coy to undertake the two day exercise was B Coy from which 10 and 11 Pls left this morning and proceeded to the area between the village of Donna Warra and Mapo where exercises similar to those conducted by D Coy will be carried out.</p> <p>A sequel to an "Air Raid Red" alarm which was sounded this afternoon was a phone call to Maj Walker enquiring what damage had been done by bombs dropped in his area. On registering surprise at this query the party making the call disclosed that the alarm had been given on the report of a pilot who stated that he saw exploding bombs in that area although the attacking plane was not visible. Maj Walker then revealed that bombs had fallen alright but they were smoke bombs fired from a 2" Mortar manned by A Coy personnel.</p> <p>3. A mild stir was caused in D and HQ Coy lines this morning when one of four "airacobras" approaching from the west was heard to let go a burst of MG fire. No bullets however landed in the area.</p> <p>B Coy moved to the area to the south and west of Gurney Field to relieve D Coy 2/9 Dn which is about to engage in exercises with the remainder of that Bn.</p>		<p>6/12/42</p> <p>Signature <i>G. E. ...</i></p>

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Route 7- MILNE BAY (Cont)	3	<p>Quite a number of large rats have made their presence felt in the area of late by making ravages by night on food stuff etc. Especially is this so with regard to the Bn ration store where the Sgt, realising that it is not desirable that rations carried so far by sea should be consumed by rodents, evolved an ingenious trap. This trap is comprised of a barrel of water over which is arranged a platform and a revolving cylinder smeared with cheese to lure the marauders. The success of this invention is being awaited with interest.</p> <p>4. A party of 22 ORs and 3 Officers, who were previous members of the unit rejoined the Bn this afternoon having just arrived from Australia. The officers were Lieuts Gould, Rice, and Robertson.</p> <p>5. In addition to the field firing range which has been arranged, good use is also being made of a 250^x rifle range close to the unit's lines, and parties have been undergoing range practice as often as the range is available.</p> <p>For some days a Pl from 17 Bde Fd Workshops has been receiving instruction in Infantry work from NCOs of this unit under the direction of Capt Duell. This instruction will continue for a fortnight after which another Pl will be made available.</p> <p>6. Church parade was conducted this morning by Padre Singleton, assisted by Padre Debanon of the RAAF 100 Sqn which is located in close proximity to this unit. The remainder of the day was devoted to administration.</p> <p>7. It was with pleasure that the unit was able to welcome the return of 3 officers today viz - Capt Nelson, Capt Barr and Lieut Capuano.</p>		

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Signature



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Route 7 MILNE BAY.	7 (Cont)	<p>Capt Nelson will take over his old command of OC D Coy while Capt Barr will become 2 i/c of B Coy. Earlier however this Bn had regretfully to say farewell to Maj Carstairs who is the latest to be transferred to a Militia unit.</p>		
	8.	<p>An exhibition of infantry fighting in a combined operation with tanks was conducted today when B Coy carried out the exercise with a det of B Sqn 2/6 Armd Regt. A rehearsal for the exhibition was held in the morning and the actual display given in the afternoon at which many of the senior officers in the Milne Bay area were in attendance.</p> <p>Maj Walker who is acting 2 i/c of the Bn during the absence of the CO, has been receiving a course suitable for a two day exercise to be undertaken by each Coy in turn.</p>		
	9.	<p>B Coy was the first of the Coys to move out on the two day exercise when they left the Coy lines at 0830 hrs this morning. During the exercise they will be required to make attacks in both plantations and jungle country in addition to the preparation of night bivouac defences and the maintenance of an efficient piquet during the hours of darkness.</p> <p>The pl from 17 Bde Gp Fd Workshops which has been receiving instruction in Infantry work from this unit also proceeded on the exercise to undertake the role of enemy.</p> <p>As the 2/9 Bn is leaving the area, D Coy moved to the area occupied by D Coy of that unit in order to take over the defence of Gurney Field.</p>		
	10.	<p>B Coy returned from the exercise today, the last phase consisting of an advance down the Kalohi River in the face of harassing attacks by the enemy.</p> <p>C Coy carried out an exercise with the tanks similar to that demonstrated by B Coy two days previously.</p>		<p>Signature <i>J. H. B. ...</i></p>

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Route 7 MILNE BAY	10 (cont)	Those members of the unit who were AMF personnel and did not desire to transfer to the AIF proceeded to the 61 Bn, while in replacement a similar number of AIF personnel was received from that unit.		
	11.	C Coy moved out this morning on the same two day exercise completed by B Coy yesterday. A Pl from A Coy accompanied C Coy to undertake the enemy role.		
	12	A letter written by a member of the Carriers to one of HQ Coy personnel, was received today indicating that the Carriers had been in action and the writer wounded. The letter also inferred that Lieuts Fergusson and Walker had been killed and other personnel wounded. On learning this news Capt Cramp immediately volunteered to proceed to the location of the Carriers and assume control to which offer permission was given and Capt Cramp left for the area during the afternoon.		
	13.	At 2400 hrs last night the unit commenced a further week of duty whereby large groups have to be supplied as work parties. In view of this, Church parade was not conducted this morning.		
	14.	As an order instructing austerity regulations would not permit of an official printed Xmas card this year it was decided to improvise and endeavour to produce a card from the Bn's own resources. Accordingly Pte Clegg of D Coy was requested to submit appropriate sketches from which one was selected and this was cut by stylo on to a wax stencil sheet. The duplicator was then pressed into service and sufficient cards to allow of an issue of two per man were printed on cheap paper. These cards were made available to the troops today and quite a number have seen fit to improve their issue by the use of coloured pencils.		

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ROUTE 7 MILNE BAY	14	(Cont) A further talkie show was conducted in the unit area tonight during which the lines were invaded by personnel from all the adjoining units who had come to witness the show.		
	15.	The CO returned to the unit today, having recovered from his bout of malaria, although he has not as yet regained his former fitness. Despite the adherence to malaria precautionary measures this fever continues to make big inroads into the unit's strength.		
	16.	The Intelligence school, which has been conducted by 17 Bde was completed today. Capt Edney with two others left this afternoon with a view to arranging fresh food, and if possible, also pork for the Xmas dinner. This party hopes that by venturing into regions new it might be possible to tap sources as yet untouched by the RAAF and our American allies.		
	17	A visit was made by the I.O., Lieut Gude, and Maj Walker, to the 61 Bn area and continued on around the coast in search of Japanese equipment. Some interesting material was collected including some Japanese armoured breast plates, mortar bombs and other sundry articles.		
	18	The Xmas cheer party under Capt Edney returned at a late hour bringing samples for the promised fair. Although success in the meat line was rather limited it is hoped that a good supply of fresh food will be forthcoming. During this recce the party went as far afield as Sagarai near Mullen's Harbour. News of the Carrier PI was brought by Pte Cameron who was wounded at Buna. From him it was learned that five carriers had been in action.		

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Signature.....

J. H. D. ...
16/1/42

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ROUTE 7 MILNE BAY	19 (Cont.)	Training and normal duties were the order of the day		
	20	<p>A Recce for a suitable pool for the forth-coming brigade swimming sports. A pool 35 X long was found suitable. On Boxing Day four teams will compete, one from each Bn and from Brigade HQ.</p> <p>This afternoon a test was made on some Japanese breast plates. A .303 rifle, Owen SMG SMG, and TSMG were used at various ranges up to 100 X. These plates were found to be ample protection from TSMG fire. At any range, the Owen Gun penetrated at 30 X and the .303 rifle at all ranges up to 100 X.</p>		
	21	<p>B and C Coys cutting jungle and grass from the western end of Guernsey Aerodrome to Route 16</p> <p>Normal duties were carried out, including specialist training</p>		
	22	<p>A Coy joined B and C Coys in jungle cutting in the Gurney field area</p> <p>D Coy worked on a defence scheme for the defence of Gurney field</p>		
	23	<p>Major Walker was busily engaged in arranging a concert to be held on Christmas Eve. A stage was erected by the Pioneer Platoon and decorated with palm fronds</p> <p>Normal duties and training was carried out.</p>		
	24	<p>Capt Edney and Lieut Gude with a train of twenty native porters left the area and proceeded to Gibara a village at the mouth of the Gomini River on the south coast of Milne Bay. S/Sgt Markley was waiting there with cases of tropical fruit and vegetables from the Duabo Mission. Arrangements were made to sail this cargo to Air-Force Jetty. A native out-rigger canoe and a small rowing boat were used. Lieut Gude was in command of the canoe and Capt Edney followed an hour later in the XXXX rowing boat. After running aground on numerous</p> <p>A150 Mob Print Sec AIF-25M-441-G.</p>		

Signature

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16/1/42

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Route 7 Milne Bay	24 (Cont)	mudbanks that infest this part of the bay, the com oy arrived at the jetty. The cargo was then transported to the Bn area by trucks arriving at approx. 2400 hrs		
	25	A church parade was held this morning in the BnHQ area, then hampers from the ACF were distributed to all. An excellent Christmas Dinner was had by all, the weather was good, a typical sunny tropical day. Major Walker proceeded on special leave to Australia		
	26	A swimming sports meeting was held to-day. The Bn marched to the pool in Coys. The competitors were members of the 17 Aust Inf Bde and those xxxx attached. Some very fine swimming resulted. Most of the finishes were very close. The 2/6 Bn gained the most points and won the day. Brigadier Moten was present, then later in the afternoon a visit was made by Maj-Gen Clowes. The day was an excellent one for these sports. Some members of the Milne Bay Concert Party were there with their band, while others members added some humour with fancy dress diving and swimming. After the meeting a cup of tea was had by those who wanted it, it was provided by the Salvation Army unit		
	27	Normal duties were carried out to-day. There was no church parade. The companies continued with jungle cutting		
	28	A, Band C Coys continued with jungle cutting and grass clearing in the Gurney Field area. HQ Coy did Specialist training.		
	29	Lt-Col Guinn is admin command of the 17 Aust Inf Bde in the absence of Brig Moten. Capt Nelson is adm command of this Bn in the absence of Major Pickers and Maj. Walker Lt-Col Guinn, Capt Nelson, Lt Dixon and Lieut Gade carried out a thorough recce of area for defensive posts in area of route 10		

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Signature

John D. P. ...
Major

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Route 7 Milne Bay	29 (cont)	Normal duties were carried out within the Bn A, B and C Coys continued with specialist training.		
	30	<p>Lt-Col Guinn arrived for lunch with the EM Maj. Muir. Capt Nelson prepared his appreciation for the defences in the Route 10 area.</p> <p>Lt-Col Guinn, Maj Muir and Capt Nelson re-visited M.G. posts on carriers spur. On the return journey they stopped to inspect the altered pill-box at the western end of Gurney Field. The I.O. Lieut Gude visited 100 Squadron RAAF to contact F/O Tromph who was out. The ground defence of 100 Sqn is this Bn's responsibility for co-ordination.</p> <p>In the evening a mobile unit of the Salvation Army was brought along by Maj Drew. Recorded music was broadcast, after which tea and biscuits were served to those present. Major Drew delivered a New Year message.</p>		
	31.	<p>Lt Col Guinn adv. comd 17 Aust Lf Bde accompanied by Lt Col Muir re-visited M.G. posts on Single Spur.</p> <p>Captain Nelson O.C. D Coy. received his promotion to Major today.</p> <p>Normal duties were carried out by companies jungle clearing.</p>		

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Signature *J. H. ...*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS No.42/52

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

1 DEC 42

MAJOR K.S. PICKER

by

ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. PROMULGATION OF SENTENCE BY COURT MARTIAL

- (a) VX 4712 Cpl BUCHECKER Henry Ronald 2/7 Aust Inf Bn was arraigned on the following charge :
"When on active service absenting himself without leave in that he at Seymour did absent himself without leave from 0630 hrs 9 Sep 42 until 2200 hrs 12 Sep 42." and tried by District Court Martial ordered by Major General A.J. BOASE in the field on 29 Sep 42 and the finding was as follows ;
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Coys will keep an accurate record of ALL leave granted to personnel as from 1 Jul 42.
Personnel on transfer within this unit will be accompanied by a statement showing full particulars of leave from above date.
In cases where personnel are on transfer to other units, Coys will forward particulars of leave to BHQ within 24 hrs of departure of personnel.

3. CONTROLLED STORES

Pistols, compasses, and binoculars are CONTROLLED STORES and on NO account will they be taken out of the unit when the Officer or OR to whom they are on charge is evacuated to hospital or when transferred out of the unit.
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The following areas will be the responsibility of Coy Comds for full preventative measures against malaria as laid down in Bn.S.O. APPX. XX.

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Distribution of knapsack sprays will be one per area.

~~R.F. DIXON~~ ~~KINCH~~
...R.F. DIXON...Lieut.
ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

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From 2nd to 4th NOV Incl.

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2/7 AUST INF BN

SCHEDULE OF WORK

DATE	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	HQ COY
MONDAY 2nd NOV.	1 Pl OPERATIONAL ROLE 1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Patrolling	1 Pl Duty in Lines * 1 Pl Jungle Clearing 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex. X	1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Jungle Clearing 1 Pl Rifle Range	1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex X 1 Pl Patrolling	
TUESDAY 3rd NOV.	1 Pl Operational Role 1 Pl Rifle Range 1 Pl Duty in Lines	1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Patrolling 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex X	1 Pl Duty in Lines * 1 Pl Patrolling 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex X	1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Jungle Cutting 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex. X	
WEDNESDAY 4th NOV.	1 Pl Operational Role 1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Patrolling <i>Rifle Range</i>	1 Pl Tng Sec Ex. X 1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Patrolling	1 Pl Duty in Lines 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex X 1 Pl Patrolling	1 Pl Duty in Lines * 1 Pl Jungle Clearing 1 Pl Tng Sec Ex X	

* Pl to work till 1200 hrs - Commence duty + Coy HQ ~~1800~~ hrs under 7 Div Engineers.
This Pl to commence work 1330 hrs following day.

X Sec Exercises includes:-- Movement through Jungle,
Use of scouts,
Contact - Flanking,
Mopping up.

B + D Coys

the Pls to Route 7.

*Build east A Coy lines
under Sgt Edwards*

SPECIALIST TRAINING: for SIG Pl., MORTAR Pl.,
CARRIER Pl to be divided into 2 Pls and with **Tpt**
to be trained as Rifle Pls.
PIONEER Pl to do essential road work in Bn area.
Duties such as digging Amn dumps etc., to be supplied
by Coy.
1 Pl for jungle clearing to be supplied Tuesday & Wedn.

8 DEC 42

C.O.

2/7 AUST INF BN

Pl in action with only five carriers 5 Dec 42. All vehicles abandoned. Remainder delayed owing to transport difficulties and have not arrived yet.

CASUALTIESMISSING BELIEVED KILLED

VX 6545 Lieut T.StD.F. FERCUSSON

KILLED IN ACTION

VX 4674 Lieut I.W. WALKER.

DIED OF WOUNDS

VX 6912 Cpl ORPWOOD J.E.

WOUNDED

VX 5449	Sgt	TAYLOR	D.R.
N 201878	Pte	CONWAY	P.J.
NX 921	Pte	LOCKE	L.C.
VX 52215	Pte	KEMP	H.

WOUNDED, REMAINING AT DUTY

VX 57446	Pte	CAMERON	A.J.
VX 37046	Pte	PHILLIPS	E.J.
VX 27424	Pte	MacKENZIE	G.P.

MISSING

VX 2915	Cpl	DAVIES	F.G.
NX 52154	Pte	ARMSTRONG	T.S.
N 170984	Pte	SEAGER	G.M.

Sgt FOOT G. in Comd of Pl, attached to 2/6 AUST IND COY for general administration.

(Sgd) G. FOOT Sgt.

A/O.C. Carrier Pl.

Subject: Work and Trg Report

S/62

2/7 AUST INF BN
5 Dec 42

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Attached hereto Work and Trg Report for week ending 5 Dec 42.

[Signature]
.....Major
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. TRAINING

(a) Rifle Coys:

Pl exs were conducted as follows:

Two Pl Exs under Bn supervision.

All Pls- pl attacks in plantation area and jungle areas under Coy supervision.

Four Pls- two day exs incl preparation of night bivouacs as prelude to Coy Exs.

Remarks: Standard good- main weakness, sec leaders recently appointed; need further practice in control of their comds.

(b) Sec exs carried out to correct faults in individual secs as revealed by pl exs.

(c) Musketry:

Rifle practices

A & D Coys

Fd firing

All Coys

Tests of Owen Gun

" " (Reports submitted separately)

2" Mortar

B & D Coys

(d) Individual Trg:

Weapon Trg

A/Gas Trg

Close Order Drill

} All Coys

Note: "B" Coy carried out trg as in para(d) while providing def of GUERNEY FD.

2. HQ COY

1 Pl- Spec trg 108 sets attached to pls during exs. Coy Comds report reception generally unsatisfactory.

2 Pl- Trg as for rifle coys.

3 Pl- Mortar Trg- experiments carried out- man handling weapons, amm etc.

5 Pl- Construction unit rds and cook houses, now det to 17 Bde.

6 Pl- Normal duties.

Note: All Pl Rifle Practices and Fd Firing Ranges.

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ROUTINE ORDERS NO 42/53

6 Dec 42

MAJOR K.S. PICKEN

ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. PROMULGATION OF SENTENCES BY FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

VX 56305 Pte BROWN G.H. at HQ MINE FORCE

CHARGE : Committing a civil offence that is to say forgery, in that he on or about 12 Oct 42, with intent to deceive, forged the name of a censorship franking Officer, Lieut S. ARNOLD, to a letter to Mrs G. BROWN AA 41.

2ND CHARGE: Committing a civil offence that is to say, forgery, in that he on or about 12 Oct 42, with intent to deceive, forged the name of a censorship franking officer, Lieut S. ARNOLD to a letter to Pte R. BROWN AA41.

FINDING: Guilty of both charges.

SENTENCE : To be fined the sum of £15 (Fifteen Pounds)

DATE OF SENTENCE: 11 Nov 42

DATE OF CONFIRMATION: 27 Nov 42

DATE AND PLACE OF PROMULGATION ROUTE 7 5 Dec 42.

VX 4771 Pte DOWDY J. at HQ MINE FORCE

CHARGE Absenting himself without leave in that he absented himself from his unit without leave from 0630 hrs from 6 Sep 42 until 2230 hrs on 16 Sep 42 AA 15(1)

2ND CHARGE: Absenting himself without leave in that he when under open arrest absented himself from his unit without leave from 0930 hrs on 25 Sep 42 until 1245 hrs on 9 Oct 42. AA 15(1)

FINDING: Guilty

SENTENCE: To suffer Field Punishment for a period of twenty eight days (28) and to forfeit all ordinary pay during such period.

DATE OF SENTENCE 12 Nov 42

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 Nov 42

DATE AND PLACE OF PROMULGATION 5 Dec 42 ROUTE 7

2. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

MOSQUITO NETS will be worn by all ranks whilst doing duty during the hours of ~~darkness~~ darkness.

3. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

- a. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air information, is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both.
- b. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the allied cause. This fact will be impressed on all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.
- c. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.
- d. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.
- e. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to IHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

R. F. DIXON Lieut
ADJUT 2/7 AUST INF BN

NOTICE

LOST

1 Gold Pencil self propelling. Finder return to Bn HQs, REWARD

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SERIAL 5/M

2/7 AUST INF BN

Part A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED

1	2	3	4
RANKS	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment. (Exclud attached)	Surplus to establishment	Reinforcements required
lieut-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	8		
lieutenants	19		
Quartermasters	1		
	31		

Part B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING THE WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	NELSON	St E.D. A.I.F.	7 DEC 42	Ex H.G.F.A.R.D.
Lieut	CAPUANO	E.J. A.I.F.		
T/Capt	BARR	F.A. A.I.F.		
T/Capt	MENZIES	J.McC. A.I.F.	9 DEC 42	Ex 17 AUST INF BDE W/TRG COURSE No.2.
Lieut	DINMORE	B.M. A.I.F.		
A/Lieut	WILES	J.E. A.I.F.		

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	ROBERTSON	A.M. A.I.F.	10 DEC 42	To 17 AUST INF BDE W/TRG COURSE No.3
Lieut	ROCKE	A.F. A.I.F.		
Lieut	ARNOLD	S. A.I.F.		
T/Maj	CARSTAIRS	J.DeM. A.I.F.	6 DEC 42	to Q'land I. of C AREA

Part C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks
NIL			

Part D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

1 Substan- tive Rank	2 Higher acting or temp rank if held.	3 Name & Initials	4 Appoint- ment.	5 Whether present with Unit.	6 If not pres- ent with unit state how employed .
Lt col		GUINN	H.C. C.O.	NO	2/1 AUST CCS.
Capt	T/Maj	PICKER	K.S. 2 1/c	YES	
Capt		NELSON	StE.D. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	WALKER	K.R. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt		CRAMP	S.M. Carrier Comd.	YES	
Capt		DUELL	H.S. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		DAVIS	C.A. Pl Comd.	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	PRINGLE	F.B. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		GOULD	F.G. Q.M.(L)	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	KENNIS	J.McC. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	EDNEY	W.K. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	BARR	F.A. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	SMITH	A. Q.M.	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	TATTERSON	L.V. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut		DIXON	H.F. ADJT	YES	
Lieut		McDONALD	A.J. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		McINTOSH	D.B. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut		WALKER	I.W. Pl Comd	NO	Special Duty
Lieut		BAIRD	V.C. Pl Comd	NO	Bde Pack Tpt Sch
Lieut		ROCKE	A.H. Pl Comd	NO	Bde W/T Crse
Lieut		ARNOLD	S. Pl Comd	NO	Bde W/T Crse
Lieut		DINSMORE	B.M. S.O.	YES	
Lieut		ROBERTSON	A.H. Pl Comd	NO	Bde W/T Crse
Lieut		SEARES	B.C. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		CAPUANO	E.J. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		RICE	J.A. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		FERGUSON	T.StD.F. Pl Comd	NO	Special Duty
A/Lieut		FIETS	W.H. Pl Comd	YES	
A/Lieut		THOMAS	P.C. Pl Comd	NO	Bde W/T Crse
A/Lieut		WILES	J.E. T.O.	YES	
T/A/Lieut		GUDE	P.T. I.O.	YES	

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

1 Substantive Rank	2 Higher Acting or temp rank if held.	3 Name & Initials	4 Corps	4 Date of attachment	5 Nature of attach- ment.
Padre		PHILLIPS	B.B. A.I.F.	31 Jul 42	Padre
Capt		PETERSON	B.N. A.I.F.	25 Sep 42	M.S.O.

2/7 AUST INF BN

A. Tucker
.....Maj
AMB COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

6 DEC 42 (Date of despatch)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
HQ 6 AUST DIV
HQ MILNE FORCE
RECORDS LIAISON OFFICER, MILNE FORCE.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/7 AUST INF BN

Part A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED.

1	2	3	4
RANKS	Posted Strength counting against authorised establishment. (Exclud attached)	Surplus to establishment	Reinforcements required
Lieut-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	6		
Lieutenants	20		
Quartermasters	1		
	31		

Part B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING THE WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	ARNOLD S.	A.I.F.	4 DEC 42	Ex 17 AUST INF BDE Pack Transport Sch.
Lieut	RICE J.A.	A.I.F.	4 DEC 42	Ex N.G.F.A.R.D.
Lieut	GOOLD F.G.	A.I.F.	4 DEC 42	Ex N.G.F.A.R.D.
Lieut	ROBERTSON A.M.	A.I.F.	4 DEC 42	Ex N.G.F.A.R.D.

Officer QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	CORPS	Date	Cause
Lt col	GUINN H.G.	A.I.F.	30 NOV 42	Evac to 2/1 AUST C.C.S.
Lieut	ARNOLD S.	A.I.F.	30 NOV 42	To 17 AUST INF BDE Pack Transport Sch.

Part C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and initials	Corps	Remarks
NIL			

Part D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substan- tive Rank	Higher acting or temp rank if held.	Name & Initials	Appoint- ment	Whether present with Unit.	If not pres- ent with Uni- state how employed
Lt col		GUINN	H.C. C.O.	NO	2/1 Aust CCS
Capt	T/Maj	PICKEN	K.S. 2 1/c	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	WALKER	K.R. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	CARSTAIRS	J.DeM. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt		CRAMP	S.H. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Capt		DUELL	H.S. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		DAVIS	C.A. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	PRINGLE	F.B. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		GOOLD	F.G. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	WENZIES	J.McC. 2 1/c Coy	NO	Bde W/Trg Crse.
Lieut	T/Capt	EDNEY	W.K. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	BARR	F.A. Pl Comd	NO	School in Aust.
Lieut	T/Capt	SMITH	A. Q.M.	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	TATTERSON	L.V. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut		DIXON	R.F. Adjt	YES	
Lieut		McDONALD	A.J. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		McINTOSH	D.B. A/O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		WALKER	I.W. Pl Comd	NO	Special Duty
Lieut		BAIRD	V.C. Pl Comd	NO	Bde Pack Tpt Sch
Lieut		ROOKE	A.N. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		ARNOLD	S. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		DINSHORE	B.M. S.O.	NO	Bde W/Trg Crse.
Lieut		ROBERTSON	A.M. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		SEARES	E.C. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		CAPUANO	E.J. Pl Comd	NO	School in Aust.
Lieut		RICE	A.J. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut		FERGUSON	T.Std.F. Pl Comd	NO	Special Duty
A/Lieut		PISTZ	S.H. Pl Comd	YES	
A/Lieut		THOMAS	P.C. Pl Comd	NO	Bde W/Trg Course
A/Lieut		WILES	J.E. T.O.	NO	Bde W/Trg Course
T/A/Lieut		GUDE	P.T. I.O.	YES	

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHE FROM OTHER CORPS

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher Acting or temp rank if held	Name & Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attach- ment.
Padre Capt		PHILLIPS	E.B. A.I.F.	31/7/42	Padre
		PETERSON	B.N. A.I.F.	25/9/42	R.M.O.

2/7 AUST INF BN

A. Picken
.....Maj
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

6 DEC 42 (Date of despatch)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
HQ 6 AUST DIV
HQ MILNE FORCE
RECORDS LIAISON OFFICER, MILNE FORCE

SERIAL 4/M
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/7 AUST INF BN (Unit). 5 DEC 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3		
Serjeants	32		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	65		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	628		
TOTALS	735	*	77

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
<u>2/2 FD AMB</u>			
VX 42704 A/Cpl BENNETT	L.C.	VX 12075 Pte NAPIER	M
VX 37523 A/Sgt RUSSELL	W.C.	VX 4672 Pte SETFORD	L.R.
NX 27039 A/Cpl SIMPSON	A.	VX 24871 Pte WILLIAMS	A.W.
<u>A.A.M.C.</u>			
VX 13068 Sgt CONGRESS	G.	VX 9828 Pte ROBSON	J.E.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)			
<u>Y.M.C.A.</u>			
VX 54284 Pte O'CONNOR	J.G.	QX 15909 Cpl STOBO	W.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)			
<u>A.A.P.S.</u>			
		VX 15062 Cpl BOOTH	WD.
<u>A.A.P.C.</u>			
		NX 15760 Sgt STINSON	E.R.
<u>2/1 AUST M.C. BN.</u>			
		VX 13091 Pte MOODY	J.B.
		NX 11568 Pte GILL	D.M.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel																	77
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	77

2/7 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 DEC 42

A. Tucker Bay
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN
Signature of Commander.

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE, 6 AUST DIV. HQ MILNE

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving. FORCE

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ROUTINE ORDERS NO 42/53

6 Dec 42

MAJOR K.S. PICKEN

ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. PRONUNCIATION OF SENTENCES BY FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

VX 36303 Pte BROWN G.M. at HQ MINE FORCE

CHARGE : Committing a civil offence that is to say forgery, in that he on or about 12 Oct 42, with intent to deceive, forged the name of a censorship-franking Officer, Lieut S. ARNOLD, to a letter to Mrs G. BROWN AA 41.

2ND CHARGE: Committing a civil offence that is to say, forgery, in that he on or about 12 Oct 42, with intent to deceive, forged the name of a censorship franking officer, Lieut S. ARNOLD to a letter to Pte B. BROWN AA41.

FINDING: Guilty of both charges.

SENTENCE : To be fined the sum of £15 (Fifteen Pounds)

DATE OF SENTENCE: 11 Nov 42

DATE OF CONFIRMATION: 27 Nov 42

DATE AND PLACE OF PRONUNCIATION ROUTE 7 5 Dec 42.

VX 4771 Pte DOWDY J. at HQ MINE FORCE

CHARGE Absenting himself without leave in that he absented himself from his unit without leave from 0630 hrs from 6 Sep 42 until 2230 hrs on 16 Sep 42 AA 15(1)

2ND CHARGE: Absenting himself without leave in that he when under open arrest absented himself from his unit without leave from 0930 hrs on 25 Sep 42 until 1245 hrs on 9 Oct 42. AA 15(1)

FINDING: Guilty

SENTENCE: To suffer Field Punishment for a period of twenty eight days (28) and to forfeit all ordinary pay during such period.

DATE OF SENTENCE 12 Nov 42

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 Nov 42

DATE AND PLACE OF PRONUNCIATION 5 Dec 42 ROUTE 7

2. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

MOSQUITO VEILS will be worn by all ranks whilst doing duty during the hours of ~~darkness~~ darkness.

3. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

- a. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air information, is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both.
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- d. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part I Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.
- e. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to IHC so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

R. F. DIXON Lieut
ADM 2/7 AUST INF BN

NOTICE

LOST

1 Gold Pencil self propelling. Finder return to Bn HQs, REWARD



AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND



In Conjunction with

Y. M. C. A.

(Use Military Address only)

A. Coy.

In addition to stores shown on weekly Report
the undermentioned stores were issued to A. Coy.

Hats, khaki fur, Boots, 2 pr. 59. Chinatraspa, 29. Soap 50 lbs. Brushes, shaving 2

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RQM.

WEEKLY RETURN week ended 12 12 / 42

Section B(C)

A. Coy.

In addition to stores shown on weekly Report
the undermentioned stores were issued to A. Coy.

Boots, 2 pr.

Brushes, shaving 2,

Hats, khaki fur, 59.

Chinstraps, 59. Soap 50 lbs.

[Signature]

.....Lieut.
RQM.

....."A"..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
 WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING ...12 Dec 92.....

A.

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH .4 pptrs... and ..122.9rs..
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ...1.0ptr... and ...2.0rs.....
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *Struck off vx61731 Pte LOTTIT H.L. N155221 Pte POGONOSKI R. N155588 Pte CARRILL J.J. vx11962 Pte WRIGHT A.E. vx15742 Pte SABELLA P. vx10652 Pte M'VEIGHT W. TAKEN ON STRENGTH, 100rs FROM 61st BN.*
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK ...Nil.....
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. ...Nil.....
- (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-
 - (i) BOOTS *Good order*
 - (ii) FEET..... *Good condition, a few minor cases of lice.*
 - (iii) PAYBOOKS *Good order.*
 - (iv) RESPIRATORS *Good order. Shortages reported.*
 - (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Requisition not yet completed*
 - (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *12/11. 2 TS and 1 BRAS } all manual. Requisition correct.*
 - (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL
 - (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES
- (h) SICKNESS *Evacuated C.C.S. P.O.U. 90rs. RETURNED FROM C.C.S. 60rs. RETURNED from BN. C.O. DEPOT. 60rs.*

B.

- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *As per attached sheet*
- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *SHIRTS KHAKI 25 Socks 20*
Shirts 15 Boots AB 25 BRUSHES SHIRTS 14
- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Only fair*
- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Cookhouse Under construction*
Meals fair.

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

*Recent issues have improved situation
Requisites yet to be completed.*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS *See Ration for war reparations required*

(g) NO. OF LOSSES AND DAMAGE REPORTS FOR WEEK: *Nil*

(1) DISPOSED BY Coy Comd *Nil*

(2) SUBMITTED TO C.O. *Nil*

C.

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

*Play has acted as evening for long exercises
During week we have had little opportunity to
carry out things. But valuable lessons have been learnt.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

*Personnel in lines at present are fit.
Standard of living is high, working under
difficulties owing to absence of NCOs*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*V437622 Cpl Collins AB } completed course Bde W/T school
V439327 Sgt. Kay G.O }
V42838 Cpl. Rainsmith PK }
V437346 Lindsay C. } to Bde W/T course on 9 Dec
N425789. - Vaughan C. }
V441050 Pte Smith D. } Bde I school*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

*Chirograph pencils for I personnel
Course for Section First Aid personnel*

*Attyd
Bringing up at
need by bonds
conference*

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,
SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY
NOTES

*Suggest at least 1 day per week be set aside
for P.R. Eng.*

*L. J. Jackson Capt.
per Maj. O.C. COY.*

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH HQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

Weekly Return.....week ended 12/12/42.

Section B Coy

In addition to stores shown on weekly report
the undermentioned stores were issued to B Coy.

Hats, Khaki, fur 1, Pouches Basic, 2, Bayonet, 1
scabbard & frog, 1.

R
.....Lieut.

RQM

B Coy COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING *12 Dec 42*

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *5* and *104*
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED - and *20*
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK $\frac{20.5}{7.0.5}$ - $\frac{2}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{5}$
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK *74%*
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK -
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. -
 - (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-
 - (i) BOOTS *Repairs being effected - Meets are lifting from approx. 20 many cases.*
 - (ii) FEET *Conditions - Fair*
 - (iii) PAYBOOKS *All correct - Replacements to hand*
 - (iv) RESPIRATORS *Dull being observed All correct*
 - (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Not shirts & shorts are*
 - (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Correct*
 - (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Supplier Medical Good*
 - (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *No loss & Damage reports - Nil*
 - (h) SICKNESS *5 Exanthematic Fever - Several Bad Cases of Heat Rash - Times improving*

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *As per requisition submitted*

Shirts <i>25</i>	Laces <i>20 pr</i>	Washing Soap <i>100 lb</i>	Chin Soap <i>80</i>
Shirts <i>20 pr</i>	Nil Nil <i>2</i>	Shacks <i>15 pr</i>	Boots Hat <i>80</i>
Boots <i>4 pr</i>	Spring Pumps <i>15</i>	Hats <i>80</i>	
 - (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

<i>Shirts</i> <i>25</i>	<i>Laces</i> <i>20 pr</i>	<i>Washing Soap</i> <i>100 lb</i>	<i>Chin Soap</i> <i>80</i>
<i>Shirts</i> <i>20 pr</i>	<i>Nil Nil</i> <i>2</i>	<i>Shacks</i> <i>15 pr</i>	<i>Boots Hat</i> <i>80</i>
<i>Boots</i> <i>4 pr</i>	<i>Spring Pumps</i> <i>15</i>	<i>Hats</i> <i>80</i>	
 - (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Fair*
 - (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Good*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *Fair*
Most clothes is starting to show signs of wear

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS *Smile + Drawers cotton have not been an issue since on island, are required as in a lot of cases clean underlets help to prevent tinea*

*Indelible
letter
submitted*

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures). *1 hr. for Log + Lecture, 1 1/2 hrs approx 2 hrs, Bde demonstration using tanks in attack. 2 day Coy Exercise under Bn control - recapitulation on mistakes made during Coy Exercise*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS *Find that with normal routine work fitness is fair but immediately after strenuous exercise sickness increases considerably - men at present with coy are fit but do not seem to be able to stand any thing over 1 day exercises without consultation*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL
*Returned from Bde Staff Course. Cpl. JONES T.R. } results not
407 HARRIS R.D. } to hand.
Returned HQ High School. 4th Rivett W.H. " " " " " "*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.
Walkie-talkie sets in place of 100 sets - have found 100's to be useless on all work carried out by Coy

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *Discipline Good - Coy Capt. May Coatsworth during the week has proved to be one of the most helpful Coy Comd. B Coy has been well attached. Copy of Poem written by May Coatsworth couple of days prior to departure*

Kath Edney Capt
O.C. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

Weekly Report. week ended 12/12/42.

Section B (a)
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In addition to stores shown on Report, the undermentioned stores were issued to C Coy.

Sox, 3 pr., Shaving brushes, 16, Soap washing 50 lbs.

R
.....Lieut.
RQM

GO TO MENTION MILITARY ACTIVITIES

MAIL YOUR LETTERS AND

..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
 WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING ... 12 Dec 1942.

A.

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH 4 and 117
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED 1 and 7
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 1 off paper for strength 2 off strength of strength
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK 85%
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK 1
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. 1

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS All have two pairs in good order!
- (ii) FEET Good order, very little tired.
- (iii) PAYBOOKS correct except for some missing on cont-^{books.}
- (iv) RESPIRATORS They submitted to Q. Some damaged!
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY Good. Still not complete
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION In good order & correct.
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES

(h) SICKNESS 9. 0.3. vac to Sept. 2. 0.3. in B.M.

4. Returned from Hos - through wearing shirts many men are getting quickly heat & rashes, and have to be put on M.D. or L.D.

AM

(a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE as per extract E.2.

..... Powder & tar is needed. 2. T.S.M.G. with damaged barrels.

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK 9. pairs boots: 25 shirts

..... 25 slacks. 12 pairs socks.

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS adequate. Bread ration

..... still light.

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE Both v. good.

(over)

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(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *V.P. Air.*

*Persepiration quickly rot clothes, due also to
want of washing needed.*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

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C.
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

*Two day trng for two Pts (jungle)
Goy Co-op with Tanks. Two day Coy trng.
App of Coy & Gas Trng. V armed combat. Improve-
ment noted in tactics. 1 Pt works. Close order drill*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

*Still small points to be improved on in
tactics. Coy generally in physical
fit.*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

Three P.C.O.s now attending a W.C.I.C.

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,
SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *Discipline Good. Due to sickness & schools*

*some P.C.O.s have had added work & responsibilities
which they did well, notably G.P. Blythmore & G.P.
Hedt acting as P.V. coaches of 44 & 15 Pts with last week-
end inter Pt cricket matches were played.*

*P.P. Single CAPT.
O.C. COY.*

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH LHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.



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In Conjunction with

Y. M. C. A.

(Use Military Address only)

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Weekly Report.....week ended 12/12/42

Section

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The undermentioned stores were issued to D Coy
for week ended 12/12/42.

Shirts, K.D. 27. Trousers K.D. 17, Boots. A.B. 14
Socks, woollen, 22 prs. Brushes, shaving, 17,
Towels, 2. Mosquito Nets, 1. Hats, Khaki, fur, 36,
Chinstraps, 36. Soap, washing, 50 lbs.
Bren Guns, complete (replacing 2 taken by Carriers) 2.

[Signature].....Lieut.
RQM

..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 12th December '44

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH 5 and 115
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and 9
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 5 taken up - 3 taken down
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK 75%
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK One
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. One

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Satisfactory - condition repairs done in Coy.*
- (ii) FEET *Limbs - rather prevalent.*
- (iii) PAYLOOKS *Held in Coy office as per instructions.*
- (iv) RESPIRATORS *In good condition.*
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Both quite satisfactory.*
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Daily check.*
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *One eye examination.*
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *Good condition.*

- (h) SICKNESS *There have been no casualties during week in two to mainland.*

B.

- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *etc per scale throughout*

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Very satisfactory.*

- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Cookhouses in excellent condition. Meals have been good.*

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *Clothing*
is satisfactory, however shirts will not last
long as they must be washed every day.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures).
One over night exercise was carried out during week. Coy then took over area occupied by D Coy 7/9 Bn on Quincey field.

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS
I have not spent sufficient time with Coy to assess, but from information Coy standard has been reached.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL
etc
Schools. { VX 425-93 *Lynn et. al. Roper 17 Bde W.I.L.*
 { VX 15614 *at Coy. Ciddor No No.*"
 { VX 14579 *at Coy. Benfield W.I.L.*"
 { NX 34504 *at Coy. Roper J.R.*"

Returned { TX 5314 *at Coy. Roper J.R.* } *etc results to hand*
 { VX 36198 *at Coy. Roper J.R.* } *as yet.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

Nil

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

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NOTES *This Coy is without speaking glass...*
if any should become available may
we have priority. Quincey tables &
Malanae fire antennas taken as per instructions

Holmes & Co. Capt.
O.C. D COY.

THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

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MAIL YOUR LETTERS A.P.O.

DO NOT MENTION MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

Weekly Return ...week ended 12/12/42.

Section B(9)

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HQ. Coy.

In addition to stores shown on Weekly Report
the understated stores were issued to HQ Coy.

Clothing:	Hats	110
	chinstraps	96
	Brushes, shaving	16
	Trousers, K.D.	15
	Shirts	25
	Boots, AB	8 prs
M.T. Stores:	Injectors, M/C	1
	Lans, oil, Lub.	1
	Paste, carbor.	1
	Squirts, oil, M/C	1
	Outfit, tyres,	1
	Levers, tyre, M/C	1
	Rolls, leather	2
	Screwdrivers	3
	copper wire	4 ozs.
Sig. Stores	Cells, dry, Mk.ii	90
	Flags, Sig. Blue	22
	Poles, sig.	32
	Labels, line	100

[Signature]
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RQM

.....Lieut.

H.Q. COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 12-12-72

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH 9... and 222.....
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and 47.....
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 1 off in 90% out.....
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK only 50% of effective strength
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK NIL.....
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. NIL

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS Daily
- (ii) FEET Twice
- (iii) PAYBOOKS
- (iv) RESPIRATORS Once
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY Fair, mostly
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION Daily
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL Daily
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES Daily

(h) SICKNESS Apart from Lina, slight gas trouble and P.V.O. satisfactory.....

B.

- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE as per list - bay E2.....

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK CELLS Dry mks. 12, 15, 16

- 1. Bunt on G. Complete 1 motor, battery, Extractor.....
- 2. Brown Box 20 sticks solder, 4 lbs Paint.....

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS Satisfactory but bread when on new scale should improve meals & supplementary Rations.....

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE Satisfactory.....

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(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

Generally fair but replacements required.
Ry with 2 m. Hats - Garden bad.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

C.

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including

night exercises and lectures). Detachments from 1 Pl carried out
hats with 108 sets in camp with 3 rifle coys. Results varying.
108 seem too unreliable for only means of communication.
Ref. Bdy wool was secured, suggest more balle
be available & 4/5 used more extensively. Hats all try carried out
with bay. Results not encouraging. Special report to follow.
5 Pl at Ade. 2 Pl in try 6 Pl normal.

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

only fair. Intensive training hampered
by lack of personnel available especially
with regard to 1 & 3 Pls which are essential for ops.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

6 Pl OK. (both A & T)

Results of D.I.M. course very satisfactory

.. Park School one instance to be investigated.

No results yet to hand regarding N° 3

Weapon try. 143 Pl

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

I am preparing some suggestions regarding this

(no time this week owing to court martial)

Have requisitioned for Rope & Rangs for stings for Park Transportation

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES .. materials for Sport and Recreation

? could something be done.

roman O'Connell capt.
O.C. COY.

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5M

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
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Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel																	97
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	97

2/7 AUST INF BN Unit.

Date of Despatch 13 DEC 42

Major
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN
Signature of Commander.
HQ 17 AUST INF BDE, 6 AUST DIV. HQ MILNE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving. FORCE

17 Dec 42

ROUTINE ORDERS NO 42/54

by

LT COL E.G. GUINN

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT

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The military purposes referred to, do NOT include or permit of the firing of a round or rounds for the purpose of cleaning the bore of any firearm.

3. ARMY EDUCATIONALS SERVICE:

Applications are invited from personnel possessing qualifications in music to fill a vacancy in FORCE HQ which exists for a WO1 (Music). Applications setting out qualifications should be forwarded without delay.

4. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

Coys will ensure that quinine tablets are chewed or broken before being taken.

5. MINIATURE CYCLONES

Advice has been received that this country is subject to miniature cyclones or "GUBA" during Jan and Feb. Generally the GUBAs are preceded by a day of strong N.W. winds which may drop suddenly to calm conditions in the evenings. It then develops rapidly in the early hours of the mornings and attains a velocity of and up to 70 m.p.h. and lasts for twenty minutes.

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a. All offices and tents to be ~~securely~~ "battered down."

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c. Tents if possible to be closed to the NORTH WEST. Where this is NOT possible with office tents, blanket or tarpaulin to be spread over desks when GUBA is heard approaching. /during

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R.F. DIXON Lieut
ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

Mobile Cinema will be showing on 18 and 19 Dec 42 on CASSTAIRS HILL.

17 Dec 42

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by

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COLD 2/7 AUST INF BN

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EXTRACTS FROM WAR DIARY OF 55 BTY 2/5 AUST FD REGT.

5 Dec '42. Maj Hall received a request at 0630 hrs that we should range the 2/1 Regt on their targets for to-day's attack. Numerous targets were successfully engaged throughout the day. Five Bren carriers arrived this morning and moved forward to lead the attack, resulting in a all telephone communications being disrupted for an hour, despite the fact that all lines were overhead. Once ~~again~~ it was proved that Bren carriers are not tanks, as all five carriers were out of action in half an hour, and several men were killed, including Lieut Ferguson. The other subaltern died of wounds (Lieut Walker) received while attempting to salvage arms from the carriers. Small gains were made by all three Bns. It has been reported that Gen Waldron has been wounded to-day and Div Comd has been taken over by Gen Byers. Maj Hall spent the day from 0800 to 1700 at the Regt Inf fwd OP and gained the impression that American Inf are not fully aware of the advantages of "fire with movement". Reports were received from each of the Bn Comdrs taking part in the attack that the Artillery support was entirely satisfactory, and 100 per cent accurate.

10 Dec '42. Capt Nix spent some time with the B.C. and Capt Mueller, examining maps and aerial maps of the area prior to occupying an OP. Four Bren carriers and the personnel have been placed under Maj Hall's Command temporarily, as the senior man left is a Sjt.

11 Dec '42. Col Martin is desirous of using Bren carrier personnel in the role formerly carried out by the 2/6 Ind Coy, which has been detached from this Force. This was considered undesirable, and Maj Hall suggested an alternative role of Bren gun beach defence, which has been adopted.

12 Dec '42. The Bren carrier personnel have been moved to an area where greater dispersal can be obtained. During the night two medium tanks were off-loaded at Harriko. Lieut Curtis (Aust Offr in charge) has been shown the "new" and "old" strip areas from tree OP. Following on a recce it has been decided to endeavour to recover two of the lost Bren carriers.

War Diary

Henry G. Quinn Lt Col

1200 hrs

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PTE H. KEMP.

VX 52215

2/9th A.G.H

Dear Dick,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going with me & the boys, I suppose by this time you have heard the news about Mr Walker & Warkerson & Tommy Armstrong. Well we left [redacted] the following day that we left the Babb. & after 4 days arrived at [redacted] we stayed there another 4 or 5 days as we could not get a skipper to take the barge off, anyway finally a chasseur [redacted] showed us up & went in next morning with

Port Moresby. If there are any letters
that you can address them to the

7/9 A.G.H.

Tell Jack Hall to send me
that money I gave him to mind for
me as I can't draw any

Tom & Ray weren't on the first
advance as their cases weren't there
Hope you excuse the writing as I can
only use

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Yours
Sincerely
Barney

Patove

a piece of shrap in the head, although I
didn't feel it. The ~~doctor~~ decided to leave the carrier
as it was getting so hot, so I tried to cover them
while they got out I just put my hand out & got
2 bullets through the wrist. By the way Jerry
Loch was shot in the stomach, he was
going to be operated on the day they flew me to

Dear Dicko, 1800 hrs.

Just about to embark,
looks like maybe
on a corvette.

haven't much info.
but am going with
2/9 Bn who are going
part of way, when
I will have to
probably find my own
way - which we'll
do.

Padre Phillips is accompanying
us, so we'll have to
be good. Oh, oh.

Will get all information
back at earliest.

Suby Capt.



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Y. M. C. A.



30. 11. 42.

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To Adjutant 2/7 Bn.

Writing from on board boat.

Arrived Porlock 28. 11. 42. no roads or beach to land carriers, on hills to water's edge.

Went on to Bra bay transferred 5 carriers, jeep & all stores to barge barge to proceed at dark to within approx 15 miles from beach.

Boat returned to Porlock with 8 carriers Pte MacGowan & myself on board.

Bombed at Porlock. Boat pulled out to Collingwood bay morning of the 30th to await further orders.

Health of Platoon good.

Pte MacGowan has Malaria may drop him at Collingwood Bay.

2 oil pipe lines broken on Aust. carrier able to mend but want spares.



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Rations just sufficient for trip.
Screw holding elevating clamp ^{2nd} ~~mount~~
on bracket broken unable to obtain
another screw.

R. Robinette Sgt.
carrier platoon.
2/7 Battalion.

S/191

Subject: WEEKLY TRG REPORT

2/7 AUST INF BN
19 DEC 42

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Owing to this Unit being duty Bn no Trg was carried out during period 13 to 20 DEC 42.

H. G. G.
.....Lt col
COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN


- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH 9..... and 269.....
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and 33 *see attached I*
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *15* *ORS out 15*
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK *90%* *50% in lines*
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK 7.....
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. 7.....

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *As per Bn - Standing Orders*
 - (ii) FEET.....
 - (iii) PAYBOOKS
 - (iv) RESPIRATORS *Weekly*
 - (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Good but replacements*
 - (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Daily*
 - (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *as required at R.A.P.*
 - (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *daily Special*
 - (h) SICKNESS *2 to R.A.P. and*
- Health other than L.A. & P.V.D generally good.*

Seen

19 Dec



- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *F2 with O.M.*
 - *new F2 not yet fully checked*
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 - (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK.....
 - *22 Flap Signal Blue*
 - *4 holes cable D III*
 -
 - (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Satisfactory*
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 - (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Good* *new kitchen*
 - *not quite ready for use but will be so*
 - *within a day or so.*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

clothing
Sun Equipment Satisfactory
Overalls required for Sgt & banner personnel.
O.M. has been repaired to.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

Satisfactory
repair required for uniformity

C.
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures).

Sig. Trg requires polishing off for ops. Infr. Trg progressing well but interrupted this week through duties. 75% of ops from boys may be useful. Full report next week. banner to be ready this week for an opinion but basis is there. Sig school to be held.

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

collective Trg for ops required for Sig. Infr. banner - 6 Pl. both A & T satisfactory. Special Reports of ground tests attached. Attend 2 & 3

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

Weapon Training In progress
Tank Sgt Returned 18.12.42
O.V.M. Returned 15.12.42
to results to hand

NB: Results for No 2 Weapon Trg. all pack Sgt + last O.V.M. required

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

Copy for Trg in Pack Sgt required. O.M. has it in hand.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES. *Discipline - Good. Ticker might well record.*

WAR DIARY *Trg regarding banner of role with 1. Sect. Lack of banner stores and supplementary ration items. also Razor Blade, 3. Strops.*

O.C. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

Appendix to
Weekly Report

H. Q. Coy. ↓
19 Dec 42.

Strength of Coy

The actual shortage of personnel of the
 coy is 33 ORS in total - made up as follows.

H Q.	1.	C.S.M	3 fl. over 3
	8	Sp II	4 <u>14.</u>
1 PL			<u>17.</u>
2 ..	2		
5 ..	6		General shortage 33.
6 a	4		
6 T	29.		
	<u>50</u>		

In addition the coy has detached, not in-
 cluding carriers 48 ORS,

- 3 M.T. Rear Party Australia
- 3 .. Melbourne Force
- 2 AGMAU
- 1 Marine Service
- 10 ORS Bde Permanent Duties of
 & School ..
- 3 ORS Staff Bde Schools.

9 in hospital on strength.

Attached from boys.

3 ORS to carriers, 3 ORS Sig School 2. M.T.
 P.T.O

Regarding those attached, should barriers not be taken on strength and sig if satisfactory after test (see C.A).

Appointments: at present the following are required within Coy.

C. S. M

Stoeman

blerk (appointed on loan to Bde School } CHQ.
3. for how long)

3 Pl Stoeman - blerk.

4

6 T } blerk.

6 A } ..

Regarding detachments outside unit what is the position!

Adyt

Commander ~~of~~ Coy.



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2.

O/C HQ Coy

16 December '42

Subject - Report on 108 blinkers reception on exercises Dec 9th to 10th and Dec 11th to 12th.

Reports by personnel operating sets on both these exercises seem to confirm the fact that reception was unreliable. In some instances reception one way was reported as R5, even from No 1 outpost to Battal HQ area. Although I was not operating with the sets on either of these exercises, I am inclined to think that these reports are not a true indication of ~~what~~ maximum performance. Special care must always be paid to siting of aerials & these must be as long as possible. Owing to the nature of the exercise, this I think, was not always observed.

Success

[Handwritten signature]

B.A. [unclear]
Sy [unclear]



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Y. M. C. A.



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Report on Exercise carried out by Mortar Detachment in conjunction with 'B' Coy, on Dec 9th 10th - 42.

One detachment of mortars, consisting of 9 men, carrying 1 complete mortar and 12 Bombs, proceeded in conjunction with 'B' Coy to No 3 Outpost via jungle track and on 9th Dec and returned via Kalo Creek on 10th Dec. Load was divided into 7 lots, leaving 2 men to rest for each period of march. It was not possible to keep up with riflemen advancing across open country but much easier after entering jungle, necessitating slower forward movement of riflemen in searching and clearing ground of "enemy". Left 'A' Coy area at approx 0900 hrs and arrived No 3 Outpost at 1730 hrs. Condition of men - Very distressed. Left No 3 Outpost at 0615 hrs and arrived in Camp 1200 hrs on return.



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journey. Made short marches with good long spells but the men arrived in camp very tired. Two of them would not have been fit to go any further. On the return journey there were no bombs so carry and loads were changed each five minutes during marching time. Stony bed of creek and wading through water made carrying very rough.

VV 5588 4/24 Ashackford.
Mortar Pl.

quey



....."A"..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
 WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 19 DEC 92.....

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH 4 %..... and 103 OK + 4 awarded
IN COY LINES 2 %..... and 70 OK + 4 OK awarded
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 15 OK of strength.....
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK 40%.....
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK Nil.....
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. Nil.....

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS In good condition.....
- (ii) FEET..... In good condition.....
- (iii) PAYLOOKS In good condition.....
- (iv) RESPIRATORS In good condition.....
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY Good.....
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION All Rifle weapons are being inspected by
Remounters.....
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES

(h) SICKNESS 4 OK, cases 16 R.A.P. 15 OK, cases 16 C.C.S. all 100%.....

B.

- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE Ref. awarded 15.2.....

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK HAB Khaki Tun. 59.....
 Bands Hat. 59.....
 Straps thin 59.....

- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS Good.....

- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE Good.....
 New cookhouse under construction.....

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY
With recent issue clothing & equipment is in fair condition

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

(g) NO OF LOSS AND DAMAGE REPORTS FOR WEEK Nil

(1) DISPOSED OF BY COY COMDR Nil
2 SUBMITTED TO CO, Nil

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

Coy engaged in work during No. training exception & by A/SAs

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

Those in line are fit.
Off. & NCOs in line & fit for duties. Officer P. L. Andrew Nil
OC & 2 1/2
No 7 1/2. No 8 1/2 2 cpa
No 8 1/2 13 1/2 2 1/2
No 9 13 1/2 1/2

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

1 off. 500^h at Park Sgt school (Staff)
3 NCOs W/S school (Undergoing course)
10R. Sig School (br) (" ")
1 off. 10R. Junior Leaders course (Staff)

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES

Cricket material an issue is well used though sport series at 1000 hrs suggest 2 days per week devoted to sport

L. Harrison Capt.
for Maj. O.C. "4" COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

- A.
(a) POSTED STRENGTH 6 and 91
(b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED - and 33
(c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 705; 1-13
(d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK 70%
(e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK Nil
(f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. Nil

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Conditions fair*
(ii) FEET *Fair - Timca still in evidence*
(iii) PAYBOOKS *Several men require replacements in new books & have few reported that this will take quite long time*
(iv) RESPIRATORS *Drill carried out, all correct*
(v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Fair*
(vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Correct*
(vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Medical supplies good - Dental situation good*
(viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *No. of loss and*
Damage reports for week, Nil
(h) SICKNESS *Heat Rash, are again becoming prevalent -*
4 Men Evacuated with Fever - 2 returned - Timca
still in evidence -

B.
(a) DEFICIENCIES IN ^{E.4} ~~G.1098~~ SCALE *As per attached list*

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *2 pr Boots*

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Poor - Standard of ration*
supplied has deteriorated

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Good - under circumstances*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

Fair - Requisitions placed for most wearing apparel which is becoming rotten

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

If slack the correct size could be had they would obviate a great amount of work caused by the necessity of putting belt tight around waist.

C.

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures).

No training during week owing to work parties

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

85% of men in this fit for operations. Find that after weeks work parties sickness rate shows marked increase.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES

Influence of Coy good Sport for weeks - MIL

Neil Edney Cpl
O.C. 8 COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

.....C.... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING ..19 Dec 42..

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *4 Off..... and 106 O.R.s*
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED *1 Off.. and 18 O.R.s..*
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *7 O.R.s Struck off strength..*
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK *95%*
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *Nil*
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. *Nil*
 - (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-
 - (i) BOOTS *Good order*
 - (ii) FEET *Good condition. No tinea*
 - (iii) PAYBOOKS *Correct. Three men awaiting new books.*
 - (iv) RESPIRATORS *Three to be changed.*
 - (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Kit good, clothing fair*
 - (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Arms fair order. Amn - correct.*
 - (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *—*
 - (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *—*
 - (h) SICKNESS *4 Evac Hos. Many men are receiving treatment for body rashes & tinea.*

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *As per Ez Extract attached. Two T.S.M.G.s to be replaced.*
 - (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *21 Hats. 21 Chin straps. 21 hat bands. 1 respirator. 7 capes anti-gas. 2 prs boots A.B. 1 slacks. 1 shirt.*
 - (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Adequate. Many tins of food are u/s, this makes rations short if not replaced immediately*
 - (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Meals good, kitchen very good.*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY.

Fairly good. Replacements needed for shirts & slacks. Very few men have 3 pr of shirts & slacks.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS *1 Loss & Damage report submitted to C.O.*

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures). *Co. has been on work parties for week. 1 cpl & 9 P.O.s on duty at Out. post.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS *Tactically & physically fit for operations, but on exercises there are small details to be improved on.*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL *Three N.C.O.s at W/Trg School.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC. *7 sec. grenades, plus cartridges & base plates for grenade dischargers.*

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES *Discipline good. No time for sport during week.*

P. B. Single Capt.
O.C. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH LHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 19th December 44

- A. (a) POSTED STRENGTH 6 and 100
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and 24
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK! ^{110R trucks off strength} ^{1 off 1 OK taken on strength}
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK 70%
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK 1
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. 1

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS ^{shoes are in satisfactory condition}
- (ii) FEET ^{Usual number ofinea cases}
- (iii) PAYBOOKS ^{held in Coy Office as instructed}
- (iv) RESPIRATORS ^{OK. (one different)}
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ^{Generally satisfactory}
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ^{Inspected daily}
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL ^{6 vaccinations performed Malaria}
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES ^{Inspected found OK}

- (h) SICKNESS ^{two vaccinations - three performed from CCS during week}

B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE ^{see attached memo}

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

^{Books - 4, pens}
^{Rations Emergency - 3}

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ^{Rations received were according to scale except tinned fruit which is being retained for Christmas}

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ^{Satisfactory}

(over)

(2)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

Garments taken in for repair have been partly returned. No beyond repair will be replaced with new ones.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

No change since last report.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*1 Officer 3 ORs at 17th Aust Inf Bde WFF
1 OR at Sig Course HQ Coy
1 OR at Chute Tank School*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES

could this Coy be relieved with some working gear. As we have no games and personnel cannot leave area of strip to attend lectures etc.

*John D. [Signature] Capt.
O.C. D Coy.*

NOTE: - THIS REPORT TO REACH HQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 11/12F/3

SERIAL 6/M

2/7 AUST INF BN

Part A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED

1.	2	3	4
RANKS	Posted Strength counting against authorised establishment. (Exclud attached)	Surplus to establishment	Reinforcements required
Lieut-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	21	1	
Quartermasters	1		
	34	1	

Part B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING THE WEEK

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name		Corps	Date	Cause
Lt col	QUINN	H.G.	A.I.F.	15 DEC 42	Ex 2/1 AUST C.C.S.
Lieut	HILL	J.	A.I.F.	16 DEC 42	Ex 13 AUST INF BN
Lieut	McGILLIVRAY	G.E.	A.I.F.	16 DEC 42	
Lieut	MACKIE	J.	A.I.F.	16 DEC 42	

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name		Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	CRAMP	S.M.	A.I.F.	12 DEC 42	To SPECIAL DUTY
Lieut	McINTOSH	D.B.	A.I.F.	13 DEC 42	To 17 AUST INF BDE JUNIOR LEADERS CRSE.
Lieut	McDONALD	A.J.	A.I.F.	13 DEC 42	
Lieut	McGILLIVRAY	G.E.	A.I.F.	16 DEC 42	Ex DET TO HQ MILLS FORCE
Lieut	FIRTZ	W.H.	A.I.F.	13 DEC 42	To N.G.F. JUNIOR LEADERS COURSE.

Part C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks
NIL			

SERIAL 6/M

Part D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

1. Substan- tive Rank	2. Higher acting or temp rank if held.	3. Name & Initials	4. Appoint- ment.	5. Whether Present with Unit.	6. If not pres ent with unit state how employe
Lt col		GUINN	H.C. C.O.	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	PICKEN	K.S. 2 1/c	YES	
Capt		NELSON	st E.D. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	WALKER	K.R. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt		CRAMP	S.M. Carrier Cond.	NO	Special Duty
Capt		DUNIL	H.S. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		DAVIS	C.A. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	PRINGLE	F.B. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		GOULD	F.G. Q.M.	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	HENNING	J.McC. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	EMERY	W.K. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	BARR	F.A. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	SMITH	A. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	TATTERSON	L.V. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut		DIXON	R.F. ADJT	YES	
Lieut		McDONALD	A.J. Pl COMD	NO	17 Bde Jun L Sc
Lieut		McINTOSH	D.B. Pl COMD	NO	17 Bde Jun L Sc
Lieut		WALKER	I.W. Pl COMD	NO	Special Duty
Lieut		BAIRD	V.C. Pl COMD	NO	Bde Pack Tpt Sc
Lieut		ROOKS	A.N. Pl COMD	NO	Bde W/T Crse.
Lieut		ARNOLD	S. Pl COMD	NO	Bde W/T Crse.
Lieut		DIERMORE	B.M. S.O.	YES	
Lieut		ROBERTSON	A.M. Pl COMD	NO	Bde W/T Crse.
Lieut		SEARNS	E.C. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		CAFUANO	R.J. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		RICE	J.A. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		FERGUSON	T.stD.F. Pl COMD	NO	Special Duty
A/Lieut		FINTZ	W.H. Pl COMD	NO	HGF Jun L Crse.
A/Lieut		THOMAS	P.C. Pl COMD	NO	Bde W/T Crse.
A/Lieut		WILKS	J.E. T.O.	YES	
T/A/Lieut		GUDE	P.T. I.O.	YES	
Lieut		HILL	J. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		McCILLIVRAY	G.E. Pl COMD	NO	DST HQ MILNS FC
Lieut		MACKIE	J. Pl COMD	YES	

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

1 Substantive Rank	2 Higher acting or temp rank if held.	3 Name & Initials	4 Corps	5 Date of attachment	6 Nature of attach- ment.
Padre		O'KEEFE	P.G. A.I.F.	12 DEC 42	Padre
Capt		PETERSON	C.N. A.I.F.	25 Sep 42	R.M.O.

2/7 AUST INF BN

20 DEC 42 (Date of Despatch)

Henry G. Guinn... Lt col
COND 2/7 AUST INF BN

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
HQ 6 AUST DIV
HQ MILNS FORCE
RECORDS IAMS ON OFFICER MILNS FC

6/M

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE 11/12F/3

2/7 AUST INF BN (Unit). 19 DEC 42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3		
Serjeants	29		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	62		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	568		
TOTALS	667	*	145

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
2/2 AUST FD AMB			
VX 42704 A/Cpl BENNETT	L.C.		
VX 37523 A/Sgt RUSSELL	W.C.		
	A.A.M.C.		
VX 13068 Sgt CONGRESS	G.	VX 12075 Pte NAPIER	M.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)		VX 4672 Pte SETFORD	L.R.
	Y.M.C.A.	VX 24871 Pte WILLIAMS	A.W.
VX 54280 Pte O'CONNOR	J.G.	VX 9828 Pte ROBSON	J.E.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)		QX 15909 Cpl STOBO	W.
	A.A.P.S.		
VX 15062 Cpl BOOTH	W.D.	2/1 AUST MG BN	
		VX 13091 Pte MOODY	J.B.
		NX 11568 Pte GILL	D.M.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

WE 11/12F/3

6/M

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel																	145
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	145

2/7 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Henry G. Quinn Lt col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20 DEC 42

COMB 2/7 AUST INF BN
HQ 17 AUST INF BDE, 6 AUST DIV. HQ MILNE FORCE.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

by

Lt col H.G. GUINN

CO. D 2/7 AULT INF BN

1. IDENTITY DISCS

All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below :-

The No.1 disc (green) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No.2 disc (red) will hang below the No.1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

Neglect to wear discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

2. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

3. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES

(a) Personal equipment (i.e. clothing, necessaries, tents mosquito, blankets, Respirators, arms, web equipment, Helmet steel, etc) of casualties will be disposed of as follows :-

Personnel evacuated from Units to Field Ambulances, CCSs etc:

ALL clothing, necessaries, helmets steel, blankets, Tents Mosquito and Respirators will accompany the man to the Medical Unit and during the whole period he is away from his Unit.

(b) Ammunition on Personal Issue will be withdrawn from the man's possession before leaving Unit R.A.P.

(c) Web equipment and arms will accompany the soldier at all times to Medical Units. Prior to leaving hospital and rejoining unit, personnel will ensure they receive web equipment and arms as lodged by them.

(c) ALL personnel will be accompanied by their paybooks at ALL times.

This cancels all previous instructions.

4. CARRYING OF ARMS BY VISITORS TO HOSPITALS

(a) Offrs and other ranks will NOT carry arms when visiting patients in Pd Ambs, CCSs or Hospitals.

(b) Arms may be left at the Medical Unit pack store for safe keeping if desired.

5. MALARIA CONTROL

Routine Order No.42/51 of 24 Nov 42 is amended as follows :-

- (a) All swimming or bathing is prohibited after 1900 hrs.
- (b) Protective measures as specified in the above R.O. will be taken between 1900 hrs and 0615 hrs.

6. EXAMINATION FOR DEFECTIVE VISION

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XMAS DAY PROTESTANT SERVICES

CHURCH PARADE : 0900 Hrs. HOLY COMMUNION 1000 Hrs.

5th AUST C.C.S.,
Pt MORESBY
10 DEC 42

O.C. 2/7 BN.,
Lt col H. GUINN

Well Sir here am I amongst the jerry jugglers, with all mod. cons. lying back taking it easy, I knew there was no chance of getting skittled because I owed Sgt Cramp 10/- from playing poker, besides that I havent annoyed you enough yet, and still feel able to have a go again at honourable gentlemen.

I got a blighty, one alright and am told I am going home within a few days, because bones won't set in this country, and my left forearm is shattered and punctured in four places.

Had I been in camp the pioneers would have been able to fix me up, I hope.

It was a pity the venture didn't turn out as successfull as we hoped, sea transport being the essential difficulty, and one we never managed to overcome. The fighting ability of the men left nothing to be desired, and with the 7th Battalion at our rear, there would have been absolutely no difficulty.

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By this time you are possibly in posession of the facts, which I passed on to an intelligence Colonel, who in turn said he would pass them on to you.

These facts allude to the military side of the operations, which I cannot pass on to you in this letter.

For the present I must say cheerio to the old Battalion and hope for a happy re-union either before or after the conclusion of the hostilities.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) D.R. TAYLOR Sgt.

VX 5449

by

Lt col M.G. CUITT

CO D 2/7 AU T INF BN

1. IDENTITY DISCS

All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below :-

The No.1 disc (green) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No.2 disc (red) will hang below the No.1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

Neglect to wear discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

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A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

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- (b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

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Personnel evacuated from Units to Field Ambulances, CCSs etc:

ALL clothing, necessaries, helmets steel, blankets, Tents, Mosquito and Respirators will accompany the man to the Medical Unit and during the whole period he is away from his Unit.

- (b) Ammunition on Personal Issue will be withdrawn from the man's possession before leaving Unit R.A.P.
- (c) Web equipment and arms will accompany the soldier at all times to Medical Units. Prior to leaving hospital and rejoining unit, personnel will ensure they receive web equipment and arms as lodged by them.
- (c) ALL personnel will be accompanied by their paybooks at ALL times.

This cancels all previous instructions.

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COPY

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN HANDLING
No. 69 GRENADE & 68 A/TR GRENADE

TO BE READ TO ALL RANKS

The No. 69 GRENADE is fitted with an "Always" Percussion Fuse.

This consists of a striker pin with a concave top on which rests a cylindrical ball. A safety pin attached to a weighted tape holds the striker pin firmly in position. The tape unwinds during flight, extracting the safety pin. On impact the ball hits the striker pin, which in turn fires the flash cap thus initiating the explosion.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. The Bakelite cap on top of Grenade must NOT be removed until grenade is to be used. (When issued a piece of sticky tape holds the cap in position) If the sticky tape is NOT in position, hold grenade firmly in hand with the top of the grenade towards the ground, do NOT shake, unscrew cap and see that weighted tape and safety pin are in position.
2. The loaded tape and safety pin must NOT, repeat NOT, be removed as a light tap is sufficient to fire the flash cap and this alone can cause damage.
3. DISARMING :- If detonator does not fall out freely, destroy grenade.
4. A misfire will be destroyed by a plug of gelignite laid carefully alongside or alternatively by rifle fire at a range of NOT less than 20^X. Do NOT attempt to pick up.

For demonstration purposes, fuse can be extracted by unscrewing cover plate on top of same, by a competent man.

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No. 68 A/TR GRENADE

This Grenade is issued ready armed for firing.

The Grenade consists of a metal body filled with H.B. attached to which are fins and base plate. The firing apparatus consists of an inertia striker, flash cap, detonator and primer.

Before firing a heavy safety pin is removed, the inertia striker being held in position by a copper shear wire. On impact the inertia striker shears the copper wire and strikes the flash cap.

With the heavy safety pin in position this grenade is very safe and can be handled freely. This pin will NOT be withdrawn until Grenade is to be used.

In the case of misfire, grenade will NOT be handled but destroyed by preferably a plug of gelignite laid carefully alongside, or alternatively, by rifle fire at a distance of NOT less than 50^X and then from a covered fire position.

A cut down Grenade would enable men to be familiar with the mechanism.

(Sgd) E.L. DUNN
for 17 AUGUST INF BDE

7/M

WE 11/12F/3
33 Off 812 ORs.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/7 AUST INF BN

26 DEC 42

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
DETAIL	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (Excl Att)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments.)
W.O.s Class I.	1		
W.O.s. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR			
Colour-Sergeants.	-		
Staff Sergeants	2		
Sergeants	29		
Buglers, Trumpeters etc.	-		
Corporals	62		
Troopers, Privates Guardsmen. Fusiliers, etc.	543		
TOTALS	642		170

Part B Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

DETAIL	UNIT AND CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG	DETAIL	UNITS & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG
<u>2/2 AUST FD AMB</u>		<u>A.A.O.C.</u>	
VX 42704	A/Cpl BENNETT L.C.	VX 12075	Pte NAPIER M.
VX 37523	A/Sgt RUSSELL W.C.	VX 4672	Pte SETFORD L.R.
VX 62564	Pte McKEON C.	VX 24871	Pte WILLIAMS A.W.
	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>	VX 9828	Pte ROBSON J.E.
VX 13068	Sgt CONGRESS G.	QX 15909	Cpl STOBO W.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)			
	<u>Y.M.C.A.</u>	<u>2/1 AUST MG BN</u>	
VX 54280	Pte O'CONNOR J.G.	VX 13091	Pte MOODY J.B.
(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)		NX 11568	Pte GILL D.M.
	<u>A.A.P.S.</u>	(Attached NOT allowed on W.E.)	
VX 15062	Sp1 BOOTH W.D.		

Part C DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

NIL

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERSWE 13/12F/3
33 Off 812 ORs.

SERIAL 7/M

2/7 1ST INF BN

Part A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED.

1	2	3	4
RANKS	Posted strength counting against authorised establishments. (Exclud attached)	Sur plus to establishment	Reinforcements required
Lieut Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	19		1
Quartermasters	1		
	32		1

Part B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING THE WEEK

Officers JOINED during the week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	DAVIS	C.A. A.I.F.	24 DEC 42	Ex 17 Bde Pack Tpt Cse
Lieut	WILES	E.J. A.I.F.	24 DEC 42	Ex 17 Bde Pack Tpt Cse
Lieut	ROCKE	A.H. A.I.F.	22 Dec 42	Ex 17 Bde W/Trg Cse

Officers QUITTED during the week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	FERCUSON	T.StD.F. A.I.F.		Missing Believed Killed
Lieut	WALKER	I.W. A.I.F.		Believed Killed in Action
Lieut	DAVIS	C.A. A.I.F.	19/12/42	To 17 Bde Pack Tpt Sch
Lieut	WILES	J.E. A.I.F.	19/12/42	To 17 Bde Pack Tpt Sch
Lieut	SEAFES	E.C. A.I.F.	20/12/42	To HGF TRG CTRE CAMP CSE
T/Capt	BARR	F.A. A.I.F.	20/12/42	To 17 Bde Jun Leaders course (Instructor)
T/Maj	PICKEN	K.S. A.I.F.	21/12/42	To 2/1 Aust C.C.S.
Lieut	ROBERTSON	A.H. A.I.F.	21/12/42	To 2/1 AUST C.C.S. Ex 17 Bde W/Trg Cse.
T/Maj	WALKER	K.R. A.I.F.	25/12/42	To Mainland Spec Leave

Part C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks
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NIL

Part D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substan- tive Rank	Higher acting or temp rank if held.	Name & Initials	Appoint- ment.	Whether Present with Unit.	If not pres- ent with unit state how employed
Lt col		GUINN	H.G. C.O.	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	PICKEN	K.S. 2 i/c	NO	2/1 C.C.S.
Capt		NELSON	St E.D. O.C.Coy	YES	
Capt	T/Maj	WALKER	K.R. O.C.Coy	NO	Spec Leave (A)
Capt		CRAMP	S.M. Carrier Comd	NO	Special Duty
Capt		DUELL	H.S. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut		DAVIS	C.A. Pl Comd	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	PRINGLE	F.B. O.C.COY	YES	
Lieut		GOOLD	F.C. Q.M.	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	MENZIES	J.McC. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	EDNEY	W.K. O.C.Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	BARR	F.A. 2 1/c Coy	NO	17 Bde Jun L Cse
Lieut	T/Capt	SMITH	A. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut	T/Capt	TATTERSON	L.V. 2 1/c Coy	YES	
Lieut		DIXON	R.F. Adjt	YES	
Lieut		McDONALD	A.J. Pl COMD	NO	17 Bde J/L cse
Lieut		McINTOSH	D.B. Pl COMD	NO	17 Bde J/L Cse
Lieut		BAIRD	V.C. Pl COMD	NO	Bde Pack Tpt se
Lieut		ROOKE	A.N. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		ARNOLD	S. Pl COMD	NO	17 Bde W/T C
Lieut		DINSMORE	B.H. S.O.	YES	
Lieut		ROBERTSON	A.M. Pl COMD	NO	2/1 C.C.S.
Lieut		SEARES	E.C. Pl COMD	NO	NGF CAMP CSE
Lieut		CAPUANO	E.J. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		RICE	J.A. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		PIETZ	W.H. Pl COMD	NO	NGF Jun L Cse
A/Lieut		THOMAS	P.C. Pl COMD	NO	Bde W/T Cse
A/Lieut		WILES	J.E. T.O.	YES	
T/A/Lieut		GUDE	P.T. I.O.	YES	
Lieut		HILL	J. Pl COMD	YES	
Lieut		McGILLIVRAY	C.E. Pl COMD	NO	Det HQ MILNE FOR
Lieut		MACKIE	J. Pl COMD	YES	

(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temp rank if held.	Name & Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attach- ment
Padre		O'KEEFE	P.C. A.I.F.	12/12/42	Padre
Capt		PETERSON	B.H. A.I.F.	25/9/42	R.M.O.

2/7 AUST INF BN

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.	REMARKS
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GENERAL DUTY PERSONNEL

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TOTALS (to agree with Columns
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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ROUTINE ORDER No.42/56.

by

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COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

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..... **A** COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING *26 Dec 47*

A.

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *4 OR²* and *100 OR² + 6 attached*
IN. COY. AREA. 1 off
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED *1 M¹* and *24 M¹*
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *8 taken on strength, 8 off strength*
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *(1)*
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. *Nil*

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Boots are in good condition*
- (ii) FEET *in good condition a few cases of minor*
- (iii) PAYBOOKS *in fair condition, (1) lost during week, 4 books returned for continuation, approx 6 ready for continuation books.*
- (iv) RESPIRATORS *fair.*
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *fair to good, recent issues*
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Arms fair. Ammo correct.*
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES

(h) SICKNESS *Lowest number of evacuations since arrival in present area, 8 for week, (5) - 26 Dec 47.*

B.

(a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *As per Attached Scale*

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

<i>Stones Rub. Sythe (2)</i>	} <i>also issued:</i>
<i>Revised form 'B' Coy. Aves filling, 15.</i>	
	<i>Toothbrushes 55</i>
	<i>Fly spray curs 9</i>

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Good.*

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Gas dinner well prepared & enjoyed by all personnel. New cookhouse only requiring gravel to complete.*

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... *B* ... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
 WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING ... *26 Dec 42* ...

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *5* ... and *83*
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and *41*
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *80.5 - 1 - 9*
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK ... *68%* ...
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *Nil*
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. ... *Nil*

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Good Conditions, repairs being kept up.*
- (ii) FEET ... *Good - Several cases of Tinea*
- (iii) PAYBOOKS *Many books becoming full - No hope of replacement.*
- (iv) RESPIRATORS *Drill Carried Out - Condition good.*
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Good*
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Reports forwarded.*
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Supplies Medical Good -*
- (viii) ~~VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES~~
- Lost + Damage Forms: Nil*
- (h) SICKNESS *6 Cases of Fever all Evacuated.*

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *Not Reported from RQM*
None received by RQM

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ... *1 pair Boots: Tooth Paste 55*
also received: Hokey material: 1 Baseball Bat
1 Baseball
1 Fly Spray Gun: 8 *200* *1 catcher's glove*
2 Hours sharpening scythes *RQM* *1 Soccer Ball*
RQM

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Normal*

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Excellent*

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(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *Fair*

Clothing showing signs of wear

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

Under clothes is most urgent requirement for Coy.

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

Work parties all week - no trng carried out

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

*State of Trng. Good
Rash on body would effect fitness for operation*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*Returned from "The School" Sgt PARTMAN R.A.
Sgt BUSH P.F.S.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

Nil

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *Work showing, scrub - relief but Coy did a good job - Discipline good.
Excellent meals on Xmas day thanks to the company cook - although very dry Xmas was very enjoyable*

*Keith Edmer Capt
O.C. B COY.*

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING ... 26 Dec 42

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH ... 4 OFF ... and 101 O.R.s
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ... 1 OFF ... and 23 O.R.s
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK ... 3 O.R. struck off strength
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK ... 1
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. ... 1

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS ... All have two prs & in good order.
- (ii) FEET ... Good condition.
- (iii) PAYBOOKS ... 1 Book lost, otherwise correct.
- (iv) RESPIRATORS ... Replacements still needed. ^{Capes & Noz} _{replacing} need replacing.
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ... Kit good. Clothing fair.
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ... Inspected & found correct in good order
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES

- (h) SICKNESS ... Malaria is now at its worst. 10 evacs during week. Many effected with skin rashes. 4 contracted malaria at 1/2 C.C.S

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE ... As per Ex brack submitted.

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ... 27 shirts ... 30 slacks ... 38 pr socks ... 3 shaving brush ... dye powder ... Fly spray 9 ... Brushes 700th 55 ... P. 20M

- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ... Good. Very good for Xmas period.

- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ... Both excellent.

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY
Equipment good. Replacements are only keeping shirts & slacks to 2 prs per man.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS
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C.
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures). *No trng during week. Coy on burning off & cubbing jungle.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS
Physically & tactically fit for operations.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL
*Three returned from W.T.S (W.O. Doran, Sgt. Thomson, Cpl Beble)
Cpl Herrick & A/cpl Mann attending J.N.C.O.S.
A/cpl Chalmers at A/Tk school.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.
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GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES
Discipline good. Inter Pl cricket matches were played during week. Very keen competition. The Coy cooks excelled themselves for the Xmas dinner and all were pleased to see them win the pudding competition.
P. H. Single Capt.
O.C. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH HQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

- A. (a) POSTED STRENGTH 6 and 98
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED and 26
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK 200 taken in strength taken in strength
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK Nil
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. Nil

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS These are quite satisfactory
- (ii) FEET These are very good
- (iii) PAYBOOKS Retained in Coy Office as instructed
- (iv) RESPIRATORS Checked & inspected
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY Under review of sheets
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION Inspected daily
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL 12 G.S.; 15 attended District
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES Inspected & found in good order
- (h) SICKNESS Malaria has been the only sickness

- B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE the per attached (with B' Coy)

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK
 - 10 200
 - 55 700
- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS Rations drawn were full scale supplemented considerably by high grade & Supp. Rations
- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE Very good

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *Equipment*
since return of gaiters seems very satisfactory however there
are a number of articles of clothing etc. Requests have been
 (f) SPECIAL REMARKS *submitted*
These are still the most difficult articles
of clothing to obtain

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including
 night exercises and lectures). *There has been no training*
carried out during the week as all personnel have
been engaged in improving defence positions

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS *No*
change since my last report

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL
Lieut Baskin } returned from N.S.F.
*Platoon leader }
 Platoon leader }
Platoon leader } left for Junior Leaders School
*Platoon leader }
 Platoon leader }**

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,
 SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY
 NOTES *The discipline & morale within the Coy is at the*
best

John D. ... Capt
 O.C. "D" COY.

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H.Q.
..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN
WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING *26.12.42*

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *8* and *225*
 - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED *1* and *44*
 - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *1 off 19 on off = 1 = 11 off*
 - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK *1.5.6*
 - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *TWO*
 - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. *NIL*
 - (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-
 - (i) BOOTS *Weekly*
 - (ii) FEET *Weekly*
 - (iii) PAYLOOKS
 - (iv) RESPIRATORS *Weekly*
 - (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Weekly*
 - (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Daily*
 - (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Daily sub Pd*
 - (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *Daily and weekly*
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 - (xxx) ~~.....~~
 - (h) SICKNESS *Times no increase*
 - *P.V.O.*

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *as per E2.*
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 - (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *None received*
 - *Cans water, 2 gaus - 10; Tooth Brushes 24;*
 - *Respiration Handkerchiefs, 3; Rifle 1; Bayonets 1*
 - *Boots 1 pair; Paint 1 pint; Fly Spray Guns 12*
 - (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ~~.....~~
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 - (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ~~.....~~
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(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

Generally fair. Replacements required as per requisition to G.M.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

C.
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures)

No special trg carried out.

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

Generally good - collective trg required. Infra banner special trg to be undertaken.

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*Rock School 1st 20RS.
Wfn trg 20RS. No results. 1st Nov.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

Schools within unit.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES

*morale good. Discipline fair.
Sports. boy taking good interest in swimming & cricket. ~~...~~ well received.
boy acts receipt of A.C.F. Hampers and thanks for same, also ~~...~~ human ~~...~~ kept*

O.C. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH HQ BY 1000 HRS

Lt col H.G. GUINN

by

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

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Spraying with FLEISOL will also include slit trenches and other small areas believed to be harbouring mosquitoes.

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Instances have occurred where phones have been left unattended during meal periods.

Coy Comds will ensure reliefs are so provided to enable phones to be attended at ALL times.

3. MOVEMENT

Instructions as laid down in R.O. No.42/54 of 17 DEC 42 are NOT being complied with.

The above R.O. will be again stressed to ALL RANKS, and necessary action taken to ensure instructions are implimented.

4. CONTINUATION PAYBOOKS

Owing to long delays being experienced in obtaining Continuation Paybooks, personnel are advised to draw sufficient money to cover their requirements for period of one month.

5. INFRINGEMENT OF POSTAL REGULATIONS

(a) The address of sender will NOT appear on parcels lodged at A.P.Os. The only information required is :-

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- (ii) Full description of contents.
- (iii) Regimental number and name of sender.

(b) The sending by post of grenades, fuses, live cartridges or other explosives is strictly prohibited. It is not only a serious breach of regulations, but also a criminally lunatic act endangering the safety of postal personnel, aircraft, shipping and mails carried.

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- (d) Within the precincts of the Airfield speed of all vchs is restricted to TEN mph.

(over)

7. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the under mentioned officers has been convened to inquire into and report on :-

- (a) The loss of three Signal Watches on issue to this unit, prior to 9 Dec 42
- (b) The loss of one Signal Watch No.17 on issue to this unit, during exercise 9/10 Dec 42.

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PRÉSIDENT
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 ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

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NOTICES

2/7 AUST INF BN acknowledges with thanks the undermentioned gifts :--

544 XMAS HAMPERS from AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

100 SAFETY RAZOR BLADE SHARPENERS from 7th Bn A.I.F. ASSOCIATION.

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From. A/O. b. barrier Pln.

Platoon in action with only
five carriers & Dec. all vehicles
abandoned, remainder delayed
owing to transport difficulties
and have not arrived yet.

Casualties

Missing believed killed:

VX 6545 Lieut Ferguson. I. S. D. H.

Killed in action.

VX 4674 Lieut Walker. I. W.

Died of Wounds.

VX 6912 SPl Orwood J. C.

Wounded.

VX 5449. Sgt Taylor D. R.

N. 201878. Plt Bonway P. G.

NX 921 " Locke L. B.

VX 52215 " Kemp H.

Wounded, Remaining at Duty.

VX 57446 Pte Cameron ed. g.

VX 37046 Pte Phillips. E. g.

{ VX 27424 Pte MacKenzie G.D.

{ 2/5 edus Inf Bn

Chissing.

VX 2915 Pte Davies F. G.

NX 52154 Pte Armstrong. J. S.

N 170984 " Seager. G. M.

Sgt Hood in bond of
~~1 Pte~~ attached to 2/6
edus Ind boy for
General Admin.

G. Hood Sgt.

8-12-42

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

War Diary

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COPY No 18.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

S E C R E T

2/7 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER No. 1

Ref Map : MILNE BAY PROVISIONAL 2" = 1 Mile
NEW GUINEA STRATEGICAL SERIES 1" = 4 Miles
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TOPOGRAPHY

Features

"CUDDONS KNOLL"
"WALKER'S RIDGE"
"CARSTAIRS HILL"
"PRINGLE'S SPUR"
"AIR FORCE RISE"
CREEK running from 080.011 ~~011~~ EAST
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HQ Coy	- CUDDONS KNOLL	(998008)

as shown in Sketch 1.

5. PATROLS

Perimeter Wiring will be patrolled at "stand to".

A. Coy	- From 995.010 to 005.013
B. Coy	- 005.013 to 012.004
C. Coy	- 012.004 to 002.005
D. Coy	- 002.005 to 095.010.

Further patrols and standing patrols for area NORTH of posn will
be issued separately.

5A "STAND TO" From 0545 hrs to 0615 hrs.

6. MORTAR 3" -

Tasks - (i) Jungle area to NORTH and EAST of CARSTAIRS HILL
(ii) Area to NORTH EAST of WALKER'S RIDGE
(iii) Jungle and swamp to NORTH of WALKER'S RIDGE
(iv) Jungle NORTH of CUDDON'S KNOLL

7. ACK ACK -

Normal.

8. PRIORITY OF DEFENSIVE WORKS -

- (i) Clearing of jungle and undergrowth for fields of fire.
- (ii) Digging Sec Posts.
- (iii) Erection of wire - Double apron fences.

9. CAMOUFLAGE -

All def works, stores, dumps etc; to be camouflaged.

10. WORKS POLICY -

Jungle area to be cleared :-

- (i) Jungle area NORTH of CUDDON'S KNOLL and within perimeter.
- (ii) Jungle area NORTH of "D" Coy area outside perimeter to a depth of 200^x from wire.
- (iii) NORTH EAST of CARSTAIRS HILL

Pls will operate in each area daily on roster as laid down by these HQ.

W/Pits will be constructed to a sufficient depth to allow for duckboard floor and to be drained.

Wiring to be erected outside grenade throwing distance from W/Pits.

Coys will submit wire requirements together with sketch of prepared defence of posn showing siting and tasks of all weapons. (these will be checked prior to commencement of work).

Each Coy will construct a Comd Post in Coy HQ area.

BN Comd Post will provide for Comd, Adjut, 1 Sec, operation and Sig terminal.

Pnr Pl will construct Road from (997.005) through CUDDON'S KNOLL to link up with ROUTE 7.

Sec Posts to be completed.

Connecting Sec Posts.

II. A DMIN -

Seven days Reserve Supply of water, rations and amm will be held within 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Area in locality of (998.008).

Water to be in 40 gal containers. One to be in each Coy HQ and Pl area.

Rations to be divided into mixed gps, raised off ground and covered.

Amn dump to be dug on SOUTH of CUDDON'S KNOLL.

Tools - Battle scale.

R.A.P. on CUDDON'S KNOLL R.P. (999.008)

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I2. INTER COMN -

Coy Code names as instructed.

Liaison - Coys will arrange visiting patrols to Coys on flank at "stand to".

BHQ - CUDDON KNOLL R.P. (998.008)

Line to Coys.

W/T.

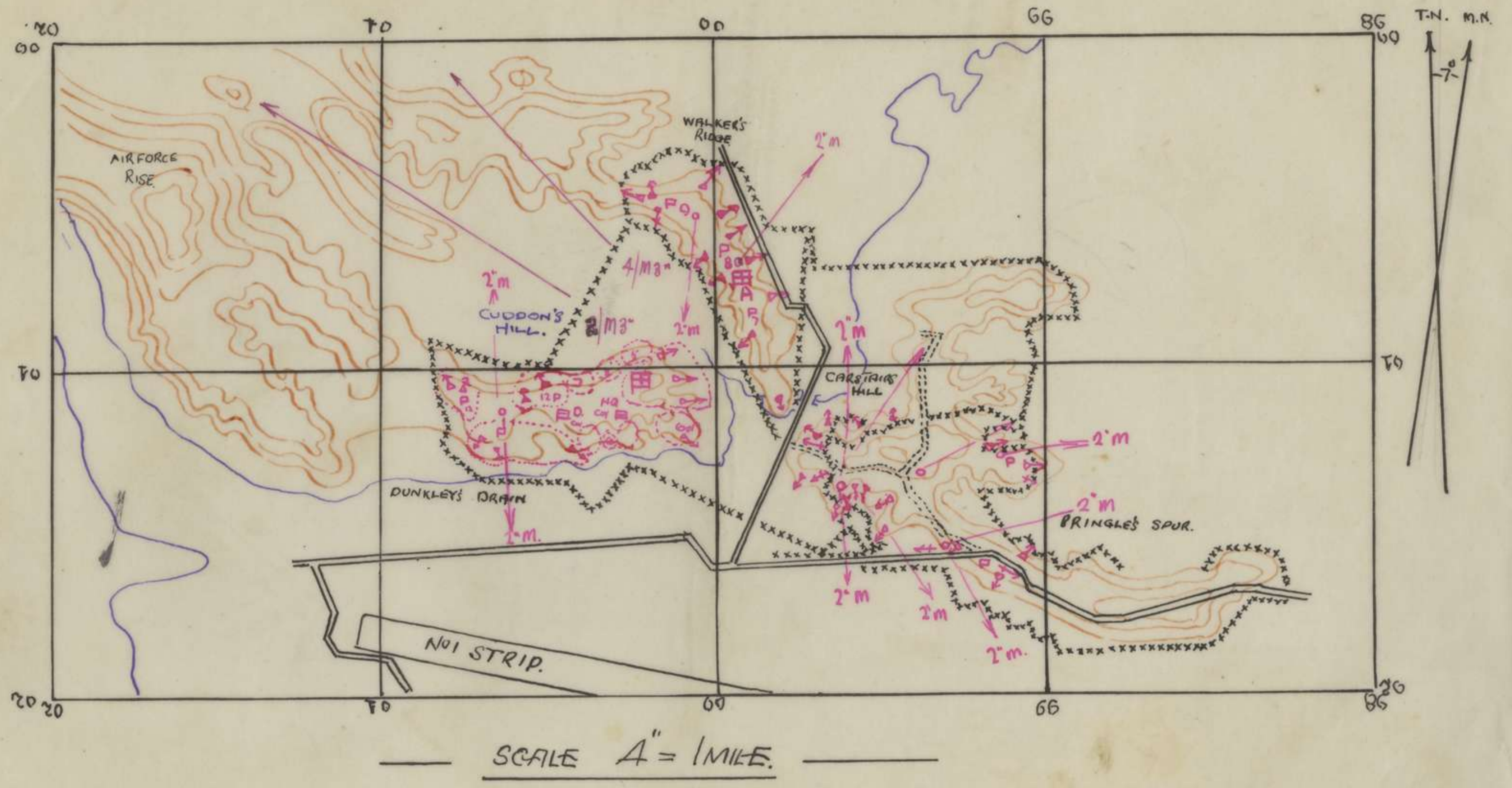
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Issued at 1300 hrs 30 Oct 42.

W.K. EDNEY Liaut
A/ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

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War Diary 19

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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2/7 AUSTRALIAN INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER No. I.

COPY No 19

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Tools - Battle scale.

R.A.P. on CUDDON'S KNOLL R.P. (999.008)

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Line to Coys.

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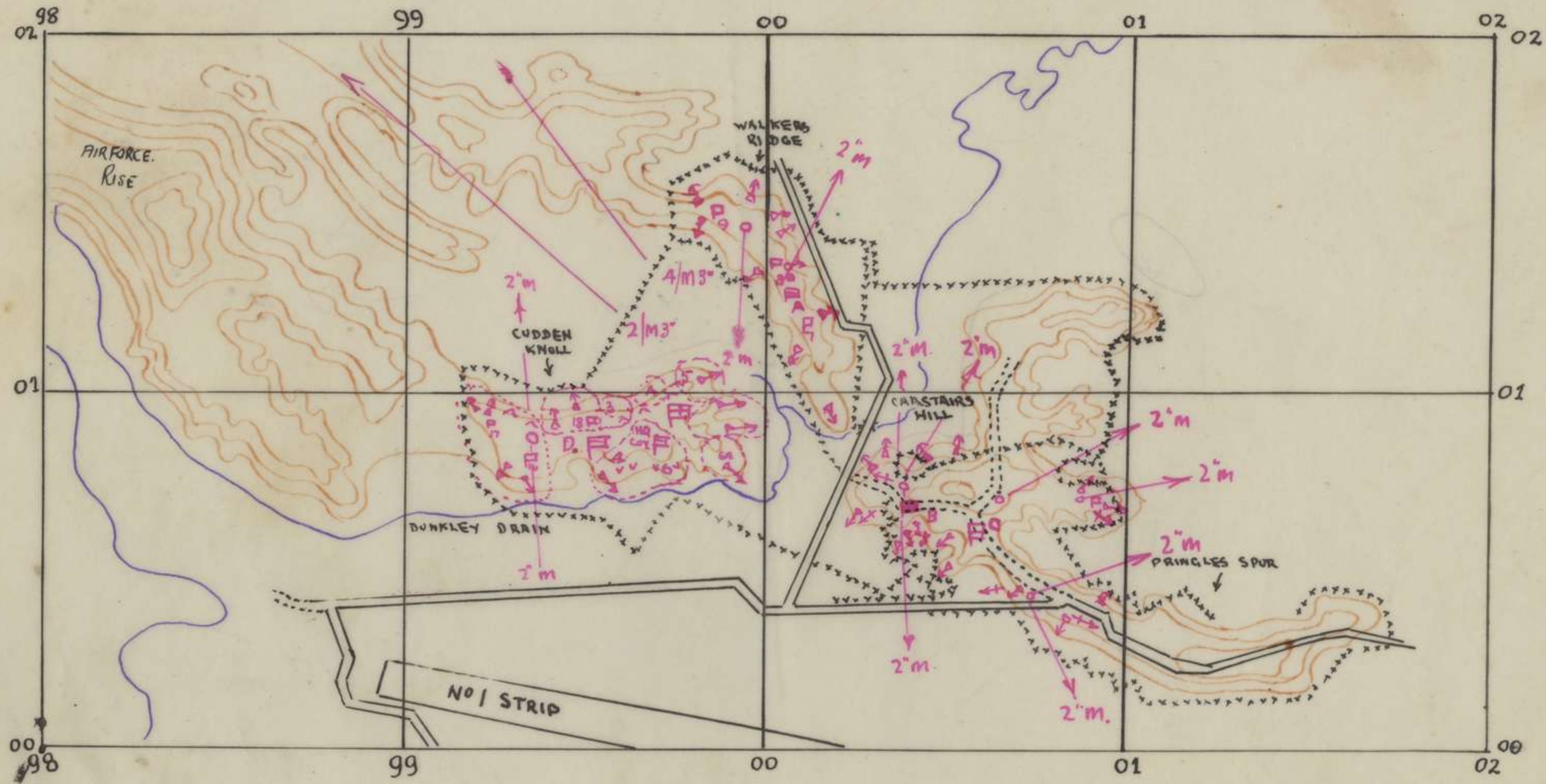
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T A S K S

1. Def localities will be prepared and occupied on areas of High ground EAST and WEST of 000008 previously prepared by 2/I2 Aust Inf Bn.
2. Offensive operations against enemy action about the area of No. 1 STRIP or approaches thereto from SOUTH and/or EAST.
3. Occupy def switch line along AWADON CREEK.
4. Offensive action in area GILI GILI and No 3 STRIP.
5. Protection against enemy incursion from NORTH by all TRACKS over STIRLING RANGE from excl TRACK DUJA-TAUPOTA area to excl TRACK IO - KILONI CREEK.

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2/7 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER No. I

Ref Map : MILNE BAY PROVISIONAL 2" = 1 Mile
NEW GUINEA STRATEGICAL SERIES I" = 4 Miles

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TOPOGRAPHY Features "CUDDONS KNOLL"
"WALKER'S RIDGE"
"CARSTAIRS HILL"
"PRINGLE'S SPUR"
"AIR FORCE RISE"
CREEK running from 980.011 ~~SOUTH~~ EAST
through BN AREA will be known as
"DUNKLEY'S DRAIN"

INFORMATION

I. ENEMY -

As per I7 AUST INF BDE Intelligence Summary No. I AND
I7 AUST INF BDE OP Instn No 4 - Appx A,B and C.

2. OWN TPS -

As per I7 AUST INF BDE Intelligence Summary No. I AND
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3. INTENTION -

2/7 AUST INF BN will occupy AREA - EAST and WEST of 000008,
organise all round defence and be prepared to counter attack
or move in any direction against an enemy landing on MILNE BAY.

4. METHOD - Coy Localities -

A Coy	EASTERN SPUR of WALKER'S RIDGE	(001012)
B. Coy	- CARSTAIR'S HILL	(004007)
C. Coy	- PRINGLE'S SPUR	(006007)
D. Coy	- WEST end of CUDDONS'S KNOLL	(995008)
HQ .Coy	- CUDDONS KNOLL	(998008)

as shown in Sketch 1.

5. PATROLS

Perimeter Wiring will be patrolled at "stand to".

A. Coy	- From 995.010 to 005.013
B. Coy	- 005.013 to 012.004
C. Coy	- 012.004 to 002.005
D. Coy	- 002.005 to 095.010.

Further patrols and standing patrols for area NORTH of posn will
be issued separately.

5A "STAND TO" From 0545 hrs to 0615 hrs.

6. MORTAR 3" -

Tasks - (i) Jungle area to NORTH and EAST of CARSTAIRS HILL
(ii) Area to NORTH EAST of WALKER'S RIDGE
(iii) Jungle and swamp to NORTH of WALKER'S RIDGE
(iv) Jungle NORTH of CUDDONS'S KNOLL

7. ACK ACK -

Normal.

8. PRIORITY OF DEFENSIVE WORKS -

- (i) Clearing of jungle and undergrowth for fields of fire.
- (ii) Digging Sec Posts.
- (iii) Erection of wire - Double apron fences.

9. CAMOUFLAGE -

All def works, stores, dumps etc; to be camouflaged.

10. WORKS POLICY -

Jungle area to be cleared :-

- (i) Jungle area NORTH of CUDDON'S KNOLL and within perimeter.
- (ii) Jungle area NORTH of "D" Coy area outside perimeter to a depth of 200^x from wire.
- (iii) NORTH EAST of CARSTAIRS HILL

Pls will operate in each area daily on roster as laid down by these HQ.

W/Pits will be constructed to a sufficient depth to allow for duckboard floor and to be drained.

Wiring to be erected outside grenade throwing distance from W/Pits.

Coys will submit wire requirements together with sketch of prepared defence of posn showing siting and tasks of all weapons. (these will be checked prior to commencement of work).

Each Coy will construct a Comd Post in Coy HQ area.

BN Comd Post will provide for Comd, Adjnt, I Sec, operation and Sig terminal.

Pnr Pl will construct Road from (997.005) through CUDDON'S KNOLL to link up with ROUTE 7.

Sec Posts to be completed.

Connecting Sec Posts.

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Line to Coys.

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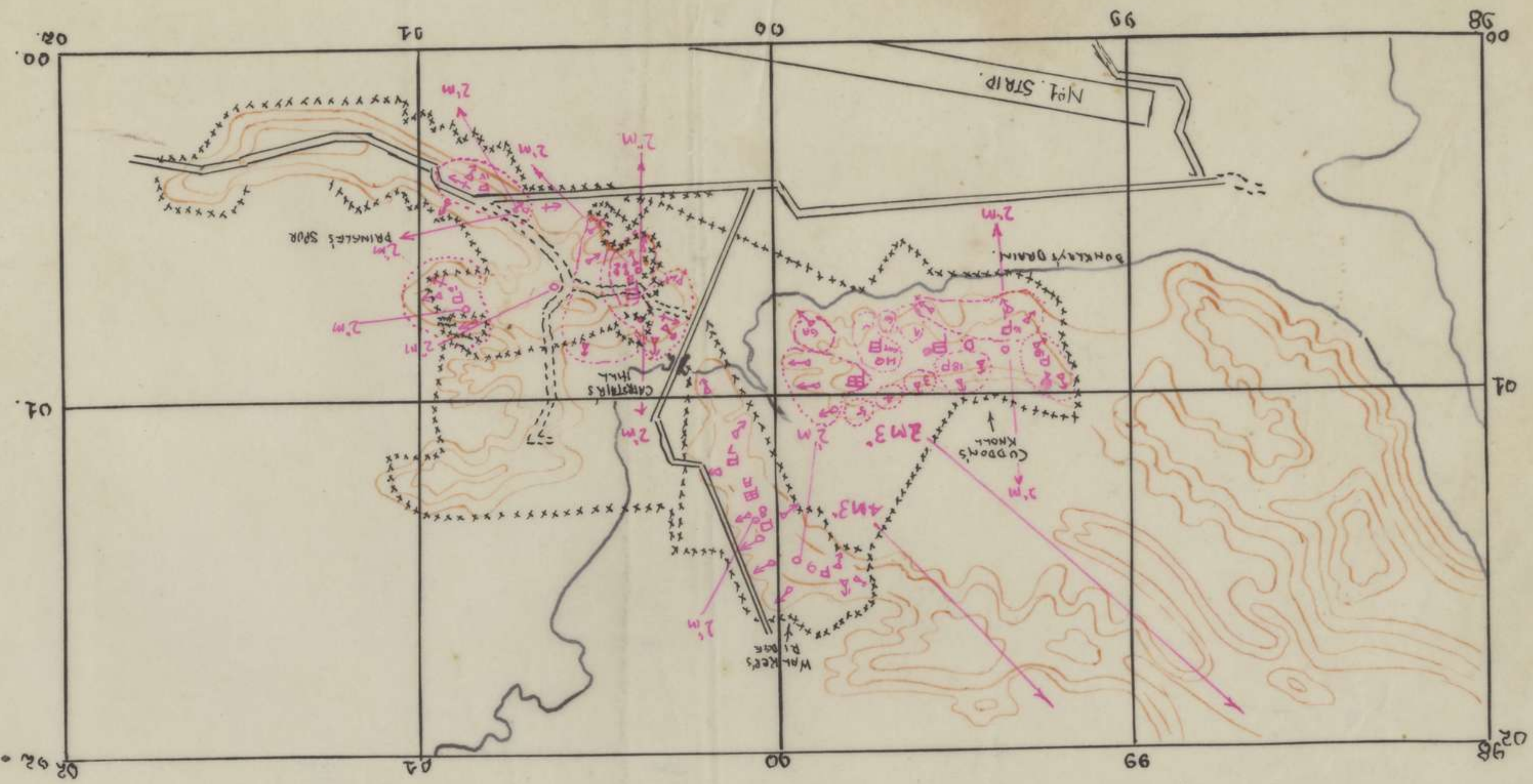
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lower perimeter for front base
 which is continuous in position

2/7 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO 1

DEFENSIVE CO-ORDINATION OF ALL UNITS ADJACENT TO 2/7 AUST INF BN

TOPOGRAPHY

Ref Map MILNE BAY 2" 1 Mile 2nd Edition

CARSTAIR'S HILL	EAST ROUTE 7	NORTH ROUTE 1	SQ 0000
WALKER'S HILL	WEST " 7		SQ 0001
CUDDON'S KNOLL	Immediate WEST ROUTE 7		SQ 9900
AIRFORCE RISE	High Ground Tracks WEST and NORTH WEST and NORTH ROUTE 18 to KALOINI CK		

2. (a) ALL Units within the area will prepare defensive localities near areas in which they normally work.
- (b) These are to be manned in the event of their primary tasks being no longer possible.

3.	UNIT	DEFENSIVE LOCALITY
	"B" Ech 2/12 AUST INF BN	CARSTAIR'S HILL
	"B" TP 99 BTY 2/5 AUST FD REGT	CARSTAIR'S HILL
	DET 33 AUST HY A A BTY	CARSTAIR'S HILL
	SEC 23 AUST HY A A BTY	CARSTAIR'S HILL
	AMERICAN LABOUR COY	WALKER'S RIDGE
	BASE GP 2/7 AUST INF BN	CUDDON'S KNOLL
	U.S. ADM and TECHNICAL GPS	AIRFORCE RISE
	35/36 FIGHTER SQN	AIRFORCE RISE

4. ALL tps as delegated in Para 3 above will come under comd 2 I/c, 2/7 AUST INF BN in accordance with Para 2(b) above.

5. PRIORITY DEFENSIVE WORKS

- (a) Digging of Weapon Pits
- (b) Erection of defensive wire - D.A. fence.
- (c) Clearing of ~~jungle~~ all jungle and undergrowth for fds of fire.

6. ALL defensive works to be camouflaged.

7. This HQs will liaise with units to assist the siting of defences and co-ordination of fire plan.

8. INTER - COMN Line direct

9. Ack.

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C O U N T E R A T T A C K

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APPROACHES from SOUTH

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2/7 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER NO.2.

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Ref Map : NEW GUINEA STRATEGICAL SERIES 1" - 4 Miles
 CORRECTED TRACE 4" - 1 Mile
 (Enlarged from MILNE BAY)
 (PROVISIONAL 2" = 1 Mile)

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INFORMATION -

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2. OWN TPS -

As per I7 AUST INF BDE Intelligence Summary No. I AND
I7 AUST INF BDE OP Instn No 4 - Appx A, B and C.

3. INTENTION -

Offensive ops against enemy action in or about Area No. I STRIP
or approaches from SOUTH and/or EAST.

4. METHOD -

PHASE I. B & C Coys will move to Area SOUTH of ROUTE I.
 B. Coy Area)
 C. Coy ") as shown on Sketch

Task for both Coys

- (i) Engage enemy and prevent crossing of STRIP.
- (ii) Assist A Coy in its role.

D Coy will move to and seize Area JUNC RDS 991.998 and
BEND 989.996. Coy will move via COCOANUT PLANTATION
Sq 9900 - YOUNG RUBBER Sq 9800.

Tasks

- (i) Protect RIGHT flank.
- (ii) Cover approaches from SOUTH along ROUTE I and
KALONI CK.
- (iii) Assist A Coy in its role

A Coy assisted by fire from B, C and D Coys will attack
and annihilate enemy on SOUTH of STRIP.
Movement as for D Coy then SOUTH EAST from YOUNG
RUBBER on SOUTH of ROUTE I.

(2)

Area RD JUNC 991.999 then parallel to STRIP.

Coy
Comd D/will fire signal ONE repeat ONE WHITE
when fwd elements of A Coy pass RD SOUTH from STRIP
992.001.

B. Coy will then lift their fire to conform with
A. Coy advance.

Limit of Exploitation by A Coy EAST of PLANTATION
003.998 - 001.996.

5. MORTARS -

(1) Tasks

- (i) Enemy concentrations STRIP area.
- (ii) Approaches from SOUTH along ROUTE I - KALONI CK.
- (iii) RIGHT flank.

O.Ps. Line - YOUNG RUBBER
W/T IO8 under Comd D Coy.

6. INTER COMN-

Bn HQ - Protection Pl YOUNG RUBBER Sq 9800 after
movement of A Coy from present posn.

7. SUCCESS SIGNAL -

On reaching Limit of Exploitation A Coy will fire TWO
repeat TWO WHITE.

PHASE 2.

On success signal by A. Coy -
C Coy will move to and consolidate JUNC ROUTES 3 and 9
013973 via TRACK 003994 - 013.994 - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ - JUNC ROUTES I6 and 3 - 007.979.

A Coy will assist by fire C Coy in its advance to JUNC
TRACK and FENCE 008.995.

B. Coy will move to and consolidate JUNC ROUTES I and
3 - 986.990 via ROUTE I.

A. Coy will move to and consolidate JUNC ROUTES I6 and
3 - 007.978 via JUNC TRACK - PLANTATION BOUNDARY -
003.994.

D. Coy will move to and consolidate JUNC TRACK ROUTE 3 -
992.985 - via TRACK 993.995 - 992.985.

HQ Coy

less det personnel
3 det Mortars
B Ech.

on consolidation of ROUTE 3 to Area SOUTH of
PLANTATION 989.994 astride ROUTE I. Fwd elements
988.994.

8. MOPPING UP -

Coys will be responsible for mopping up areas/Routes
during their advance. astride

9. JUNGLE CLEARING -

On reaching objectives, Coys will clear jungle for fields of fire adjacent to their areas.

10. MORTARS -

Two dets will be prepared to support C Coy in its advance to JUNC TRACK - FENCE 008.994 - From def Area.

Four dets to support B Coy to 985.990.
On consolidation two dets to A Coy area.
One det under Comd D Coy.

11. RE-ORGANISATION OF DEF POSN -

2 i/c will re-organise personnel of withdrawing elements within area and re-establish def of STRIP and area vacated by unit.

12. P.O.W.-

As per B.S.O. to Bde P.W. Cage.

13. ADMIN -

Battle Scale as per B.S.O.
Rations - one day to be carried on soldier.
AMN as req to Coy areas when ordered.
3 Cane cutting knives carried per Sec.

14. MEDICAL -

R.A.P. vicinity S.E. YOUNG RUBBER 989.003.
Medical haversacks to be carried by each Sec as allotted.
Stretcher Bearers - 4 to each Rifle Coy.

15. INTER COMN -

BN HQ move with D. Coy.
on consolidation - A Coy.

16. SIG PLAN -

On consolidation line - W/T 108.

17. ACK -

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TRACE SHOWING 2/7 Bn. MOVEMENT IN COUNTER ATTACK ROLE.



APPENDIX "B" to OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.2.

SPECIAL SCALE

REQUIREMENTS

The following scale will be held down to Pls and will be constituted as follows :-

ONE MAN PER WEAPON

Rifle:	100 rounds in bandolier
Bren :	720 " incl 12 mags
TSMG:	7 mags (20 rounds per mag)
.55 A.Tk:	20 rounds

For E.Y. RIFLE

Grenade	36	(7 sec)	6
Grenade	68		6
Grenade	36	(4 sec)	1 (subject to application MILNE FORCE)
Mortar	2" HE		15
"	2" Smoke		3
"	3" HE		9
"	3" Smoke		3

FWD RESERVES to be maintained by No 3 Pl ready to place in trucks (3x15cwt) in mixed loads.

SAA :	10,000 rounds
TSMG :	10,000 "
.55 A.Tk	340 "
Grenade 36 :	Subject to application MILNE FORCE
Mortar 2" HE:	120
" 2" Smoke:	36
" 3" HE:	160
" 3" Smoke:	20

rough sketch of bear in R 2/1 R
operation Bena area 5 DEC 42
Giles

POSN. OF LIEUT
FERGUSON'S CARRIER
WHEN LAST SEEN

LIEUT. FERGUSON'S CARRIER
FACING NORTH.

SANDY SLOPE WITH GRASS.
CONSIDERED OBSTACLE FOR CARRIER.

APPROX. LINE OF COCONUT PALMS.

CAVE ENDAIDARE.

CLEARING.

3/5 CREW.

SGT. T.

L.P.F.

SGT. TAYLOR. LEADING LINE OF
CARRIERS. 0830.

APPROX. LINE OF U.S.
F.D.L.

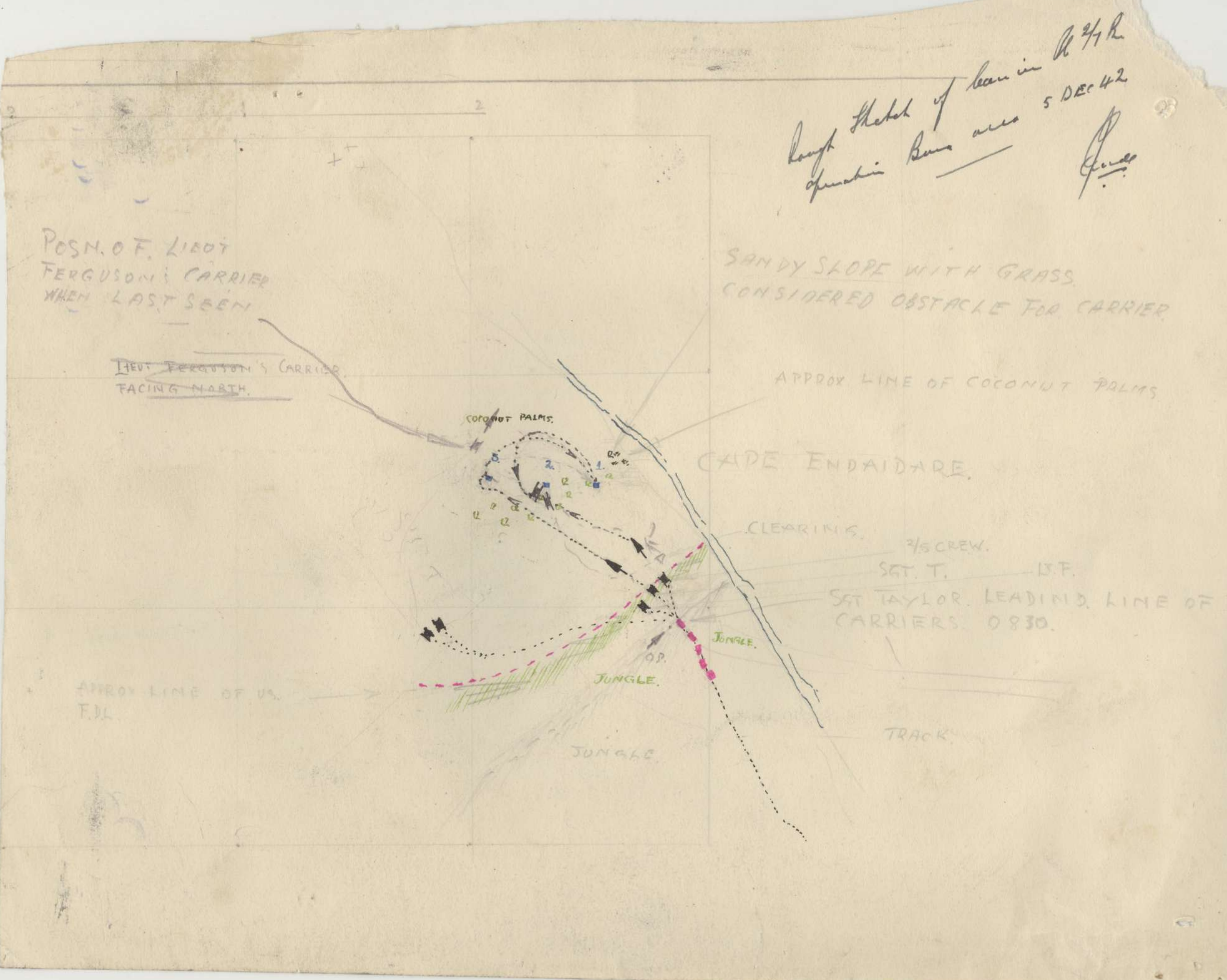
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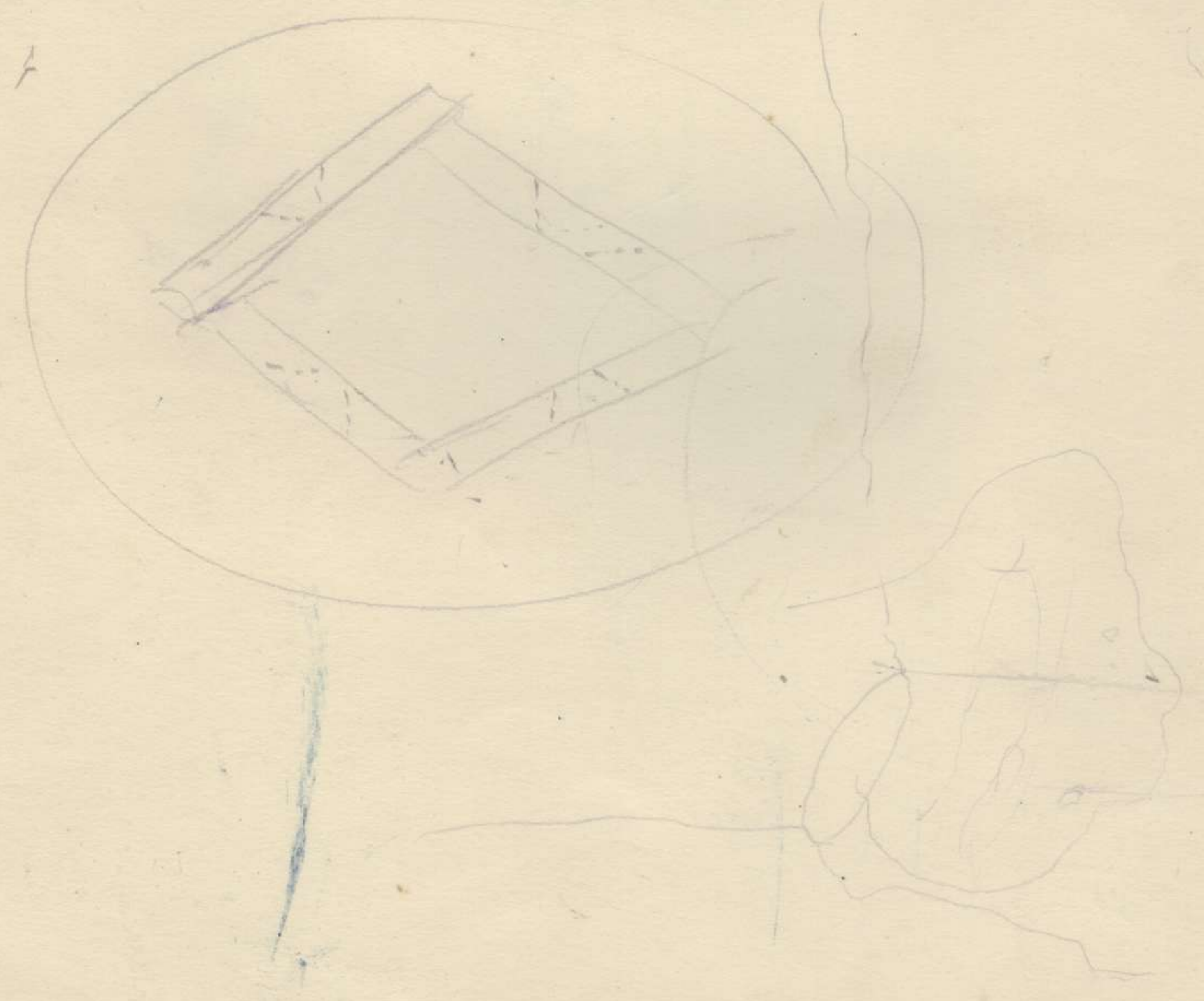
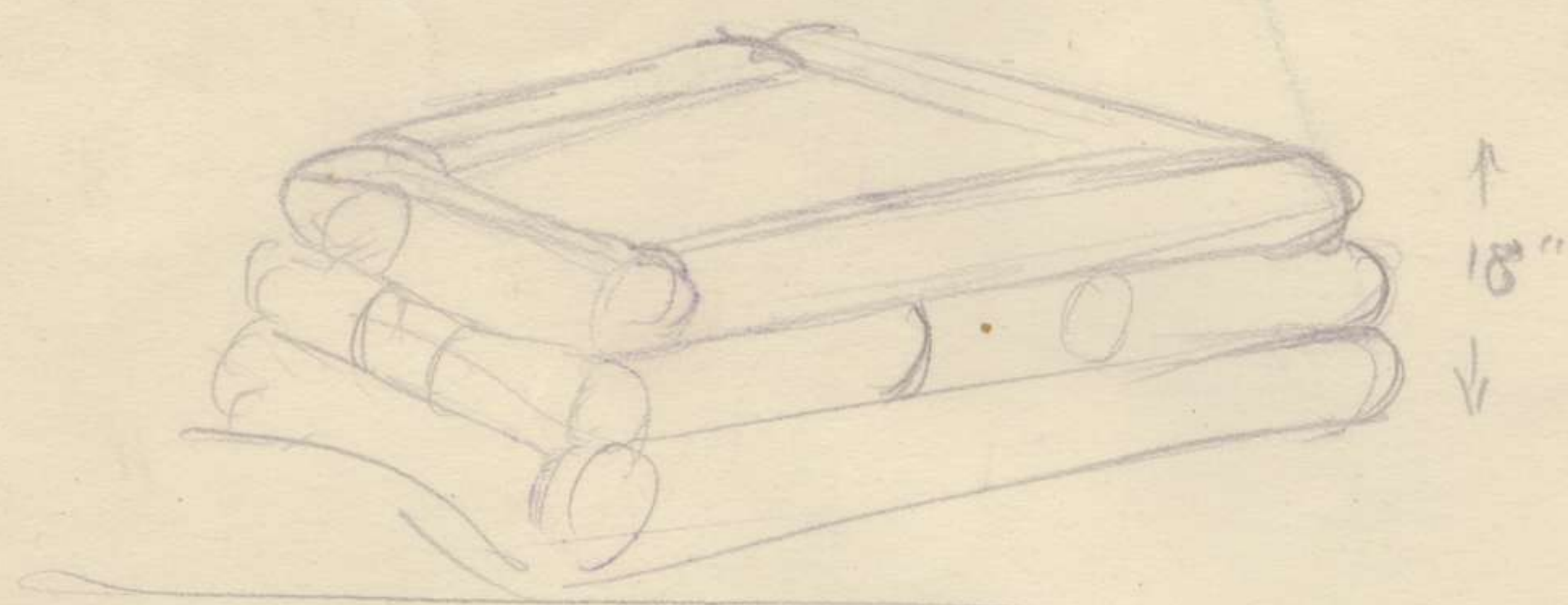
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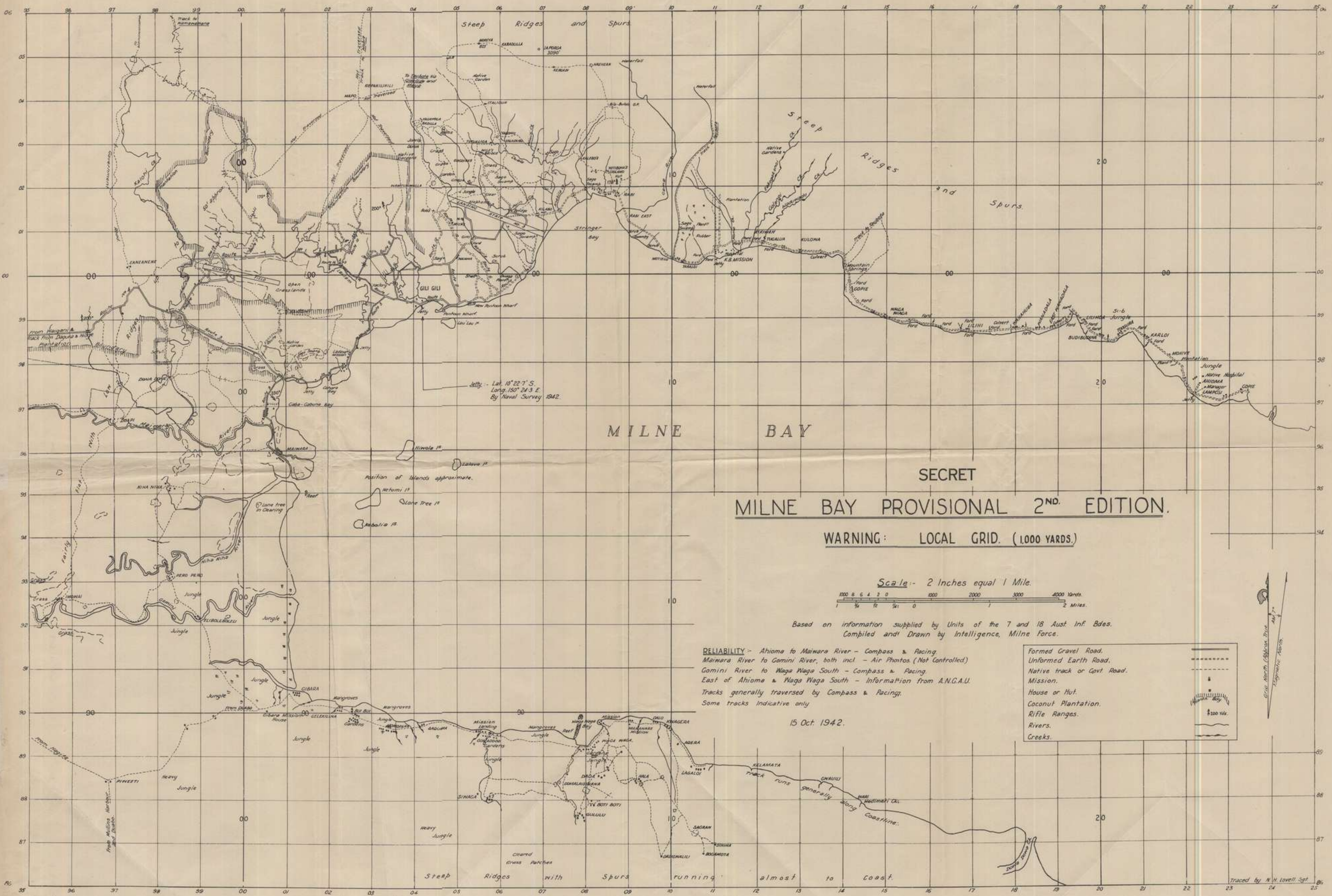
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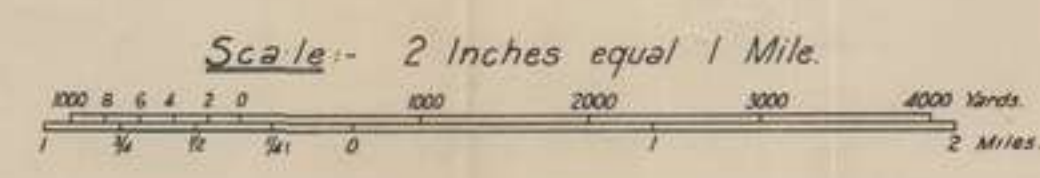


MILNE BAY

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MILNE BAY PROVISIONAL 2ND EDITION.

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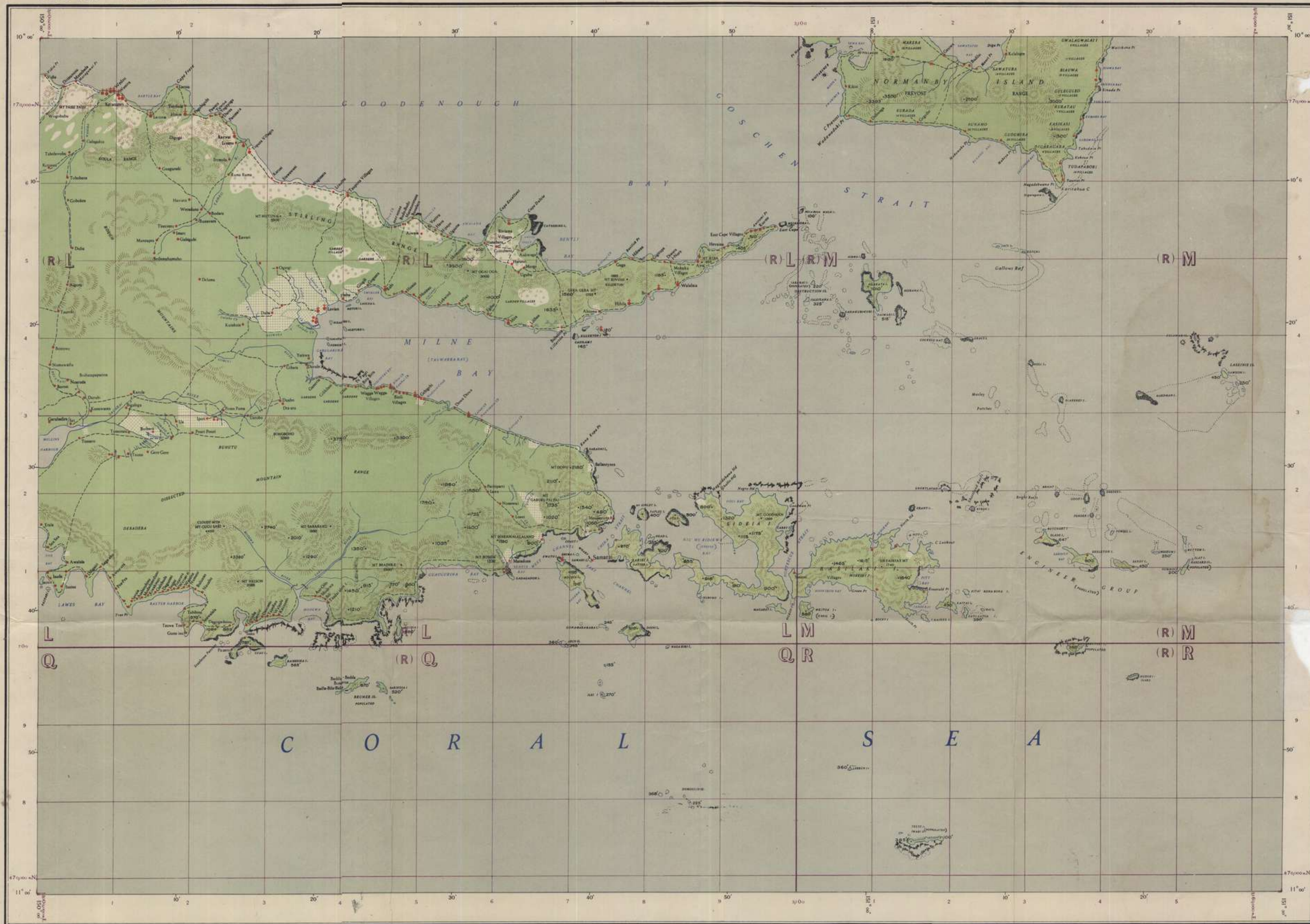
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Formed Gravel Road.	—
Unformed Earth Road.	- - - -
Native track or Govt. Road.	· · · · ·
Mission.	■
House or Hut.	□
Coconut Plantation.	
Rifle Ranges.	
Rivers.	~~~~~
Creeks.	~~~~~





1 Centimetre to 2-5344 Kilometres

Scale 4 Miles to 1 Inch

Miles 2 1 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Miles
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- Permanent Water
- Stream of uncertain course
- Fathom lines
- Swamp or Marsh
- Edge of Hills and Hill Features
- Limit of Navigation for Launch
- Coconut Plantations
- Rubber Plantations
- Native Gardens
- Grassland
- Dense Jungle Forest & Forest and grass

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In lieu of AF C2128.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 4

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	2 X03	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		96	

TO : 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
 FROM : 17 Aust Inf Bde
 Originator's No. 1 Date 19 Date In reply to No.

Warning to 16 2/6 Bn sental	Order to construct	O	Deep clearing work and Coy EAST Coy ends issued Anticipate	This line starts from 2/8/7 Bn 2/7 Bn plus ROUTE	Bde is ROUTE MONDAY MONDAY finish area. starts burning GURNEY FD Coy 2/5 Bn 16 O extra Detailed out when
grass and start axes later	Open land second clearing being	O			

Signed.

J. M. 19 Dec

TIME OF ORIGIN

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

In lieu of AF C2128

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN	
	Unit	T.O.C	T.O.R.	Unit				T.O.C.
1	17 BDE	0900	0930		401	ref map Milne Bay from two inches to one mile 101 Sec Coastal Bty A/A Bty Testing from 0900 to 1030 hrs from 060 014 to 110 to 140 degrees Arc of Line of A.A.P.C responsible for safety precautions all informed	File Phone	
2	13 Bde	1200	1400		403	SECRET @ Password from 1500 hrs today to 1500 21 oct will "BAND" @ all informed. Hek	File Phone	
				17 BDE	1740	401	LOCATION STATE @ ref map MILNE BAY 3" to one mile @ Bn HQ 931981 H.A. Coy 932981 A Coy 930981 B. Coy 929981 C Coy 928981 D Coy 927981	File Phone
				17 BDE	1800	402	Sitrep @ Sitnorm.	File Phone
				"			21 OCT	
				17 BDE	0615	401	Sitrep as at 0600 hrs Sit Nor	File Phone
1	17 BDE	1500			404	SECRET @ Password from 1500 hrs today to 1500 hrs 22 Oct will be "Buck" all informed		
				17 BDE	1810	402	Sitrep as at 1800 hrs Sit Nor	
2	17 BDE	2330					Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde. OP. Sitrep 4 @ after follows 24 Oct	

Log Diary
Dec 42.

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN	
	Unit	T.O.C.	T.O.R.	Unit				T.O.C.
				17BDE	0615	401	Sit Ref 0 Sitnova	Tele Phone
401 1	17BDE	1500	1600				SECRET @ Password for 1800 hrs 22 Oct to 1800 hrs ²³ for all units MILNE BAY force will be BUSH all Informed Ack	
				17BDE	1930	402	Sit Ref 0 Sit Nov 23 Oct	Tele Phone
					0930	401	Sit Ref 0 Sit Nov	206 Phone
401	17BDE	1030	1200				Please submit detailed locations including Platoons Standing Patrols Time out Time in locations Routes followed out and in so patrols are sent out	
402	17BDE	0850	0900				SECRET @ password from 1500 hrs 23 OCT to 1500 24 OCT for all units MILNE BAY force will be "BULL" all Informed Ack	
				17BDE	1920	402	Ref Map MILNE BAY 3 inches to 1 mile @ used in area from Sea Boarding Routes from H.Q. Coy. 2 Sitnova vol @ BH-A 000/004	Tele Phone

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
	17 BDA		0945			Sit Rep (Anson) Sit Nor (Jelploni)	
1				17 Bde	0915 3/2	A boy reports LOCKHEED bomber over No. 1 strip dropped red flare at 0909 hrs @ could recognition system be made available.	
2	17 BDE	0900	1015.		401	Code names commencing 26 OCT for COYS.	COYS ADVISED SEC.
3	17 Bde	0845	1045.		403	Password for 24/25 Oct.	COYS ADVISED VERBALLY.
4	17 Bde	0830	1045		402	LOGSTAT @ Disposition of 2/7 AUST INF BN	
5				17 Bde	1701 401	Sitrep at 1700 hrs @ movement of H. Q. Coy incomplete @ sitnorm	
6				17 Bde	1905 402	logstat 24/25 @ A Coy 1800 hrs to 2400 hrs 24 Oct unloading duties @ B Coy rd construction duties in area 25 Oct @ C Coy 0001 hrs to 0600 hrs 25 Oct @ D Coy 0600 hrs to 1200 hrs 25 Oct unloading duties @ H. Q. Coy completing movement into new area.	
					25 OCT 42		
1				17 Bde	0810 201	SITREP 0800 hrs @ stand to reports stand to SITNORM	
2				17 Bde	0820 202	ref map 3 to 1 mile @ at 1930 hrs 24 Oct bridge over ck at pt. 937983 closed for traffic owing to water rising to flood level @ no report received at level 25 Oct	
3	17 Bde	1115	1310			Password for period 25/26 OCT.	Coys advised.
4				17 Bde	1812 203	ref map MB 3 to 1 mile @ bridge at pt 937983 opened for traffic morning of 25 Oct as water level has receded.	

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MILNE BAY

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Place

Date

25 Oct

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
				17 BDE	1500	204	Sitrep sitnorm except. Portion of HQ Log ^{Leave} used to
				ALL LOGS	1530	203A	The following Code Names within Bn 0600 hrs 26 OCT. DHA WIKR HQ KOSU A log NIMA B C1500 C 1400 D JUG, 1535 405 Password for period 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs 26 will be BEHIND.
1				17 Bde	0810	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ stand to reports SITNORM.
2				ALL LOGS	0825	202	Stand to reports are to be fwd to this HQ by 0730 hrs each morning
3				17 Bde	0825	203	Two 1 men accompanying patrol to NORTH and two men with each of two patrols to SOUTH & three men engaged in travelling route ONE from ROUTE 7 to ROUTE 8.
4	17 Bde	0834	1000	17		401	Password for period 26/27 OCT
5	17 Bde	0945	1000			402	SITNOR as at 0830 hrs @ all internal
6	17 Bde	1400	1444			203	No of mines & booby traps in 2/9 Bn Area @ Permission must be obtained before unit parties enter the area.
7				17 Bde	1730	204	Unit location for 27 OCT SITREP as at 1700 hrs sitrep
8	17 Bde	1625	1635			204	Ref map MB provisional 2 1/2 to 1 mile @ 2/6 Bn carrying out 3" MORTAR shoot between 0830 hrs 4/27 and 1200 4/27 @ areas firing point 035016 target clearing on edge Jungle 039025

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Place MILNE BAY ROUTE 7
Date -----

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.G	T.O.R.	Unit			
9				17 Bde	2112	205	patrol report on A. B coys patrols
10				All coys	2130	206	advice of 3/6 Bn 3" MORTAR shoot
						27 OCT 42	
11				17 Bde	0817	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ SITNOR
12				17 Bde	1115	202	I in roster of duty
13	17 Bde	0830	1100			201	Password for period 27/28 OCT
14				All coys	1640	203	Password " " " "
15				17 Bde	1705	204	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ patrols reported in by 1600 hrs. HBT report will be fwd at earliest @ SITNOR
						28 OCT 42	
16				17 Bde	0805	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ stand to reports SITNOR
17				17 Bde	0806	202	ref map MB 4 to locate a patrol located rifle range at Pt 994029 axis of range 310° @ 1000' mound and 4 target butt @ whole large swampy and unsuitable for use
18				17 Bde	0830	203	Int Sec ROSTER of duties
19				9 BN	0900	204	rece party from this unit moving in area south of NOI STRIP and vicinity ROUTE 3 today
20	17 Bde	0750	1050			201	Password for period 28/29 Oct
21				All Coys	1055	205	Password for period 28/29 Oct

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Place MILNE BAY
Date _____

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN	
	Unit	T.O.G	T.O.R.	Unit				T.O.O.
22	17 Bde	1000	1100			Ref map Milne Bay provisional, 2 units to one mile SITREP 2/5 BN patrol of 2/5 BN at MAPC 027041 nil reports.		
23				17 Bde	1703	206	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 0 patrols returned by 1500 hrs	SITNOB
24				17 Bde	1802	207	Patrol report for 27 Oct.	By VR
						29	OCT 42	
25	HQ Coy	0730	0740			H1	STAND to report 0 no unusual occurrence.	
26				17 Bde	0803	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 0 stand to reports SITNOB	
27				17 Bde	1040	202	Roster of I sec duties.	
28	17 Bde	0750	1550			201	Password for 29/30 Oct.	
29				All Coy	1600	203	Password for 29/30 Oct.	
30				17 Bde	1705	204	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 0 Day patrol returned SITNOB	
						30	OCT 42	
31				17 Bde	0812	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 0 stand to reports SITNOB	
32				17 Bde	0845	202	Roster of I sec duties.	
33	17 Bde	0800	1415			201	Password for period 30/31 OCT	
34				All Coy	1630	203	Password for period 30/31 OCT	
35				17 Bde	1820	204	SITREP as at 1800 0 SITNOB	
36	17 Bde	1825	1850				For brevity Day 2/5 BN on north coast now named mdc Coy	

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
37				17Bdc	0805	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ Stand to reports SITNOV
38				17Bdc	0855	202	ROSTER OF INT SEC DUTIES
39	17Bdc	0855	1600			201	password for 31 OCT 1 NOV
40				ALL COYS	1615	204	password for 31 OCT 1 NOV
						1 NOV 42	
41				17Bdc	0802	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ Stand to reports SITNOV
2				17Bdc	0830	202	Patrol report 30 OCT
3	17Bdc	0807	0815				password for period 1/2 NOV BELOW
4				ALL COYS	0850	003	password
5	19 Coys	1535			1945	205	Get up at 1900 hrs by norm
6	2/2 Coys	1535		17Bdc	1535	3	you will supply pl. and Capt. Walker and skeletal. Capt HO for patrol FHIOMA to ANNIE INLET. Adv. 2/4 hrs. Adv. transport and some under command. This HO @
					1515	2	Now your pl. at start pt. AWAIMA VILLAGE four miles west of ANNIE INLET same time. Adv send message code word AWKO. Adv AWAIMA. Under native police to GOVERNMENT TAUSADA at HUHUNI for WALKER. WALKER does likewise to your pl. at AWAIMA. Each pl. will leave start pt 0600 3 days with native screen converge pt on start IFAPOA one mile SW ANNIE INLET if found on way attack and notify WALKER. Adv native messenger. Adv meeting at IFAPOA. Adv. pls. Adv. under command WALKER. Adv. finish night 31/10 Nov. your pl. returned under WALKER'S orders. Password WOLD. MCBEOGH is to remain TAUPOTA. Cancel KAPO see patrol your M626 @ ACK.

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Date -----

2 NOV 42

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
				MAC. Coy.		Depth variously estimated at 45 m. Loc. considered PLANTATION STORE HOUSES SOUTH SHORE ANNIE INLET. pl 817 by CAPT WALKER i/c. will be at least pl CK crossing two miles south of mouth of ANNIE INLET near HUHUNA 1600 hrs. R.	
7				17Bde	0801	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 2 NOV @ ONE pl A Coy moved out on operational volc @ SITNORM.
8				17Bde	0845	202	Poster of Int sec duties
9	17Bde	0800	1500			202	Password for 2/3 NOV BURGUNDY
10				17Bde	1630	203	Password for 2/3 NOV
11				17Bde	1730	204	SITREP for 1700 hrs @ SITNOV
12				17Bde	1830	205	Ref map MELNE BAY 2' to 1M. the area known as 9 AJST INE BN range will no longer be ^{used} known as such range
<u>3 NOV 42</u>							
13				17Bde	0802	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ SITNOR.
14				AITCOYS	0820	202	owing to indefinite nature of reports re sea and air craft future reports will refer to aircraft as such and sea craft as ships with short description such as warship, merchant vessels ketch etc.
15	17Bde	1305				208	Password for 3/4
16				17Bde	1715	203	Sitrep as at 1715 hrs 2 Nov Sitnorm

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4 NOV 42

Place -----

Date -----

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
17				17Bde	0825	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ SITNOR.
18	17Bde	0805	1130				password for period 4/5 Nov.
19				17Bde	1645	202	SITREP as at 1645 hrs 4 NOV @ SITNOR.
						5	NOV 42
20				17Bde	0802	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 4 NOV @ SITNOR. A Coy in operational role now returned to lines @ SITNOR.
21				17Bde	1700	202	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 5 NOV @ SITNOR.
22	17Bde	0830				201	password for period 5/5 NOV
23	Asol	1928				2	REPORT of two red flares 800' to south
						6	NOV 42
24				17Bde	0801	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ Stand to reports SITNOR.
25	17 Bde	1050				203	password for period 5/6 NOV @ Stand to reports SITNOR.
26				17Bde			of 368 AUST Dental unit has been changed to section 811 AUST Dental unit @
26				17Bde	1700	202	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 6 NOV @ SITNOR.
7 NOV 42 27				17Bde	0815	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs @ Stand to reports SITNOR.
28	17Bde		0900. (7)				During practices one @ 2/5 Regt granted permission beach gun shoot launch draws ranged 8 guns 7 NOV @ 0900 L/L to 1100h @ beach Bamboo STRINGER BAY to GABAGABUNA BAY @ same range 800' @ 5 RPG @ 2/5 Regt responsible all safety arrangements two @ 7 Bde rifle range @ Range 10 in use 7-9-10 4 NOV. All informed
29				17Bde	0915	202	stand reports

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M.B. 4th to 1 MILE

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Place MILNE BAY
Date 7 NOV

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.C.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
30				ALL COYS	0930	203	Information re 2/5 REGT Shrt.
31	17Bde	0825	1030			201	Password for period 7/8 NOV
32				17Bde	1701	204	SITREP as at 1700 hrs. SITNOR
							8 NOV 42
33				17Bde	0805	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 8 NOV SITNOR
34	17Bde	0745	1400			201	Password for 8/9 NOV
35				17Bde	1702	202	SITREP as at 1700 Hrs SITNOR
36				17Bde	0830	201	Sitrep as at 0830 hrs Sitnor 9/11/42.
37				17Bde	0830	201	
37				17Bde	1702	202	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs. SITNOR
38	17Bde	0820	1400				Password for period 9/10 NOV
39				17Bde	0745	201	Sitrep as at 0800 hrs 10 NOV 42.
40	17Bde	1025	1300				SECRET O Password from 1800 hrs 10 Nov to 1800 hrs 11 Nov will be BALLOON
41				17Bde	1745	202	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 10. SITNOR.
42				17Bde	0801	201	Sitrep as at 0800 hrs 11 NOV Sitnor
43	17Bde	0725	1200			201	Location 2/5 B.
44	17Bde	0830	1130			201	password for period 11/12 NOV

REF MAP "M.B. 4" No 1 MILE

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PLACE MILNE BAY

DATE 14 NOV 42

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	OUT T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
45				17 Bde	1701	202	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 11 NOV. Subnov	
46					0801	201	" " " 0800 " 12 "	
47				17 Bde	0850	202	Locstat for unit	
48	17 Bde	0930	0955			201	Password for 12/13 Nov	log inspected
49				17 Bde	1701	203	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 12 NOV Subnov	
50				"	0801	201	" " " 0800 " 13 NOV	
51	17 Bde	0830	0930			201	Password for 13/14 Nov	
52	"	1100	1150				Ref location state 11 NOV. Location of ^{3/13/42} 2/14 Bde	
53				17 Bde	1703	202	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 13 NOV	
54				17 Bde	0801	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs 14 NOV. Subnov	
55	17 Bde	0810	1125			201	SECRET - Password from 1800 14 to 1800 15 Nov will be Buck	log inspected
56	17 Bde			17 Bde	1630	202	Ref location state as at 2359 14 NOV	
57				17 Bde	1701	203	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 14 NOV. Subnov	
58	17 Bde	1845	1902			201	Location change C Coy 2/6 Bn @ 0800 15 NOV	
59				17 Bde	0801	201	Sitrep as at 0800 hrs 15 NOV. Subnov	
60	17 Bde	0740	1200			201	Password for 15/16 NOV	
63	17 Bde		1335					
64				ALL COYS	1400	202	2/5 REGT practice shoots.	

MAP M.B. 4" = 1 MILE

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PLACE MILNE BAY
DATE 16 NOV 42

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	OUT T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
65				17 Bde	0801	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs. 16 NOV. SITNOR.	
66				All Coys	0801	202	ALL COYS ADVISED.	
67	17 Bde	1000	1115			205	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 16 Nov @ C Coy 2/6 Bn Div area 056026 ref map MB 2" 1 mile.	
68	17 Bde	1000 0700	1240			201	Password 16/17 Nov.	
69				17 Bde	1701	203	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 16 NOV.	
70				"	0801	201	" " 0800 17 NOV	
71	17 Bde	1807	1820			206	SITNOR	
72	17 Bde	0810	0839			202	Password 17/18 Nov.	
				17 Bde		202	Nav Diary for Oct.	
73				17 Bde	1705	203	SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ Sitrep	
74	17 Bde	1901				204	Act	Q/Logfile
75	17 Bde	1846	2035				SITREP @ B Coy 2/6 Bn Nov at 0330/2 Sitrep.	
76				17 Bde	0801	201	SITREP as at 0800 hrs. 18 NOV.	
77				17 Bde		202	Package - better receipts	
78				17 Bde		203	Sitrep - change of location ^{password} at O.P.	
79	17 Bde	0920	1750			201	Password 18/19 Nov.	
80				17 Bde	0801	201	Sitrep as at 0800 hrs 19 Nov	
81	17 Bde	0705	1000			201	Password 19/20 Nov.	

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PLACE Milne Bay
 DATE 19 NOV 43

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	OUT T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
82				17 Bde	1701	202	SITNOR	
83	17 Bde	1815	2025			201	Location Basement	
84				17 Bde	0801/20	201	Sitnor	
85	17 Bde	0710	1300			201	Password 20/21 Nov	
86				17 Bde	1705	202	SITNOR	
87	17 Bde	1800	1815	17 Bde		207	Sitnor	
88				17 Bde	0801	201	Sitnor	
89	17 Bde	2155	2230			4	2/7 will relieve DETS 2/9 Bn responsible protection GURNEY FIELD between 1600 hrs 24 Nov and 1900 hrs 27 Nov details to be arranged direct and thus HQ notified when take over and return respectively completed & ack.	
90				17 Bde	0915	176	ack 4.	
91	17 Bde	0810	1600			201	SECRET. Password from 1800 to 1800 22 Nov	
92	17 Bde	1640	1730			202	change of location 4 Bty 18/11/43	
93				17 Bde	1925	204	Sitnor all informed	
94				17 Bde	0801	201	Sitnor	
95	17 Bde	1935	2000			203	HQ 3 Bty 21 Aust A/Tk plus 1 tp HQ and guns 1 one and 1 two, 029012 0 K TP 044019 guns K one 045002 K two 046016 K three 054007 K four 051012 HQ H TP 047003 guns H1 054006 L2 068003 L3 048004 L four 048998 guns 1 three 075016 1 four 065014	
96	17 Bde	0950	1310			201	Password from 1800 to 1800 22	

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
131.	17Bde	0700	11/5.			201 password for period 29/30 NOV	
132.				17Bde	1715	202 sitnov	
133	17Bde	1855.	1935.			207 SITNOB	
134	17Bde	2005	2012.			208 Ref Map SE. NG. 3" = 1 mile @ standing patrol 13/11 B Coy 2/5 BN located by gld A Coy location as follows 11 7194 "1" Sec NOWLA 873600 "1" Sec GWEND GWEND REND 935045 "1" Sec GOMINI FORD. 931920	
135	17			17Bde	0801	201 sitnov	
136	17Bde	0856	1110			204 SITNOB @ all informed	
137	17Bde	0903.	1150			205 Ref Map M.B. from 2 miles No 1 mile @ 2/5 BN Reg & holding boys calibration shoot commences 20 Nov till 3 Nov 0830 hrs 170 hrs daily @ fired from 985992 in direction of HIWOLA. IS 039960.	
138	17Bde			17Bde			
138				17Bde	1200	202 (as above Re all boys) ACKED BY A	
139	17Bde	0700	1330			201 Password 1800/30. 1800/11	
140	17Bde	1145	1205			206 Pioneer Pl 2/5 BN moved EANEANE area 975998 engaged on bridging work @	
141				17Bde	1730	203 sitnov.	
142	17Bde	1800	1950			210 Sitnov @	
147				17Bde	0730	201 Sitnov	
142	17Bde	0900				202 Ref Map M.B. from 2" No 1 mile 2 nd edition @ Pt. H 900000 A Coy 003011. B Coy 006006. C Coy 007006. D Coy 998007. HQ Coy less Cannon Pl. 999007. carrier pl. and operational table 1 Sec. C Coy 985044 @ location as at 2400 hrs 30 Nov.	

REF MAP MB Prov. 2' - 1 mile

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Place Milne Bay
Date _____

22 NOV 42.

23 NOV 42.

Reg No	IN		OUT		Orig No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN	
	Unit	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit				T.O.O.
97				17 Bde	1701	202	SITNOR	
98				17 Bde	0801	201	SITNOR	
99	17 Bde	0800				201	Password for 23/24 NOV	
100				17 Bde	1701	202	SITNOR.	
101	17 Bde	1830	1800			204	SITNOR	
102				17 Bde	0801	201	B. Bay relieved by G. Bay at O. P. camp. <i>see map</i>	
103	17 Bde	0730	0730			204	Subp. <i>see map</i> 2' - 1 mile outpost referred 986044. relieved by sec 13 pl G. Bay 2/7 Bn. <i>see map</i>	
104	17 Bde	0800	1122.			201	Password for 24/25 November.	
105	17 Bde			17 Bde	1630	183.	B. Bay 2/7 Bn. relieved detachment 2/9 Bn. <i>see map</i> Suva field 1600 hrs <i>see map</i> 24 Nov.	adj notified Bde
106				17 Bde	1730	202	<i>see map</i>	
107	17 Bde.	1815	1845	17 Bde.		201	SITNOR.	
108				17 Bde	1755	201	SITNOR	
109	17 Bde	1951	2100				amendments to op instr No 6 (attached to 1457N)	
110	17 Bde	0700	1000			202	Password - 25-26 NOV	
111				17 Bde	1000	202	Ack - Password	
112				17 Bde	1705	203	SITNOR	
113				17 Bde	0801	201	<i>see map</i>	
114	17 Bde	1755	2000			207	SITREP SITNOR.	

MAP MB Nov. 2" = 1 MILE.

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PLACE Milne Bay
DATE 26 NOV 42

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
115	17Bde	0830	0900			202	Sitnor @ all informed	
116				17Bde	1701	202	Sitnor @	
117				17Bde	1819	203	Relief of MB Reg 2/9 until Day 2/9 Ant Exp at 1930 hr	
118	17Bde	1830	1845			205	SITNOR	
119	17Bde	1830	1845			201	Password 26-27 NOV.	
120				17Bde	0801	201	SITNOR	
121	17Bde	0730	0900			201	Password 27-28 NOV	
122	17Bde	0835	0900			202	SITNOR @ all informed	
123				17Bde	0801	201	SITNOR	
124	17Bde	0955	0830			202	SITNOR	
125	17Bde	0730	0830			201	Password 28-29 NOV	
126				17Bde	1701	202	SITNOR	
127				Acc. Cap	1905	203	Relief of MB Reg 2/9 until Day 2/9 Ant Exp at 1930 hr Ref. Part No 2 RV B.H.A. Report	
128	17Bde	1805	1908			204	Sitnor @ all informed	
129				17Bde	0801	201	Sitnor	
130	17Bde	0850	0910			202	Sitnor @ all informed	

REF MAP MILNE BAY. Prov 2" = 1 MILE.

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PLACE Milne Bay.....

DATE 1 DEC 42.

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
3	17 Bde	0845	0930			202	SITNOR	
4				B Coy HQ Coy	0925	176	B Coy will relieve D Coy 2/9 Bn Guernsey Fd 1000 hrs 3 Dec to 1600 hrs 5 Dec @ HQ Coy to supply personnel as required by B Coy's assignment for relief as last instr.	
5	17 Bde	0700	1315			201	Password 1800/1 - 1800/2	
6	17 Bde	0845	0900			202	SITNOR	
7				allays	1600	152	Return required by 1200 hrs 3 Dec of all official cameras showing make & type	
8				17 Bde	1700	203	D Coy moved out for 2 day exercise in area 9704 SITNOR	
9	17 Bde	1825	1925	17 Bde	1825	207	Subj. Ref Map M.B. Prov. No 2. 2 Pl. D Coy 2/9 Bn moved out for 2 day exercise in area 9704. otherwise normal.	
10	17 Bde			17 Bde	0700	201	subnor.	
11	17 Bde	0945	0940				Subj. @ Act informed.	
12				17 Bde	1005	202	ref map M.B. prov 2" = 1 mile @ 10 & 11 pls B Coy moved out at 1000 hrs on two day exercise between DONNAWARA vs 002023 and MAPS 027041.	
13	17 Bde	0723	1015			201	password for period 2/3 DEC.	
14	17 Bde	1312	1355				D Coy's range 03409 in 2/6 Bn area	
15				17 Bde	1701	203	suspended until further notice 3 Pls D Coy returned from 2 day exercise @ 1 Sec D Coy relieved by B Coy. O.P. Map ref M.B. 985044	
16	17 Bde	1838	1915			206	otherwise subnor	
							Subj. @ Ref Map M.B. Prov. No 2. @ 2 Pls D Coy 2/9 Bn returned from 2 day exercise @ 1 Sec B Coy relieved by D Coy 2/9 Bn. Map ref 985044. subnor.	
17				17 Bde	0701	201	subnor.	

REF MAP M.B. 7 Nov No 2. 2' = 1 MILE.

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PLACE MILNE BAY.....
DATE 3 DEC 42.....

Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O	Orig No	TEXT of MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
18	17 Bde	0740	0805			202	SITNOV password for 3/4 DEC	
19	17 Bde	0715	1240			201		
20				17 Bde	1705	202	yes map MB over 2 = 1 mile @ 10:11 AM B Coy returned from 2 DAY exercise @ B Coy believed B Coy 2/9 Bn at 16/5 hrs @ SITNOV	
21	17 Bde	1825	2000			204/5	yes map MB over 2 = 1 mile @ 10:11 AM B Coy returned from 2 DAY exercise @ B Coy 2/7 Bn returned D Coy 2/9 Bn at 16/5 hrs @ SITNOV @ 944 998 GEODYNOME DESENSE 14/5 hrs	
22				17 Bde	0715	201	SITNOV	
23	17 Bde	2107	1050			205	2/4 Ed Coy moved to TAUPOTA @ strength 14 defunct Mtd. line 0730 hrs @ due return unit from 2000 hrs @ 6 DE 9.0 made unknown quite supplied ANGAU - MAIO label attached	
24	17 Bde	2226	1050			207	To P I E Coy 6 L Bn will conduct range practice Pahi Range 0850/1000 hrs Lt	
25	17 Bde	2300	1050			208	2/5 7th Coy continues about 4 Dec same target @ line @ 1/3 DEC	
26				ALL COYS	1050	203	yes map MB 2 = 1 mile @ 5:74 P.M. - continuing calibration about from map 985992 to 039960 S.W. 0830 + 1730 4 DEC	
27	17 Bde	0700	1315			204	password for 4/5 DEC	
28	17 Bde	0825	1315			205	B Coy 2/8 Bn moved out on exercise at 0830/4 Dec taking part in 2/9 Bn exercise	
29	17 Bde	0840	1315			206	2/6 Bn report ANGAU exercise north of 2/4 Ed Coy will be Rank 8 make Jan 1943	

REF MAP MILNE BAY. Nov. No 2. 2^o No 1 male

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30				17 Bde	1705	203	Tr. Pl. moved and Re 17 Bde. construction work	
31	17 Bde	1704	1830			208	709 sep CA @ AA bly will test point 50 Calibre A/A guns from TURN BULL. 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs from 15 Dec to 11 Dec inclusive @ bearing 95 degrees to 190 deg angle 45 deg.	notified all Coy
32				all coy	1850	204	same as (Reg No 31).	
33	17 Bde	1956	2030			209	Situp @ 277 Monuspt moved EA NEANENE on construction word SITNOR	
34				17 Bde	0715	201	Sitnor	
35	17 Bde	0700	1145			201	Password 1800/5 to 1800/6 TELEGRAM	
	17 Bde	0835	1145					
36	"	"	"			202	Sitnor @ Ael informed	
37	17 Bde	0925	1145			203	24 Field Coy patrol arrived TAUPOTA 1915/40	
38	B. Co	1125	1140			176	Ref out 177 of 4th Coy Lecture from 1745 hrs 6 hrs 204 hrs 1700 hrs 3 hrs	
39	17 Bde	1740	1800			204	straf @ ml male MB/mv. No 2 @ Dec 2/9 B relieved B Coy 277 Bw acedrome defence 944988 @ B Coy 277 Bw returned to 00006 otherwise normal.	
40				17 Bde	1705	202	relief of B Coy completed by D Coy 2/9 Bw and B Coy returned to libio 1000 hrs. sitnor	
40A				all coy	1125	176	Ref our lecture 177 of 4 Dec @ lecture now 1745 hrs 6 DEC not left not 1700 hrs 5 DEC	

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	Unit	T.O.O. T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.			
41	17 Bde	0900 1000			201	Password from 1800 to 1800 4/4 Dec	
42	17 Bde	0840 1000			202	13 pl 2/3 Bn return to unit from Section 3	
43	17 Bde	2030 2130			205	MAC Coy reports patrol 21st Coy staying night WAMAWAMANA leaving for CILLA tomorrow collected to arrive 1900 hrs	
44			17 BDE	1901	202	SITNOR	
45	17 Bde					SITNOR @ all informed	
46	17 "		2045		22	24th Coy patrol from TAUPOTTA reported in 1900/16 @ All informed	
47			17 Bde	0715	201	Wagon	
48	oc. Coy	PRACTICE				Wagon was located at DONNA WAKA village fighting patrol to traps contacted enemy DONNA WAKA which was cleared out advance cease fire @ The contact with patrol moving to contact	
49	17 Bde	0700 1000				Password from 1800 7 th Nov to 1800 hrs 8 th Nov	
50			17 Bde	1701	202	Ref Map M.B. 2" = 1 mile 13415 pl. C. bay moved on 2 day exercise	
51	17 Bde	0735 0810			202	C. bay moved out on 2 day exercise stop ref 095044 otherwise SITNOR @ all informed	
52	17		17 Bde	0701	201	SITNOR	
53	17 Bde	0700 0930			201	Password from 1800/8 to 1800/9 LIFELESS	
54	17 "	0755 0930			2501	SITNOR @ All informed	
55			17 Bde	1701	202	C. bay returned from 2 day exercise otherwise SITNOR	
56	2/6 Bn	0825 1050			127	Ref map MILNE BAY purpose of find firm range in use 0900 to 1200 hrs 9/10 DEC @ Location re echant 035028 duration fire 40 magnetic SITNOR @	
56 A.F			17 Bde	0710			

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	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit				T.O.O.
57	17 Bde	0815	0845		202	SITNOR. all informed		
58	17 Bde	0700	0920		201	password from 1800 4/9 to 2/10 ¹⁸⁰⁰ CONTROL.		
59	17 Bde			17 Bde	202	SITREP. Sitnor.		
60	all Coy	1800			203	Passed on information obtain in message (56) Serial		
61	17 Bde	1821	R50		205	SITNOR		
62				17 Bde	201	SITNOR.		
63	17 Bde	0820	0825		202	SITNOR.		
64	17 Bde	0900	1040		201	password from 1800/10 to 1800/11 - OLDFIELD		
65	17 Bde	0819	0825		1	2/19 BN will relieve Coy 2/19 BN GUERNEY Fd 1600 HRS 3/12 to 1600 2/12 & arrange details direct.		
66	17 Bde	1050	1051		3	2/19 BN will relieve Coy 2/19 BN GUERNEY with one Coy & two Det. Mottan 1200 hrs & Div. @ Hand over by mutual arrangement to		
67				17 Bde	178	Relief GUERNEY Fd effective 1140 HRS 9 Dec by D Coy		
68				17 Bde	202	SITNOR		
69	17 Bde	1830	1900		207	SITREP @ SITNOR.		
70				17 Bde	201	SITNOR.		
71	17 Bde	0805	1000		202	SITNOR.		
72	17 Bde	0800	1200		201	password for 11/12 DEC		
73				17 Bde	1703	202	ref map MB from No 2 & C Coy moved out on two day exercise with one pl (A Coy as enemy). will begin for night in area 975050 @ sitnor	

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	Unit	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit			
74	17Bde	1750	1752			205	Left map MILNEBAY PROV NO2. C Coy 4 one pl A Coy 2/7 Bn on two day exercise. Busman Area 975050. SITNOR.
75				17Bde	0715	201	SITNOR.
76	17Bde	0822	0930	17		203	SITNOR.
77	17Bde	0700	1100			201	password for 12/13 Nov.
78	17Bde	2045	2125			207	Ref map MB 2 with 0.5 TP 2 Bty 2/11 Aust A/TK REGT Ceptoid to be under comd. 2/5 Aust inf Bn at 1500 hrs today @ New Location 031009
79	17Bde			17Bde	1704	202	C Coy and one pl A Coy returned from two day exercise.
80	17Bde	1805	1900			200	C Coy and one pl A Coy 2/7 Bn returned from exercise - SITNOR.
81				17Bde	0715	201	SITNOR.
82	17Bde	0820	0916			202	SITNOR.
83	17Bde	0730	1400			201	password 13/14 DEC.
84				17Bde	1701	202	SITNOR.
85	17Bde	1800	1900			202	SITNOR 2/5 Bn location changes (noted on state)
86	17Bde	2030	2100			204	location chng. 61 Bn. (noted on state)
87				17Bde	0716	201	SITNOR.
88	17Bde	0800	0830			202	SITNOR.
89	17Bde	0645	1000			201	password 14/15.
90				17Bde	1703	202	SITNOR.

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	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
91	17 Bde	1815	2000			205 SITNOV	
92				17 Bde	0716	201 sitno	
93	17 Bde		0900			20 SITNOV.	
94	17 Bde	0910	1030			204 amendments to 7 Dec locations @ A & B Coy 25 Bn withdrawn @ 7 Bde front now held by 9 Bn night @ 1 Bn left @ 2nd Lt by 1st Lt of 1st Bn of Australian 1st Bn with 9 Bn @ 1 Bn deeper unchanged @ night comd 9 Bn in case of emergency 2/1 Bns will move to area vacated by C by 25 Bn @ 61 Bn B & C Coy unchanged @ D Coy is from para vacated by A & B Coy 25 Bn which has 1st Lt A Coy moving to area vacated by D Coy 25 Bn @ night comd @ 1 Bn in emergency 2/1 Bns will move to area vacated by D Coy @ 61 Bn.	
95	17 Bde	1130	1200			201 Password for 15/16 Dec	
96	17 Bde	1704		17 Bde	1704	202 SITNOV.	
97	17 Bde	1815	1900			205 sitno	
98				17 Bde	0701	201 Local at as at 2400 hrs 15 DEC.	
99				17 Bde	0715	202 sitno	
100				17 Bde	1705	203 SITNOR	
101	17 Bde	0830	0915			202 Sitno or ref map MB2 @ one place 2/6 BN will leave on 1400/17 time of return 1200/17 @ SITNOR	
102	17 Bde	0700				201 password for 15/16 Dec	
103	17 Bde	1755	1840			205 SITNOR	

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	Unit	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit			
104				17Bde	1730	201	SITNOR
105	17Bde	0820	0917			201	SITNOR
106	17Bde	0730	1455			201	Password 17/18 Dec
107				17Bde	1701	202	SITNOR
108	17Bde	1800	1830			204	SITNOR
109				17Bde	0730	201	SITNOR
110	17Bde	0755	0830			202	SITNOR
111	17Bde	0700	1400			201	Password 18/19 Dec
112				17Bde	1715	202	SITNOR
113	17Bde	1845	1911			207	Sednor
114				17Bde	0716	201	SITNOR
115	17Bde	0740	0830			201	Password from 1800/19 to 1800/20 19 Dec
116	17Bde	0445	0820			202	SITNOR
117	17Bde	0859	1000			201	Warning Order of This Bde is to construct dip line area Route 16 @ bleamy starts Monday @ 2/6 BN duty unit from Monday incl until 2/5 @ 12/7 BN finish area @ 6th Coy 2/5 BN starts burning grassland EAST of GURNEY Fd. @ Second Coy Plus Coy 2/5 BN start clearing roads Route 16 @ Extra axes being issued @ Detgiled inst later @ anticipate stop tng when all Coys on job @ A Coy 2/5 BN continues improve down area
118	17Bde			17Bde	1701	202	SITNOR
119	17Bde	1825	1840				Sitnor

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	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
120	17Bde	1910	2000				
121				17Bde	0714	206 Location change o 5 pl 2/6 B. now returned unit subna	
122	17Bde	0800	0840			201 Sictuor	
123	17Bde	0645	0945			201 Password 1800/20 to 1800/21	
124	17Bde	176		17Bde	1701	202 SITNOR	
125	17Bde		1945				
126				17Bde	0722	201 SITREP o ref map MB. 2 inch o one sec c coy returned by Bcoy o SITNOR.	
127	17Bde	0820	0830			202 SITREPO ref map MB 2 inch o one sec coy 2/4 BN returned by one sec Coy 2/4 BN at 0850/40 o SITNOR	
128	17Bde	0700	1645			201 Password from 1800/21 to 1800/22 Dec	
129				17Bde	1701	202 SITNOR	
130	17Bde	1820					
131				17Bde	0750	201 Sictuor	
132	17Bde	0700	0815			201 SITNOR Password from 1800/22 to 1800/23	
133	17Bde	0825	0840			202 SITNOR	
134				17Bde	1735	202 Pickup o Sictuor 22/12	
135	17Bde	1846	1935			203 SITREPO MACCOY reports TIERYO arrived TAUPOTA 1615hrs having when loaded for wedaw o otherwise normal all informed	

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136				17 Bde	0715	201	Sigup@ Sidnor 23/12	
137	17 Bde	0835				201	Password from 1800/33 to 1800/34	
138	17 "	0820				202	Sidnor All informed	
139				17 Bde	1730	202	Sigup@ Sidnor	
140				17 Bde	0750	201	Sigup@ Sidnor	
141	17 Bde	0815	0910				Sigup@ Sidnor all informed	
142	17 Bde	1145	1200			201	Password 24/25 Dec	
143				17 Bde	1410	202	Sidnor	
144	17 Bde	1800	1820				Sidnor @ Merry Xmas all informed	
145				17 Bde	0715	201	SITNOR @ MERRY XMAS	
146	17 Bde	0750	0820			201	Password 1800/25 - 1800/26	
147	17 Bde	0845	0850			202	SITNOR	
148		1800	1825	17 Bde	1701	202	SITNOR	
149	17 Bde	1800	1825			200	Sidnor	
150				17 Bde	0745	201	Sigup@ Sidnor	
151	17 Bde	0725	0924			201	Password 1800/26 - 1800/27	
152	17 Bde	0805	0924			202	SITNOR	
153				17 Bde	1745	202	Sigup@ Sidnor	
154	17 Bde	1135				21/5/44	After instructions	

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155	12 Bde	1615'				203	MILNE FORCE. Thous // dust alive. Ref map mins Ppl Ind. Mission on 2/5 Aust fol ref will conduct shooting practice on 28/29/30/31 Dec. Submering 0900. hisb. Sun posms. 059014 more bill STEPHENS land. Target area.	
156				All Cap	1915'	203	Target area 2/5 Aust fol ref. shot. 28/29/30/31.	
157	12 Bde	1840	1915'			203	Refuser	
158				17 Bde	1945'	204	Cypher receipt	
159	17 Bde	0700	0730			201	Password from 1800/27 - 1800/28	
160	17 Bde		0825			202	SITNOR	
161				12 Bde	0745'	201	Setup @ Refuser	
162				17 Bde	1015'	202	Ind summary receipts	
163	17 Bde	1655'	1745'			203	Extension of Target area, 2/5 fol ref. ^{ending} line 18.	
164				17 Bde	1745'	204	Setup @ Refuser	
165				All Cap	1745'	205	Notification extension, target area 2/5 fol ref. shot.	
166	17 Bde	1830				204	Refuser @ all informed	
167				17 Bde	0745'	201	Setup @ Refuser	
168	17 Bde	0640	0755'			201	Password from 1800 28 Dec to 29 Dec	
169	17 Bde	0815	0900			202	SITNOR	
170				17 Bde	1701	202	SITNOR	
171	17 Bde	1830	1930			207	SITNOR	

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172				17 bde	0725	201	Sitrep @ Sidnor	
173	17 bde	0700	0820			201	Password 1800 hrs 29/12 to 1800 hrs 30/12 LEGAL	Coys. Notified
174		0800	0820			202	SITNOR @ All informed	
175				17 bde	1700	202	SITNOR	
176	17 bde	1750	1820			208	SITNOR @ all informed	
177	Bus HQ	2030				179	A Coy will effect relief of Outpost by 1200 hrs 30 Dec.	
178				17 bde	0745	201	Sitrep @ Sidnor	
179	12 bde	0700	0755			201	Password from 1800/30 to 1800/31 @ all informed	
180	17 bde	0850	0900			202	Sidnor @ all informed	
181	17 bde	1428	1450			203	EBUMA IS. vicinity SAMARI airtel airtel bombing sought practice bombing commences 20 Dec all informed	
182				All Coys	1455	202	All Coys notified airtel bombing practice	
183				17 bde	1701	202	SITNOR @ all Coys relieved on 30 Dec 1944	
184	17 bde	1750	1838			204	SITNOR @ all informed	
185	17 bde	0655	0730			201	Password 1800/31 to 1800/1 Jan	
186				17 bde	0750	201	Sitrep @ Sidnor	
187				A B.C. HQ COYS	0835	202	Password for 31 Dec 1 Jan	By Air airtel
188	17 bde	0825	0906			202	SITNOR @ all informed	
189				17 bde	1730	202	SITREP @ Sidnor	
190	17 bde	1820	1905			205	Sidnor @ Happy New Year @	