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diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/47

10/48 Infantry Battalion

January 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Jan 45 to 2359 hrs 6 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin 39 Mile	1	1100 hrs	Working party serial S.8 returned to unit with exception of 2 offrs 70 ORs		
		1330 hrs	C.O., Lt Col Davies visited remaining Working party.	Hot and Sultry	
	2			" "	
	3	0930 hrs	C.O Lt-Col DAVIES and Coy Comds attended lecture at HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde. Subject Method of weapon trg	Thunder & rain 0500-0600	Appx 1 No 3 Pl Air sp trg
		1900 hrs	Capt K B SIEKMANN returned from LHQ Tactical School course No.14, Beenleigh Q'ld.		Appx 2 Bn trg syllabus for week ending 14 Jan 45
	4	1330 hrs	Major C J A COOMBS marched out on Rec leave	Light rain 1600-1630	Appx 3 Int report week ending 5 Jan 45
	5	1045 hrs	BnHQ staff, Int sec, Sig Pl, conducted exercise on "Occupation of BnHQ in defensive posn"		
		1400 hrs	RMO and SBS held exercise on RAP and Stretcher bearer duties in the field"	light rain 1500-1520	Appx 4 Availability of pers for working parties.
	6				Appx 5 Return of working party serial S.1

[Signature]
Lt
Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 7 Jan 45 To 1130 hrs 15 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin 39 Mile	7	0900 hrs	Church parade in Unit Chapel	Hot and Sultry	Appx 6
		1045 hrs	CO Lt-Col T F DAVIES conducted sand table lecture for officers and CSMs on Bn advance and attack		W3008 Appx 7 W3009
	8	0830 hrs	Sig pl and Int sec conducted combined sig & Int exercise (see appx 8)	" "	Appx 8 Combined Sig & Int Ex
	9	0830 hrs	Bn move out of camp on field exercise.		Appx 9
	10	1100 hrs	Bn return on completion of exercise.		Bde Exercise Instns 11-13 Jan 45.
		1530 hrs	CO Lt-Col T F DAVIES conducted conference with all officers and NCOs to discuss Bn exercise (see Int summary Appx 10)	Lt rain 1700-1730	Appx 10 Int summary of events Bn exercise 9/10 Jan
	12	0500 hrs	Bn move out on 12 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) exercise		Appx 11 12 Aust Inf Bde exercise 12/15 Jan
	13		Posted unit strength as per W3008 & W3009 30 Officers 559 ORs		
	14	1800 hrs	Bn return to camp on completion of exercise (see appx 13) int summary		Appx 12 availability of pers for working parties
	15	1130 hrs	CO Lt-Col T F DAVIES conducted conference with all officers to discuss Bde exercise	Hy rain 1430-1900	Appx 13 Int summary of events Bde exercise 12/15 Jan

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Adjutant 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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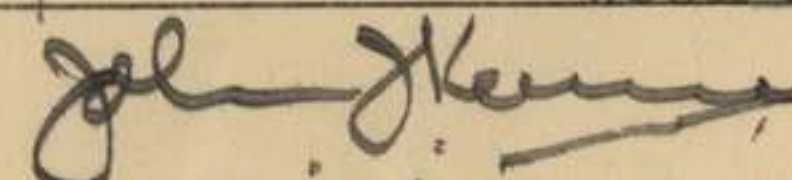
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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0830 16 Jan 45 To 0850 hrs 30 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN 39 mile.				Fine	Appx 14 Bn Training syllabus week ending 20 Jan 45
					Appx 15 Instructions Bn Kit lay-out
					Appx 16 Visual trg Films
	16	0830hrs	Bn Weapon Tng Cadre commenced. (See Appx 17). P T School by NT Force Instructors attended By 3 Offrs 25 ORs commenced for period of 6 days	rain during afternoon and night	Appx 17 Unit weapon trd cadre 16 Jan 45.
	17	1430	Lt-Col T F DAVIES attended conference at Bde HQ ref Brigadier's comments on Bde exercise	rain during night.	
	18	1330	CO conferred with Coy comds ref Bde and Bn parades and Adm (see Appx 20)	hot and sultry	Appx 18 Personnel attending weapon Trg cadre for week commencing 23 Jan
	19	1900	CO issued opening situation and problem 1 of sand table exercise (see appx 19)		Appx 20 Parades
	20	0850	Bn parade and march past. Salute taken by CO Lt-Col T F DAVIES		Appx 21 Int report for week ending 19 Jan 45
			Posted unit strength as per W3008 & W 3009 31 Offrs and 555 Ors,		Appx 22 Best hut competition
					Appx 23 Bn trg syllabus for week ending 27 Jan 45


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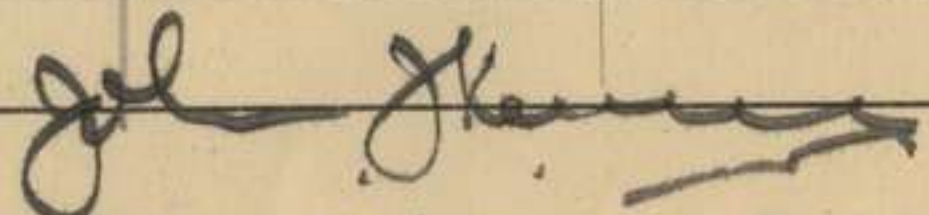
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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 21 Jan To 1300 hrs 27 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin 39 Mile	21	0900	Bn church parade in Unit chapel	hot & sultry	
		1030	Solution of sand table lecture problems		
			Advice received that 2i/c VX55 MAJOR C J A COOMBS at present on leave has been promoted to rank of T/Lt-Col as from 19 Jan 45 assuming Command of 47 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)		
	22	1430	CO attended conference at HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde ref ceremonial Bde parade.		
		1700-1800	Continuation of sand table exercise. Problem 2 for syndicates No. 1 & 2		
		1930-2030	CO conferred with all officers RSM and band master ref details of ceremonial Bde parade.		
	23			hot & sultry	Appx 24 Bde gp parade
	24	1300	Continuation of sand table exercise		
	25	0830	Rehearsal for Bde gp parade		
	26			heavy rain during night	
	27	0830	Bde group parade. Salute taken by Adm Comd HQ NT Force Brig R H NIMMO		Appx 25 Int report for week ending 26 Jan 45
		1300	Continuation of sand table exercise		Appx 26 Trg syllabus for week ending 3 Feb 45


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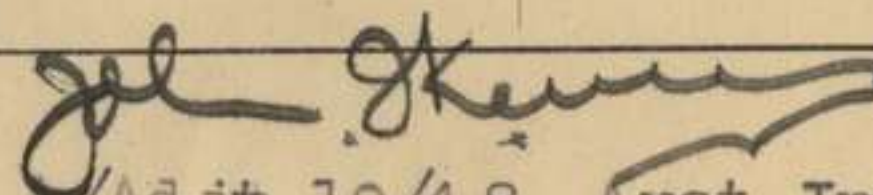
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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0900 28 Jan 45 to 2359 hrs 31 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Weather Conditions	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin 39 Mile	28	0900	Bn church parade in unit chapel. Continuation of sand table exercises	Light rain all day	Appx 27 Rear party Maint & Adm instructions
	29	1300	Unit Chaplain Padre C W DILLON marched out on posting to 129 Aust Gen Hosp	scattered showers	Appx 28 Trg syllabus
	30	0730	Five officers and 195 ORs marched out on Rec leave		Appx 29 Summary of charges & Court Martials. Jan 45
		1455	Padre Lloyd joined Unit as Unit Chaplain		Appx 30
	31	0915	CO witnessed field firing exercise carried out by No.2 Pl HQ Coy at 47 Mile		QM report to 31 Jan
					Appx 31 RMO's report to 31 Jan 45
					Appx 32 EO's report to 31 Jan 45
					Appx 33 TO's report to Jan 45
					Appx 34 CO's report to 31 Jan 45


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Working

Alpha 1

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
2 Jan 45.

A/30/1.

NO. 3 PL - AIR SUPPORT TRAINING:

1. One det mortars will be required to indicate targets to R.A.A.F. bombing practices on 4 and 5 Jan 45.
2. No.3 Pl HQ Coy will RV with Flt-Lt Hunter at STUART HIGHWAY-BATCHELOR JUNCTION at 040730IK Jan 45. Flt-Lt Hunter will give further instructions to Lt Howland.
3. Amn to be taken - 70 rounds smoke and 30 rds HE to be collected from RSM.
4. No.3 Pl will bivouac in area on 4 and 5 Jan 45.
5. Copy of R.A.A.F. Instruction for bombing times etc are attached for information of OC No.3 Pl.
6. HQ Coy will submit G.1. covering necessary tpt.

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 A/Adj. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION: OC HQ COY, RSM, WAR DIARY(2).

Wav Diary.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 14 JAN 45-10/48 ADJUT INT BN (AIF)
INT BCO - SIG PL - AA PL - MORTAR PL - INF PL - TR A PL - RIFLE COYS

REF MAP: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M1

Alpha 2

DATE	TIME	SUB-UNIT	SUBJECTS	AREA
8 Jan 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Combined sig and Int Exercise.	SOUTHPORT ROAD.
		Sig Pl	Combined sig and Int Exercise.	"
		No. 2 Pl	Exercise - Tactical trg.	BROOKINGS HIGHWAY
		No. 3 Pl	Special procedure rear ad action-Overhead and flanking fire- marching and toughening exercises.	Camp Area.
		No. 4 Pl	Inf Pl in adv, attack, consolidation, withdrawal-mov by night.	ACACIA GAP SP 853671 to SP 8599
		No. 5 Pl	Practical application of Battle Drill and occupation of def posn by day and night-procedure during adv and attack.	From SP M1 to HOWARD SPRINGS RD JUNC.
		A Coy	Coy exercise - Adv, attack and def.	ACACIA GAP
		B Coy	" " " " " "	1869 vicinity track.
		C Coy	" " " " " "	BROOKINGS HIGHWAY.
9/10 Jan 45.	"	Bn	Bn Exercise--attack, occupation of def posn for night and protec- tion during mov.	Refer details attached.
11 Jan 45	"	Int HQ Coy Riflecoys	} Discussion in exercise--adjustment of faults in trg etc. Coy comdr discretion.	Camp Area.
12 Jan 45				
13 Jan 45				
14 Jan 45				

BDE EXERCISE - DETAILS YET TO BE RECEIVED.

Appx

SECRET
3 Jan 45.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:
10/48 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF).
BN EXERCISE NO. 1/45

Ref Map: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M1

Object: To exercise Bn in the attack, in occupation of def posn for night and protection during mov.

Tps taking part: Bn (less D Coy if still on working party)
Enemy - Skeleton enemy from B Ech.

Time of Exercise: 090900IK to 101200IK Jan 45.

Directing Staff: Director: CC.
Umpires: Capt Davey WOII Lamont.

Adm: Arm: Blank - 20 rds per rifle
.303 in - 100 rds per Bren(enemy only)

Safety: Capt Davey safety offr enemy.
OC Coys responsible own tps.
Usual precautions observed. Capt Davey will ensure that Brens using ball amm are unloaded before removal from safety pits.

Meals: Hot box deliveries from B Ech.

Dress: Battle Order with hats.

Enemy: shorts - helmets steel.

Opening Situation: At 081730IK report received that an enemy force estimated strength 300, bivouaced ACACIA GAP Area. 12 Bde ordered to be prepared for mov at first light.
One coy 12/50 Bn ordered to occupy posn FRASER AIRSTRIP as soon as possible.

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A/Adjt, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION:
List D
12 Aust Inf Bde (2)
War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:

HQ,
12th AUST INF BDE (AIF)

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
5 Jan 45.

INT/4/10.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT:

For period 1200 hrs 29 Dec 44 to 1200 hrs 5 Jan 45.

1. SECURITY:
Nil.

2. CENSORSHIP:
Nil.

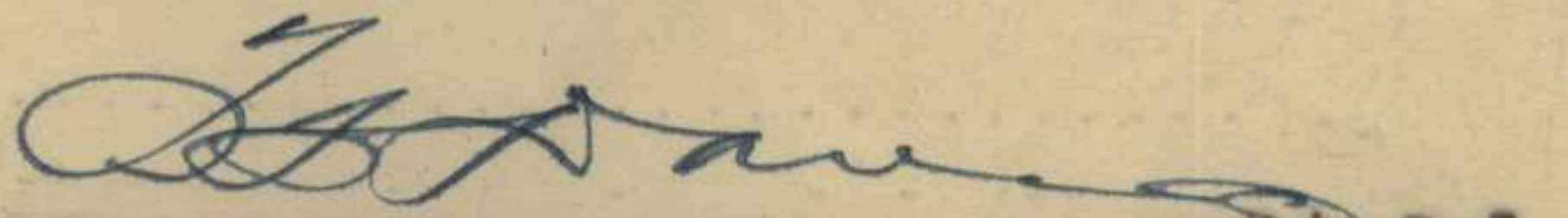
3. AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS:
Nil.

4. MAPPING ROAD RECOE:

Amendments made to existing 1st to 1 MI maps in accordance with
recoe carried out previously.

5. TRAINING:

Period devoted entirely to training.


.....Lt-Col.
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Ordinary
Alpha 4

DAILY AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL FOR WORKING PARTIES

10/48 AUST INF BN(AIF)

RETURN as at 0600hrs 6 Jan 45

	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
1. STRENGTH IN NT (excl X List)			24	480
LESS				
2. MAINTENANCE PERS (maximum 35 Offrs 259 OR less cooks & batmen in 5)	22	211		
3. OFFRS, WOs & SJTS NOT included in 2 and 5.		10		
4. TOTAL at present supplied or still available (1 less 2 & 3)	2	259		
5. PARTIES ALREADY SUPPLIED (including detachments in NT not X Listed)				
<u>Details</u> <u>Date of Return</u>				
<u>WORKING PARTIES</u>				
Serial P.6		Indefinite		5
" S.1	2	7 Jan 45		71
<u>DETACHMENTS</u>				
107 Aust Bde Workshop				2
1 Aust Farm Coy				2
HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)				1
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
Awaiting Movement				2
	2	83		

6. NET AVAILABILITY

176

7. PARTIES to be supplied in future

Details Date to Depart

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

War Diary
Alpha 5

10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

6 Jan 45

B/33/29

RETURN OF WORKING PARTY SERIAL S.1

GENERAL

1. Remainder of working party S.1 will return to camp 39 Mile on 8 Jan 45

TRANSPORT - OC Move will be Capt TEXTOR

2. (a) Five 3 ton vehs and two 15 cwt vehs will report to PARAP CAMP at 0800 080915K. from 39 Mile camp.
(b) Three 3 ton (AASC) and two 15 cwt vehs already at S.1 will also be utilised in the mov of pers and stores. AASC vehs will be released to own unit lines on completion of move.
(c) Three REs will move with Convoy.

MESSING

3. As arranged by OC D Coy.

ADM

4. (a) Move to be completed by 1130IK 8 Jan 45.
(b) OC Coy to report to BnHQ when Coy in area.

DISTRIBUTION

List A, QM, Sig Offr, TO, War Diary (2).

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A/Ajt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
1, 45 (Serial No.)

RESTRICTED:

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945, 10/43 Aust Inf (Unit) (AIF).

W.E. II / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s. 832+ OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 33 ATT. BY W.E.
Plus 4 Lts carried supernumerary vide 2 Ech LHQ memo 021544 of 9 Jun 4
PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.	
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels						
1	2	-	1	Majors						
4	5	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-	
-	-	20	20	Lieutenants						
-	-	1	1	Quarter-masters						
NOT APPLICABLE.				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.						
NOT APPLICABLE.				Civilians Counting as Offrs.						
5	7	-	27		A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
	E.(1)				NOT APPLICABLE.						
	E.(2)				NOT APPLICABLE.						

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX22747	CAPT	K.B.SIEKMANN	X LIST	3 Jan45	From LHQ Tac School BEENLEIGH.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX88496	Lt	J.V.PARKER	X LIST	3 Jan45	Admitted 107 AGH
SX22764	Lt	R.L.McDOUGAIL	X LIST	30 Dec44	Admitted 129 AGH

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

REGISTRATION:

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1918, 10/8 Aust Inf (Unit) (A.I.P.)

W.E. II 12 3 OFFERS 24 OFFERS 1 OR 23 ATT BY W.E.
Plus 4 lbs carried superfluously plus 2 lbs the same (LBS) of 23 lbs
PART A—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.			
Rank	Surplus	Efficient	Remarks	Rank	Surplus	Efficient	Remarks
MAJORS	-	2	One Coy Comd being filled by Captain One attending IHQ-Tactical Scho of Beenleigh.				
CAPTAINS	-	5	1 Adj 4 Coy's				

Rank	Surplus	Efficient	Remarks
SS	-	-	NOT APPLICABLE
SS	-	-	NOT APPLICABLE

* Insert detail of night work as necessary.
* Personnel returning to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.S. Forces; 10 H.S. Forces.

PART B—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit From	Date	Cause
23274	CAPT	R. B. BIRKMAN	X LIST	3 June	From IHQ Tact School

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To	Date	Cause
23274	LT	V. V. PARKER	X LIST	3 June	Admitted 10/8 A.I.P.
23274	LT	R. I. McDUGALL	X LIST	30 Dec	Admitted 10/8 A.I.P.

PART C—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX44796	DAVIES	T.F.	CO	yes		
Major	VX55	COOMBES	C.J.A.	2i/c	No	On Leave	4 Jan 45
Capt	SX22746	TEXTOR	G.	OC D	yes		
Capt	SX22747	SIEKMANN	K.B.	OC C	yes		
Capt	SX26830	HEATH	M.R.W.	OC HQ	yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	SX22765	HARRISON	H.L.	Carrs	yes		
Lt (T/Capt)	SX22761	DAVEY	N.R.	QM	yes		
Lt	SX22751	GREEN	R.H.	Pl A	yes		
Lt	SX24895	COULTER	L.E.	2i/cg	yes		
Lt	SX22753	HICKS	L.R.	Pl A	yes		
Lt	SX 6370	MAITLAND	A.Y.	2i/cd	No	On Leave	23 Nov 44
Lt	SX 9618	KEANE	K.J.	Pl B	No	On Leave	25 Dec 44
Lt	SX12113	MILTON	R.V.	PnrPl	yes		
Lt	SX12350	LIMBRICK	T.N.	Pl C	No	LHQ School Mil Int	28 Dec 44
Lt	SX22736	TODD	E.C.	Pl A	yes		
Lt	SX22752	MAUNDER	W.M.	TO	yes		
Lt	SX22766	SIGAL	D.	Tk. AP1	yes		
Lt	SX22770	HOWLAND	L.S.	Mort	yes		
Lt	SX22755	KENNY	J.J.	Pl D	yes		
Lt	SX22874	SANDELL	W.L.	IO	yes		
Lt	SX22933	WHALAN	J.W.	Pl C	No	On Leave	18 Dec 44
Lt	SX 6806	LYNE	J.W.C.	Pl C	yes		
Lt c	WX29876	STEPHENSON	I.	Sig O	yes		
Lt	WX27932	PARRICK	F.	AA Pl	yes		
Lt	NX153501	McMILLAN	C.E.	Pl C	No	On Leave	23 Nov 44
Lt	NX127846	NICHOLSON	G.L.E.	Pl C	yes		
Lt	NX116558	d'APICE	J.W.C.	Pl B	yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Captain	VX82708	J.P. SULLIVAN	AAMC	23 Oct 44	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX147635	C.W. DILLON	AACH.D	19 May 44	CHAPLAIN.

6 Jan 45.

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col.
Commanding Officer 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
1 / 45 (Serial No.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 10/48 Aust Inf (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 11/12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 852 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 53 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.								ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																											
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.									Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																							
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.																																			
NR	1	1	6	W.Os. Class II.								AAPS	1	-	-																								
-	1	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								AAPC	-	-	-																								
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants								-	-	-	-																								
NR	6	-	29	Sergeants								AAGC	9	-	-																								
NR	17	-	55	Corporals								AACC	5	-	3			NR																					
	288	13	438	Troopers, Privates, etc.								AAMG	14	1	2			1	AAMC																				
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
299 *	313	14	533 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.									29 *	1	5			4 *																					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A	B	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	501		61								562
B(1)			NOT APPLICABLE								
B(2)			NOT APPLICABLE								

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
281	Aust LAD		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Hq 12 Aust Inf Bde		
2	1 Aust Farm Coy		
2	107 Aust Bde Workshop		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

RESTRICTED
PART E CONTINUED
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

ARM OR SERVICE	RANK	WE	STRENGTH	RPTS
Brought Forward				299
				533
				832
AAOC	Shoemaker	Cpl	1 (Gp 3)	-
AAMC	Hygiene Inspector	Sjt	1	-
	RAP	Sjt	1	-
	Chiropracist	Cpl	1	-
	Orderly	Pte	1	-
AAPC	Pay Sjt	Sjt	1	-
	Pay Cpl	Cpl	1	-
AAPS	Postal Sjt	Sjt	1	-
AACC	Caterer	WO I	1	-
	Cooks	Sjt	5	-
	Cooks	Cpls	5	2
	Cooks	Co. 2	14	1
		Sergeants		
		Corporals		
		Troopers, Private, etc.	565	303

EXPLANATION OF PART A AND E (Attached Personnel)

TRADE & RANK	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT	REMARKS
AAMC Orderly	1		Rft is required to fill this vacancy
AAOC Shoemaker Gp 3	1	2	Promotion to fill vacancy of Cpl is pending promulgation
CCO Cooks Gp 2	1		Vacancy can be filled from within Unit.

The following NCOs are included in the posted strength of Part E

RP's	1 Sjt
Tk A	4 Cpls
DVrs MT	2 Cpls
Intelligence	2 Cpls
Signals	1 Sjt 2 Cpls
Tech Storeman	1 Sjt
Tailor	1 Cpl
Clerks	2 Sjts 5 Cpls
SBs	2 Cpls
Mortar Nos	2 Cpls
LMG & Rifle	33 Cpls
Pioneers	2 Cpls

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

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

'48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	2	1	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	2						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		2						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		2		Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	23		Tailors	2	1	
Dispensers				Axemen		3		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				RSM WO I	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								RQMS WOII	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CSM WOII	5	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								SB WOII	-	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								CQMS S/SJT	5	4	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								SJTS	26	23	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								TPT SJT	1	1	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Battmen	36	35	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	3		Mortar Nos	50	34	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	11		XXXXXXXXXX			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				W/C Ords	5	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Hygiene	4	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8		Coach Trimmers				LMG & Rifle	45	22	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors		1		Pioneers	10	8	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				SBs	21	17	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				R's	7	4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				XXXXXXXXXX			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Tk A Nos	19	16	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Orderly	29	27	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	21		DVRs MT	58	29	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				Water duty	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Storemen	6	4	
Photowriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers	1	1		Gen duty	3	3	
Plumber				Molders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	4	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	23	-	CARRIED FORWARD	85	85		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	832533299	*	*

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

6 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Commanding Officer 10/25th Coy (AIF)

Date of Despatch

1 Jan 42

(a) Above unit address is marked on page of ... (b) Above unit address is not marked on page of ... (c) Above unit address is marked on page of ... (d) Above unit address is not marked on page of ...

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TRADE OR SERVICE	RANK	WE	STRENGTH	DEFICIENCY	SURPLUS	No.	Rank	Name	Med	Age	Remarks.
CSM	WOII	5	4	1	-			Vacancy can be filled from within Unit.			
S/SJT	S/SJT	5	4	1	-			do do do do			do
Stretcher Bearer	WOII	-						SX23044 WILLIAMS V H 45 A.1			Promoted WOII
	SJT	1						vide 3 Aust Inf Bde memo 1941/79/1			Being filled by above WOII
Tailor	SJT	1						Vacancy can be filled from within Unit			
Field	SJT	26	23	4	1			NXL18513 Sjt GORDON D M A.1 39 years			
Intel ligence	SJT	1						On X list attending LHQ School of Military Int.			
LMG & RIBLE	C/L	48	33	15	-			Vacancies can be filled from within Unit & X List			
Mortar Nos	C/L	4						do do do do			do
ATTACHED											
AACC	Cook s	C/L	5	3	2			promotion pending promulgation			
AA OB	Shoemaker	Col	1					do do do do			do

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:

10/48 ABST INF BN (AIF)

EXERCISE NO.1.

SKELETON TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS (TPO ONLY)

COMBINED SIG AND INT EXERCISE:

REF MAP: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M1

OBJECT: 1. To practice sigs in est comms during adv, first contact and Int Sec in recording grouping and presenting of infm when CO employs a Tac and a Bn Hq.

LESSONS: (Int)

2. (a) Routine of Two Hq.
(b) Compilation of sit maps, shelling maps.
(c) Logging of messages.
(d) Preparation of fire plans.

(sigs)

3. (a) A line must be laid from fwd coy comd back to Bde Hq by the time first contact is made or by a very short time after. The posn of the CO will in effect become the Bn Adv Hq and Sig layout in this Hq is important.
(b) Line must be laid behind attacking coys wherever possible the CO should be able to speak to coy comd if necessary right up to H Hr. --Notes on Tac Employment of sig Pl.

TROOPS TAKING PART:

Int Sec
Sig Pl less essential duties.

AREA OF EXERCISE:

From 103727 to 063730 along SOUTHPORT ROAD.

TIME OF EXERCISE:

080930IK to 081500IK Jan 45.

DIRECTING STAFF:

Lts Sandell and Stephenson.

CONFERENCES:

- (a) All tps taking part Unit Rec Hut 0830 hrs on day of exercise.
(b) General discussion at conclusion of exercise.

ADDP

- (a) Dress - Battle order with hats and shorts.
(b) Meals - Out lunch carried by personnel.
(c) Tpt - 1 x 15 cwt (Int stores, equipment, personnel)
3 x 15 cwt (Sig personnel, stores and equipment.)

OPENING SITUATION:

The fwd elements of an enemy inf bn advancing EAST along SOUTHPORT ROAD were reported by Tac R at 080730IK to be in vicinity SOUTHPORT Rly Sta. They were not moving embussed.
The 10/48 Bn are advancing on foot from their debussing area and van gñ pl had reached 103727 at 0930 hrs.
Bn is moving in following order - A Coy, Tac Hq, B Coy, C Coy, BnHQ D Coy.
The only sp weapons CO had with him are the mortar pl which he has held under his own control.
Bn is in L/T and R/T com with Bde Hq.

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FORECAST OF EVENTS-COMBINED INT & SIG EXERCISE

<u>APPROX TIME</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS:</u>
0930	1.	Advance commences.	Tactical distances will be observed--Note cable laying.
0932	2.	Van Cd Pl fired on from road bend.	Ds paint necessary picture--Note whether infm received by all coys. Action taken by Int Personnel--Note whether contact given on R/T
0947	3.	Van Cd Pl attack on enemy outpost successful--Adv continues	Note messages received at Tac and Bn HQ
0952	4.	Van Cd Pl again fired on from enemy posns 150x fwd. Further Adv halted.	Note as in Serial 2.
0955	5.	Coy comd advises CO of situation and intention to attack. Sig Offr gives CONTACT	Observe functions of Tac and Bn HQ Pers.
1005	6.	Coy comd issues orders for attack.	Ds act as coy comd. Passage of infm to rear
1015	7.	Attack commences.	Does CO receive reports of progress.
1018	8.	Coy comd requests additional mortar Sgt.Sp.	
1030	9.	Attack successful	Infm to rear incl casualties etc.
1035	10.	Adv continues.	Does whole coln move together.
1038	11.	Adv Cd again comes under by machine gun and mortar fire 600x along track on high ground.	Note speed of this infm to rear and re-establishment of coms.
1039	12.	CO notified of situation. Orders adv gd to consolidate on last objective and patrol for infm. Sig Offr again gives CONTACT	Note movement of pers and est of HQs.
1044	13.	CO issues warning order giving infm, probable intention, mov of attacking coys to assembly area and route; consolidation of firm base location of Bn HQ, special recce of IO	Check infm to rear.
1050	14.	CO proceeds on recce and indicates RV for O Gp	Note system of comm to tac HQ
1120	15.	CO issues orders to O Gp Tac HQ remain present posn.	Note laying of new artery.
1200	16.	H hr. attack commences.	Check timing and coms back to Tac HQ.
1210	17.	Attack by 2 coys successful.	Check infm from attacking coys to Tac HQ to Bn HQ.
1215	18.	Re-org on new posn. Preparatory to continuing adv.	check infm back to rear in respect of casualties etc.
1230	19.	NV for discussion of exercise.	Check sitreps to Bde HQ and compare infm received at Tac HQ Bn HQ Bde HQ
1330	20	Exercise ends.	Return to camp.

NOTE: On the code word "salvation" being given by either of the Ds at any stage during the exercise, all pers participating will remain in posn they then occupy until the exercise is ordered to continue.

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10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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REF MAPS: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M1
TUMELING WATERS 1 in to 1 M1

1. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move by MT to SOUTHPORT area 979681.
2. ROUTE: STUART-HIGHWAY - SOUTHPORT RD.
3. SP: Rd junc STUART HIGHWAY-SOUTHPORT RD.
4. DEBUSSING PT: 979681.
5. SPEED & DENSITY: (a) Speed 12 MIH to rd-rail crossing SOUTHPORT.
(b) Density - 20 VTM
6. TRAFFIC CONTROL: Pro situated at junc SOUTHPORT RD-STUART HIGHWAY and rd-rail junc SOUTHPORT. TO will be responsible for mov. RP will be under comd TO for this purpose. TCPS - No.1 rd junc 144687. No.2 rd junc 114733. No.3 creek crossing 062720. No.4 rail crossing 009710

Lights may be used STUART HIGHWAY SOUTHPORT RD to rail crossing SOUTHPORT only.

7. AASC ALLOTMENT: as follows:-

SUB-UNIT	TOTAL PERS TO BE LIFTED.	AASC VEHs ALLOTTED	EMBUSSING AREAS	REMARKS:
(a) Bn HQ	29	2	Bn Parade Ground	
(b) HQ Coy	92	6	Bn Oval(Northern End)	
(c) A Coy	51	3	A Coy	3 pers report Bn HQ area for mov
(d) B Coy	43	3	B Coy	
(e) C Coy	58	3	C Coy	4 pers report HQ Coy for mov 5 pers report B Coy for mov
(f) D Coy	65	4	D Coy	
TOTAL	338	21		

NOTE: Coy figures are amended as under:-

- 2 Sigs to each Rifle Coy
- 4 SBs to D Coy
- 1 Int to D Coy

Don Deary

10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF) - MARCH TABLE:

SERIAL NO	SUB-UNIT	NO OF VEH	TIME PAST		TIMES PAST TCPS				ARRIVE DEBUS-SING AREA		REMARKS:	
			TCPS1	SP	No. 3		No. 4		Head	Tail		
			Head	Head	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail		
1.	Adv Gd D Coy	7	H-16	H	H+2	H+17	H+19	H+32	H+34	H+64	H+66	Incl Two Tk/A Portees, OC Coy 15cwt 4 AASC 3 ton vehs
2.	A Coy incl R Gp	7	H-14	H+2	H+4	H+19	H+21	H+34	H+36	H+66	H+68	Incl 3 AASC 3 ton vehs, OC Coy 15cwt R Gp--Jeep CO, Jeep IO, Jeep Sig Offr.
3.	BnHQ	8	H-12	H+4	H+6	H+21	H+23	H+36	H+38	H+68	H+70	Incl BnHQ Office 15cwt, 3 AASC 3 ton 1 Amn 3 ton, Sig Van 15cwt, OC AASC 15cwt, W/T Van
4.	HQ Coy	15	H-10	H+6	H+10	H+23	H+27	H+38	H+42	H+70	H+74	Incl Jeep OC HQ Coy, Coy HQ 15cwt, Pnr Store 15cwt, Engrs 1x3ton, AASC vehs 5, 1 Engr Dip- tray, LMG 2x15cwt, Mortars 2x15cwt, 1 Portee
5.	C Coy	4	H-6	H+10	H+11	H+27	H+28	H+42	H+43	H+74	H+75	Incl OC Coy 15cwt, AASC Vehs 3.
6.	B Coy	4	H-5	H+11	H+12	H+28	H+29	H+43	H+44	H+75	H+76	Incl OC Coy 15cwt, AASC Vehs 3.
7.	RAP	7	H-4	H+12	H+14	H+29	H+31	H+44	H+46	H+76	H+78	Incl RAP 15cwt, Amb, Lt Sec 12 Fd Amb 4 vehs padre 15cwt.
8.	B Ech	12	H-2	H+14	H+17	H+31	H+34	H+46	H+49	H+78	H+81	Incl 7x3 ton vehs, 3x15cwt, 2 water carts.

AASC Vehs will NOT depart from debussing area until ordered by CO.

- OC Serial No.1 OC D Coy
- OC Serial No.2 OC A Coy
- OC Serial No.3 Adjnt
- OC Serial No.4 OC HQ Coy
- OC Serial No.5 OC C Coy
- OC Serial No.6 OC B Coy
- OC Serial No.7 MO
- OC Serial No.8 QM

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A/Adjnt, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 in-1 ml

Unit...10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.--From 0900 9 Jan 45 To 1735 9 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MARRAKAI 144676	9 Jan 45	0900 hrs	Bn moved out from camp	
		1000	CO issues verbal orders (see appx A)	
173686		1030	Bn reached FUP	
		1100	Bn crossed start line	
185678		1120	A Coy fired on at 185678	Informed CO
		1126	B Coy took objective	" " & Coys
		1120	B Coy fired on 185678	Informed CO
		1135	A Coy recommenced adv	" "
		1137	A Coy objective taken with 3 wounded	" " " "
		1145	C Coy occupied temp posn at 185679	Informed CO
		1258	One pl of enemy attacked A Coy posn but was annihilated	
		1330	C Coy in posn at 186680. Nil activity or casualties	Informed CO
		1330	Air strip area cleared enemy withdrew east of jungle	" " & Coys
		1400	CO issued warning order	
		1415	CO issues verbal orders see appx B	
		1445	B Coy as van gd commenced mov from air strip.	
		1500	Main body of bn commenced mov	
		1600	CO issues verbal orders (see appx C)	
201662	2	1645	A Coy in posn at 203663	Informed CO
		1700	BrHQ in posn at 201662	Informed CO & Bde
		1710	C Coy shelled from 091710IK to 091720IK 15 HE shells causing three wounded, 1 bren damaged.	" " " & coys
		1715	A Coy bombed by 4 Lillies causing 1t casualties	" " " "
		1730	A Coy move from 203663 to 204664. Recce patrol returned at 091725IK coy digging in. No enemy sighted	Informed CO
		1730	C Coy in posn at 203663 at 091700IK and consolidating Patrol to Manton track left at 091715IK. Nil enemy activity. to 091710IK	" "
		1735	EAs (Pete) observed by D Coy to fall in flames beyond hills on bearing of 145° M	Informed CO Bde & Coys

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1800 9 Jan 45 To 0200 10 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
201662	9 Jan 45	1800	C Coy patrol saw light tank tracks on Manton track 207658	Informed CO Bde & Coys
		1848	B Coy patrol to 188654 reported Nil activity	" "
		1900	A Coy patrol reports carr tracks 300 ^x fwd of track junc 216676, also shots heard considerable distance ahead	" "
		1900	D Coy patrol to jungle area reported Nil activity	" "
		1905	4 HELENS dropped 7 x 100lb bombs on D Coy area from 091840IK to 091855IK. Minor damage to A ech veh	Informed CO Bde & Coys
		2001	B Coy patrols to 188654 returned at 091945 and reported no activity	" "
		2006	A Coy report Nil enemy activity	" "
		2015	Stand down ordered	Informed Coys
		2040	D Coy patrol reports nil enemy activity	Informed CO
		2045	Unidentified bombers bombed C Coy area causing minor cas.	Informed CO Bde & Coys
		2050	C Coy patrol reports abandoned road block 205655. Mines SW of block not removed	" " "
		2100	A Coy shelled from 092055IK to 092110IK. 10 cas	" " "
		2107	B Coy reports Nil activity	" "
		2114	D Coy " " "	" "
		2145	A Coy " " "	" "
		2210	D Coy reports Nil activity	" "
		2215	A Coy " " "	" "
		2215	C Coy " " "	" "
		2315	D Coy " " "	" "
		2400	A Coy " " "	" "
	10 Jan	0013	D Coy " " "	" "
		0015	B Coy " " "	" "
		0110	D Coy " " "	" "
		0200	C Coy Patrol reports Nil activity	Informed CO

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Unit 10/48 Aust. Inf. Bn (A.I.F.) Date and Time.—From 0207 10 Jan 45 To 1115 hrs 10 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
201662	10 Jan 45	0207	D Coy reports Nil activity	Informed CO
		0230	B Coy patrol reports Nil activity	" "
		0240	A Coy " " "	" "
		0325	A Coy " " "	" "
		0340	B Coy " " "	" "
		0425	C Coy " " "	" "
		0500	B Coy " " "	" "
		0507	D Coy " " "	" "
		0547	A Coy " " "	" "
		0555	B Coy " " "	" "
		0600	A Coy " " "	" "
		0615	B Coy shelled from 0615 to 0620 hrs - Nil cas	Informed Co Bde & Coys
		0645	D Coy shelled from 0635 to 0640 hrs - WW slight	" " " "
		0700	B Coy & A Coy XXX patrols report Nil activity	
		0745	CO issues orders - Bn ordered to withdraw to 39 mile camp see App D	
		0840	B Coy withdraw to 186654 . be in posn not later than 0905	
		0845	RAP withdraw to B Coy plus BnHQ	
		0850	COs p arty withdraw - Tk.A withdraw - 9 Pl, 14 pl, 16 pl, 18 pl withdrew.	Informed CO
		0855	Rear secs of remaining pls withdrew plus MGCs and Mortar plc	
		0900	Remainder of bn withdrew to assembly area 188654.	
188654		0930	Bn withdrew to 39 mile camp arrived at 1115 hrs.	Informed CO
		1115	Exercise concluded.	" "

COs verbal orders 1000 hrs 9 Jan 45 at 175687

Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 MIINFORMATION

As previously issued

INTENTION

10/48 Bn will attack and secure posns vicinity junc taxi way and strip of FRAZER air field.

METHODTwo coys fwd, exploit with one coy. ~~XXXXXX~~
One coy reserve - First phase attack.Tps FwdRight A Coy
Left B Coy
Reserve D & C CoyObjectivesRight A Coy junc strip and first taxi way
Left B Coy junc first taxi wayAxis of Advance

Right and left edges of airfield.

Centre Line

Right edge of airfield inside track.

FUP

Low ground at rear of strip

Start Line Tape

50 yds fwd of FUP

Rate of adv

100 yds in 2 minutes.

ReserveD Coy move 400 yds rear of A Coy.
C Coy to follow 200 yds rear of D CoyRolesD Coy be prepared to move to exploit through A Coy to await further orders ~~XXXXXX~~ from CO
C Coy remain in reserve. Close up, to within 200^x west side of D CoyMMGs

Protect FUP and start line on right and left flanks

Mortars

One det for protection of this area and enemy posns on right of airfield.

FireH to H+20 - 50 bombs
1 det left of enemy posns H to H+20 - 50 bombs
1 det in reserve in sp, of D Coy.Tk.A

Occupy area to protect FUP and SL from tank approach

Pioneers

Move ahead of Tac HQ during adv improving track.

Action on capture of objectiveExploitation by D Coy under CO's orders.
C Coy prepare to mop up area on CO's orders.Consolidation

Bn in general area cnr of runway and airstrip.

Capture of objectiveMMGs - 2 guns to A Coy
Task right flank and frontal
2 guns B Coy
Task left flank and frontal

Tk.A

2 guns A Coy. Task front and flank protection.
1 gun B Coy . Task left flank.

Mortars

1 det to A & B Coys under comd.
1 det BnHQ area.

H Hour

To be issued later

A Echelon

Move fwd H + 40. TO responsible for 2 control posts to be est (one SL - one Junc runway and airstrip)

Order of March of A Ech veh

MMG Pl	Sigs
Mortars	Int
Tk A	BnHQ
A Coy	CO's veh
B Coy	Pioneers
C Coy	HQ Coy
D Coy	RAP
	Res amn veh

SAA Reserve

Right end of FUP - on consolidation, fwd right edge of runway 50 yds short of taxiway.

RAP

Fwd on FUP.
Consolidate with res amn half way up airstrip.

PWs

FUP collecting point area.

INTERCOMN

Tac HQ ahead of D Coy
Main HQ Central FUP area move with tpt.
R/T No restrictions from H hour
L/T To A & B Coys - cables laid on CL
Success Signal

As laid down

H hour 1045 hrs

2i/c Verbal Orders 1415 hrs 9 Jan 45 at 185678

Ref Map

MARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 ml

INFORMATION

12/50 bn is moving via MANTON track with task in ACACIA GAP area.

INTENTION

10/48 Bn will secure track junc 203663

METHOD

Order of March Adv Gd B Coy with under comd one det mortars
 Pioneer det will move with them
 Task of Adv Gd To secure track 300 x fwd of
 track junc for occupation of def posn.
 SP 200^x SOUTH of this posn.
 ST 1445 hrs

Main body A Coy
 C Coy right
 D Coy left
 BnHQ, HQ Coy in centre
 ST 1500 hrs

Route From present area/184667 then along track
 to 195667 then to track junc 203663.
 Bearing from present posn 186 ° M

FORMATION Coys one up - pls in file

Protection One pl A Coy with adv gd to secure and hold
 track junc 195667.

Main body will halt approx 300 yds from track
 junc at 200663.

Centre Line Along route of adv.

R Gp Mov in rear of adv gd

O gp RV 203663 at 1530 hrs

Tpt Assemble rear D Coy 1440 hrs

INTERCOMN

R/T and rumer

On Consolidation

A Coy astride track
 B Coy 100 yds WEST of track junc
 D Coy NORTH of track junc
 C Coy SOUTH of track junc
 BnHQ North of track

Time synchronization

CO's verbal Orders 1600 hrs 9 Jan 45 at 216667

Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 inc - 1 mlINFORMATION

As previously issued

INTENTION

10/48 Bn will occupy def posn to secure track junc and to ensure passage of 12/50 Bn

METHOD

Consolidation posns as previously ordered.

MMGs Develop fire across open swamp to EAST and SOUTH of track junc.

Mortars Main task jungle area and fwd of A Coy
Secondary task far edge of swamp

Priority of works Deepen pits, camouflage, trip wires & booby traps.

Patrols Only recce patrols by Coys.

D Coy to JUNGLE area.

A Coy to track junc 216667

B Coy to creek line 188654

C Coy to MANTON track

Stand to 1915 hrs

Reserve amn in BnHQ area

RAP BnHQ

Evening meal 1800 hrs

INTERCOMN

R/T and lines to all Coys

CDF 2 greens

Time synchronization

Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 inch - 1 ml

INFORMATION

12/50 Bn have succeeded in holding enemy at ACACIA GAP. However isolated parties still remain and may attempt to reach STUART HIGHWAY. Bde Comd has decided to withdraw 10/48 Bn back to 39 mile in reserve.

INTENTION

10/48 Bn will withdraw from this def posn to 39 mile area.

METHOD

One coy will occupy covering posn about one mile down the track and will preserve here an intact front to the last moment.

Timings No rearward mov except on recce before 0830 hrs. Thinning out commences 0845 hrs. Position will be denied till 0900 hrs. All tps will be WEST of the line of the creek at 188654 by 0930 hrs. B Coy will withdraw complete by 0840 hrs BrHQ will withdraw complete at 0845 hrs Nos 9.14.16.18. pls will vacate their posns by 0850hrs. Rear sections of remaining pls will vacate by 0855 hrs. Remainder of rifle coy secs will vacate by 0900 hrs. Intermediate posn by B Coy - on high ground not later than 0905 hrs After passing through B Coy intermediate posn, there will be independent mov by coys across country to 39 mile camp. Route for first stage of withdrawal to immediate posn - via track. MMGs will withdraw per veh at 0855 hrs. Mortars " " " " 0855 hrs Tk A pl " " " " 0850 hrs

Transport Remaining transport will withdraw under TO at 0830 hrs via 12/50 Bn track to 39 mile camp.

T.C RP Sjt will est post at B Coy to check through all coys withdrawing. All coys will report to RP situated at that point.

RP will remain there till contacted by CO.

B Coy will not leave intermediate posn until ordered by CO. RAP closes 0845. Reopens rear of B Coy on track. Will close when all coys have passed through and then move across country to camp.

Hygiene and Security Present area trenches to be filled in and no evidence left of occupation.

INTERCOMN

L/T closes 0830 hrs. Then R/T and orderly. CO's party comprising IO, 2 Int pers, CO's D/R and R/T link will leave 0850 hrs. One sig veh will take up posn in rear of B Coy area and collect R/T sets as Coys pass through.

Time synchronization

Bar Day
Alpha 21

SECRET:

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
8 Jan 45.
A/30/5.

12 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE 1/45

12, 13, 14, 15 JAN 45.

GENERAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. TROOPS TAKING PART:

(a) Own Troops:

Hq 12 Aust Inf Bde
12 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
281 Aust LAD
1 Aust Fd Regt less 2 Btys
1 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
204 Aust L-D
One pl 1 Aust Fd Coy
10/48 Aust Inf Bn
40 Aust Inf Bn
31 Aust Coy AAC-MT as required
Two light sections 12 Aust Fd Amb
12/50 Aust Inf Bn (Skeleton only)

(b) Enemy:

2. OBJECT:

To exercise units taking part in :

- Phase 1. (a) Movement
(b) Administration in the field
(c) Communications
Phase 2. (d) Attack incorporating field firing

3. CONTROL:

Director: Bde Comd

Asst Directors: COs of units, who will also command their units.

Umpires: Provided by 1 Aust Fd Regt on basis of 1 per Bn.

4. NEUTRAL OFFICERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The following officers, DRs and vehicles will be neutral:-

Director and umpires and their vehicles.

CO ENEMY and vehicle. CO 12 Fd Amb; OC 1 Aust Fd Coy.

Directors DR and M/C. Enemy DR and M/C.

White armbands will be worn by these officers and neutral DRs.

Signal flags will be flown on neutral vehicles.

5. SECURITY:

Will be observed at all times:

- (a) All ranks will stand to morning and evening.
(b) Silence will be maintained at all times. Shouting and loud talking will be avoided. Particular attention will be given this matter in use of wireless and telephones.
(c) Fires, lights and smoking will NOT be permitted during hours of darkness.

6. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- (a) Ball amm will be carried in pouches (in the case of LMG and M.Cs, loaded in magazines).
(b) Blank amm will NOT be issued or used.
(c) During phase 1, no weapons will be loaded.
(d) For phase 2, only those sub-units who receive written orders from CO will use ball amm and load weapons.

- (e) Immediately on conclusion of Phase 2, COs of Sub-Units using ball amm will be responsible for ensuring that weapons are unloaded and amm accounted for, being withdrawn as necessary.
- (f) Safety officer for Phase 2 will be appointed by COs prior to commencement of this phase. Safety Officer will immediately stop the firing if it is likely to prove dangerous.

7. VEHICLES:

- (a) Vehicles will NOT remain stationary on tracks.
- (b) All vehicles will be vulnerable except those stated in para 4.
- (c) Strict MT discipline will apply, and care taken to avoid bogging vehs in bad ground by prior recon of route.
- (d) When halted, vehs will be camflgd.
- (e) Carriers will NOT participate in exercise. Mortar pl will utilize two 4 x 4 15cwt vehs for carriage of mortars.

8. CASUALTIES:

- (a) Bn will provide 20 casualties on demand of CO 12 Aust Fd Amb, possibly at two stages during exercise.
- (b) OC coys will be responsible for tagging wounded with type of wound. RMO to issue necessary tags to coys.
- (c) Casualties will be under control of Fd Amb until released for return to Bn.

9. PERSONNEL LEFT CAMP DURING EXERCISE:

The following personnel will remain in camp during Bde Exercise:-

- A COY - 1 OR
- B COY - 1 OR
- C COY - 1 OR
- D COY - 1 OR
- HQ COY - 6 OR (incl 1 fitter tpt
1 OR No.1 Area
1 OR + Store
1 OR HQ Coy No.2 Area } To watch
Store &
Amm Dump.
1 OR Officers' Mess.(Sjt Gordon)
1 OR Cook

Lt R.L.McDougall to be OC Camp Area.

10. AMMUNITION:

The following ball amm will be carried on the man(in pouches)

- Phase 1. - Rifle 50 rds.
 LIG 2 mags per gun (loaded)
 SIG 2 " " " " " " " " " " " "

Phase 2. - Additional issued as directed, from res amm vehs.
One 3 ton veh only will move with mixed load(trg amm) as Bn res amm.

- 11. SUPPLIES
- 12. PETROL
- 13. WATER
- 14. DRESS

} Points will be notified by signal during exercise. Deliv-
eries to coys will be from B Ech.

- (a) Battle Order(less steel helmets and respirators) for all ranks.
- (b) Shirts, long trousers, anklets web or short puttees will be worn at all times.
- (c) Mosquito nets will be used.
- (d) Enemy will wear hats turned up.

15. MESSING:

- (a) Meals will be taken when the opportunity offers. Action will NOT be delayed for meals.
- (b) Section messing - at no stage of the exercise will sub-units be concentrated for messing. Sections will mess in their tactical posns.
- (c) Cooking will be done tactically by B Ech.

16. INTERCOMMUNICATION:

- (a) Wireless--RT Code No.2 will be used for all messages.
- (b) Codeword--All signals relating to exercise will be preceded by CROCODILE.

17. OPENING SITUATION:

Will be developed by int messages, Sitreps etc commencing on 10 Jan 45. Warning order will be issued in sufficient time on 11 Jan for preparation for movement, which should commence evening of 11 Jan 45.

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.....Lt.
A/Adj, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

DISTRIBUTION: List D.

DAILY AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL FOR WORKING PARTIES

10/48 AUST INF BN(AIF)

RETURN as at 0600hrs ^{Jan 45} 13 1945

	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
1. STRENGTH IN NT (excl X List)			25	477
LESS				
2. MAINTENANCE PERS (maximum 35 Offrs 259 OR less cooks & batmen in 5)	25	229		
3. OFFRS, WOa & SJTS NOT included in 2 and 5.		13		
4. TOTAL at present supplied or still available (1 less 2 & 3)		235		
5. PARTIES ALREADY SUPPLIED (including detachments in NT not X Listed)				
<u>Details</u> <u>Date of Return</u>				
<u>WORKING PARTIES</u>				
Serial P. 8		Indefinite	5	
<u>DETACHMENTS</u>				
107 Aust Bde Workshop			3	
HQ 12 Aust Inf Bde			2	
1 Aust Arm Coy			2	
Special Duty			1	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
Light Duty			1	
		14		
6. NET AVAILABILITY				221
7. PARTIES to be supplied in future				
<u>Details</u> <u>Date to Depart</u>				

Lt-Col
 Lt-Col
 Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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 Ref map Murrakai) 1 inch
 Tumbling Waters) to 1 ml

Unit...10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)...

Date and Time.—From 1200...11 Jan 45 To 1200 hrs 12 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin 39 mile	11 Jan	1200	SITREP 1. To 1130 hrs ref enemy concentrations of troop carrying AC	From Bde
		1450	Bde conc area at 980682	
		1530	SITREP 2. To 1430 hrs. Appx 40 AC tp carrs in this area apparently loading tps and sups. One OSCAR and two SALLEYS attempted recce on BATCHELOR Air field. One SALLEY shot down, remainder made off before reaching BATCHELOR	
		2030	REVSIT 3. To 2000 hrs. Air borne ops reported from TIMOR area	From Bde
		2050	Bde mov table copy No.5	
	12 Jan	0330	CO issues orders (See Appx A)	
		0500	Convoy moved from camp area	
Map reference 978681		0630	Bn in posn at conc area	infrm Bde.
		0830	Bde comd issues orders	
		0915	CO issues orders (See Appx B)	
		0940	Vanguard commence to move from conc area	
On move		1005	Main body of tps mov from conc area	
		1015	Advanced guard 958658, 3 enemy sighted. withdrew	Informed CO & Bde
		1043	D Coy report 6 enemy seen in defile 956650. withdrew on sight of our tps. One of our tps captured	" " "
		1100	Bde advised Bde Tac HQ established at 961661	
		1100	D Coy reported enemy est pl strength on fwd slope of defile One pl attacking with mortar sp	" " " & Coys
		1137	D Coy found one enemy LMG abandoned at 956650. fwded to Bde	" " "
956655		1152	Adv gd probing left flank, track secured by remainder of bn Bde HQ situated at 956655.	" " " "
		1200	Adv gd Coy held at 956651. C Coy moving fwd to occupy posn 956653 with B Coy in rear.	

Appx 13

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2'18
(adapted.)

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (aif). Date and Time.—From 1200hrs 12 Jan To 1522 hrs 12 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
956655	12	1200	Armed recce patrol consisting of 1 pl of B coy moving WEST via track to high ground 953644.	infm Bde, CO, coys.
			D coy held 958652. C coy in posn 957653. A coy in posn track junc 955653. B coy in posn 956654. Bn HQ 956655.	" " " "
		1230	A coy recce patrol left area moving along track from 955654, to 952649.	" " " "
		"	Enemy patrol encountered fwd of C coy posns. Counter patrol sent out	" " " "
		1230	Mortar Pl report 10 enemy with 2 LMGs at 952649	" " " "
		1237	C Coy patrol reports enemy have MMG in addition to LMG	" " " "
		1245	B Coy patrol reached ford at 950655	" " " "
		1312	B Coy patrol reach swamp at 947647	" " " "
		1340	B Coy patrol reports enemy on our freq, cannot get in touch with other set.	Informed CO
		1350	10 Aust Inf Bn captured feature 70 on square 9765	Informed CO & Bde
		1410	C Coy reported cas 1 stretcher case, 4 walking wounded	" " " "
		1415	D Coy fwded 1 item of captured enemy eqpt, also one enemy rifle picked up at 121410IK in 18 pl area	" " " & Coys
		1455	B Coy patrol reported enemy occupying NORTHERN slope of feature E963638 approx strength 2 pls with 2 x 3 ton trucks sighted on EAST slope. Enemy reported in posn E954644 approx str one pl. Small force approx strength 1 offr 8 ORs holding posn observing enemy at E963634	" " " "
		1455	A Coy reported enemy posn at E953650 unchanged	" " " "
		1505	A Coy reported enemy withdrew from 953650	" " " "
		1522	1 round arty (est 25 pdr) heard on bearing to sound	
			173 ° magnetic	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 10/48 Aust. Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1530 12 Jan 45 To 0900 hrs 13 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
956655	12	1530	1 round arty (est 25 pdr) heard on bearing to sound 173° magnetic	
		1450	1 round same as above	
		1550	Warning order. Bn prepare to move. No move before 1630 hrs	(See Appx C)
			A Coy as Adv Gd	
		1630	Adv Gd moved out	Informed Bde
		1640	Main body of tps moved out	Informed CO, Bde, Coys
On the move		1810	A Coy contacted enemy 983623	" "
		1821	Fwd pl pinned down at 983623	" "
		1827	2 Fwd pls pinned down at 983623	" " " "
		1828	Right flank pl forced enemy to retire	" " "
984623		1840	A Coy captured br exploited to 993623	Informed Bde
		1845	Tac HQ est at 984623	" " & CO
		1855	A Coy consolidated WEST side of br	
		2217	Enemy patrols adv near br, standing patrol of A Coy engaged them and forced them to withdraw	
		XX 2245	C Coy recce patrol 1 pl str left to recce swamp and timber line and ascertain enemy flanks. In enemy not in area, pl to consolidate in posn	" " " & A Coy
	13	0215	C Coy patrol reports enemy withdrawn east along track from 992622	Informed Bde & CO
		0315	A Coy ordered fwd to posn 992622	" " "
		0515	A Coy in posn. C Coy patrol return report enemy withdrawn beyond 008622.	" " "
		0630	A Coy ordered to patrol approx 500 x along track from their posn.	" "
		0645	All coys reported no enemy activity	" "
		0800	CO issues orders (See Appx D)	
		0730	enemy rifle found at E956650 at 121415IK	Fwded to Bde
		0900	All coys report no enemy activity	

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Unit 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0950 13 Jan 45 To 1600 hrs 14 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
984 623	13 Jan	0950	40 Aust Inf Bn passed through BnHQ area	
		0955	Cas C Coy 20, A Coy 4 W, D Coy 1 W.	Informed Bde & CO
		1105	2 stretcher cases from BnHQ evacuated	" " "
		1145	CO issues orders re embussing	" "
		1230	Bn embussed and mov to 086581	" "
086581		1500	Flack attack - 096582	" "
096582		1527	Attack successful. Enemy withdrawing across lagoon. One pl	" "
			A Coy despatched to maintain contact.	" "
		1730	Bn embussed and mov to 124555	" "
124555		1947	Bn occupy temporary posn prior to mov fwd by foot.	" "
		2100	Bn moved to bivouac area at 163555	" "
163555		2230	Bn conc for night	
	14 Jan	0500	A Ech & AASC tpt arrived at bn conc area	Inf Bde & CO
		0730	CO issues orders and mov fwd on recce	
		1100	Bn commenced mov along 47 mile track	
		1130	Bn held up rear 40 Aust Inf Bn pending their attack	
		1155	40 Aust Inf Bn attack successful - Bn move through to assembly area at 198555	
19 8555		1210	CO issues orders (See App F)	
		1250	Bn arrives assembly area	
		1320	Bn commenced left flank mov to FUP at 223557	
227557		1415	Bn arrived at FUP	
		1515	B & C Coy crossed start line. D & A Coys in rear	
		1518	First contact made	
222548		1550	B & C successful. Consolidation on objective at 222548	Inf Bde & CO
		1452	Mortar fire opens on hill behind objective at 227547	" " " & Coys
		1600	Exercise concludes	

Appx A.

CO's verbal orders 0330 hrs 12 Jan 45 at 39 mile camp

Refs Maps MARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 mile
TUMBLING WATERS 1 inch to 1 mile

INFM No further information since last SITREP

INTENTION

Bn will move by MT via STUART HIGHWAY SOUTHPORT STA to conc area 980682.

METHOD

Prelim moves - Pnr pl to move to 987689 for purpose of repairing track along rly line

Adv Gd - D Coy under comd two Tk A guns.

Main Body - See March table

Bn S.P - Entrance to LAD Track at H-16.

Bde S.P - Junc SOUTHPORT RD and STUART HIGHWAY

Debussing Area - Altered from that laid down in march table to 990692. Troops will ~~de~~bus and then continue adv on foot.

On arrival at conc area D Coy will hold astride the track A Coy right, C Coy left, B Coy in rear astride track.

Distance between D and B Coys approx 500 X and 50 X off track

BnHQ in centre and on right of track.

Breakfast will be had in conc area.

H hour 0500 hrs

Time synchronization

CO's verbal orders at 0915 hrs 12 Jan 45 at 980681

Ref Map TUMBLING WATERS 1 inch to 1 mile

INFM Enemy landings by air have taken place at BATCHELOR and GOULD airfields. Main enemy force adv NORTH along STUART HIGHWAY. Another force is adv NORTH along rly track, probably a flank protective force for main body. It is also considered the enemy may have light tanks. Reinforcements of own tps were flown into DARWIN area yesterday and are holding DARWIN. Portion are adv SOUTH along STUART HIGHWAY to engage his main force. 12 Bde is to advance along track to hold enemy adv NORTH along it. One bty 1 Aust Fd Regt will operate in sp of 10/48 Bn.

INTENTION 10/48 Bn will adv SOUTH with a view of holding the track and rly at all costs.

METHOD Adv gd will be one Coy with remainder of bn moving along track. Adv Gd - Comd Capt TEXTOR
Tps - D Coy with under comd one sec Tk A and two dets mortars. Bounds to be cleared.
(1) Creek 959657 by 1015 hrs
(2) SOUTH of high gd at 952649
(3) SOUTH of high gd at 956644
(4) High gd 964637
(5) SOUTH of swamp 966625

Main body - Order of march on foot
One pl A Coy
Tac HQ
A Coy less one pl
BnHQ incl mortar veh and remaining mortars
C Coy
B Coy
Vehicles less 3 jeeps of R gp
RMO will move with BnHQ stretcher bearers on foot.

Route - Rly track
S.P - Creek at 976677
S.T - Adv Gd 0940 hrs
Main body 1005 hrs
Tpt - R gp jeeps will move in rear of Tac HQ in short bounds x along the track - COs veh leading.
RAP veh will move at head of vehicle convoy.
Meals - Will be advised later.
TC - RPs less R Gp RPs will come under TO.
PsW - To vehicle echelon.

ADN

INTERCOMM
Tac HQ at halts on right of track.
R/T to all coys during mov with L/T being laid to adv gd Coy.
Time synchronization

CO's verbal orders 1600 hrs at 956655 on 12 Jan 45

Ref Map - TUMBLING WATERS 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION Given by IO

INTENTION Bn to secure br 983621 before dark

METHOD Adv Gd - One coy deployed as adv gd sp by one det of mortars.
Remainder of bn adv along track moving on foot

Grouping - Adv gd mobile tps formed by A Coy - one sec

Adv Gd OC Lt GREEN

Tps A Coy with under comd one det mortars

Task To clean following bounds in succession.

Ford 961641 by 1710 hrs

Swamp 969627

Track junc 972624

Br 983621

East side of swamp 992623

Flank Gd B Coy will provide one sec to move with A Coy and on turning EAST across rly line will despatch sec south along rly line to act as flank gd for bn.

Main body Will move 10 mins behind adv gd
Order of march

One pl B Coy deployed

Tac HQ

B Coy less one pl and one sec

HQ Coy

BrHQ

C Coy

D Coy

Route Along track

SP FDL of A Coy

ST 1640 hrs

Halts There will be no halts for main body until 1750 hrs

Pioneers will NOT move as part of bn but will concentrate on br at ford.

Arty Sp FOO allotted under sp of bn will move with adv gd.

ADM

Meals Evening meal may have to be carried across ford.

Tpt. TO with A ech vehs will organise tpt over ford.

RAP On foot in rear of D Coy

INTERCOMN

Tac HQ as set out in order of march.

Code word on contact - CONTACT

L/T with adv Gd

R/T to all coys during move

B ech remains present posn.

Time synchronization

CO's verbal orders 0800 hrs 13 Jan 45 at 984623

6666Map TUMBLING WATERS 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION

We are to retain control of this area. 40 Bn is moving on foot and will pass through this bn at approx 0930 hrs. One pl 31 AASC coy is to move up to rear of bn with vehs at call for possible MT move

INTENTION

10/48 Bn will retain def posns. sightings as at present existing and be prepared for quick embussing and mov fwd by MT.

METHOD

Order of March by MT

- C Coy
- D Coy
- BnHQ Coy
- B Coy
- A Coy

Forming up and embussing to be protected by A Coy. Veh allotment to be issued by Adjnt.

- SP Br
- ST To be issued

Embussing areas - present coy areas
In relation to HQ, B & D Coys - TO to make sec ce for embussing areas.

RAP will move at rear of column - Medical sec with BnHQ.
Tac HQ Will move in rear of C Coy

- MIH - 12
- VTM - 15

INTERCOMN

On the Move RPs and MC orderlies
Time synchronization

CO's verbal Orders 1145 hrs 13 Jan 45 at 984623

Ref Maps - TUMBLING WATERS 1 inch to 1 mile
MARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION

Enemy are reported to be holding LAGOON with main force to the SOUTH and some protection fwd of the LAGOON
40 bn are moving on foot to make contact.
On making contact they will make a feint left flank attack.
10/48 bn are to encircle enemy to the SOUTH and to take up a posn to the EAST of the enemy at 096584.
We will hold there and 40 bn will launch an attack and push enemy back towards us.

INTENTION

10/48 bn will adv by MT to rear of 40 bn, debus, make an encircling mov and capture track to rear of enemy posn.

METHOD

Orders as already issued.
Move to assembly area remaining on wheels at that point
On contact by 40 bn, bn will move up, debus, and commence right flank mov.
Assembly Area on wheels - timber at 065613
Debussing point - 085594
Capt Heath will move fwd in jeep with 2 RPs fwd of bn to an assembly area.
after arrival of tps in that area he will move fwd to debussing area.
R Gp will presede the mov of the bn from this point.
Protection of the assembly area on wheels
Each truck load of tps will have one sentry.
Silence in assembly area - smoking may be permitted.
Protection at debussing area
Leading coy C Coy will debus and deploy to cover debussing area.
2 Tk A guns will deploy to cover track.
Formation for debussing for flank move will be coys in column, each coy with two pls up.
Order of March
C Coy
Tac HQ
D Coy
B Coy
BrHQ
HQ Coy
A Coy
RAP

SP for the flanking mov will be issued to O gp.
Mortars - two dets will move in close sp of C Coy during flanki
ing mov. Two dets also in rear of B Coy.
MMGs - One veh carrying 4 guns will move with HQ Coy.
Tk.A - Will protect vehs at debussing area.
Pioneers- Two pioneers will move with Tac HQ
Remainder of pl will remain at veh harbour for
gd protection.

Objectives - C Coy astride track between enemy and swamp.
D Coy EAST of swamp NORTH of and excl track.
A Coy WEST of D and B Coys.
HQ Coy astride track between B,D, and A Coys.
MMGs - One sec each B and D coys for cross fire over
swamp.
2 secs A Coy area for fire on swamp

INTERCOMN

RAP with A Coy

Rec amn with BnHQ

BnHQ N of track

Line from SP of flanking move

O gp will RV at head of column on arrival at debussing area

ST 1230

SP Br

Time synchronization

CO's Verbal Orders 1210 hrs 14 Jan 45 at 198555

Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION

Enemy force is holding long feature ahead.
It is considered that these are the last of his elements with whom we have been in contact during the last few days.
40 bn has secured this feature behind us incl the pass. They will hold as firm base while we push on to next feature.
One bty 1 Aust Fd Regt in sp.

INTENTION

10/48 bn will capture long feature and secure it.

METHOD

Adv to FUP astride long feature
Across country moving on the left flank.
Attack will be made astride long feature with two coys fwd
Attack to be sp by mortars and arty fire lighting fwd of adv tps.

Assembly area - at base of this feature
Adv to FUP

- Navigation party to be provided by IO
- 21° for 1400 X
- 101° for 1700 X
- 166° for 500 X

Formation for advanced from assembly area to FUP
Pls in coln each coy - 2 up in order of coys B,C, Tac HQ mortars, MMGs A and D coys.

ST for adv to FUP
will be ordered at assembly area and will not be before 1230 hrs

FUP is to the NORTH of SADDLE KNOLL
SL will be taped by I Sec on southern edge of FUP

- Fwd Coys Right C Coy
- Left B Coy
- Right rear D Coy
- Left rear A Coy
- Tac HQ Centre and to rear of C and B Coys

Boundaries Incl to B Coy coy top of ridge

Centre line Same line as boundary

Direction of attack - 176° M

Rate of adv 100 X in 2 mins

Objective area - Tongue to the track

Arty:

Serial	Unit	Time from to	Task	Amn	Rate
1	1 bty H-9	H-6	R SADDLE KNOLL	HE	Normal
2	1 bty H-5	H-2	Centre of LONG FEATURE	HE	Normal
3	1 bty H+1	H+4	Centre of TONGUE	HE	Normal

FOO will move with Tac HQ

On consolidation arty will be prepared to lay DF task astride track EAST of pass.
During attack MMGs will move in rear of A Coy prepared to give sp to fwd elements
OC will move with Tac HQ
Mortars will occupy posn in FUP area to sp B and C Coys 2 dets each.
On capture of objective B and C Coy will hold TONGUE up to and incl the pass - the fwd elements will NOT cross the track.

Consideration : B Coy will hold astride track and to EAST of the feature.

C Coy on tongue

A Coy centre of LONG FEATURE

D Coy in res on rear slopes of LONG FEATURE

ADM

Meal will be had in assembly area

Tpt - Jeeps will remain in assembly area during attack and will move fwd along track on success signal.

RAP - will move to FUP at rear of D Coy and during attack will be est in FUP area.

On success will move to track area with B Coy.

INTERCOMN

BnHQ will remain in assembly area.

Tac HQ will move fwd and during attack will be in centre and slightly fwd of res coys.

On success will take up posn on NORTH of track.

L/T to each fwd coy.

Time synchronization

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR BUNK HIDING 20 JAN 1945.

10/48 ABST INF BN (AIF)

INT SEC -- SIGS -- MG -- MORTAR -- TLA

REF MAP: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M

DATE	TIME	SUB-UNIT	SUBJECT	AREA
15 Jan	0830-1700	Int sec	Discussion on Bde exercise and correction of faults. Message writing exercise. selection and manning of ops	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	Discussion Bde exercise, R/T exercise, Use of pre-selected frequencies.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	MG characteristics-recap MG-general stripping, traversing, examination test etc	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Discussion Bde exercise, mortar drill, engagement area targets, preparation of base plate postn & OP-procedure in def.	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	Gun and veh maintenance.	Camp Area
16 Jan		Int sec	Complete kit and maintenance inspection. OP exercise.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	Worse practice, line instruments, fault finding & tests, practical correction of faults shown in MG exercise.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	MG-stoppages, mechanism, range & ranges-recap	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Mortar quiz-work to date. 69 grenade throwing-adv handling.	M.C.
		No. 5 PI	Discussion bde exercise, gun drill, kit inspection.	Camp Area.
17 Jan		Int sec	Rece involving recee report and att sketches	Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M from 163540 to 183556, 18051
		No. 1 PI	IT code No. 3--Org of Bn HQ--Cipher-Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap MG--Kit inspection.	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	smoke lecture-use of smoke grenades-re-layed vce and lng control.	Range Area Camp.
		No. 5 PI	Lecture & practical application--selection of def postn.	HOWARD SPRINGS RD JUNG.
18 Jan		Int sec	Memory traverse.	DARRIN RIVER STA area.
		No. 1 PI	Net sig office in rd--kit inspection	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap-stoppages, mechanism	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Kit inspection--special procedure in rear of section--recap	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	practical battle drill--camfg of guns & postn	SOUTHPORT RD.
19 Jan		Int sec	Appreciation exercise, timetable, routine in Int Post exercise.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	Worse practice, Sig office working, registration of messages, R/T log set-netting exercise, change of frequencies.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Range practices.	Range.
		No. 3 PI	Mortar battle drill	To be selected.
		No. 5 PI	PI drill, gun and veh maintenance.	Camp Area.
20 Jan		Int sec	Gas trg. Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	Maint Comms & stores--Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap-adv handling, adm & sports, cleaning & checking stores.	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Maint stores, carrs etc, adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	Gun drill and maint--adm and sports.	Camp Area.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 20 JAN 1945.

10/48 ABST INF BN (AIF)

INF SIG - SIG - MG - MORTAR - T.E.A

REF MAP: HARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M

DATE	TIME	SUB-UNIT	SUBJECT	AREA
15 Jan	0830-1700	Int sec	Discussion on Bde exercise and correction of faults. Message writing exercise. selection and gaining of ops	Camp Area.
		No.1 PI	Discussion Bde exercise, R/T exercise, use of pre-selected frequencies.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	MG character letters-recap RCD-MG-general strapping, traversing, examination test etc	Camp Area.
		No.3 PI	Discussion Bde exercise, mortar drill, engagement area targets, preparation of base plate post & op-procedures in def.	Camp Area.
		No.5 PI	Gun and veh maintenance.	Camp Area.
16 Jan	"	Int sec	complete kit and maintenance inspection. of exercise.	Camp Area.
		No.1 PI	Worse practice, line instruments, fault finding & tests, practical correction of faults shown in Bde exercise.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	MG-stoppages, mechanism, range & ranges-recap	Camp Area.
		No.3 PI	Mortar quiz-work to date. 33 grenade throwing-adv handling.	MLG.
		No.5 PI	Discussion Bde exercise, gun drill, kit inspection.	Camp Area.
17 Jan	"	Int sec	Recce involving recce report and att sketches	Ref Map HARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M from 163540 to 185556, 18051
		No.1 PI	HW code No.2--Org of Bn HQ--Cipher--Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap MG--kit inspection.	Camp Area.
		No.3 PI	Smoke lecture-use of smoke grenades-re-layed v/c and l mg control.	Range Area Camp.
		No.5 PI	Lecture & practical application-selection of def posn.	HOWARD SPRINGS RD JUNO.
18 Jan	"	Int sec	Library traverse.	DARWIN RIVER STA Area.
		No.1 PI	Post sig office in rd--kit inspection	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap stoppages, mechanism	Camp Area.
		No.3 PI	kit inspection-special procedure in rear of action-recap	Camp Area.
		No.5 PI	practical battle drill-camfig of guns & posn	SOUTHPORT RD.
19 Jan	"	Int sec	Appreciation exercise, suitable, routine in Int lost exercise.	Camp Area.
		No.1 PI	Worse practice, sig office working, registration of messages, R/T LOS set-netting exercise, change of frequencies.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Range practices.	Range.
		No.3 PI	Mortar battle drill	To be selected.
		No.5 PI	PI drill, gun and veh maintenance.	Camp Area.
20 Jan	"	Int sec	Gas trg, Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No.1 PI	Maint Comms & stores--Adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PI	Recap-adv handling, adm & sports, cleaning & checking stores.	Camp Area.
		No.3 PI	Maint stores, carry etc, adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No.5 PI	Gun drill and maint--adm and sports.	Camp Area.

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8 Jan 45.

A/1/3.

BN KIT LAY-OUT:

1. In order to permit circulation of air through mosquito nets during the "WET" season, the following amendment is made to the Bn Kit Lay-out.
 - (a) The mosquito net will remain in the normal 'up' position, with the walls of the net brought over to the one side and positioned neatly upon the roof of the net.
For inspection purposes, to prevent a sagging effect, the guy ropes will be kept taut, therefore ropes may have to be loosened at night to ensure correct positioning for sleeping.
2. This instruction will take effect as from 9 Jan 45, until further notice.


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VISUAL TRG:

1. The following films will be shown at the Picture Area at 081900IK
Jan 45.

2. Programme:

Close Quarter Fighting:	12 mins.
Jungle Patrol:	15 mins.
Combat Counter Intelligence:	20 mins.
Unarmed Combat:	15 mins.
	<u>1 hour 5 mins.</u>

3. All personnel, with the exception of 2 per Coy and those required for essential duties, will attend.

4. Personnel will be seated at the Theatre by 1930 hrs.

5. Unit Canteen will close at 081900IK.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
15 Jan 45

A/30/7

WEAPON TRAINING CADRE

1. There will be established within the unit a weapon training cadre for the purpose of improving the shooting standard of the WHOLE Bn.
2. All personnel of the unit will attend the cadre course, and shall qualify on the range in ALL weapons at not greater intervals than 28 days. Personnel will not be permitted to attend the range until passed by the OC cadre in their knowledge of all the weapons instructed therein.
3. (i) The course will be of five days duration and the weapons handled will be RIFLE, BREM. and OVEN guns. Intake of students will be 60 per cadre.
 (ii) The first cadre will be for the particular purpose of training 12 men per coy as coaches so that when coys are carrying out subsequent range practices they will have competent personnel as permanent coaches
 (iii) Susequent cadres will be organised on a basis of the students being mainly drawn from one coy.
 (iv) Roster of attendance for coys will be notified separately.
4. Range practices will be regarded as qualifying for proficiency pay in terms of GRO G.769/43. Failure to qualify will therefore affect proficiency pay.
5. Range practices will be conducted by coys themselves, after the personnel, have passed through the cadre.

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18 Jan 45.

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WEAPON TRAINING CADRE:

1. The attendance of personnel for Weapon Trg Cadre for week commencing 23 Jan 45 is as follows:-

	<u>OFFERS</u>	<u>GRS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
C Coy	5	44	47
Bn HQ		1	1
1 Pk Coy (RAR)		12	12
Totals.	<u>5</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>60</u>

2. 1 Pk Coy personnel will report daily to CC Cadre, Capt G. Textor in C Coy area at 0820H hrs. All to arrange feeding of these personnel for midday meal during the Cadre week.

3. Next coy to attend Cadre will be D Coy, commencing approx 29 Jan 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
19 Jan 45.

A/30/8.

SANDTABLE EXERCISE:

OBJECT:

1. Object of exercise is to practice officers in coy tactics.
2. Exercise will be held in the form of a War Game; i.e. Syndicates opposing each other.

SYNDICATES:

3. Syndicates are as follows:-

<u>BLUE FORCE</u>		<u>RED FORCE</u>	
No.1 Syn	No.2 Syn	No.3 Syn	No.4 Syn
Capt K.B.Siekmann	Capt N.R.Davey	Capt G.Textor	Capt H.L.Harrison
Lt W.L.Sandell	Lt I.Stephenson	Capt J.P.Sullivan	Lt J.J.Kenny
Lt L.S.Howland	Lt B.W.Lott	Lt F.Farrick	Lt W.M.Hauser
Lt R.V.Milton	Lt R.L.McDougall	Lt D.Sigal	Lt J.d'Apice.
Lt E.C.Todd	Lt G.W.C.Lyne	Lt L.E.Coulter	Lt R.H.Green
Lt G.L.Nicholson	Lt J.V.Parker	WO I W.G.M.Dowd	Lt L.R.Hicks.

OPENING SITUATION:

4. Opening situation and problem 1 will be issued at Offrs less 191900IK Jan 45.

Solution Problem 1 at sandtable:-

BLUE FORCE 1030 hrs 21 Jan 45.

RED FORCE 1130 hrs 21 Jan 45.

SOLUTIONS:

5. Syndicate solutions will be opposed as under:-

No.1 Syn v No.3 Syn

No.2 Syn v No.4 Syn

6. Subsequent problems will be issued as the exercise develops.

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19 Jan 45.

A/1/6.

PARADES.:

1. Confirming CO's conference at 181300IK regarding Bn & Church Parades.

(a) Bn Parade:

- (i) Area - Bn Sports Oval, Sat 20 Jan 45.
- (ii) Dress - Shirts, shorts, hats khaki fur, chin straps, hose tops, anklets web. Eqpt with rifles. (Rifles for LMG and SMG personnel where possible).

(NB: web eqpt to be coloured with clay and ant hill).

- (iii) Timings: 0840 hrs Coy markers to RSM with Parade State.
0845 hrs Coys ready to march on.

(b) Bn Parade each Sunday as from 21 Jan 45.

- (i) Area - Bn Parade Ground.
- (ii) Dress - Shirts, shorts, hats khaki fur, ~~chin straps~~, hose tops, anklets web. No eqpt or arms to be carried.
- (iii) Timings - 0845 Coy markers to RSM with Parade State.
0850 Coys ready to march on.

After Parade has been handed over to CO, personnel will be fallen out to attend Church Parade.

2. Bn Band will supply necessary music for these parades.

3. Bde Gp Parade:

- (a) Area } To be notified.
- (b) Timings }

(c) Dress: Shirts, shorts, hats khaki fur, chin straps, hose tops, puttees. Eqpt and rifles. Rifles for LMG and SMG pers where possible. (Possibility of haversacks and water bottles to be carried.)

(NB: - All web eqpt will be coloured with clay and ant hill)

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HQ,
12 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)
19 Jan 45.
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INTELLIGENCE REPORT:

For period 1200 hrs 5 Jan 45 to 1200 hrs 19 Jan 45

1. SECURITY:
Nil.
2. CENSORSHIP:
Nil.
3. AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS:
Nil.
4. MAPPING ROAD RESCUE:
With the exception of preparation for Bn and Bde Exercises, no specific tasks have been completed.
5. TRAINING:
period, with the exception of time spent on Bn and Bde Exercises, has been devoted to Trg.


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 Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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20 Jan 45.

A/17/5.

BEST HUT COMPETITION:

1. It is proposed to continue with Best Hut competition on similar lines as PARAP area, with appropriate prize money awards each week.
2. Competition will be conducted on a coy basis, incl Bn HQ. Procedure to be adopted is as follows:-
 - (a) All gear will be laid out in accordance with Unit memo A/1/3.
 - (b) Coys will arrange personnel in hut lots, making allowance for individuals e.g. storemen who quarter separately, to be allotted to a hut group.
 - (c) Inspection will be carried out by a coy offr, preferably daily or as directed by the OC Coy.
 - (d) Bn groups will consist as follows:- A Coy, B Coy, C, D Coys, HQ Coy No. 1, HQ Coy No. 2 incl Bn HQ and Offrs Mess Staff.
 - (e) At 1200 hrs on sat of each week, coys will submit names of pers occupying best hut. Prize money to the value of 5/- Canteen Order will be made to each man occupying best hut in area.
3. Competition will commence as from Mon 22 Jan 45, therefore names of first prize winners to be submitted sat 27 Jan 45.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 27 JAN 45.

10/48 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

RIFLE COYS:

REF MAP: HARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M

DATE	TIME	COY	SUBJECT	AREA
22 Jan 45	0830-1700	A	sand-table exercise, sec attack- map reading-drill-gas-appreciation sandtable exercise.	Camp Area.
		B	PI in def-occupation of posn, routine in posn-counter attack and patrols.	BRODRIBB HIGHWAY.
		C	Trg cadre.	
		D	Works and duty coy	
23 Jan 45	"	A	Map reading-appreciation, sandtable- sec in def, Pt. A (Sdr) drill.	Camp Area.
		B	PI in attack-adv to gain contact, consolidation, etc.	BRODRIBB HIGHWAY.
		C	Trg cadre.	
		D	Works and duty coy	
24 Jan 45	"	A	patrols-sec-compass navigation, cooking in the field.	BERRY CREEK 063730.
		B	Adv ed mob tps-use of sec as such- CAB-lecture jungle trg-gen principles- Adm.	BRODRIBB HIGHWAY.
		C	Trg cadre.	
		D	Works and duty coy	
25 Jan 45	"	A	5" Mortar, description and drill-CAB- discussion previous days exercise.	Camp Area.
		B	Jungle trg-def, attack, ambushes- marking a trail-construction of bivouac area.	Jungle Area.
		C	Trg cadre.	
		D	Works and duty coy	
26 Jan 45	"	A	Sec patrol-compass march--sandtable pl attack.	FRAZER STRIP
		B	continuation of exercise on 25th	Jungle Area.
		C	Trg cadre.	
		D	Works and duty coy	
27 Jan 45	"	A	Kit inspection, adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		B	Kit inspection, adm and sports.	
		C	Trg cadre	
		D	Works and duty coy	

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 27 JAN 45.

10/45 ADJT INF PL (AIF)

INT SEC - SIG PL - MG PL - MORTAR PL - TK A PL

REF MAP: MARRAKAI 1 in to 1 M1

DATE	TIME	SUB-UNIT	SUBJECTS	AREA
22 Jan 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Abbreviations, conventional signs, message writing, lettering fire plan exercise.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	R/T code No. 2 - RT procedure - wave meter.	Camp Area.
		MG PL	MG stripping, adv handling, stoppages, recap, mechanism, etc.	Camp & Picture Area track
		No. 3 PI	Mortar battle drill.	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	gun drill - adv elementary handling - engagements of moving targets.	Camp Area.
23 Jan 45	"	Int sec	R/T code No. 2, Telephone procedure, sandtable - ops	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	horse practice, calibration LOS sets.	Camp Area.
		MG PL	MG, limitations fire, selection of def posn - concealment in JM	Black Jungle.
		No. 3 PI	Jungle trg - selection mortar posn - ops - method of obtaining selection direction	1966
		No. 5 PI	throwing and firing dummy grenades - mounting & dismounting gun - adv stripping	Camp Area.
24 Jan 45	"	Int sec	Recce of tracks vicinity FRASER AIRTRIP.	From LAD track to MANTON track to ACACIA GAP.
		No. 1 PI	Org of In in Pl - intercom in JM - cipher - adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PL	MG recap, stoppages, mechanism, wide target (lecture)	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Kit inspection - special procedure in rear rd action - adm	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	gun drill - gun and veh maintenance.	Camp Area.
25 Jan 45	"	Int sec	collation of in from previous days recce and addition to map - recap on serial photos.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	intercom in jungle.	Fraser Jungle.
		MG PL	battle inoculation - mortar, sec drill, mechanism, stoppages recap.	ACACIA GAP track & Camp
		No. 3 PI	M firing - M and smoke.	Track from 158680-229678
		No. 5 PI	mov in jungle (less tin cooking) guns to be handled.	Jungle Trg Area.
26 Jan 45	"	Int sec	Recce of possible def posn involving report & att sketches.	BUNKERS HILL area.
		No. 1 PI	horse practice, - line instrument fault firing - LOS, method of gp working	Camp Area.
		MG PL	range practice.	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	def - procedure in recap - recap - rd craft practical.	154665
		No. 5 PI	lecture gun emplacements - digging gun emplacements, adm	1765
27 Jan 45	"	Int sec	Kit inspection, adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No. 1 PI	Maintenance of Unit comm & stores Kit inspection adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		MG PL	Kit inspection, adm and sports.	Camp Area.
		No. 3 PI	Maintenance comm & stores, kit inspection, sports.	Camp Area.
		No. 5 PI	Kit inspection, adm and sports.	Camp Area.

NOTE: No. 6 Pl - 26 Jan 45 corduroy rd construction at track junct BRODRIBB HIGHWAY and RIFLE RANGES. Remainder of week on works.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
23 JAN 45.

A/1/6

BDE GP PARADE.

1. For the purpose of this parade, the Bn will be made up as follows:-

(a) No.1 Coy. - CC - Capt N R DAVEY.
2 i/c- Lt R V MILTON
Pl Comds - Lt W L SANDELL,
Lt I STEPHENSON
Lt F PARRICK.
Lt L B MC IAND.
CSM - WO II FENTON R R
COJMS - S/sjt CAMILL H
Tps to be supplied by:-
Hq Coy - 77 (incl 3 sjts supernumary)
BnHQ - 25
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(b) No.2 Coy - CC - Capt H L HARRISON.
2 i/c- Lt A Y MITLAND
Pl Comds- Lt B W LOTT
Lt W M MAUNDER
Lt D SIGAL
CSM - WO II MATTHEWS H R
COJMS - S/sjt McINERNEY F J
Tps to be supplied by:-
Hq Coy - 102 (incl 3 sjts supernumary).

(c) No.3 Coy - CC - Capt K B SIEMMANN
2 i/c- Lt L E COULTER
Pl Comds - Lt G W O LYNE
Lt J W O D'APICE
Lt E C TODD
CSM - WO II GALLAS A F
COJMS - S/sjt MACKAY L T
Tps to be supplied by:-
B Coy - 39 ORs (incl 1 Sjt supernumary)
BnHQ - 2 Sjts
C Coy - 58 ORs (incl 2 Sjts supernumary)
D Coy - 3 ORs
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(d) No.4 Coy - CC - Capt G TEXTOR
2 i/c- Lt R L McDOUGALL
Pl Comds- Lt R H GREEN
Lt L R HICKS
Lt G L E NICHOLSON
CSM - WO II SORELL A C
COJMS - S/sjt BROOK R L
Tps to be supplied by:-
A Coy - 50 ORs (incl 1 Sjt supernumary)
D Coy - 52 ORs (incl 3 Sjts supernumary)
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2. The undermentioned personnel will be left in Camp during the parade:-

(a) BnHQ - 1 Int Personnel.
1 Canteen
2

(b) HQ Coy-- 14 Cooks (As detailed by QM)
1 MO Caterer
1 Butcher
1 Driver
1 Postal Sjt
4 Hygiene Pers
5 Spare
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(c) C Coy - 1 Spare

(d) D Coy - 1 Sjt (Offrs Mess)
1 Spare

3. For Bn Parade on 24 Jan 45 Coys will be as set out above, weapon Trg Cadre, trg etc, will be suspended for period of parade.

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HQ,
12 AUST INF BDE(AIF)

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

For period 1200 hrs 19 Jan 45 to 1200 hrs 26 Jan 45.

1. SECURITY

NIL

2. CENSORSHIP

NIL

3. AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS

NIL

4. MAPPING ROAD RECC.

Ref Map HARRAKAI 1 inch to 1 mile track recco of BUNKERS HILL area carried out.

5. TRAINING

Period with the exception of time spent on rehearsal for Bde Parade has been devoted to trg in accordance with syllabus.

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Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 10/48 ABST INF (MIA) 5 FEB 45

10/48 ABST INF (MIA) 5 FEB 45

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REF INF-MURAKAI 1 in to 1 M

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>AREA</u>
29 Jan 0630-1700 45		A	Map Reading suitable ex-PI adv in Jungle-Gas Drill, inspection.-lecture def in jungle.	Camp Area
		B	Works & Duty	
		C	Weapon Trg Cadre	
		D	Map Reading, Gas Trg	Camp Area
30 Jan 0630-1700 45		A	see patrols-course navigation- Cooking in the PD	063730
		B	Works & Duty	
		C	Weapon Trg Cadre	
		D	sig Trg-cable repairs, teeing in etc. Recap ground, uristic course.	Camp Area
31 Jan 0630-1700 45		A	3' mortar drill-spreading-drill	Camp Area
		B	Works & Duty	
		C	Weapon Trg Cadre	
		D	Observation Trg from def posn. Kit inspection.	Camp Area
1 Feb 0630-1700 45		A	Two day jungle ex-construction of bivouac area.	196658
		B	Works & Duty	
		C	Range	
		D	Weapon Trg Cadre	
2 Feb 0630-1700 45		A	Two day jungle ex-construction of bivouac are-jungle perimeter.	196668
		B	Works & Duty	
		C	Range	
		D	Weapon Trg Cadre	
3 Feb 0630-1700 45		A	Kit Inspection -adm & sports	Camp Area
		B	Works & Duty. Kit Inspection	
		C	Kit Inspection. sports Adm	
		D	Weapon Trg Cadre	

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DATE	TIME	SUB-UNIT	SUBJECTS	AREA
29 Jan 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Message writing, abbreviations, conventional signs, lettering, abbreviations - sandtable	Camp Area
		No.1 Pl	Recruit trg course, duty pl & works. calibration of 100 sets-wave note class C. Maint unit care & stores	Camp Area
		MG Pl	MG examination tests, recap stripping, mechanism, stoppages, range or ranges	Camp Area
		No.3 Pl	Battle procedure - mortar	Passer Strip
30 Jan 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Kit theory and practice in use of 100 set. Routine in int post - exercise	Camp Area
		No.1 Pl	Recruit trg course, duty pl & works. calibration of 100 sets-wave note class C. Maint unit care and stores	Camp Area
		MG Pl	MG examination tests - recap - spare parts - stripping	Camp Area
		No.3 Pl	Reorg action - patrolling	BIGGIES HIGHWAY
31 Jan 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Parade - Fire plan exercise	BIGGIES HILL AREA
		No.1 Pl	Recruit trg course - duty pl & works - calibration of 100 sets-wave note class C. Maint unit care and stores	Camp Area
		MG Pl	MG firing	1766B
		No.3 Pl	Mortar smoke-lecture & demo - Q & A quiz - Adm	BIGGIES HIGHWAY
1 Feb 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Interpretation of aerial photos involving interpretation report and att sketches	Camp Area
		No.1 Pl	Recruit trg course - duty pl & works. calibration of 100 sets-wave note class C. Main unit care & stores.	Camp Area
		MG Pl	Recap mechanism - stoppages - see drill - oblique targets	Camp Area
		No.3 Pl	Jungle trg (regressive)	Square 196B
2 Feb 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Written test on general int work - discussion on interpretation exercise and correction of test.	Camp Area
		No.1 Pl	Recruit trg course - duty pl & works - calibration of 100 sets-wave note class C. Main unit care & stores	Camp Area
		MG Pl	Recap mechanism, stoppages - see drill - oblique targets lecture - cleaning and checking stores.	Camp Area
		No.3 Pl	Maint care & stores	Camp Area
3 Feb 45	0830-1700	Int sec	Kit inspection. Adm & sports	Camp Area
		No.1 Pl	Kit inspection. Adm & sports	Camp Area
		MG Pl	Kit inspection. Adm & sports	Camp Area
		No.3 Pl	Kit inspection. Adm & sports	Camp Area

No. 6 Pl - 2 Feb 45 Corduroy Construction. Remainder of week on works.

Don Dyer
Appx 27

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
29 Jan 45

A/16/10

REAR PARTY - MAINT & ADM INSTRS

1. Further to para 4 of this HQ memo A/16/11 of 28 Jan 45, the following instructions will be observed to ensure maintenance of adm and stores during rear party period.
2. Weapons and personal gear and rations as set out in para 4 of A/16/11 of 28 Jan 45.

COMMS

3. On departure of No:3 draft, BMD 9 Feb 45, Bn switchboard will be discontinued - direct line only Bde to Bn to be maintained - phone situated in Adjutant's office. This phone will be manned at all hours. Orderly Offr will bed in Adjutant's office during rear party period. Intra - Bn comms - direct party line from Adjts office to H Coy and Tpt and direct line from Adjts Office to Offrs mess - no other coy lines will be in use.

MAINT & INSPECTION - WEAPONS - AMN - STORES

4. Weapons will be stored as per previous instructions - all weapons, amm and stores will be inspected every Saturday by the senior Coy officer and the necessary maintenance carried out. Particular attention will be given to Belts and Boxes belt VICKERS and magazines BREN. A certificate stating that this action has been carried out and that all stores etc are in good condition will be submitted to reach BnHQ by 1800hrs on the Saturday of each week.

TRANSPORT

5. Wheeled vehs - vehs not required during rear party period, such vehs to be designated by TO, Lt Lott, will be maintained and greased and placed on blocks during this period. Lt Lott will be responsible for care and maint of all wheeled vehs.
TRACKED VEHs - Mortar and carr pl vehs and personnel will be pooled for this period. Cpl Datson carr pl will be responsible for directing care and maint of these vehs under supervision of TO.
Motor Cycles - Sjt Raven will be responsible for care and maint of all M/Cs under supervision of TO.

IN AMN

6. Sjt Raven will be responsible for care and maint of all amm in Bn dump and in addition, maint of records of Bn amm.

CHANGES IN ALLOTMENT OF DUTIES

7. The following allotments and transfers for duty during period of rear party will take effect as movement of personnel directs:-
 - (a) Unit committee of Management

President	Capt K B Siekmann
Member	Lt A Y Maitland
Member	Lt L:R Hicks
 - (b) Canteen

Manager	Lt C E McMillan
NCO i/c	Cpl Osman

(2)

- (c) Audit Board
President Capt H L Harrison
member Lt B W Lott
- (d) Unit Fire Officer
Capt H L Harrison
- (e) Unit Weapon Trg Cadre
C.I Lt McMillan
- (f) Hygiene Supervision
WOII Williams V H
- (g) Quarter Master
Lt A Y Maitland
- (h) Bn Orderly room Clerk
Cpl Grigg - A Coy
- (i) CQMS - 'B' Coy
Cpl Isam V C - C Coy
- (j) Secretary & Treasurer Offrs Mess
Lt CE McMillan
- (k) Sig stores and Line maint
Cpl Dirrmann F G - C Coy
- (l) Postal duties & Bn Library
Cpl Hood W J - BnHQ
- (m) Butchering & ration duties to QM
L/Cpl Sampson R H - B Coy

SECURITY

8. During rear party, Bn guard will comprise 1 NCO and 3 ORs.
QM-AMN post at BnHQ only to be maintained.
Coys will ensure that normal picquets are maintained in Coy areas
and at no time will coy area be left unattended.

John G. ...
.....Lt
A/Adjt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY RECORDS

Appx 28
John J. ...

10/88 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
31 Jan 45
A/30/3

No.
13 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training for week ending 10 Feb 45 for this Bn is as follows:-

- Weapon Training Cadre (60 personnel) 5 - 6 Feb 45
- Snooty (Rifle LMG & Owen) for Cadre personnel 7 - 8 Feb 45

2. The remainder of the personnel of the unit are either on leave or in camp area employed on essential maintenance.

[Signature]
.....-001
Commanding 10/88 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

APPX 29 to WAR DIARY JAN 45

SUMMARY OF CHARGES - COURT MARTIALS

DURING MONTH OF JAN 45.

<u>CHARGES</u> <u>NATURE OF OFFENCE</u>	<u>NO OF CHARGES</u>
Using insubordiante language to his superior officer.	1
Neglecting to obey Bn Routine Orders.	2

John Stewart
.....Lt.
A/Cajt 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

QM's REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 45.GENERAL:

During this month in conjunction with a Bde Exercise, B Echelon operated in the field on the 12, 13 and 14th. Great difficulty was experienced with vehicles getting bogged due to the wet. The supply of rations forward to the tps was hampered and on occasions the Unit was without meals necessitating the consumption of portion of reserve rations.

STORES:

A major from LHQ visited the Unit early in the month enquiring as to Unit maintenance on clothing and equipment. Various questions were answered by two ORs from HQ Coy. The Major indicated that clothing was in very short supply and that COs of Units were to insist that utmost wear be obtained from all ordnance stores. Clothing was received from ordnance and Unit personnel are now fairly well equipped.

Pte Murrell L. was transferred as tailor as from 1 Jan 45.

MESSING:

During the month fresh meat has been in short supply and on an average issue has been 3 days a week only. Also a variety of fresh vegetables is still scarce.

The weekly purchase of canteen goods in the form of biscuits and frankfurts by Unit funds have helped considerably to supplement the rations.

As from Jan 28th a new ration scale B was introduced and should be an improvement on the previous one.

Pte Hannagan A.P. from B Coy replaced Pte Murrell L. in the dry store as from 1 Jan 45.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Extensions were completed to B and C Coys now adding 6 more points to the Unit Circuit. Poles also were erected to D and A Coys and inside wiring completed, but the main line has yet to be done.

.....Capt.
QM, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

RMO's REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 45

Appx 31

1. The general health and morale of the troops was very good.
2. The majority of the unit was in camp for the month, and training was intensified. despite inclement weather and intensification of training the health of the troops was excellent and morale very good. There was a heavy incidence of prickly heat after an exercise spent away from the fixed camp. However, this rapidly abated on return.
3. Weekly inspection of unit cooks reveals a continued high standard of cleanliness.
4. Instruction consisted of field exercises, lectures and educational films in first aid and stretcher bearing.
5. Briefly, the hygiene squad performed the usual duties:

(i) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORK

- (a) Incineration of all wet and dry refuse and disposal of burnt tins, ashes etc to Bde refuse dump.
- (b) Maintenance of grease traps, scap traps & strainers.
- (c) Daily incineration of latrines.
- (d) Cleaning of showers, ablution benches, urinals, latrines and drains,

(ii) ANTI-MALARIA DUTIES

- (a) Anti-malaria personnel have taken precautionary measures including oiling of water holes, drains, fire buckets and all potential breeding places. This work is being carried out in all Coy areas.

Sullivan
.....Capt
RMO 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 45

1. Correspondence Courses:

During the period three enrolments for courses in Arithmetic, English and Steam Engine Driving were completed. Two final examinations, viz Agriculture and Diesel Engine Operation were also conducted.

2. News Discussions:

These have been continued as well as the relay of news broadcasts throughout the camp area.

3. Lectures:

Weekly lectures have been given to the Bn by the Bde EO on Rehabilitation and the general war situation on all fronts

4. Films:

In addition to the normal weekly picture shows, one programme of films was provided by AES.

5. Music:

Recorded recitals on Sunday Nights have been conducted at the Educational Hut. In addition, one programme of light classical numbers was played over the PA system and was well received.


.....ist.
EO, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

TRANSPORT REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 1945.

1. There were no changes in vehicle strength during the month.
2. Training was carried out during the first week of the month in Cross-Country driving, towing, and unditching in preparation for Bn and Bde Exercises from 9th to 13th of Jan 45.

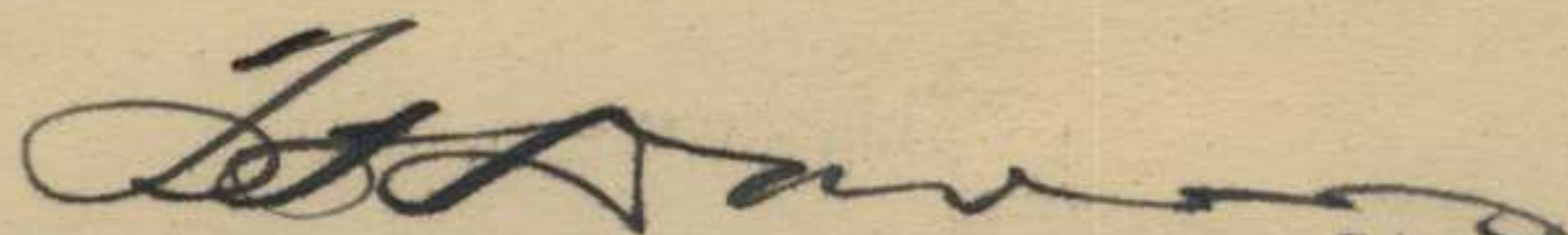
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.....Lt.
TO, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

CO's report for month ending 31 Jan 45

During this month the Bn was wholly concentrated for training for the first time since May 1944. Some three weeks ~~trg~~ period was achieved during which one Bn exercise and one Bde exercise were held.

Morale of tps was good and considering the steadily lengthening period of duty in this area, has been very well maintained.

Tps were informed on the Bde Gp Parade that the Bn was to proceed on leave. This infm was pleasing to tps, as was to be expected, as it is 12 months since their last leave; however they do not relish return to this area but indicate by general tenor of remarks that they wish to go to a more active theatre.



.....Lt-Col
Commanding 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL T. E. DAVIES

COMMANDING 10/40 MUST INF BN (AIF)

(Paras 1-6)

Serial No. 1.

6 Jan 45.

PARA. 1. DUTIES:

The following officers will mount ORDERLY OFFICER on the dates shown:-

<u>6 Jan 45:</u> - Lt D. Sigal.	<u>7 Jan 45:</u> - Lt L.S. Howland
<u>8 Jan 45:</u> - Lt L.E. Coulter.	<u>10 Jan 45:</u> - Lt E.C. Todd.
<u>11 Jan 45:</u> - Lt M. Ste. Johnson	<u>14 Jan 45:</u> - Lt R.L. McDougall
<u>15 Jan 45:</u> - Lt L.R. Hicks.	

DUTY COY MOUNTING 1800 HRS 14 JAN 45 "A" COY

PARA. 2. SUBMISSION OF SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ARMY ADMINISTRATION AND FOR ECONOMIES IN MAN POWER AND MATERIALS. (GRO ADM.449.):

1. The submission by members of written suggestions for improvements in the system of army administration and for economies in man power and materials is to be encouraged.
2. All ranks will be informed that -
 - (a) the submission of such suggestions is invited by LHQ;
 - (b) every suggestion will be promptly and sympathetically considered;
 - (c) if a suggestion cannot be adopted, the maker of it will, wherever practicable, be given some explanation;
 - (d) if a suggestor so requests, his identity will not be divulged to higher authority by the officer who receives it initially in accordance with para 3 hereof.
3.
 - (a) A suggestion made by a member who is not serving at a HQ will be addressed to his CO, who will forward it, together with his own comments, if any, direct to LHQ.
 - (b) A commander or CO may, at his discretion, send a copy of a suggestion and his own comments, if any, to his immediate superior authority.
 - (c) Each suggestion will be forwarded to LHQ promptly.
4. At LHQ, the branch which first receives a suggestion will, without delay, send an acknowledgment of it direct to the suggestor and a copy thereof to the commander or CO concerned. After the suggestion has been duly considered by the appropriate branch or branches, it will be either adopted in whole or in part or rejected. In either case, a further memorandum stating the decision and, if appropriate to be made known, the reasons therefor will be sent direct to the suggestor, and a copy thereof to the commander and CO concerned. If, pursuant to the wish of the suggestor, his identity has not been divulged to LHQ, the above-mentioned acknowledgment and memorandum will be sent in duplicate to the commander or CO, who will arrange for a copy of each document to be passed to the suggestor.

PARA. 3. COMPANY AND PLATOON OR SECTION ROLL BOOKS (AABS 76&77) (GRO A.455/44)

1. Company and Platoon or Section Roll Books (AABS 76 and 77) will be maintained in accordance with the instructions printed on the inside of the covers to the extent to which unit circumstances permit, e.g., in the case of units not engaged in active operations or on work in the field which prevents assembly for the purpose of roll call, the instruction will be complied with in full; in the case of other units, the rolls will be completed as opportunity offers, but daily if practicable.

2. These books are intended to provide a daily record of the unit strength and its distribution and are available also for pay and ration checks.
3. The officer in charge of the parade or platoon or its equivalent will check and initial each day the entries in either AAB 76 or AAB 77. If the space opposite a name is left blank, investigation is to be made and the entry completed.
4. When AABs 76 and 77 have been completed, they will be retained by the unit for one month and will then be forwarded for safe custody to the Echelon and Records of the L of C Area in which the unit is serving.

PARA. 4. INCOME TAX - ADDITIONAL REBATES TO TAXPAYERS (GRO F.458/44):

General:-

1. In consequence of recent amendments to the Income Tax Assessment Act, rebates (additional to those previously allowed) may now be made to taxpayers in accordance with the provisions summarised in the following paragraphs, which apply to income earned during the income year 1944/45.

Rebates in respect of children over 16.-

2. A rebate may be granted in respect of each child who -
 - (a) is not under sixteen years of age but is under eighteen years of age at the beginning of the year of income;
 - (b) is receiving full-time education at a school (including a technical school) or a university (including a university college) and
 - (c) is wholly maintained by the taxpayer.

From the amount of the rebate will be deducted the value of any assistance (consisting of money, accommodation or sustenance) provided by the Commonwealth or a State connection with the education of the child, but the receipt of any such assistance, or of a bursary or scholarship, will not, by virtue of sub-para (c) above, disqualify the child as a child wholly maintained by the taxpayer. Such child will, as from 1st July, 1944, be regarded as a dependant for the purpose of calculating tax deductions.

3. Where the child reaches the age of sixteen years or eighteen years during the taxation year, a proportionate rebate, to be determined by the Commissioner of Taxes, may be allowed.

Rebates for dental treatment.-

4. A taxpayer may also be allowed to rebate in respect of costs incurred by him for dental treatment for himself, his spouse or his child under twentyone years of age.

PARA. 5. CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT:

It is apparent that web equipment is being cleaned with other materials than soap and water. Use of such which is apparently intended to bleach the equipment also rots the webbing and stitching. This necessitates unnecessary replacement of stores which are difficult to obtain. In future, any equipment found to have been "treated", disciplinary action will be taken against the person concerned.

PARA. 6. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND:

For the information of all ranks, the REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND for DECEMBER, 1944, is promulgated hereunder:-

REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND:
10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)
DECEMBER 44.

Balance as at 1st Dec 44.	381: 2: 11.
Balance as at 31 Dec 44.	365: 10: 3.
Receipts during month.	443: 10: 7.
Expenditure during month.	459: 3: 3.

Details of the purposes for which disbursements were made:-

(Continued on next page)

5 Dec 44:	Purchase Gramophone Records	2: 8: 0.
8 Dec 44:	Purchase of Sports Goods.	9: 7: 6.
	Cost of Canteen Orders distributed to tps.	133: 0: 0.
	Cost of goods from G&R Wills & Co	17: 3.
9 Dec 44:	Cost subscription Albert Orchestra Club	2: 0: 0.
12 Dec 44:	Purchase of Sports goods.	3:12: 0.
21 Dec 44:	Gift from FFCE to Offrs Mess	10: 0: 0.
	Sjts Mess	20: 0: 0.
28 Dec 44:	Cost Xmas Cards	12:13: 6.
	Cost Manuscript Paper.	12: 3.
	Cost of Canteen Orders distributed to Tps	13:15: 0.
	" " " working party S.8	48: 5: 0.
2 Jan 45	" " " Tps	106:15: 0.
	" " " "	95: 4: 2.
	Cost of goods for Xmas luddings	13: 7.
		<u>459: 3: 3.</u>

.....Lt.
A/Adjt, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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NOTICES

A.A. AMENITIES SERVICE BROADCASTING STATIONS.

1. A limited number of personnel with broadcasting experience will be required in the near future for army broadcasting stations, to be established in forward areas under the control of Australian Army Amenities Service.
2. Applications are invited from qualified and experienced officers and other ranks for transfer to the Australian Army Amenities Service in appointments as stated hereunder:-

Programme Manager - Capt.
OC Stations - Lt.
Announcers - WO I; Sjt
Orderly Room Clerks - Sjts; Cpls.
MT Drivers, Librarians, General Duties - Ptes.

3. Applications should include details of civilian experience in broadcasting.

INSTRUCTORS FOR INDUSTRIAL TRG DIVISION-DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE:

The Department of Labour and National Service has advised that, under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Trg Scheme, many additional trade instructors will be needed in technical schools and colleges and similar trg organisations, particularly in the building trade.

Although the services of these instructors generally will not be required until the cessation of hostilities, or just prior thereto, it is desired to give members of the forces who wish to be considered for such appointments an opportunity of lodging advance applications for selection at a later date.

Applicants are required to be fully qualified tradesman, preferably with some experience as instructors. Selected applicants without satisfactory teaching experience may be required to undergo a short intensive course of training, during which the appropriate rates for instructors will be paid.

Successful applicants, who can be spared for releases from the Army, will be appointed as temporary trade instructors by the appropriate State Public Service authority. Application forms and conditions of training and employment may be obtained from the Deputy Director of Industrial Training in the State in which appointment is desired. The address of Depty Directors of Industrial Training are as follows:-

Australian Capital Territory - Canberra Technical College.

New South Wales - Sydney Technical College, Ultimo, Sydney.

Victoria - V.C.A. Building, Flinders Street, Melbourne.

South Australia - Education Department - Adelaide.

Queensland - Department of Public Instruction, Brisbane.

Western Australia - Perth Technical College, Perth.

Tasmania - Education Department, Hobart.

The contents of this notice will be brought to the attention of all ranks.

C H U R C H S E R V I C E S:
(SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 1945)

Service 0900 in Unit Chapel. Preacher - Chaplain the Rev C.R. Mercat
D.A.C.G.

RC Service Unit Chapel 1015 hrs.

Hymn Singing in Unit Rec Hut 1930 hrs.

NOTICE

Applications should include details of civilian experience in broadcasting stations, to be established in the near future for Army Broadcasting Stations under the control of Australian Army Ammunition Service. Applicants are invited from qualified and experienced officers and other ranks for transfer to the Australian Army Ammunition Service in accordance with the stated hereunder:-

- Programs Manager - Capt.
- QC Stations - Lt.
- Announcers - WO I; 8jt
- Orderly Room Clerks - 8jt; Cpl.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL T.F. DAVIES

COMMANDING 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

(Paras 7 - 12)

Serial No. 2.

16 Jan 45.

PARA. 7. DUTIES:

The following officers will mount ORDERLY OFFICER on the dates shown:-

16 Jan 45: - Lt R.H. Green

17 Jan 45: - Lt L.R. Hicks.

18 Jan 45: - Lt R.H. Green

19 Jan 45: - Lt L.R. Hicks.

20 Jan 45: - Lt E. C. TODD

21 Jan 45: - Lt G.L.E. Nicholson

DUTY COY MOUNTING 1800 HRS 21 JAN 45-D COY

PARA. 8. SAFETY OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:

1. All Government property in the nature of pistols, watches and compasses, when carried, will be attached by a cord lanyard or chain to the web equipment or clothing of the wearer.
2. This instruction is given in order to avoid unnecessary losses.
3. In future, disciplinary action will be taken against any one losing any of these articles.

PARA. 9. CORRECT CHANNEL OF COMPLAINTS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON SERVICE MATTERS: (GRO A.487/44):

1. The use of the correct channels of complaints, as prescribed by AMR & O 289, is to members' advantage, as those channels ensure that complaints are investigated, and are referred to the authority who has power to grant any necessary redress, by the most direct means. Complaints through other than the prescribed channels, on the other hand, start at the "wrong end" of the correct channel, so that they have to be referred down to units for investigation and then back to the appropriate authority for consideration as to whether any remedial action on the complaint is necessary. The result is that, in addition to the use of incorrect channels being prejudicial to discipline, a member using those channels causes unnecessary correspondence and delay in the consideration of his complaint.
2. OCS will ensure that the provisions of AMR & O 289, together with the advantage of using the correct channels of complaints thereby prescribed, are explained to the members of all units on parade at frequent intervals. The attention of members will be drawn at the same time to the provisions of AMR & O 293 and 307(1) and they will be warned that any member failing to observe these provisions will be liable to disciplinary action.
3. Any communications on service matters made by a member through channels other than those prescribed and received at a H, will be forwarded to the member's unit for appropriate action by the CO.
4. CCS coys will ensure that contents of AMR & O 289, 293 and 307(1) are brought to the notice of all ranks.

PARA. 10. RELIGION AND SPIRITUAL WELFARE IN THE ARMY (GRO A.489/44):

General Principles:

1. (a) The attention of all ranks is directed to the importance of religion in the Army and the right of every soldier to the free practice of his religion.
- (b) Freedom of worship is a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth. This right is in no way limited by the fact that a member becomes subject to military law, but, on the contrary, is specifically preserved by the provisions of the AMR & O.

2. There is in the forces a large percentage of young men whose lives would normally be in the process of being moulded under the influence of their home and religious institutions. With the temporary loss of these aids and the continual challenge to preconceived ideas which is being made by the new factors associated with army life, it is doubly important that suitable opportunities should be provided for the practice of religion.
3. The personal qualities which demand a high standard of conduct at all times and which inspire courage and self-sacrifice in a crisis are by nature spiritual, not physical, and these are essential to our nation during the war and in the difficult years which must follow. Hence, attendance at religious services should not be regarded as something interfering with trg for war, but as a desirable adjunct thereto.

Church Parades.-

4. Unless, in the opinion of the CO, conditions preclude it, each unit will hold a general parade every Sunday. At this parade, all ranks will be given the opportunity of exercising their free will in the matter of their attendance or non-attendance at a religious service. Those wishing to attend will be marched off to the area in which their service is to be conducted; the remainder of the parade will be left at the disposal of the CO.
5. Freedom of conscience will be safeguarded at all times and no soldier will be compelled, under any circumstances, to attend a religious service which violates his religious convictions. Conscientious objectors will not be compelled to attend any service at all. The Commander-in-Chief directs that this freedom will be untrammelled and that the execution of this order will have the personal attention of all commanders.
6. It is possible for only the major religious denominations to be represented by chaplains in the forces, and it will often be impossible for a member to attend a service conducted by a chaplain of the denomination of the church to which he belongs.
7. It is the policy of the Army to permit personnel to attend services of their own denomination if such are available, but, if they are not, combined parades may be arranged in conformity with the policies of the various religious bodies, which are as follows:-
 - (a) The Roman Catholics and Hebrews do not participate with other bodies;
 - (b) Other Christian denominations are prepared to participate in combined parades conducted by chaplains other than Roman Catholic or Hebrew, if attendance at a service conducted by a chaplain of their own denomination cannot be arranged. Where a combined parade is arranged, the service authorized for combined parades in AAB A33 will be used.

PARA. 11. REGIMENTAL CANTEEN TRADING:

Promulgated hereunder are details of Regimental Canteen Trading for the month of DECEMBER, 1944.:-

CANTEEN TRADING A/C FOR MONTH ENDING 31 DEC 44

To	Opening Stock	534 : 18 : 11.	By	Sales	1795 : 11 : 1.
	Purchases	1900 : 17 : 10.		Breakages etc	11 : 7.
	Gross Profit	74 : 9 : 7.		Closing Stock	714 : 3 : 8.
		<u>2510 : 6 : 4.</u>			<u>2510 : 6 : 4.</u>
<u>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</u>					
To	Breakages etc	11 : 7.	By	Gross Profit	74 : 9 : 7.
	Wages	15 : 10 : -.			
	Net Profit	58 : 8 : -.			
		<u>74 : 9 : 7.</u>			<u>74 : 9 : 7.</u>

PARA. 12. AMENDMENT - NT TRAFFIC CODE "RECKLESS DRIVING":

Para II(2) passengers will be permitted to be carried on a solo motor cycle ONLY on operational and tactical exercises.

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Church Parades. -
4. Unless, in the opinion of the CO, conditions preclude it, each unit will hold a general parade every Sunday. At this parade all ranks will be given the opportunity of exercising their will in the matter of their attendance or non-attendance at religious services. Those wishing to attend will be expected to the area in which their service is to be conducted; the remainder of the parade will be left at the disposal of the CO. Freedom of conscience will be safeguarded at all times and no soldier will be compelled, under any circumstances, to attend a religious service which violates his religious convictions. Conscientious objectors will not be compelled to attend any service at all. The Commander-in-Chief directs that this freedom will be untrammelled and that the execution of this order will have the personal attention of all commanders.
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PARA. 11. NIGHTTIME CANTINE TRADING:
Prohibited hereunder are details of Regimental Canteen trading for the month of DECEMBER, 1944.

CANTINE TRADING A/O FOR MONTH ENDING 31 DEC 44

1752:11.1	IV Sales	834:18:11.	To Opening Stock
11:7.	Travellers etc	1200:17:10.	Purchases
14:3:8.	Closing Stock	74:9:7.	Gross Profit
2831:8:4.		834:18:11.	
	<u>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</u>		
14:3:8.	IV Gross Profit	11:7.	To Travellers etc
		15:10:--	Wages
		60:8:--	Net Profit
		14:3:8.	

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by

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COLLAIDING 10/48 AUST INF BN (AIF)

(Paras 13-15)

Serial No. 3

19 Jan 45

PARA. 13. DUTIES:

The following officers will mount ORDERLY OFFICER on the dates shown:-

22-26 Jan 45: - Lt G.L.E. Nicholson.

27 Jan 45: - Lt I. Stephenson.

DUTY COY MOUNTING 1800 HRS 28 JAN 45--B COY:

PARA. 14. SALUTING (GRC A.6/45):

Officers of field rank and above.-

1. (a) Officers of field rank and above will salute their superiors in rank at all times, whether on duty or parade or not, before and after addressing or being addressed by them and when passing or being passed by them.

(b) While on duty or parade, officers of field rank and above will salute their equals in rank who are senior to them before and after addressing or being addressed by them.

Officers below field rank.-

2. (a) Officers below field rank will salute all officers of field rank and above at all times, whether on duty or parade or not, before and after addressing or being addressed by them and when passing or being passed by them.

(b) Before and after addressing them or being addressed by them when on duty or parade, lieutenants will salute captains, and both lieutenants and captains will salute their equals in rank who are senior to them.

Other ranks.-

3. WOs, NCOs and private soldiers will salute officers at all times before and after addressing them or being addressed by them and when passing or being passed by them, except -

- (i) in a crowded thoroughfare or assembly; or
- (ii) during an exercise in the field; or
- (iii) when on parade or performing duty under the immediate control of a superior; or
- (iv) when precluded by the nature of their duties from so doing.

4. A salute made to an officer will be returned by him; when made to two or more officers together, it will be returned by the senior officer only.

5. Members will salute officers of His Majesty's Naval and Air Forces and of Allied Naval, Military and Air Forces in accordance with the principles set out above.

6. The attention of all members will be directed to AMR & Os 1153 and 1154 with regard to saluting when the National Anthem is played.

PARA. 15. SAFARI JACKETS - MALE PERSONNEL, AIF (GRO O.12/45):

1. Jackets, safari, may be worn only by officers and warrant offrs, Class I.

2. Such articles may be worn only when the wearing of summer dress is permitted.

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Notices to Routine Orders - 19 Jan 45.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS - BROADCASTING STATION
SIGNAL SECTIONS.

1. Approval has been given for the formation of signal maintenance sections for army broadcasting stations.
2. Vacancies exist within these sections for personnel with the following qualifications:-

(a) Officers - Captains:

- (i) Experience in the operation and maintenance of a broadcasting station.
- (ii) Knowledge of theory covering audio and radio frequency.
- (iii) Knowledge of broadcasting transmitters.
- (iv) Knowledge of studio equipment, including amplifiers, faders, microphones, turntables etc.
- (v) Knowledge of prime-movers and power equipment generally.
- (vi) Knowledge of the method of keeping station records.

(b) Warrant Officers, Class I:

- (i) As for officers, but of a lower standard.

(c) Instrument Mechanics - Corporals and Signalmen:

- (i) Normal instrument mechanic qualifications.
- (ii) Knowledge of broadcasting transmitters and studio eqpt.
- (iii) Knowledge of power plant.
- (iv) Knowledge of studio control operator's work.

3. Qualified personnel from all arms and services may make application through normal army channels for transfer to army broadcasting station signal section, and all such applications will be forwarded by the quickest means to reach HQ NOT later than 31st January 1945.

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CHURCH PARADES:

Service Unit Chapel 0900 hrs.

RC Service Unit Chapel 1015 hrs.

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(Paras 16-23)

27 Jan 45

PARA. 16. DUTIES.

The following officers will mount ORDERLY OFFICER on the dates shown:-

- 28 Jan 45 - 2 Feb 45 - Lt J.W.C.d'Apice.
- 3 Feb 45 - Lt B.W.Lott.

DUTY COY MOUNTING 1800 HRS 4 FEB 45-C COY:

PARA. 17. OCCUPATIONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - WEARING OF UNIFORM (NT FORCE ORDER A.15/45):

1. GRO A.373/44 para 8 (d) states :-
"Personnel released on LWOP will not return their uniforms or kitbags, but will be instructed not to wear articles of uniform, except those issued for the purpose, when engaged in civil occupation."
2. Members on leave without pay may wear military uniform during leisure hours and the words "when engaged in civil employment" mean only the time during which the soldier is actually working at his civil occupation.

PARA. 18. PROHIBITED AREA - ELSEY STATION (NT FORCE ORDER A.16/45)

The Elsey Station and Elsey Falls area are out of bounds to all ranks until 31 Mar 45 and unless so required for operational purposes, vehicles will not be driven over the road giving access thereto until that date.

PARA. 19. CONTROL OF LIQUOR (NT FORCE ORDER A.19/45)

1. As advised in NT Force memo .155/42 of 1 Jan 45, it has become necessary to exercise strictest care in ensuring that empty bottles and fibre or straw envelopes are returned to AACS.
2. In order to carry out the instructions on this subject more effectively, the tops of all bottles of beer will be removed at the time of sale to members and on no account will bottles be taken away from the place of sale with the tops intact.
3. All Units will ensure that bottled liquor is consumed in a mess or in a unit canteen or recreation hut or in some place specifically set aside for the purpose.

PARA. 20. HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR PERSONNEL ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR SEASONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL REASONS (NT FORCE ORDER A.20/45)

CLAIMS RELATING TO PERIOD FROM 22 SEP 43 TO DATE OF THIS INSTRUCTION

- (a) A member who, while on occupational LWOP at any time since 22nd September, 1943, has had to obtain medical treatment for any injury or illness which was attributable to his military service, may submit a claim on a TS4 for reimbursement of the expense of such treatment.
- (b) Any such claim will be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration stating -
 - (i) the date of commencement and termination of the occupational LWOP
 - (ii) the nature of the injury or illness
 - (iii) the date when the injury or illness first manifested itself

- (iv) the name and address of the medical practitioner from whom medical treatment was obtained. (A certificate by the medical practitioner stating the nature of the illness or injury and the nature and dates of the treatment given must be attached.
 - (v) if admitted to hospital, the name and address of the hospital, and the date of admission and discharge.
 - (vi) the amounts actually paid in respect of such medical treatment and the person to whom each amount was paid. A receipt from the medical practitioner, hospital or chemist for each such amount must be attached to the TS4.
- (c) Any such claim will be forwarded through normal channels to the DFO maintaining the claimant's pay ledger account, who will submit the claim to the DDMS for investigation.
 - (d) If the DDMS certifies that the injury or illness was in his opinion attributable to the military service of the claimant, and that the amounts actually paid for medical treatment, as evidenced by the receipts were fair and reasonable, the DFO may effect reimbursement of the amount paid but not exceeding the authorised rates.
 - (e) No claim for reimbursement of expenses for medical treatment will be allowed unless it complies with the foregoing conditions.
 - (f) If the injury or illness has been certified by the DDMS as being attributable to military service, and the claimant had been admitted to hospital (either military or civil) on account of such injury or illness, the Hq Comd or L of C Area will forward particulars of the date of the member's admission to hospital and discharge therefrom, the nature of the injury or illness and copy DDMS' certificate to the local 3rd Echelon component and the DFO maintaining the member's pay ledger account, so that action may be taken to suspend the members leave without pay and restore his pay and allowances for the relevant period.
 - (g) If any claim is received from an ex-member to whom this paragraph applies, the procedure outlined herein will be followed.

PARA. 21. IRREGULAR USE OF CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS (NT FORCE ORDER 31/45)

1. Mail matter is being received by the Army Postal Service in this area bearing previously used stamps. No matter how faint the impression, postage stamps which are postmarked are no longer usable for postage purposes. The placing of such stamps on postal articles is illegal, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

PARA. 22. INTER UNIT MAIL - REPAYMENT OF POSTAGE (NT FORCE ORDER 33/45)

Private mail matter originating from members of the Forces in NT addressed to other members of the forces and wholly transmitted over Army mail services is subject to the prescribed postage rates.

PARA. 23. APPLICATIONS FOR AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING LEAVE, EXTENSION OF LEAVE OR TRANSFER ON COMPASSIONATE OR EMERGENCY GROUNDS (GRO A.28/45)

1. A soldier's application for leave, extension of leave or transfer on compassionate or emergency grounds is usually submitted in the knowledge or belief that his home or business is directly affected and that his personal attention is the only practical solution to the problem.
2. Such an application cannot always be approved, but it may be possible to assist in the solution of the problem in other ways.
3. To this end, LHQ and Hqs L of C areas will ensure that amenities officers (special duties) are notified when husband or wife difficulties, matters affecting children or other social or domestic factors form the basis of such applications.
4. An amenities officer (special duties) will have each such case investigated and will advise his Hq of its social and domestic aspects. He will enlist the aid of relevant Government departments or welfare organisations, as required.

5. Where social and domestic factors are discovered to exist and the soldier's application is not approved, such officer will provide, if possible, alternative means of adjustment, which will be notified to the CC unit by LHQ or HQ L of C Area concurrently with the decision.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE:

1. The balance sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1944, and comment on canteens activities of particular interest, to the troops are published on notice board in Unit Canteen.
2. This information is made available to all ranks so that they may understand and appreciate the uses to which profits from the Canteens Services are being put.

VISITING HOURS - 107 AUST GEN HOSP:

1. The visiting hours of 107 Aust Gen Hosp are as follows:-
1400 to 1600 hrs - Daily
1930 to 2100 hrs - Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
2. Visitors will not be permitted to see patients other than during the above hours.

COURTS MARTIAL: The following convictions of Courts Martial are promulgated.

1. Accused: TX.12053 Cfn JOHNSON S.J. - 107 Aust Bde Wksp(AIF)
Offence: (a) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline(using army vehicle without authority).
(b) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline(carrying approx 52 bottles of beer in army vehicle without authority).
(c) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline(driving army vehicle at a speed in excess of the maximum permissible speed).
Sentence: Fined £20.
2. Accused: N.461063 Pte GEFEN D. - 27 Aust Works Coy.
Offence: (a) Absence without leave for 48 days.
(b) Losing by neglect articles of clothing to the value of £4/14/6.
Sentence: Detention for 90 days and to be placed under stoppages of pay in the sum of £4/14/6.
3. Accused: NZ.138965 Gnr HENDERSON R.J. - 13 Aust Det Bk.
Offence: (a) When in confinement, escaping.
(b) Desertion.
Sentence: Imprisonment with hard labour for one year.
4. Accused: N.150090 Pte BUCHANAN K.J. - HQ NT Force (AIF).
Offence: Absence without leave for 257 days.
Sentence: Detention for twelve months.

LOST:

- 1 "Onotd" Fountain Pen in Bn HQ Area during week ending 27 Jan 45.
Finder please return to Bn HQ.