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2/43 Infantry Battalion

October 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44

To 31 Oct 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ravenshoe-Camp Area	1 Oct 44	0930	Bn Church-Parades 2/32 Bn Sports Ground. Bn football team (A) was defeated by 2/23 Bn Scores- 2/23 11 g. 12 2/43 4.16	
		1900	B Team defeated in Grand Final by 2/23 Bn 2/43 11.7 2/23 10.15 Usual church services RAVENSHOE	
	2 Oct 44	0800	Bn drum corps reformed	
		1500	Bde discussion on exercise PETRO Bde amphitheatre - all offr.	
		1300	Bn Sports to select competitors for Bde Sports 2/28 Bn Sports Ground.	
	3 Oct 44	1900	Bn football teams had a social in canteen.	
		0900	Div wireless demo of W/T sets now in use attended by offr and NCOs. Bn carried on normal fd trg	
	4 Oct 44		90 personnel enrolled for Bde elementary courses in English and Maths run by AES	
		0800	Normal Bn training in morning. Inter coy sports in afternoon.	
	5 Oct 44	0800	Normal Bn trg.	
		1900	Exercise MILLSTREAM falls area in assembly, forming up to start line preparatory to night attack. Lights and tracing tape used - subunit guides - very successful.	
		2100	Exercise ends	
	6 Oct 44		Training Normal. 52 personnel left on ARL.	
	7 Oct 44	0800	morning - normal bn trg.	
			afternoon - Bde Sports (Athletics) on 2/28 Bn Sports Ground. Results - 1. 2/28 2. 2/32 3. 2/43 4. Bde HQ	
	8 Oct 44	0830	Bn Church parade - Bn parade ground - Padre MacIver officiating.	
		1330	Bn B team (Aust Rules) defeated 2/32 Bn 7 goals 10 to 6 goals 12.	
		1515	Bn A Team (Aust Rules) defeated 2/32 Bn 11.13 to 9.9	
		1900	Bn cricket team defeated 2/122 wkshops by innings and 2 runs. Normal church services RAVENSHOE. Suppressive ATEBRIN course commenced 2 tablets per day for 7 days thence 1 per day.	
	9 Oct 44	0900	Umpires for exercise SWIFT reported 2/32 Bn Offrs Mess. 10 pl	

B Coy notified re winning of Bde Skill at arms contest 7 Oct 44

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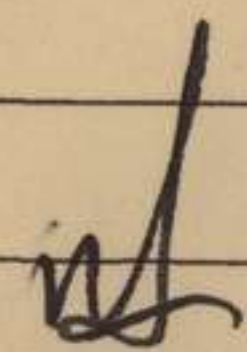
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Ravenshoe - camp Area	19 Oct 44	1100	Opening situation exercise "SWIFT" received.	
	10 Oct 44	0920	Bde of Gp RV at RAVENSHOE school 402843	
In the field		1000	Main body left camp area for SP via MILLSTREAM 374815.	
		1240	Bn halted for lunch vicinity 412828. R Gp meanwhile were receiving for Bn pesn scu 4184.	
			Bn spent night in def pesn scu 4184. Normal patrolling activities.	
	11 Oct 44	0545	Plank gd and C Coy commenced adv.	
		0615	Adv Gd B Coy passed SP. Axis of adv EVELYN Highway. During the day Bn adv was held by opposition situated on ORCHARD RIDGE scu 4486. Heavy dew during night had affected W/T sets, but by 1000 hrs all coys were in contact by R/T. The 108 Mk III is a great improvement on previous sets and the Aust made 22 set a very effective instrument. Vigorous probing by coys caused "enemy" to withdraw and the night was spent in a defensive pesn SOUTH of CHILVERTON fwd coy being SOUTH of track leading EAST from rd and track junc. 447911. patrols during night located certain "enemy" pesns and next morning Bn became Bde res and remained in overnight pesns while a 2 bn attack by 2/28 Bn and 2/32 Bn was put in on CHILVERTON SPUR and track juncs to the EAST. Had a bit of trouble with resident 453920 who complained he'd had 5 months of tactical exercises and that "canned heat" was definitely overrated as a diet for stock. Several very defunct cattle and sheep bore silent testimony. Offending coy moved fwd and Bn spent night 11/12 Oct EAST of EVELYN HIGHWAY squares 4492 and 4592.	
	12 Oct		Bn became fwd Bn again after moving via EVELYN HIGHWAY rd and track junc. 440950. Thence along line of westerly track making attack on TRACEY CNR area 413790 spending night 12/13 Oct in squares 4098/4198.	
	13 Oct		2/43 was Bde res again and formed firm base while other 2 Bns put in attacks on "enemy" positions squares 4000, 4100.	
	14 Oct		Morning dawned windy and wet and all ranks were pleased when "exercise ends" was signalled and 2/43 moved in ASC tpt back to camp area which all tps reached by 1300 hrs. on the two occasions when Bn was Adv gd 12000 yds were made and this is indicative of state of trg achieved.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Area	15 Oct 44	0845	Bn Church parade, padre MACIVER officiated. SALVATION ARMY truck with its amplifier and 3 tenner with piano, cornet and padre plus violin with tps formed up in a hollow square are becoming quite an institution. This was first occasion on which GRO making attendances on Church parades voluntary was invoked. No one fell out when given the opportunity. Both A & B football teams (Aust Rules) defeated their counterparts from 2/22 Bn and cricketers defeated a workshops team. Normal inter unit leave was taken advantage of by some tps.	
		1900	News of promotion of Capt GORDON to rank of Major and Lts LONNIE and COEN to Capt's was the excuse for quite a session in the Mess and Monday found another offr with left arm in plaster.	
	16 Oct 44		Normal adm and recuperation occupied the morning. The afternoon being spent in inter coy sports. Exercises are so frequent that most of the time between is occupied in rest and recreation.	
	17 Oct 44		Bn preparing for 4 day exercise CANTO mainly designed for exercising tps in assault river crossings (WILD RIVER area) tps were ferried out and were in position NORTH of MILLSTREAM by 1430 hrs Bn HQ 191800.	
	18 Oct 44		In the afternoon recesses were made for Bn defensive posn 2200 feature square 1878. Had some trouble with the owners of WOODLEIGH squ 1678 and although digging had commenced by 180900 tps were withdrawn to Bivouac Area centred on 192802 and 2 coys spent afternoon practising with assault beats and swimming. However the tps were NOT deprived of their digging and 5122222222222222 2 coys commenced work on a defensive posn squ 1783. It is rumoured that the owner of WOODLEIGH driving a herd of cattle arrived in a certain area simultaneous with a couple of 25 pdr shells and since then things military are regarded with pardonable disfavour. The attitude of graziers is quite understandable as tps passing through stock paddocks must cause inconvenience and often less. The grass very dry at this season of the year is easily ignited with consequent loss of fodder.	
	19 Oct 44		During afternoon after more swimming and trg with assault beats Bn moved	

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	20 Oct 44	0130	to BIVOUAC area NORTH of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY s/cu 1881 and at 200130K exercise in River crossing using assault boats commenced with Reveille and coffee and taping and lighting system for Assembly area and FUP devised by Maj Jeanes proved highly successful and the tps performed the difficult task quietly and well, 2 coys crossing at 183802 and the remainder of the bn at 187804. The high height of river banks made the exercise quite difficult. The exercise was completed by 0500 hrs.	
		1200	Tps were in posn squares 1783, 1883 and development of bn defensive posn continued. 80 tps moved back to camp during the afternoon in order to attend a Dance at the Land Army barracks, Atherton. These dances have become quite a feature and the tps thoroughly enjoy these fixtures.	
	21 Oct 44	0800	Lt-col SIMPSON, who was adm comd of the bde due to the indisposition of Brig xxxxxx PORTER accompanied by the BM inspected the defensive posns dug by 2/32 bn and 2/43 bn. Inspection completed pits were filled in and tps ferried back to camp. Showery weather marked the close of this exercise too, which was voted by all ranks as the best effort for some time - rather less mobility than usual, swimming and camp fire concerts arranged by the padre, were contributing factors and the lack of tactical significance made the exercise CANTO one of the gentler and more enjoyable of the species.	
	22 Oct 44	0845	bn Church parade. Inter unit leave.	
	23 Oct 44	0900	CO, Adjt and IO went out on recce with chief umpire, Lt-col SCOTT in preparation for bn's acting as enemy for 20 bde exercise KITE.	
			The morning coys devoted to "make and mend" while the afternoon was devoted to inter-coy sports.	
	24 Oct 44	0900	Coy comds, comds 2, 3, 4, 5 pls reced area of defensive posns - CHILVERTON area.	
		1315	Mainbody moved out from camp area.	
In the field		1400	bn HQ established 458887 in centre of area where coys had evening meal and then coys moved out to take up first defensive line.	
	25 Oct 44		During the day bn withdrew in accordance with prearranged plan and CHILVERTON line was established by last light. bn HQ 437926.	<i>WJ</i>

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	26 Oct 44	1730	Bn HQ 402977 in jungle fringes. Bn now occupying TRACEY LINE	
	27 Oct 44		After an interesting day Bn withdrew to final posns for exercise. The exercise demanded the bn remain in these posns until overrun. Bn HQ 394010.	
			The exercise proved very interesting in that it gave all ranks the other point of view. They were able to see for themselves how wrongful use of ground and failure to adopt correct fms under fire would result in very hy cas.	
			The country through which the exercise was conducted was delightful and ideal weather conditions prevailed. Further evidence of the dairy farmers interest in tactics was obtained.	
	29 Oct 44	0845 1300	Bn Church parades Aust Rules Football vs 2/7 Fd Arty Regt B Teams 2/43 Bn 10.10 defeated 2/7 Fd Regt 8.11	
			Best players - Sheridan, Waddell, Gripton, McGilvray, Newbold A Teams - 2/7 Fd Regt 8.12 defeated 2/43 Aust Inf Bn 8.7	
	30 Oct 44	0900	Best players - Moran, James Hardy, Aitken, Hill. All offrs went to Bde War Room where Bde Comd Brig Porter spoke at some length on Defensive Posns and the necessity for rapid and well planned digging in open war fare. All NCOs and members of HQ coy attended a lecture on Enemy equipment. The lecture was held in the Recreation Hut and half personnel attended morning session, remainder the afternoon.	
	31 Oct 44	0900	The month has been one of exercises only 15 nights being spent in camp. Vaccination of Bn begun on 30 Oct 44 continued. Rifle coys were vaccinated on 30 Oct. HQ coy 31 Oct. Morning was devoted to coy adm. Afternoon to organised sports and preparations for moving out on 1 Nov.	

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2/43 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY - APPENDICES - OCT 44

<u>Date</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Description</u>
Aug	1	Layout of camp sites for Amphibious Trg Cairns Area.
23 Sep	2	Traces showing details battle inoculation WILD RIVER area
26 Sep	3	Bn disposns 26 Sep 44 PETRO exercise
3 Oct	4	2/43 Bn Sports - prizewinners.
3 Oct	5	Standing Orders for Bn HQ in the Field
5 Oct	5A	2/43 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders.
9 Oct	6	Screenes connected with exercise "SWIFT"
17 Oct	7	24 Aust Inf Bde exercise "CANTO"
19 Oct	8	Bn defensive posn - Exercise "CANTO"
23 Oct	9	The Aust Army Chaplains Dept and Religion
23 Oct	10	2/43 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders
24 Oct	11	Bde Gp Exercise "KITE" Screenes etc.
23 Oct	11A	2/43 Traces showing posns taken up by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn while acting as enemy for 20 Bde Exercise "KITE"
Oct	12	Addendum to Standing Orders for fire.
7 Oct	13	Field Return for OFFRS
7 Oct	14	Field Return for ORs
14 Oct	15	Field Return for OFFRS
14 Oct	16	Field Return for ORs
21 Oct	17	Field Return for OFFRS
21 Oct	18	Field Return for ORs
28 Oct	19	Field Return of OFFRS
28 Oct	20	Field Return of ORs
Oct 21	21	Honours and Awards received to date.
6 Sep	22	2/43 Aust Inf Bn Exercise with tps No 5.
14 Sep	23	24 Aust Inf Bde Exercise 15-16 Sep

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 { **VALVES**

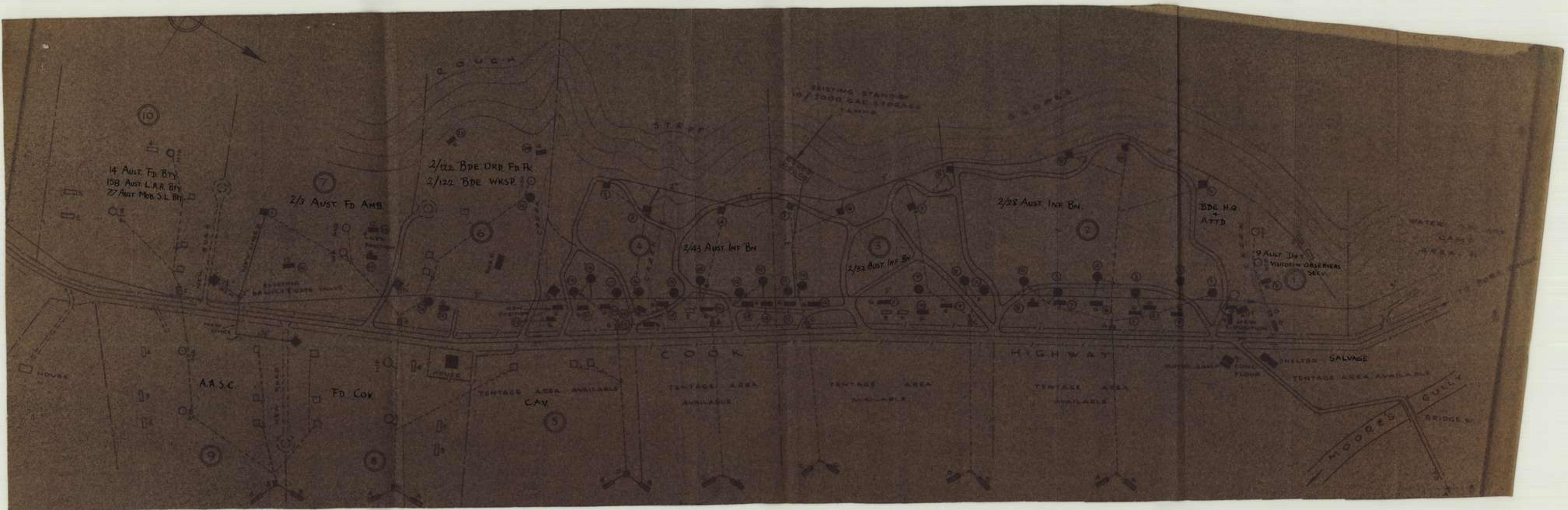
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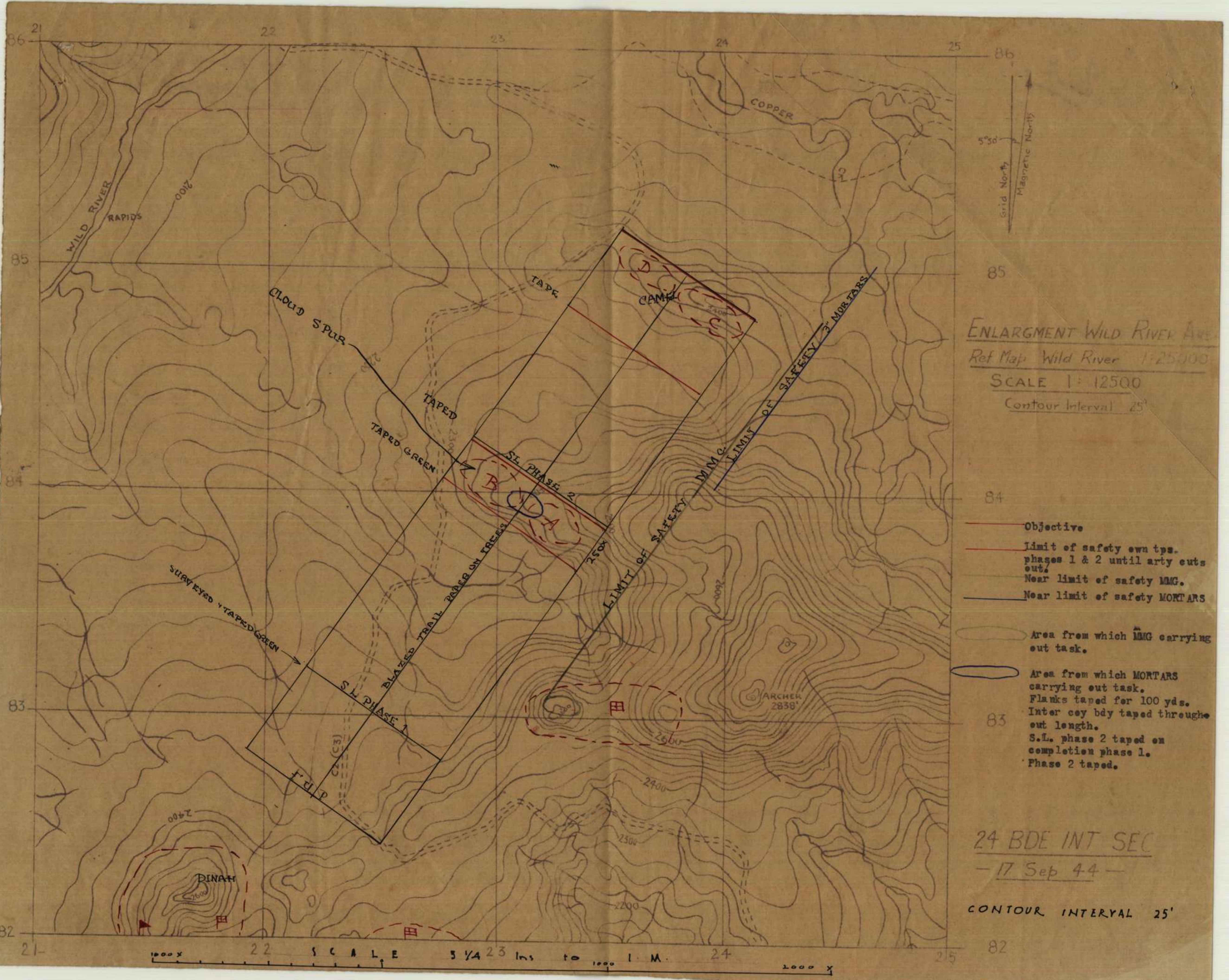
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ENLARGMENT WILD RIVER AREA
 Ref Map Wild River 1:25000
 SCALE 1:12500
 Contour Interval 25'

- Objective
- Limit of safety own tps. phases 1 & 2 until arty cuts out.
- Near limit of safety MMG.
- Near limit of safety MORTARS
- Area from which MMG carrying out task.
- Area from which MORTARS carrying out task. Flanks taped for 100 yds. Inter coy bdy taped through out length. S.L. phase 2 taped on completion phase 1. Phase 2 taped.

24 BDE INT SEC
 - 17 Sep 44 -

CONTOUR INTERVAL 25'

SCALE 3 1/4" = 1 M.

2/43 Bn War Diary
Appx No. 5

ENLARGEMENT SANDY CK AREA

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Ref. Map: M^T GARNET. 1:63360



Quartermaster Pte.
I Sec 2/43 Bn.
26 SEP 44

Time Taken: 1 hr.
Method: Trace

2/43 Bn *was* *Diary*
APP No 4

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
3 Oct 44

All Coys

2/43 AUST INF BN SPORTS - 2 OCT 44

- 100 yards - 1. Levy (A Coy) 7/- 2. White (D Coy) 3/-
- Long Jump - 1. Hodgkinson (A Coy) 7/- 2. Jackson T J (HQ) 3/-
- 880 yards - 1. Levy (A Coy) 7/- 2. Miller (D) 3/-
- Offrs 440 - 1. Keane (D Coy) 2. ~~Miller~~ George (B Coy)
- 3-legged Race - 1. Phillips & Clancy (C Coy) 5/- each
- 220 yards - 1. Moore (A) 7/- 2. Dwyer (HQ) 3/-
- High Jump - 1. Newman (A) 7/- 2. O'Shannessey (C) 3/-
- 440 yds - 1. Mackie (A) 7/- 2. Allen D.B. (HQ) 3/-
- Kicking the Football - 1. Warren (D) 7/-
2. Pedder (C) 3/-

Best Athlete - Levy (A) 6 points £1.0.0

Company Points

	A	B	C	D	HQ
100 yards race	3			2	1
Long Jump	3		½		2½
880 yards	3			2	1
Officers 440		2	1	3	
3-Legged Race	1½		3		1½
220 yards	3		1		2
High Jump	3		2	1	
440 yards	3		1		2
Kicking Football			2	4	
Totals -	19½	2	10½	12	10

First - A Coy Second - D Coy Third - C Coy.

MONEY CAN BE COLLECTED FROM PAY SJT

STANDING ORDERS FOR BN HQ IN THE FIELD

- 3 OCT 1944

Every
GENERAL -

HQ will be organised into office and comd groups, Rest area, Transport area and Defence area. The size of area and the tactical layout will vary according to various situations and types of country.

1. Responsibility for selection of site Adjt in conjunction with Sig C.
2. Responsibility for layout RSM in conjunction with RP Sjt under direction of the Adjt
3. Selection of Site In the selection of the site attention will be given to the following requirements.
 - (a) Availability for communications
 - (b) Suitability with regard to access to reserves and proximity of suitable view point over area
 - (c) Concealment from ground and air observation
 - (d) Avoidance of areas likely to be shelled e.g. Xrds, bridges, fords etc.,
 - (e) Interference by traffic
 - (f) Accessibility
4. Layout Diagrammatic layout as previously issued will obtain in principle.
5. Marking of HQ and responsibility
RSM in conjunction with the RP Sjt will be responsible for clear marking of HQ.
Signs will be erected immediately site is decided upon in the following manner.
 - (a) One sign will be placed on the main axis of advance. The second one at entrance to the HQ.
 - (b) Along the axis of the HQ signs for each of the components of the HQ including those for all comds (IO, Sig O etc) will be placed in prominent positions.
 - (c) From last light to first light tapes will be in position along the axes and suitable lights where possible will be used as aids.
 - (d) Latrines in sufficient number, incl separate one for comd offrs, will be suitably marked by day and night.
6. Alternative Positions and Marking
An alternative position for the HQ will be selected as early as possible and sufficient essential additional signs will always be available for the skeleton marking of an alternative or new HQ.
7. Movement of HQ
 - (a) Bde HQ will be advised immediately of intention to move and again when movement takes place. This will be done by the quickest means.
 - (b) RP Sjt will ascertain from the Adjt whether a guide is to be left at the old HQ for purposes of redirection.
8. Control & Responsibility
RP Sjt is responsible that
 - (a) All traffic within and in the vicinity of the HQ area is controlled
 - (b) All tpt is guided to transport area with the exception of comd vehicles, and that engines of MT and M/Cs etc are not left running in the vicinity of the HQ
 - (c) All vehicles are dispersed and where necessary, camouflaged.

8. (d) RPs are posted for control of traffic and direction of visitors; that they are alert at all times; and that compliments are paid. Personnel on duty at the HQ will ensure that the whereabouts of comd officers are known to them. In the case of senior officers they will be guided to the person they desire to see.
- (e) No unauthorised person is within 30x of the Comd Post and noise in that area is kept to an absolute minimum.
- (f) Track discipline is maintained in the area and that the messing in HQ area is controlled.
- (g) The Comd Post is constructed without delay.

RSM is responsible for

- (a) Siting of Defence of HQ area in relation to that of the coys.
- (b) Control of Rest Area
- (c) Reporting in of Coy Orderlies immediately on arrival and that these orderlies are standing by at call from the comd post. He will ensure that the orderlies are fully conversant with the routes, including alternatives, to their own coys.
- (d) Malaria precautions being carried out by all members of HQ and that necessary report is rendered to the Adjt.
- (e) Weapons being carried by all personnel when moving from the immediate vicinity of the HQ area.
- (f) 'Stand to' being observed by all ranks in full.
- (g) Himself being within easy call of the Comd Post at all times.
- (h) Adequate dispersion and concealment of all troops and structures within the area.

9. Rations & Messing

A responsible Q representative (where possible the QM or RQMS) will move with Bn HQ at all times and will see that :-

- (a) The comd is kept fully informed of the Rationing situation
- (b) B Ech are kept informed of movements and probable movements of the Bn.
- (c) Guides for Ration vehicles are called in from coys in sufficient time.
- (d) Ration vehicles are met outside Bn area and that before vehicles move to coys direction is obtained from the Adjt.
- He will be responsible for the rendering of Bn ration state to B Echelon.

10. Duty Rosters will be prepared by the Adjt and RSM for day and night in order that adequate periods of rest are made available to all officers and ORs.

Only in the case of emergency will those resting be disturbed. This applies particularly to officers.

11. All troops in HQ area will be conscious of the necessity for dispersion, concealment, and quietness at all times.

K. M. Baker

Capt
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

ORGANISATION OF BN HQ ON THE MOVE

TAC HQ

CO
Adjnt
IO plus two ORs
Sig Offr
Bde & Bn comms
Orderlies - 2
RP Sjt & 2 RP's
RSM
Reps of sp arms - arty, engrs etc.,
1 Sec No 5 pl - for protection

MAIN HQ

2 i/c
A/Adjnt
O Gp - as required
Sig personnel
Int Personnel
RP's
Bn HQ Details - Clerks, Batmen etc.
QM or Rep.

R Gp

CO
Adjnt
IO
Arty Rep
Sig Comms - Bde & Bn
Orderly

F Gp

2 i/c
A/Adjnt
Coys
Sp Arms

O Gp

Coy comds
Sig Offr
No 2, 3 & 4 Pl comds -
AS required
RMO
Orderlies

T Gp

TO
Vehs not in the above gps

Order of March

Rifle Coy - adv gd
1 pl
Tac HQ
Rifle Coy less 1 pl
Main HQ
HQ Coy less dets
Rifle Coy
RAP
ADS
Sp Arms
Rifle Coy

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SERIAL	UNIT	LIST X	LIST Y	LIST Z
1	2/38 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	7
2	2/38 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	7
3	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	7
4	2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) sqn	1	1	4
5	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	1	1	4
6	Det Mob Mot Flt	-	-	1
7	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	4
8	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	1	4
9	D Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	1	1	4
10	Det HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	1	1	1
11	2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	-	1	1
12	2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl	-	1	1
13	2/14 Aust Tp & Pl (TS)	-	1	1
14	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	3
15	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl	-	1	2
16	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	1	1	2
17	3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	-	1
18	Comd	1	1	1
19	BM	2	2	2
20	SC	2	2	2
21	LO's	3	3	3
22	Bde IO	1	1	1
23	Bde TO	1	1	1
24	Bde Sig Offr	1	1	1
25	Bde Sup Offr	1	1	1
26	Camp	1	1	1
27	2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	1	1
28	2/76 Aust LAD	1	1	1
29	9 Aust Div	1	1	1
30	File	2	2	2
31	War Diary	2	2	2

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

Routine Orders Part I

by

Lt-col N W SIMPSON DSO

Comd

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 11/44

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In the Field

45. PILFERING

1. Many cases have been reported of pilfering in camp area, especially of pay-books, wallets etc.
2. It is a soldier's duty to keep in his possession at all times Paybook and AAB 83.
3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against persons found pilfering.
4. Picquets and all personnel will view with suspicion the presence of any unauthorised person in their areas.

46. ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

1. Ribands of Orders Decorations and Medals with certain exceptions will be worn on the left breast in a horizontal line on a single bar of which no part is to be seen, immediately above the left breast pocket of the jacket or shirt, the riband of the service order or decoration being nearest the right shoulder.
2. The length of ribands (from top to lower edge of bar) will be 3/8 inch.
3. Ribands will NOT be worn on pullovers.

Part I (b) PUNISHMENTS

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 26 Sep 44.

OX16340 Pte RICHARDS G.F. - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

AA15(1) When on Active Service absented himself without leave
IN THE FIELD

In the field on 3 Jul 44 absented himself without leave from 0630 hrs 3 Jul 44 till 2200 hrs 29 Jul 44 being a period of 58 days.

He pleaded GUILTY and was so found by the Court. On 26 Sep 44 he was sentenced to be discharged from the Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia and to undergo Detention for Nine (9) months. The accused was 18 days in open arrest and 10 days in Close Arrest during which time he performed full Military Duties for two (2) days and will forfeit pay for eight (8) days.

On 30 Sep 44 Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

Promulgated to the accused in the Field on the fourth day of October 1944.

Published in Bn ROs No. 11/44 on the fifth day of October 1944.

G. B. [Signature] Capt
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

LOST - Wallet containing pay-book, AAB 83, ration coupons and personal papers belonging to SX17131 Pte PHILP F W - C Coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

2/48th BN War Diary
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EXERCISE - SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "SWIFT"

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OPENING SITUATION

- Ref maps 1 in to 1 mile BATTLE FRERE (11)
- 1 in to 1 mile PALMERSTON (11)
- 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNET (11)
- 1 in to 1 mile HERBERTON (11)
- 4 ~~mi~~ to 1 ~~mi~~ ATHERTON TABLELANDS (Special)

1. A Jap force based on CAIRNS and advancing on INNISFAIL has been held on the coast in the HARVEY Ck (3982) area by First Aust Army formations based on INNISFAIL. About one Jap div had moved up GILLIES HIGHWAY and has been advancing south through YUNGABURRA, apparently with the object of capturing YUNGABURRA - ATHERTON and then gain control of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY between INNISFAIL and RAVENSHOE.

2. No rolling stock has fallen into Jap hands and only very few MT. Jap medium tanks have been in action in the coast sector but none has been seen in the TABLELANDS so far.

3. 7 Aust Div less 18 Bde Gp moving from INNISFAIL to MILLAA MILLAA bivouaced night D minus 1/D with head at rd June (387791). 18 Bde Gp has been delaying the enemy advance from YUNGABURRA and on night D minus 1/D is disposed about 2 mls NW of MILLAA MILLAA at which town it is to be joined by remainder of 7 Aust Div on D plus 1. 18 Bde Gp has a rear party of one bn in light contact with enemy about 2 mls WNE of MINBUN (352802). 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt under comd 18 Bde is disposed as follows:

Regt less one sqn to NW and West of MILLAA MILLAA, protecting left flank and with patrols as far west as rd at 349797.

One sq on PALMERSTON HIGHWAY as far SW of MILLAA MILLAA as 348785.

4. Intelligence reports indicate that a Jap force of about a bde strength is moving south on rd ATHERTON-UPPER BARRON (3481) RAVENSHOE. Although the main body of this bde is believed to be near ATHERTON, 2/7 Cav Regt's patrols had encountered small enemy parties near rd June (346796) during afternoon D minus 1 and withdrew about 1 ml east where they remained in contact but not hard pressed, and the same morning, refugee bushmen saw 3/400 Japs moving south past JENSENVILLE (341801) between 0830 and 0930 hrs.

VDC HERBERTON area reports a Jap force of about two bns occupied HERBERTON morning D minus 2 and one bn of this force moved south, harassed by VDC and by last light had reached FLAGGY Ck 280043. Refugee farmers had also reported to VDC that a party of 50 Japs had been seen moving south in sq 3205. No reports are available as to further progress since VDC has been forced to withdraw down WILD RIVER.

5. On D minus 1, 9 Aust Div which had been in Army res, came under comd 1 Aust Corps and after making a forced march from direction of MT GARNET, reached RAVENSHOE area where it bivouaced without making contact. 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt directed on HERBERTON reached THE JUNCTION (319794).

6. Air situation. Air strengths are roughly equal. No air support or tac R is available in the TABLELANDS. Enemy recce flights and small bombing raids are to be expected.

7. Disposes 9 Aust Div night D minus 1/D Day :-

(a) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) Outposts on gen line HILL 3400 (4187) rd bend 420855 - track and rd junc 4184.

(ii) 13 Aust Inf Bn is temporarily under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde and holding gen line HILL 3100 (388388) - HILL 3200 (385875) and is to revert to comd 20 Aust Inf Bde 0600 D day.

(iii) Remainder 24 Aust Inf Bde is bivouaced in area RAVENSHOE and, except for fd arty, generally east of the MILLSTREAM.

(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

From RESEVOIR 3184 SW astride rd MT GARNET - RAVENSHOE.

(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

In view of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp astride rd MT GARNET - RAVENSHOE.

(d) 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one sqn THE JUNCTION.

8. On D Day :-

(a) 7 Aust Div is to advance to MILLAA MILLAA which 18 Bde Gp is to hold till joined, then adv on YUNGABURRA.

(b) 9 Aust Div is to advance on AHERTON.

9. Inter-Div bndy (junc pts underlined).

Incl 9 Aust Div, LOOKOUT ROCK 4884 - rd cutting 485855 - MT FISHER 4792 - excl rd bend 478961 - track junc 447038 - foot and veh track junc 456048 - incl rd junc 480098 - rd junc 466122 - rd junc 472144 - rd junc 475178 - rd junc 472234.

10. List of 9 Aust Div plan as effecting 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp :-

(a) To advance with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp right, 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp left; 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one sqn to reach HERBERTON earliest possible and give early warning of and delay any enemy move through that area.

(b) Inter Bde bndy (junc pts underlined): incl to left: Track bend 407875 - track junc 406904 - excl br 395929 - track junc 392965 - incl track junc 361982 - excl rd and track junc 344064 - track junc 358098 - incl track bend 374140.

(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp:-

(i) 13 Aust Inf Bn to revert to comd 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp 0600 hrs D Day.

(ii) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to start adv first light and except for fd arty to be east of line rd and track 398849 - 397870 by 0900 hrs D day.

(d) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp to start ad 0900 hrs D day.

(a) Objectives -

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

45-5881

1st Spur 3350 (469879)
- track junc ~~455831~~
- track junc - and ⁴⁵⁵⁸⁸¹
tracks enclosing
pt 415907.

2nd. Ring contour 4593
knoll 436940 - hill
5400 (4293) hill
~~3600 (4103)~~ 4093

3rd. Hill 3700 (4398)
TRACEYS CORNER 4198,
X rds 3997 - track
junc 372979.

4th. Track at 413032 - rd
junc 3903 - rd and
track junc 3604.

5th. X rds 4306 - rd and
track junc 411973
track junc 381092
track junc 358097.

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

1st. Hill 3700 (400917)
TUMOULIN 3691 - spur
3200 (346899)

2nd. Track junc 3694 -
TURAIKA 3493 -
EVELYN 3093.

3rd Track junc 355985 -
track bend 332981 -
track junc 315971 -
hill 3250 (280960)

4th. Hill 3000 (3202) -
spur 3900 (294045) -
FLAGGY CK 2804 -
spur 2800 (254028).

5th. Hill 3050 (340000) -
track junc ~~383005~~ -
QUARRY 296005 hill
2800 (2700)

(f) One fd regt to be under comd each fwd bde.

(g) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp, res, first bound - RAVENSHOE.

(h) Adm 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Sups - FSD RAVENSHOE
- (ii) POL - BIPOD rly yard RAVENSHOE.
- (iii) Amm - FAD, Camp B9 RAVENSHOE.
- (iv) Ord - ADOS Dump MT GARNET 364821
- (v) Med - CCS PALMERSTON 423843.

(j) HQ 9 Aust Div FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES initially present location.

Distribution

List X

24 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR No 13

To be read in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gen Instrs for Exercise "SWIFT"

Ref maps: MT GARNET
PALMERSTON
BARTLE FRERE
HERBERTON } 1:63,360 (c)

(d) Water cans (5 Gall) will be carried by units.

1. AMN (c) All water will be sterilized before use.

(a) Amn will be carried as per Bde gen instr para 12.

(b) FAD Camp E 9 RAVENSHOE.

(c) APs will be established by AASC.

(d) Dummy amn will NOT be available, but issue slips will be handed to dvr for delivery. Vehs will NOT be permitted to carry amn in excess of normal loads by wt and bulk.

2. SUPS (a) CCS - PALMERSTON

(a) Rations - hard scale.

(b) Units under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde will carry hard rations on 10 Oct for consumption on 11 Oct.

(c) FSD - RAVENSHOE

(d) Sup Ps will be established by AASC and locations and times of drawing will be advised daily. Rations for consumption 12, 13 and 14 Oct will be drawn from these sup Ps.

(e) Indents will be submitted to Bde Sgq O at MAIN Bde HQ by 0900 hrs 10, 11 and 12 Oct covering rations for consumption 12, 13 and 14 Oct 44.

3. POL (d) Each unit will advise this HQ if petrol have been taken

(a) Vehs will move with full tanks and one 4 gal drum of petrol will be carried in each veh.

(b) BIPOD - Rly yard RAVENSHOE.

(c) PPs will be established by AASC and locations advised daily

4. WATER

(a) The following water vehs will be taken and considered to be operational tpt:-

2/12 Aust Fd Regt	1 x 400 Gall	Water Truck
Inf Bns each	1 x 400 "	" "
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	1 x 400 "	" "
2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	1 x 400 "	" "
Det of AASC	1 x 400 "	" "
11 Aust Tk A Bty	1 x 150 "	" Trailer
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1 x 150 "	" "

Water cans to be available

Camouflage nets & screen

- (b) The water vehs of the Inf Bns will be subject to Bde control in order that the following units can be supplied with water:-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn
Coy of 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Coy of 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

- (c) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will carry "S" tanks and be prepared to open WPs. Locations of these will be advised.
(d) Water cans (2 gall) will be carried by units.
(e) All water will be sterilized before use.

5. BLANKETS

Extra vehs will be taken to carry 2 blankets per man.

6. TPT

Vehs mentioned in para 5 will be under control Bde TO.

7. MED

- (a) CCS - PALMERSTON 423843.
(b) ABS and MDS will be established and locations notified.

8. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Mosquito nets will be used.
(b) Particular attention will be paid to the adm of atebrin to pers undergoing post-hospital treatment.
(c) Anklets web will be worn at all times and sleeves rolled down between 1730 and 0630 hrs.
(d) Each unit will advise this HQ nightly that these precautions have been taken

9. ANTI-MITE PRECAUTIONS

All clothing will be treated with anti-mite lotion prior to the commencement of the exercise, and again during the exercise, if necessary.

10. HYG

Units will be responsible for hyg in the areas which they use. Particular attention will be paid to the disposal and burial of empty tins.

11. ORD

- (a) ADOS Dump MOUNT GARNET 364821.
(b) Replacements through normal channels.
(c) The instrs for amn in para 1(d) will apply also to ord stores
(d) 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk will move with 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshp.

12. AEME

- (a) 1st Ech repairs - LADs.

*AM to
maint
for stores*

(b) 2nd Ech repairs - 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshp.

13. PRO

(a) Duties as instructed by Bde HQ.

(b) Picqueting of fence gaps will be undertaken by Pro pers.

14. PAY

Det of 9 Aust Div Cash Office will move with AASC.

*Pay Sgt to
come on exercise*

15. POSTAL

FPO 035 will move with AASC and unit mails delivered daily with rations.

16. SALV

Det 9 Aust Div Salv Unit will move with AASC.

A. Weston
Capt
SC 24 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

List "Y"

NAMES OF PL COMDS FOR EXERCISE "SWIFT"

HQ COY

OC	Capt GORDON
1	Lt SCOTT
2	Lt WYNN (Sjt Vine)
3	Lt CLUES
4	Lt WELLS
5	Lt NOONAN
6	Lt HARVEY

A COY

OC	Lt J C COEN
2i/c	Sjt DAVIES
7	Lt BUTTERWORTH
8	Lt AGARS
9	Cpl THOMPSON

B COY

OC	Lt ANDERSON
2i/c	WOII BOURNE
10	Lt NOTTAGE
11	Lt GEORGE
12	Lt KENNEDY

C COY

OC	Capt WILTON
2i/c	Lt EVERITT
13	Sjt KABISEH
14	Lt FOSTER
15	Sjt PEDDER

D COY

OC	Capt FLEMING
2i/c	Lt GLOVER
16	Sjt DOYLE
17	Lt BELL
18	Lt HOWARD

UMPIRES

Lt R.H. GREASLEY.
Lt J.R. CARLISLE.
Lt L.A. NEWELL.
Lt W.J. KEANE.
Lt C.G. MECKIFF.

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "STIFT"

(set and controlled by 229 Aust Div)

GEN INSTS

- Ref maps :- 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNETT
- 1 in to 1 mile PALMERSTON
- 1 in to 1 mile BARTLE FRERE
- 1 in to 1 mile HERBERTON
- Strat INNISFAIL
- Strat ATHERTON



OBJECT

1. To exercise the bde gp, on jungle establishment in the action of an adv gd and advanced tps in open country, and to study:-

- (a) Tactical fms
- (b) The action of fwd tps on making contact
- (c) Attack
- (d) Exploitation
- (e) Movement problem with present veh establishments

DATE AND DURATION

- 2. (a) Duration 11-14 Oct
- (b) D Day 11 Oct
- (c) Preliminary moves D minus 1
- (d) Start of Exercise First light D day

AREA

3. RAVENSHOE

TPS TAKING PART

4. As per appx A

DRESS

- 5. (a) Bde Gp - Battle order with hats KFF
- (b) DS and Umpires - White armbands both arms
- (c) Enemy - Steel helmets.

ASSEMBLY AND ISSUE OF ORDERS

6. (a) Assembly

- (i) The Bde gp will be assembled and disposed in accordance with the Opening Situation by night D minus 1/D day.
- (ii) Outposts will be in posn
- (iii) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will be in posn to sp outposts and remainder of the Bde gp.

? personnel remaining in camp.

(b) Issue of Orders etc.

- (i) Opening Situation will be issued D minus 2
- (ii) Bde Comds outline plan will be issued to Bde O Gp at 2000 K D minus 2
- (iii) Orders for preliminary moves will be issued on morning D minus 1
- (iv) Final orders on the ground night D minus 1/D day.

DIRECTION

7. The exercise will be directed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

UMPIRES AND LOs

8. (a) Chief Umpire Lt-Col SCOTT
 LO for Chief Umpire Capt GRONK
 1 Recorder To be supplied by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Senior Bn Umpire
 (permanent for three bde exercises) Maj MASEL

(c) Each Bn will supply the following in addition to above:-

- (i) One LO for the senior Bn umpire
- (ii) One offr per rifle coy
- (iii) One NGO per rifle pl

These will be used to form a pool - to be used at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.

(d) Umpires for Cav are to be supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde

(e) Umpires for Arty are to be nominated by CRA

(f) Umpires for Engrs are to be nominated by CRE

(g) Umpires for Pnr and MMG Coys are to be supplied by their respective units.

(h) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will sup one LO for OC enemy

(j) OC Enemy, senior bn umpires and LO for Chief Umpire will be at disposal of Chief Umpire from 0900K D minus 5. All other offr umpires and enemy offr will be available to Chief Umpire from 0900K D minus 3.

(k) Nominations of all offr umpires and LOs will be submitted to this HQ by 1100K 6 Oct.

INTERCOMN - UMPIRES

9. (a) Under arrangements 9 Aust Div

(b) Any normal bde comms will be available if required.

MARKING OF VEHs - UMPIRES

10. White sig flag flown on veh to be provided by the umpire using the veh.

ENEMY

11. (a) Enemy is to be provided by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.

(b) One Coy of enemy may represent up to one bn on the ground.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

12. (a) Enemy

- Rifle fire
- Blank amm
- LMG or MMG
- Ball amm fired into pits
- This will be supplemented or replaced by screens 4 ft x 2ft where necessary.
- White screen - centre of pl locality
- Green screen - MMG post.

(b) Own Tps

- (i) Blank amm only. Each bn will sup 3000 rds SAA blank for own use.
- (ii) Each unit will sup 10 rds per gun of blank 2 pr.
- (iii) 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn, coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will carry 5 rds SAA blank per man.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

13. All unit and sub-unit comds will ensure that no live amm of any type or description is carried by tps taking part in the exercise.

VEHS

- 14. (a) All units and sub-units may use up to 100% WET vchs (TS). Where a non-operational veh is used in lieu of a WET veh, e.g. 15 cwt in lieu of a jeep and trailer, then the 15 cwt veh will only be loaded with a normal jeep and trailer load.
- (b) Details of vchs for umpires issued separately.

FENCES

- 15. The cutting of fences will be kept to a minimum.
 - (a) Each unit will org fence cutting and repair parties. These parties will carry a roll of barbed wire and necessary tools so that any fences cut can be quickly repaired. Wire will be drawn from RAE prior to the exercise.
 - (b) Should gaps be necessary for any length of time RPs will be posted and this HQ notified so that Pro may be posted at the gaps.
 - (c) Sketch 2 ins to 1 mile showing tracks fences and gates will be issued later.

*1 sec
5 pl.*

RANGE OF ARTY

16. Range of 25 p rs will be taken as normal

GAS-MEN AND VCHS

17. Any gas to men and vchs created by umpires will be evacuated in the normal way. *e returned to units as reinforcements.*

CONFERENCES

18. After the exercise conferences will be held as follows :-

- (a) 1000K D plus 4 at war Room HQ 9 Aust Div
 - Bde Comd, BM, SC.
 - Bn Comds
 - OC Cav Sqn
 - CO Fd Regt
 - OC Tk A Bty

PREPARATION OF FIRM

- OC Fd Coy
- OC MG Coy
- OC P nr Coy
- OC Det HQ AAASC
- OC Fd Amb
- OC Bde Wksp

(a) Enemy

(b) Subsequently as ordered by Bde Comd for 24 Aust Inf Bde

(c) Subsequently as ordered by Comds of arms and services with own reps.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Maj. B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

- (a) All units and sub-units may use up to 1000 Y List Y Where a non-operational vehicle is used in lieu of a jeep, then the 15 cwt vehicle will only be loaded with a normal jeep and trailer load.
- (b) Details of vehicles for umpires issued separately.

FENCES

- (a) Each unit will carry a roll of barbed wire and necessary tools so that any fences can be quickly erected. Wire will be drawn from RAB prior to the exercise.
- (b) Should gaps be necessary for any length of time RPs will be posted and this HQ notified so that RPs may be posted at the gaps.
- (c) Sketch 2 has to 1 mile showing breaks fences and gates will be issued later.

RANGE OF ARTY

Range of 25 p rs will be taken as normal

GAS-MEN AND VEH

Any gas to men and vech created by umpires will be evacuated in the normal way.

CONFERENCES

After the exercise conferences will be held as follows:

(a) LOOK D plus 4 at war room HQ 9 Aust Div

- Bde Comd, EM, SC
- Bn Comds
- OC Cav Sqn
- OC Fd Regt
- OC TR A Bty

COB 24 AUST INF BDE GE(Issued in conjunc with GEN INSTRS
for exercise "SWIFT")HQHQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/76 Aust LADCAV

2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Squ

ARTY2/12 Aust Fd Regt
Det Mob Met Flt~~MMGS~~~~C Coy 2/2 MG Bn~~ENGRS

2/7 Aust Fd Coy

~~PNRS~~~~D Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn~~INF2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
D Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd RegtAASC2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/14 Aust Tp t Pl (TS)MED

2/3 Aust Fd Amb

ORD

2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

AEME

2/122 Aust Bde Wksp

PRO

3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

SIGS

Det 9 Aust Div Sigs - 6 org.

MISCDet 9 Aust Div Cash Office
F.P.O. 035
Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit

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EXERCISE SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "SWIFT" 0 0 I

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9 Oct 46

(NO change verbal orders) (a)
Ref maps : As for Gen Instrs

INFM

1. As per "Opening Situation".

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will adv to area RAVENSHOE with a view to occupying an outpost posn on gen line.

METHOD

Hill 3400 4187 - ^{td} 420855 to reference 4184

3. Grouping

Gp A HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less dets
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs
2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/76 Aust L.A.D.
11 Aust Tk A Bty less three tps
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn less three pla
2/3 Aust Fd Amb less dets
One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

Gp B 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn

Gp C 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp as from 0900K 10 Oct.
One tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd as from 0900K 10 Oct
D Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

Gp D 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp as from 0900K 10 Oct
one tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd as from 0900K 10 Oct
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

Gp E 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp as from 0900K 10 Oct
one tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd as from 0900K 10 Oct
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

— come in sp in outpost line

Gp F 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

Gp G 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/122 Aust Bde Wksp

Gp H 2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/14 Aust Tpt Pl
Det Fd Cash Office
Det Div Sup unit
FPO 035

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Assembly

- (a) Units and sub units coming in sp and under comd gps A - E will conc in the respective HQ and Bn areas by 0900K.
- (b) Gps F and G conc own areas by 1000 K
- (c) Gp H conc area DID RAVENSHOE by 1500 K

5. Order of March

- Gp B
- Gp C
- Gp E
- Gp A
- Gp D
- Gp F
- Gp G
- Gp H

6. Routes

- (a) BLUE route: TUCKERS FORD 3481 - track at 360799 - track junc 388803 - rd and track junc 413844 - rd junc 408855 - track junc 402864 - track junc 407871
- (b) RED route: rd MT GARNET - RAVENSHOE
- (c) Allotment of Gps to routes

RED route

BLUE route

- Gp F
- Gp G
- Gp H

- Gp B
- Gp C
- Gp E
- Gp A
- Gp D

7. SP

- RED route: Camp Cinema 3782
- BLUE route: Track junc 382802

8. Start Time

- (a) Head of Gp B crosses at 1030K 10 Oct 44. Subsequent Gps at 20 mins interval thereafter.
- (b) Gps F and G will move as directed. NO move before 1300K 10 Oct.

9. Arty

- (a) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will sp 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Both routes available for mov
- (c) All moves of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt on BLUE route to be after Gp D

10. Tk A

- (a) 11 Aust Tk A Bty dispose one tp in sp each bn from 0900K 10 Oct.
- (b) HQ 11 Aust Tk A Bty with Bde HQ.

11. Engrs

2/7 Aust Fd Coy will move on RED route.

12. MMG

(a) C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will dispose one pl in sp each bn from 0900K 10 Oct.

(b) HQ C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn with Bde HQ.

ADM

13. Issued separately.

INTERCOMM

14. Bde HQ closes present location 1045K 10 Oct reopens as per order of march, on BLUE route

15. Line

Will NOT be laid on the move but will be laid on arrival out-post area.

16. Wireless

Listening watch from 0930K 10 Oct. Sets will remain on the air during mov.

ACK

Signed at 1940 K
Issued by hand


B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

List "X"

2/43 2/12 Regt L.O. Capt Murray.

War Diary.

2/43 Bn War Diary
APPX No. 3

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10 Oct 44

24 AUST INF BDE AREA "SWIFT"

Ref maps : As for Gen Instrs

ORDER

1. As per Opening Situation and Int Summaries.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will occupy an outpost posn for the night 10/11 Oct and be prepared to act as Adv Gd for the adv of 9 Aust Div on 11 Oct.

METHOD

3. Summary

- (a) Main approaches will be covered by three fwd bns with att tps and 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
- (b) One bn with att tps in res.
- (c) Remainder in posn for local protection.
- (d) Approaches to be covered are :-
 - (i) PALMERSTON HIGHWAY
 - (ii) NORTH CEDAR CK
 - (iii) C3 Track RAVENSHOE to SAWMILL 392895.
 - (iv) Rd RAVENSHOE - TURTLEPOD

4. Fwd Localities to be held.

- (a) Area surrounding rd and track junc at 413844
- (b) Area track terminus 415849
- (c) Area vicinity pipeline at 420860
- (d) Area TURTLEPOD 414864
- (e) Area FORD 402884
- (f) Spur 387887
- (g) Knoll 385875

5. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

(a) (i) Tps 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp:
one bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt as from 1400K
one tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty
one pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy as from 1600K - Lt Cooper,
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd:-
one coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn as from 1400 K
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

(ii) Area Area bounded by FULLY FALLS RD and PALMERSTON HIGHWAY.

(b) (i) Tps 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp :-
one bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt as from 1400K
one tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty
one pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy as from 1600 K
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd :-
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
D Coy 2/3 Aust Enr Bn

(ii) Area Area north of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY to TURTLEPOD incl

2/7 Fd Coy.
Cheffers
Sp to accompany patrols

TMA Capt Chedhan

- (c) (1) Tps 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn
- (ii) Area as per para 4 (e)
- (d) (1) Tps 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp:-
one bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
one tp x Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
- (ii) Area as per paras 4 (f) and (g)

6. Bdys

- (a) Between 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn :-
PALMERSTON HIGHWAY incl to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Between 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn :-
track junc 406871 - track bend 405904 incl to
2/28 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn will be responsible for
liason and contact between left and rt flanks of 2/28 Aust
Inf Bn and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn respectively.

7. Time to be in posn

1600K 10 Oct.

8. Sup Fire

- (a) Arty will
- (i) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt/sp 24 Aust Inf Bde
- (ii) Allotment of Wire
one bty in sp 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - 24 Bty - Capt MacFarlane
one bty in sp 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 62 Bty
one bty in res. -
- (iii) Following targets will be registered under bde
arrangements:-
Track at 440866
Rd junc at 450869 (303 task)
Cutting at 450873
Track and rd junc 450877
Track at 596888

Report to Bde.

- (iv) Units will report registration required of bty in
sp by 1500K to this HQ for co-ordination.
- (v) Allotment of POCs
Two POCs with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn from 1400K 2
Two POCs with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn from 1400K
One POC with 2/11 Aust Cav Sqn from 1400K
One POC with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn from 1400K

(b) Tk A

- (i) One tp 11 Aust Tk A Bty in sp each bn
- (ii) Bty HQ with Bde HQ
- (iii) Comd 11 Aust Tk A Bty will co-ordinate all Tk A
guns on bde front.

(c) MMG

- (i) One pl Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn in sp each bn
- (ii) Coy HQ with Bde HQ
- (iii) Comd 3 Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will co-ordinate all
MMGs on bde front.

9. Protection

- (a) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will furnish two standing patrols
 - (i) rd junc 450869 - one coy less one pl
 - (ii) track and rd junc 436865 - one pl
- (b) Time to be in posn 1400K
- (c) Both standing patrols will come under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn from 1400K

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10. Res

- (a) Tps
 - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn less one coy with in sp
 - one tp 11 Aust Tk A Regt
 - one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn with under comd
 - det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

- (b) Area
 - Square 4083

11. Engs

- (a) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy less two pls will move to area 403866.
- (b) Comd 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will remain at Bde HQ as from 1500K
- (c) Priority of Work

- (i) Minefds as required. Supervision only.
- (ii) Assistance in preparation of def posns.
- (iii) Development of water sup.

4 pl 2/28
6 pl 2/43

ADM

- 12. Amb
 - A P at 402862 as from 1400K

- 13. Sups
 - Sup P at 402862 as from 1400K

- 14. POL
 - BIFOD at RAVENSHOE rly sta as from 1400K

- 15. Med
 - (a) MDS at 363823
 - (b) ADS at 411842
 - (c) 2/3 Aust Fd Amb less two coys with Bde HQ.

- 16. Water
 - WP at 398850 as from 1600K

- 17. Ord
 - 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk will move to area sports ground 398852

- 18. AEME
 - (a) 2/76 Aust LAD with Bde HQ.
 - (b) 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp will move to area sports ground 398852

- 19. Engr Stores
 - Demands direct on 2/7 Aust Fd Coy.

INTERCOM

20. Bde HQ opens 406837 at 1400K |
21. LT
Line will be laid to all units.
22. WT
(a) Allotment WT sets normal.
(b) All WT sets will remain on listening watch until ordered to close down.
23. Frequencies and Code Signs
Issued separately by Bde Sig Offr.
24. Light Sigs
(a) Call for SOS
(i) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn RED RED GREEN |
(ii) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn GREEN WHITE GREEN
(iii) 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn WHITE GREEN RED
(b) Responsibility for call
Call for SOS will be made by any Coy Comd or more senior offr.
(c) Confirmation
All lt sigs will be confirmed by line or WT.

ACK f

[Signature] Maj.
BM 24 Aust Inf Bde.

signed at 0805 K
Issued by IO

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EXERCISE - SECRET

Hq 9 Aust Div
4 Oct 44
G23/30/17

9 AUST DIV TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - EXERCISE "SWIFT", "SWALLOW", "KITE".

10. Obtain these sheets please

Ref Maps :

- (i) MT GARNET 1 in
- (ii) PALMERSTON 1 in
- (iii) BARTLE FRERE 1 in
- (iv) HERBERTON 1 in
- (v) INNISFALL Strat
- (vi) ATHERTON Strat

1. Object.

To exercise a bde gp, on jungle establishment, in the action of an advanced guard and advanced tps in open country, and to study :-

- (a) Tactical formations
- (b) The action of forward tps on making contact
- (c) Attack
- (d) Exploitation
- (e) The movement problem with present vehicle establishments.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tps taking part</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
11 / 14 Oct	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"SWIFT"
18. / 21 Oct	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"SWALLOW"
25 / 28 Oct	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"KITE"

(Composition of bde gps is shown in attached Appx "A").

3. Area - RAVENSHOE.

4. Dress.
- Bde gp - according to bde orders
 - DS and Umpires - white armbands, both arms.
 - Enemy - steel helmets.

5. Fences.

The cutting of fences will be kept to a minimum.

- (a) Each unit will organise fence cutting and repairing parties. These parties will carry a roll of barbed wire and necessary tools in order that fences when cut can be quickly and securely repaired. Barbed wire will be drawn from RAE prior to the exercise commencing.
- (b) If at any time it is necessary to keep a gap in the fence open for a lengthy period, provost personnel will be posted at the gap to prevent stock wandering from home paddocks.
- (c) A sketch, 2 ins 1 ml showing tracks, fences and gates (x), is attached Appx "B" (to be forwarded later).

6. Vehs.

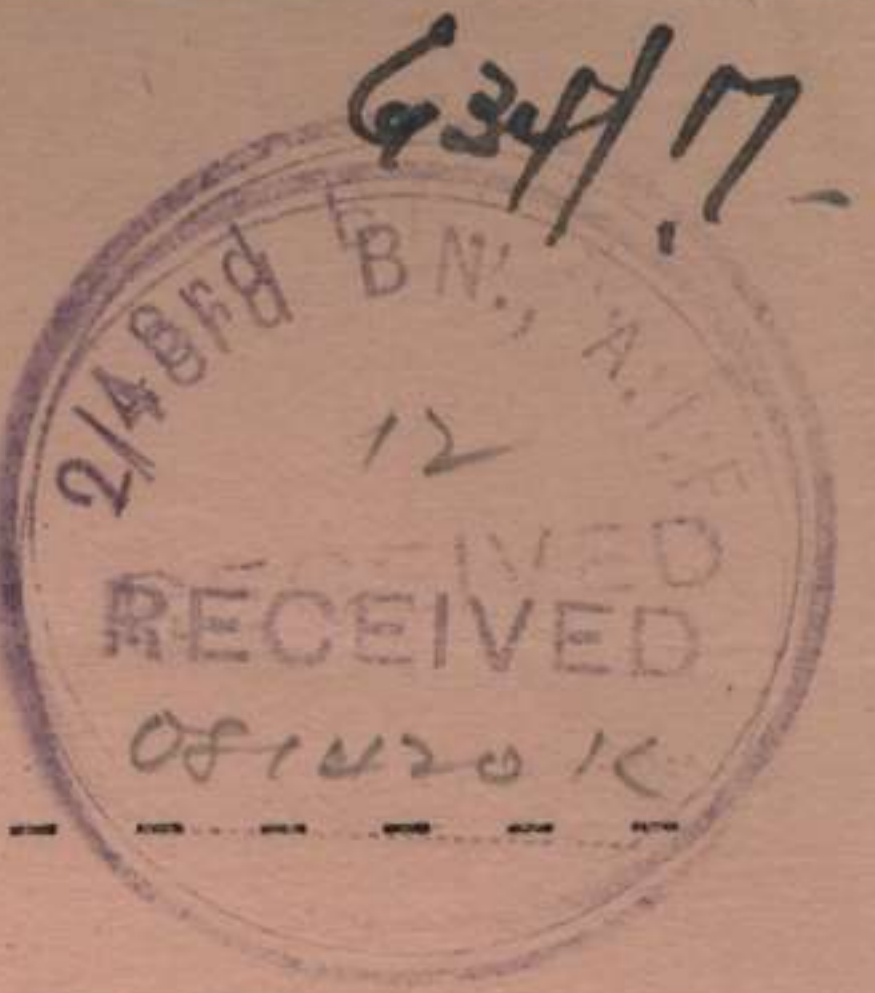
- (a) All units may employ up to 100% WET vehs. However, when non-operational vehs are used in lieu of say a JEEP AND TRAILER, then only a normal JEEP AND TRAILER load will be placed in the non-operational veh.
- (b) Details of umpires and enemy vehs will be issued separately.

1 Sec No 5/46

2/43B

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

070300K



FROM - 9 AUST DIV

TO - LIST X

O 134 RESTRICTED (.) for exercise SWIFT etc (.) general instrs para
7 (c) (i) preliminaries (.) delete last line which reads defensive
plan except for outposts etc

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7. Assembly and time exercise starts etc.

(a) D Day for each exercise is first date of each period shown in para 2.

(b) Exercise starts first light D Day.

(c) Preliminaries :

(i) Bde gp will dispose itself by night D minus 1 / D in accordance with Opening Situation. Outposts in posn. Arty in action in support of outposts and bde posn.

~~Defensive plan except for outposts need not be worked out.~~ 646

(ii) 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary will be issued 1900 hrs D minus 1.

(d) Opening Situation will be issued to :

Comd Bde Gp at 0900 hrs, D minus 2.

(e) ~~Div Comd's Plan will be issued to :~~

~~Comd Bde Gp at 1500 hrs D minus 2.~~

Extracts of Div Comd's orders are included in Opening Situation

(f) Orders for Preliminary Move will be issued to :

Comd Bde Gp at 0900 hrs D minus 1.

(g) Final Orders will be issued on the ground to :

Comd Bde Gp at 1700 hrs D minus 1.

8. Amn.

(a) Bde gps will provide 3000 rds SAA blank for own use.

(b) Bde gps will provide 10 rds per gun etges QF blank 2 pr.

9. Direction.

(a) Director: Comd 9 Aust Div
Assistants to Director: G & Q Branch SOs 9 Aust Div,
CRA, CRE, CO Sigs.

(b) Umpires :-

Chief Umpire (permanent for three exercises)	Lt-Col SCOTT, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
Chief Umpire's rep at Pde HQ.	Offr from G Branch HQ 9 Aust Div
LO for Chief Umpire	Capt CROOK 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
I Recorder for Chief Umpire	Nominated by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Senior Bn Umpires, (permanent for three exercises)	One nominated by each bde.
Umpires with inf bn	To be found from units being exercised. One LO for Senior Bn Umpire. One Offr per rifle coy. One NCO per <u>pl.</u> To form a pool to be used at discretion of Chief Umpire.
Umpires with Cav (permanent for three exercises)	One Offr, three NCOs, to be supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde.
Umpires with arty	Nominated by CRA.
Umpires with engr	Nominated by CRE
Umpires with pnr coy	Three NCOs nominated by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
OC Enemy (permanent for three exercises)	Mag or Capt nominated by 26 Aust Inf Bde.
Umpires with MG coy	Nominated by 2/2 Aust MG Bn

rifle Coy pl.

LO for OC Enemy: Nominated by ~~bde~~ being exercised.
 Umpires with enemy: All enemy officers.
 Service umpires: Nominated by Q branch.

- (c) OC Enemy, senior bn umpires and LO for Chief Umpire will be at disposal of Chief Umpire from 0900 hrs D minus 5. All other umpires will be at disposal of chief umpire from 0900 hrs D minus 5. This includes enemy officers.
 (d) Names of offr umpires will be signalled to Chief Umpire prior to D minus 5.

10. Intercomm for Umpires.

- (a) Any communications of bde gp may be used.
 (b) Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange following RT links :-
 (i) Chief Umpire, OC enemy, Chief Umpire's rep at Bde HQ, DS HQ, 9 Aust Div.
 (ii) In each bn: senior umpire, four coy umpires (Chief Umpire on same net.)
 (iii) OC enemy & all enemy offrs on same net as (ii) above.

11. Sig Instr.

OO Sigs 9 Aust Div will issue Signal Instrs to cover the three bde gp exercises.

12. Umpires' vehicle markings.

White sig flag flown on vehicle, to be provided by umpires using vehicles.

13. Skeleton Enemy.

<u>24 Bde Exercise.</u>	<u>26 Bde Exercise.</u>	<u>20 Bde Exercise.</u>
One coy pnr	One coy MG	One coy MG
One sqn cav	One sqn cav	One coy pnr

To be detailed by 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, and 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn respectively. Each coy etc may represent up to one bn on the ground.

14. Enemy Representation.

Rifle fire - blank amm

LMG and MMG fire - ball amm fired into pits.

This will be supplemented or replaced by screens 4 ft x 2 ft where necessary :-

White screen - Centre of pl locality

Green " - MMG post.

ADOS will arrange supply of GREEN bunting (20 yds) to be available at Div HQ by 10 Oct 44. Camp Comd, through CASC will arrange supply of WHITE calico (20 yds) to be available at Div HQ by 10 Oct 44.

15. Umpires and enemy, preliminary arrangements.

Separate instrs will be issued from time to time.

16. Exercise ends on orders of Director, probably afternoon D plus 2 or morning D plus 3.
 Return to camp will be arranged by bde.

17. Discussions after exercise.

14 Oct (a) 1400 hrs D plus 3 at War Room HQ 9 Aust Div.

To attend : All DS
Chief Umpire, OC enemy, senior bn umpire,
senior arty umpire, senior service umpire.

15 Oct (b) 1000 hrs D plus 4 at War Room HQ 9 Aust Div.

To attend : All those mentioned in (a) above, and in addition -

- Bde comd, BM, SC
- Bn comds
- OC cav sqn
- CO fd regt
- OC TKA bty
- OC fd coy
- OC MG coy
- OC pnr coy
- OC det HQ AASC
- OC fd amb
- OC bde wksp

(c) Subsequently, separate conferences will be called by -

(i) Bde comd for own comd.

(ii) Comds of arms and services with their own reps from the bde gp.

18. Range of 25 prs.

Normal.

19. Casualties to men and vehs.

Umpires will create casualties in accordance with instrs issued separately. Normal service procedure will be followed in regard to all casualties.

All cas. will be returned to units as receipts.

20. Air co-operation.

Nil.

Distribution - List X

C. P. Ridley Maj
for Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div

7/43



EXERCISE - SECRET
HQ 9 Aust Div
5 Oct 44
G37/30/17

ADDENDUM

TO

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - EXERCISE "SWIFT", "SWALLOW", "KITE".

1. Supplies.

Bde HQ will notify HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div of the ration scale which it is desired to use during the exercise, 7 days prior to commencement.

2. Water.

(a) The following water vehicles will be taken and considered to be operational transport:-

Field Regiment	-	1	x	400	gall	water	truck
Inf Bns (each)		1	x	400	"	"	"
Fd Amb		1	x	400	"	"	"
Bde Wksp		1	x	400	"	"	"
Det AASC		1	x	400	"	"	"
Tk A Bty		1	x	150	"	"	"
Fd Coy		1	x	150	"	"	"

(b) Bde requirements of water cans will be drawn from ADOS prior to commencement of exercise; and returned on conclusion of same.

3. Ordnance.

(a) Dummy stores are not available. Issue slips for stores and ammunition issued will be made out and handed to drivers of vehicles for delivery. Vehicles will not be permitted to carry token stores, ammunition etc. in excess of the normal loads by weight and bulk for such vehicles.

4. P.O.L.

One four gallon drum of petrol will be carried in each vehicle.

C. R. De... Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution : List "X".

Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div
General Instructions for
Exercises - "SWIFT, SWALLOW,
KITE".

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)

Cav

2/11 Aust Commando Sqn

Arty

2/12 Aust Fd Regt
+10 Bty 2/3 TKA Regt
Det Mob Met Flt
MMG C Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn.
Engrs

2/7 Aust Fd Coy
PNRS D Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn
Inf

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 " " "
2/43 " " "
2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

AASC

2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/29 " " " "
2/14 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

Medical

2/3 Aust Fd Amb

Ord

2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

AEME

2/122 Aust Bde Wksp
(Type B)

Pro

3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

Sigs

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div ~~1/32~~
6025

Misc

Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash
Office
FPO 035
Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)

2/4 Aust Commando Sqn

2/7 Aust Fd Regt
+ 9 Bty 2/3 TKA Regt
Det Mob Met Flt

2/13 Aust Fd Coy

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 " " "
2/48 " " "
4 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/31 " " " "
2/15 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

2/11 Aust Fd Amb

2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
(Type B)

5 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div 1/32

Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash
Office
FPO 036
Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)

2/12 Aust Commando Sqn

2/8 Aust Fd Regt
+11 Bty 2/3 TKA Regt
Det Mob Met Flt

2/3 Aust Fd Coy

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 " " "
2/17 " " "
1 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/27 " " " "
2/13 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

2/8 Aust Fd Amb

2/118 Aust Bde Ord
Fd Pk

2/118 Aust Bde Wksp
(Type B)

1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro
Coy

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div
1/32

Det 9 Aust Div Fd
Cash Office
FPO 033
Det 9 Aust Div Sal
Unit

+ If available for exercise.

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EXERCISE - SECRET
"SWIFT, SWALLOW, KITE"

HQ 9 Aust Div
 4 Oct 44.
 G30/80/17

DISTRIBUTION LIST.

Ser No.	Unit	List X.	List Y.	List Z
1	20 Aust Inf Bde	+ 21	1	5
2	24 Aust Inf Bde	+ 21	1	5
3	26 Aust Inf Bde	+ 21	1	5
4	2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	4	-	2
5	RAA 9 Aust Div	7	-	3
6	RAE 9 Aust Div	4	-	2
7	Sigs 9 Aust Div	4	-	2
8	2/2 Aust MG Bn	4	-	2
9	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	4	-	2
10	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	4	-	2
11	B Aust FS Sec	4	-	-
12	9 Aust Div Sal Unit	1	-	-
13	Comd	1	-	-
14	G	1	1	1
15	DS (incl Umpires and enemy - issued separately)	1	1	1
16	AQ	46	10	46
17	Camp	1	1	1
18	AASC 9 Aust Div	1	-	-
19	Medical	10	-	4
20	ADOS 9 Aust Div	4	-	2
21	AEME 9 Aust Div	4	-	2
22	Pro	4	-	2
23	DAPM	4	-	2
24	Pay	1	-	1
25	Postal	1	-	-
26	4 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec	1	-	-
27	File	1	-	-
28	WD	1	2	2
		2	-	-
		<u>179</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>90</u>

- (a) List X - General Instrs
- (b) List Z - Opening Situation, less bdes NOT being exercised.
- (c) List Y - Intelligence Summary and Sitrep.

Instrs to Umpires
 Forecast of Events
 Schedule of Casualties
 Umpires' Reports

} Serial 15 only, issued separately.

Div Comd's Orders
 Orders for Preliminary Move

} List X less certain serials.

NOTE : (i) + Only bdes being exercised. *Refer to Y and Z and NOT List X*
 (ii) Opening Situation etc., issued as laid down in General Instructions para 7 (c) (d) (e) (f) (g).

Distribution. - List X

DISTRIBUTION OF SERIAL 15. OF DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR EXERCISES "SWIFT, SWALLOW, KITE".

Ser No.	Umpires etc.	General Instructions. Opening Situation Instructions to Umpires. Forecast of Events. Schedule of Casualties.	Umpire's Reports.	Intelligence Summaries and Sitrops.	Div Comd's Orders. Orders for Preliminary Move.	Instructions to Enemy.
1	Chief Umpire	1	-	1	1	1
2	LO for Chief Umpire	1	-	-	-	-
3	Chief Umpire's Rep at Bdo HQ	1	-	-	-	-
4	Senior Bn Umpires (3)	3	450	3	3	3
5	Bn Umpires (15)	15	-	-	-	-
6	Cav Umpire	1	10	-	-	-
7	Arty Umpires (2)	2	-	-	-	-
8	Engrs Umpire	1	-	-	-	-
9	Sigs Umpire	1	-	-	-	-
10	MG Umpire	1	10	-	-	-
11	OC Enemy	3	-	1	1	1
12	LO for OC Enemy	1	-	-	-	-
	<u>DS</u>					
13	G (3)	3	3	1	1	3
14	Q incl Service Umpires (9)	9	9	1	1	1
15	GRA	1	1	1	1	-
16	CRE	1	1	1	1	-
17	CO Sigs	1	1	1	1	-
Totals		46	485	10	10	6

243

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

051000K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO: LIST "X"

 0170 RESTRICTED (.) for exercise SWIFT etc (.) ref 9 aust div
 G2 /80/17 (.) amend para 7(e) to read extracts from Div Comd orders
 are incl in opening situation (.) delete all reference Div Comd's
 orders on distribution list for exercises (.) note (i) on distribution
 list refers list Y and Z only NOT list X ✓

DRLS

L. Bej Maj

634/17.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM



FROM : 9 AUST DIV

052010K

TO : LIST X

ORIGINATOR'S NO. 0 175 restricted (.) 1 (.) for exercises SWIFT etc
 add MG and pnr to OOB bde gps (.) 24 bde C coy MG & B coy pnr (.)
 26 bde D coy MG & A coy pnr (.) 20 bde B coy MG & C coy pnr (.) 2
 (.) for det sigs 9 aust div 1/32 substitute det sigs 9 aust div
 6 ORs (.) 3 (.) all exercise casualties will be returned to units
 etc as reinfts (.) 4 (.) gen instrs para 9 for one NCO per pl read
 one NCO per rifle pl

Except etc W/T.

DRLS

A. R. Oley Maj

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 634/17

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM	<i>Originator</i>	<i>Date—Time of Origin</i>
(A)	CHIEF UMPIRE	081758K

Office Date Stamp

2/43 BN
26
RECEIVED
1853hrs 26ct

Message Instructions

GR

TO	<i>For Action</i>	
	2/43 AUST INF BN 2/28 AUST INF BN	
	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0943 restricted (.) officer umpires for exercise SWIFT report

2/32 aust inf bn offr's mess 090900K (.) NCO umpires report

same place 090930K

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

Signed *[Signature]* Capt

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

DRLS

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Subject:- UMPIRES - BDE EXERCISE.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
REF :- G34/17
6 Oct 44.

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Ref your 0103 of 051610K.
2. Nominations as under :-

QX8768	Lt	GREASLEY R.H.
NX80821	"	J.R. CARLISLE
SX20309	"	L.A. NEWELL
VX102621	"	H.G. WILLIAMSON
NX126063	"	C.G. MECKIFF
WX10237	Cpl	HUMAN J.S.
QX7776	Sgt	KINGSTON P.J.
SX10914	"	SUMMERTON G.
WX9802	Cpl	SAWKINS K.M.
SX5530	"	LAKIN M.J.
QX25097	"	LONG J.W.
VX80523	A/Cpl	COSTELLO P.
QX26719	Cpl	NORRIS R.R.
SX4910	"	BASTIAN A.G.
SX11023	"	WILLKESON J.R.
SX12288	"	KING C.L.
VX82195	"	ALIEN R.P.

Lt. Keene W.J.

SX10773 - bpc Penau RN.

huf
Lt-col
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

MESSAGE FORM

G34/17
Register No. 851

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 24 AVST INF BDE	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 051610K	Office Date Stamp
For Action			
2/28 2/32 2/43 BNs			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0103. Restricted Determination required this H.Q. by 1100K 6 GCT for five officers & twelve NCO's per BN for umpiring duties in forthcoming ball exercise in addition Maj P. MASEL is nominated as a senior bn umpire. Further details later

NCOs Rifle Coy 2 ea
HQ Coy 4 -

- WX10237. Cpl. Humman J.L. ✓
- QX776. Sgt Kingston A.J. ✓
- Sp10914. Sgt Summerton G. ✓
- WX9802. Cpl. ~~Lawson~~ Lawkins ^{KM} ✓
- Sp4910. Cpl. Bashan A.J. ^{Sp5530} A. Cpl. Zakon M.F. ✓
- Sp11023. Cpl. Wilkeson J.B. ^{QX25097} A. Cpl. Long. J.W. ✓
- Sp13388. D King C.L. ^{VX80523} B. A/CPL COSTELLO P. ✓
- WX82195. D Allen R.P. ^{QX26719} B. NORRIS R.R.

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			THI or TOR		
Signed	Signed		Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	2/43 Int Inf Bn	09 0750 K	
For Action			Message Instructions
TO HQ A B C D boys.			
(w) For Information (INFO.)			GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

C 54 ventimated @ All NCO companies
 nominated for Ensign "Swift" will report to
 Sgt Kingston H.Q. boy orderly room 0915K
 and then proceed to 2/32 Bn Officer Mess.

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

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Signed

B.H. [Signature]

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

2/43 2nd Inf Bn

09 0750 K

For Action

TO

H.Q. A.B.C. D boys.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

C 54 returned @ All N.CO. companies

nominated for Exercise "Swift" will report to

Sgt Kingston H.Q. boy orderly room 0915K

and then proceed to 2/32 Bn Officer Mess.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means

{ except } Wireless

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

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

B.H. Bennett

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

D. C. Alameda
Register No.

Transmission Instructions	Priority	Serial No.	Call
<i>C. Bradley</i>			

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Office Time Stamp	Date—Time of Origin	Originator	FROM (A)
<i>B. Effect</i>			

For Action

a. W. M. Mandy
H.Q. P.H.

Message Instructions	TO (a) For Information (INFO)
<i>GR</i>	<i>H. B. A. B. C. D</i>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

C. Bradley
H. B. A. B. C. D
W. M. Mandy
Office Hours

Time Cleared	Time of TOH	System Op	Originator's Instructions	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher	This message may be sent as WRITTEN by any means except Wireless	Signed
			Degree of Priority			

2/43 Bn

Recd 2015 K

10 Oct 44

EXERCISE - SECRET

Copy No. 3
10 Oct 44

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE SWIFT O.O. 3

Ref maps : As for Opening Situation

INFORM

1. Enemy
Enemy mov 300/400 tps reported just north of CHILVERTON 4491 at approx 1600K.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) 9 Aust Div is to adv to ATHERTON on a two bde front.
 - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde on left - axis rly RAVENSHOE - ATHERTON.
 - (c) ~~24 Aust Inf Bde on left - axis rly~~
 - (c) 24 Aust Inf Bde on rt and 26 Aust Inf Bde in res.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde will act as rt fwd bde during the adv of 9 Aust Div to ATHERTON along gen axis EVELYN HIGHWAY on 11 Oct 44.

METHOD

4. Summary
 - (a) (i) Adv will be in five phases -

Phase 1	-	1st objective
" 2	-	2nd objective
" 3	-	3rd objective
" 4	-	4th objective
" 5	-	5th objective
 - (ii) This order will NOT go beyond phase 2.
 - (b) The adv will be on a two bn front with flank protection to be provided by rt fwd bn on rt of axis and 2/11 Cav Sqn. on left of axis.
 - (c) Arty will be available for sp throughout the adv.

5. Phase 1

6. Preliminary moves

One coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn reverts comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at 0600K and remains in present posn until fwd tps pass through.

7. Fwd Bns

(a) ~~2/43~~ Rt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
with under comd:-
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
in sp :
recee party 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

(b) Left 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
with under comd:-
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
in sp :
recee party 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

8. Objectives

- (a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - SPUR 468880 to EVELYN HIGHWAY at bend in rd at 456887.
- (b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - KNOLL 453887 to track junc 442893.

9. Routes

- (a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - DOG and ABLE
- (b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - BAKER

10. Bdy

Between 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn :-
PALMERSTON HIGHWAY to rd junc at 44958690 then EVELYN HIGHWAY
all incl to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

11. SL
Line running north and south through 423857.
12. Start Line Fwd Bns
Head of main bodies of fwd bns cross SL at 0700K
13. Order of March Remainder.
Fwd Bde HQ
Gp D
Gp A less fwd Bde HQ
Gp F
Gp H
14. Mov of Remainder
(a) Gp D will move to posn astride PALMERSTON HIGHWAY at approx br 422857. Line to be in posn 0700 K.
(b) All gps as in para 13 will mov only upon orders from this HQ
15. Sp Fire
(a) Arty
(i) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will sp adv.
(ii) NO change allotment of FOOs.
(iii) Range of Btys in present posn
24 Bty at 390828 - range are intersecting HOUSE 453920.
23 Bty at GEMETBY 393847 - range are intersecting EVELYN HIGHWAY at rd and track junc 438922.
62 Bty at HALL 405850 - range are intersecting EVELYN HIGHWAY at 438960.
(b) Tk A
11 Aust Tk A Bty will move by bounds and provide protection against tks on main axis paying attention to lateral approaches.
(c) MMG
NO change
16. Protection
(a) RIGHT FLANK GD - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Separate instrs. Route D
(b) LEFT FLANK GD - 2/11 Cav Sqn Separate instra Route C
17. Res
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
with in sp:
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
with under comd
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
18. Engrs
(a) Engr recce parties will move with fwd bns
(b) All brs and defiles will be examined for possible demolitions.
(c) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will be prepared to repair or rebuild existing "unsafe" brs as required in addition to construction of tracks, passages, brs etc.
19. Enrs
(a) D Coy 2/3 Aust Enr Bn will move with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn until required for constructional work.
(b) Likely role. Engr tasks under comd 2/7 Aust Fd Coy.
- ADM
20. Med Location ADS will be advised.
21. Otherwise normal.
- INTERCOMN
22. Fwd Bde HQ moves as per order of march. *on route ABLE*
23. Fwd bns will lay line throughout the adv.

ACK

W. Standa Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at 1900 K
Issued SDR

DISTRIBUTION

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
11 Aust Tk A Bty
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Comd
BM
SC (for services)
Camp (for Bde HQ)
War Diary

Left flank ops

EXERCISE - SECRET

Copy No. 4.....

10 Oct 44.

24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE EXERCISE "SWIFT" OP INSTR 1

INTENTION

1. 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn will act as LEFT FLANK GD during adv on 11 Oct 44.

METHOD

2. TPs

2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn
with in sp
POG party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.

3. Route

CHARLIE.

4. Task

(a) Left flank protection and (theory only) liaison with
20 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Report bounds as follows:

- (i) HQ 414838
- (ii) Track junc 413927
- (iii) Hut and lateral rd 413913
- (iv) KNOLL 413940

5. Start time

Bound (i) to be reported clear by 0700K.

6. Co-ord

(a) HQ 2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn will remain on bound (i)
with as much of the sqn as considered necessary until
advised to move the HQ to bound (iii).

(b) Patrol will be sent fwd to track junc 413927. Sitreps to
be sent to this HQ frequently.

(c) The reason for this is the possible difficulty in supplying
the sqn beyond bound (i) until the fwd bn has secured the
lateral rd running through bound (iii).

7. Sp Fire

One POG party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will move with 2/11 Aust Cav
(Commando) Sqn for requisitions and applications for sp fire.

ADM

8. Supp

(a) Fwd patrols will be self sufficient for 3 days.

(over)

.2.

(b) Subsidiary sup P will be est as close to HQ 2/11 Aust Cav(Commando) Sqn as possible whilst this HQ remains on bound (i).

(c) Thereafter maint will be from route ABLE.

INTERCOMN

9. Bde HQ moves as per OO 3.
10. Fwd bns and Bde HQ will maintain listening watch on RT.
11. Brief reports on progress will be made at frequent intervals followed by detailed reports as sit demands.

ACK

W. Stambaugh
Maj
EM 24 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at.....K

Issued at conference.

DISTRIBUTION

2/11 Aust Cav(Commando) Sqn
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
11 Aust Tk A Bty
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Comd
EM
File(1)
War Diary (2)

Copy No.....
10 Oct 4424 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "SWIFT OP INSTR 3

Ref map : As for Opening Situation

INTENTION

1. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will provide a RIGHT FLANK GD for adv on 11 Oct 44

METHOD

2. (a) Tps One coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
(b) Comd Capt WILTON
3. Route
DOG
4. Task
Right flank protection
5. Bounds
Report bounds as follows:-
(a) Rd and track junc 463862
(b) Bend in track 476876
(c) Clearing at 460906
(d) Spur at 455923
6. Co-ord
(a) Right flank gd will secure bound (a) by 0700K and will NOT move from this bound until ordered by this HQ.
(b) When ordered to continue the adv, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will co-ordinate mov.

ADM

7. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for mov.

INTERCOMN

8. Bde HQ moves as per O Os
9. Comms will be maintained ~~through~~ through 2/43 Aust Inf Bn normal net.
10. Reports will be relayed to this HQ by quickest means.

ACK

W. Blant
Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at 1800 K
Issued at conference.

DISTRIBUTION

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (2) - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn -
2/12 Aust Fd Regt - 11 Aust Tk A Bty - C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn -
Comd
B.M.
File (1)
War Diary (2)

092230K

From 2/43 bn

To HQ ABCD Coy, ^{2/c} QM. To RMO. RSM. Intd.

Exercise 1 restricted @ warning order @

Probable action adv to Ravenshoe ^{on 10 Oct} @ Route

camp area - millstream falls sq 3781 - trk june 382802

B - rd and trk june 413844 - rd june 408855 @

Bn SP. Bn HQ @ Bde SP. trk june 382802 @ ST.

1000K @ time past Bde SP 1110K @ order of march

A Coy. one pl B Coy Tac HQ B Coy less one pl. Main HQ

HQ Coy less dets one pl 2/2 MMG Bn C Coy RAP

D Coy @ tpt @ route Tucker's Bn - trk june 382802 @

ST - 1030K from camp line @ tactical dispersion

area trk june 382802 @ adm instris later tonight

@ ACK

Shawells reliving of war

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Adm \odot Amm \odot ³⁰³ Blank boards per Coy \odot
TKA 10 rds per gun 2F2pt Blank \odot ~~FAD Camp~~ \odot
~~Ravenstoe~~ \odot APs will be set by AASC \odot dummy
amm. Not available \odot issue slips will be handed
to drs for delivery \odot vehs NOT permitted to carry
amm. in excess normal loads by wt and bulk
 \odot Sups \odot Rations \odot ~~hard scale~~ \odot ~~POH~~ \odot ~~veh~~
with full tanks hard scale 12, 13, 14 Oct \odot
normal rations 11 Oct cooked in camp and
delivered in the fd \odot POH \odot vehs move with full
tks \odot 4 gal drum petrol on ea veh \odot ~~PT~~ Water \odot
Water veh under bde control \odot chlorinating powder
carried on water truck \odot water cans will be carried
by coys and readily available for refilling \odot
Water bottles to be filled before leaving camp \odot
blankets \odot one on the man \odot 2 per man in pack
on vehs \odot blanket vehs under bde control \odot
~~Medical~~ \odot 7pt \odot allotment jeeps \odot C.O. one T
TKA 2. MMG ^T-1. MOR ^T-2. SIGS 1. Spare ^T \odot camouflage
sets to be used at all halts \odot tactical dispersion
at all times \odot VTM 18 \odot Medical \odot C.C.S present
area \odot ADS and MDS locations later \odot
Anti malarial precautions \odot nets will be used
and carried ^{in pack} with blankets on vehs \odot personnel
undergoing suppressive treatment will take
Atabrin \odot Anklets web worn at all times \odot
sleeves rolled down between 1730 and 0630 hrs \odot
normal certificates each night \odot Anti mite
precautions \odot Area \odot exercise potential typhus
area \odot all clothing will be treated with
anti mite repellent prior to exercise and
during exercise if necessary \odot Certificate will be

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rendered that anti mite precautions have been
 carried out. ~~① wire~~ fence mending
 parties ① det Pw pl with wire and cutters will
 repair all damaged fences ① ~~Pay and~~ Postal.
 will est at B ech ① Pay will est at Main HQ ①
 Intercom ① ~~4 x 108 sets~~ 108 sets with each
 Tac HQ A B C Coys initially ① SCR 536 ①
 allotment two gp Tac HQ to Main HQ ① 1/3 gpt
 of 5 each A B C D Coys ① L/T in bivouac
 area

- ① no unnecessary cutting of fences ①
- * all coys will pay particular attention to
 fd hygiene at all times.

[Handwritten signature]

Capt Murray report to Bde SP to act as
to with fwd Bde

EXERCISE
SECRET

2/43 Amst Inf Bn - Ex. op. o. no. - 2

11 Oct 44

Info (a) Enemy Enemy force estimated 3/400 vicinity

Chilverton sq. 4491 moving south at 1600 Dminus 1.

Est. normal Div incl lt tk force but
from ~~pioneer~~ ~~troops~~ have not yet arrived in area
according to PW.

1 Regt Yungabuna

1 " moving south from Yungabuna

1 " " " " " " " attention towards

upper Barron.

(b) our troops.

24 Bty 2/14 2d Regt in sp.

one pl C Coy 2/2 MG Bn in sp.

one tp 11 Bty 2/3 TR A Regt in sp.

2/28 Bn - left fwd bn

Route - B.

2/32 Bn - ~~to~~ and att tps - Bde ~~res.~~

Intention 2/43 bn will act as rt fwd bn during adv of
24 Bde to Atherton on the general axis of
Evelyn Highway on 11 Oct 44.

Summary of ops -

2/43 Bn is to adv with rt flank protection.

Arty sp is available throughout the adv.

Flank gd - Comd Capt J.W. Wilton.

Tps C Coy with in sp FOO & party.

Recc Party BAE - INCO + 2

RV C Coy area by 411845 at 0600K.

Route - D.

Bounds - As marked.

First bound to be ~~closed~~ ^{secured} by 0700K.

Detailed orders separately.

UNIFORMS

- 11 Own Tps - Battle Order, Steel helmets
- Enemy - Battle Order - Hats Khaki Fur
- DS and umpires as for enemy with white arm bands

ADM INSTRS

Arm

- 12 (a) MMG - on the man - 4
- 303 Ctn - A2 Ech (Bn office van) 4 b.p.g.
- 8 mags per gun
- A2 Ech 4000
- Blank 30 r.p.m.
- A2 Ech - 2000

Supp

- 13 (a) Rations - normal
- (b) Sp arms will report to Bn on 25 Sep with rations for consumption on that day.
- (c) Sp pts will be advised on 25 Sep

POL

- 14 Vehicles will move with full tanks plus res of 12 gals per veh.

WATER

- 15 (a) Water vehs will be bdd.
- (b) WPs will be est by 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE
- (c) All water will be sterilised before use.
- (d) Rear parties will be watered under bde arrangement.

TPT

- 16 (a) Vehs will move as detailed for Air Staff Exercise.
- (b) Prior to commencement of PETRO exercise "B" Ech vehs will be bdd under arrangements of Bde TO.

MEDICAL

- 17 Det of 2/3 Aust Fd Amb will travel with Bn

ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- 18 (a) Mosquito nets will be taken and used.
- (b) Each man will carry insect repellent lotion and apply to exposed portions of the body whilst in the open every two hours from 1730 to 0630 hrs. Upon return to camp full, partly filled, and empty bottles will be returned to QM and each bottle will be accounted for. Previously too many bottles have not been returned. More attention will be given to this point.
- (c) Present atobrin course will be continued.
- (d) Anklets web will be worn at all times.
- (e) Sleeves will be rolled down at 1730 hrs.
- (f) Coys will advise Bn HQ nightly immediately precautions have been taken.

ANTI-MITE PRECAUTIONS

- 19 All clothes will be treated with anti-mite lotion prior to the exercise and if necessary again during the exercise. Coy comds will be personally responsible to see that this is done.

HYGIENE

- 20 Coys will be responsible for hygiene in their areas. Particular attention will be paid to the disposal and burial of empty tins. Latrines will be dug sufficiently deep to accommodate the sub-units using them and will be filled in when troops leave area.

BLANKETS

- 21 One on the man. Two in pack to be dumped in coy areas by 250730K.

MEALS

- 22 Midday meal 25 Sep on the man.

G. H. Lawton
 Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

Bled

(2)

Adv gd - Comd Lt E. G. Anderson

Zps B Coy with ^{in sp no 4 pl} ~~under comd~~
with ^{under comd}
1 sec no 2 pl
1 sec no 3 pl

with in sp ~~Recce~~ FOO + Party
and Recce party RAE-10th + 5

Bounds - As marked ^{RV ~~Windmill~~ Farm #17854 Tank at 0615 hrs}

~~Route~~ -
First Bound to be cleared by 0700K.

~~Route~~

Reports to be HD at following pts en route
in addition to Bounds as marked.

Main Body - Comd Lt Col NW Simpson

Zps - Order of March

- one pl A Coy
- Tac HD to incl arty L.O. (?)
- A Coy less one pl
- Main HD to incl Recce party RAE 10th + 5
RV Windmill br - 0645
- HD Coy less det
- D Coy less one pl
- RAT
- one pl s/s m/bm

Bounds - as marked one pl D Coy. ^{for employment} to incl TRA to ^{order} ~~total~~ ^{newer} by CRA.

* Bdy S.P. Palmerston Highway as far as rd junc at 44958690 - thence ^(X)
- ~~Windmill Br.~~ line running north and
south through Windmill br at 423857

S.T. 0700K - at which time hd of main
Body ~~passes~~ S.P.
main body moves on bound in rear of Adv gd

* Route - A

(X) Evelyn Highway incl to 2/43 Bm.

22 Sep 44

Copy No 192/43 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BN EXERCISE WITH TROOPS - PETRO

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNETT

GEN INSTRSINTRODUCTION

1. The exercise is to be a two sided one with as much freedom as possible allowed to each side.
During the Air Staff exercise, units will be moved from unit lines to assembly areas from which exercise and in addition will control the bde in the normal manner. Decisions will be made, based on infm passed back from fwd units irrespective of the forecast of events for the exercise. The attention of all offrs is directed to FSR Vol II Secs 46, 47 and 48. These secs should be read and discussed prior to the exercise.

OBJECT

2. Protection
Constitution and movement of flank gds
Withdrawals by day and by night
Passing back of infm

TROOPS TAKING PART

3. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde and att. tps
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Cav (Commando) Sen
Det 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Det AASC 9 Aust Div
2/3 Aust Fd Amb less HQ Coy

ORIENTATION

4. Axis of exercise and place names to be used during exercise will be marked on all maps by Int Sec

AREA OF EXERCISE

5. Astride axis of adv - NOT more than 2000 yds east or 3000 yds west.

DURATION

6. 25 - 28 Sep incl.

ENEMY

7. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn with under cmd dots of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.
2/7 Aust Fd Coy. 2/2 Aust MG Bn. AASC. 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

- | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|--------|---|----------|--------------|--------|---|---------------------|
| 8. | <u>Own tps</u> | Rifles | - | Blank | <u>Enemy</u> | Rifles | - | Blank |
| | | IMG) | - | Ball amn | | IMG) | - | Ball amn fired into |
| | | MMG) | | fired in | | MMG) | | pits |
| | | | | to pits | | | | |
| | | Arty | - | Prepared | | Arty | - | Prepared charges |
| | | | | Charges | | | | |

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

9. Coys will appoint such safety offrs as they consider necessary to ensure safety of all tps taking part in the exercise.

UMPIRES

10. (a) Chief umpire - Lt-col N W SIMPSON
(b) Enemy umpire - Lt-col T H SCOTT
(c) Umpires from 2/43 Bn - Lt A KENNEDY
Lt M J AGARS
Lt R L BROWNLEE
Lt W J KEANE
2 NCO umpires from each Rifle Coy

(3)

Coordination

Adv

Connecting files from D Coy to maintain liaison with ~~Sp. D. food Bde HQ~~, 2/32 Bn

Going Reports required not less than twice in each hr.

Deployment

rt of rd one pl A Coy
Tae HQ

HQ Coy less det.

D Coy less one pl

left of rd A Coy less one pl

Main HQ

RAP

one pl 2/2 mb Bn

one pl D Coy.

Halts

2/43 TKA will move by bounds as laid down and will leap frog 2 guns food from each bound

Protection - At halts PAD.

On deployment PAD and air sentries.

anti Disease
Halata

normal precautions will be taken.

Adm

Lpt

Med ADS location ~~later~~ as given to Rmc

Am AP 404 865

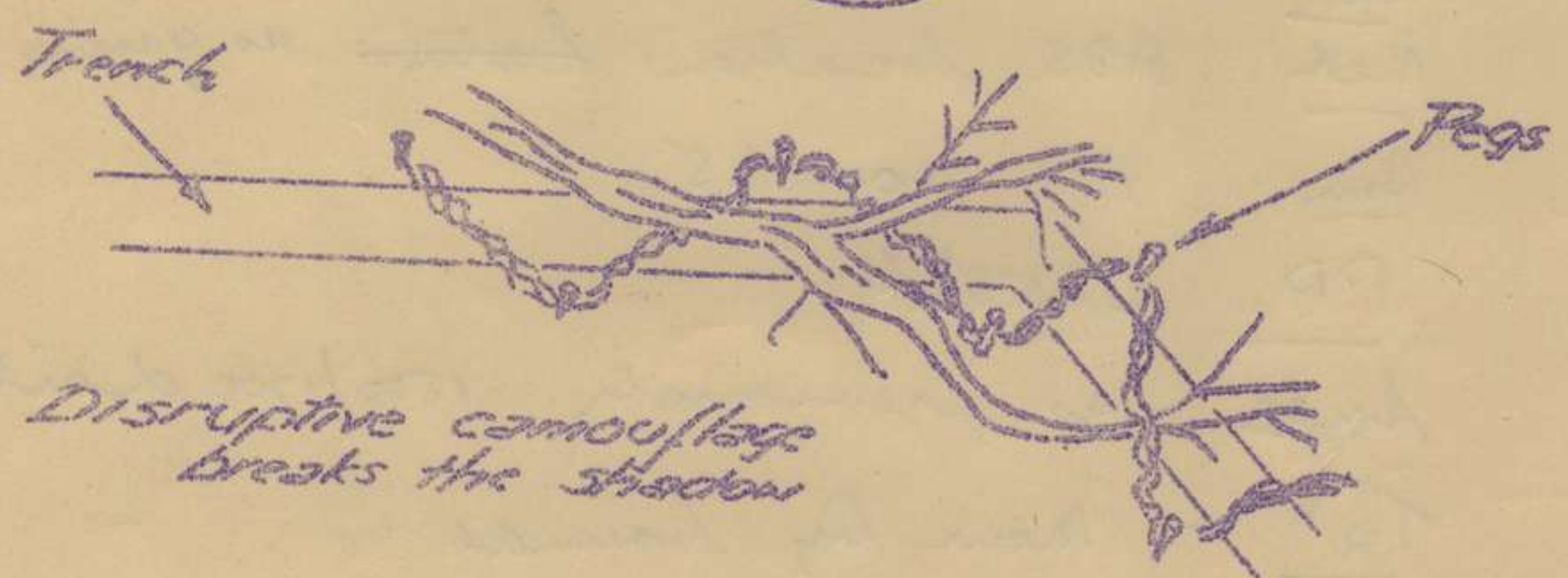
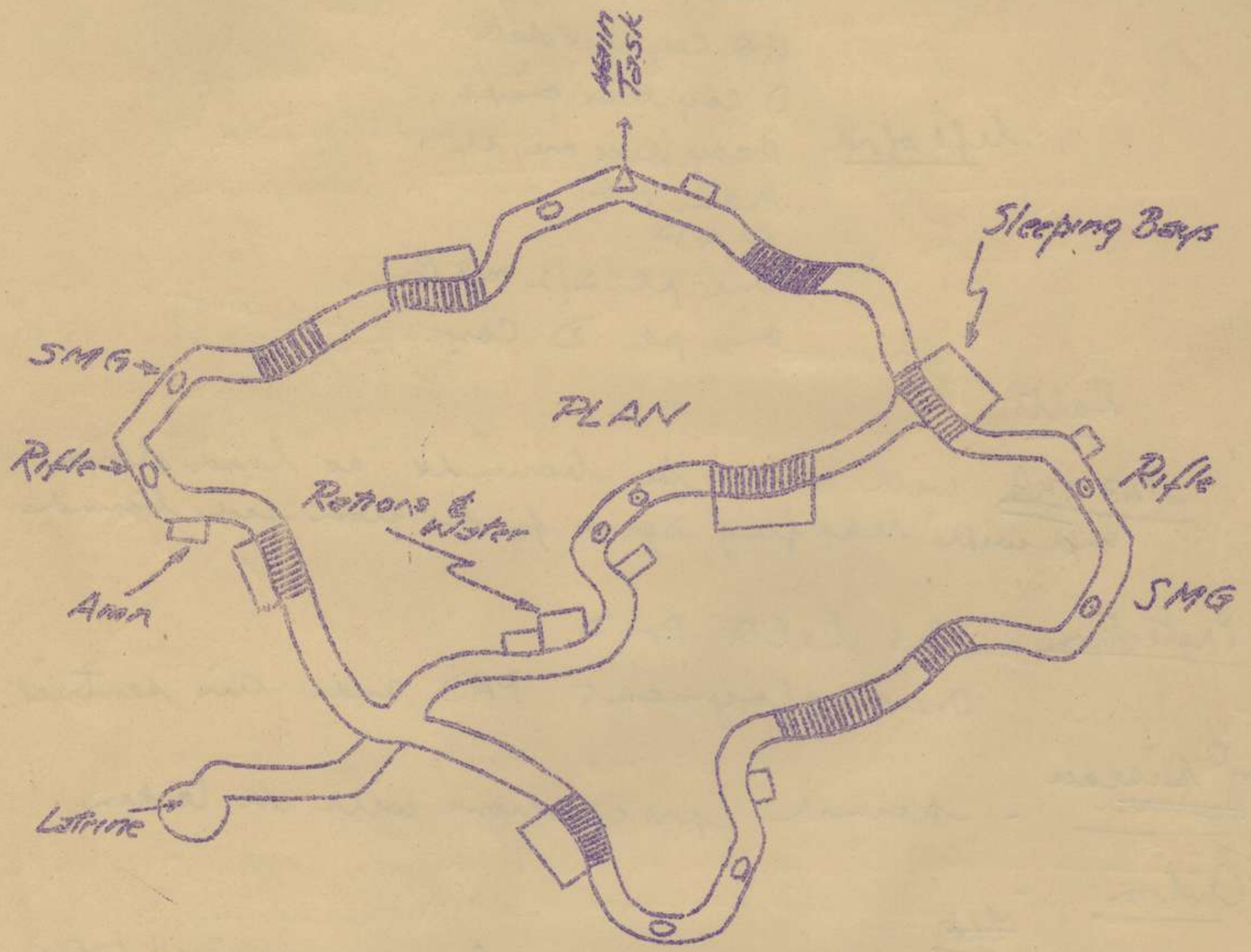
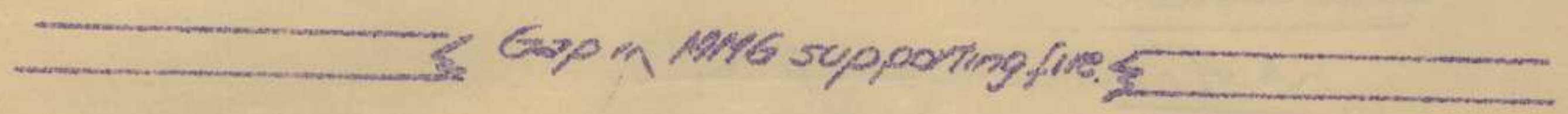
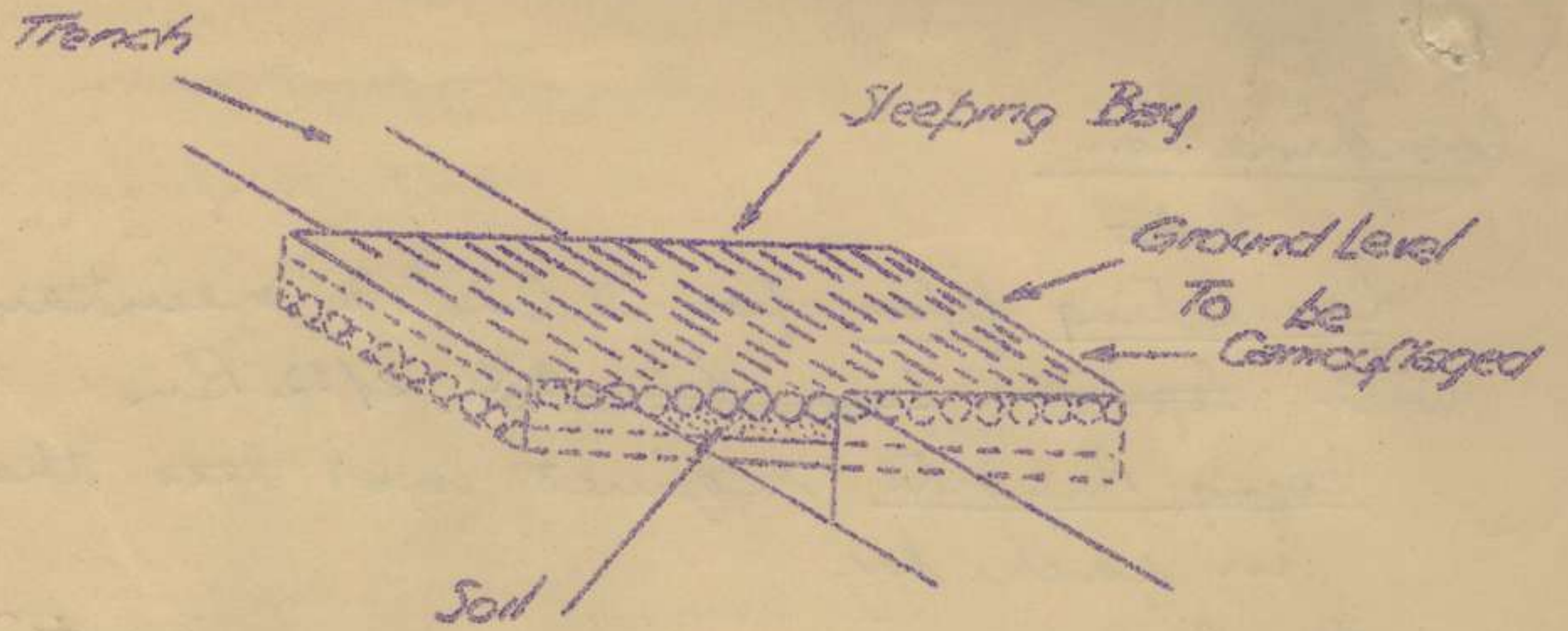
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Sup as previously 1500/1700 daily

Tpt - Move by bounds

VIM - 18.

MIH - 17



— APPENDIX to TRAINING NOTES —
 — THE SECTION POST —

(4)

Intercom

108 sets - C Coy.
B Coy.
Tact Hd.
D Coy

536 gp 2 - Tac to main no 4 pl.

4gp 5 - 1 to each ABCD coys

L/T will be laid ~~on~~ ^{to Bde} main axis
Evelyn Highway.

22 set - Remain on jeep & leap frog.

Synchronisation

3. Appended is a specimen plan of a post. Note the provision of lateral communications, arm room for grenade throwing and economy of digging.
4. None of the present posts is sufficient as a pattern for troops to carry in their minds as the ideal post. Others should be commenced at the earliest time, near unit lines, where they may be constantly viewed. A suggestion is that they be constructed in such a position as to permit fire to be used on present sites of 25th ranges. In other words to present fire positions for firing SA practices.

-- March Discipline --

5. It has been noted that units marching in column or route have done so, on main highways and tracks, in a most unsoldierly manner, with NO semblance of march discipline.
6. In such circumstances, there are only two methods of marching - "at ease" or "at attention". Both imply a regulation of pace, a keeping of step and due regard to formation and distance between sub-units.
7. Recent performances reflect badly upon our standard of training.

-- Skill at Arms Contest --

8. Progress is being maintained in the above competition; and, it is expected that some time will be available for its continuance. In general, the standard of training is fairly reflected by the results obtained; and, when platoons are finally led by their posted platoon commanders, it will be a true reflection of the capabilities of the latter.

2/43 Bn Was Plains
Appx No

APPX "A"

To be read in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde
EXERCISE "SWIFT" O.O. No.3 and subsequent orders

FORECAST OF ROUTES

- Route A - EVELYN HIGHWAY
- Route B - TUFTITOP - timber edge parallel to PALMER STON HIGHWAY -
track in sqs 4489 and 4490.
- Route C - TUFTITOP - track junc 406904
 - HUT 418919 - KNOLL 408940
 - Track junc 398954
 - Track junc 392965
 - Track junc 393977
 - EVELYN 370983
 - Track junc 377004
 - Track junc 372035
- Route D - X rds 463861
 - HUT 467874
 - Br 476887
 - Br 454912
 - SPUR 455923
- Route E - Rd junc 443918
 - RAM 447932
 - Rd junc 470957
 - Rd junc 443979
 - Rd junc 439971
- Route F - Cutting 400017
 - Thence by pad NE to junc track and pad at 420049
 - Track junc 433056
 - Track junc 431069
- Route G - EVELYN Rd leading to WONDECLA
- Route H - TRACEYS CORNER 413980
 - HUT 392980
 - Track junc 392999
 - Track junc 399015
 - Track junc 373036
 - Rd junc 368047

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FORECAST OF BOUNDS AND PTS TO BE REPORTED CLEAR

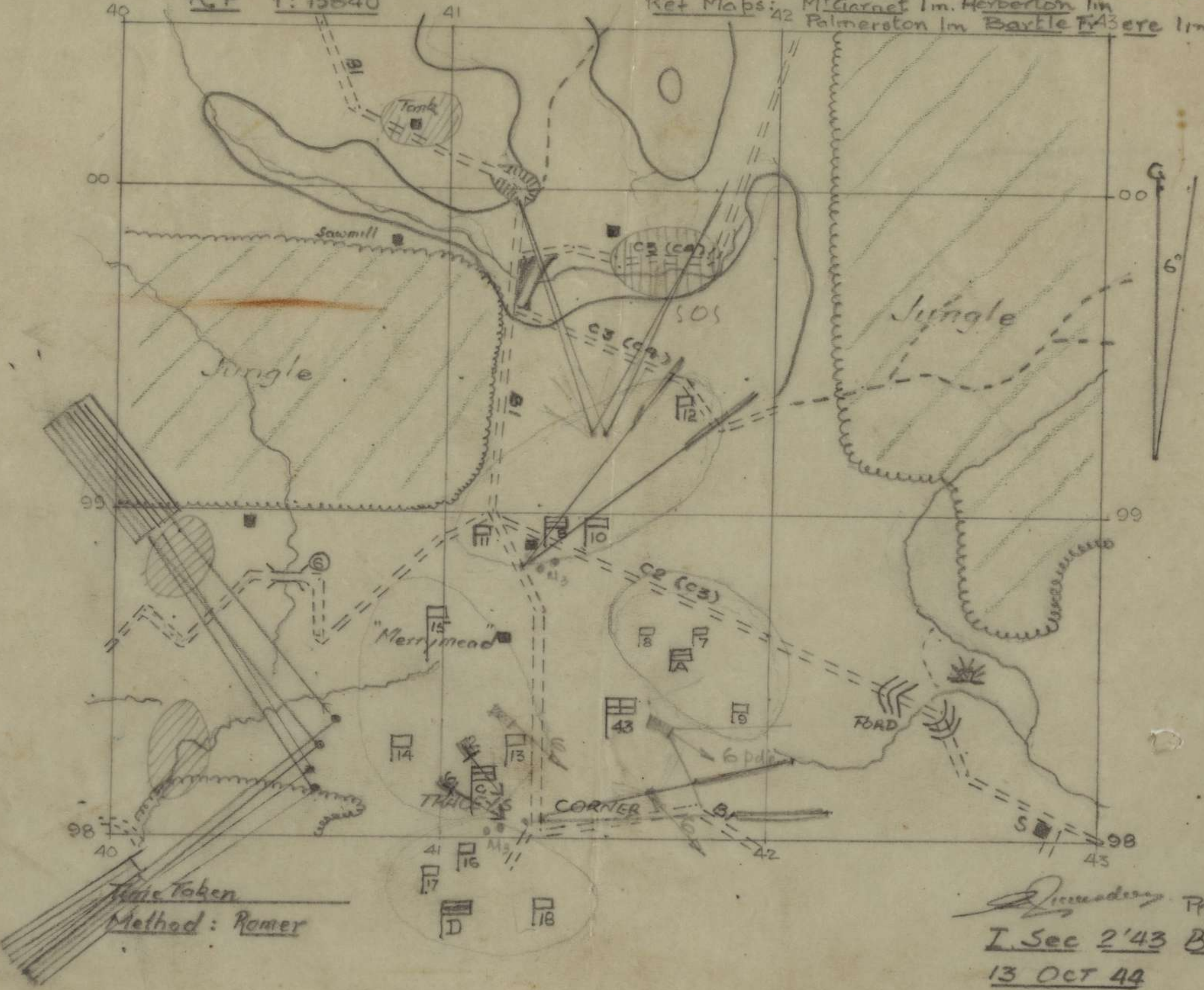
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1	Hut 414889	X rds 450869 to spur 4387	X rds 463861
2	Track junc 417907 Track junc 406904	Spur 463879 to track junc 456881 to knoll 434896	bend in track 475876
3	Lateral Track Through 418909	Spur 465910 to track junc 451904 to knoll 444908	Track junc 464903
4		Spur 460920 to knoll 443913	Knoll 452920
5		Knoll 446926 to track 432925	Bend track 457933
6	Track bend 459941 to Knoll 408940	Track bend 459941 to Knoll 408940	Track bend 459941 to knoll 408940
7	Knoll 406960 Track junc 398954	Knoll 446956 to Knoll 426963	Track junc 470958
8	Track junc 392965	Knoll 443970 to Knoll 430966	-
9	Lateral Rd through 393977	Spur 437885 to Track junc 413980 to Track junc 392977 to Track junc 361982	Track junc 443879
10	Lateral rd through 396988	Lateral track at 412890 - 398987	-
11	X rds 377004	Spur 417016 to jungle track junc 399015	-
12	X rds 368047	Rd 413033 to Rd junc 391038 to track junc 368047	Knoll 410030
13	X rds in sq 3505 control ALL	Track junc 422049 Track junc 396054	Track junc 420049
14		Track junc 431069 to Track junc 411073 to Track junc 382092 to Track junc 368097	Track junc 433056
14A		5	Track junc 431068

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2'43 Bn. Dispositions - Exercise SWIFT

R.F 1:15840

Ref Maps: 42 Mt Garnet Im. Herberton Im
Palmerston Im Bartle Fr 43 ere Im:



Time Taken
Method: Romer

Quartermaster
I. Sec 2'43 Bn
13 OCT 44

ADDENDUM TO 24 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR 15

SECRET

Copy No 21

13 Oct 44

1. Herewith detailed forecast of trg for period 18 - 20 Oct incl.
This cancels previous forecast for the same period.
- 2.

Serial	Date	Time	Trg
1	18 Oct	0900-1200K	2/32 Aust Inf Bn trg with assault boats.
2			2/43 Aust Inf Bn preparation of def posn.
3		1200K	2/43 Aust Inf Bn occupies def posn and the first exercise starts.
4	19 Oct	0800K	Exercise Ends.
5		0900-1200K	2/43 Aust Inf Bn trg with assault boats.
6			2/32 Aust Inf Bn preparation of def posns
7		1400-1700K	As for serials 5 and 6 in the reverse order.
8	20 Oct	0900-1200K	As for serials 5 and 6
9		1200K	2/32 Aust Inf Bn occupies def posn and the second exercise starts.

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SECRET
Copy No. 21
17 Oct 44

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "CANTO"

OBJECT

GEN INSTRS

1. To practice the mechanics of an opposed river crossing.

LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT

2. (a) Detail led recon.
(b) Choice of crossing place or places
(c) Use of assault boats
(d) Mov of stores before a br can be built
(e) Establishment of a br head

TPS TAKING PART

3. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

DATE AND DURATION

4. (a) D Day
(1) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn attack 18 Oct
(ii) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn attack 20 Oct
(b) Duration
From 1200K D minus 1 to 0800K D day.

ENEMY

5. (a) 2/4 3-Aust Inf Bn will act as enemy for 2/32 Aust Inf Bn on 18/19 Oct.
(b) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will act as enemy for 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on 20/21 Oct.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

6. (a) Blank amm only will be used. NO ball amm will be taken on the exercise.
(b) Flashing of torches will represent LMG and MMG posns.

CONTROL

7. Director Lt-Col N.W. SIMPSON
Asst Director Maj H.B. STANILAND

UMPIRES

8. (a) Defenders
The defending unit will sup the following :-
(i) one senior umpire to be a Capt
(ii) one offr umpire per coy
(iii) one NCO umpire per outpost or standing patrol.
(b) Attackers
The attacking unit will sup the following:-
(i) one senior umpire to be a Capt
(ii) one offr umpire per coy
(iii) one NCO umpire per pl.

DRESS

- 9. (a) Attackers Battle order and hats KFF
- (b) Defenders Battle order hats KFF turned up at side.

ADM

10. (a) Fires

(i) The country over which the exercise is to take place is extremely dry and the strictest control must be exercised in the lighting of fires. Comds will be responsible for ensuring that no fire is left unattended at any time and that adequate measures are taken to ensure that no damage is done to property by fire.

(ii) One cigarette butt carelessly thrown in the grass will result in a fire causing thousands of pounds of damage.

(b) Fences

The exercise is being conducted on private property which is heavily stocked. NO gates or slip rails will be left open at any time and no fences will be cut or broken for any reason.

(c) Bounds

(i) WOODLEIGH station and the immediate vicinity is out of bounds to all ranks.

(ii) The area between 181801 and 178800 is reserved for adm purposes and will NOT be used in the exercise.

(d) Sups

Normal.

(e) Water

2/7 Aust Fd Coy is establishing a WP the location of which will be advised.

(f) Med

2/3 Aust Fd Amb will arrange evac of sick from the exercise area.

(g) Dress for Umpires

as for p ara 9 (a) with white arm bands.

[Signature] Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "CANTO"

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OPENING SITUATION

17 Oct 44

During the early part of October a JAP force estimated at two divs landed in the INNISFAIL area and captured the town. Subsequently rfts were landed and by the 10 Oct the enemy had moved on to the TABLELANDS via PALMERSTON HIGHWAY and seized RAVENSHOE.

Local residents reported that some vehs with catipillar tracks had been seen moving with the JAP force as it entered RAVENSHOE. The str of this force is estimated as one div.

1 Aust Corps is in the area ATHERTON - HERBERTON and 9 Aust Div was ordered to adv on RAVENSHOE via EVELYN HIGHWAY whilst 7 Aust Div was to cut the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY at MILLAA MILLAA and adv on RAVENSHOE from the east.

Outline plan of GOC 9 Aust Div was to adv with two bdes on EVELYN HIGHWAY with 24 Aust Inf Bde acting as right flank protection on rd HERBERTON - MT GARNETT.

By the night D minus 2, 24 Aust Inf Bde reached the gen area DEADMANS rd and discovered the enemy in posn at the rd junc 185820. An attack was launched during the night and the enemy was dislodged.

patrols during the early morning D-1 reported that the enemy had withdrawn some 5000 yds to the east astride the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY and that there appeared to be some str in the area GRID AND GATE 174806 - CK 200796 - 200781 - RIVER BEND 174792. All indications were that the enemy was south of the MILL STREAM holding the high ground in the above area overlooking PALMERSTON HIGHWAY.

At approx 0900K D minus 1 CO 2/ Aust Inf Bn was called to Bde HQ to receive orders.

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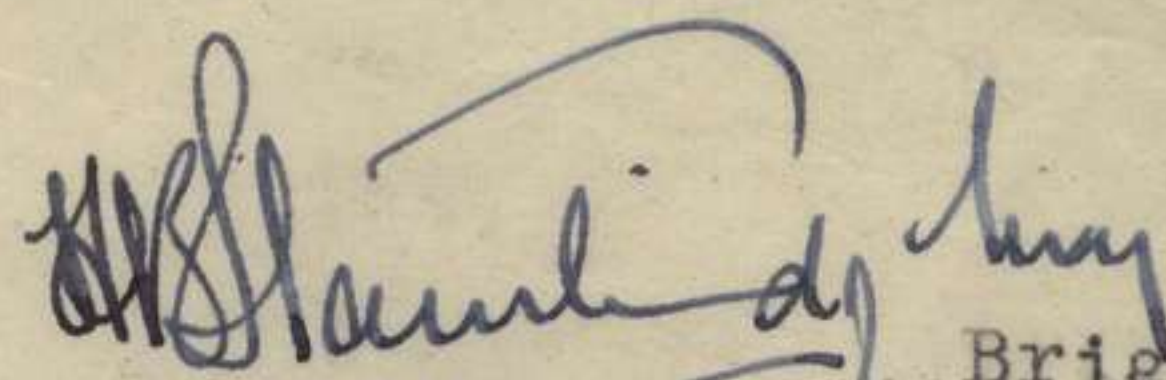
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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "CANTO"

OP INSTR 2

To Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy

1. There is no further infm about the enemy since our last sitrep except that it is confirmed that he has light tks.
2. You will cross the river MILLSTREAM between pts 180801 and 190799 and est a br head on the southern bank so that 2/7 Aust Fd Coy can erect a br over which the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will pass.
3. Preliminary moves. You will move your bn to an assembly posn in the area astride PALMERSTON HIGHWAY square 1881 by 1400K.
4. The br must be completed by 0730K on D day. (Note: Engr Offr will give estimate of time for erection of br as no bridging is available for exercise).
5. You will have 64 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt in sp.
6. 4 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will provide assault boat eqpt and will be in sp for your crossing.
7. Allotment of craft:
Assault craft 20 - (4 to be held by RAE as res)
Rubber recce boats 6.
8. Bde HQ will remain present area.
9. Success sig GREEN-WHITE-GREEN.

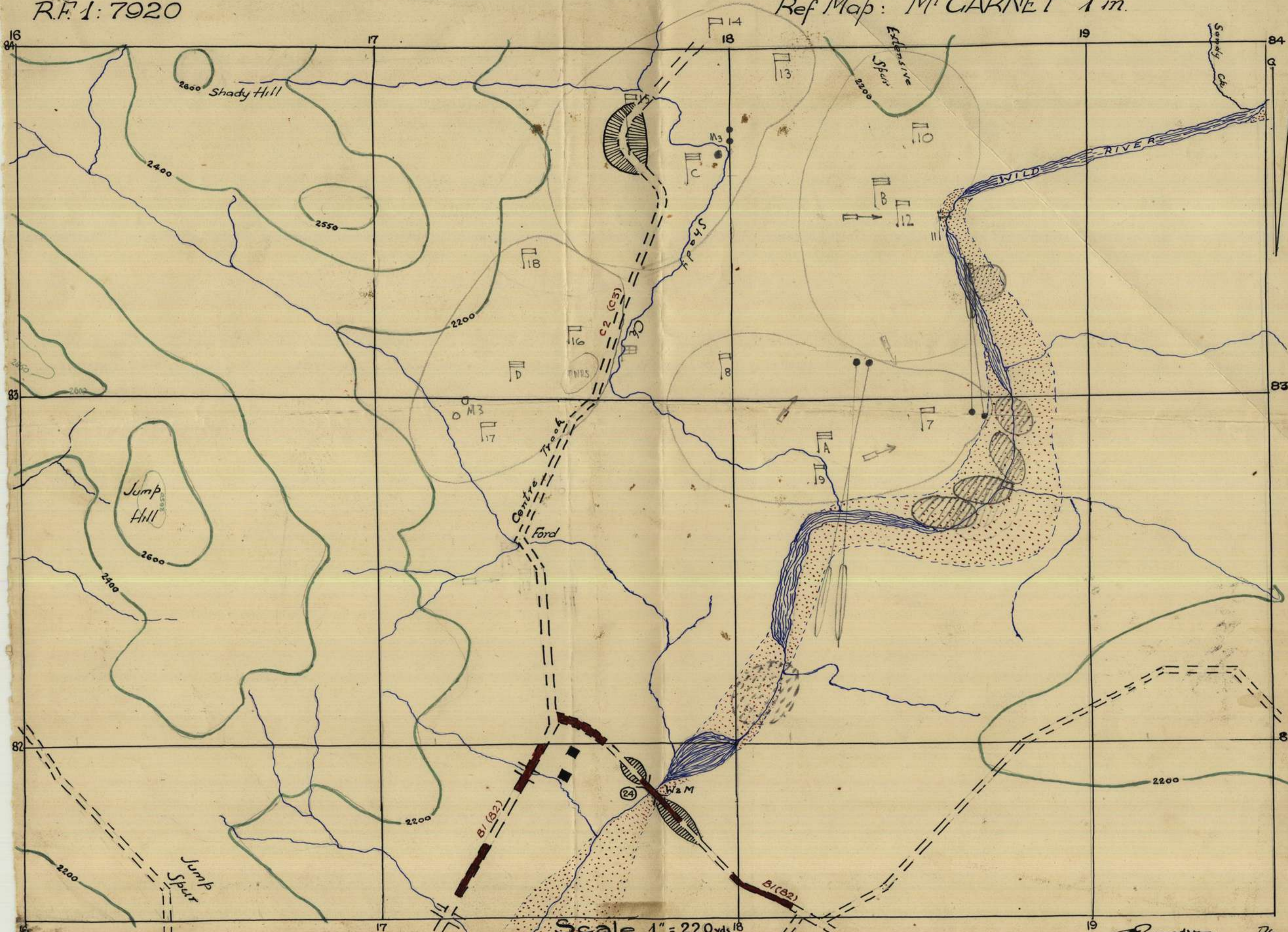

Brig
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde

ENLARGEMENT: CENTRE TR. AREA

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R.F. 1:7920

Ref Map: M^T GARNET 1 in.



Time Taken : 3 hrs
Method : Romer.

Quinlan. Pte
I. Sec. 2/43 Bn.
19 OCT 44.

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Subject : THE AUST ARMY CHAPLAINS DEPARTMENT AND RELIGION

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
23 Oct 44

1. It is felt that possibly some officers do not realise that the Aust Army Chaplains Dept is an integral part of the Army and that therefore its administration must be given the same care and consideration that is extended to all other services. Quite unintentionally through misunderstandings, and failure to appreciate what the AACH D stands for, there have been recent cases of irritation in the administration of Chaplaincy matters and the conduct of religion generally.
2. Although there may be a number of officers and other ranks who are not concerned in the maintenance of any particular form of religion, this must not cause any of them to do anything to impede, or cause irritation in, the proper administration of religious matters generally, and in particular the duties of Chaplains. It is realised that training and operational necessity (when applicable) may at times interfere with certain aspects of this administration, but even at such times, everything should be done by all to assist as far as reasonably lies in their power.
3. The Chaplains Dept is responsible for the spiritual and moral welfare of all personnel, and in this regard Chaplains will be available always to discuss any problems with the CO, or OC, of a unit.
4. It will be the duty of every officer, at all times, to act in the spirit of both this document and GRO A353/44 (set out below).

GROA353. RELIGION IN THE ARMY

1. The Commander-in-Chief directs the attention of all ranks to the importance of religion in the Army and the right of every soldier to the free practice of his religion.
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 Australian Military Regulations and Orders.
2. Chaplains appointed to units or to the headquarters of formations are the logical consultants of commanders in all matters relating to religion in the command and in matters involving morale, morality and public religious observances.
3. Chaplains are trained specialists and commanders of all grades will give them every practical assistance in the more efficient performance of their duties. This responsibility of commanders is a very real one and must be exercised with a care at least equal to that accorded to other activities.
4. Unless, in the opinion of the commanding officer, conditions preclude it, every unit will hold a general parade on Sundays. 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 being left at the disposal of the commanding officer.
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. GRO A37/1944 is cancelled.

2/43 Bn Max Daily
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RESTRICTED

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

Routine Orders Part I

by

Serial 11/44

Lt-col N W SIMPSON DSO

Nos 52 - 55

comd

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

23 Oct 44

In the Field

52. CENSORSHIP - PICTURE POSTCARDS AND BOOKS OF VIEWS - AMENDMENT (1 Aust Corps RO 271/44)

1. Bn RO 27 of 3 Sep 44 is amended by Corps RO 271/44.
2. Picture postcards and books of views covering localities NORTH of 25 degrees south latitude will NOT be sent through the post. This applies to this unit which is NORTH of 25 degrees south latitude.

53. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP (GRO G371/44)

1. SECURITY

A member will not communicate any prohibited information except for the purpose of carrying out his duty. A breach of this provision is also an offence under the Defence Act 1903-1941, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both.

A member will NOT send through the post any diary or notebook.

All diaries and notebooks will be collected

- (i) before any movement by sea or (except within the Commonwealth of Australia) by air;
- (ii) whenever contact with the enemy is imminent;
- (iii) On the 31st December in each year and at such times as are notified in formation or L of C area routine orders.

Diaries and notebooks will be sent to nearest detachment of Fd Censorship coy or to nearest Base Censor. They will be clearly marked as such and will show the regimental number, name, rank and unit of the owner.

After examination they will be sent to Echelon & Records of the L of C area of enlistment of the owner for storage and safe custody.

Similar procedure will be made for disposal of official notebooks kept by officers and other ranks containing technical notes or records of details connected with their duties, notes of army schools etc.

Diaries and notebooks will be returned to the owner on application to Echelon and Records, after return to Australia, provided that they have been approved by OC Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor for release.

If they are not approved they shall not be returned until after the termination of hostilities.

No member will carry with him when returning to the Commonwealth of Australia, or send, deal with or dispose of any diary or notebook except in accordance with the provisions of this order.

2. CENSORSHIP

A member will not post or send any communication containing any prohibited information. In particular, reference shall not be made to any of the following matters -

- (a) strength of any organization of our own or allied forces (incl. navy and air forces) or reference to their morale.
- (b) location of any naval, military or air force unit or detachment except -
 - (i) to the extent to which the official address of the unit includes the name of the location;
 - (ii) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Commonwealth of Australia may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in a State of the Commonwealth or in the Northern Territory, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in that State or territory;
 - (iii) that, in a communication to an address outside Australia, a member may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in Australia or a Pacific Island, but he may not give any indication of the State in

Australia or which island in the Pacific.

- (iv) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the territory of Papua or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea or Dutch New Guinea may, subject to any restrictions imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in such territory or country, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in such territory or country.
- (c) movements of any naval, military or air force units or detachments (including reference to reinforcements)
- (d) armament or equipment of any kind
- (e) distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;
- (f) plans or forecasts of orders for current, future or cancelled operations or movements, whether known, rumoured or surmised;
- (g) communications, such as the use, condition of probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations etc;
- (h) state of the maintenance services (including any reference to reserves);
- (i) position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps;
- (j) casualty figures before official publication;
- (k) the effect of any action by the enemy. This includes any remark that may tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people and people of neutral or allied countries;
- (l) criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

3. PROHIBITED ARTICLES

A member will not, save in the course of duty, include in a communication-

- (a) any document or equipment captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or any document containing information about the enemy, other than documents or equipment stamped with a War Souvenir Stamp, signed by an authorized officer certifying that the article is not required by Intelligence.
- (b) official documents, including Intelligence summaries, orders, maps etc.
- (c) official documents belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory;
- (d) propaganda leaflets, whether issued by the enemy or by Australian or allied forces or authorities.

4. CODES AND CIPHERS

A member will not post or send any communication containing -

- (a) any writing which bears any meaning other than that contained on the face of it;
- (b) any instructions or request to use any means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording any information or to use any form of code, cipher or shorthand;
- (c) any writing, mark, sign or thing secretly conveying or recording information;
- (d) any code, cipher, shorthand or any writing, mark or sign in any form of code, cipher or shorthand.

5. OFFICIAL ADDRESS

All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written, in the case of a telegram, on the back; in the case of a letter or letter-card, on the top right-hand corner of the first page; and, in the case of a packet, parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein. A member shall NOT use any address other than his official address or receive any communication except through that address or request any person to send to him any communication except to that address.

6. WHEN CIVIL POSTING PROHIBITED

A member, whose communications are subject to unit censorship, will submit to unit censorship all communications made subject thereto by this order. He will NOT despatch or attempt to despatch any communication through civil postal channels

7. CARRYING COMMUNICATIONS FOR OTHERS

A member will NOT carry, convey, send or post any communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

8. GREEN ENVELOPES

A member may use a green envelope to send letters which contain private or family matters.

Green envelopes are available on the scale of 1 for each member every 10 days.

A member who is guilty of a breach of security may have the privilege of using Green envelopes withdrawn by his CO.

As a disciplinary or security measure, LHQ may direct that the issue of green envelopes to units be stopped.

9. NEWSPAPERS

A member in this area will NOT post or send any newspaper unless authority so to do has been given by the GOC formation.

No unit newspaper will be sent by post unless the issue of such newspaper has been passed for publication by an Assistant or Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations.

54. INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS (GRO F377/44)

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for the rebate of tax to a taxpayer in respect of his wife and children resident in Australia.

2. A member of the AMF who married in a country other than Australia and whose wife or children are NOT resident in Australia is NOT entitled to such rebate.

As the non-allowance might cause hardship, any member affected is requested to apply, through his pay representative, for a remission of tax.

3. A member applying for such remission will furnish -

(a) his name in full and all regimental particulars; and

(b) the names and addresses of his dependants,

and will advise whether -

(i) his wife and children are wholly maintained by him;

(ii) his wife's separate income exceeds £50 per annum (Australian); and

(iii) it is his intention, as soon as war conditions permit and transport is available, to bring his wife and children to reside in Australia.

4. The application will be forwarded by the pay representative to the Director of Finance Administration, LHQ, who will refer the case to the Taxation Department for consideration.

55. ANGAU - APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES

Applications are invited from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU) Full particulars are available from Bn HQ.

part I (b) PUNISHMENTS - DCM - QX16340 PTE RICHARDS G.F.

Corrigendum: period 0630 hrs 3 Jul 44 till 2200 hrs 29 Jul 44
to read

0630 hrs 3 Jul 44 till 2200 hrs 29 Aug 44.

K. L. [Signature]
Capt
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

EXERCISE - SECRET

HQ 9 Aust Div
G240/30/17
22 Oct 44

ORDERS FOR PRELIMINARY MOVE.

BDE G. EXERCISE "KITE".

To be issued to Comd Bde Gp 0900 hrs D minus 2 at Main HQ Bde Gp :-

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move to occupy outpost posn on gen line HILL 3400 (4137) - rd bend 420855 - track and rd junc 4184. No move before 0600 hrs D minus 1.
2. Remainder of Bde Gp will bivouac in area RAVENSHOE and except for fd arty, generally EAST of THE MILLSTREAM.
3. Outpost posn will be occupied by 1800 hrs D minus 1. Remainder of Bde Gp will be disposed by 1900 hrs D minus 1.
4. B Bde Gp for purpose of exercise is 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXERCISE - SECRET

HQ 9 Aust Div
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24 Oct 44.

DIV COMD'S FINAL ORDERS.

BDE G. EXERCISE "KITE"

For issue to Comd Bde Gp 1700 hrs D minus 1 at Tac HQ Bde Gp :-

- (a) Enemy mov 300/400 reported just NORTH CHILVERTON 4491, approx 1600 hrs
- (b) Orders and instrs included in 'Opening Situation' will be implemented.

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HQ 9 Aust Div
23 Oct 44
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BDE GP EXERCISE "KITE"

EXTRACTS FROM 9 AUST DIV INF SUMMARY No. 10

Based on infm received from 1900 hrs 23 Oct to 1900 hrs 24 Oct 44.

Ref Maps: ATHERTON TABLELANDS (SPECIAL) 4 miles to 1 in.

1. OPS

24 Oct

In the coastal sector the enemy has maintained pressure on our forces in area HARVEYS CK (3982) but has been unable to adv.

The location of the main body of the enemy force advancing from YUNGA BURRA towards MILLAA MILLAA is not known. There has been only 1 contact between adv elements of this force and our forces in area 2 miles NNE of MINBUN 352802. Patrols WEST from MILLAA MILLAA encountered small enemy parties near rd junc 346796 during afternoon, and were forced to withdraw to 349797, where they remained in contact. The enemy did NOT however press EAST, and it is considered likely that the enemy in this area were a flank gd of the force moving on axis ATHERTON - UPPER BARRON - CHILVERTON.

Further WEST, southward mov of 500/400 Japs through JENSENVILLE 341801 between 0830 and 0930 hrs was reported by refugee bushmen, and a later report was that 400 Japs were just NORTH of CHILVERTON 344792 at 1000 hrs. This force probably represents the adv gd of the Jap regt believed to be directed on RAVENSHOE on rd ATHERTON - UPPER BARRON (3481) - RAVENSHOE. Contact has NOT yet been made in RAVENSHOE area.

Jap adv has also been reported in HERBERTON area. VDC tps in that area report that a Jap force of about two bns occupied HERBERTON morning 23 Oct; one bn of this force then moved SOUTH, harassed by VDC, and by last lt had reached FLAGGY CK 323804. Refugee farmers also reported to VDC that a party of 50 Japs were seen at 1700 hrs the same day moving SOUTH at 322805. VDC tps have since been forced to withdraw SW along WILD RIVER from FLAGGY CK, and no further infm is available regarding enemy progress SOUTH of FLAGGY CK.

Our tps advancing on HERBERTON from SW have reached THE JUNCTION 319794 without making contact.

2. ENEMY OOB

A sketch captured by our forces 2 miles NNE of MINBUN 352802 shows following dispositions:-

9 Inf Regt advancing on rd YUNGA BURRA - MILLAA MILLAA
20 Inf Regt advancing on rd ATHERTON - UPPER BARRON - RAVENSHOE
33 Inf Regt in YUNGA BURRA area
(These three regts belong to 16 Div)

The sketch also shows an amphibious bde (number not stated) advancing on rd ATHERTON - WIRPOO 339824 - MOOMBIN 331815 - HERBERTON.

There is no definite evidence that 16 Div has been reorganised on an "island warfare" basis, like 2, 5 and 13 divs. In view of the nature of Aust terrain, it is NOT unlikely that 16 Div has been maintained as a "normal div". If this is so, it would NOT be surprising if 16 Div makes better use of its arty than the Jap divs in NEW GUINEA have done.

It is known also that a tk regt (equipped with 61 med and 21 lt tks) has trained with 16 Div in the past, and has even been under its cmd at various periods. It is possible that this tk regt may have accompanied 16 Div to AUST. A diary belonging to a Jap 1/Lt and captured in MINBUN area contained an entry dated 21 Oct :- "The bn is eagerly awaiting the arrival of our tk regt on the TABLELANDS; then the enemy will reel before our adv".

The presence of an amphibious bde is interesting. Four such bdes are known to exist; they were probably raised with the intention of providing mob res striking forces in the Jap MANDATES, to be rushed to threatened pts.

It is believed that an amphibious bde took part in landing ops NORTH of CAIRNS. However, the enemy has in the past showed himself prepared to use these bdes in roles other than those originally intended. It is therefore NOT "out of character" for the enemy to have an amphibious bde operating so far inland.

Amphibious bdes have three bns and incl all arms. Personnel total 340, and the amphibious bde has considerable fire power, incl 9 lt tks (each 1 x 37 mm tk gun and 2 MMGs), 1 x 75 mm mtn guns, 6 x 37 mm QF guns, 15 x 20 mm automatics, 63 x 81 mm mortars and 18 MMGs.

3. ENEMY AIR

Recent air phs of MAREEBA airfd indicate that our demolitions and the attacks of our med bombers have made it unserviceable for use by large numbers of aircraft. However, the enemy could use the airfd for staging in up to about 10 aircraft from his bas s further NORTH.

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EXERCISE - SECRET.

HQ 9 Aust Div

6 Oct 44

G 42/30/17

9 AUST DIV TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

EXERCISES - "SWIFT, SWALLOW, KITE"

OPENING SITUATION

(Night D minus 1 / D Day; to be issued to Comd Bde Gp at 0900 hrs D minus 2)

Ref Maps : AHERTON TABLELANDS (Special) 4 ins to 1 ml.

1. A Jap force based on CAIRNS and advancing on INNISFAIL has been held on the coast in the HARVEY Ck (3932) area by First Aust Army formations based on INNISFAIL. About one Jap div had moved up GILLIES HIGHWAY and has been advancing south through YUNGABURRA, apparently with the object of capturing YUNGABURRA - AHERTON and then gain control of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY between INNISFAIL and RAVENSHOE.

2. No rolling stock has fallen into Jap hands and only very few MT. Jap medium tanks have been in action in the coast sector but none has been seen in the TABLELANDS so far.

3. 7 Aust Div less 13 Bde Gp moving from INNISFAIL to MILLAA MILLAA bivouaced night D minus 1 / D with head at rd junc (387791).

13 Bde Gp has been delaying the enemy advance from YUNGABURRA and on night D minus 1 / D is disposed about 2 mls NW of MILLAA MILLAA at which town it is to be joined by remainder of 7 Aust Div on D plus 1.

13 Bde Gp has a rear party of one bn in light contact with enemy about 2 mls NNE of MINBUN (352802). 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt under comd 13 Bde is disposed as follows :

Regt less one sqn to NW and west of MILLAA MILLAA, protecting left flank and with patrols as far west as rd at 349797.

One sqn on PALMERSTON HIGHWAY as far SW of MILLAA MILLAA as 348785.

4. Intelligence reports indicate that a Jap force of about a bde strength is moving south on rd AHERTON-UPPER BARRON(3461) - RAVENSHOE. Although the main body of this bde is believed to be near AHERTON, 2/7 Cav Regt's patrols had encountered small enemy parties near rd junc (346796) during afternoon D minus 1 and withdrew about 1 ml east where they remained in contact but not hard pressed, and the same morning, refugee bushmen saw 3/400 Japs moving south past JENSENVILLE (341801) between 0830 and 0930 hrs.

VDC HERBERTON area reports a Jap force of about two bns occupied HERBERTON morning D minus 2 and one bn of this force moved south, harassed by VDC and by last light had reached FLAGGY Ck 328804. Refugee farmers had also reported to VDC that a party of 50 Japs had been seen moving south at 352805. No reports are available as to further progress since VDC has been forced to withdraw down WILD RIVER.

5. On D minus 1, 9 Aust Div which had been in Army res, came under comd 1 Aust Corps and after making a forced march from direction of MT GARNET, reached RAVENSHOE area where it bivouaced without making contact. 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt directed on HERBERTON reached THE JUNCTION (319794).

6. Air Situation. Air strengths are roughly equal. No air support or tac R is available in the TABLELANDS. Enemy recon flights and small bombing raids are to be expected.

Ref Maps : BARTLE FRERE, PALMERSTON, MT GARNET, HERBERTON 1 inch series.

7. Disposns 9 Aust Div night D minus 1 / D Day :-

(a) A Bde Gp -

- (i) Outposts on general line HILL 3000 (4187) - rd bend 420855 - track and rd junc 4184. No tps to be east or north of this gen line.
- (ii) X Bn, B Bde is temporarily under comd A Bde and holding general line HILL 3100 (388366) - HILL 3200 (385875) and is to revert to comd B Bde 0600 hrs D Day.
- (iii) Remainder A Bde Gp bivouaced in area RAVENSHOE and, except for fd arty, generally east of THE MILLSTREAM.

(b) B Bde Gp -

From RESERVOIR 3984 SW, astride rd MT GARNET - RAVENSHOE.

(c) C Bde Gp -

In rear of B Bde Gp astride rd MT GARNET - RAVENSHOE.

(d) 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one sqn at THE JUNCTION.

8. A Bde Gp comprises :-

- HQ A Bde, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl
- X Bn
- Y "
- Z "
- One commando sqn
- One fd regt
- One tka bty
- One fd coy
- One MG coy
- One pnr coy
- Det HQ AASC
- Two sup depot pls
- One tpt pl
- One fd cmb
- One bde ord fd pk
- One bde wksp
- One sec 9 Div Pro Coy
- One det Fd Cash Office
- One Det Div Sal Unit
- One EPO
- One det Div Sigs

9. On D Day :-

- (a) 7 Aust Div is to advance to MILLAR MILLAR which 18 Bde Gp is to hold till joined, then adv on YUNGABURRA.
- (b) 9 Aust Div is to advance on ATHERTON.

10. Inter-Div bndy (junc pts underlined).

Incl 9 Aust Div, LOOKOUT ROCK 4384 - rd cutting 435855 - MT FISHER 4792 - excl rd bend 478961 - track junc 427033 - foot and veh track junc 456048 - incl rd junc 480098 - rd junc 466122 - rd junc 472144 - rd junc 473173 - rd junc 472234

11. Gist of 9 Aust Div plan as affecting A Bde Gp :-

- (a) To adyace with A Bde Gp right, B Bde Gp left; 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one sqn to reach HERTBERTON earliest possible and give early warning of and delay any enemy move through that area.
- (b) Inter Bde bndy (junc pts underlined): incl to left: track bend 407375 - track junc 406904 - excl br 395929 - track junc 392965 - incl track junc 361932 - excl rd and track junc 342064 - track junc 353093 - incl track bend 374140.

(c) A Bde Gp :-

- (i) X Bn to revert to comd ^B Bde Gp 0600 hrs D Day.
- (ii) A Bde Gp to ~~move~~ ^{NOT} ~~before~~ first light and except for fd arty to be east of line rd and track 393349 - 397370 by 0900 hrs D Day.

(d) B Bde Gp to start adv 0900 hrs D Day

(e) Objectives -

A Bde Gp

- 1st. Spur 3350 (469379)
- track junc 455331
- track junc - and
tracks enclosing
pt 415907.
- 2nd. Ring contour 4593 -
knoll 436940 - hill
3600 (4293) hill
3650 (4093)
- 3rd. Hill 3700 (4398)
TRACEYS CORNER 4193,
X rds 3997 - track
junc 372979.
- 4th. Track at 413032 - rd
junc 3903 - rd and
track junc 3604.
- 5th. X rds 4306 - rd and
track junc 411073
track junc 331092
track junc 358097.

B Bde Gp

- 1st. Hill 3700 (400917)
TUMOULIN 3691 - spur
3200 (346899)
- 2nd. Track junc 3694 - TURALKA
3493 - EVELYN 3093.
- 3rd. Track junc 353935 - track
bend 332931 - track junc
313971 - hill 3250 (230960)
- 4th. Hill 3000 (3202) - spur
2900 (294045) - FLAGGY Ck
2304 - spur 2800 (254020).
- 5th. Hill 3050 (340000) - track
junc 323005 - QUARRY 296005
hill 2800 (2700)

(f) One fd regt to be under comd each fwd bde.

(g) C Bde Gp, res, first bound - RAVENSHOE.

(h) Adm A Bde Gp -

- (i) Sups - FSD RAVENSHOE
- (ii) POL - DIPOD rly yard RAVENSHOE.
- (iii) Amn - FAD, Camp E9 RAVENSHOE.
- (iv) Ord - ADOS Dump MT GARNET 364821
- (v) Med - CCS PALMERSTON 423343.

(i) HQ 9 Aust Div FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES initially present location.

Distribution

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List Z, less Bdes NOT being exercised.

HQ 9 Aust Div
5 Oct 44
G 33/30/17

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Umpires will pay particular attention to the following matters on which they will be prepared to comment at the end of the exercise. In addition they will take notes of all orders issued.

1. Tactical formations.
2. Plans for attack: Objectives, protective detts, lines of advance, allotment of troops, fire plan, timings and arrangements for consolidation and/or exploitation.
3. Exploitation
 - (a) Whether all subordinate comds on gaining objectives took immediate steps by local exploitation to obtain security and assist neighbouring units.
 - (b) Plans for exploitation beyond the objective area.
 - (c) Any failure to use opportunity for exploitation. Any culpable loss of contact.
4. In the advance
 - (a) Arrangements to search and secure frontage, and flanks.
 - (b) Continuous protection by forward troops to units in rear.
 - (c) Any loss of opportunity or lack of thrust on part of all comds of forward troops in pushing in between enemy localities, and seizing tactically important ground.
 - (d) Were comds far forward enough to seize opportunities and make further plans without loss of time?
 - (e) Ability of arty to give continuous support.
 - (f) Arrangements for protection throughout the bde area for protection against tanks.
5. All umpires will be prepared to discuss vehicle scalings and any improvements in allotment of present holdings. It is desired to arrive at the irreducible minimum of vehicle scalings which is necessary to permit the division on present jungle organisation to operate under conditions of mobile warfare.
6. Concealment and use of natural camouflage.
7. Dispersal of men, equipment and vehs, on the move, at the halt, and in action.
8. Battle procedure in all formations, units and sub-units, covering recce and orders.
9. The time factor in getting information, making decisions and issuing instructions.

10. Movement of bde and unit HQ.
11. Recording of orders, instructions and messages.
12. Passing of information of all kinds from sub-units to units, units to bde, bde to div. Recording of information.
13. Contents and clarity of messages.
14. Arrangements at junc pts with 7 Aust Div and B Bde.
15. Proper briefing of patrols.
16. Various alternative methods of intercomm between the various units and formations.
17. Composition, employment and sig comms of all recee parties.
18. Any departure from normal operation of the services and effects of such departure.
19. Sig discipline - correct laying of line - regard of troops for preservation of line comm - liaison between sigs and RME.
20. Local security arrangements by all sub-units and units at all times. PAD.
21. Traffic control.
22. Track discipline, particularly near HQ.
23. Rendition of all proper returns for "A", "Q" and "G" purposes by the times laid down.
24. Arrangements for hot meals.
25. Discipline of all kinds.
26. During the exercise, cas to personnel will be made at approx. times and places as shown in Schedule of Cas.
27. Umpires will be issued with medical slips in triplicate to be filled in as indicated, original to be secured to cas and duplicate held by Umpire.
28. Umpires will ensure that when enemy cas are evacuated to rear that they move complete with all eqpt and gear.
29. CEME will allot veh cas.

SERVICE UMPIRES

ADDITIONAL POINTS TO NOTE

30. Amn expenditure and replacement with particular reference to availability to carry out all fire plans ordered.
31. Reporting and replacement of arms and equipment "destroyed" or "damaged".
32. Evacuation of casualties. Siting and movement of unit RAs, working of Regtl stretcher bearers.

33. Sign posting of tracks, HQ etc.
34. Working of Regtl Police.
35. Handling of POW.
36. Information posts - degree of reliability and range of information available throughout.
37. Economical use of transport / : available.
38. Evacuation of vehicle casualties.
39. Whether drivers conversant with the correct procedure in reporting accidents and breakdowns.

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GS 9 Aust Div

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O 294 EXERCISE SECRET SWALLOW etc (.) amendment instrs to umpires (.) delete all detail para 27 substitute umpires will be issued with medical slips in duplicate to be filled in as indicated (.) original will be secured to cas and duplicate will be handed by senior bn umpires to chief umpire daily for forwarding to MDS daily for medical umpires checking (.) it is essential that TOTAL number of cas as shown in schedule of cas be allotted during the exercise

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EXERCISE - SECRET

Hq 9 Aust Div
4 Oct 44
G23/80/17

9 AUST DIV TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - EXERCISE "SWIFT", "SWALLOW", "KITE".

Ref Maps :

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| (i) MT GARNET 1 in | (iv) HERBERTON 1 in |
| (ii) PALMERSTON 1 in | (v) INNESFALL Strat |
| (iii) BARTLE FRERE 1 in | (vi) ATHERTON Strat |

1. Object.

To exercise a bde gp, on jungle establishment, in the action of an advanced guard and advanced tps in open country, and to study :-

- (a) Tactical formations
- (b) The action of forward tps on making contact
- (c) Attack
- (d) Exploitation
- (e) The movement problem with present vehicle establishments.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tps taking part</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
11 / 14 Oct	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"SWIFT"
18 / 21 Oct	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"SWALLOW"
25 / 28 Oct	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp HQ 9 Aust Div	"KITE"

(Composition of bde gps is shown in attached Appx "A").

3. Area - RAVENSHOE.

4. Dress.
- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Bde gp | - according to bde orders |
| DS and Umpires | - white armbands, both arms. |
| Enemy | - steel helmets. |

5. Fences.

The cutting of fences will be kept to a minimum.

- (a) Each unit will organise fence cutting and repairing parties. These parties will carry a roll of barbed wire and necessary tools in order that fences when cut can be quickly and securely repaired. Barbed wire will be drawn from RAE prior to the exercise commencing.
- (b) If at any time it is necessary to keep a gap in the fence open for a lengthy period, provost personnel will be posted at the gap to prevent stock wandering from home paddocks.
- (c) A sketch, 2 ins 1 ml showing tracks, fences and gates (x), is attached Appx "B" (to be forwarded later).

6. Vehs.

- (a) All units may employ up to 100 WET vehs. However, when non-operational vehs are used in lieu of say a JEEP AND TRAILER, then only a normal JEEP AND TRAILER load will be placed in the non-operational veh.
- (b) Details of umpires and enemy vehs will be issued separately.

7. Assembly and time exercise starts etc

- (a) D Day for each exercise is first date of each period shown in para 2.
- (b) Exercise starts first light D Day.
- (c) Preliminaries :
 - (i) Bde gp will dispose itself by night D minus 1 / D in accordance with Opening Situation. Outposts in posn. Arty in action in support of outposts and bde posn. Defensive plan except for outposts need not be worked out.
 - (ii) 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary will be issued 1900 hrs D minus 1.
- (d) Opening Situation will be issued to :
Comd Bde Gp at 0900 hrs D minus 2.
- (e) Div Comd's Plan will be issued to :
Comd Bde Gp at 1500 hrs D minus 2.
- (f) Orders for Preliminary Move will be issued to :
Comd Bde Gp at 0900 hrs D minus 1.
- (g) Final orders will be issued on the ground to :
Comd Bde Gp at 1700 hrs D minus 1.

8. Amn.

- (a) Bde gps will provide 8000 rds SAA blank for own use.
- (b) Bde gps will provide 10 rds per gun ctges QF blank 2 pr.

9. Direction.

- (a) Director: Comd 9 Aust Div
Assistants to Director G & Q Branch SOs 9 Aust Div, CRA, CRE, CO Sigs.
- (b) Umpires :
 - Chief Umpire (Permanent for three exercises) Lt-Col SCOTT, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
 - Chief Umpire's Rep at Bde HQ Offr from G Branch Hq 9 Aust Div
 - LO for Chief Umpire Capt CRONK 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
 - I Recorder for Chief Umpire Nominated by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
 - Umpires with inf bn. To be found from units being exercised. One LO for senior bn umpire. One offr per rifle coy. One NCO per pl. To form a pool to be used at discretion of Chief Umpire.
 - Umpires with Cav (Permanent for three exercises) One offr, three NCOs, to be supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde.
 - Umpires with arty Nominated by CRA
 - Umpires with engrs Nominated by CRE
 - Umpires with pnr coy Three NCOs nominated by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
 - OC Enemy (permanent for three exercises) Major Capt nominated by 26 Aust Inf Bde
 - Umpires with MG Coy. Nominated by 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
 - Senior Bn Umpires (permanent for three exercises) One nominated by each bde.

LO for OC Enemy: Nominated by bde being exercised.
 Umpires with enemy: All enemy officers.
 Service umpires: Nominated by Q branch.

- (c) OC Enemy, senior bn umpires and LO for Chief Umpire will be at disposal of Chief Umpire from 0900 hrs D minus 5. All other umpires will be at disposal of chief umpire from 0900 hrs D minus 3. This includes enemy officers.
 (d) Names of offr umpires will be signalled to Chief Umpire prior to D minus 5.

10. Intercomm for Umpires.

- (a) Any communications of bde gp may be used.
 (b) Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange following RT links :-
 (i) Chief Umpire, OC enemy, Chief Umpire's rep at Bde HQ, DS HQ 9 Aust Div.
 (ii) In each bn: senior umpire, four coy umpires (Chief Umpire on same net.)
 (iii) OC enemy & all enemy offr on same net as (ii) above.

11. Sig Instr.

CO Sigs 9 Aust Div will issue Signal Instrs to cover the three bde gp exercises.

12. Umpires' vehicle markings.

White sig flag flown on vehicle, to be provided by umpires using vehicles.

13. Skeleton Enemy.

24 Bde Exercise.

One coy pnr
 One sqn cav

26 Bde Exercise.

One coy MG
 One sqn cav

20 Bde Exercise.

One coy MG
 One coy pnr

To be detailed by 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, and 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn respectively. Each coy etc may represent up to one bn on the ground.

14. Enemy Representation.

Rifle fire - blank arm

LMG and MMG fire - ball am fired into pits.

This will be supplemented or replaced by screens 4 ft x 2 ft where necessary :-

White screen - Centre of pl locality
 Green " - MMG post.

ADOS will arrange supply of GREEN bunting (20 yds) to be available at Div HQ by 10 Oct 44. Camp Comd, through CASC will arrange supply of WHITE calico (20 yds) to be available at Div HQ by 10 Oct 44.

15. Umpires and enemy, preliminary arrangements.

Separate instrs will be issued from time to time.

16. Exercise ends on orders of Director, probably afternoon D plus 2 or morning D plus 3.
 Return to camp will be arranged by bde.

17. Discussions after exercise.

(a) 1400 hrs D plus 3 at War Room HQ 9 Aust Div.

To attend : All DS
Chief Umpire, OC enemy, senior bn umpires,
senior arty umpire, senior service umpires.

(b) 1000 hrs D plus 4 at War Room HQ 9 Aust Div.

To attend : All those mentioned in (a) above, and in
addition -

- Bde comd, BM, SC
- Bn comds
- OC cav sqn
- CO fd regt
- CC TKA pty
- OC fd coy
- OC MG coy
- OC pnr coy
- OC det HQ AASC
- OC fd amb
- OC bde wksp

(c) Subsequently, separate conferences will be called by -

- (i) Bde comd for own comd.
- (ii) Comds of arms and services with their own reps from
the bde gp.

18. Range of 25 hrs.

Normal.

19. Casualties to men and vehs.

Umpires will create casualties in accordance with instrs
issued separately. Normal service procedure will be followed
in regard to all casualties.

20. Air co-operation.

Nil.

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for Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div

EXERCISE - SECRET

HQ 9 Aust Div
5 Oct 44
G37/10/17

ADDENDUM

TO

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - EXERCISE "DRAFT", "SWALLOW", "KITE".

1. Supplies.

Bde HQ will notify by Comd ASC 9 Aust Div of the ration scale which it is desired to use during the exercise, 7 days prior to commencement.

2. Water.

(a) The following water vehicles will be taken and considered to be operational transport:-

Field Regiment	-	1 x 400	gall	water	truck
Inf Bns (each)		1 x 400	"	"	"
Fd Amb		1 x 400	"	"	"
Bde Wksp		1 x 400	"	"	"
Det ASC		1 x 400	"	"	"
Tk A Bty		1 x 150	"	"	"
Fd Coy		1 x 150	"	"	"

(b) Bde requirements of water cans will be drawn from ADOS prior to commencement of exercise; and returned on conclusion of same.

3. Ordinance.

(a) Dummy stores are not available. Issue slips for stores and ammunition issued will be made out and handed to drivers of vehicles for delivery. Vehicles will not be permitted to carry token stores, ammunition etc. in excess of the normal loads by weight and bulk for such vehicles.

4. P.O.L.

One four gallon drum of petrol will be carried in each vehicle.

C. R. De. No. 1
Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution : List "X".

Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div
 General Instructions for
 Exercises - "SWIFT, SWALLOW,
 KITE".

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)

Cav
 2/11 Aust Commando Sqn

2/4 Aust Commando Sqn

2/12 Aust Commando Sqn

Arty

2/12 Aust Fd Regt
 +10 Bty 2/3 Tka Regt
 Det Mob Met Flt

2/7 Aust Fd Regt
 + 9 Bty 2/3 Tka Regt
 Det Mob Met Flt

2/3 Aust Fd Regt
 +11 Bty 2/3 Tka Regt
 Det Mob Met Flt

Engrs

2/7 Aust Fd Coy

2/13 Aust Fd Coy

2/3 Aust Fd Coy

Inf

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/32 " " "
 2/43 " " "
 2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/24 " " "
 2/48 " " "
 4 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 2/15 " " "
 2/17 " " "
 1 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

AASC

2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl
 2/29 " " " "
 2/14 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl
 2/31 " " " "
 2/15 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl
 2/27 " " " "
 2/13 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)

Medical

2/3 Aust Fd Amb

2/11 Aust Fd Amb

2/8 Aust Fd Amb

Ord

2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

2/113 Aust Bde Ord
 Fd Pk

AMEE

2/122 Aust Bde Wksp
 (Type B)

2/123 Aust Bde Wksp
 (Type B)

2/113 Aust Bde Wksp
 (Type B)

Pro

3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

5 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro
 Coy

Sigs

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div 1/32

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div 1/32

Det Sigs 9 Aust Div
 1/32

Misc

Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash
 Office

Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash
 Office

Det 9 Aust Div Fd
 Cash Office

FPO 035

FPO 036

FPO 033

Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit

Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit

Det 9 Aust Div Sal
 Unit

+ If available for exercise.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

051000K

TO: LIST "X"

0170 RESTRICTED (.) for exercise SWIFT etc (.) ref 9 aust div
G23/00/17 (.) amend para 7(e) to read extracts from Div Comd orders
are incl in opening situation (.) delete all reference Div Comd's
orders on distribution list for exercises (.) Note (1) on distribution
list refers list Y and Z only NOT list X

C.R. Day Maj

DRLS

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

052010K

TO : LIST X

ORIGINATOR'S NO. 0 175 restricted (.) 1 (.) for exercises SWIFT etc
add MG and pnr to OOB bde gps (.) 24 bde C coy MG & B coy pnr (.)
26 bde D coy MG & A coy pnr (.) 20 bde B coy MG & C coy pnr (.) 2
(.) for det sigs 9 aust div 1/32 substitute det sigs 9 aust div
6 ORs (.) 3 (.) all exercise casualties will be returned to units
etc as reprints (.) 4 (.) gen instrs para 9 for one NCO per pl read
one NCO per rifle pl

Except etc W/T.

DRLS

C.R. Day Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM -- 9 AUST DIV

070000K

TO - LIST X.

0 164 RESTRICTED (.) for exercise SWIFT etc (.) general instrs para
7 (c) (1) preliminaries (.) delete last line which reads defensive
plan except for outposts etc

Except W/T

DRLS

C.R. Day Maj

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

151400K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO : LIST X

 O 275 EXERCISE SECRET SWALLOW etc (.) general instrs (.) para 7 (f) for
 D minus 1 substitute D minus 2 (.) para 9 OC enemy delete permanent for
 three exercises substitute detailed separately (.) LO for OC enemy delete
 nominated by bde being exercised substitute capt ISAKSSON 2/43 east inf bn
 (.) service umpires delete nominated by Q branch substitute nominated by
 AQ branch (.) para 15 delete text (.) being issued separately (.) para 16
 delete probably afternoon D plus 2 or morning D plus 3 add bde may
 requisition for extra tpt for return after exercise ends Q branch will be
 notified by D day number of vehs required (.) para 17 (b) for bn comds
 substitute bn and coy comds

Except WT

Col Ridge Maj

DRLS

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

161400K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO : LIST X: SERIAL 2 (1) REST AS SHOWN

 O 291 EXERCISE SECRET SWALLOW etc (.) amendment gen instrs para 9 (.)
 after service umpires add G (int) umpire nominated separately

Except WT

Col Ridge Maj

DRLS

SCHEDULE OF CASUALTIES - PERSONNEL

EXERCISE - SECRET

Ref Maps (1) MT GARNET 1 in to 1 mile
 (11) PALMERSTON "
 (111) BARTLE FRERE "
 (1V) HERBERTON "

BDE GP EXERCISE - "KITE"

HQ 9 Aust Div
 22 Oct 44
 G244/80/17

Serial No.	Day	Approx Time	Own Tps			Place	Enemy tps		Remarks
			Approx strength	Casualties	Offrs		OR	Rep Strength	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	D Day	0830	1 Coy	-	8	4386	2 Coys	1	1. Enemy cas are intentionally lt because of adm and intelligence difficulties and (imaginary) dead are NOT shown. 2. Enemy pls represent on ground coys. 3. Own cas are designed to exercise the med service and are NOT necessarily a true estimate. 4. Enemy cas shown are listed as "too ill to be interrogated" EXCEPT enemy shown in serial 4 who is actually a member of FSS and should be interrogated. 5. Cas will be allotted to own tps by the Senior Umpire concerned and to enemy force by OC Enemy as shown. 6. In case of actual sickness or injury in Enemy force, OC Enemy will evacuate cas to fwd bn under cover of white flag and they will then become our tps. 7. In case of actual sickness or injury to own tps, the normal channels will be used and the rd will be considered open - in all other cases, rd will be closed as shown. 8. Times of actions shown in column 3 are approx only and all umpires will ensure that the allotment of cas are distributed proportionately during the periods of active fighting amongst fwd and follow up tps. 9. All exercise cas will be returned to units etc as reinfts as soon as possible after checking by med service.
2	D Day	0900	2 Coys	1	10	-	2 Coys	2	
3	D Day	1500	2 Bns	5	24	4587	2 Bns	3	
4	D Day	1700	2 Coys	1	12	CHILVERTON	1 Bn	1	
5	D plus 1	1000	1 Bn	2	32	CHILVERTON	3 Coys	-	
6	D plus 1	1200	2 Coys	-	20	4493-4293	2 Coys	1	
7	D plus 1	1600	2 Bns	6	24	4493-4293	1 Bn	1	
8	D plus 2	1100	2 Coys	-	16	TRACEY'S CORNER line	2 Bns	2	
9	D plus 2	1400	2 Bns	8	32	TRACEY'S CORNER line	2 Bns	-	
10	D plus 2	1700	2 Coys	-	12	JENSENVILLE line	2 Coys	1	
11	D plus 3	0900	2 Bns	2	10	JENSENVILLE line	2 Bns		
Totals				25	200			12	

10. When making offr cas, discretion should be used and bde comd or CO consulted - however wherever possible most experienced offr should be made cas rather than rft offr.

11. Attention is directed to Instrs to Umpires paras 26 - 27 - 28.

12. CEME will allot veh cas at appropriate times and places.

HQ 9 Aust Div
G238/80/17
22 Oct 44.

INSTRS TO ENEMY

ENEMY COMPOSITION AND EQPT.

BDE GP EXERCISE "KITE".

1. OOB.

- (a) Comd Lt-Col SIMPSON CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Sub units of sp units will come under comd CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 240830K and will revert to own comd when exercise ceases at a convenient time to be determined by CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Force - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn,
MG Pl 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
One MG Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

2. Tpt.

- (a) All non-op vehs of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn as required by CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Extra tpt to be provided by Q Branch - details are issued separately.

3. Eqpt.

Normal eqpt of units and sub-units comprising the enemy force.

4. Stores.

Picks and shovels - four each per pl.

5. Dress.

Copy
Dress will be as laid down in 24 Aust Inf Bde SOs with the exception that helmets steel will be worn in lieu of hats KF.

6. Amn.

Where to collect
RSM

MMG	-	10 belts per gun	-	<i>2pt</i>
LMG	-	60,000 rds SAA ball	-	
Rifle	-	8000 rds SAA blank	-	
TkA	-	30 rds blank per 2 pr TkA gun	-	

7. Safety Precautions.

- (a) All LMG and MMGs will be sited to fire into pits dug in the ground - wherever practicable at right angles to axis of adv.
- (b) All tkA guns will be sited with barrel at maximum elevation to obviate injury to attacking personnel.
- (c) OC Enemy will inspect all personnel armed with the rifle and ensure they are NOT carrying ball amn. A WRITTEN CERTIFICATE to this effect will be rendered to Chief Umpire before 2200 hrs D minus 1.

8. Rations.

- Rm*
- (a) Parent units will issue sub-units of enemy force with rations for consumption on D minus 1.
- (b) OC Enemy will re-supply own force by MT from FSD RAVENSHOE for subsequent days. Vehs will carry white flag and duty personnel riding in vehs will wear hat KF when moving on rd TRACEYS CORNER - RAVENSHOE.
- (c) Fresh rations are available for enemy force.
- Tuesday.*

9. Cooking Gear.

Q.M.

- (a) Enemy force will carry sufficient cooking gear etc to be self-contained.
- (b) H₂O boxes complete will be carried in order to conveniently ration isolated enemy deta.

10. Miscellaneous.

Where are they Pro/summed up?

- (a) LO for OC Enemy will recover screens for "representation of enemy" and "br demolished" signs used in exercise "SMALLOW" for use of enemy force for exercise "RITE".
- (b) When "br demolished" signs are erected, pro personnel will be mounted on br to ensure no unauthorised use of same. Pro personnel will be provided by 20 Aust Inf Bde as required by pro Umpire.
- (c) CO 2/3 Aust Inf Bn in collaboration with OC Enemy will arrange supply of materials for enemy "represented minefields". Adequate safety precautions will be taken to prevent injury to personnel.
- (d) Pits etc dug in ground will be filled in during or at conclusion of exercise.

*Col
GS 9 Aust Div*

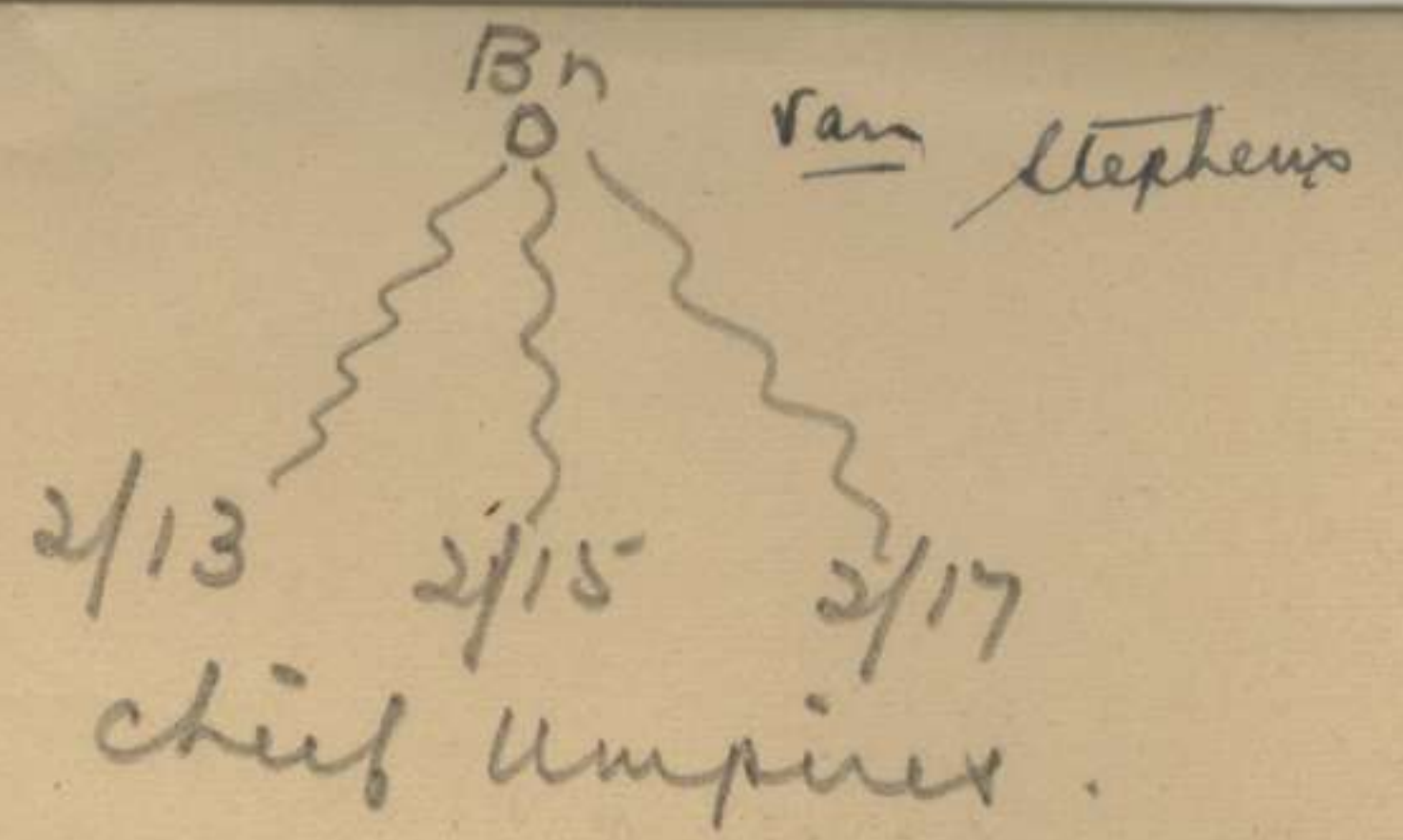
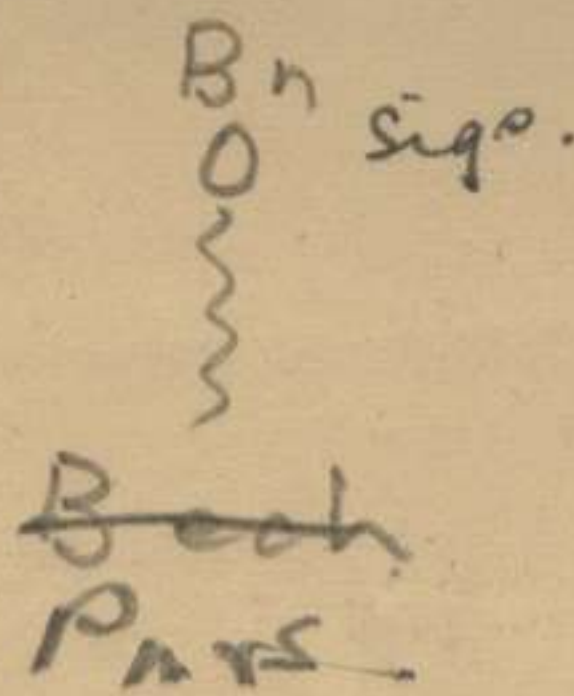
DISTRIBUTION :

- Chief Umpire
- OC Enemy
- 24 Aust Inf Bde
- 2/3 Aust MG Bn
- 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
- CASC
- G (2)
- MG
- D.M.M

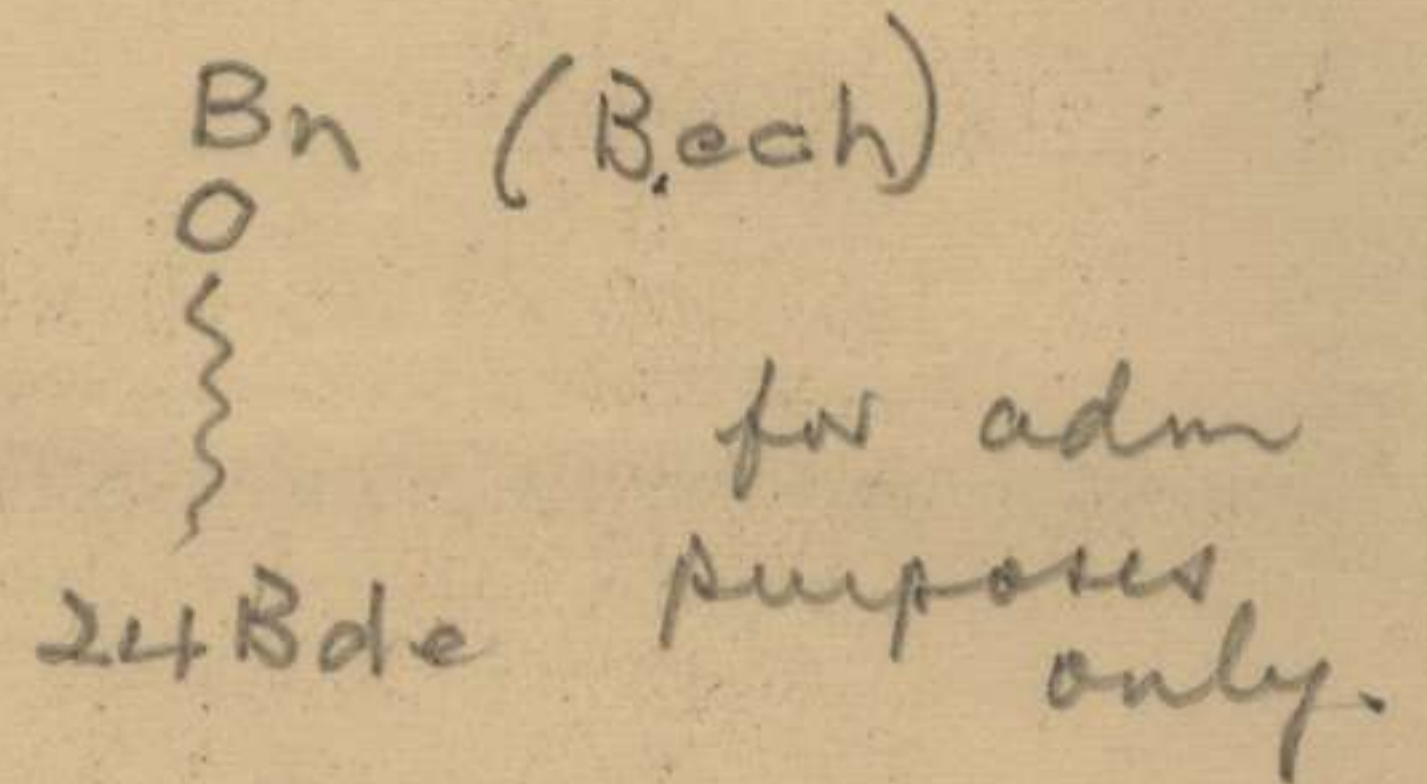
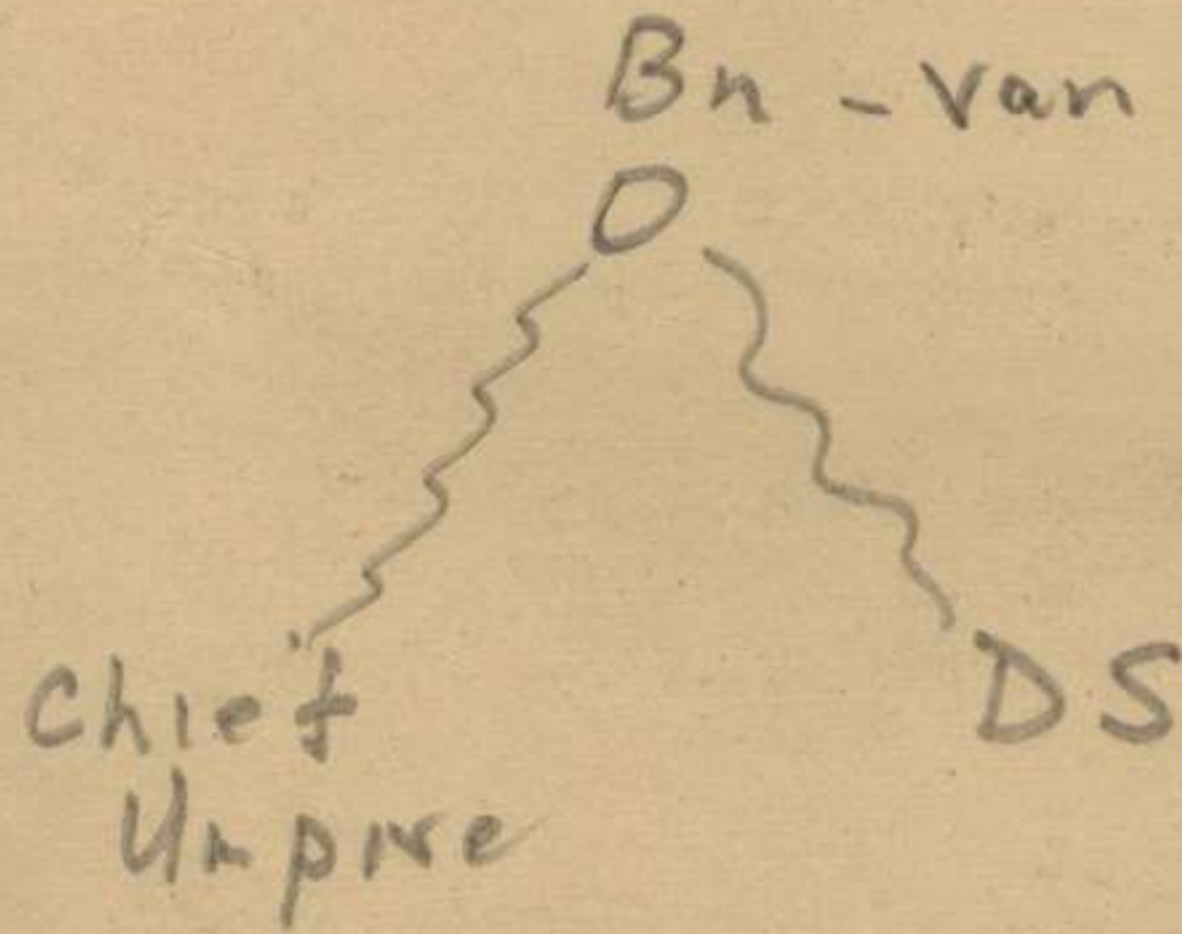
Para 10(b) place one of our tps on br until relieved automatically by 9 Div Pro Coy.



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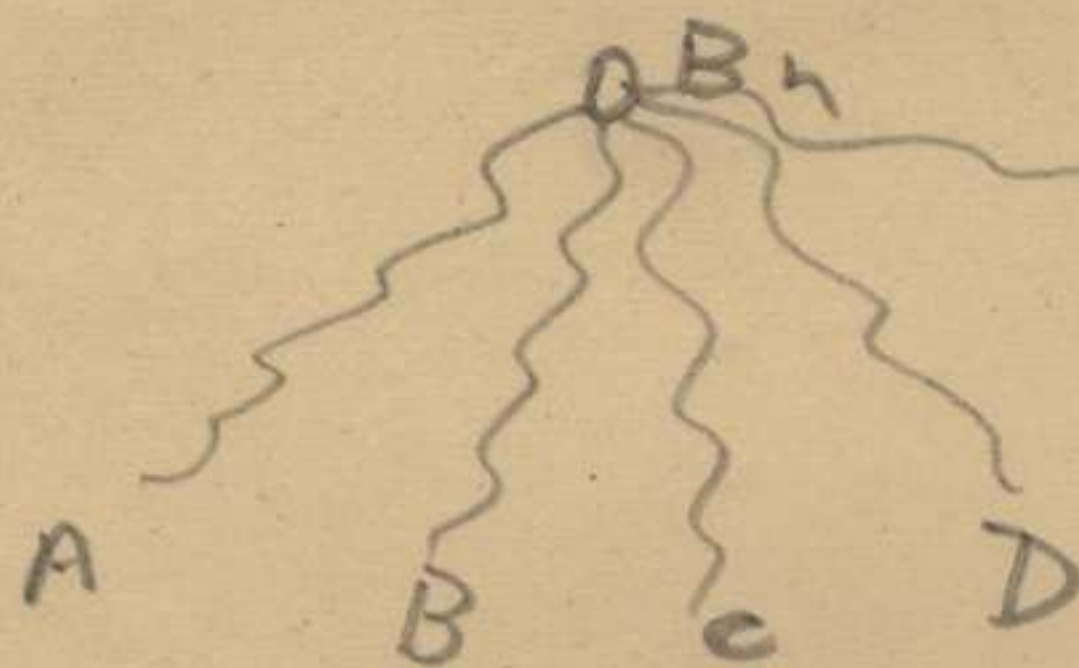


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Coy umpires of
 attacking force.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 2/43 Aust. Inf. Bn.	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 231845K.	Office Date Stamp
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TO	HQ. Coy	For Action
	A -	B.M.
	B -	
	C -	
	D -	

(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
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Q.m.

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0.378 restricted ○ ref enemy exercise ○
particular attention will be paid to
the carrying of picks and shovels ○
this applies especially to mmg and
mox pls which weapons will be dug in
○ stress will be laid on safety
precautions para 7 of Instrs to Enemy ○
Written certificate in accordance with
para 7(c) will be submitted by
Coy Comds by 241800K

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

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Kultakis Capt.
Signed

Signed

Arty F.O.D. 22 set flick frequency to Coy 108

Rep Arty fire - flares

1 white - top

1 green - bot

1 red - Right

To op. take lunch and 108 to Coy

S of E AA against charges

Send out MML & Ambr

Look up file ^{7/152} relating to Kit inspection etc

BRIGADE STAFFS

HEADQUARTERS, 20 th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Commander .. X Windeyer, Brigadier, W.J.V., .. 27.10.42
 D.S.O., E.D., Gen List
 Brigade Major .. Wilson, Maj, E.V., (s.c.) .. 9. 6.42
 Gen List
 Brigade Major
 (Staff Learner).. Williams, Capt, B, 2/15 Inf Bn .. 28.11.42
 Staff Captain .. Hamilton, Capt, H.M., 2/3 Pnr Bn, 17.12.42
 Staff Captain
 (Staff Learner).. Pickering, T/Capt, M.V., 2/15 Inf Bn. 17.12.42
 Liaison Officer .. Holtsbaum, T/Ca G.F.J., 2/17 Inf Bn 8.11.42
 Liaison Officer .. Murison, Lieut, W.G., 2/15 Inf Bn .. 5. 2.42
 Liaison Officer .. Heslop, Lieut, R.W., 2/13 Inf Bn .. 22/10.42
 Brigade Intelligence
 Officer .. Harpham, Lieut, N.L., 2/15 Inf Bn .. 18.11.42
 Brigade Transport
 Officer .. X Winslow, T/Capt, J., 2/1 HQ Gd Bn .. 17.12.42
 Brigade A.S.C.
 Officer .. Elliott, Capt. J.H. A.A.S.C., 9 Div.. 28. 9.41
 Amenities Officer

I see

HEADQUARTERS, 24 th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Commander :: .. Evans, Brigadier, B, D.S.O., Gen List 5.11.42
 Brigade Major .. Jackson, Maj, D.R., D.S.O., (s.c.) .. 28.12.41
 Gen List
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 2/43 Inf Bn
 Staff Captain .. Sangster, Capt, R.W., 2/43 Inf Bn .. 11. 3.42
 Staff Captain
 (Staff Learner). Fischer, Capt. L. (j.s.c.) 2/2 MG Bn 30. 8.42
 Liaison Officer .. Robson, T/Capt, H.G., 2/28 Inf Bn .. 13. 2/42
 Liaison Officer .. Parry, Lieut. G.L.W., 2/28 Inf Bn .. 13.12.42
 Liaison Officer ..
 Brigade Intelligence
 Officer .. Pearce, Lieut, E.T.S. .. 28. 6.42
 2/32 Inf Bn
 Brigade Transport Officer:
 .. Lancaster, Capt, C.G. 2/32 Inf Bn .. 6.10.42
 Brigade A.S.C. Officer:
 .. Arbuthnot, Capt, D.J., M.C., A.A.S.C. 9. 9.42
 9 Div
 Amenities Officer Worner, Lieut, J.F., 2/32 Inf Bn 29.12.42

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

251030K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO : SITREP DISTRIBUTION LIST

O 370 EXERCISE SECRET KITE sitrep 15 to 250945K (.) 20 bde (.) first lt
patrol 2/13 bn captured 2 BW 435857 (.) from PV infm arty engaged enemy
459859 inflicting cas (.) 2/15 bn passed through 2/13 bn 0600K (.)
0720K vangd attacked 2 enemy posts approx 437863 (.) 0730K enemy forced
to withdraw (.) 0930K fwd tps 2/15 bn moving round SOUTH edge of JUNGLE
450862 (.) 2/12 commando sqn patrol 24 oct reported jeepable track NOT
RING CONTOUR 433896 NMS (.) 2/17 bn less one coy moving along this
track (.) one coy 2/17 bn plus one pl 2/2 MG bn moving to spur 435881 (.)
24 bde (.) adv commenced 0900K (.) 0645K 50 enemy seen moving SE
through TURULKA 3493 (.) 0900K one enemy coy attempting cross EAST CK
380882 repulsed with hy cas (.) 0900K to 0945K 150 enemy in small gps
moved from TUMOULIN area to JUNGLE 3589 (.) 0900K enemy parties each
.. about one pl reported WEST of MILLSTREAM near brs 391895 391903 (.)
24 bde NO change (.) 2/9 cav regt NO further report (.) 7 div (.)
main body resumed march on rd IN ISMAIL MILLAA MILLAA 0600K (.) 0800K
5 lt tks approached our FDLs 538051 (.) arty knocked out 2 tks remainder
withdrew all infm

If liable etc

[Signature]
Capt

DRLS

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

260215K

TO : SITREP DISTRIBUTION LIST

0383 EXERCISE SECRET KITE sitrep 16 to 252100K (.) 20 bde (.) to 1145K
one pl B coy 2/15 bn at rd junc 449869 one pl 455873 one pl 449875 (.)
C coy moved around right flank (.) A coy advanced along spur 461871 (.)
B coy held up on line WINDMILL 455873 X rds 449869 by enemy estimated
three coys feature 460880 (.) 1430K bn attacked with strong arty sp
and captured feature 1500K (.) exploitation to creek 88 northing (.)
patrolling along track contacted pl enemy 467893 captured 4 PW (.) posn
mortared and enemy withdrew NORTH 1810K (.) tp or bty enemy BURNSIDE (.)
2/17 bn (.) C coy adv through jungle and contacted enemy 441893 (.) C
coy attacked and adv to 444889 and located enemy posns 440890 str 4 LMG
12 rifles to posn 446893 (.) posns engaged with LMG and HMG while D coy
moved to attack (.) 1810K moved to last lt posns (.) D coy at 446903
engaged by LMG and enemy MMG fire from pl posn 452905 (.) 1745K coy
attacked and enemy withdrew and ambushed (.) posn occupied (.) to 1600K
B coy plus pl MMG on spur 436882 with ~~see~~ patrol 1315K to 1515K along
NORTH CEDAR CK to 442892 and see patrol 1300K to 1500K by track NOT on
map from 434883 to 444893 1710K coy moved to 452903 (.) reached last lt
posn 1845K (.) cas for 25 oct excl B coy own 9 killed 2 wounded
enemy 13 killed 17 wounded 3 PW (.) 2/13 bn in rcs (.) 1600K to 1830K
moved to last lt posn (.) 1430K patrol to 483856 no report (.) 2/12
commando sqn (.) patrol 1300K reported enemy unknown str 430917 (.)
enemy in str areas 418912 and 415918 (.) tp H bypassed small enemy posn
444906 (.) some enemy withdrew (.) patrol going to VALLEY VIEW 424927
report pls enemy at rd junc 427923 HOUSE 433917 rd bend 424917 (.) last
lt dispositions 2/13 bn HQ 446875 A coy 448884 D coy 444875 (.) 2/15
bn HQ 456876 A coy 459879 B coy 454880 C coy 462873 D coy 457883
standing patrol 467893 (.) 2/17 bn HQ 450895 A coy 440898 B coy 449903
C coy 450896 D coy 450907 (.) 2/12 commando sqn (.) H tp 447911 other
dispositions unknown no comm (.) MG and tk A HQ 431850 (.) 2/7 fd regt
(.) A tp 403849 B tp 398846 C tp 394852 D tp 392853 E tp 392846 F tp
394850 (.) amm expenditure to 1300K 806 rds (.) enemy arty (.) 4 105
mm guns located area 454962 shelled area 441858 (.) 1 105 mm area 454910
shelled areas 440856 and 446912 at 1715K (.) both btys engaged by our
arty (.) 24 bde (.) 1300K 24 bde attacked with 2/28 bn on right and 2/32
bn on left and with strong arty sp (.) by 1730K 2/28 bn had secured
hold on feature square 3792 (.) about two coys enemy holding hastily
prepared posns on north slope (.) 2/32 bn met little opposition till
jungle area 3588 was reached (.) encircling mov forced enemy to with
draw (.) 2/13 bn moved fwd in rcs (.) 1700K 6 tks near rd junc 369948
accurately engaged by our arty and withdrew NORTH (.) last seen near
rd junc 364770 with 100 inf in vicinity (.) last lt dispositions (.)
24 bde tac HQ 374905 (.) 2/28 bn HQ 375922 with coys at 375924 372926
380921 370921 (.) 2/32 bn HQ 361897 with coys at 360906 357893 346898
342894 (.) 2/43 bn HQ 382904 with coys at 393917 380907 370909 384902
(.) 26 bde concentrated RAVENSHOE area with bde HQ 402855 (.) 2/9 cav
regt (.) one tp 2/4 commando sqn contacted VDC track junc 202000 and
at 1700k were in contact with one enemy pl 214027 (.) one tp 2/11
commando sqn occupied LANCELOT 163024 after brisk fight with one pl (.)
remainder of regt less 2/12 commando sqn concentrated LANCELOT (.) 7 div
(.) head main body 7 div reached 512000 at 1600K (.) 18 bde concentrated
about 2 miles NNE of MINBUN and at 1800K was in contact with stiffened
resistance (.) two tps 2/7 cav regt forced one pl enemy withdraw from
490965 and reported rd clear 479961

If liable etc

A. Blaxter

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM.

261100K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO : SITREP DISTRIBUTION LIST

O 387 EXERCISE SECRET KITE sitrep 17 to 260900K (.) 20 bdc (.) 2/17 bn (.)
A coy patrol returned 2325K observed 12 enemy 441905 (.) contacted H tp
2/12 cav 446910 (.) NMS (.) C coy patrol returned 0105K (.) fired on 1
missing (.) A coy patrol returned 0615K (.) contacted H tp 2/12 commando
sqn (.) NMS (.) 2/13 bn local patrols only (.) 2/12 commando sqn patrols
to areas 418919 and 418913 2200K estimated one coy plus MMGs dug in (.)
destroyed 1 MMG killed 11 (.) own cas NIL (.) returned 2320K (.) H tp
patrols report enemy coy posn 454917 (.) enemy standing patrol contacted
442918 (.) otherwise no change (.) 24 bdc sitrep to 260800K (.) adv
resumed 0600K (.) enemy still resisting NORTH slope feature sq 3792 (.)
2/11 commando sqn 0715K in contact with enemy 178038 164048 (.) 7 div
no change

If liable etc

W. A. T. [unclear] Capt

DRLS

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

26 2320K

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

TO : SITREP DISTRIBUTION

0 402 EXERCISE SECRET KITE (.) 20 bde (.) 1015K bde attacked on two bn front 2/15 bn right 2/17 bn left (.) by 1100K 2/15 bn had captured feature 452920 and 2/17 bn had taken ridge WEST from 448920 with one coy WEST of rd at 426918 (.) further progress temporarily halted by enemy fire from vicinity 436918 (.) 2/15 bn attacked and captured enemy posns 447926 and 449929 by 1240K (.) continued adv until contact at 457934 and from 449929 to 447926 (.) pressure maintained and enemy withdrew to SHED 460940 (.) patrols reached SAWMILL 441938 by 1435K (.) strong opposition area SHED caused cas before posn captured (.) adv then continued towards track junc 448945 with two coys moving NORTH along track EAST of SAWMILL 440938 (.) enemy with MMGs 450949 and vicinity track junc 448945 caused delay and cas but by last lt enemy had withdrawn (.) 2/17 bn reached 449919 by 1300K but held up by strong enemy posn 438920 (.) A coy with mortar and arty sp attacked 1300K and cleared posn after stiff fight (.) bn continued adv and reached 433929 at 1550K and finally consolidated with two coys astride EVELYN HIGHWAY (.) 2/13 bn in res moving in rear 2/15 bn reached area EAST of CHILVERTON (.) 2/12 commando sqn operating on left flank reached 432938 by 1100K and reported enemy posn vicinity 432920 428923 and 415920 (.) I tp in posn feature 406940 by 1200K (.) patrols reported one pl 418918 2 MMG 430923 one MMG 426917 437920 414923 (.) enemy coy began withdrawing from VALLEY VIEW area with second coy in MT falling back through VALLEY VIEW under arty fire (.) cas not known (.) 1400K G tp occupied features 418912 and 413921 (.) patrolling continued and cas inflicted on enemy area 408940 (.) also patrolling to feature 424939 (.) arty (.) amn expenditure 24 hrs ending 2100K HE 1365 rds (.) last lt disposns (.) 2/13 bn HQ 450917 A coy 451919 B coy 448925 with standing patrol 448938 C coy 449916 D coy 447917X (.) 2/15 bn HQ 453945 A coy 452944 B coy 447945 C coy 443945 D coy 450950 (.) 2/17 bn HQ 443917 A coy 437918 B coy 447926 C coy 442931 D coy 432930 (.) 2/12 commando sqn HQ 414927 I tp 408940 G tp 424939 H tp 414929 (.) bde HQ 457902 (.) P tp tk A bty and C coy pnr bn in sqs 4491 4591 (.) J tp tk A sqs 4392 4391 and O tp sq 4490 (.) arty (.) 2/16 bty at 445886 and 2/58 bty 460873 2/15 bty no change RHQ 454878 (.) 24 bde (.) by 1300K 2/28 bn had forced two enemy coys from NORTH slope feature 3792 (.) continuing adv 2/28 bn secured control of track junc 369948 (.) enemy about 2 coys resisting from feature sq 3595 (.) 2/32 bn adv and secured line 330937 to EVELYN 3093 (.) patrols fwd drew by MG fire from posns 329954 318949 and 304944 (.) estimated 70 enemy killed by 24 bde during day (.) last lt disposns (.) adv HQ 24 bde 354926 (.) 2/28 bn HQ 365940 with coys at 368953 365945 356941 363941 (.) 2/32 bn HQ 340937 with coys at 329948 321938 305935 343941 (.) 2/43 bn HQ 365905 with coys at 378923 368928 350915 335905 (.) 2/9 cav regt (.) 2/11 commando sqn held up by estimated 2 coys 178038 164048 (.) one tp 2/4 commando sqn with VDC still in contact with about two enemy pls 214027 (.) otherwise no change (.) 26 bde no change (.) 7 div (.) 18 bde report enemy on front definitely increased and disposed in depth (.) believed one bn enemy from 572051 to 552057 and one bn from 547058 to 524060 (.) 21 bde adv NW from MINBUN occupied features 513039 and 505037 and reported at least two coys enemy between 524055 and 513055 (.) enemy was aggressive in def during day and 5 tks were reported firing from hull down posns sq 5406 (.) some tks fired 57 mm shells

If liable etc

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 9 AUST DIV

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0403 EXERCISE SECRET KITE sitrep 19 to 270900K (.) 20/bde (.) patrols to
YARDS 428949 and rd junc 438972 reported NMS (.) 0545K 2/13 bn commenced
adv and by 0745K were crossing creek 440946 (.) 2/15 bn commenced adv
0815K (.) enemy demolished brs 438932 and 442948 (.) NOT possible repair
former (.) estimated latter will be restored by 270900K (.) 262200K enemy
party str unknown raided gun posns C tp 2/8 fd regt (.) NO damage reported
to guns (.) raids on 2/8 fd regt RHQ by small party 262200K and by party
of 25 at 262345K (.) NO damage in either raid (.) 5 japs captured in
second raid (.) 24 bde (.) NO change enemy still resisting on feature
square 3595 (.) 2/9 cav regt and 7 div NO change

If liable etc


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EXERCISE SECRET

COPY NO. 24

HQ 9 Aust Div
26 Oct 44
I 507/72/2

EXERCISE "KITE"

9 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY 11

(Based on infm received from 1900 hrs 24 Oct to 2400 hrs 25 Oct).

Ref Maps : BATTLE FRERE, PALMERSTON, MT GARNET and HERBERTON 1/63,560.

PART I - OPS

1. Contact was made with enemy on each of the three axes of adv:- rd RAVENSHOE - UPPER BARRON - AHERTON; rly RAVENSHOE - HERBERTON; and rd INNOT HOT SPRINGS - LANCELOT - HERBERTON.

Rd RAVENSHOE - UPPER BARRON - AHERTON:

Our tps began adv at 0530 hrs, one force moving generally SOUTH of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY and the other force on track running NORTH from 414370 to 415384 thence to 423883 to 433894.

The former force encountered enemy outposts totalling about one coy on gen line 440855 to 440865, with one sec fwd at 435857 (where 2 PW were captured). These outposts were quickly forced to withdraw. One enemy coy was driven from jungle area just SOUTH of rd junc 449869, and by 1145 hrs our tps had secured this rd junc and were held up on line 455373 - 449875. It was estimated that there were three enemy coys with three pls MMGs on high ground 4587 WEST to incl rd junc 450877. Our tps attacked from the EAST flank at 1430 hrs with strong arty sp and by 1500 hrs had captured this high ground. Our adv was continued to gen line 462873 - 444875, with patrols operating fwd. One patrol encountered one enemy pl at 467893, and captured 4 PW. Our mortars forced these enemy to withdraw. Meanwhile a patrol moved along PALMERSTON HIGHWAY to 435855 without encountering enemy.

Main body of the force moving NORTH of PALMERSTON HIGHWAY used track found to run through jungle sqs 4288 and 4389. Our fwd elements occupied ring contour 433896 without opposition, and another part of the force occupied SPUR 435381. Main body moved EAST from jungle edge 433894, captured 4 PW at 435393 and encountered about one coy in area 4489. Our tps attacked, and drove enemy from their posns; two PW were captured. Our adv continued and by 1845 hrs our fwd tps were at 450907 and 440898, after driving one enemy pl from posns 452905. A patrol bypassed small enemy posn 444906, and reported some enemy withdrew.

Further WEST, patrols during afternoon reported enemy in following posns:-

Pl at HOUSE 433917, Pl at rd junc 427923, pl at rd bend 424917, enemy in str at least one pl on feature 418915, one or two coys enemy between 416918 and 412921.

Enemy arty was active during the day, and two hostile btys, each of 4 105 mm guns, were located 454910 and 454962. These were heavily engaged by our arty, who also gave effective sp to our adv.

Rly RAVENSHOE - HERBERTON: At 0900 hrs one coy enemy advancing towards RAVENSHOE were repulsed with hy cas in attempting to cross EAST CK 380882. Between 0900 and 0945 hrs 150 enemy following up this adv gd moved from TUMOULIN to jungle area 3589. Patrols reported that at same time two enemy pls were in posn WEST of MILLSTREAM near brs 391895 and 391903. At 1300 hrs our tps EAST of rly attacked fwd enemy elements, pushed them back and, continuing the attack, had captured summit of feature square 3792 by 1730 hrs. Two coys of enemy remained in contact in hastily prepared posns on NORTH slope of this feature. Our tps WEST of rly encountered little opposition in their adv until jungle 3538 was reached. An encircling mov was begun by our tps and enemy were forced to withdraw. At last lt our force had reached line TUMOULIN to 346898.

During the withdrawal of the enemy, 6 tks appeared near rd junc 369948. They were accurately engaged by our arty and withdrew NORTH being last seen near rd junc 364970 with 100 inf in vicinity.

Rd INNOT HOT SPRINGS - LANCELOT - HERBERTON: Our tps contacted VDC at track junc 202000 and pushed on towards HERBERTON. They were reported at 1700 hrs in contact with one enemy pl 214027. Other tps occupied LANCELOT 163024, pushing back one enemy pl after a brisk fire fight.

MILLAA MILLAA AREA: At 0800 hrs 5 lt tks approached our FDLs but were driven off, 2 being knocked out. Apart from this, enemy took no offensive action, but our patrols during afternoon reported enemy resistance appeared to have stiffened.

PART II - ENEMY

2. IDENTIFICATIONS:

PW captured sq 4587 was from 6 Coy 2 Bn 20 Inf Regt 16 Div. He had seen tks in CAIRNS area and thought tks would be operating in sp of his regt on the TABLELANDS in the near future. PW stated his regt left CAIRNS about a fortnight ago but he was hazy as to his prior movs. PW stated morale of his regt was high.

3. ORGANISATION

Though PW was vague in a number of matters of detail his infm suggests strongly that 16 Div has remained a "standard" div. PW had not heard of Divs reorganised on special lines for island warfare.

4. PERSONALITIES
(from PW source)

16 Div Comd	Lt Gen OBA, Shihci
20 Inf Regt Comd	Col YOSHIOKA, Yorimasa
2 Bn 20 Inf Regt CO	Major MUCHIYAMA, Minoru
6 Coy 20 Inf Regt:-- OC	Capt SUZUKI, Yoshi
Pl Comds	2/Lt KAWAGUCHI, Hiromi
	" UNO, Sadasugo
	P/O YANO, Hisato

PART III - TOPOGRAPHY

5. Track NOT shown on map but suitable for jeeps and 15-cwt vchs runs from 404865 to 411864 to 416869 to 418870 to 416875, where it ends.

There is a jeepable track NOT shown on map from 423883 to 428887 to 430894 to 433894, capable of easy improvement to take larger vchs.

Track NOT shown on map runs from 434883 to 444893. NO further details.

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EXERCISE - "KITE".9 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No. 12.

(Based on infm received from 0001 hrs to 2300 hrs 26 Oct).

Ref. Maps : BARTLE FRERE, PALMERSTON, MT GARNET and HERBERTON 1/63, 360

Place code names used :-

SAUSAGE : feature	427923	GUNNER : feature	424938
FISH : ridge	418915	PEAK : feature	408939
CHIPS : hills	415918	PICCADILLY : rd junc	447944.
	and 413921		

PART I - OPS

1. During the night 25/26 Oct our patrols were active and located an enemy coy on hill 1000 yds EAST of CHILVERTON (442917). Other patrol reports indicated enemy in occupation of ridge just WEST of CHILVERTON rd junc. A fighting patrol to area of FISH and CHIPS killed 11 Japs and destroyed 1 MMG; later patrols to this area during morning reported that these features were occupied by one coy plus M.Gs. Enemy also remained in occupation of SAUSAGE; patrolling during the day indicated this feature was occupied by one coy with at least 3 MMGs.

At 1015 hrs our force attacked EAST of EVELYN HIGHWAY and by 1100 hrs had captured their first objective, the spur running for 1000 yds EAST of CHILVERTON. One coy was also established WEST of main rd and just SOUTH of CHILVERTON. This coy was held up by enemy in strong posns near rd junc 500 yds NW of CHILVERTON. Our tps to the EAST continued their adv and encountered enemy about 1000 yds further NORTH, but by 1240 hrs had attacked and captured these posns. Enemy again attempted to hold our adv from posns on feature sq 4593. Our main pressure was exerted on enemy's right flank and he was forced to withdraw after making a short stand near SHED 459939. Our main effort was then directed NW along track to PICCADILLY and enemy were pushed from posns knoll 450949 and near PICCADILLY. At last lt our tps had occupied these posns and also est. themselves at rd junc 453947.

Meanwhile, our tps^{were} held up near CHILVERTON rd junc but by 1300 hrs enemy had been driven from their posns near rd junc 438920 after a stiff fight. Patrols then applied pressure on enemy posns at SAUSAGE and our tps pushed NORTH and consolidated astride EVELYN HIGHWAY about 93 northings.

Further WEST our tps maintained pressure on FISH and CHIPS and SAUSAGE, and other tps passing WEST of these posns had occupied PEAK (408939) by 1200 hrs. By 1400 hrs FISH and CHIPS had been occupied and enemy were also withdrawing from SAUSAGE. During the withdrawal our arty heavily shelled one coy withdrawing in MT and one coy withdrawing on foot. Our patrols then pushed fwd towards GUNNER (424938).

Enemy's arty was active during night and the following hostile btys were located from flash bearings :- 2 guns, type unknown, at 443926; 4 x 105 mm at 441913; 4 x 75 mm at 444934; 4 x 75 mm guns were also active at 0921 hrs 26 Oct, from unlocated posns. There were two reports of 37 mm fire being encountered by our tps. Our own arty activity far surpassed that of the enemy and 1365 rds were fired during 24 hrs ended 2100 hrs 26 Oct.

In area of rly RAV N SHOE - HERBERTON our tps EAST of rly line had forced two enemy coys from NORTH slopes of feature sq 3792 by 1300 hrs. The adv was continued and two enemy coys were found in well sited posns on feature sq 3595. WEST of the rly line our tps adv against minor opposition to line 330937 to EVELYN (3093), but our patrols fwd of this line encountered by MG fire from posns 329954, 318949 and 304944. By last lt our tps in this sector held firmly the gen line track, junc 369948 - 330937 - 305935.

In LANCELOT area our tps advancing towards HERBERTON encountered two coys 178038 to 164043 astride rd, and were unable to adv, enemy resisting strongly, but not showing offensive spirit. Two enemy pls at 214027 were also still resisting at last lt. Other tps of our forces in LANCELOT area moved to 140925 without contact.

Patrolling in MILLAA MILLAA sector established that enemy had definitely thickened up their def, which were disposed in depth. There is believed to be one bn from 572051 to 552057 and another bn from 547058 to 524060. Enemy did not take the offensive during the day but 5 tks were reported firing intermittently from hull down posns in sq 5406. Our tps in MINBUN area (5102) adv NW and occupied features 513059 and 505057 after pushing back small outposts. Our tps reported that there were at least two coys of enemy on ridge between 524055 and 513055.

PART II - ENEMY.

2. Identifications.

The amphibious bde in HERBERTON area has been identified and confirmed as 2 Amphibious Bde.

A sign post at 453878 indicated that a tk sqn recce gp had bivouaced at 455873. This suggests that one tk sqn may have been allotted in sp of 20 Inf Regt.

3. Eqpt.

Since tks in sq 5406 are reported to have fired 57 mm shells, they are probably type M2597 med. The following data of this type are reproduced :- weight 20 tons, armament - 37 or 57 mm gun in turret, 1 MG in hull firing fwd and 1 MG in rear of turret.

4. Personalities.

Captured document identifies SHOBA tal of 20 Inf Regt.

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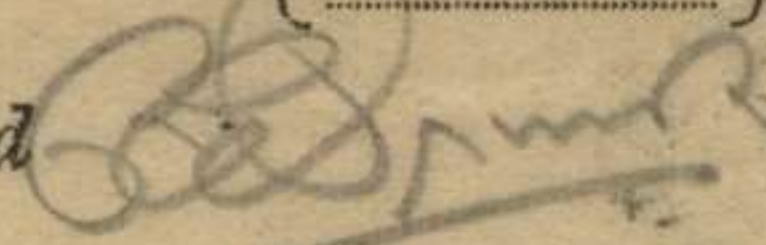
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FORECAST OF EVENTS

BDE GP EXERCISE - "SWALLOW"
KITEHQ 9 Aust Div
17 Oct 44
G203/80/17

Ref Maps (I) MT GARNET 1 in to 1 mile
(II) PALMERSTON "
(III) BARTLE FRERE "
(IV) HERBERTON "

Ser No.	Day	Approx time	Forecast and/or action own tps	Place	Forecast and/or action enemy tps
1	D minus 2	0900	Div issue orders for preliminary move and opening situation	Bde HQ	
2	D minus 1	1300			Enemy move out to exercise area
3	"	1700	Div Comd issues final orders	On ground	
4	"		Bde Comd issues orders for adv on morning of D Day	Tac HQ Bde	
5	D Day	0600			Enemy in posn on outpost line with lt forces fwd 434853 - 424869
6	"	0830	Fwd tps contact lt enemy forces		Sniping withdrawal to outpost line
7	"	0900	Leading elements contact enemy outpost line	436853 - 433860 - 428864	Hold 1 hr
8	"	1000			Enemy withdraws to main line
9	"	1500	Bde attacks enemy main line	Line NW and SE through 4486	Enemy holds 1 hr
10	"	1600	Adv continues		Enemy withdraws breaking cleanly
11	"	1700	Fwd tps contact enemy	Line NW and SE through CHILVERTON 4492	Enemy hold all night
12	D / D plus 1	Night	Extensive patrolling		Extensive patrolling

Mon 23 Oct

Tue 24 Oct

Wed 25 Oct

Thurs 26 Oct

Ser No.	Day	Approx time	Forecast and/or action own tps	Place	Forecast and/or action enemy tps
13	D plus 1	1000	Bde attacks	As for Ser 11	Hold 1 hr then withdraw
14	"	1100	Re-organisation then adv	do	Enemy withdraws
15	"	1200	Fwd tps contact enemy	455928-437938 -424938-416928	Enemy holds 4 hrs
16	"	1600	Bde attacks	do	
17	"	1630		413980	Enemy main force withdraws to TRACEY'S CORNER.
18	"	1-0 1700	Fwd tps contact enemy outpost line	450949-438949 42 955-415961	Enemy outpost line established in adv of TRACEY'S CORNER
19	D plus 1 / 2	Night	Extensive patrolling		Extensive counter patrolling
20	D plus 2	0600		413980	Enemy withdraws outpost line to TRACEY'S CORNER
21	"	0700	Adv continues		Enemy in posn on line EAST and WEST through TRACEY'S CORNER 4198
22	"	1100	Fwd tps contact enemy	422970-410985 39 277-368977	Enemy hold
23	"	1400	Bde attacks	do	Enemy hold 1/2 hr
24	"	1430			Enemy withdraw
25	"	1600	Adv continues after re-organisation		Minor opposition during adv
26	"	1700	Fwd tps contact enemy outposts	416004-404006 -399003-395010	Enemy hold
27	D plus 2 / 3	Night	Extensive patrolling		Counter patrolling

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Ser No.	Day	Approx time	Forecast and/or action own tps	Place	Forecast and/or action enemy tps
28	D plus 3	0900	Bde attacks	418013-414007 -401013-387009	Enemy hold until overrun
			----- Exercise ends		

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EXERCISE - SECRET

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INSTRS TO ENEMY

ENEMY COMPOSITION AND EQPT.

BDE GP EXERCISE "KITE".

1. OOB.
 - (a) Comd - Lt-Col SIMPSON CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Sub units of sp units will come under comd CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 240830K and will revert to own comd when exercise ceases at a convenienc time to be determined by CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) Force - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
MG Pl 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
One MG Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
2. Tpt
 - (a) All non-op vehs of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn as required by CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) Extra tpt to be provided by Q Branch - details are issued separately.
3. Eqpt.

Normal eqpt of units and sub-units comprising the enemy force.
4. Stores.

Picks and shovels - four each per pl.
5. Dress.

Dress will be as laid down in 24 Aust Inf Bde SOs with the exception that helmets steel will be worn in lieu of hats KF.
6. Amn.

MMG	-	10 belts per gun
LMG	-	60,000 rds SAA ball
Rifle	-	8000 rds SAA blank
TkA	-	30 rds blank per 2 pr TkA gun
7. Safety Precautions.
 - (a) All LMG and MMGs will be sited to fire into pits dug in the ground- wherever practicable at right angles to axis of adv.
 - (b) All tkA guns will be sited with barrel at maximum elevation to ob late injury to attacking personnel.
 - (c) OC Enemy will inspect all personnel armed with the rifle and ensure they are NOT carrying ball amn. A WRITTEN CERTIFICATE to this effect will be rendered to Chief Umpire before 2200 hrs D minus 1.
8. Rations.
 - (a) Parent units will issue sub-units of enemy force with rations for consumption on D minus 1.
 - (b) OC Enemy will re-supply own force by MT from FSD RAVENSHOE for subsequent days. Vehs will carry white flag and duty personnel riding in vehs will wear hat KF when moving on rd TRACEYS CORNER - RAVENSHOE.
 - (c) Fresh rations are available for enemy force.

9. Cooking Gear.

- (a) Enemy force will carry sufficient cooking gear etc to be self-contained.
- (b) Hot boxes complete will be carried in order to conveniently ration isolated enemy dets.

10. Miscellaneous.

- (a) LO for OC Enemy will recover screens for "representation of enemy" and "br demolished" signs used in exercise "SULLOW" for use of enemy force for exercise "RITE".
- (b) When "br demolished" signs are erected, pro personnel will be mounted on br to ensure no unauthorised use of same. Pro personnel will be provided by 20 Aust Inf Bde as required by pro Umpire.
- (c) CO 2/3 Aust Inr Bn in collaboration with OC Enemy will arrange supply of materials for enemy "represented minefields". Adequate safety precautions will be taken to prevent injury to personnel.
- (d) Pits etc dug in ground will be filled in during or at conclusion of exercise.

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- Chief Umpire
- OC Enemy
- 2/4 Aust Inf Bde
- 2/2 Aust MG Bn
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LO for OC Enemy.

7 Oct

SECRET

HQ 9 Aust Div
G 262/80/17
24 Oct 44

AREA WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by : 2 Aust Mob Met Flt.
 District : Exercise "KITE".
 Period : Dawn on 25 Oct to dusk on 28 Oct 44.
 Issued : 231700K
 25 Oct : Fine with scattered low cloud.
 Lt to moderate ESE winds.
 26 Oct : Fine with scattered low cloud.
 Lt to moderate ESE winds.
 27 Oct : Scattered to broken low cloud with possible
 scattered showers in the afternoon.
 Lt to moderate EAST to ENE winds.
 28 Oct : Scattered to broken low cloud.
 Scattered lt showers chiefly in the afternoon.
 Moderate ESE winds.

SUNRISE SUNSET TABLES ETC

	<u>First Light</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Last Light</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonsct</u>	<u>Phase of Moon</u>
24 Oct	0523	0542	1828	1847	1101	No moonsct	1st Quarter
25 Oct	0522	0541	1828	1847	1159	0037	1st Quarter
26 Oct	0521	0540	1829	1847	1300	0130	1st Quarter to Full Moon
27 Oct	0521	0540	1829	1847	1401	0220	1st Quarter to Full Moon
28 Oct	0520	0539	1829	1848	1501	0307	1st Quarter to Full Moon
29 Oct	0520	0538	1830	1848	1550	0354	1st Quarter to Full Moon
30 Oct							Full Moon

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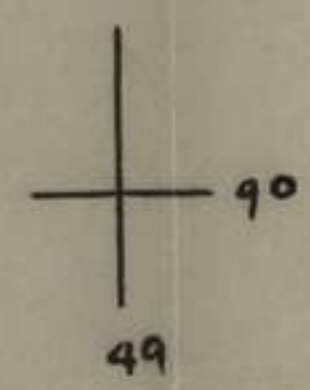
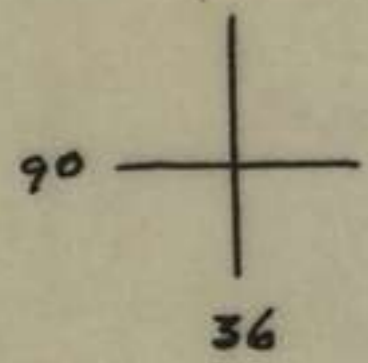
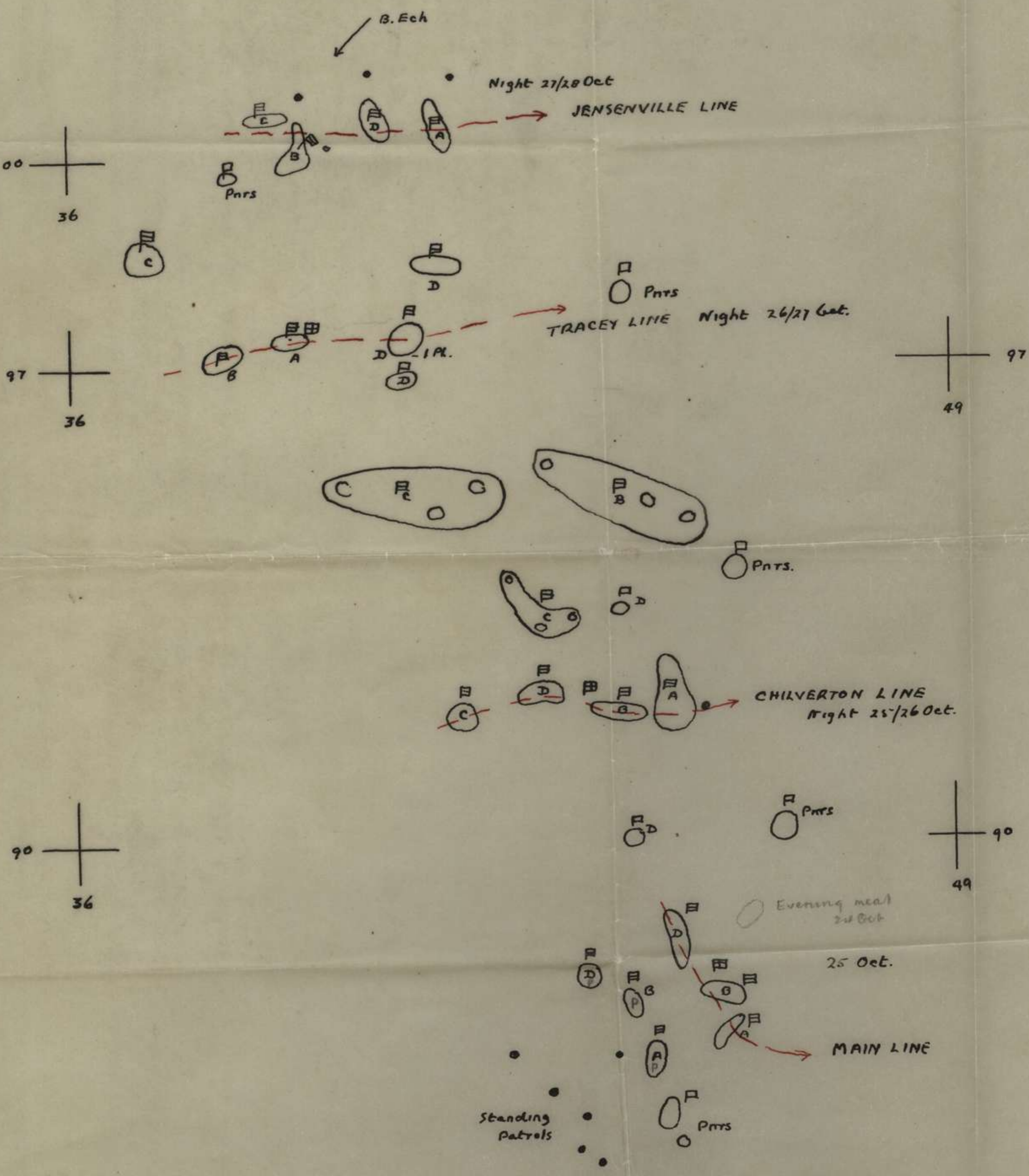
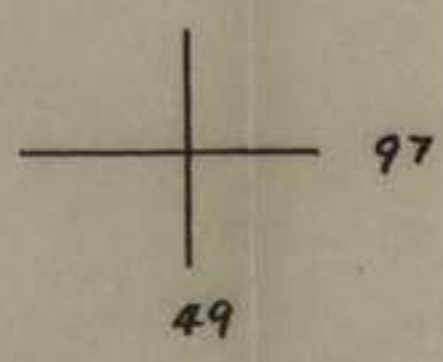
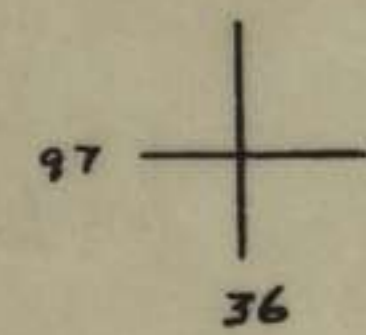
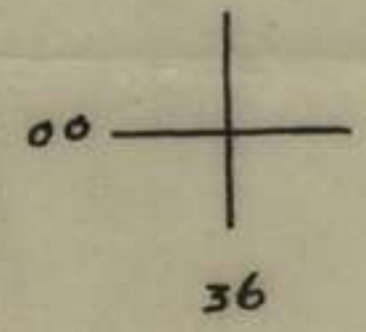
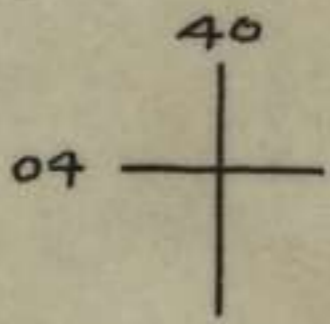
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BARTLE FRERE AND HERBETON



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SCALE 1" to 1 MILE

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2143 Aust Inf Bn
23 Oct 44

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ^{7 Oct 44} ~~23x22~~ /194 ^{2/43 Aust Inf Bn} (Unit)

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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.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			1 2 4 30 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1								
2 NR	5	2	38			1								
				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.	39									39
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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).

* 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.
PX5137	Lt	ANDERSON E.G.	2/6 AGH	1 Oct 44	Ex Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX6977	Capt	COMBE G.D.		4 Oct 44	Attending LHR Junior Staff Course (Brisbane) No 2 War Course 14 Oct - 23 Dec 44
VX104042	Lt	KEANE W.J.		3 Oct 44	Evacuated 2/1 CGS.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ^{2/43 Aust Inf Bn} (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ⁷ / ^{Oct} / 194 ⁴.

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 7 Oct /1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	WX12221	SIMPSON	H.R.	CO	Yes		
Maj	WX9364	JEANES	H.R.	21/c	"		
"	WX8973	TUCKER	W.R.	OC HQ	No	ARL	5 Sep 44
Capt	WX9822	GORDON	J.D.	OC D	Yes		
"	WX9479	WILTON	J.H.	OC C	No	Det 2/122 Bde Wkshops	1 Oct 44
"	WX8977	FOLLOK	J.A.	OC B	Yes		
"	WX6949	STOKES	K.M.	Adjt	"		
"	WX8972	McKEE	R.R.	QM	"		
Lieut	VX102621	WILLIAMSON	H.G.		"		
"	WX10089	LOWHTE	W.S.	21/cO	No	Attending 9 Div Emb. & Disemb. Control Staff Crse.	1 Oct 44
"	TX2694	COEN	J.C.	" A	Yes		
"	TX2910	GLOVER	H.H.E.C.	" D	"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	H.G.	OC10pl	"		
"	WX11084	HOSARD	K.R.	OC18pl	"		
"	WX10816	KENNEDY	A.	OC12pl	"		
"	WX8768	GREASLEY	R.H.	" 6	"		
"	WX7395	HARVEY	B.L.	TO	"		
"	VX35360	FOLEY	W.G.		"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A.G.	OC15pl	"		
"	WX5399	CANTHORNE	C.H.	s/Adjt	"		
"	WX6994	DAVIS	R.B.	IO	"		
"	TX5989	BELL	C.F.		"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T.S.	OC7pl	"		
"	WX126063	HECKIFF	C.G.	OC9pl	"	OC 9 PL	
"	WX80821	CARLISLE	J.R.		"		
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R.	OC1pl	"		
"	WX8830	MOONAN	T.	OC5pl	"		
"	WX4646	CLUBS	H.R.	OC3pl	"		
"	WX9124	GEORGE	H.G.	OC11pl	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F.J.	OC4pl	"		
"	WX36544	WYNN	W.F.	OC2pl	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R.B.	OC13pl	No	Det 24 Bde HQ Cadre Instr 9 Sep 44	
"	WX23527	FOSTER	J.S.	OC14pl	Yes		
"	WX4288	AGARS	M.J.	OC8pl	"		
"	WX21747	HOTTAGE	K.L.		"		
"	WX21747X	HOTTAGE	K.L.		"		
"	WX12560	JONES	P.H.S.		No	ARL	6 Oct 44
"	WX20309	NEVELL	L.A.		Yes		
"	WX36767	CLOSE	N.		No	ARL	6 Oct 44
ATTACHED ALLOWABLE							
Capt	WX140289	McINERNEY	J.F.	RMO	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.
Capt	WX32157	MacLIVER A.	AACbd	30 Sep 44	Chaplain attached from 24 Aust Inf Bde.

7 Oct 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

W. Simpson Lt-Col

Date 7 Oct 44.UNNO 2/43 AUSTRALIAN BN. 11/120/3 (incl Amend. No 3.)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rtts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpls	24	2	2		NR
" "	Ptes	242	39		17	
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
Clerks	Cpls	56	5	1		NR
Clerks	Ptes	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storemen Tech.	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
Storemen Tech.	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO I	1	1			
CSM	WOII	5	4	1		NR
ROMS	WOIII	1	1			
COMS	S/sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts (Riflemen)	Sgts	12	14		2	
Batmen	Ptes	34	35			
Drivers ME	Pte	12	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
Hvg. Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	37		1	
"	Pte	361	371		10	
MMG Nos	Sjt	2	4		1	
MMG Nos	Cpls	3	2			
MMG No.	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjts	5	3	2		NR
"	Cpls	5	6		1	
"	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
Horsemen	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
"	Pte	18	13	5		5
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	3			
"	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total carried forward		767	785	16	32	5

APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		767 769	785	16	32	5
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAMC</u> Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Eng Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	3		2	
<u>AAGC</u> Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AEME</u> Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
" (TG I)	Pte	1	1			
Fitter Gun TG I	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAPostS</u> Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAFC</u> Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u> Caterer	WOII	1	-	1		NR
Cooks	Sjt	5	7		2	
Cooks	Cpl	5	6		1	
Cooks	Pte	13	12	1		NR
		8084	822	19	37	5
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>						

7 Oct 44
DATE OF DESPATCH

Walter L...
Lt Col
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

2143 AUST INP BN Unit

32/44 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7/10/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room 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				Bangetakers			
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staly. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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

7 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

W. H. ...
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER PERSONNEL

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Status of Personnel as shown in

Army No. Rank Name Trade Special Qualifications

Army No.	Rank	Name	Trade	Special Qualifications	
SX4909	Cpl	BURKE	Ex 9 Div Carr. Coy.	Awaiting confirmation of Med. Class "B"	
SX11235	Cpl	SCOTT	W.H.R. Mortarman	3" Mor. detachment comd.	
VX132807 SX6781	Sjt A/sjt	GOUTTS SWAN	G.I. J.N.	Pl Sjt Pl Sjt	Posted as Reinf. Sgt Dec '43. Awaiting advice to transfer to X list at present at GDD WAYVILLE Medically downgraded Tentative "D".
SX6724	A/sjt	HAYES	A.A.	MMG	
ATTACHED PERSONNEL ALLOWABLE					
SX5760	A/sjt	DANIELL (AACC)	C.J.	Sjt Cook	
WX9594	A/sjt	MALPASS (AACC)	F.	Sjt Cook	
SX7491	A/cpl	VOGT (AACC)	P.R.	Cpl Cook	
CARRIED FORWARD					

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of R.R. in col. "Remarks".
(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.

Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

33 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 Oct 4 / 1944 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 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.									
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			1	*										
3	1		2	*										
1	2		6	A.A.M.C.	1									
28		2	30	Captains										
1			1	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
42	3	2	40			1								
				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.	41									41
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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).

* 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.
VX104042	Lt	KEANE W.J.	2/1 CCS	7Oct44	Ex Hospital
SX9459	Capt	FLEMING J.H.	HQ Tactical School (Beenleigh)	7Oct44	Ex School
TX5012	Lt	BROWNLIE R.L.	2/1 CCS	11Oct44	Ex Hospital
WX6424	Capt	DRAY W.R.	2/6 AGH	12Oct44	Ex Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX5099	Lt	CANTHORNE C.H.	2/1 CCS	10Oct44	Evacuated.
VX104042	Lt	KEANE W.J.	"	11Oct44	"

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 14 Oct 4 / 1944.

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 14/10/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	WA12221	SIMPSON	H.W.	CO	Yes		
MAJ	SA9364	JEANES	H.R.	21/c	"		
"	SA8973	TUCKER	W.R.W.	COCH	No	ARL	5 Sep 44
Capt	SA9822	GORDON	J.D.	CCD	Yes		
"	SA9479	WILTON	J.H.	CCC	"		
"	SA8977	FOLLOK	J.A.	CCB	"		
"	SA9457	FLEMING	J.A.	21/cd	"		
"	SA6949	STOKES	K.M.	Adjt	"		
"	WA6423	BRAY	T.R.	21/cB	"		
"	WA8972	McKEE	R.R.	"	"		
Lieut	VX102621	SILVERMAN	H.G.		"		
"	WA10089	LONNIE	W.S.	21/cC	No	Attending 9 Div Emb. & Disemb. Staff Course	1 Oct 44
"	TX2694	GOEN	J.C.	21/cA	Yes		
"	TX2190	GLOVER	M.H.E.C	21/cD	"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	E.G.	CC10pl	"		
"	WA11084	HOWARD	K.D.	CC18pl	"		
"	WA10816	KENNEDY	A.	CC12pl	"		
"	WA8768	GREASLEY	R.H.	CC16pl	"		
"	WA 7395	HARVEY	B.L.	TO	"		
"	VX35360	FOLEY	W.G.		"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A.G.	CC15pl	"		
"	SA6994	DAVIS	B.B.	IO	"		
"	TX5989	BELL	C.F.		"		
"	TX5012	BROWNIE	R.L.		"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T.S.	CC7pl	"		
"	WA126063	HECKIFF	C.G.	CC9pl	"		
"	WA80821	CARLISLE	J.R.		"		
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R.	CC1pl	"		
"	VX8830	MOONAN	T.	CC5pl	"		
"	WA4646	CLUES	A.R.	CC3pl	"		
"	WA9124	GEORGE	R.G.	CC11pl	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F.J.	CC4pl	"		
"	WA36544	SYNN	W.F.	CC2pl	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R.B.	CC13pl	No	Det 24 Bde MCO Cdr (Instr) 9 Sep 44	
"	SA32927	FOSTER	J.S.	CC14pl	Yes		
"	SA4288	AGARS	M.J.	CC8pl	"		
"	SA21747	NOTTAGE	K.L.		"		
"	SA12560	JONES	P.H.W.		No	ARL	6 Oct 44
"	SA20309	NEWELL	L.A.		Yes		
"	WA36767	GLOSE	H.		No	ARL	6 Oct 44
Capt	WA140289	McINERNEY	J.F.	RMO	Yes	(Att. Allowable)	

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.
Capt	WA32157	MacIVER A.	4th Bn	30 Sep 44	Chaplain attached from 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Date 14 Oct 44

UNIT 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
WE - 11/120/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def icit	Sur plus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u> Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u> Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpls	2 4	4			
" "	Ptes	24 22	37		15	
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u> Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
Clerks	Cpls	5 6	6			
Clerks	Ptes	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storemen Tech.	Sjt	1	1			
Storemen Tech.	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u> RSM	WO I	1	1			
GSM	WOII	5	3	2		NR
ROMS	WOIII	1	1			
COMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts (Riflemen)	Sgts	12	14		2	
Batmen	2 3	2 3	3			
Drivers ME	2 11	2 11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
Mtg. Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	35	1		NR
" "	Pte	361	359	2		NR
MMG Nos	Sjt	2 3	4		1	
MMG Nos	Cpls	2 2	1	1		NR
MMG No.	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjts	5	4	1		NR
" "	Cpls	5	7		2	
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
Lioners	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
" "	Pte	18	13	5		5
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
" "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
		769				
Total carried forward		769	773	16	20	5

APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		767 769	773	16	20	5
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAMC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Evg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	3		2	
<u>A.SOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AEME</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
" (TG I)	Pte	1	1			
Fitter Gun TG I	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAPostS</u>						
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAFC</u>						
Par Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	-	1		NR
Cooks	Sjt	5	7		2	
Cooks	Cpl	5	6		1	
Cooks	Pte	13	12	1		NR
		802 804	810	19	25	5
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>						

DATE OF DESPATCH; 14 OCT 44

W. J. Simpson
Lt-Col
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

DATE OF DESPATCH

Lt-Col
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

2/43 Huss Infr. Coy. Unit

Serial No. 3722

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 Oct 1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.F.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			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Blivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiooperators				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	

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

14 OCT 1943
Date of Despatch

Walter Simpson
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

34 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 10 / 1944 . . . 2/43 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 120 / 3 . . . OFFRS 33 . . . O.R's. 769 + OFFRS 1 . . . O.R's. 35 . . . ATT. BY W.E.

One Reinft 8

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.								
Rein'fts * Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
			1 3 7 30 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAIC	1							
NR	1	2	42			1							
		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.	43										43
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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).

* 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.
VX104042	St	KEANE W.J.	2/1 CCS	14Oct44	Marched in
SX5399	Lt	CAETHORNE C.H.	"	17Oct44	" "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 21 Oct / 1944.

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

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

Army Form W.3008
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 10 / 1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
t-col	WA12221	SIMPSON	N.W.	CO	Yes		
MAJ	EX9364	JEAMES	M.R.	21/e			
"	EX8973	TUCKER	W.R.W.	CHQ	No	ARL	530 44
"	EX9822	GORDON	J.D.	OCB	Yes		
Capt	EX9479	WILTON	J.H.	OCB	"		
"	EX8977	POLLOK	J.A.	OCB	"		
"	EX9457	FLEMING	J.A.	21/eD	"		
"	EX6949	STOKES	K.M.	Adjt	"		
"	EX6423	BRAY	W.R.	21/ob	"		
"	EX8972	HEKER	R.R.	CH	"		
"	WA10089	LONNIE	W.S.	21/OC	"		
"	TX2694	COHEN	J.C.	21/CA	"		
1st Lt	WA102621	HILL JAMES	H.G.		"		
"	WA104042	KEANE	W.J.		"		
"	TX2190	GLOVER	H.H.H.C	21/eD	"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	E.G.	OC10pl	"		
"	WA11084	HOWARD	K.D.	OC18pl	No	FAARpl Trg Schl MRAPS	19Oct44
"	WA10816	KENNEDY	A.	OC12pl	Yes		
"	EX8768	GREASLEY	R.H.	OC16pl	"		
"	EX7395	HARVEY	B.H.	TO	"		
"	VA35360	FOLEY	W.G.		"		
"	VA81082	AVARIT	A.G.	OC15pl	"		
"	EX5399	CARTHORNE	G.H.	AsstAdjt	"		
"	EX6994	DAVIS	R.B.	IO	"		
"	EX5989	BELL	G.H.		"		
"	TX5012	BROSMER	R.H.		No	HQ Gas school	14Oct44
"	WA107920	BUTTSWORTH	T.S.	OC7pl	Yes		
"	WA126063	NECKIFF	C.G.	OC9pl	No	Det 9Aust Div (LC)	20Oct44
"	WA80821	CARLISLE	J.R.		Yes		
"	WA11486	SCOTT	R.	OC1pl	"		
"	WA8830	HOOGAN	T.	OC5pl	"		
"	WA4646	CLUBS	A.R.	OC3pl	"		
"	WA9124	GEORGE	H.G.	OC11pl	"		
"	WA88362	WELLS	F.F.	OC4pl	"		
"	EX36544	WYNN	W.F.		"		
"	WA106057	WATERS	R.B.	OC13pl	No	Det 24th MCO cadre (Instr)	9 Sep 44
"	EX32927	FOSTER	J.S.	OC2pl	Yes		
"	EX4288	AGARS	H.J.	OC8pl	"		
"	EX21747	NOTTAGE	K.L.		"		
"	EX12560	JONES	P.H.W.		No	ARL	5Oct44
"	EX20309	REWELL	L.A.		Yes		
"	EX36767	GLOSE	H.		No	ARL	6Oct44
Capt	WA140289	MCIVER	J.P.	AMO	Yes	(Att. Allowable)	

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.
Capt	WA32157	McLIVER A.	AACHD	30Sep44	chaplain attached from 24 Aust Inf Bde

21 OCT 44

Date of Despatch

K M Stokes Capt
Signature of Commander

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APPENDIX "A"

Date 21 OCT 44

UNIT 2/43 AUST INF BN
WE - 11/120/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def icit	Sur plus	REts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpls	2 4	4			
" "	Ptes	22 22	37		15	
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
Clerks	Cpls	5 6	6			
Clerks	Ptes	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storemen Tech.	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
Storemen Tech.	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO I	1	1			
CSM	WOII	5	4	1		NR
ROMS	WOII	1	1			
COMS	S/sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts (Riflemen)	Sgts	12	12			
Batmen	34 Cpls	35 35	35			
Drivers etc	11 Ptes	11 11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
Hvy. Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	31	5		NR
"	Pte	361	338	23		23
MMG Nos	Sjt	3 3	4		1	
MMG Nos	Cpls	6 2	1	1		
MMG No.	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjts	5	4	1		NR
"	Cpls	5	7		2	
"	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
Lioners	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	23	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	13	13	5		5
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	2	1		NR
" "	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
" "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total carried forward		769 767	745	42	18	28

APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		767 769	745	42	18	28
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAMC</u> Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Hvg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	3		2	
<u>AAOC</u> Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AEME</u> Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
" (TG I)	Pte	1	1			
Fitter Gun TG I	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAPostS</u> Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAFC</u> Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u> Caterer	WOII	1	-	1		NR
Cooks	Sjt	5	7		2	
Cooks	Cpl	5	5			
Cooks	Pte	13	13			
		802 4	782	44	22	28
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>						

DATE OF DISPATCH : 21 OCT 44

Kurtokes Capt
for Lt-col
Comd-2/43 Aust Inf Bn AOD

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

54/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/10/1944. 2/43 RUST INF BN. (Unit)

W.E. 11/20/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 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.	C	C	C	C	
	NR	1	5	W.Os. Class II.					19400 NR 1
	NR	1	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
32	NR	2	30	Sergeants	2	1	1	7	2 AAO 10
67	NR	7	60	Corporals	1		1	5	1 AAO NR 8
58	28	13	645	Troopers, Privates, etc.	3	2		13	2 AAO 16
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
769	28	24	745	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	5	1	1	25	4 2 35

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.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	762									762
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	SAL ARMY			73	LEAVE		
1	24 RUST INF BDE			1	PRO		
				1	24 RUST INF BDE		
				4	2/32 RUST INF BN		
				7	24 RUST INF BDE ACC CAPRE (DUTY)		
				9	SCHOOLS.		
				1	FRA REGT TAG Schools 16RFS WING (PATROL) to STUDENT		
				1	OFFRS CLUB KAIEHNOE		
				1	RHQ 21 RUST 67 REGT.		
				5	2/122 BDE WORKSHOPS.		
				103			

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 21/10/1944.

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/10/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room 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				Rangetakers				
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Boilers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators												
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers								
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers								
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks								
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies								
Mflwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.								
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates								
								Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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21 OCT 44
Date of Despatch

R. Mittones Capt
Signature of Commander AOD

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Part A of Army Form W 3009 of 0600 Hours Saturday 1941
ROLL OF SURPLUS

GRADE No.	RANK	NAME	TRADE	SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS	
				GROUP I (Code)	GROUP II (Code)
SX 11235	AW	SCOTT W. H. R.	MORTAR DET COMP		
WX 11564	A/AW	STOTT. A. A.			
SX 6724	A/SGT	HAYES. A. F.	MORGAN DET COMP		
ATTACHED PERSONNEL (ALLOWABLE)					
SX 5760	A/SGT	VANIELL. J.	SGT COOK (AFC)		
WX 9544	A/SGT	MALPASS. F.	SGT COOK (AFC)		
CARRIED FORWARD					

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(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "N.R." in col. "Reinst. Requested".
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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
35/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 Oct /1944 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/129 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 169 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.
ONE REINF

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
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.							
WE 1 3 18 28 1	1	2	1 3 7 30 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1										
42	1	2	42			1										
				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.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	43									43		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 28 Oct /1944;

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 Oct/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT-COL	NX17221	SIMPSON	NW	CO	YES		
MAJ	SX9364	JANES	M.R	21/C	YES		
"	SX5973	TUCKER	WRW	OC 11/4	NO	ARL	
"	SX4522	GORDON	J.D	OC 11/4	YES		
CAPT.	SX9479	WILTON	J.H.	OC 11/4	YES		
"	SX9947	FOLLOK	J.H.	OC 11/4	YES		
"	SX9457	FLEMING	J.H.	21/C	YES		
"	SX6949	STOKES	K.M.	ADJT	YES		
"	WX0423	BRAY	WB	21/C	YES		
"	WX8972	MCKEE	RR	BM	YES		
"	WX10059	LONNIE	WB	21/C	YES		
"	TX2694	COEN	J.C.	21/C	YES		
LT.	VX102621	WILLIAMSON	H.G.		YES		
"	VX104042	KEANE	W.J.		YES		
"	TX2140	GLOVER	M.H.C.	21/C	YES		
"	TX5737	MURKINSON	E.G.	OC 10/4	YES		
"	WX11054	HOWARD	K.D.	OC 15/4	NO	F.A. K. 16/4 The Sec M/K/F/S	17 OCT 44
"	WX10516	KENNEDY	A.	OC 12/4	YES		
"	BX3768	GREASLEY	R.H.	OC 16/4	YES		
"	WX7395	HARVEY	B.L.	T.O.	YES		
"	VX35360	FOLEY	W.G.		YES		
"	VX81082	EVEKITT	H.G.	OC 15/4	YES		
"	SX5349	CANTHORNE	C.H.	ADJT	YES		
"	SX6994	DAVIS	R.B.	IO	YES		
"	TX5989	BELL	C.F.		YES		
"	TX5012	BROWNLEE	R.L.		NO	L.H. G. Sec	14 OCT 44
"	VX107420	BUTTERMORTH	T.S.	OC 7/4	YES		
"	NX126663	MCKEIFF	C.G.	OC 9/4	NO	H.Q. 9 Aust Div (L.O.)	20 OCT 44
"	VX80821	CARRISLE	J.R.		YES		
"	VX11466	SCOTT	R.	OC 11/4	YES		
"	VX8630	NOONAN	T.	OC 5/4	YES		
"	NX4646	CLUES	A.R.	OC 3/4	YES		
"	NX9124	GEORGE	V.G.	OC 11/4	YES		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F.J.	OC 4/4	YES		
"	UX36544	WYNN	W.F.		YES		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R.B.	OC 13/4	NO	22 Aust Inf Bn (CO (Adm) (Dist) 9 Sep 44)	
"	SX23927	FOSTER	J.S.	OC 2/4	YES		
"	SX4258	HGARS	M.J.	OC 8/4	YES		
"	SX21747	NOTTAGE	K.L.		NO	4 Aust Div + 133 SFC TRINITY	23 OCT 44
"	SX2560	JONES	P.H.W.		NO	ARKL	6 OCT 44
"	SX20309	NEWELL	L.A.		YES		
"	BX36767	CLOSE	H.		NO	ARKL	6 OCT 44
		ATT ALLOWABLE					
CAPT.	NX40289	MCINERNEY	J.F.	RMO	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.
CAPT	WX32157	MACLIVER H.	ANCB	30 SEPT 44	CHAPLAIN ATT. FROM 22 AUST INF BDE.

28 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-Col.

Unit : 2/43 AUST INF BN
WE - 11/12C/3

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpls	4	4			
"	Ptes	22	36		14	
Observation post Asst	Pte	-	2		2	
"	Pte	-	1		1	
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
Storemen Tech	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Driver Mech MT	Pte	-	5		5	
"	Pte	-	4		4	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WOI	1	1			
CSM	WOII	5	4	1		NR
RQMF	WOII	1	1			
COEF	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts (Rifleman)	Sgts	12	12			
Batmen	Pte	35	15			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	37		1	
"	Pte	361	323	38		38
MMG Nos	Sjt	3	3			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
MMG Nos	Pte	20	20			
Mortar No	Sjt	5	4	1		NR
"	Cpl	5	7		2	
"	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1			NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		5
" "	Pte	18	13	5		
3.7 A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	3			NR
" "	Cpl	4	1	3		
" "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total carried forward		769	746	53	30	43

APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WF	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total Brought Forward		769	746	53	30	43
<u>ATTACHED BY WF</u>						
<u>AAAC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	3		2	
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAEMC</u>						
Armourer	Sjt	1	1			
" (TGI)	Pte	1	1			
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAPostS</u>						
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAFC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	-	1		NR
Cooks	Sjt	5	7		2	
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	15		2	
		804	785	55	36	43
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WF</u>						
Drivers Mechanics MT		TGIII	5			
Gunlayers		TGIII	4			
Observation Post Assts		TGII	2			
Cooks		TGII	2			
Mason		TGII	1			
Clerks		TGIII	1			
Sigs		TGII	14			
<u>TRADE TESTED BUT NOT RECEIVING TRADE PAY</u>						
Range Takers		TGIII	3			
Oxy-holders		TGII	1			
Boat-drivers		TGIII	1			
Baker		TGII	1			

} Shown as Riflemen

DATE OF DESPATCH: 28 OCT 44

[Signature] Lt-col
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/10/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radlographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
			Hatchman			Butchers					
			Height Taker			Clerks					
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply					
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers					
			Joiners			Concretors					
			Lineman			Cooks					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*

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

28 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

2/43 AUST INF BN - HONOURS AND AWARDS RECEIVED

2/43 Bn War Diary
App No 21.

Date	No	Rank	Name	Coy		Honour or Award	Immediate or Periodical	Action
				Received	Now in			
22 Sep 41		Capt	L. McCARTER	B	P.W.	M.C.	Immediate	Attack on R7 3 Aug
Apr 42		Lt-col	W.W. CRELLIN	Bn HQ	Tfd	M.I.D.	Periodical	Tobruk general
"		Capt	R.F. SUDHOLZ	HQ	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	Carrier Patrol Pt 146 Tobruk
"		"	J.H. WILTON	D	C	M.I.D.	"	Raid, Bardia Rd 25 Apr
"		"	J.G. HOSKINGS	HQ	Disch	M.I.D.	4	Salient shoot with R.N.
"		Lt	J.L. PRATT	HQ	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	Carrier Patrol Bardia R 13 May
Apr 42	SX2328	Cpl	P.C. MILLOWICK	C	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	Tobruk general
Sep 42	SX6091	Pte	H.J. NICOL	D	Tfd	M.I.D.	"	Raid, Bardia Rd 25 Apr
Jul 41	SX5911	Cpl	W.B. CURREN	D	K.I.A.	M.M.	Immediate	" " "
Apr 42	SX9479	Lt	J.H. WILTON	D	C	M.C.	Periodical	" " "
Sep 41	SX5547	WO 11	R.B. QUINN	B	B	M.M.	Immediate	R7 Tobruk
"	SX6263	Sjt	T. CHARLTON	B	Tfd	M.M.	"	" "
"		Capt	M.R. JEANES	D	Bn HQ	M.I.D.	Periodical	Tobruk General
"		Lt	J.A. POLLOK	B	B	M.I.D.	"	R7, Tobruk
"	SX7306	Sjt	J.L. CAMERON	A	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	4	TOBRUK General
"	SX8293	A/sjt	W.J. TUIT	Bn HQ	Tfd	M.I.D.	"	R7, Tobruk
Aug 42		Capt	M.R. JEANES	D	Bn HQ	M.C.	Immediate	Raid 7/8 Jul Alamein
"	SX6842	Pte	D. FRANKLIN	D	D	M.M.	"	" "
Sep 42		Capt	J.D. GORDON	C	B	M.C.	"	Ruin Ridge 17 Jul
"	SX6339	Sjt	E.W. SHEPHERDSON	A	Tfd	M.M.	"	Alamein
"	SX10558	L/Cpl	J.J.S. Maddocks	Bn HQ	Tfd	M.M.	"	"
"	SX5232	Pte	H.J. DEAN	C	C	M.M.	"	Ruin Ridge 17 Jul
"	SX6162	L/Cpl	A.S. WRIGHT	B	Tfd	M.M.	Periodical	Tobruk general
Oct 42		Capt	B.J. HEMINGS	D	K.I.A.	C in C Card	Immediate	Raid 7/8 Jul Alamein, 42
"		"	A.I. HARE	B	K.I.A.	"	"	Ruin Ridge
"	SX5911	L/sjt	W.B. CURREN	D	K.I.A.	"	"	Raid 7/8 Jul 42 Alamein
"		Lt	A.C. GEORGE	B	Tfd	"	"	Ruin Ridge 17 Jul
"	SX6259	Cpl	G.L. YENDALL	B	Tfd	"	"	" "
"	SX6724	Pte	A.A. HAYES	D	HQ	"	"	Raid 7/8 Jul 42 Alamein
Jan 43		Lt	L.H. THOMAS	D	Hosp	M.C.	"	Raid at Alamein 23 Oct
"	SX5093	Sjt	F.N. JOY	B	OCTU	M.M.	"	"Blockhouse"
Sep 42	SX5055	Capt	G.M. CLARK	B	P.W.	C in C Card	"	R.7 Tobruk
Aug 41	SX5911	L/sjt	W.R. CURREN	D	K.I.A.	"	"	Raid Bardia Rd 25 Apr
Sep 42		Capt	D.C. SIEKMANN	B	B	M.C.	"	Patrol salient Tobruk
Nov 42		"	W.E.L. CATCHLOVE	A	C	M.C.	"	" Derna Rd "
Sep 42	SX5399	WO 11	C.H. CAWTHORNE	B	Bn HQ	M.M.	"	" Salient Tobruk
Nov 43	SX5399	WO 11	C.H. CAWTHORNE	B	Bn HQ	Bar to M.M.	"	Ruin Ridge. 17 Jul

2/43 AUST INF BN - HONOURS AND AWARDS RECEIVED

SHEET 2

Date	No	Rank	Name	Coy.		Honour or Award	Immediate or Periodical	Action
				Received	Now in			
May 43		Capt	A.J. HARE	B	K.I.A.	M.C.	Immediate	Ruin Ridge 17 Jul
Mar 43		Chap	T. GARD	Bn HQ	Tfd	M.I.D.	Periodical	Alamein general
"	SX6239	Sjt	K.E. RICHARDSON	D	C	M.I.D.	"	Tobruk general
"	SX5489	Pte	J.K. GODDEN	A	Tfd	M.I.D.	"	" "
"	SX5129	Sjt	E.B. LODGE	HQ	Dcd	M.M.	"	Carrier patrol Tobruk
31 Aug 43	WX1576	Lt-col	W.J. WAIN	Bn HQ	Tfd	M.I.D.	"	Alamein
"	SX10147	Capt	J.D. RICE	HQ 24 Bde		M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX8893	Capt	R.W. BANGSTER	" "		M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX6063	WO 11	J.P. INNES	HQ	44 Aust Con Depot	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX5801	Sjt	F.E. DADDOW	D	OCTU	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX6694	"	R.B. DAVIS	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX8686	Cpl	P.C. GRANEY	D	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX5373	Pte	R.G. HEITMAN	A	Tfd	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX5823	Cpl	G.E. GAY	HQ	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	"
"	SX8706	Pte	K. GILBERT	D	K.I.A.	M.I.D.	"	Raid 7/8 Jul Alamein
"	WX15760	Lt-col	W.J. WAIN	Bn HQ	Tfd	D.S.O.	"	Alamein
Jan 44	SX10270	Capt	E.C. GRANT	A	29/46Bn	M.C.	Immediate	Jivevaneng (Finschhafen)
"	SX7374	A/Cpl	H.J. TURNER	A	A	M.M.	"	" "
"	SX5534	"	H.J. DABNER	D	D	M.M.	"	" "
"	TX5553	Cpl	A.C. SQUIBB	A	A	M.M.	"	Bonga-waree Tk (Finschhafen)
"	SX5279	A/sjt	R.J. BONNER	A	A	M.M.	"	" "
"	SX6977	Capt	G.D. COMBE	A	A	M.C.	"	Jivevaneng "
"	NX35589	Sjt	N.W. MACKENZIE	HQ	A	D.C.M.	"	Coastal Tk-Scarlet Beach "
"	WX10180	L/Cpl	B.S. BAINESS	A	A	D.C.M.	"	Bonga-waree Tk "
"	SX18206	Pte	A.G. GRAYSON	HQ	HQ	D.C.M.	"	Song River "
"	SX13339	"	R.S. RONAN	D	D	M.M.	"	Jivevaneng "
"	TX5715	"	H. GARWOOD	D	Bn HQ	M.M.	"	"
"	SX8886	Lt-col	T.M. CONROY	Bn HQ		M.I.D.	Periodical	Tobruk
Sep 43	5808SX	Pte	W.D. SIFT	"	Bn HQ	M.I.D.	"	Busu River, lae.
Oct 42	SX6259	Sjt	G.E. YENDALL	B	Tfd	C in C Card	"	Alamein
"	SX5289	Lt	L.H. THOMAS	D		"	"	Raid 23 Oct Alamein

Appx "A"
(Issued in conjunction with
2/43 Aust Inf Bn Exercise
with tps No 5)

- TIME TABLE -

Ser 1	5 Sep	Director's preliminary conference with Senior Umpire
2	6 Sep	DS, Umpires OC Enemy and offr assists. recon exercise area
3	8 Sep	Issue of Opening narrative to cond for exercise
4	10 Sep	Enemy take up initial posns. Cond for exercise issues his orders.
5	11 Sep	Explanation to tps by conds of object of exercise, scope, lessons to be taught and use of onomy.
6	"	D - Day, Exercise commences at TUCKERS BRIDGE at 0900 hrs. Start time from camp area 0800 hrs.
7	11/15 Sep	Scope of Exercise 5 days approx.
8	17 Sep	Umpire's conference and submission of report to Director
9	18 Sep	Director's summing up to Offrs and NCOs.

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OPENING SITUATION

Appx "B" (issued in
conjunction with 2/43
Bn exercise with tps
No 5)

1. The enemy has commenced an offensive with the probable intention of capturing RAVENSHOE.
 2. He is advancing on two main axes:
 - (a) EASTwards from MT GARNET astride the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY
 - (b) NORTHwards astride the TULLY FALLS rd.
 3. Composition of force on TULLY FALLS rd is NOT known but it is believed to be 1 Regt with arty. He has local air superiority.
 4. 26 Bde is disposed on the general line MT ARCHER 241830 - rd junc 238812. Their fwd tps are in contact at about tr juncs 182814. 1 sqn 2/9 Aust Cav (commando) Regt have est standing patrols in THREE SISTERS area - NMS.
 5. 24 Bde is responsible for the defence of RAVENSHOE until such time as 20 Bde - which is concentrating in the CHILVERTON area 4491 - can assume that task.
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EXERCISE SECRET

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
6 Sep 44

2/43 AUST INT BN EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 5

Copy No 37

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Ref Maps: MT GARNET Sheet)
PALMERSON ") 1 in to 1 mile

1. OBJECT To exercise the bn and sp arms in
 - (a) Adv in SAVANNAH and JUNGLE country
 - (b) Encounter attack
 - (c) attack
 - (d) hastily occupied defensive position
2. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT
 - (a) protection of a bn advancing and at rest
 - (b) The offensive action required of an adv gp on gaining contact
 - (c) The execution of a deliberate attack
 - (d) The speed at which arty can move and its relation to the rate of adv of a bn.
3. AXIS OF EXERCISE

TICKERS PP - ONLY ON 1 25950

Appx "C" (issued in conjunction with
2/43 Aust Inf Bn Exercise
with troops No 5)

OPENING NARRATIVE

At 2200 hrs

D - 1 CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn reported to HQ 24 Bde and received his final orders from the Bde comd of which the following are extracts.

The enemy has made no further eastward move on the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY and the posn is unchanged in that area.

His attempt to push NORTH of the rd and tr juncs in sq 4476 has failed as 2/28 bn control the approaches in that area. 2/28 Bn are in close contact.

Tac R reports state that considerable movement has been observed WEST of TULLY FALLS rd at about 461695. Small parties have been observed on the WEST-ERN edge of the jungle in sq 4369.

The enemy is probably trying to by-pass our forces on the TULLY FALLS rd.

His movement through the jungle area WEST of the rd will be slow. There are no tracks and MT cannot be used until rds have been cut. His sup problem will be a limiting factor to the distance he can move in the initial stages.

He may endeavour to gain control of BLUNDER Ck tr and MT PANDANUS tr with a view to possible use later.

2/9 Aust Cav (commando) Regt have est patrols on the MT PANDANUS tr at tr junc 3676 and on tr at 412769.

2/32 Bn is the bde ros and is in the VINE CREEK school area 425783.

You will destroy the enemy where you contact him on the OAKY CK tr - BLUNDER CREEK tr axis.

You can have a tp of arty in sp. Also a det of 2/3 Fd Amb.

It is necessary that the arty keep to the tr as air photos show that many cks are not passable to vchs without ongr assistance.

Start your adv on the morning of 11 Sep. My HQ is at VINE CK school.

NOTE: It is assumed that the bn has concentrated on the TUCKERS BRIDGE area on night D - 1/D day.

7. TIME TABLE AND SCOPE

Issued as Appx "A".

6. CONTROL OF EXERCISE

- (a) Comd for Exercise - Maj M R JEANES
- (b) Standfast - 2 whistle blasts - authority - Director or Chief Umpire
- (c) Coast Fire - 3 whistle blasts - authority - any offr in case of emergency otherwise on orders of Director or Chief Ump.
- (d) Dispersal - On Director's orders.

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8. UMPIRES

Senior Umpire	Capt W R BRAY
A Coy	Lt R H GREASLEY
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C Coy	Lt C H BELL
D Coy	Lt T BUTTERWORTH

9. ENEMY

- (a) OC Enemy Capt J H WILTON
- (b) Offr Assistants Lt R L BROWNIE
Lt L A NEWELL
- (c) Enemy C Coy.

10. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY FIRE

- (a) Mortars Colignite
- MMGs Brons firing into prepared pits long burst - mirror flashes
- MMGs Brons firing into prepared pits - short bursts.
- Rifle OSMG firing into prepared pits - single shots
- Grenados 69 - thrown well clear of tps
- Booby traps "Crackling Thomas" if available - otherwise token
- (b) No rifles or blank amm will be taken on exercise by enemy.
- (c) Umpires will be in possession of 69 type grenade and smoke candles to be used as directed. "Blinds" will be picquotted on instrs from umpires and destroyed under directions OC 5 pl.
- (d) Tps to be exercised will be issued with blank amm on a scale to be advised.

NARRATIVE 2

Precis of Tac R report received at Bde HQ at 0630 hrs 11 Sep.

Enemy party est strength 30/40 observed moving NORTH on tr at
FORD 331710.

Second party approx 10 pulling handcart or arty piece at 347710.

(Passed to Bn comd by W/T 0700 hrs 11 Sep)

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FORECAST OF EVENTS

Ser No	APPROX Time	Event	Probable Action	Instrs to Enemy and Umpires
1	D day 0900	Bn and sp arms marry up in TUCKERS BRIDGE area	Explanation to tps of object of exercise, lessons to be taught. Given by Director	All umpires will take special note of march discipline from camp area to concentration area.
2	1015	Fwd tps reach 345775. Enemy opens fire with MGs	Execution of the 5 P's by adv gd	No enemy posns will be vacated unless overrun. MGs in depth to be silent until attack by adv gd pressed home. All umpires note protective measures adopted for main body during this period. Paint picture of danger from air unless advantage taken of natural cover. Note carefully infm passed back to bn comd.
3	1100- 1300	Enemy in strength on SOUTH side of BREAKODAY CREEK. with MMGs in depth.	Bn comd decides to attack - probably on left flank using two coys.	Senior umpire note whether <u>all</u> enemy pockets are cleaned up. Do not permit sub units freedom of mvt unless this is done. Note time taken for arty to give sp. How many tasks given to the tp. Was inf protection given to the gun area
4.	1530- 1800	Bn reaches bivouac area - protection at rest	Bn comd allots coys areas of responsibility - special orders for protection of arty	Umpires note whether full advantage is taken of natural cover. Are orders for protection at rest complete. Are picquets, sentries, etc. in fire posns. Enemy to stage attempted penetration of bn area between 1800 hrs D Day and first light D plus 1. Were all tps standing to armed, in fire posn with all shelters lowered.
5	Dplus1 0730	Bn continues adv	Orders issued previous night incl order of march, bounds, flank and rear protection etc.	Note deployment within sub units. Are flank patrols tactically deployed.
6	0815	Fwd tps fired on from FORD area 331710. Some enemy arty fire	Same as for serial 2	Umpires note whether enemy posts are pin pointed by fwd tps and infm passed back quickly. Create casualties if deployment is attempted on right flank. Record no. of posts located Senior umpire to inform bn comd of areas under enemy arty and MMG fire.
7	0900- 1130	Increasing resistance from enemy	Bn comd plans for bn attack with arty sp	Senior umpire note whether arty tasks would neutralise enemy MMGs. Are orders passed down to tps. Is action taken to lighten load of tps attacking.
8	1430- 1800	Bn occupies defensive posn general line 390706-390697	Bn halted in rear of defensive posn. Protection given to bn during occupation	Is there an organised procedure for the preparation of the defensive posn. Are outposts, picquets and sentries posted. What patrolling is done. Is there a patrol policy from Bn HQ.

Ser. No.	Approx Time	Event	Probable Action	Instrs to Enemy and Umpires
				What is the plan for immediate counterattack within coys. Has the res coy a counter attack role. Enemy to stage a raid on the FDLs about 0530 hrs D plus 2. Umpires note whether any penetration was made.
9	Dplus2 0900	Bn continues adv	As for serial 5	Has the bn gun cover up to its proposed final bound, D plus 2.
10	0930	Delaying action by small party of enemy from clearing about 405702	Opposition is within the capacity of the vanguard pl to overcome	This day is mainly to test the maintenance of a bn when fwd mvt of guns and vehs is possible only after engr assistance is given by pnr pl. Senior umpire will demolish two brs as arranged. Is protection given to working parties. Is any part of the bn beyond effective sp of arty? What was the total man hrs for the preparation of the two crossings? (Note: Standing timber must not be cut and any brs damaged by tpt must be noted for repair by bn)
11	1200- 1300	Bn reaches jungle edge at 435691	Areas of responsibility allotted to each coy. Patrolling policy of bn HQ	As for serial 4. Enemy to stage pl attack during hours of daylight. Umpires note alertness of sentries. Is patrolling intensified as a result of enemy action.
12	Dplus3 0730	Bn continues adv EAST to TULLY FALLS rd	Bn divided into two colns approx 800 yds apart moving parallel	Object of move is to test ability of a coln to maintain direction, the preparation & widening of a tr & intercomn between colns.
13	1200	Bn colns reach TULLY FALLS rd Sq 4669	Bn moves tactically to Bdo res in area 449767 455768 - 450773	Senior umpire note bounds given to adv gd. Does adv gd report on bounds. Does start time of main body permit normal rate of adv with out frequent halts?
14	1600	Bn reaches bivouac area as in ser. 13	Normal protective measures by coys.	No enemy action. NOT to be promulgated to tps
15	Dplus4 0730	Bn continues adv to prepared def. posn on gen. line 366802-345799	As for serial 5	As for serial 14
16	1130	Bn takes up def posn as in ser. 15	Normal activity patrolling to commence at 1600 hrs	Enemy and umpires rejoin respective sub units
17	1600Dplus4 -1000Dplus5	Bn will be prepared to counter attempted penetration of FDLs by 2/28 Bn		
18	Dplus5 1000	Exercise ends	Move to camp - coys independantly by march route	

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2/43 1ST INF BN EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 5

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Ref Maps: LT GARNET Sheet)
PATERSON ") 1 in to 1 mile

1. OBJECT To exercise the bn and sp arms in
 - (a) Adv in SAVANNAH and JUNGLE country
 - (b) Encounter attack
 - (c) attack
 - (d) hastily occupied defensive position
2. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT
 - (a) protection of a bn advancing and at rest
 - (b) The offensive action required of an adv gd on gaining contact
 - (c) The execution of a deliberate attack
 - (d) The speed at which arty can move and its relation to the rate of adv of a bn.
3. AXIS OF EXERCISE
TUCKERS BR - OAKY CK tr 358798 - BLUNDER CK 3470 - WOOROORA 3570 - astride tr to 430700 - EAST to TULLY FALLS rd - NORTH astride TULLY rd to rd junc 440778 - astride tr to prepared bn defensive posn - general line 366802 - 345799
4. TPS TO BE EXERCISED
 - (a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, less C Coy acting as enemy
 - (b) 2/14 Aust Fd Bty
 - (c) Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
5. TIME TABLE AND SCOPE
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9. ENEMY
 - (a) OC Enemy Capt J H WILTON
 - (b) Offr Assistants Lt R L BROWNIE
Lt L A NEVELL
 - (c) Enemy C Coy.
10. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY FIRE
 - (a) Mortars Golignito
 - MGs Brens firing into prepared pits long burst - mirror flashes
 - IMGs Brens firing into prepared pits - short bursts.
 - Riflc OSG firing into prepared pits - single shots
 - Grenades 69 - thr wa well clear of tps
 - Booby traps "Crackling Thoms" if available - otherwise token
 - (b) No rifles or blank amm will be taken on exercise by enemy.
 - (c) Umpires will be in possession of 69 type grenade and smoke candles to be used as directed. "Blinds" will be picouctted on instrs from umpires and destroyed under directions OC 5 pl.
 - (d) Tps to be exercised will be issued with blank amm on a scale to be advised.

11. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Every care must be taken to avoid accidents by shooting or use of fire effects during the exercise.
- (b) Coy comds will submit a certificate to Bn HQ on D day to the effect that no tps being exercised - vido para 4 - are in possession of SAA or any other projectile.
- (c) OC enemy will be responsible for ensuring that adequate safety precautions are observed by the enemy.
- (d) Bayonets will NOT be fixed during the exercise.

12. PREVENTION OF BUSH FIRES

- (a) The country is particularly dry at present. All ranks will be warned of the danger of bush fires.
- (b) Embers of fires lit must be stamped out and buried after use.
- (c) Cigarette butts and pipe ash and matches must be extinguished before being thrown away.
- (d) Fires caused by smoke grenades etc. must be extinguished by the nearest tps without further orders.

13. DRESS

- (a) Tps to be exercised - battle order, blanket groundshoot, mosquito net.
- (b) Enemy - Drill order with white hat band, blanket roll on vohs allotted.
- (c) Umpires - Battle order, white arm bands, blanket roll
- (d) Neutral vohs - white flag

14. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Mosquito nets will be used by all ranks
- (b) Atobrin will be taken by those personnel on suppressive treatment
- (c) Instrs re availability of repellent later
- (d) Reports to Bn HQ that malarial precautions have been taken recd as normal

15. CASUALTIES

- (a) Actual - evacuation normal
- (b) Exercise - Created by umpires - casualty tickets to be issued to umpires by RMO.

16. MESSING

Mid day meal D Day on the man - All other meals under bn arrangements. CM will arrange.

17. TRANSPORT

The following allocation is made

- Director - Jeep
- Comd Exercise - Jeep
- Enemy - 2 x 3 ton vohs
- B Ech - as required

18. FD HYGIENE

Strict attention will be paid to fd hygiene. Latrines will be dug and refuse burned and buried. Foul ground will be clearly marked.

19. WATER DISCIPLINE

All water in streams other than VINE CK at BATCHELOR FORD and BIUNDER CK is out of bounds. Location of water pts will be given during the exercise.

G. H. *Lawrence Lt.*
7. Capt
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

ADM INSTR - ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/43 AUST INF
BN EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 5

This instr covers the period of the above exercise.

RATIONING

B Ech will operate from present area. OM will arrange to draw rations on the basis of 2 hot meals per day, and the **third** meal to be carried on the man.

A cut lunch will be carried on D day.

The undermentioned will also be rationed by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

2/7 Aust Fd Regt - 60 pers incl offr

2/3 Aust Fd Arb - 1 Offr 30 ORs

24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec - 3

WATER

Ref para 19 of Gen Instrs

As no individual water chlorination outfits are available the water truck will service the bn under OM arrangements.

Water from creeks will not be used for drinking and strict water discipline will be observed.

MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS - vide para 14 of Gen Instrs

ANTI-BITE PRECAUTIONS - all clothing will be treated with anti-bite repellent prior to exercise and strict precautions will be observed throughout the exercise

BLANKETS - One will be carried on the man and two will be placed in a pack suitably labelled to be brought forward each night by B Ech.

COMMUNICATIONS - The following allotment is made -

536 sets - Uniros and onery - 1 gp of 7
1 gp of 2

Bn - 4 gps of 5

108 1k III - normal allotment

22 set - Bn to Bde

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Orders for occupation of form

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE

15 - 16 SEP 44

GEN INSTRS

Ref map 1 in to 1 mile MT GARNETT

GEN

1. The exercise will be carried out by one bn attacking a second bn the latter being dug in in hastily prepared def posns.

*Commenced
1500hrs*

OBJECT

- 2. To practice the following:-
 - (a) Patrolling for infm
 - (b) Attack against a hastily prepared def posn
 - (c) Def

TPS TAKING PART

- 3. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - attacking bn
- 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - defending bn

AREA OF EXERCISE

4. 3480 - 3580 - 3579 - 3479.

DURATION

5. From 1500K 15 Sep to 1200K 16 Sep.

UMPIRES

- 6. (a) Chief Umpire Maj GIBSON
Asst Capt GODBOLD
- (b) (i) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Senior Umpire Maj COX
Umpires Capt LONG
Capt JACKSON-HOPE
Capt GALL
Lt SILK
- (ii) 12 NCO umpires to be supplied by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
Senior Umpire Maj CATTERNS
Umpires Capt McCRACKEN
Capt McLELLAN
Capt STEVENSON
Lt DEVERAUX
- (d) Umpires will RV as follows:-
 - (i) Umpires for 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at rd and track junc 346817, at ~~0900K~~ 15 Sep 1100
 - (ii) Umpires for 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at TUCKERS FORD 346807, at ~~0900K~~ 15 Sep. 1100 hrs
 - (iii) Bns will arrange guides to meet umpires.

*15 capt
Veh for
umpires*

*5 NCOs
from 2/28
for patrolling*

*A
B
C
D*

- (e) Units will ration umpires for evening meal 15 Sep and breakfast 16 Sep. Rations will be delivered by this HQ to units.
- (f) Bde TO will make available following tpt by 0900K 15 Sep:
 - (i) One jeep for Chief Umpire
 - (ii) One veh for each Senior Umpire

DRESS

- 7. (a) Tps
 - Battle order, JG
 - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn steel helmets
 - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Hats KFF
- (b) Umpires
 - White arm bands
 - Vehs bearing white flag.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

- 8. SA Fire - blank ALBERSHOT
 Artv and Mortar - Prepared charges and ~~60~~ grenades.

SAFETY

- 9. (a) No live amm of any type or description will be carried by tps taking part in the exercise.
- (b) A certificate to the effect that no amm is in possession of tps will be submitted to this HQ by 1200K 15 Sep.
- (c) Bayonets will NOT be fixed at any stage during the exercise.

How many?
Live amm must be withdrawn by 15/130K + certificate submitted.

CONTROL

- 10. (a) Umpires will carry red flags by day and red torches at night.
- (b) Should, for any reason, an umpire wish to hold up the exercise, he will do so by showing either the red flag or the light. Tps will cease fire and await instrs to go on.

COMMS

- 11. SCR 536 sets will be supplied to umpires under arrangements this HQ.

W. J. ... Maj.
 BM 24 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 6
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	7 - 12
Chief Umpire	13 - 14
Senior Umpires	15 - 16
Umpires	17 - 24
Comd	25
BM	26
3C	27
LO (1)	28
Bde IO	29
Bde TO	30
Bde Sig Offr	31
File	32 - 33
War Diary	34 - 35

Patrolling - aggressive - deny enemy ability of work
recon & info.

Harass, surprise & ambush him.
SP. not to be recalled without
approval from P.M.H.

Relief: ∴ necessary for meals, rest
etc.

Superstructure down by 1430 hrs - no towers climbing showing above
ground
- 0500 -
egpt

Show to #1740 - 1900
~~0540 - 0~~
0530 - 0630

No fires any time after 1430 hrs.

Silence essential - dawn & night.

Do not disclose FDL by premature firing

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ADDENDUM TO STANDING ORDERS FOR FIRE

10. FIRE IN VICINITY OF AMMUNITION STACK

Should there be an outbreak of fire in the vicinity of any ammunition stacks covered by tarpaulins, such covers will be removed immediately and taken to a safe place by those personnel nearest the stack at the time of the fire.

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