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**2/7 Infantry Battalion**

**April 1944**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C 118.  
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Unit 2 / 7 AUST INF BN

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 APR'44.		In order to reach the site of the exercise the tanks moved out at an early hour this morning and proceeded via WONDECLA, while C Coy left unit lines at 0815hrs for the same area. On this occasion the exercise was successfully completed although the tanks experienced great difficulty in reaching positions from where they could deal with the enemy positions. The Coy in attack exercise which A Coy was to undertake today was cancelled in view of the heavy rain, while D Coy also returned to camp early, from their Coy in defence scheme. Rain did not stop sport however and our soccer team drew with 2/1 Bn with scores 2 goals each. A and D Coys played a very thrilling game, the latter being the victors.	
	2 APR'44		The usual church parades were conducted this morning. The remainder of the morning was devoted to administration. An Australian Rules football match was played in the afternoon between 2/1 Pioneers and 2/7 Bn and resulted in a victory for the latter. A Soccer match was also played against 2/5 Bn but this was just a scratch practice match in preparation for a challenge next week.	
	3 " "		"A" Coy proceeded to tank training area and carried out the exercise. Enemy were supplied by D Coy. "B" Coy carried out section training in the Coy Area. "C" Coy had rifle and owen gun practice at range. This evening the Bn Band played for the first time at the changing of the Guard. Keen interest is being shown at this ceremony mainly brought about by the Guard Competition being carried on between Companies. "A" Coy scored 95 pts for their Guard tonight but the final score will not be known until the change of guard tomorrow evening, points being gained or lost throughout the days duties.	
	4. " "		"B" Coy and "D" Coy proceeded to tank training area, and with 18 enemy provided by "A" Coy carried out the exercise. "C" Coy had a series of section training exercises in their Coy Trg Area.	

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	4 APR'44		AT the changing of the Guard this evening the Band was in attendance. Over 150 troops witnessed the ceremony this evening "B" Coy mounted guard at 1800hrs. During the morning the Int Sec of 7th Bn arrived and were entertained until after midday mess, by our Int Sec. The visitors expressed their admiration after viewing the lay-out of the "I" Room and Ops Room, and many questions were asked re NG activities etc.	
	5 APR'44		"A" Coy proceeded to Coy Training area and carried out Section trg in the afternoon "A" Coy of 2/7 Bn played "A" Coy 2/6 Bn Austn Rules Football - the former scoring a win by 3 points only. "C" Coy conducted a practice shoot at the range, rifles and Owens being used. "D" Coy had rifle practice at the miniature range throughout the day. The CO and I.O. inspected areas in the vicinity in connection with future training of the Unit.	
	6 APR'44		Bn parade was held this morning after which "A" Coy had a series of TOET, followed by Section Training. "B" Coy personnel were employed digging weapon pits in Coy defence in preparation for Brigade exercises. Weapon training in Coy area was carried out during afternoon. "D" Coy had a series of Section training exercises in Coy area. The usual large band of keen spectators witnessed the changing of the guard ceremony when "D" Coy mounted at 1800hrs. A "Recce" party of "I" personnel proceeded by jeep to areas in the vicinity to consider the suitability of the terrain for future activities.	
	7 APR'44		Today being Good Friday church services covering all denominations were conducted throughout the day. Sporting activities were carried out in the afternoon. At night an open air talkie show filmed "Paradise for Two" and Shorts. A "Recce" party of "I" personnel left by jeep to inspect an area in the vicinity in preparation for future trg.	

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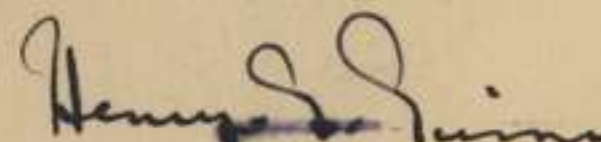
Unit 2/7 AUST INF BN

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 APR'44	Easter Saturday.	Devoted to administration and sporting activities. Boxing Tournament was held at 2/6 Bn ring. A sports meeting was held in the afternoon.	
	9 APR'44	Easter Sunday	Church Services were held. Sporting activities were carried out all day. Rugby match against 2/5 Bn resulted in a win for that Bn 5-3. Soccer match against 2/5 Bn was won by 2/7 Bn 2-1. Austn Rules Football against 2/5 Bn resulted in an easy win for 2/7 Bn by 9 goals odd. Concert party (4Div) performed at the new Bde Theatre. A really good show and was much appreciated by the troops.	
	10 APR'44	"A" "C" and "D" Coys	carried out the exercise: "Coy in Withdrawal" throughout the day (as per appendix) "B" Coy supplied "enemy" for these operations.	
	11 APR'44	All Coys	participated in the exercise "Battalion in Night Attack" (as per appendix) (Vide Inf Trg. T. & W. 1937. Secs 84 & 85.) throughout the day. At night, the exercise was completed again. The guard which mounted tonight comprised Bn HQ personnel.	No. 7.
	12 APR'44	The Bn	carried out the KABAN exercise in conjunction with 1 Pl Carriers - approx 600 men taking parts. Full particulars of exercise are found in Appendix No. 8. During the week the Bn Band has been augmented by players from the 4 Div Concert Party (camped in the Bn Area), resulting in marked improvements in the guard mounting. Our Bn players appreciate the great help given by the visitors during their stay.	No. 8.
	13 APR'44	During the training hours	all Coys received the lecture given by "I" Sec "Navigation by the Stars". A Rugby match between 2/7 Bn and 2/5 Bn resulted in an easy victory for the latter 13-nil.	

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	14 APR'44		A Bn Exercise (00 No5) at Nigger Creek area in conjunction with Tanks (11) was carried out throughout the day - full particulars at Appendix No <u>10</u> .	No. 10
	15 APR'44		Bn parade was held this morning. The Coys carried out Sec Training during the morning and sporting activities were indulged in during the afternoon. The 2/7 Bn played 2/2 Fd Regt at Austn Rules Football which resulted in a comfortable win for the former: 19-15 to 5-4. AT night a boxing tournament was conducted at the open air stadium. The 2/7 Bn had representatives boxing. A special dinner at which the Bde Comd and all the Officers of the unit were in attendance was held tonight in the Sgts mess. This function was to mark the fourth anniversary of the sailing of the 2/7 Bn for the Middle East.	
	16 APR'44		Church Services were held this morning. The morning was devoted to Administration and sport. Rugby match against the 2/5 Bn resulted in a decisive win for the "Black and Greens" 12 pts 6 pts. In the afternoon our Aussie Football ground was used for the match 2/6 Bn V 7th Bn (Militia) A good match was witnessed by hundreds of visitors together with the 17th Bde spectators. The Seventh showed just how the game should be played by overwhelming the 2/6 Bn by 9 goals odd. In Soccer the 2/7 Bn played and won by 7 - 2. Our second team in Austn Rules Football played 2/3 Bn and won by 8 goals.	
	17 APR'44		All Coys proceeded to training Area approx 1 mile from lines to carry out the Bn Exercise No., 18. (Trg instrs 15 - para 6) - as per Appendix. 15 This exercise will extend over the period 17 - 19 Apl.	No. 15
	18 APR'44		The exercise "Attack - Defence - Withdrawal" was continued today and carried on as a night exercise until a halt was called at 2300hrs. During this exercise all Coy Kitchens operated in the field. Throughout this strenuous exercise it was observed that the troops showed keen-ness in all phases.	

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	19 APR '44		Through out the day the troops were observed carrying out administration. The camp area had a thorough clean up, and the ablution benches were fully occupied by energetic troops cleaning webb-equipment and washing clothes. The "Drying Room" has been in great demand since its inception. Sporting activities were carried on during the afternoon.	
	20 APR '44		A Bn parade was held this morning. A member of the "I" Sec gave lectures to two Coys on "Navigation". A demonstration given by HQ Coy in "Wire Crushing" was witnessed by all Coys during the day. After each demonstration, members of the Coys carried out the exercise and some really good results in "Crushing" were observed. 12 Members of the Bn proceeded to the Chemical Warfare Research and Experimental Section at INNISFAIL. These members volunteered for duty in this sphere.	
	21 APR '44		A Bn parade was held this morning. During the day the "I" Sec delivered "News" lectorettes to platoons of all Coys. The sporting arenas were fully occupied during the late afternoon. Section training was carried out in Coys.	
	22 APR '44		This morning a Bn Parade was held, and an inspection by the Bde Comdr Brig MOTEN was carried out. When the Bn left the parade ground to "march past" at Bde HQs, the 2/7 Bn band played at the roadside near our area, whilst the band 2/6 Bn carried on from a point near the saluting base. The Bde Comdr took the "Salute". The CO congratulated his Bn on their splendid performance throughout the inspection and the "March Past". After the march past the Bde Comd and Senior Staff Officers were entertained at morning tea in the Officers Mess. In the afternoon the usual sporting activities took place.	
	23 APR '44		The usual Church Parades were held this morning. During the day duties of Administration were carried out. Sporting activities- In the morning the 2/6 Bn Rugby League team met 2/7 Bn, and after a very	

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	23 APR '44		exciting game the 2/6 Bn ran out winners by 6-5pts. After lunch, the Soccer teams of these Bns played a match and this time the 2/7 Bn had a win by 4 goals to nil. An Australian Rules Football match between the 2/6 and 2/7 Bns was played after the Soccer and a thrilling game was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The final scores in 2/7 Bn favour were 10-11 - 8-5.	
	24 APR '44		This morning the CO together with all Coy Commanders, proceeded to an area to be used for the next exercise and conducted a TEWT. A Platoon of this Bn will march in the Anzac Day procession at HERBERTON on 25th and during the past three days strenuous training has been indulged in by the platoon chosen. Major K. Walker will command the representative platoons from each of the three Brigades of the division, Lieut DARRYL will command this units Pl which will represent the 17th Bde.	
	25 APR '44		The platoon representing the 2/7 Bn proceeded to HERBERTON for the ANZAC March, Maj K WALKER being in charge. At the Bn Parade held at 1030hrs this morning Ltcol GUINN gave a short address to the Bn on the observance of ANZAC DAY. Extracts from a very courteous letter recently received from Padre SHERWIN in NEW GUINEA were delivered to the troops (see appx No. ) It was observed the Padre was conducting an ANZAC SERVICE at the War Cemetery at SALAMUA at 1045hrs this day and it was his sincere hope that our Bn would conduct a similar service here in WONDECLA - the times of each to synchronize. Padre O'Keefe, who had been with the 2/7 Bn throughout the NEW GUINEA Campaigns gave an inspiring address to the Bn, in which the point was stressed; that soldiers of the 2nd AIF were fighting for the same ideals as those fought for by Australia's and New Zealand's cream of young manhood during the Great War of 1914-18. The one minutes silence was observed at 1059hrs and at 1100hrs the buglers sounded "The Last Post" whilst the Bn flag, was hoisted from the "half" to the "full" mast. The Bn then "Presented Arms" after which "Reveille" was sounded.	?

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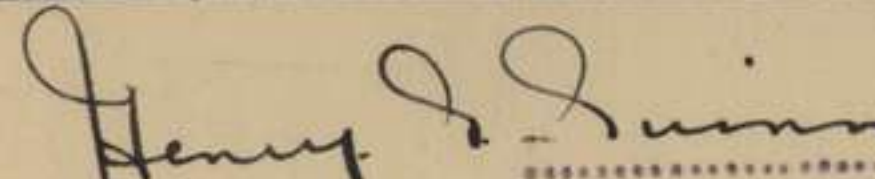
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	25 APR'44		The unit marched past the CO taking the salute. The Bn band was augmented by members of the 2/6 Bn band and the music rendered was impressive. Throughout the whole parade and Service, an air of "Reverance" prevailed. If Padre Sherwin had been at the Parade in person, he could not have wished for a more impressive or a more sincere Service. At 1500hrs the Bn moved out to a bivouac area along the CCS road from which the forthcoming exercise will commence tomorrow.	
	26 APR'44		Orders for the exercise were issued at 0845hrs and "C" Coy led the advance along the WONDECLA = MT HYPIPAMEE RD the various features along the route being reported clear in turn. The enemy, which was "B" Coy 2/1 Pioneer Bn, was contacted in force at ROCKY MOUNTAIN and here "C" Coy were pinned down although one platoon moved on to a neighbouring feature to the left which was called the CARBUNCLE. A two phase attack then followed when "D" Coy gained the top of the ROCKY Mountain feature and "B" Coy attacked through "D" to capture a spur known as ARNOLDS CREST. Upon consolidation of this "A" Coy attacked across NIGGER CREEK to occupy stockyard Mountain so that by nightfall a Bn defensive perimeter had been set up. Raids and infiltration by the enemy took place during the late afternoon and night.	
	27 APR'44		A comprehensive patrolling plan had been ordered by Bn HQ and this included contact patrols from Coy to Coy as well as protective patrolling forward and to the flanks. In spite of this the enemy continued to attempt infiltration while harassing sorties were made against each "A" "B" and "D" Coys and also the "C" Coy Platoon on the CARBUNCLE. Throughout the day Coys carried on with consolidation the order being that a complete inter Pl crawl trench system was to be completed. At 2115hrs 30 enemy endeavoured to raid Bn HQ and a spirited scrummage ensued.	

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	28 APR'44		<p>After a morning of patrolling the enemy launched an attack on "B" Coy which forced the forward platoon off ARNOLDS CREST. "D" Coy quickly counter attacked however with two platoons and the enemy withdraw thus allowing the situation to be quickly stabilised. In view of increased enemy movements it was decided to withdraw from the area and orders for this were issued before dark "C" Coy were first to move back followed in turn by "D" Coy Bn HQ, HQ "A" and "B" Coys. The Coys were checked through the checking point by the IO and RSM and at 2212hrs the whole Bn was in position at the new area. Order of march for the return to camp was then issued by the CO thus bringing the exercise to a successful conclusion.</p>	
	29 APR'44		<p>Duties of Administration were carried out in the morning. The troops, on the whole, had an abundance of soiled clothes to wash before the week end, and consequently all ablution benches were in great demand. The weather was quite warm, and outside "drying" was no problem at all. After the exercise which was held the previous week, the inclement weather caused delay in "drying" for upwards of three days, much to the discomfort of most of the troops. The "drying room" incidentally, could not cope with the "customers" on that occasion. The sporting arenas were fully engaged during the afternoon.</p>	
	30 APR'44		<p>The usual Church Services were held this morning. All Coy lines were inspected during the morning. The Bn "sports fans" could not have been more satisfied with the results of the sporting fixtures today. The Soccer team had a 5 goals to Nil victory over 2/3 Fd Regt. The Rugby League team played their best "rigger" game to date, and scored an easy victory over 2/8 Fd Coy by 27 pts. to 8pts. Following on the Rugby, the Australian Rules Football team had another high scoring victory against the 2/8 Fd Coy - 17-5 to 10 -11. Incidentally - the weather was "perfect" for both the sportsmen and onlookers. Seven new Officers for Bn arrived today. A Coy Comdrs Conference was held in Ops Room in relation to forth coming exercise.</p>	

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APPENDICIES TO WAR DIARY

1. Instructions in the use of Transport.
- 2.. Bn exercises with Carriers (17 Aust Inf Bde Instr 15 of 4/4/44.)
3. Bn Routine Orders Q15 - 6 Apr.
4. Weekly Medical Reports - 7 Apr.
5. Weekly Reports - ending 9 Apr.
6. Syllabus - 10 to 16 Apr.
7. Tactical Exercise with troops - No. 16 Bn in Attack.
8. Movement Order No. 7 - Move to KABAN - 12 APR.
9. Routine Orders Q16. - 12 Apr.
10. Bn O.O. No. 5 - 14 Apr. - Exercise No. 1. (with tanks).
11. Syllabus for HQ Coy and Rifle Coys - 2-9- 16 Apr.
12. Weekly Reports - Week ending 15 Apr.
13. Syllabus - 17-30 Apr. - all Coys.
14. Outline Trg Programme 17-30 Apr.
15. Bn Exercise - Attack - Defence- Withdrawal. Trg instruction 15  
(para.6.)
16. Routine Orders - Q18 of 18 Apr.  
do do Q19 of 21 Apr.
17. Weekly Medical Report - 21 Apr.
18. Weekly Reports - 22 Apr.
19. Routine Orders - Part 1. - 24 Apr.
20. Extract from letter to Lt col H.G.GUINN from Chaplain V H SHERWIN-  
re ANZAC Day Service.
21. *Bn Withdrawal*
22. Weekly Medical Report - 28 Apr.
23. Tactical Exercise with Troops - 2 days - No. 15.
24. *Weekly Reports.*
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF TRANSPORT.

1. No movement outside Div Area (except for trng) without permission of Bde HQ.

The Tpt Offr or his Deputy will ensure that permission is received by telephone before submitting the pass for signature to the 2 i/c and that the pass is signed by the Staff Capt before the vehicle leaves the area.

2. No movement outside Corps Area without approval of Div HQ.
3. Notification of all dead mileage to be given Bde HQ.
4. Demands for vehicles for all purposes from Div Pool will be made on the appropriate pro-forma by 1530 hrs the day before the vehicles are required.
5. In the case of officers leave to ATHERTON, tps proceeding to HERBERTON pictures and tps under control proceeding for swimming within the Corps Area no permission is required from Bde HQ, but passes will be signed as normally.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
BATTALION EXERCISE WITH CARRIERS.

Ref. 17 Aust Inf Bde Instruction  
No. 15 of 4 Apr. '44.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

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AREA : KABAN, Ref. Map: MOUNT GARNET 1 inch to 1 mile.

NARRATIVE :

Enemy forces based on CAIRNS-ATHERTON have consolidated at HERBERTON and quickly pushed on to MOUNT GARNET which they have captured.

The 17 Aust Inf Bde is holding the CAIRNS-RAVENSHOE railway from FLAGGY CREEK SOUTH.

The 2/7 Aust Inf Bn with under comd one pl. of carriers has been ordered to move from KABAN WEST to cut the enemy L of C at the "JUNCTION", map ref. MOUNT GARNET 1 inch to 1 mile 196932.

INFORMATION :

Enemy - The SAWATAI is reported to be the composite force moving on the KABAN area. Information received indicates a force of approximately one bn strength, plus a small party of marines. The force is lightly armed, allowing for mobility and depending on surprise for main advantage.

A Tac/R reports fwd elements moving EAST on general axis of EVELYN Creek.

Own <sup>Tps</sup>

A mobile force consisting of 2/7 AUST INF BN and one pl of Carriers under comd ready to move Westwards from present positions, mp ref Mt GARNET 1" = 1 mile 330966.

Bn Comd receives orders according to above :-

ACTION TAKEN BY :-

	SITUATION	ENEMY	INFANTRY	CARRIERS	MISCELLANEOUS
1.	R & O Gps given Orders	-	Preparations	for advance	
2.	Advance Commences	-	Vanguard arrives Rail-Rd June 321961		TK A Guns task covering approaches 1 Sec at 320961 and 1 sec at 323958.
3.	Axis of advance road to EVELYN farm. Fwd elements advance 2 Sec of Carriers given task!	-	Continue Advance	1 Sec to right 2 Secs to left	Recce to edge of timber. To recce left flank.
4.	Forward elements fired on from TANK FARM 307948 and TANK KNOLL 310948.	Engage fwd elements	Fwd pl held up. OC Coy issued orders for attack	On order from Bn comd three secs move to left flank to support infantry attack.	thr 4 Secs of carriers with 4 det of Mortars move to suitable position to engage enemy.
5.	Coy attack launched and successful, re- organise on TANK KNOLL	Retire to EVELYN FARM.	Reorganises and comes into reserve.	Three Secs - to reserve	Four Secs to be ready to move Mortars when advance continues.
6.	CO orders fresh Coy as advance guard to advance.	-	Coy moves through and continues advance.	1 and 2 secs continue roles on flanks	-
7.	Advance continues, approaching EVELYN FARM (301935) heavily engaged.	Engage Fwd elements from EVELYN FARM and EVELYN KNOLL (308934)	OC Coy immediately attacks and is pinned down.	Two sets of Carriers to give supporting fire from left flank.	CO goes fwd, makes recce and issues outline plan to R Gp. Attack EVELYN KNOLL with 2 Coys assisted by fire from fwd Coy, on seizure of Knoll third Coy through and establish on high ground above EVELYN CK (299932) Fire Plan 3"M on EVELYN KNOLL MMGs from 2 pl on " "
8.	CO issues orders for attack on EVELYN FARM and KNOLL	Engaging fwd Coy.	Coys move to assembly areas.	Recce of left flank for suitable fire positions.	-

SITUATION	ENEMY	INFANTRY	CARRIERS	MISCELLANIOUS
9. Attack commences on EVELYN KNOLL	Engaging	Attack on two Coy fronts.	Two secs move to left flank and give supporting fire from grd posns Sec on right continues role of watching right flank.	One sec MMGs and four dets Mortars engaging EVELYN KNOLL.
10. On success of attack Coys re-organise on EVELYN KNOLL.	Withdraw to Ck line.	Re-organise on objective. Reserve Coy move through to Ck line.	Two secs Carriers move to EVELYN KNOLL to give support to third Coy.	-
11. Orders issued for patrolling	Patrol timber above Ck line.	Patrol timber above Ck line.	Carriers patrol North and South flanks.	-

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

BATTALION EXERCISE WITH CARRIERS

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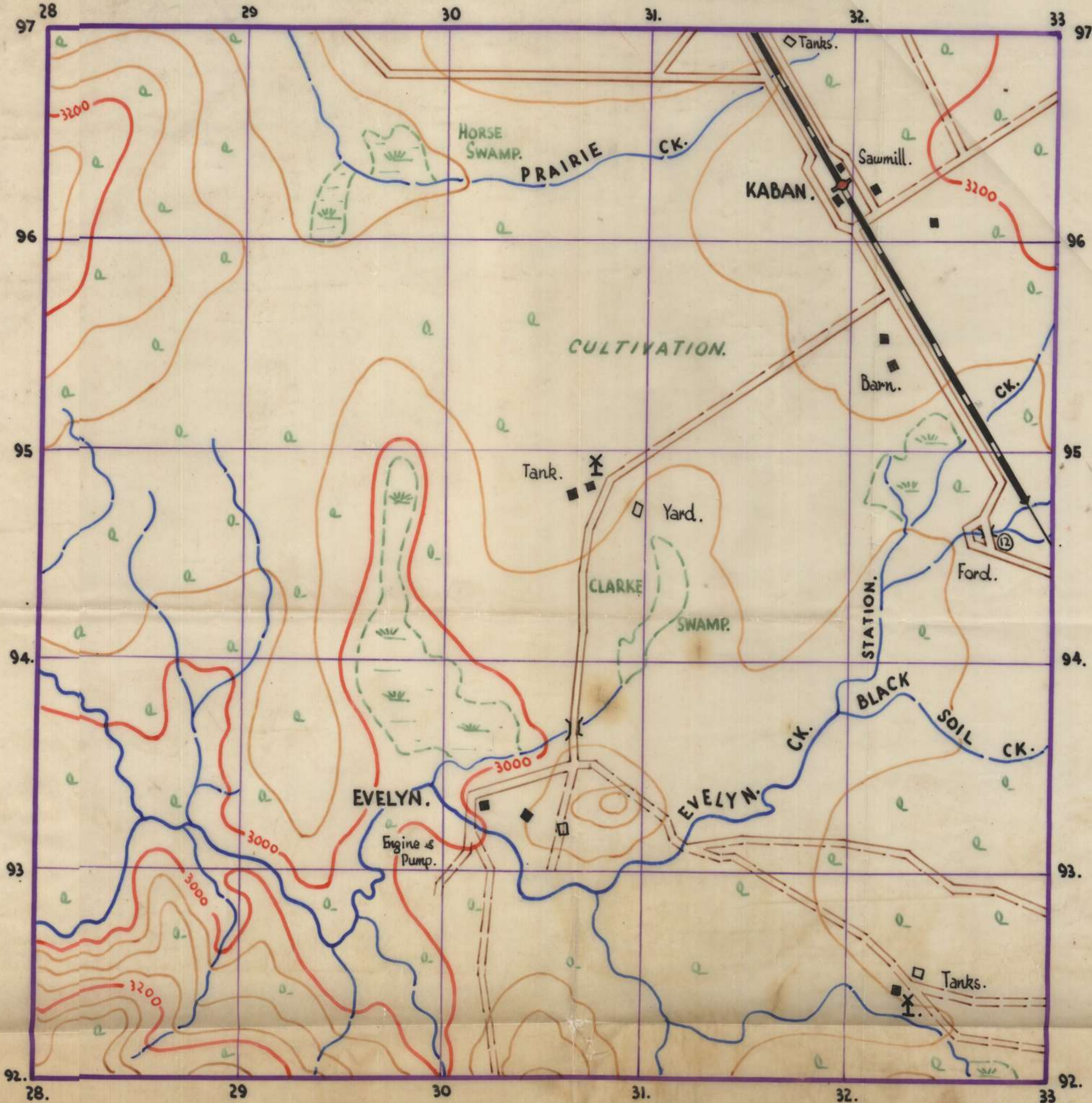
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6	C.O. orders fresh Coy as advance guard to advance	-	Coy moves through and continues advance	1 and 2 Secs to continue roles on flanks	-
7	Advance continues, approaching EVELYN FARM (301935) heavily engaged.	Engage Fwd elements from EVELYN FARM and EVELYN KNOLL (308934)	O.C. Coy immediately attacks and is pinned down.	Two Secs of Carriers to give supporting fire from left flank.	C.O goes fwd, makes recce & issues outline plan to R Gp Attack EVELYN KNOLL with 2 Coys assisted by fire from fwd Coy, on seizure of KNOLL third Coy through and estab- lish on high ground above EVELYN CREEK (299932) Fire Plan 3" M on EVELYN KNOLL MMGs from 2 Pl on EVELYNKN
8	C.O. issues orders for attack on EVELYN FARM and KNOLL.	Engaging Fwd Coy	Coys move to assembly areas.	Recce of left flank for suitable fire positions.	-



	SITUATION	ENEMY	INFANTRY	CARRIERS	MISCELLANIOUS
9	Attack commences on EVELYN KNOLL	Engaging	Attack on two Coy fronts.	Two Secs move to left flank and give supporting fire from grd posns. Sec on right continue role of watching right flank.	One Sec MMGs and four dets Mortars engaging EVELYN KNOLL.
10	On success of attack Coys reorganise on EVELYN KNOLL.	Withdraw to Ck Line.	Re-organise on objective. Reserve Coy move through to Ck line.	Two Secs Carriers move to EVELYN KNOLL to give support to third Coy.	-
11	Orders issued for patrolling.	-	Patrol timber above Ck line.	Carriers patrol North and South flanks.	-

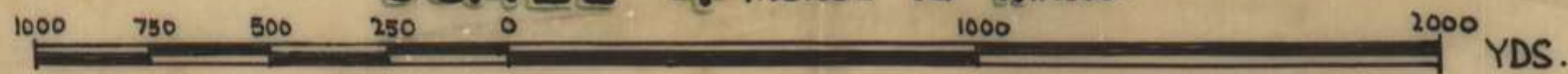
R.F. 1:15840. **BN. EXERCISE.** *with.* **CARRIERS.**



**ENLARGEMENT** *from.* **MT. GARNET.**

one inch to one mile

**SCALE 4 inches to 1 mile.**



Magnetic Variation 6° E.

17 BDE INSTR. 15 PARA 2.

Drawn by 2/7 Aust inf bn int sec.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Serial No. 15

by

Nos 94 to 101

Lt col H.G. GUINN DSO ED

Commanding 2/7 AUST INF BN

2/7 AUST INF BN  
6 APR 44

94. DUTIES: Duty Coy mounting on :-
- |    |     |    |       |
|----|-----|----|-------|
| 6  | Apr | 44 | D Coy |
| 7  | "   | "  | H Coy |
| 8  | "   | "  | A Coy |
| 9  | "   | "  | B Coy |
| 10 | "   | "  | C Coy |

95. TREATMENT OF DISCHARGED MEMBERS SUFFERING FROM MALARIA.

1. It is possible that malaria may manifest itself for the first time after a member has been discharged.
  2. By arrangement with the Repatriation Commission, in such cases, provided the member establishes his identity, e.g., by production of a discharge certificate, medical treatment will be made available forthwith at the expense of the Repatriation Dept, pending determination of whether the malaria is attributable to the member's war service.
  3. To obtain such treatment, the ex-member -
    - (a) If he resides in the metropolitan area of a capital city, should contact the local office of the Repatriation Department or apply to the Repatriation General Hospital; or
    - (b) if he resides outside the metropolitan area of a capital city, should apply to the nearest local Repatriation Medical Officer.
- GRO A117/44

96. SHAVING AND HAIR CUTTING:

A male member will keep the hair of his head tidy and short, and will shave his chin, under lip and the cheeks of his face. He may wear a moustache, but will NOT wear side whiskers.

GRO A118/44

97. FIRST VICTORY LOAN :

1. Capt N.E. DUELL is appointed loan officer for 2/7 AUST INF BN and is available for advice re VICTORY LOAN.
  2. Instalment subscriptions; GRO F11/44 outlined the procedure for lodging applications for fully paid subscriptions to the First Victory Loan. Arrangements have now been made for Paymasters to accept applications from members who desire to make instalment subscriptions. A member desirous of making instalment subscriptions should complete the loan application form in duplicate and either lodge cash for the amount of the initial deposit, or (if sufficient credit is available in his paybook to cover the amount of that deposit) arrange a paybook debit. Where it is desired, a member may pay instalments by means of forms WF 131 (remittance of undrawn pay), or WF 131A (cash remittance). In either case the appropriate instalment docket (forwarded to the member by the Commonwealth Bank) must be attached to the remittance form. A member will not be permitted to overdraw his paybook for the purpose of meeting his instalment subscriptions.
- GRO F122/44

98. DRYING ROOM:

1. A considerable quantity of washing and wet clothes is seen scattered throughout unit lines. A drying room is provided for this purpose.

(2)

2. An orderly has been appointed supervisor Drying Room, and tickets will be issued on the laundry system. Personnel may place washing in Drying Room or collect dried clothing at following times :-

1215 - 1330  
1600 - 1730 daily.

3. All personnel will ensure that receipt for clothing deposited is obtained, and issues will be made only on production of said receipt.

99. SPORTING MATERIAL AND CLOTHING :

It is impressed on all personnel that all sporting material must be looked after and well cared for. All material appertaining to sport is purchased from Regimental Funds and is not only expensive, but difficult to obtain. Instances have occurred where material has been wantonly destroyed, e.g., skipping ropes being cut and used for such purposes as clothes lines, tying kit bags, etc. When any material or clothing is issued from the sports store it must be returned immediately on completion of the game. No personnel will at any time retain in their possession any material or clothing belonging to the unit, and, in future, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. All material and clothing held by Coys or individuals will be returned to the sports tent forthwith.

100. VERMIN :

Any report of fleas in Coy lines will be dealt with in the following manner :-

- (a) Tents will be struck and dried grass or straw to the depth of 4" burnt over the whole surface.
- (b) On the same day, blankets and clothing will be hung out in the sunlight in an area away from that just burnt off. This will avoid any fleas dropping off and breeding in the same area again.
- (c) Bed boards and other furniture will be scrubbed with a solution of Cresol 5 parts, soft soap 20 parts or kerosene 20 parts, soft soap 1 part, water 5 parts (kerosene stirred in).

101. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL QX22399 Pte PEASLEY K.H. 2/7 AUST INF BN

The abovenamed soldier was tried by DCM held in the field on 24 Mar 44 by order of Comd 6 AUST DIV dated 18 Mar 44.

CHARGE : Absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs 11 Oct 43 until 1900 hrs 6 Mar 44.

PLEA : NOT GUILTY

FINDING: GUILTY with the exception that the absence commenced at 2359 hrs 11 Oct 43 and terminated on 26 Feb 44. The period of absence was 138 days.

SENTENCE: To undergo detention for 12 months AND to be discharged from the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia.

DATE OF SENTENCE : 24 MAR 44.

On 1 Apr 44 Comd 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence. Period in close arrest awaiting trial for which automatic forfeiture of pay is incurred; 3 days.

The sentence has not been promulgated to the accused owing to illegal absence.

*J. Troon*  
(J. TROON) ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN Capt

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	C.O.	War Diary
B Coy	Adjt	17 AUST INF BDE
C Coy	Q.M.	2/5 AUST INF BN
D Coy	I.O.	2/6 AUST INF BN
Hq Coy	R.M.O.	Hq 6 AUST DIV
BnHq	File	Officers' Mess
Rec Hut		Sjts' Mess

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES - EASTER 1944,

Good Friday, 7 Apr.  
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Protestant Denominations:

Parade Service 0800 hrs, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
(Padre WALLACE), Recreation Hut.

R. C.

Service 0830 hrs, 17 Bde Picture Theatre.  
(Padre O'KEEFE).

Herberton Services:

3-hrs Service 1200-1500 hrs C of E HERBERTON.  
Evening Service 1930 hrs C of E HERBERTON.

Returns of personnel desirous of attending  
required this HQ 0900 hrs 7 Apr. '44.

Easter Saturday, 8 Apr.

Confessions all day Padre O'KEEFE'S tent  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn lines.

Easter Sunday 9 Apr.

R. C.

Masses 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Hut:-  
0645 hrs.  
0800 hrs.

Protestant Denominations:

0800 hrs, Parade Service 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Rec. Hut.  
0830 hrs, Holy Communion Service 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
Rec. Hut.

Herberton Services:

1930 hrs, Evening Service C of E HERBERTON.

Returns of personnel desirous of attending  
required this HQ 1200 hrs 8 Apr. '44.

Sen  
*Henry R. Quinn*  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd. 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT.

DDMS, 1 Aust Corps Pro-forma "A"

Formation or Unit..... *2/7 Aust Inf Bn*

Week ending midnight Friday..... *7 April 44*

UNIT	Daily Strength		Total Sick Parade	New Sick		Total NO Duty	Evacuated		Notifiable Infect. Disease	Malaria	Scrub Typhus	Dengue Fever	Diarrhoea	Dysentery	U.R.T.I.	P.U.O.	V.D.	Skin Parasites	Tinea	Skin Diseases	Diseases of the Ear.	Foot Disabilities	Other Diseases	Eye Complaints	Accidents
	Offs	ORS		Offs	ORS		Offs	ORS																	
Saturday	31	785	16	1	15	1	1	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	3	-	-
Sunday	31	782	11		11	4		2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	
Monday	30	782	37		34	5		10	-	6	-	-	-	1	2			1	1	2	1	1	19	-	3
Tuesday	30	790	15		12	3		3	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	1	
Wednesday	30	795	21		18	-		5	-	5	-	-	+	1	-	-	-	-	1	0	-	-	8	1	
Thursday	30	806	20	1	15	1	1	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	7	-	-	
Friday	30	805	15	-	11	1		1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	-	-
TOTAL	30	792	135	2	116	15	2	35		28				1	8			3	3	8	3	4	59	1	4

*Average*

TURN OVER.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT.

(a) General Physical condition of Personnel... *Good*.....

*I have been going through the battalion again picking out the unfit.*

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements Received.....

(c) Severity of Work or Training... *light to moderate*.....

X (d) General Remarks... *Most men are getting plenty of sport.*

2. STORES.

Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.

(a) Medical.....

(b) Expense Stores.....

~~XX~~ (c) Malaria Control Stores (i). Ordnance.....

(ii) AASC.....

~~XX~~ 3. MALARIA CONTROL. *nil*

(a) Measures of Personnel protection (Good, fair, bad)  
Nets..... Atebrin..... Clothing.....  
Repellent.....

Larvae Control.....

(c) Adult destruction.....

(d) General comments.....

4. RATIONS. *2 bags of potatoes were condemned.*

*otherwise good.*

5. HYGIENE. *Good.*

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. *nil*

DATE... *8 Apr 44* SIGNED... *B.B. Peterson Capt.*

X Attach as Appendix "A" any special report exceeding the scope of this (pro-forma.)  
~~XX~~ When applicable.

"A" POSTED STRENGTH

135 Offrs and 0 Gns

In Lines

3. OFF. - 105 OR.

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

Offrs and Gns

CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK

MARCHED IN

8. OR.

MARCHED OUT

8. OR.

PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE DURING WEEK

90%

NO. OF COY QRS HELD DURING WEEK

Nik

NO. REMAIND TO C.O.

Nik

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT, WITH REMARKS:

Lines Improved.

Rifles - Equipment Good.  
Kitchens & Showers excellent.

8. Evacuations - 3 from Working Party at A.H.H.

SICKNESS

None injured. Returned to Unit & kept.

"B"

DEFICIENCIES ON G1098 SCALE

STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK

As per attached list.

SUPPLY OF RATIONS

MEALS AND COOKHOUSE

Good.  
Cookhouse & meals excellent.

Henry Quinn  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 417 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Approved



STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

*A few minor deficiencies otherwise good*

SPECIAL REMARKS

PROCESS IN TNG EXERCISES, W/TNG CARRIED OUT (INCLUDING NIGHT TNG)

*When seen in exercises, concentrating on section formations, as these are weakest. Rifle drill throughout the day improved.*

STATE OF TNG WITHIN COY ; FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

*Most of the soldiers fit for operations with a few soldiers fit for operations.*

SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED

*One N.C.O. Cpl. Chalky returned from Bn. Repulse course. Results not known.*

AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TNG

GENERAL REMARKS

*A. Coy. Aust. Rules Team, played A. Coy. 2/6 Bn. and defeated them. Good show. Sport within the Coy. very keen.*

*Louis J. Danyl. Lieut.  
SGD  
O C "A" COY*

To R Q M from A Coy

Subject Goods for week ending 8-4-44

Shirts	36	Box Bren Mag	12
Towels	17	Shovels Small	20
Boots	15		
Sono	42		
Chin Strap	7		
Hat	5		
Great Coat	2		
Ground Sheet	2		

WEEKLY REPORT

Boiled Strength 3 of - 128

Requirements Required 2 of -

Losses for Strength During Week. 5.05 - 1 - 13. 7.03. 8.

% of food as Journal Ind. 92%

% Coy Orderly Room. 111

% Remanded to CO. 111

Inspection carried out - Amm - Equipment - Dents - Tent - Kit

Section 9 Messes - Cold very prevalent - Sun at face mark.

Supply of Potatoes Fair - Morning heat still very light

Meals - Cookhouse Good

Stores Reamed During Week. In few attacked list.

State of Clothing Fair

Special Remarks Socks now on issue are far too large.

Progress in Day Exercise. Only exercise carried out during week was one with tanks in open country. Personnel showed keenness

State of Day Vehicle Coy - Fitness for Operations 3/4 for normal or amphibious ops.

aid Required Specialized Drug.

Discipline 2" mortar range required. Would like more gunnery so to allow greater practice with Owens

Excellent.

General Remarks. Sport. Grounds are not available as much as we would like. This Coy played & defeated B Coy 2/6 Bn at Volley ball. This Coy was well represented among the winners at the Bn Sports & maintains its position in the various Bn teams.

Cpl & Dave DCM marched out 7 Apr to LHQ School. With further similar transfers in the offing Coy becomes short of NCO's.

Practice was carried out with Smoke grenades in training and in an exercise. To obtain greater proficiency more practice with these is required.

Henry J. Quinn Lt. Col. Comd. 477 Aust. Inf. Bn.

for OC B Coy.

Stores Received During Week.

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Bass Pouches 13 <sup>PR</sup>	Cans Water 2 Gall	12
Haversacks 9	Boxes Insulator	6
Packs 8	Cans Billy 7 Qt	7
Support Straps 4	Camp Kettle Oval	7
Braces L 5	Containers Cooking 3 Gall	12
" R 5	Machines Mincing Sm	2
Sh. Straps L 8	Strainers Gravy	2
" " R 8	Implements Butchers Case 1 Complete	
Watten Bottle Carrier 1	Spoons Gravy	4
Sox 42 <sup>PR</sup>	Steel yards	1
Towels 18	Ladles Cooks SS	1
G. Sheets 2	Saws Butchers Bow	1
Boots 16		
Hats 1		
Dixies 8		
Pell Through 1		

..C.:.COY

2/7 AUST INF BN.

WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK ENDING... 8.4.44...

- A**
- a) POSTED STRENGTH... 4: OFF ..... and ..... 114 ORS .....
  - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED..... and .....
  - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK... checked in 1: OFF, 6 ORS .....
  - ..... STRENGTH FROM STRENGTH ..... 10: ORS .....
  - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK... APPROX. 90% during week .....
  - (e) NO OFN COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK... 1 orderly room remained C.O. ....
  - (f) NO REMANDED TO C.O. .... 1 .....
  - (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-
    - (I) BOOTS .. checked 24 pairs boots this week (very good) .....
    - (II) FEET ... Feet on in quite good order .....
    - (III) PAYBOOKS ..... Good .....
    - (IV) RESPIRATORS .....
    - (V) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ..... Good (lack of ground speck) .....
    - (VI) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ..... As to make weapons good (rifles very) .....
    - (VII) MEDICAL AND DENTAL ..... Good .....
    - (VIII) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES .....
  - (h) SICKNESS ..... Fair, mostly colds, owing to changes of weather .....

- B**
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G 1098 SCALE ..... Ground: Speck .....
  - (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK Boots 24. Socks 53. SHIRTS 29 .....
  - ..... Towels 24 .....
  - (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS .....
  - (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ..... Good in Quality and quantity .....

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY *b. clothing and equipment in coy is fair owing to new issues during the week (shells mud ground shod badly)*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS *I definitely want tents two beds mostly unoccupied, and men sleeping on floor*

C

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (including night exercises and lectures) *Progress in training is very good, weapon training of a high standard, lectures carried out on (Tactical open warfare) also SEC control & fire orders.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS *All men showing earnestness in all training particularly with tanks fitness generally "fair".*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL *bpl Black, returned from Repushes course no results as yet.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIAST TNG, MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC *Want lectures in Lewis C & explosives also Booby trap traps, and further lectures in Tank support.*

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

*Discipline improving rapidly. All sports carried out with enthusiasm, suggest cricket be started in competition again as a lot all keen on it (Volley ball bomb carried out in box.)*

*Henry Quinn*  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

*James Hunt*  
O.C. C. COY.

"D" Coy. Weekly Report.

Week-ending 8.4.44

- A/ 1. Posted Strength 6 OFFR. 121 OR<sup>s</sup>
- 2. Reinforcements Required 3 OR<sup>s</sup>
- 3. Changes in Strength 5 OR<sup>s</sup> MARCHED OUT.  
9 MARCHED IN.
- 4. % of men on NORMAL TRNG. 80%
- 5. N<sup>o</sup> of Coy Orderly Rooms Held. 2
- 6. N<sup>o</sup> Remanded. To. C.O. 2.
- 7. Inspections Carried Out. DAILY ARMS & EQUIP.  
Bi-weekly FOOT INSPECTION  
GENERAL PAY BOOK & AB. 53.
- 8. Sickness 3. EVAC. owing to MALARIA. 20 OR<sup>s</sup> TREATED FOR FOOT COMPL.
- B/ 1. DEFICIENCIES IN G1098. AT PRESENT AT BHO.
  - 2. STORES RECEIVED. HATS F.F. 6. BOOTS AB 11 TOWEL 28  
PACKS 14 SOX 58 SHIRT 32. BREN. TRIPOD 1  
BREN MAG BOXES 9.
  - 3. SUPPLY OF RATIONS SATISFACTORY
  - 4. MEALS & COOK HOUSES. SATISFACTORY
  - 5. STATE OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT. SATISFACTORY
- SPECIAL REMARKS. PULL-OVERS, F.S.D. & GREAT COATS. REQUIRED
- C/ 1. PROGRESS IN TRNG EXERCISES. VERY SATISFACTORY.
  - 2. STATE OF TRNG & FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS  
COY. CAN STILL BE CONSIDERED UNFIT.
  - 3. SCHOOLS. 3. N.C.O. INSTRUCTING TRNG. B<sup>y</sup>.
- GENERAL REMARKS. THE ALLOTMENT OF TRNG. PERIOD IS APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE CONNECTED WITH SPORT.

El Scans lieutenant  
of D. Coy  
8 Apr 44.

Seen  
Henry J. Quinn  
Comd. 217 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Lt. Col.

H.O. Coy

2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

Weekly Report - Week ended 8 April.

A (a) Passed Strength

(b) Reinpts Regd

Pls:		
1	2. 44.	nil
2	1. 35.	nil
3	1. 63.	nil
4	1. 31.	nil
5	1. 45.	nil
6	1. 26.	nil
Sp	1. 18	nil
CMR	1. 8	nil
	<u>9. 270</u>	
ARCC	36.	nil
AEME	4.	nil
AAPS	1.	nil
AAMC	1.	nil
ARDC	-	1 Cpl Bmauer
	<u>42.</u>	

(c) Marched In:

- x Hoop: 22
- x Detm: 1
- x BNR: 1
- x BCoy: 1
- x Sew: 2

Marched Out:

- Hoop: 9
- Hoops: 1
- Sp. leave: 1. 27
- Schw: 1
- Det: 7.

(d) 1 pl - 60% - 2 pl: 100% 3 pl: 50%  
 4 v 5% - try with coys. in both  
 coy + low continued exercises  
 8 16 pl normal duties

- (e) 2xx two
- (f) 2xx one
- (g) Inspections carried out as per BWS.O.
- (h) On Sick parade 32 - principally colds, minor complaints  
 Evac - 9 incl 7 mal. 1 appendix + 1 con-junctivitis

- B. (a) as notified to C.M.  
 (b) as per appendix A and.  
 (c) Satisfactory except for breakfast which continues to be light.  
 (d) Satisfactory  
 (e) satisfactory



C. As all spec pls have been working with Rifle Coys & find exercises several points mentioned in last report as to reqd. have been provided.

General polishing up & better count control. reqd which is being effected.

General requires to be proposed to relieve one sect from general work & carry out musketry weapon & fed by.

30 yd. range reqd for all pls

General:

Discipline good. Morale good. keen interest being shown in sport. A good percentage of the Coy nominated for BN elimination for Bde sports, a rep for each division of the sports being entered. PW Headland although defeated in 100 sprints final, which was problematical, is considered the BN best all-round sportsman.

The Coy still shows keen interest in the BN magazine, & D.P. 'Topical Taps' is well to the fore. Although the Coy orderly room staff edit this most of the material is supplied by pls.

The Coy cricket team defeated C Coy

Henry J. Quinn  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Commandant

CO m S. Weekly Report.

8-7-44.

Stores in: - Painters Star - Axes Band - Batteries Lach  
Covers Muzzle Pipe - Pouches Bren mag - Fld Clin  
Cans oil & Grease assorted - Valves. assorted -  
mag Boxes Bren - Belts 250rd. 103 VMC - Flash Eliminator  
Pins crossheads chains. - Hose clips - Cans oil 1/2 pt.  
Rods Cleaning Bren. - Pull through.

Clothing etc: - Boots AB - Shirts J.S - Towels - Socks.  
Hats Fur Felt -

Issues of Razor Blades & Tobacco for week completed.  
Packing of stores completed as far as possible.  
List of names etc forwarded to HQ of personnel  
claiming kit from stores. Awaiting smaller sizes  
in Greatcoats so outfit personnel not yet issued.  
Service Dress not yet so hand.

Blackford R/Coms. HQ. Coy.

Full soft

Date.	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	H.Q. Coy.	
10	COY TRG (WITHDWL BY DAY) REF. EXERCISE 3 MUSKETRY NAVIGATION	Exercise AM After "C" Coy; enemy provided by "D" Coy. Lunch in field.	Duty Coy. Training. Rifle Coys on return to camp at times to be advised.	Exercise AM; move to camp for lunch. Enemy provided by "D" Coy.	Exercise after "A" Coy; Enemy provided by "A" Coy. Lunch in field.	Specialist trg. Musketry Navigation Lectures by I. Sec. WP 77 (smoke)
BATTALION EXERCISE AREA BEYOND STOCKYARD COYS MOVE OUT 0815 HRS.						
11	BN EXERCISE NO. 4 BN MOVE OUT AT 0830 HRS.	Exercise (by daylight and in the open) "Drill" of night attack and (Vide Inf Tng (T and W) 1937 Ses. 84 & 85).				Exercise to be repeated at night HQ Coy Duty Coy.
BATTALION EXERCISE AREA VICINITY RIFLE RANGE						
12	BN EXERCISE NO. 2 ATTACK IN OPEN USING ONE PL. OF CARRIERS.	Bn will move out at <del>0830</del> 0800 hrs.				Specialists required No. 1 pl., No. 2 pl., No. 3 pl. & No. 4 pl.
EXERCISE AREA :- K A B A N Reconnaissance for R & O Gps for this Exercise on afternoon 11 Apr. Pers. surplus to WE on BHQ strength to supply essential duties.						
13	WIRE CRUSHING. LECTURES IN NAVIGATION.	No. 5 Pl. Demonstration to all coys Wire Crushing 0900-1000 hrs. 1005-1110 Wire/C. 1000-1100 Lecture on Navigation. 1115-1215 Lecture on Navigation ("I" Section). 1330-1530 Sec Tng			1000-1215 Sec Tng. 1330-1430 Wire/C. 1430-1530 Lecture on Navigation.	1000-1215 Sec Tng 1330-1430 Lecture on Navigation. 1430-1530 Wire/C.
Pers. surplus to WE on BHQ strength to supply essential duties.						
14	BN EXERCISE NO. 1. WITH TANKS IN THE OPEN.	Bn will move out at 0800 hrs.				No. 1 Pl., No. 2 pl., No. 3 pl., No. 4 pl. & 1 Sec. No. 5 pl.
BATTALION EXERCISE AREA NIGGER CREEK.						
15	BN PARADE. SEC. TNG. INTERIOR ECONOMY SPORT.	Bn Parade at 0830 hrs. 0900-1215 hrs : Sec. Tng. & Interior Economy. (Sec. Tng note weaknesses revealed during Bn Exercises). AFTERNOON SPORT				Specialist Trg & Interior Economy.
16	GENERAL ADM. CHURCH PARADES	Voluntary Church Parade			Sport.	

Demonstration and user trials with grenades, hand, WP 77 (smoke) will be conducted as soon as these are to hand. ✓

*War Diary*

*11 April 1917*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

BATTALION IN ATTACK.

EXERCISE NO. 16

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REF. MAP: HERRERTON 1 : 63360.

DURATION: 2 HRS.

1. OBJECT :

To exercise Bn and subordinate comds in preparation and carrying out of a Bn night attack.

2. LESSONS :

- (a) Battle Procedure - Time is a vital factor. A well taught and thoroughly understood battle procedure will save invaluable time.
- (b) Surprise - A comd who selects the offensive and fails to surprise his enemy has lost the main advantage the offensive confers.

3. OPENING SITUATION :

An enemy force of possibly one div inf with attached tps is moving southwards from ATHERTON. On D-2 WONDECLA was in enemy hands and enemy patrols were active in entire area between WONDECLA and MOUNTAIN VIEW in area 3507.

17 Aust Inf Bde is preparing a defensive posn, as a base for future offensive action, in vicinity 3406.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn is acting as covering force to the Bde.

4. NARRATIVE :

On D-1 own patrols discover enemy force estimated two coys digging posns in vicinity 343077.

Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde orders Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to clear enemy from area.

After a recce of enemy positions Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn decides upon a first light attack with Bn strength.

ORDERS :

Bn Comd issues verbal orders as follow :-

Information: (1) Enemy - As per Opening Situation and Narrative.  
(2) Own Troop - As per Opening Situation. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn is in bivouac at 338069.

Intention: (3) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will attack and destroy enemy in vicinity 343077.

Method: (4) The attack will be carried out in two phases:-

(a) Phase 1: The capture of enemy fwd posns along timber line by two fwd coys (as per attached sketch map).

Right: "A" Coy - Objective from centre line to right flank inclusive.

Left: "B" Coy - Objective from centre line exclusive to left flank.

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Reserve Coys:-

Right "C" Coy - Remain on FUP until phase 1 complete  
Left "D" Coy - " " " " " " " " " "

(b) Phase 2: The passing through of "C" and "D" Coys to continue the advance to final objective.

Right "C" Coy - objective ridge approx. 150 yds beyond "A" Coy.

Left "D" Coy - Objective ridge approx. 150 yds beyond "B" Coy.

Reserve:-

Right "A" Coy - Consolidating.

Left "B" Coy - Consolidating.

- (5) HQ Coy, less dets. 50 rifle coys, remains at Assembly Area until "H" Hour, then moves to FUP; On final Success signal moves fwd to be allotted tasks.
- (6) Special Instructions H.Q. Coy: Two dets. mortars move with each of fwd coys from Assembly Area to FUP, where they remain throughout engagement, prepared to assist the attack on first or final objective if required.  
MSG and Tk/A pl. responsible protection HQ Coy from Assembly Area to final posn.
- (7) Special Instructions "C" Coy: "C" Coy provides one pl. as protection to FUP (see instructions to Guides).
- (8) Assembly Area: Astride road at 336072.
- (9) E.H.P.: Head of small gully 341075.
- (10) Direction of Attack: 37 degrees Mag.
- (11) Rate of Advance: From Assembly Area to FUP  
100 yds in 3 mins.  
From FUP to Objective  
100 yds in 2 mins.
- (12) Formations: From div. area to Assembly Area - Col. of Route.  
" Assembly Area to FUP - (as per sketch).  
" FUP to Coy (as per sketch).
- (13) Timings: Arrive Assembly Area "H" - 54  
leave " " "H" - 14  
Arrive FUP "H" - 5.
- (14) Zero: 0550 Hrs.
- (15) Instructions for Guides: All coys will provide two guides to Bn I.O. at Bn HQ by 0345 hrs. Bn I.O. and Adjt responsible for laying tape, arranging lights, protection of FUP and guiding coys to correct posns from Assembly Area to FUP.

One pl. "C" Coy provided for protection of FUP under comd of Adjt until leading coys go through,

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When they report back to Coy Comd at FUP.

I.O. responsible for recovery of lights, tapes, etc.

Adm.:

(16) Battle Scale for attack as per Bn S.Os.

(17) Hot coffee provided at Assembly Area at "H" - 50.

(18) Medical: RAP established Assembly Area - remains until final objective gained, then moves to Bn HQ.

W.W.C.P. at rear of FUP until final objective gained, when moves to Bn HQ.

(19) Intercomm: (a) Bn to coys - 108 set and runner.  
(b) Bn HQ moves between leading coys from Assembly Area to FUP where it will be established at centre of taped line marked by red light (see attached sketch).

(c) From FUP to 1st Objective, Bn HQ moves centrally and in rear of leading coys (see attached sketch).

(d) On Success signal for phase 2, Bn HQ moves through "A" and "B" coys and will be established 100 yds centrally and beyond timber line on line of advance.

(20) Reports: Capture of objectives reported by all means available. Progress reports to fwd Bn HQ at completion of each stage of advance from Riv. Area to final objective, and as situation demands.

(21) Success Signals: 1st Objective 2 greens.  
Final " 2 reds.

Signals fired from Bn HQ.

(22) Synchronisation of Batches:

(23) Check:

(24) Questions?

5. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS :

1700 Comd receives recce reports.  
1720 Studies ground from rear right flank posn in approx. area 340073.  
1740 Orders to "O" Cp.  
1800  
1830 "O" Cp recce and issue of orders.  
0400 Adj. I.O. & Guides move to FUP with covering patrol from "C" Coy.  
0435 Bn moves to Assembly Area.  
0456 Bn arrives Assembly Area - hot coffee, check, etc.  
0536 Bn leaves Assembly Area.  
0545 Arrives FUP.  
0550 Attack commences - "C" & "D" Coys move up to FUP.  
0600 First Success signal - "C" & "D" move in.  
0615 Second Objective reached - Success signal - Bn HQ to final posn. - patrols from reserve pls "C" & "D" out - HQ Coy moves up - Bn consolidating.  
0630 Exercise completed.  
0645 Umpires Report - Discussion

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6. D.S. NOTES :

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY :

Dress: White hat bands.

Enemy to be active in defence - full use of patrolling; booby traps; alternative posns, etc. To fall back quickly from fwd posns to rear posns in phase 1, but to maintain posns until overrun in phase 2, then move rapidly to flank assembly area out of exercise area.

8. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES :

Umpires will be conversant with scheme before beginning of exercise.

Written reports ready for Chief Umpire 15 minutes after conclusion of exercise.

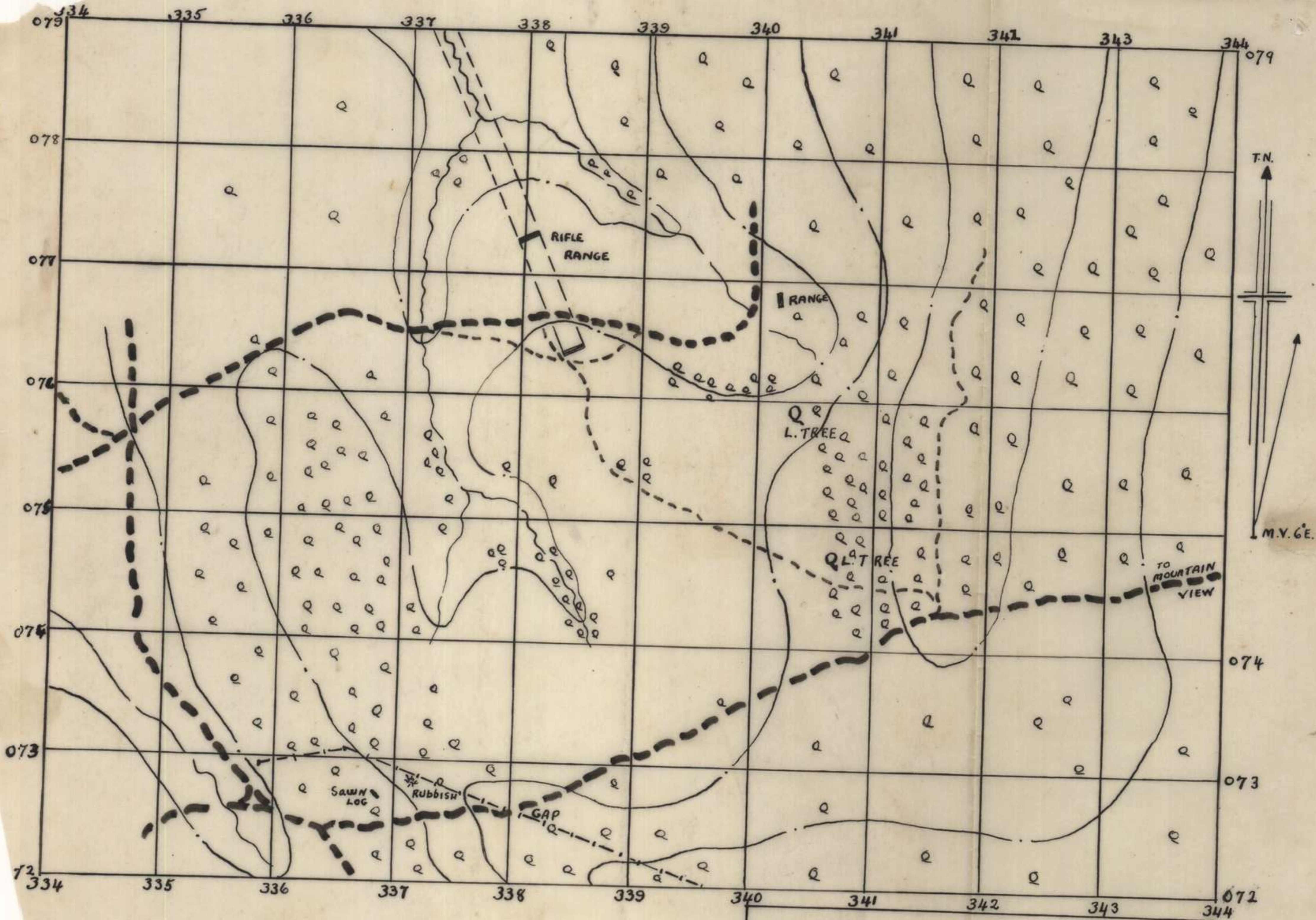
Points for Umpires: Comd and Coy Comds' recce & orders.

<u>Permanence</u> -	Throughout exercise
<u>Control</u> -	Reports to Bn HQ; confusion at any time.
<u>Protection</u> -	Of PUP and Unit at most vulnerable occasions at Assembly Area and PUP.
<u>Security</u> -	Unnecessary noise at PUP by fwd party. Noise, lights, etc., at Assembly Area, PUP or on march. Elimination of noisy equipment, coughers, etc., at Assembly Area.

Consolidation and Patrolling.



# BN. NIGHT EXERCISE



SCALE 1 INCH TO 100 yds.

Approx. Drawn by 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> April 44.

ROAD (C2)	
TRACKS	
FORM LINES	
CREEK	
TREES	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 7.

MOVE TO KABAN.

EXERCISE.

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1. 2/7 AUST INF BN EXERCISE GP will move to KABAN 12 Apr. '44.

2. COMPOSITION OF EXERCISE GP :

Bn HQ	..	26	
"A" Coy	..	96	
"B" Coy	..	96	
"C" Coy	..	96	
"D" Coy	..	96	
HQ Coy	..	153	
ENEMY	..	26	
		<u>589</u>	All Ranks.

3. Exercise Gp will be lifted to KABAN Exercise Area by AASC Transport 18 x 3 tonners, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn Transport 2 x 3 tonners, 2/9 Armd Regt 3 x 3 tonners, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 3 x 3 tonners and 2 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. (jeeps).

Transport will report to Coys at 0740 hrs 12 Apr. (T. O. to arrange details.)

4. DRESS : Battle Order (Jungle Green).

5. EMBUSSING OFFICER Lieut. A. McCORQUODALE.

6. ORDER OF MARCH :

O.C. AASC vehicles                      Lieut. STEWART.  
 Comd. (Lieut. Col. GUINN, Capt. TROON, Lieut. FLEMMING)  
 Bn HQ  
 ENEMY  
 "B" Coy  
 "D" Coy  
 "C" Coy  
 "A" Coy  
 H.Q.Coy.

7. ALLOTMENT OF VEHICLES :

Unit or Coy.	Strength.	Allotted Vehicles.	Serial No. of Vehs.	Remarks.
Comd.	3	1 jeep	1	C.O., Adj., <sup>I.O.</sup> <del>Quartermaster</del> , Prime Mover.
Bn HQ	23	1 x 3 tonner	2	RMG & 2 Ords, S/Bs 16, RPs 2, I Sec. 2.
ENEMY	26	1 x 3 tonner	3	Lieut. BENNETT, RQMS, 6 ORs from ea. Rifle Coy.
"B" Coy	96	4 x 3 tonners	4-7	S/Bs & Sigs attached at Exercise Area.
"D" Coy	96	4 x 3 tonners	8-11	ditto.
"C" Coy	96	4 x 3 tonners	12-15	ditto.
"A" Coy	96	4 x 3 tonners	16-19	ditto.
HQ Coy	153	7 x 3 tonners	20-26	

20-26 { 5 x 3 tonners (25 pers)  
 2 x 3 tonners (14 pers)  
 (and Prime Movers for  
 2 Tk/A guns)  
 27. { O.C. Tk/A Pl., Runner,  
 Lieut. McCORQUODALE,  
 Prime Mover.

1 x 3 tonner 28 Spare.

8. OsC. VEHICLES :

Os in C vehicles will be detailed by coy comds, and will ensure that 6 AUST DIV instructions re tpt are strictly observed. Pers. will be seated within the tray of truck whilst vehicle is in motion.

9. START TIME : 0800K

10. DRIVERS' MEALS : AASC pers. will carry cut lunches, lunches to be supplied by AASC. All other drivers will carry hard rations for one meal.

11. ROUTE : 6 DIV HQ - RAVENSHOE TURNOFF - TRACEY'S CORNER - KABAN.

12. SPEED : 15 MIH.

13. DENSITY : 15 VTM.

14. TRAFFIC CONTROL : Det 6 AUST DIV PROVOST COY will provide escort.

15. RECOVERY : Spare vehicle will travel at rear of convoy. Pers. will be transferred to this vehicle in case of breakdown, and breakdown reported immediately to T.O. travelling in serial 27.

16. MEDICAL : RMO and Ords travelling with Serial No. 2. Unit D.R. travelling at rear of convoy will report any accident.

17. START POINT : 2/7 AUST INF BN (main entrance)

18. DISPERSAL POINTS : C.Os vehicle will halt at required point. vehicles will then close up to 5-yd intervals and on order to debus, pers. will act quickly and disperse tactically.

19. ROLL CHECK : Prior to embussing, coys will check pers. and render to Bn HQ M/O state.

20. REVEILLE : 0630K

21. BREAKFAST : 0700K

22. RETURN JOURNEY : Transport will remain at EXERCISE AREA KABAN until completion of Exercise. Move back to Camp:- Start time approximately 1400K; order of march as advance.

..... Troon ..... Capt.  
 (J. TROON)  
 Adjnt 2/7 A ust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

Serial No. <sup>R</sup>16.

by

Nos. 102 to 112.

Lt. Col. H. G. GUINN, D.S.O., E.D.

COMMANDING 2/7 AUST INF BN.

AUST INF BN.

12 APR. '44.

2. QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS :

1. Date: A general election will be held for the Legislative Assembly of the State of Queensland on Saturday 15 Apr. '44.

2. Voters: Any male or female member of the AIF (irrespective of age) is entitled to vote, who is a natural born or naturalized British Subject, and who has :-

- (a) lived in Australia for a continuous period of six months and
- (b) lived in Queensland for a continuous period of three months
- and (c) lived in an electoral district of Queensland for a continuous period of one month

immediately preceding the day on which he or she was enlisted.

3. Polling Booths: Polling booths will be established and personnel will vote as under :

(i) Flaggly Creek Booth (Court Martial Tent (HQ 6 Aust Div,  
HQ 6 Aust Div.) (Sigs 6 Aust Div.  
(Provost 6 Aust Div.

(ii) Edgar Avenue Booth (Recreation Hut (16 Aust Inf Bde.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn).

(iii) Lucas Avenue Booth (Recreation Hut (17 Aust Inf Bde  
(17 Aust Inf Bde).. (RAA 6 Aust Div.  
(RAE 6 Aust Div.

(iv) Lucas Avenue Booth (Recreation Hut (10 Aust Inf Bde.  
2/11 Aust Inf Bn).

(b) Personnel of other units will vote at the nearest polling booth which will be open from 0830 hrs to 1800 hrs.

(c) Units will ensure that all personnel qualified to vote are given adequate opportunity to record their vote.

4. Postal Votes :

(a) Personnel who will not be able to attend at a polling booth, either military or civil, due to being in transit or otherwise, may apply for a postal vote. Such application should be made in the first instance to Unit HQ, which will arrange for the applicants to make personal application to one of the following :-

- (i) Lieut. E. P. KELSALL - HQ 6 Aust Div.
- (ii) Lieut. H. J. MORAN - 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
- (iii) Lieut. V. C. Read - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
- (iv) Lieut HENDERSON- 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- (v) Mr. POWER, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Court House, HERBERTON  
(between 0930 and 1630 hrs daily).

(b) Applications for Postal Votes must reach above named by 1700 hrs Wednesday 12 Apr. '44 except in case of (v) where applicants should see Mr. Power not later than 1630 hrs. Thursday, 13 Apr. '44.

103. AMMUNITION .303-in SAA MARKED MQ 1943:

1. This instruction is issued to clarify the position regarding the use of the above ammunition, which tests have shown to be safe to fire subject to the following restrictions.
2. Ammunition dated 10 Aug. '43 marked "practice" will not be fired from Bren guns, but may be used for rifle and MMG practices.
3. Ammunition marked MQ 1943 of any date, will not be fired from Bren guns with badly eroded breach blocks.
4. If replacement of ammunition is necessary to enable Bren practices to be fired, number of rounds requiring replacement will be notified to this HQ by 14 Apr. '44.
5. Details of any further defects noted in MQ 1943 practice ammunition will be forwarded to this HQ.

104. DISCIPLINE: PERSONNEL IN MT.

Despite instructions and policing by provost, vehicles are still to be seen moving in the Divisional Area, carrying troops standing in the back of the vehicle, or sitting on cabin roofs. In any future movement of personnel by MT, an NCO WILL be detailed to travel IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE. The NCO will be responsible that personnel remain seated wholly in the confines of the vehicle throughout the journey.

105. DISCIPLINE: GAMBLING.

Any member of this Unit found playing "Two-up" will be severely disciplined. Ref. AMR & O 322.

In one Court Martial case just concluded, a Pay Sgt was convicted by DCM of 29 charges of embezzlement and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment with hard labour and ordered to repay the sum of £228.

The evidence showed that the money embezzled had been lost at a two-up school in his unit. The accused, a young man aged 24, had a previously unblemished record, and is now a convict undergoing hard labour, as a consequence of the existence of the two-up school in his unit.

ALL officers will strictly police this instruction.

106. SPEEDING:

Speeding offences are becoming increasingly prevalent in the area, and it is obvious that drivers are not observing the instructions that have been issued from time to time.

T.O. will ensure that these instructions contained in 6 Aust Div. RO 43/136 of 7 Sep. '43, repeated hereunder, are read at least once weekly on parades :-

"Provost personnel have been instructed to endorse Transport Work Tickets, AAFs G2, of personnel apprehended for exceeding the maximum permissible speeds, with the breach and speed determined by the member of the Provost Corps detecting the offence, so enabling C.O. of the unit concerned to take corrective action immediately vehicle is returned to unit lines".

C.O. will treat breaches of speed limits as serious offences.

107. APPROVED TRADE GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS.

Male personnel classified as substantive driver mechanics (enr. & med.) on 6th April, 1944, retain trade group II pay until promoted or lawfully reverted. Male personnel classified as acting driver mechanics (enr. & med.) on 6th April, 1944, revert to trade group III on the date they are lawfully notified of their reversion.

Male personnel classified as substantive operators (switchboard) on 17th February, 1944, retain trade group II pay until promoted or lawfully reverted. Male personnel classified as acting operators (switchboard) on 17 February, 1944, revert to trade group III on the date they are lawfully notified of their reversion. GRO A.626/43. (amendment).

108. DISCS, IDENTITY.

Coys will submit a return to this HQ by 1800 hrs 15 Apr. '44, of all personnel not in possession of two identity discs correctly marked. Ref. GRO A.700/43 Part IX, para. 50, which reads :-

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

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

(b) The following particulars will be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under :-

Front side :

- (i) Army number
- (ii) Initials and name
- (iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

Reverse side : Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of pay book).

(c) The index letters of the various religious denominations are ..

Church of England	.. C.E.	Congregational	.. C.
Presbyterian	.. P.	Roman Catholic	.. R.C.
Methodist	.. M.	Jewish	.. J.
Baptist	.. B.	Salvation Army	.. S.A.
Lutheran	.. L.	Church of Christ	.. C.C.
Christian Scientist	.. C.S.	Greek Orthodox	.. G.O.

109. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS:

All personnel eligible to vote WILL report this HQ 1900 hrs 14 Apr.

110. PLATOON ROLL BOOKS:

All Platoon Roll Books will be submitted to this HQ for the purpose of checking by 1800 hrs 16 Apr.

111. CEREMONIAL PARADE.

A Ceremonial Parade will be held by this Unit on 15 Apr. '44. Comd. 17 Aust Inf Bde will arrive at 0930 hrs and inspect parade then take the salute from saluting base at Bde Hq.

112. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL VX5411 Pte. CLARKE, F.J., 2/7 AUST INF BN.

The abovenamed soldier was tried by DCM held in the field on 30 Mar. '44 by order of Comd 6 Aust Div dated 24 Mar. '44.

Charge : Absenting himself without leave from 0001 hrs 1 Jan '42 until 1740 hrs 21 Dec. '43 (AA 15(1)) a period of 255 days.

Plea GUILTY.

Finding GUILTY.

Sentence : To undergo detention for two years.

Date of sentence : 30 Mar. '44.

On 7 Apr. '44 Comd 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence and directed that there be no review.

Period in close arrest awaiting trial for which automatic forfeiture of pay is incurred : 11 days.

The sentence has not been promulgated to the accused owing to illegal absence.

.....  
(J. TROON)  
Adjnt 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION :

HQ 6 Aust Div.	R.M.O.
17 Aust Inf Bde.	"A" Coy.
2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	"B" Coy.
2/6 Aust Inf Bn.	"C" Coy.
C.O.	"D" Coy.
Adjnt.	H.Q. Coy.
Q.M.	Lt H.Q.
I.O.	Rec. Hut.
War Diary.	Offrs' Mess.
File.	Sjt's Mess.

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2/7 AUST INF BN REGIMENTAL FUNDS A/C.

Period 7 Mar. - 12 Apr. '44.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
Mar. 7	Balance as per Trust A/c Book	26 6 1	Purchase of sporting material	98 9 0	
	Cash in hand	28 16 3	Prizes - Athletics and shooting	44 0 0	
" 23	A.A.C.S. Unit proportion of profits for Jan. '44.	44 7 5	Prizes - Weekly Euchre Tournaments	6 10 0	
			Sundries - Regtl Tailor	3 7 5	
			Sundries	1 13 0	
			Rent of Sawmill - T. Baldwin	4 0 0	
Apr. 6	Percentage - Offrs' Mess Calcutta Sweep	6 12 0	Cash on hand 12 Apr. '44.	47 8 10	
			Balance as per line		
" 10	Reimbursement from Unit Canteen Advances	120 0 0	39 Trust A/c Book	20 13 6	
		226 1 9		226 1 9	



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14 Apr 44.

EXERCISE No.1

REF MAP HERBERTON 1 inch to 1 mile.

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INFORMATION.

- Enemy. 1. A JAP force pushed inland from the coast and had captured HERBERTON.  
 17 Aust Inf Bde gp advancing from IRVINEBANK contacted the enemy two miles SOUTHWEST of HERBERTON and succeeded in getting part of the Bde gp astride the JAP L of C to AHERTON.  
 The main JA P force thereupon commenced to withdraw due EAST to WONDECLA and thence via the unmade track just south of NORTH NIGGER CREEK towards MOUNT HYPIPAMEE (Ref 4007).  
 The enemy left strong rearguards to delay our advance along the track to MOUNT HYPIPAMEE.
2. Enemy FDLs have been located on the western slopes of high feature central ref. 340100.

Own Tps.

3. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn moving as fwd bn have been held up on the high ground EAST of the creek crossing ref 323105, having suffered heavy casualties in an attempt to dislodge the enemy.  
 2/7 Aust Inf Bn have been given the task of pushing through to capture the enemy posns.  
 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will have under comd B sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.

INTENTION.

4. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will capture the enemy posn and secure the track junction at 358097.

METHOD.

5. The attack will be carried out in two phases.

PHASE 1 - INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE. High feature ~~xxxx~~ central ref 340100.

- (a) Fwd coys. "B" Coy right OBJECTIVE right of feature to centre line inclusive.  
 "C" Coy left OBJECTIVE left of  
 (b) feature to centre line exclusive.

PHASE 2 - The passing through of "A" and "D" coys to continue the advance to the final objective. Track junction ref 358097.  
 "A" and "D" coys will follow the advance of fwd coys at a distance of 500 yds and on capture of intermediate objective will be prepared to capture and consolidate track junction with ref 358097.

- (a) "A" Coy right OBJECTIVE right to track inc.  
 (b) "D" Coy left OBJECTIVE left track exclusive to creek.

OWN Tps - No. 2 pl. follow advance of fwd coys and 200 yds in rear and assist in consolidation of INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE.

- Tasks. One sec. RIGHT - protection of right flank.  
 One sec. LEFT - protection of left flank.

Phase 2. One sec. move fwd in rear of "A" Coy and "D" Coy to assist in consolidation of final objective. This sec will come under comd OC "A" Coy.

NO. 3 PL.

Phase 1 - Two dets of mortars will support each fwd coy during phase 1.  
H to H+5 three bombs HE per mortar per min. on located targets.  
Fire to be controlled by FOOs who will move out under protection of FL patrols and remain concealed in OPs until fwd elements of leading coys pass through. FOOs will then move with OCs coys and control fire as directed.

Phase 2.- On capture of INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE four dets mortars move to rear of this posn prepared to support the attack of "A" and "D" coys.  
FOOs allotted to each coy will move fwd and control fire as directed.

NO. 4 PL.

Phase 1 - One sec will follow the advance of "B" and "C" will move in rear of Bn HQ using road.

Task- Covering main road approach and LEFT flank.

Phase 11- One sec will be prepared to move behind "A" and "D" coys to FINAL OBJECTIVE.

Task- To be allotted by OC "A" coy.

NO. 5 PL.

Phase 1 - One sec (one NCO and six ORs) to each ~~pl~~ "B" Coy and "C" Coy. Pers. will be allotted two per pl.

Task- Location of mines which will be marked by flag and taping of corridor for tanks through minefields.

TANKS.

Phase 1. Sqn leader will move with Bn Comd.  
"A" Sqn will be attached to two fwd coys.  
7 tp with "B" Coy 8 tp with "C" Coy.  
Tp leaders will move with coy comds.  
One tank will move in rear of each pl. and be prepared to assist the pl comd on call for fire of enemy posns, as directed.  
One OR moving with each pl HQ will display prominently on the back of his haversack the NUMBER of his pl, for direction of tank comd.  
TANKS WILL ASSIST IN CONSOLIDATION OF INTERMEDIATE OBJ.

Phase 11. Tanks will move 50 yds ahead of fwd elements of <sup>respective</sup> ~~pl~~ <sup>pls.</sup> advancing tps and will engage all observed targets.  
5 tp with "A" Coy 6 tp with "D" Coy.  
During phases 1 and 11 tank comds will provide one i/c man to move with each pl comd and act on his instructions.  
TANKS WILL ASSIST IN CONSOLIDATION ON FINAL OBJECTIVE.

Marrying Up. Tanks will marry up with pls at Assembly Area and move with their pls throughout.

Intercomm between tanks and inf comds (ref INTERCOMM App. "B").

ASSEMBLY AREA

Sq 31/10 ref sketch App "C" attached.

FUP

- Ref 326106 (bearing 24 deg mag) ref sketch App. "C".



ADMINISTRATION.

1. ANN. Attack Scale.
  2. SUPS. 1 day's emergency ration carried on the man.
  3. WATER. Water bottles filled.
  4. MEDICAL.
    - (a) RAP will be established at Assembly Area ref 315111 and will remain there until INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE has been captured. RAP will then move to ref 336099 adjacent to Bn HQ.
    - (b) All casualties will be evacuated with water bottles.
  5. HYGIENE. Hygiene to be strictly observed and pl comds will ensure that adequate arrangements are made in Bn Assembly Area.
  6. POW. Will be escorted to Bn HQ and dealt with according to BSOs.
  7. DRESS. Battle Order (JG).
  8. SECURITY. All offfrs will ensure that tps under comd carry no papers which may compromise security.
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ADM FOR EXERCISE.

1. REVEILLE. 0600K.
2. BREAKFAST. 0645K.
3. START TIME. 0745K.
4. START POINT. On main road opposite tpt lines.
5. ORDER OF MARCH. Bn HQ "B". "C". "A". "D". HQ Coy. (1 min intervals between coys).
6. WEAPONS. Full scale of pl weapons will be carried with the exception of Tk/A rifles. 3" mortars and MEGs will be carried by Unit tpt. Tpt will report in HQ Coy lines at 0715K. (6 pers. only of each ~~xxxxx~~ 2 and 3 pls will travel on this tpt).
7. ANN. 5 rounds SAA blank will be issued to each rifleman.
8. HALTS. First rest 0850K.
9. RATIONS. Hard rations for midday meal will be carried on the man.
10. HOT DRINKS. A hot drink will be provided for all ranks at Assembly Area at 1000K. Further hot drink will be provided at conclusion of Exercise.
11. DRESS. Battle Order (JG). Water bottles filled.

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APPENDIX "B"  
TO G O NO. 1

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Bn HQ situated

Phase 1 Assembly Area at ref 317108.  
Phase 11 INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE in vicinity  
ref 336099.

Wireless Silence until contact.  
Line to follow attacking coys fwd

Wireless within coys.

Phase 1

"C" Coy

108 sets with coy comd each pl  
comd and tp leader. All these  
sets will be netted to tanks  
moving with coy. Sets to be  
manned by pers. of No. 1 pl.

"B" Coy

As above by Handie Talkie sets  
carried and operated by coy comd,  
pl comds and tp leader.

108 terminal with each of "B" and "C" coys  
for communication to Bn HQ.

"D" & "A" coys communication from coy HQ to  
Bn HQ by Handie Talkie.

LINE.

On consolidation of "B" and "C" Coys on INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE  
line will be laid to Bn HQ.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PHASE 11.

Wireless. "D" Coy on passing through "C" Coy will take over  
108 sets and operators of inter-pl and tank gp and link to  
Bn HQ.

Wireless communications of "C" Coy will be Handie  
Talkie taken over from OC "D" Coy.

"A" Coy on passing through "B" Coy will take over  
Handie Talkies of pl comds and tp leader, also 108 and oper-  
ators of link to Bn HQ.

Line. Will be laid following advance of "D" and "A" coys.

CODE NAMES.

Bn HQ	HEBA
"A" Coy	FUDI
"B" Coy	SARI
"C" Coy	GOBO
"D" Coy	SEBO
HQ Coy	PURI
Sqn Comd	BARU

Within coys.

pls (lowest to highest) numbered  
RED, WHITE, BLUE respectively.  
Coy comd. BLACK.

Tp Leader BROWN.

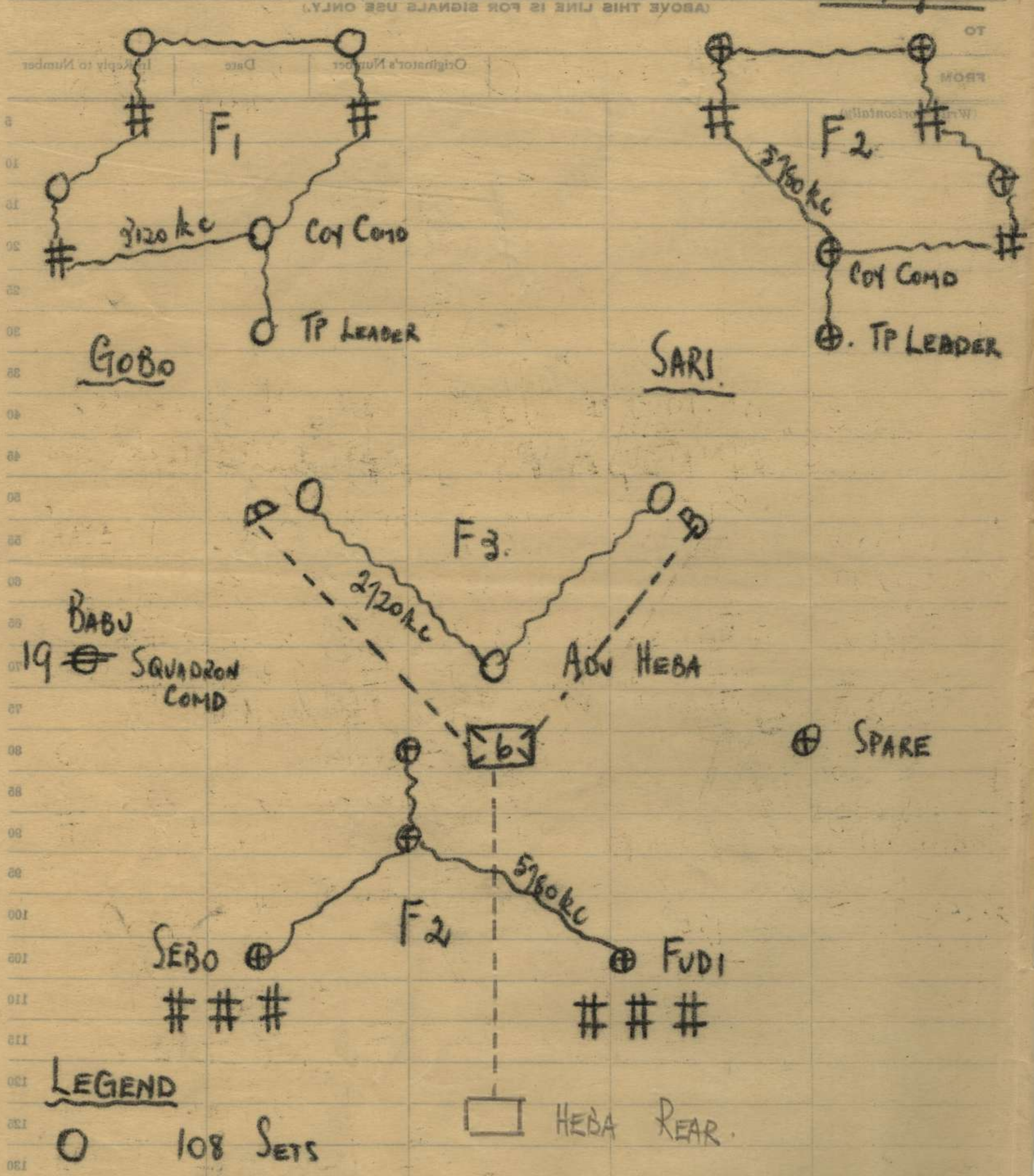
Tanks will be called by the tank  
number.

2/1 AUST INF BN O.O. No 5 APP "B"

SIGNAL DIAGRAM No 1

PHASE 1

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LEGEND

- O 108 SETS
- ⊕ HANDY TALKIES
- ⊖ 19 SET
- # TANKS WIRELESS

HEBA REAR

*[Handwritten signature]*  
1700 hrs  
13 Apr 41

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN  
OUT

No of Groups  
GR.

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO  
FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER** IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

# TANK EXERCISE AREA

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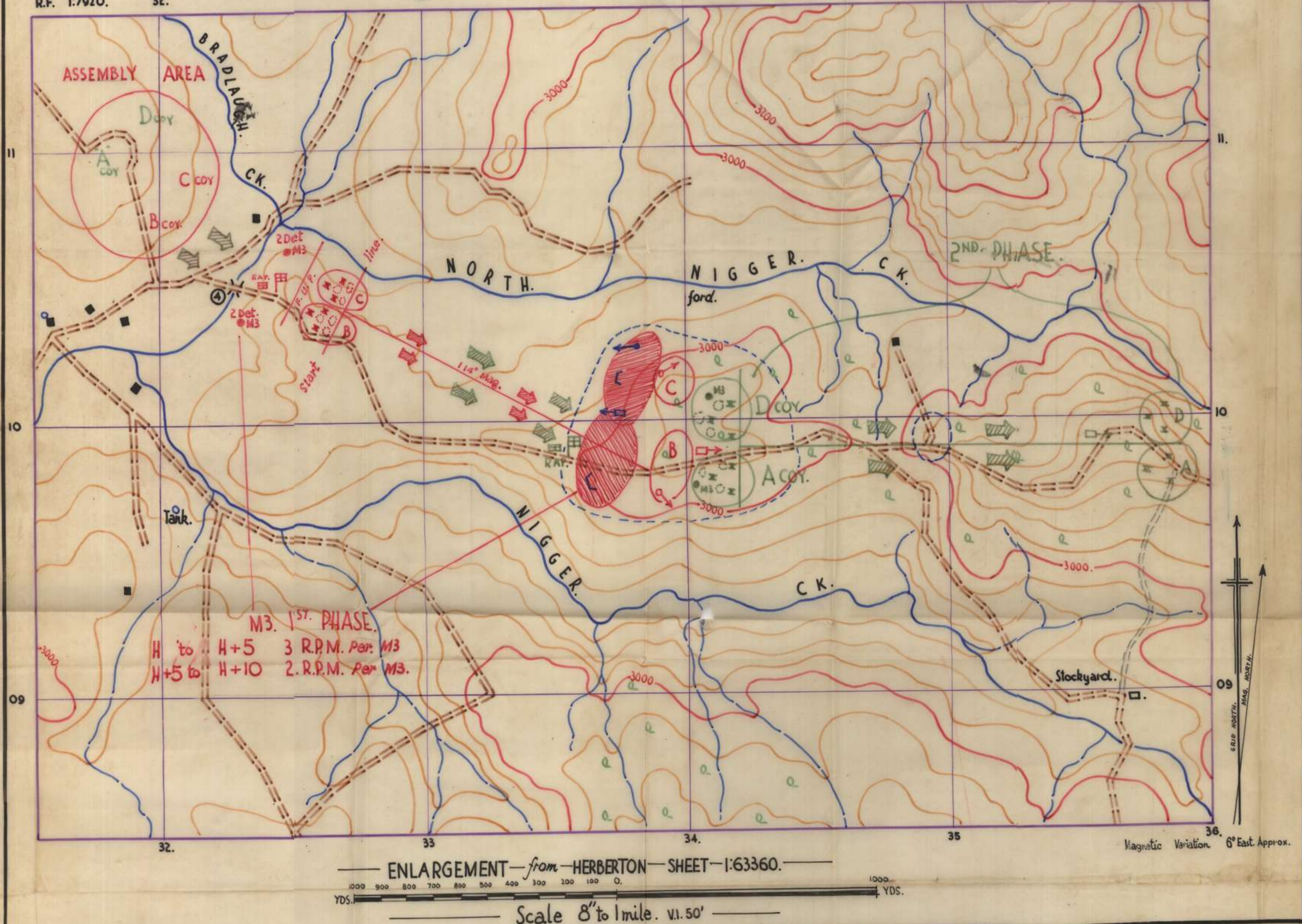
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WAR. DIARY

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2/7 AUST INF BN - H.Q. COY - OUTLINE TNG PROGRAMME.

1,2,3 & 4 Pls. 27 Mar. - 16 Apr. '44.  
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*Appoe 11.*

Specialist pls will carry out collective tng with Rifle Coys both as  
under comd and attack.

OBJECT :

(1) To exercise det., sec., and sub-sec. comds in -

- (a) Battle procedure.
- (b) Tactical handling of their  
particular arm.
- (c) Reception and passing on of  
orders to their comd.

(2) To exercise det., Sec., and sub-sec. in -

- (a) Battle drill.
- (b) Tactical movement of particular  
arm in attack.
- (c) Tactical sighting of particular  
weapon in defence and ambush.
- (d) Field works.
- (e) Concealment & camouflage.

GENERAL :

Dets, etc., NOT required by coys will carry out recapitulation  
of necessary subjects.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN RIFLE COY SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD ENDING 2 APR. '44.

Date/	0830-0900	Coys.	0930-1030	1030-1045	1045-1200	1330-1600	1600-1700	2030-2200
Mar. 27		A	-----Exercise No. 9-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	
		B	-----Coy Comd's Discretion-----					
		C	-----Duty Coy & Individual Training-----					
		D	-----Pl. Training - Pl. in Attack-----					
Mar. 28		A	-----Exercise 11-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		B	-----Exercise 9-----					
		C	-----Coy Comd's Discretion-----					
		D	-----Duty Coy-----					
Mar. 29		A	-----Exercise No. 11-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		B	-----Exercise No. 12-----					
		C	-----Exercise No. 9-----					
		D	-----Coy Comd's Discretion-----					
Mar. 30		A	-----Coy Comd's Discretion-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		B	-----Exercise No. 12-----					
		C	-----Exercise No. 13-----					
		D	-----Exercise No. 9-----					
Mar. 31		A	-----Duty Coy-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		B	-----Exercise No. 10-----					
		C	-----Exercise No. 13-----					
		D	-----Exercise No. 14-----					
Apr. 1		A	-----Exercise No. 15-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		B	-----Duty Coy-----					
		C	-----Exercise No. 10-----					
		D	-----Exercise No. 14-----					
Apr. 2		C	-----Duty Coy-----				Organized Sport Subject to Requirements of Training	Coys will do Night Patrolling During 2-day Exercises
		All Coys.)	----- Voluntary Church Parade -----		-----Organized Sport-----			

Exercises:- 9. Coy in Attack in cooperation with tanks (jungle); 11-14. Coy in Defence; 15 Coy in Attack.  
 10. " " " " " " (open).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN RIFLE COY SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD ENDING 9 APR. '44.

Date.	0830-0900	Coys.	0930-1030	1030-1045	1045-1200	1330-1600	1600-1700	2030-2200
Apr. 3		A	-----	Exercise No. 10	-----			
		B	-----	Sec. Training	-----			
		C	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
		D	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
Apr. 4		A	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		B	-----	Sec. Training	-----			
		C	-----	Coy Comd's Discretion	-----			
		D	-----	Exercise No. 10	-----			
Apr. 5		A	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl. in Defence	-----			
		B	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		C	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl. in Defence	-----			
		D	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
Apr. 6		A	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl. in Ambush.	-----			
		B	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
		C	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		D	-----	Sec. Training	-----			
Apr. 7		All ) Coys.)	--- Voluntary Church Parade	-----	Good Friday	-----	Organized Sport	-----
Apr. 8		All ) Coys.)	-----Administration-----	-----		-----	Organized Sport	-----
Apr. 9		A	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		All ) Coys.)	--- Voluntary Church Parade	-----		-----	Organized Sport	-----

Coy & In Parades as Ordered.

Organized Sport Where Require-  
ments of Training Permit.

Night Exercises Will Be Carried  
out by Coys on Tuesday & Thurs-  
day night.

Exercise No. 10: Coy in Attack in Cooperation with Tanks (open).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN RIFLE COY SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD ENDING 16 APR. '44.

Date.	0830-0900	Coys.	0930-1030	1030-1045	1045-1200	1330-1600	1600-1700	2030-2200
Apr. 10		A	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
		B	-----	Duty Coy. & F.S. Lecture 0845	-----			
		C	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl in Ambush	-----			
		D	-----	Coy Comd's Discretion	-----			
Apr. 11		A	-----	Coy Comd's Discretion & F.S. Lecture 0845	-----			
		B	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
		C	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		D	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl. in Ambush	-----			
Apr. 12		A)	-----	Individual Training	-----			
		B)	-----		-----			
		C	-----	Coy Comd's Discretion & F.S. Lecture 0845	-----			
		D	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
Apr. 13		A)	-----	Coy Comd's Discretion	-----			
		B)	-----		-----			
		C	-----	Rifle Range	-----			
		D	-----	Pl. Exercise: Pl. in Ambush	-----			
Apr. 14		A	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		B)	-----		-----			
		C)	---	Individual Training: Sec. Exercises, Gas, Camouflage, Ts O.E.T.	-----			
		D)	-----		-----			
Apr. 15		B	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		All )	-----	Administration	-----	Organized Sport	-----	
		Coys.)	-----		-----			
Apr. 16		C	-----	Duty Coy	-----			
		All )	---	Voluntary Church Parade	-----	Organized Sport	-----	
		Coys.)	-----		-----			

Coy & Bn Parades as Ordered

Organized Sport when requirements of Training Permit.

Night Exercises will be carried out on Tuesday & Thursday nights.

W.D. Coy

"I" SEC 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Weekly Report - ~~Week~~ ended 15 April.

A (a) Packed Strength:

Pls	
1	2. 40.
2	1. 36.
3	1. 68.
4	32.
5	1. 45.
6	1. 27.
3pt	1. 19.
CRB	1. 8.
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	8. 275.

AACC	37
AEME	4
ARPS	1
ARMC	1
AROE	0
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	43.

(b) Reinpts Regd.

nil  
nil  
nil  
nil  
nil  
nil  
nil  
nil

App'd 12/

nil  
nil  
nil  
nil

1 cpl Bmanor

(c) Marched in:

x Hosp: 17.  
x leave: 1.  
Reinpts: 1.  
x Detm: 8.

oo

Marched out:

Hosp: 1-9.  
bKiv  
Recap: 4.  
Det 17 Bde  
St Sew: 5  
Sonsell: 3.

(a) 1, 2, 3, 4 pls 100% field lig.  
5 " 25% " " 2 days 75%  
camp construction  
6 " Normal duties

(e) nil  
(f) nil

(g) Inspections carried out - all as per Bn SO.

(h) On sick parades - 30 - principally cold & minor complaints  
Evac: 10 - 6 malaria, 1 appendicitis.  
1 rash, 1 piles 1 infected area

B (a) Deficiencies in Gtogs. as to P.M. Almost complete

(b) Stans used - as per appendix A.

(c) Supply of rations - Satisfactory

(d) Meals & cookhouse - satisfactory

(e) Clothing improving

C (1st) Progress in the exercises & state of the within Coy & others for ops:-

123 etc pls - all had good feed the both under Coy & for con- tial. The well advanced, battle procedure & drill good. This was noticed particularly during recent Bn exercise. From my observations comparing the recent Bn exercise exercise consider these pls equal to any in the Bn but state definitely that our signals are outstanding, especially in procedure

5 pl. although this pl has not had much feed the of late 25% per day all need the. Their demonstration of wire crashing was quite successful & it is proposed over next 28 days to have the whole pl through a re- freshing course of weapon the, obstacles, explosions, bridging etc.

6 pl. Quite satisfactory but need slight re-organisation which is in hand

(c) Schools & courses - Rangefinders School - no results to hand.

(d) Discipline - good

Morale - good

Gen Remarks - a lot of petty thieving exists mainly clothing. Although steps have been taken to have lines picketed it is almost impossible to prevent.

Commander Coy

Stores Received week ending 15-4-44

- 10.4.44 - clothing (shirts, socks, towels etc)
- 11.4.44 - (Macks, singlets, drawers etc)
- 12.4.44 - 10/3 sundries - cross bars spanner  
~~nut~~ ~~shells~~ Mart, 2 1/2" shares
- 12.4.44 - 10/3 sundries ~~10/3~~<sup>2 1/2"</sup> shares spring  
brushes, washers etc.
- 14.4.44. Helio light MWV 701-704-713
- 15.4.44. micro. capsules, batteries, lenses  
Sig Seals.

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

A.A.F., F.53.  
(Revised May, 1911).

**Permanent Forces.**

Date ..... 1914

Inventory of Kit of No. ....

No.	Article.	No.	Article.	No.	Article.
	<b>SECTION A.1.</b>		<b>SECTION 2 (Clothing).</b>		<b>SECTION 8 (Clothing).</b>
	Bandolier—50 rds.		Badges—Collar, Regimental. Copper, Oxidised		Bags—Kit, Universal
	Belts—Waist, B.E., Leather.		Badges—Hat, Regimental Copper, Oxidised		Braces
	Bottles—Water, Mk. VI.		Badges—Rank and Skill at Arms.		Brushes—Hair
	Carriers—Water Bottle, O.S.		Patches—Distinguishing Colour, prs.		Brushes—Shaving
	Frogs—Brown, Bayonet		Titles—Regimental Copper, Oxidised		Brushes—Tooth
	Haversack				Combs—Hair
	Slings—Rifle				Drawers—Cotton, Short
	Straps—Brown, Greatcoat				Drawers—Woollen
	Straps—Brown, Mess Tin				Forks—Dinner
	Tins—Mess				Holdalls
					Housewires



COY AREA 5

118

"A" POSTED STRENGTH ..... 6 Offrs and ..... 129 Ors

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ..... Nil Offrs and ..... Nil Ors

CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK

MARCHED IN T.O.S. 10ff. 6 O.R.s

MARCHED OUT - S.O.S. 11 O.R.s.

PERCENTAGE OF MEN ONNORMAL TNG DURING WEEK

80%

NO. OF COY ORD ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK

Nil

NO. REMANDED TO C.O.

Nil

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT, WITH REMARKS

ARMS - EXCELLENT ORDER

BOOT - Good Few pairs required

FOOT - Generally good

SICKNESS

8 O.R.s EVAC. (MALARIA) 6 2 other diseases

"Q"

DEFICIENCIES ON GI098 SCALE

Nil

STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK

As per attached sheet

SUPPLY OF RATIONS

But, men take poor view of having to consume hard rations on exercises - men doubt mind these rations when others are not obtainable but consider that whilst we can have good food, why not have better?

MEALS AND COOKHOUSE

Meals generally fair  
Cookhouses good

STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

EQUIPMENT - GOOD.

CLOTHING - SHORTAGE SOME ARTICLES. BUT BEING REPLACED SLOWLY

SPECIAL REMARKS

Boots - Some personnel having been awaiting second pair boots for three weeks - would be appreciated if the delivery of same could be expedited.

"G"

PROCESS IN TNG EXERCISES, W/TNG CARRIED OUT (INCLUDING NIGHT TNG)

Training as per syllabus -

Exercise - night - men showed interest in this stuff and was carried out in good style - Pln & Sec comds, good -

Day Exercise - Bu in attack with carriers - this exercise through lack of information lacked interest -

Exercise with Tanks. - Men showed that of thorough in picture put everything they have into it - men were very interested - showed that standard training within Coy very good.

STATE OF TNG WITHIN COY ; FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

Standard training within Coy - Very good.

Coy. Fit for anything.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED

- VK52447 Cpl. ORPEN. - JUNIOR LEADERS COURSE
- VK5544 W/SGT. HANSON. R.L. - INSTRUCTOR 2/8 Fld. Coy.
- VK13075 SGT. ROBIN NS. - INSTRUCTOR 17 Bde

AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TNG

Would appreciate if series of lectures on first aid could be arranged.

GENERAL REMARKS

Request that one (1) man be detailed from Bu. HQ.

daily to clean and maintain their shower room.

This is at present being done by this Coy.

Coy. hives - More gravel required for paths, tents.

SGD ..... O C "A" COY

To R.Q.M. From H. Coy. Goods received for Week ending

15-4-44

Towels	4			
Hats	6			
Chin Strap	6			
Shirts	8			
Shaving Brush	2			
Collar	4			
Boots	3			
Kit Bags	11			
Combs	12			
Singlets	48			
Trunks	20			
Pullover	20			
Hair Brush	8			
Tooth "	25			
Forks	2			
Spoon	7			
Knife	10			
Field Dress	107			
Trousers	28			
Periscope No 18. No 41.	1.			

BC Coy

For Week Ending 15 APR 44

WEEKLY REPORT.

Ported Strength 3 - 128.

Requirements Required Nil.

Changes to Strength During Week. SOS. - 8  
TOS. - 2-6.

% of men on Normal Duty 90%

No Coy Orderly Rooms Nil

% Remanded to C.O. -

Inspections Carried Out. Act. Kit. AAB. 83

Sickness 6 Malaria - Colds coming - Dental attention excellent.

Supply of Rations. Bully beef contained high percentage of 'chuds'.  
Old stock being worked off - not sufficient on one day exercise with hot meal awaiting at camp.  
Meals - Coalhouse. but very undesirable if occurring in 'lager' stumps  
Stores Received During Week. bookhouses. Good  
- as per attached list.

State of Clothing

fairly rapid wear - accelerated by 'june crashing' supplies satisfactory.

Special Remarks.

The increasingly dry weather has helped considerably in maintenance of clothing and weapons.

Program on Day Exercise

More range practices needed. Good. Open country all weapons revealed weaknesses which are being receiving attention.

State of Day Without Coy - Training for Operations

Kit for ops. by reliable of taking its place in any Bw ops.

Kit Required Specialist - Day

Discipline excellent. Bw. 2" mortar amm. - shot arranged by

General Remarks

Amenities few.  
Tobacco - unit ration

This unit weekly tobacco which is supplied to on definite plan - eg normal day of issue so Thursday - this week this coy could not draw supply until late Friday. This means men go eight days after budgeting for seven. Sport B by 4/6 Bw played no volley ball twice - one on Good Friday, results 21-0, 21-5 ~~25~~ on way; again on Sunday results 21-16 16-21 21-17 on way. Very good match - Aust. Rules football when ground flat & windy day

FROM J. Coy

Haversacks	1
Packs	1
BRUSHES HAIR	17
" SH	2
COMBS	6
U PANTS	6
SHIRTS	29
STOCKS	22
TOWELS	11
PULLOVERS	5
G. COATS	1
FORKS	1
KNIVES	2
DIXIES	7
SINGLETTS	10
BOOTS	17

"C"  
.....COY

2/7 AUST INF BN.

WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK ENDING 15<sup>th</sup> April 44

A

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH ..... 4 OFF ..... and ..... 108 ON .....  
 (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ..... 1 OFF ..... and ..... 20 CAS. ....  
 (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK ..... 6 MARCHED OUT .....  
 ..... 10 MARCHED IN. ....  
 (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK ..... 90% .....  
 (e) NO OF COY ORDERLY HELD DURING WEEK ..... Nil .....  
 (f) NO REMANDED TO C.O. .... Nil .....  
 (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT.  
 (i) BOOTS ..... sleeply good .....  
 (ii) FEET ..... " " .....  
 (iii) PA BOOKS ..... " all correct .....  
 (iv) RESPIRATORS ..... Nil .....  
 (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ..... sleeply .....  
 ..... they good .....  
 (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ..... Daily all correct .....  
 (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL ..... Nil .....  
 (viii) VEHICLES INCLUDING BICYCLES ..... Nil .....

(h) SICKNESS ..... General daily complaints excepting two evacuated for Malaya .....

B

- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G IO98 SCALE.....  
 (b) STORES RECIEVED DURING WEEK ..... Trowsers 24. Shorts 25. Trenches 12.  
 Pullovers 31. Singlets 36. Uffants 24 Boots 10.  
 (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ..... Nil. Sugar is very short.  
 (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ..... Good .....

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

clothing good, trousers are still required.  
Equipment very good.

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS.....

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TNC carried out (Including night exercises and lectures

Section being tactics, very good. During night attack good, banners shown by all ranks. During attack with tanks, very good.

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

All troops are particularly keen and confident that they will give a good account of themselves in any operation. Personnel with Malaria occurrences are the only ones not fit.

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

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TAG, MATERIALS LECTURES, etc.....

2nd mortar range, all mortar men require practice in firing, also E.Y. Riflemen.

GENERAL REMARKS as to DISCIPLINE, GUESSENDING N.C.O. AND MEN. SPORT AND RECREATION. INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA. WAR DIARY NOTES.....

Lines of coy are excellent, discipline good. Sgt. Pionach very smart. Cpl. Gibson good in tactics.

*[Signature]*  
O. C. C. COY

Weekly Report Week-ending 15 Apr '44

"D" Coy

- "A" (a) Postea strength 7 offs and 121 @ Rs  
(b) Reinforcements required 2 @ Rs  
(c) Changes in strength during week #3  
Marched out 13 @ Rs  
Marched in 1 off and 16 @ Rs.  
(d) Percentage of men on normal training during the week 87%  
(e) No of boy Orderly Rooms held during the week Nil  
(f) No remanded to b.G. Nil  
(g) Inspections carried out:-  
(i) Daily inspection of weapons, in good order  
(ii) Met some cases of scinea, corns and ingrowing toenails. These are being treated at the R & P.  
(iii) Paybooks, dilapidated books sent in for replacement, blood groups and inoculations, checked, <sup>list of</sup> those due for inoculations sent to R.M.C.  
(iiii) Medical doubtful personnel examined by R.M.C. 1 pte to be boarded  
(h) Sickness 5 cases evacuated with malaria  
1 knee injury evacuated  
"B" (a) W. & 2 extract still at BN H.Q.  
(b) Stores received during week List attached  
(c) Supply of rations ~~But~~ Breakfast meal unsatisfactory other meals good.  
(d) Meals and cookhouses Meals well cooked and appetising.  
(e) State of clothing and equipment In no good serviceable condition  
(f) Special Remarks: Nil



"C" (a) Progress in Trg & exercises W/Trg carried out  
(including night exercises and lectures)

Bn exercises carried out showed that  
good progress has been made in tactical  
trg

(b) State of Trg within Coy, fitness for operations  
satisfactory Coy fit to take the field

(c) Schools and courses attended: Nil

d General Remarks: It is suggested that  
daily routine be altered, suggested

routine	Reveille	0630
	Breakfast	0715
	1st Parade	0815 - 1200
	Lunch	1215
	Afternoon Parade	1315 - 1515
	Sport	1530 - 1630
	Evening Meal	1715

This will cut out the long break at  
midday which is of no benefit to anyone,  
and give personnel more time after sport and  
before the evening meal to have a shower  
and clean up.

G. B. Crawford Major  
O.C. "D" Coy

Stores received

15. 4. 44

Compass pouches	6.
Bags kit universal	22.
Brushes shaving	12.
Drawers cotton	14.
Shirts green	7.
Trousers green	14.
Jersey pull-overs	20
Great coats	24
Jackets S. D.	2.
Trouser S. D.	2
House - wife	18.
Forks	10.
Knives	9
Spoons	12
Sunglets	20
Boots	5
Hats	2
Thin straps	2.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General Physical condition of personnel *Good*

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements Received

(c) Severity of work or training *Moderate Battalion exercises*

X (d) General Remarks

2. STORES

Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.

(a) Medical *Liq. Bismarck, Menthol, Liniment*

(b) Expense Stores

XX (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance

(ii) AASC

XX 3. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personnel protection (Good, fair, bad)

Nets.....Atebrin.....Clothing.....

Repellent.....

Larvae Control.....

(c) Adult destruction.....

(d) General comments.....

4. RATIONS *Good, apart from the usual complaint of*

*insufficient breakfast*

5. HYGIENE *Excellent*

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. *"Casualties" have been treated*

*by SBo + RAP on battalion exercises*

DATE *15/4/44*

Signed *B. Peterson Capt.*

X Attach as appendix 'A' any special report exceeding the scope of this pro-forma.

XX When applicable

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

DDMS, 1 Aust Corps Pro-forma "A"

Formation or Unit 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Week ending midnight Friday 14 April 44

UNIT	Daily Strength		Total Sick Parade	New Sick		Total No Duty	Evacuated		Notifiable Infect Disease	Malaria	Scrub Typhus	Dengue Fever	Diarrhoea	Dysentery	U. R. T. I.	P. U. O.	V. D.	Skin Parasites	Tinea	Skin Diseases	Diseases of the Ear	Foot Disabilities	Other Diseases	Eye Complaints	Accidents
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Wednesday	32	881	26		16	2		6		5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9		
Thursday	33	887	23	1	20	5	1	6		4					1			1				1	12		1
Friday	32	880	24	-	19	1		5		2								2	-	1	1	2	11		1
Total	31	843	148	1	119	12	1	34		25					3			6	1	6	2	10	65	1	3

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2/7 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD 17 - 30 APR 44 INCL.

<u>APRIL.</u>	0830 - 0900	Coys.	0900 - 1030	1030 - 1215.	1330 - 1445	1445 - 1600	1600 - 1700	Remarks.		
<u>MON 17.</u>	Bn Pde.	A B C D HQ	<p align="center">BATTALION EXERCISE No. 18. (Ref 17 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No. 15 para 6.) (i) Night Attack. (ii) Defence. (iii) Withdrawal before daylight to new position. (ALL COY KITCHENS will operate in the field.)</p>				<p align="right">Umpires for Exercise - Lieuts BUTTON CUTLER DARRYL. 5 Sjts. as follows: A = 1, B = 1, C = 2, D = 1.</p>			
<u>TUES 18.</u>	NO Bn Pde.	A B C D HQ	<p>No 3 P1 will move back to CAMP 1400 K 18 APR and prepare for 3" mortar shoot.</p>							
<u>WED 19.</u>	NO Bn Pde.	A B C D HQ	<p>No 3 P1 MORTAR SHOOT.</p>		<p><u>RMO will attend.</u></p>		<p>SPORT.</p>			
			<p>Evening 17/ and 18 APR OFFICERS as nominated will attend LECTURE ON NAVIGATION at 2/5 Bn (Lecturer Capt. D. HAY)</p>							
<u>THUR 20.</u>	Bn Pde.	A B C D HQ	<p>EXERCISE No. 15 (Enemy to be provided by A Coy) RIFLE RANGE ASSAULT COURSE. SECTION FORMATIONS. WIRE CRUSHING SECTION FORMAT- ASSAULT COURSE. NAVIGATION. WIRE CRUSHING. IONS. SPECIALIST TRG. <del>XXXX</del> SPECIALIST TRG. ASSAULT COURSE. LECTURE - BATTLE PROCEDURE. SPORT.</p>				<p>SPORT. SPORT. SPORT. SPORT.</p>			
		*	<p>(Two Dets. 3" Mortar) (one Sec MMGs) (Sigs) (S/Bs)</p> <p align="center">Report to A Coy for EXERCISE 15.</p>							
			<p>ALL 2" MORTAR PERSONNEL and EY RIFLEMEN WILL MOVE TO MORTAR RANGE 2" Mortar Flares - HE and Smoke - to be fired.</p>						<p>RMO will Attend.</p>	

DATE.	0830 - 0900.	Coys.	0900- 1030	1030 - 1215	1330 - 1445	1445 - 1600	1600 - 1700	Remarks.
<u>APRIL</u>								
FRI 21.	Bn Pde.	A	RIFLE RANGE. . . . .					SPORT.
		B	EXERCISE No 15 (Enemy provided by B Coy.)					"
		C	ROUTE MARCH . . . . .		(LEC. & DRILL. )	Request Hour.		"
		D	ROUTE MARCH . . . . .		(Battle Procedure)	" "		"
		HQ	SPEC TRG. . . . .	SPEC TRG.	" "	" "		"
		*	(Two Dets 3" Mortar)					
			(One Sec MMGs)					
			(Sigs)					
			(S/Bs)					
				REPORT TO B Coy FOR EXERCISE 15.				
SAT 22.	Bn Pde & C.O.s Inspection.	All Coys.	Demonstration of 77 GRENADE Smoke by Pnr Pl.	Gen. Adm Interior Economy.				SPORT. . . . .
								TEWT FOR ALL OFFICERS (Ref 17 AUST INF BDE Trg Instn No 15, para 11.)
SUN 23.			VOLUNTARY CHURCH PARADES					SPORT . . . . .
			GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.					
MON 24.	Bn Pde.	A	ASSAULT COURSE. . . . .	SEC.FORMATIONS.	WIRE CRUSHING.	NAVIGATION.		SPORT.
		B	SEC.FORMATIONS. . . . .	ASSAULT COURSE.	NAVIGATION.	WIRE CRUSHING.		"
		C	EXERCISE No. 15 (Enemy provided by C Coy.)					"
		D	RIFLE RANGE. . . . .			SPORT . . . . .		"
		HQ	WIRE CRUSHING. . . . .	SPEC TRG.	ROUTE MARCH . . . . .			"
		*	(Two Dets 3" Mor.)					
			(One Sec MMGs )					
			(Sigs )					
			(S/Bs )					
				REPORT TO C COY FOR EXERCISE No. 15.				
TUES 25.	Bn Pde.	A	ROUTE MARCH . . . . .		(LEC. & DRILL. )	REQUEST HOUR		SPORT.
					(Battle Procedure)			
		B	ROUTE MARCH . . . . .		" "	" "		"
		C	RIFLE RANGE. . . . .					"
		D	EXERCISE No 15 (Enemy provided by D Coy.)					"
		HQ	SPEC TRG. . . . .	SPEC TRG.	INTERIOR ECONOMY. &			"
					PREPARATION FOR EXERCISE No. 19.			
		*	(Two Dets 3" Mor )					
			(One Sec MMGs )					
			(Sigs )					
			(S/Bs )					
				REPORT TO D COY FOR EXERCISE No. 15.				

DATE.	0830 - 0900.	COYS.	0900 - 1030	1030 - 1215	1330 - 1445	1445 - 1600	1600 - 1700	Remarks.
WED 26 ) THUR 27 ) FRI 28 )	NO Bn Pde.	ALL COYS.	BN, EXERCISE No 19. (Ref 17 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No.15 para 11.)					
SAT 29	Bn Pde & C.O.s Inspection.	ALL COYS.	Trg subject chosen to correct weaknesses revealed in Bn Exercises.		SPORT . . . . .			
SUN 30	VOLUNTARY CHURCH PDE ADMINISTRATION.			SPORT . . . . .				

NB. It has been decided to divide Bn Duties among Coys each day so as to avoid depleting any one Coy. All Bn Duties have been detailed and a separate roster issued to all Coys.

..... Troon Capt for Lt col  
 (HENRY G GUINN)  
 COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN. AOD

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE .

OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF 2/7 AUST INF BN.  
FOR PERIOD 17-30 APR '44.

*appx 145* *War Diary*

Sub-Unit or Unit.	Nature of Training.		Special Night Training.	Demonstrations, Artillery Shoots etc.	Enclosures.
	Subject.	Percentage of Total Time.			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Rifle Coy.	<p><u>Bn Training:</u></p> <p>2 Exercises - Bn in Attack and Defence.</p> <p><u>Coy Training:</u></p> <p>Coy in Attack Coy in Defence.</p> <p><u>Pl. &amp; Sec Training:</u></p> <p>At Coy Comd's discretion Weapon Training.</p>	<p>45%</p> <p>Each exercise will be of three days' duration.</p> <p>18%</p> <p>Each Coy will be re- quired to do one attack and one defence exercise</p> <p>20%) } 37% 17%)</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>Patrolling at night will be carried on during these exer- cises.</p> <p>Night training will be carried out dur- ing this period on Tues. &amp; Thurs. nights.</p> <p>do.</p>		<p>These exercises will be prepared by Bn.</p>
H.Q. Coy.	Specialist Training & Cooperation with Rifle Coys.				

*Henry G. Guinn* Lt. Col.  
HENRY G. GUINN,  
Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.



a rough line from Xrd 348099 to Grid 417129.

2/2 Crest Inf Bas Laski - Area of advance ~~study of prominent features~~

Coy Lasky.  
Information :-

Enemy:-

A force of approx 1 Bn is believed to be on the high ground to our front, it is an indication that they intend to hold this ground by a series of well defended ~~knolls~~ <sup>main</sup> features, as contact has been lost accurate dispositions <sup>known</sup> cannot be ascertained, but it is known that they have <sup>Sh. & A. guns</sup> M.M.Cs. & mortars, ~~which~~ by past experience we know that these weapons are used to best effect ~~they are to use~~

Own

The Bn will move along general axis of advance the situation being governed <sup>by the series of</sup> tactical ~~series~~ features, one Coy will move on the features on the left flank, another through the area known as "old Stockyard" and on to main ~~line~~ <sup>ref 363092</sup> boundary left creek 352092 <sup>to</sup> 360094 <sup>height</sup> 09 grid. ~~with~~ "Coy on the right." <sup>with</sup> Coy on the right.

Coy will have arty, ~~air~~ support, with <sup>snipers</sup> mortars, & M.M.Cs. & <sup>could</sup>

Serial	Situation	(Centre) " " Coy exercises with tanks			Action taken	
		Action by Enemy	Action by Infantry	Action by Pioneers	Action by The escort with Tanks	Action by Tanks
1	Approach march from start line xtds ref 348099	—	Move in loose and in various formations.	In league with Tanks	forming protection perimeter	In laager.
2	<del>Initial</del> <sup>Infantry</sup> Infantry fired on as reach vicinity of ford 352092	Flank sent us fire on ford Inf	Contact drill	ditto	ditto	ditto
3	<del>Swd pl left</del> Inf moves to flank covered by fire from both length of ford	Enemy retreats to prepared positions	establish all round fire position and fired on	ditto	ditto	ditto
4	Major features to front with open ground leading to them	Swd pl sent for further fire pl attack	Pl comd. calls up Coy Comd	"	"	"
5	Coy comd decides to use <sup>Supporting</sup> <del>artillery</del> <sup>armies</sup> all to tanks. (see map for plan)	"	Inf take up hold down positions	Pnr receive call to move fwd	with Tanks	Warned to be ready to move to ford assembly area
6	Arty Barrage on pivot feature ref 356092	On the alert.	Observer for Enemy positions & be ready to <sup>move</sup> <del>protect</del> <sup>ford</sup>	Pnr assumed to move on when barrage left to be house area of mine	with Tanks	Move to area just to rear of ford
7	Arty left to <sup>ready for</sup> <del>second</del> task at 361093	Swd pl <del>Inf</del>	Swd pl brought " heavy company both fwd pls engage enemy tanks	Pnr return to spot for mine		reengage ditto

	Situations	Enemy	Inf	Pioneer	Arty & mortars	The great	Tanks
8	Enemy in strength on first feature 3560gr Cnd decide to use Tanks	persist in engagement	ditto	<del>ready to</del> continue <del>support</del> of ability. ditto.	Mortars stand by	ditto move with The great with force.	Called to take up posn. already issued by The Comdr
9	Tanks take up hold down posn engage enemy	retire	ready to seize first feature as reseruation of Tanks tank	prepared to contain + delouse men.	Mortars engage rear of enemy posn to	Reseruated defence of The	Tanks engaging
10	Infantry move in + take up posn. on feature 3560gr	Engage advancing inf	Inf advance take up posn report enemy to far on main feature around Timbers edge	posn quiet behind exp ready for further task	Arty Called on for second <del>task</del> engage Tank 3610gr	<del>move</del> to ditto	of Tanks take ready to move & engage second feature 3650gr
11	Arty lefts, mortars keep engaging 3560gr Tanks take up hold down posn & engage same target	Action further up feature	Prepar to advance	ready to move + delouse areas as Inf moves over	Arty lefts & engages main feature Mortars to continue as long as inf are safe then keep lefting	as several mofaf	Tanks move & take up hold down posn.

<p>12</p> <p>Infantry advance Lake features 35609<sup>r</sup> + continue under sweeping barage mortar &amp; Arty.</p>	<p>Enemy retires</p>	<p>Advance</p>	<p>delouse area. The ready to assault Tanks in Tamber area</p>	<p>Arty Creeping barrage will hit into Tamber when mortar continue under control from forward.</p>	<p>move with Tank &amp; protect by fire!</p>	<p>Move forward at rear of Inf.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>All support cease Inf stake + Consolidation main features</p>	<p>elements withdraw</p>	<p>Consolidate base with flanking coys.</p>	<p>prepare pass. areas for Tanks.</p>	<p>All support cease mortars move up to Coy area</p>	<p>form perimeter around Tanks</p>	<p>form bagger</p>

2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
17 Apr 44  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BATTALION EXERCISE :- ATTACK - DEFENCE - AND WITHDRAWAL.

(TNG INSTRUCTION 15 PARA 6)

AREA. Ref HERBERTON map 1 in to 1 mile.  
Vicinity NIGGER CREEK and OLD STOCKYARD.

NARRATIVE 1.

Enemy based on AHERTON - HERBERTON - WONDECLA have a force of approximately one regt moving in an EASTERLY direction toward HUGH NELSON RANGES.

17 Aust Inf Bde control EVELY N ROAD and EVELYN highway to a point slightly EAST of MOUNT HYPIPAMEE,

The 2/7 Aust Inf Bn has been ordered to locate and engage this enemy force.

On 17 Apr 44 the Bn is in the vicinity of MOUNTAIN VIEW and first light patrols have reported ENEMY MOVEMENT along track over high ground map ref 367092. Acting on this information the Bn comd issued orders for an extensive patrolling programme to ascertain ENEMY strength, dispositions and flanks of his fwd tps. Results of these patrols - disclosure ENEMY strength of at least two coys on main feature with one other coy holding ground ref 350095 to 355092 with strong fighting patrols on the EAST and WEST of main posns. On these reports the Bn comd decides to attack with the **object of** (a) first capturing ref 363092 and then launching an attack at first light on 3 55099 and 350095 via 357092. (Ref sketch attached.)

NARRATIVE 2.

On capture of objectives, defensive posns dug and fire plan perfected with extensive patrolling programme. On D+1at 1935K, information is received that a strong ENEMY force has moved SOUTH along EVELYN highway and the 17 Aust Inf Bde is heavily engaged in area NORTH of EVELYN road and highway junction. At the same time patrols report a strong ENEMY force moving around 2/7 Aust Inf Bn's right flank with the possible object of securing the area in vicinity of MOUNTAIN VIEW, so isolating this Bn. On receipt of this information Bde Comd has ordered the Bn to withdraw to ground better suited to meet this threat.

BN EXERCISE.

ATTACK - DEFENCE - WITHDRAWAL

(Trg Instns 15-para 6)

<u>Serial</u>	<u>SITUATION.</u>	<u>ACTION BY ENEMY.</u>	<u>ACTION BY COMDS</u>	<u>ACTION BY TROOPS</u>
1.	As per Infm para attached Extensive patrols have been carried out and orders have been issued for attack on 1st objective.	-	Warning Order to troops.	Preparation for attack. Fwd patrols covering front.
2.	1530 hrs. H hour.	Engaging.	-	Attack.
3.	First objective gained.	Withdraw.	Recce of area.	Immediate defence against probable counter attack. Immediate patrols.
4.	Consolidation; decision to attack before dawn on second objective.	Aggressive Patrolling.	R & O Gps prepare for early morning attack.	Digging in.
5.	Attack in dark on feature and creek line vicinity ref 354093.	Engaging.	One Coy fwd to attack.	Remainder of Bn ready for any evantualities.
6.	2nd Coy passes through (serial 5) and establishes on rising ground WEST of creek & consolidates feature ref 352095	Withdraw to main feature ref 355099, patrolling extensively on move.	Immediate Recc@ of area to N.E. and decide to attack feature ref 355099	Capture of objective (352095) and consolidation; immediate patrolling.
7.	Recce patrol reports received.	Harrassing patrols.	R & O Gps on recces and receiving orders.	Fighting patrols to main feature and flanks.
8.	Orders issued for attack on main feature (355099)	-	Warning order to troops.	Preparation for attack.

Serial.	SITUATION.	ACTION BY ENEMY.	ACTION BY COMDS.	ACTION BY TROOPS.
9.	Attack launched. One Coy to immediate slopes and one other Coy through to main feature (355099)	Engaging and withdrawing WEST.	-	Capture of objective, immediate consolidation and exploitation.
10.	Extensive patrolling and defence system.	Harrassing.	Perfection of defence.	Digging in and patrolling.
11.	Withdrawal ordered by night.	Harrassing.	2 i/cs Recce Gp to rear for suitable posn to withdraw to. Warning Order to Bn.	Preparation.
12.	Withdrawal.	HARRASSING.	-	-

Ref No	Unit	In TOC	Out TOC	Orig No	Text of Message
(1)	A Coy	1237	1245	W1	Sitrep Sitroc @ Patrol & PLN Strength 3 followed faint track Running N.NE. along spur for 300' no signs of enemy @ Patrol returned after booby trapping tracks @ B coy crossed S line First bound to MAP ref 351083 reported clear at 1050 hrs Second bound reached at 1100 hrs reports fire from MAP ref 352091 & 355092 R group moved fwd to B Coy area to conduct recc
	B Coy	1030			
	B Coy	1050			
	B Coy	1100			
	B Coy	1104			
		1105			
		1110			
(2)	B Coy	1120		x1	CO issued orders to O group. Enemy defenses posns approx 3 men sighted on bearing 45° MAG from Stokyards distance 400' just inside timber line @ Engaging A Coy commenced move to right flank to gain feature 369092.
	A Coy	1120			
(3)	B Coy	1127		x2	Two enemy recc patrols moving our left flank and front @ Both patrols engaged by our fwd patrol troops

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Lyffe  
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Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOP	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
(4)	B Coy	1145				x 3	ref message x 1 can now locate posns at least Sisc men same area.
(5)	D Coy	1437/1445				PI	Sitrep ref map sketch 4 inch to 1 mile Sebo in posn FDL's 362089 364088 reserve Pl @ 363090 patrol left 1440 hrs @
(6)	A Coy	1507	1515				Rece patrol strength 3 from 8 PL moving 1515 hours NORTH EAST to map ref 368095 then to map ref 365095 back FUDI 1600 hrs
(7)	A Coy	1507	1515				Rece patrol strength 3-7 PL moving from FUDI 1500 hrs to map ref 361097 along creek to map ref 365095 back FUDI 1545 hrs.
(8)	A Coy	1555	1600				Patrol 7 PL reports back 1545 hrs @ no enemy movt seen @ creek no obstacle @ ground falls gently to creek lightly wooded - see Patrol File.
(9)	A Coy	1613	1620			W5	Patrol 8 PL reported back 1600 hrs no enemy movt seen @ patrol moved to creek at 365095 thence east along creek to bridge 374097? thence south and west along spur to own area @ Country open easy going

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOE	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
<del>10</del>	<del>1617</del>					<del>X4</del>	
(10)	B Coy	1617	1622			X4	Recco patrol out 1445 hrs in 1540 hrs via ref 367 093 to 367 095 then home report no enemy seen @ patrol 2 left 1600 hrs to follow approx same route due in 1700 via left flank Patrol report (see Patrol File)
							See Patrol File
(11)	C Coy	1600	1635				An Enemy patrol of six men wiped out in 8 PL Coy Area.
<u>11</u>	A Coy	1720	1720				
(12)				all coys	1720	A1	Carrying parties from each Coy to report to Beck immediately for rations
(13)				all coys	1725		Stand to to be observed from 1800 hrs to 1845 hrs @ request of one man per sec to be maintained through out night.
14	D	1825					Report enemy patrol 6 to 8 men map ref 355 093
15	A	1910					9 pl A Coy reports enemy patrol estimation 1 sec strength fired on by 9 pl. Distances in westerly direction.
16							1630 HRS bn cmd issued orders to O. Coy for 3 phase attack as enemy passes to the N+NW commence 0510 hrs.

Reg No	Unit	In TOC	Out TOC	Orig No	Text of Message
17	C Coy				C Coy Detail returned 1950 hrs reports reaching posn 096393 where 10/12 enemy located. Enemy engaged after which patrol withdrew.
18	2/7 Bn REAR		2/7 Bn REAR 1735	A3	One 3 ton vehicle required to report 0700 hrs 18 APR to fwd Beck ref 356348 for tpt of rations to tps.
(19)			HEBA BECH 1740	AH	3 ton vehicle will report 0700 hrs 18 APR for tpt of breakfast as far fwd as possible. Guide will be sent back to guide truck.
Date 18			0515		0515 D Coy crossed S. Line 0520 D Coy report first objective captured 0520 A Coy crossed S. Line secured creek bank second objective at 0535 hrs <del>0535 hrs B &amp; C Coys crossed S. Line</del> 0535 hrs B & C Coys left F.U.P. 0545 B & C Coys crossed start line at creek bank then secured their objectives at 0605 hrs. Don Coy started movement to final objective at 355099.

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Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOP	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig To	Text of Message
							0630 hrs D Coy gain final objective.
(20)				all coys	0735	i2	work policy as follows a half Coy to rest half to proceed with digging to 2 ft depth. Patroling 800' fwd coy perimeter to be undertaken every two hrs D Coy contact patrol with B Coy returned 0845 Enemy force strength unknown attacking on A Coy's Right flank. reserve sec moved to occupy small knoll to cover enemy infiltration.
	Phon B Coy	0845					
	Phon A Coy	0845					
21				all coys	0730	i7	HEBA located at map ref 353095
22				"	0730	A5	One runner from each coy to report HEBA immediately.
(23)	B Coy	0830	0840			X5	Rece patrol leaving over right flank 0840 hrs moving up stream to FA's map ref 368095 then north to high ground map ref 368098 then back keeping NORTH of track into own left flank 1000 hrs. D Coy patrol <del>then</del> went 800' fwd & returned no sign of enemy return 0915 hrs
24	Phon D Coy	0915					
				1/7 Bn REAR	0925	AC	Jeep required to report to NIGGER CK fwd ref 356089 at 1300 hrs for Lt Maj DUNKLEY back to unit lines.

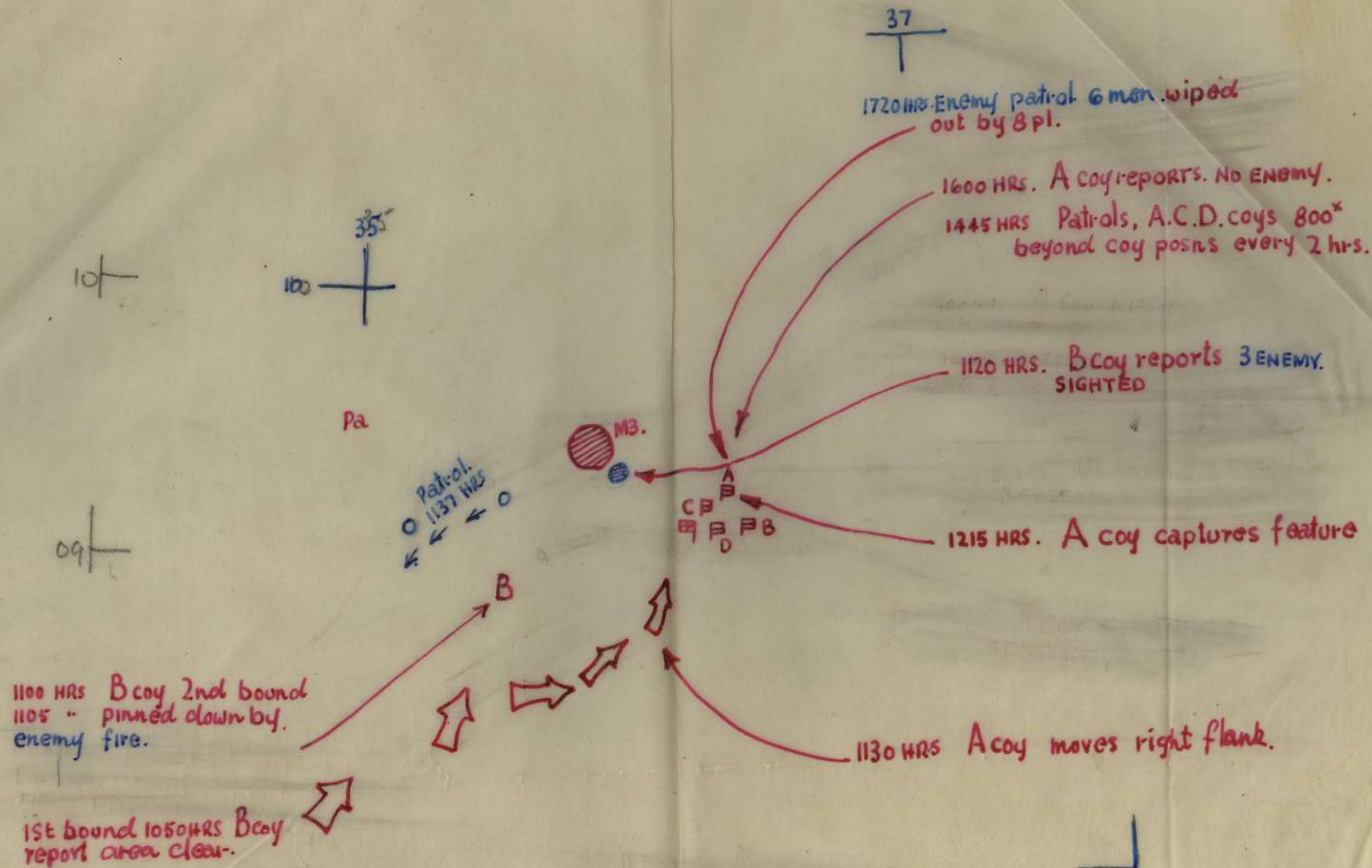
Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOO	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
Phone	C Coy	0925					Patrol left in NORTHWEST direction
(25)	A Coy	0920	0935				Situp & Patrol Saw (Patrol File.)
(26)	B Coy	1005	1010				Patrol report no enemy seen (See Patrol File)
Phone	C Coy	1020					C Coy contact patrol with Don Coy returned nothing to report
Phone	A Coy	1125					Coy area strafed by enemy plane. Enemy patrol attack from west but was driven off
Phone	A Coy	1130					Enemy base camp located by patrol from A Coy @ Coy Condo sending fighting patrol off. Pl strength to do them over.
(27)				all coys	1250	47	Enemy mats will probably require withdrawal to take place this evening & recon gps to stand by & gps will comprise 2IC coy pl sq and one guide per sec.
(28)				Bn HQ Deav	1325	A7	list of pers who have submitted name for chemical warfare experiments is attached
Phone	A Coy	1325					A Coy report enemy 300' east of A Coy moving north strength 6
(29)				Bn HQ Deav	1330	A8	three ton vehicle required to report 1730 hrs at few Beck ref 356089 for the kitchen gear to unit lines

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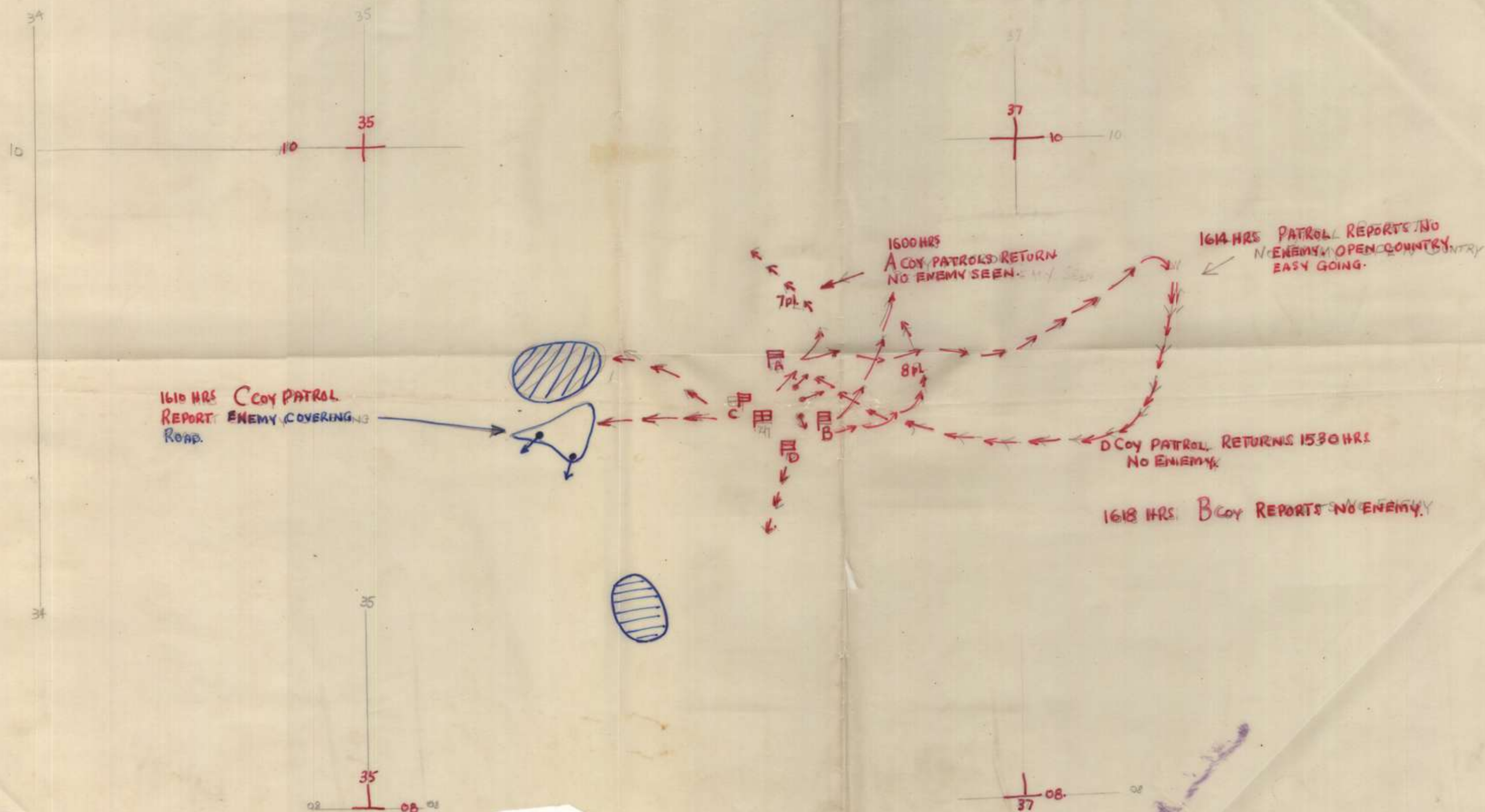
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Reg No	Unit	In TOC	TOR	Unit	Out TOC	Orig No	Text of Message
Phone	A Coy	1350					Enemy patrol captured by A Coy - Being escorted to Bn HQ. - strength 6.
Phone	B Coy	1405					Enemy patrol travelling E along NIGGER CK fired on by B Coy - patrol withdrew. B Coy fighting patrol out to annihilate.
Phone	D Coy	1440					Enemy patrol between C & D Coy fired on by 16 pl, D Coy.
(30)				Bn HQ Rec	A9	1505	15 cur vehicle required to report 2130 hrs at ref 355082 for the MMG eqpt back to unit lines & main body of Bn ETA WONDECLA camp 2300 hrs.
Phone	B Coy	1545					Enemy patrol - est strength 12 moved across B Coy front in direction of D Coy. D Coy warned of activity.
Phone	D Coy	1555					D Coy patrol contacted in vicinity of house - map ref 348103
(31)				all Coy	1570	A10	stand to will be observed from 1800 hrs to 1845 hrs & vigil of one man per sec to be maintained from stand down.
Verbal		1530					B Coy conference of Coy coms at Bn HQ when orders for withdrawal during night issued.
Phone	A Coy	1615					Enemy force attacked A Coy posn at ref 355092 but were repulsed.
Verbal		2000 hrs					all Coy commenced thinning out.
		2130 hrs					Co rd Lini crossed by A Coy 2040 hrs, B Coy 2105 hrs, D Coy 2108 hrs.
		2145					B Coy 2125 hrs, D Coy 2130 hrs.
							all Coy in posn at 2145 hrs.

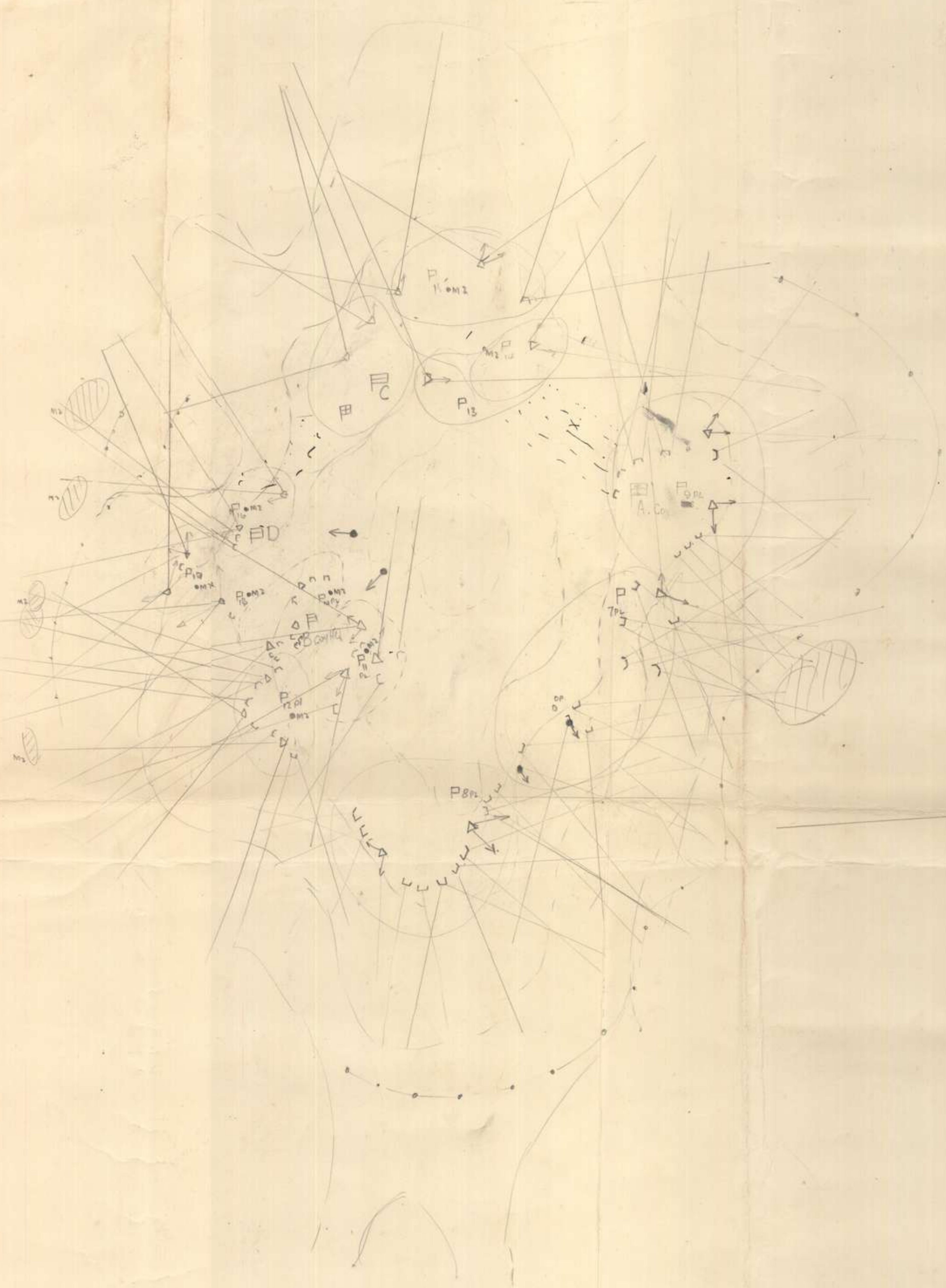
# SITUATION. D DAY.



# PATROL MAP. D DAY.



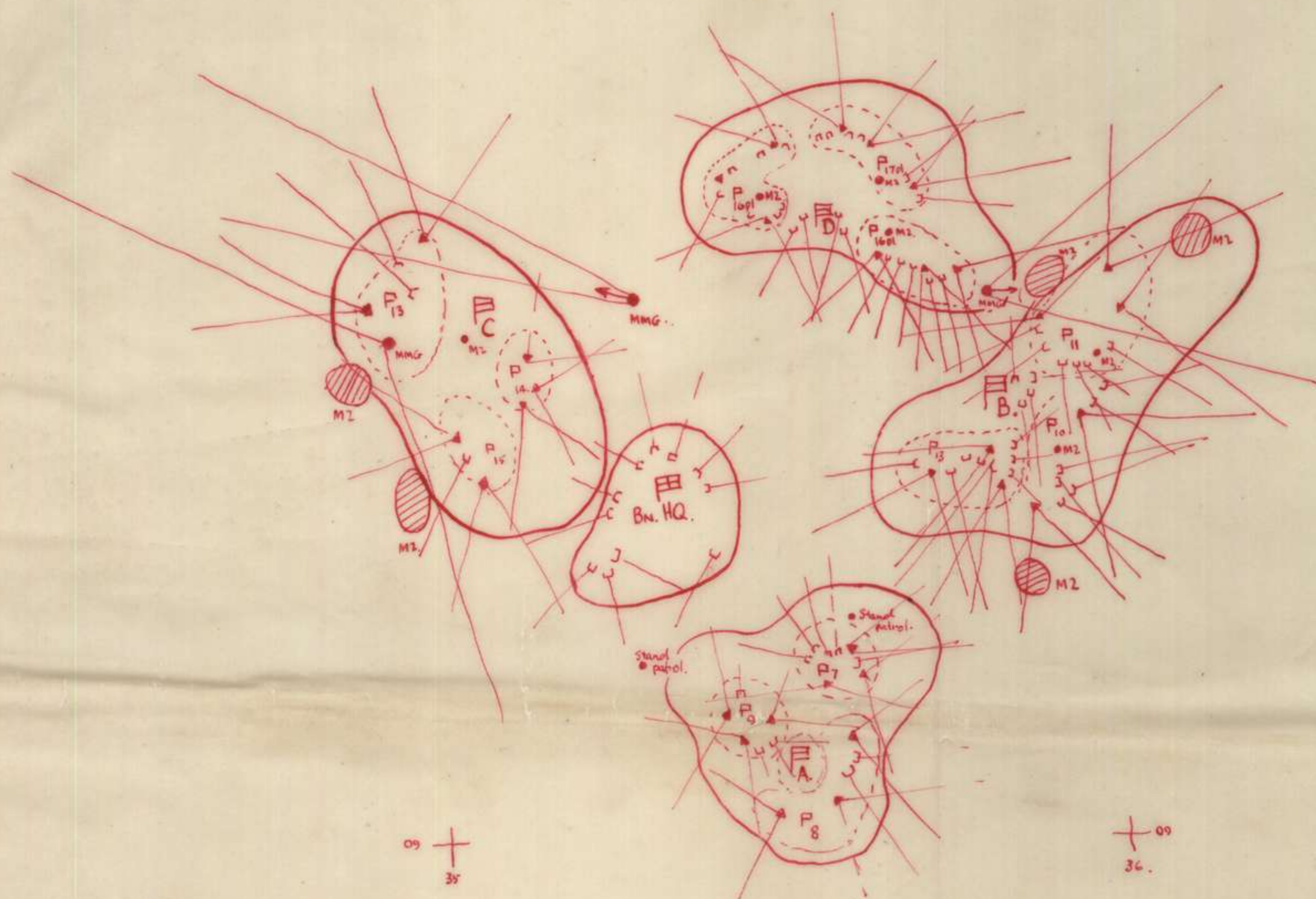




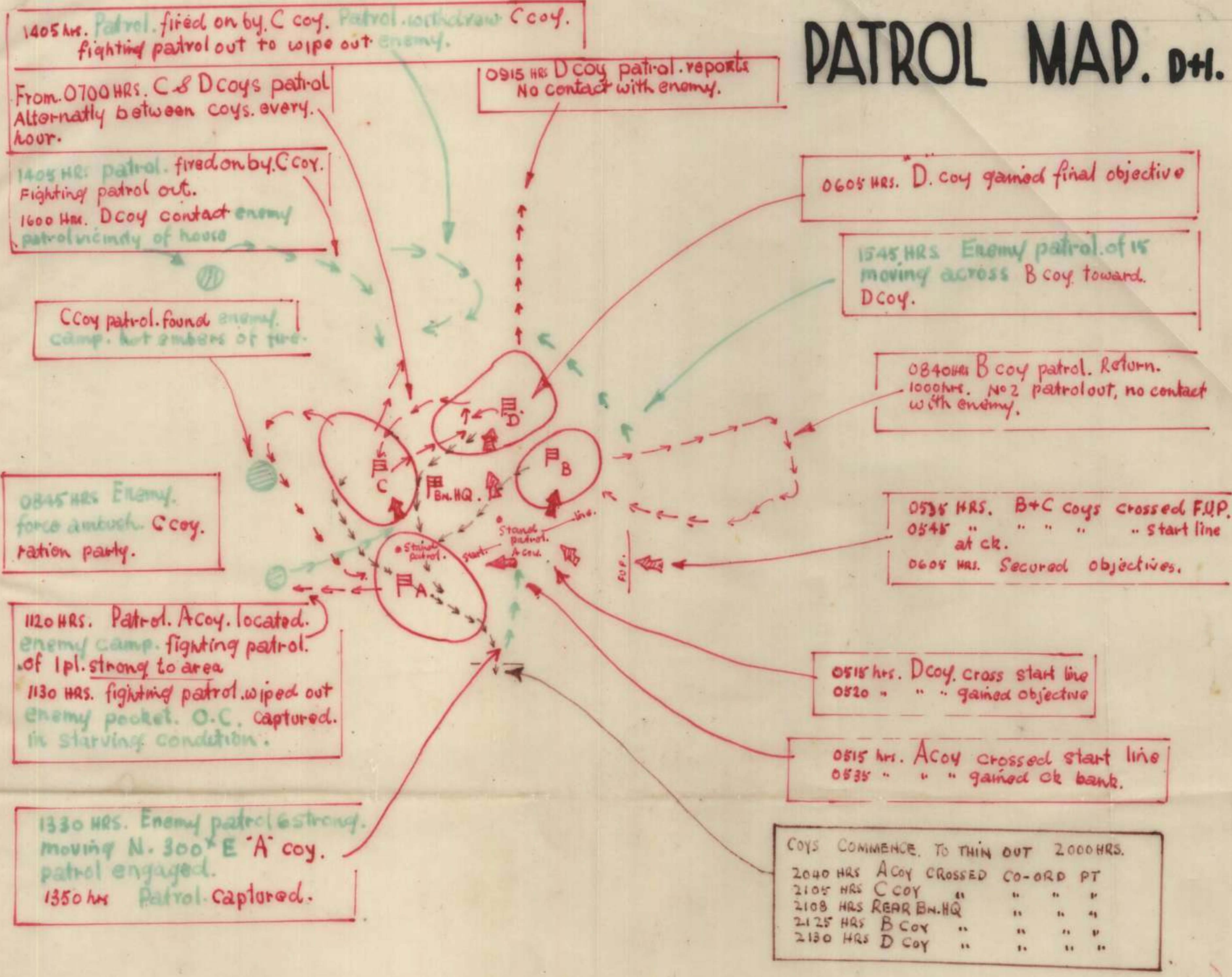
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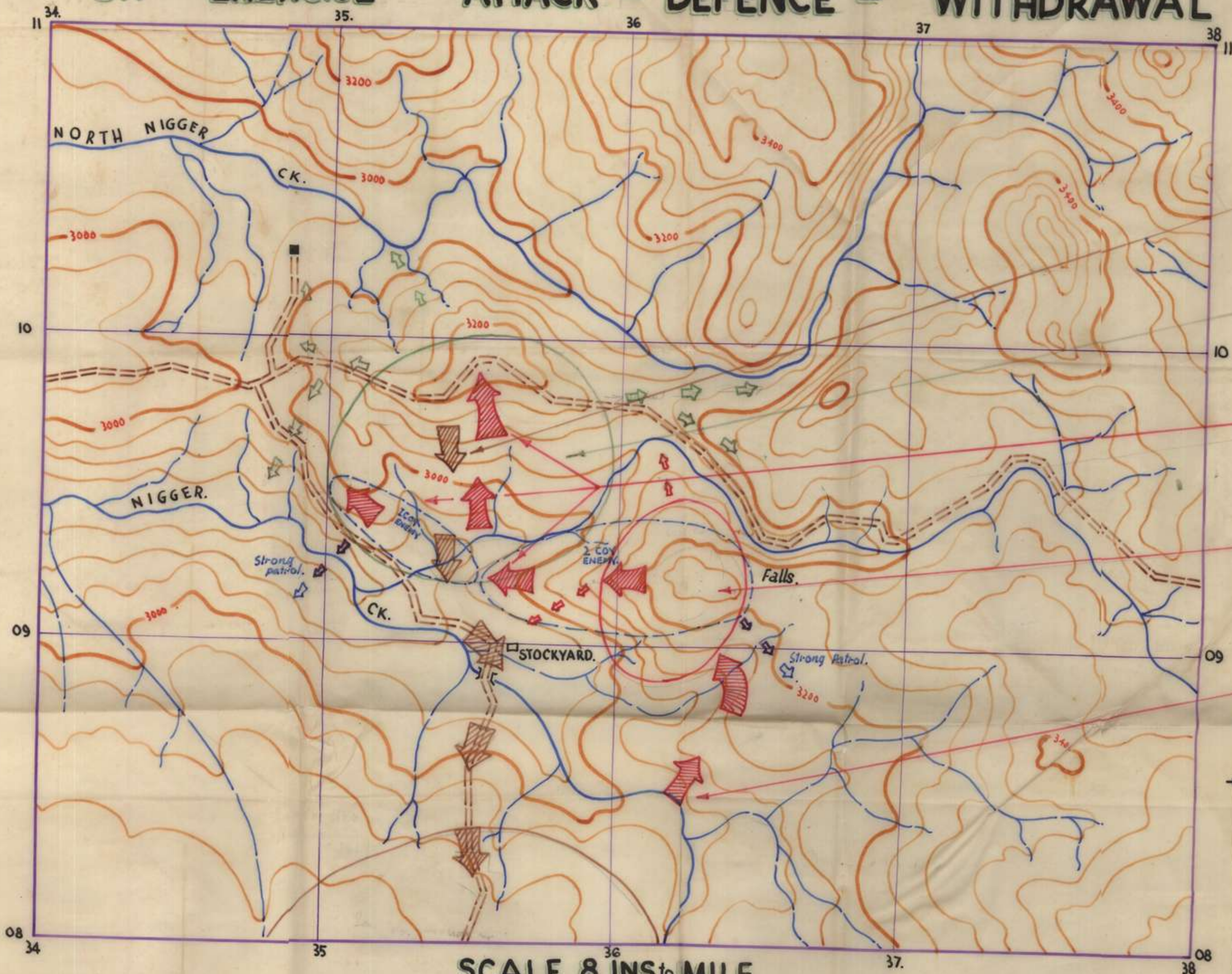
# FIRE PLAN D+1.



# PATROL MAP. D+1.



# BN EXERCISE ATTACK - DEFENCE - WITHDRAWAL



Narrative: See attached  
screened "D" day Apr 17  
'44

Owing to threat to  
LofC. withdrawal  
ordered before dawn  
D+2.

On capture D+1  
develop extensive  
def. posn + patrolling

2nd Objective first  
light D+1

First objective D day  
1530 HRS. Consolidate  
night D/D+1.

Line of approach.  
D day.

Enlargement from  
Herberton 1:63,360



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COMMANDING 2/7 AUST INF BN.

Serial No. Q18

Nos. 114-118

2/7 AUST INF BN.

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114. SICKNESS OR INJURY WHILST ON LEAVE:

To avoid being posted as AWL, any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will -

- (a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impossible, to the nearest AREA MO; or
- (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital if a military hospital or Area MO is not available; or
- (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital (or public hospital where a military hospital is not available), then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest HQ of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and DDMS.
- (d) When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits, they will at once communicate with the LTD from which leave was granted, advising the nature of the injury or sickness, location whilst sick and probable duration of treatment.

This instruction applies particularly to personnel who suffer a recurrence of or contract malaria whilst on leave.

115. RIBBONS AND CLASPS FOR AFRICA STAR:

Supplies of clasps to Africa Star Figure 8 have been received and are now being distributed to Ord Depots for issue in accordance with GRO A.30/44. Coys will submit indents through normal channels.

116. OUT OF BOUNDS:

Ref Map HERBERTON 1 in. 1 mile.

Property belonging to MRS WESSELS, situated EAST of WONDECLA township, is out of bounds to all personnel, and vehicles will not traverse this area. Troops will discontinue washing in dam on this property.

117. OUT OF BOUNDS - FORESTRY RESERVE:

The Forestry Reserve on both sides of the YUNGABURRA-ATHERTON road near YUNGABURRA and between points 510255-502245 (ref map BARTLE FRERE 1 in. to 1 mile), is out of bounds to all ranks.

118. NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS:

1. A general election will be held in the near future for the Legislative Assembly for the State of New South Wales, and the New South Wales Government desires that Army personnel who are qualified as electors be given facilities for recording their votes.

2. Who are qualified to vote.

Irrespective of previous enrolment members of the AMF serving in the SWPA shall be entitled to vote as an elector of the electoral district in New South Wales in which his place of living prior to his

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appointment or enlistment is now situated (or, in the case of a member appointed or enlisted before 3 Sep 39, the electoral district in which his place of living immediately prior to that date is now situated). If he is either -

- (a) over the age of 21 years: or
- (b) though under the age of 21 years, has served or is serving outside the three-mile limit of the mainland of the continent of Australia (including Tasmania) during the present war.

3. The date of election will be notified in due course, but, pending such notification, coys will forthwith take the following action -

Submit to this HQ by 1200 hrs 21 Apr 44, No., Name and Rank of all personnel eligible to vote.

. . . . . Capt.  
(J. TROON)  
Adj. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

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"B" Coy	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
"C" Coy	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
"D" Coy	17 Aust Inf Bde
H.Q. Coy	

NOTICE.

MELBOURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE:

A limited number of enrolments in the following courses will now be accepted :-

- Bookkeeping
- Preliminary English
- Salesmanship

Further enrolments and enrolments in other subjects may be accepted later notification of which will be given. Coys will submit to this HQ the names of any personnel wishing to enrol, as soon as possible.

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Nos. 119-127.

COMMANDING 2/7 AUST INF BN.2/7 AUST INF BN.

21 APR 44.

119. INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF TRANSPORT:

1. No movement outside Div Area (except for trng) without permission of Bde HQ. The Tpt Offr or his Deputy will ensure that permission is received by telephone before submitting the pass for signature to the 2 i/c and that the pass is signed by the Staff Capt before the vehicle leaves the area.
2. No movement outside Corps Area without approval of Div HQ.
3. Notification of all dead mileage to be given Bde HQ.
4. Demands for vehicles for all purposes from Div Pool will be made on the appropriate pro-forma by 1530 hrs the day before the vehicles are required.
5. In the case of officers' leave to ATHERTON, tps proceeding to HERBERTON pictures and tps under control proceeding for swimming within the Corps Area, no permission is required from Bde HQ, but passes will be signed as normally.

120. PAY:

1. Personnel marching out to hospital, schools, etc., or other units, will ensure that pay books are in their possession before leaving unit lines. Such personnel will also ensure that any unsigned debit entries are cancelled by coy clerk on Pay Sjt.
2. When signing for pay, personnel will sign acquittance rolls in the same manner as they have entered specimen signatures in their pay books.
3. Cash deposits to pay books will not be accepted during the period pay day to the following Sunday inclusive.

121. DECORATIONS:

These will NOT be worn on pullovers. The centre of the clip will be above the button of the left breast pocket and one quarter-inch above the pocket flap.

122. WESTERN AUSTRALIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Personnel eligible to vote will report this HQ 1100 hrs 22 Apr 44.

123. SERVICE AMMUNITION FAILURES - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

1. The firing of "live" projectiles in all forms is an essential part of training for war. Hence it is necessary that all possible measures be taken to prevent accidents occurring when projectiles, having failed to explode, are discovered later by persons (including children) who are unacquainted with their nature and the danger involved in handling them.
2. Every endeavour, therefore, will be made to note the exact location of any projectile which fails to explode and to render it harmless before the troops engaged in the practice vacate the firing area.
3. Where the projectile has been located but cannot at once be destroyed or in cases where, after careful search, a projectile that has failed to explode

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cannot be located, danger notices will be erected to warn persons away from the area. Where the area concerned is accessible to civilians, the civil police will be warned and, if the exigencies of the service permit, a guard will be posted in the vicinity to warn persons approaching the area of the danger.

4. Where necessary to locate projectiles not discovered by searching, mine detectors will be used.
5. Particular danger attaches to unexploded grenades and blind mortar bombs. The method of dealing with such grenades is contained in Small Arms Training, Volume 1, Pamphlet No. 13, "Grenades", Australia, 1943, Appendix III, paras. 5 and 6. The methods of handling, movement and destruction of blind projectiles in general are contained in Regulations for Army Ordnance Services, Part II, Pamphlet 4, and Manual of Military Engineering, Volume IV.
6. Officers in charge of the firing of "live" projectiles will furnish certificates to unit or equivalent commanders that they have complied with the instructions in para. 2 above and that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, all projectiles fired or thrown under their supervision have exploded or have been rendered harmless or that action has been taken in accordance with para. 3 above.
7. When an accident occurs as the result of a projectile left in a dangerous state and the evidence discloses negligence or failure to take reasonable precautions, disciplinary action will be taken.

GRO.752/43.

124. OUT OF BOUNDS:

That portion of Bn HQ occupied by CG, 2 i/c, and Adjt, is out of bounds to ALL ranks unless on OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Personnel wishing to be paraded will observe correct procedure.

125. TRACK DISCIPLINE:

ALL ranks will observe strict track discipline when moving through coy and Bn areas. Existing coy paths and roads ONLY will be used. SHORT CUTS such as through and between tents will cease forthwith. Coys will ensure strict observance of this order.

126. CENSORSHIP:

1. "Tabletops" and "Salt" if desired may now be posted.
2. LEAVE - Members of this Unit are warned NOT to mention names of units on or about to proceed on leave, or allude in any manner to number of personnel now on leave and their destinations.

127. JUNGLE CARTS:

Numbers of these have been damaged through careless handling. Coys who have these on issue are solely responsible and will ensure that in future these carts are not overloaded or mishandled in any way.

.....  
(J. TROON)  
Adjnt 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

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IO	"D" Coy	Rec Hut	17 Aust Inf Ede.
RMD	H.Q. Coy	Offrs' Mess	



NOTICES.

CEREMONIAL PARADE AND INSPECTION.

1. The Bn will be inspected by Bde Comd at 0930 hrs on 22 Apr 44.
2. Dress :-
  - (a) Officers - Hats, Battle Dress (J.G.), Gaiters, Boots, Webb equipment  
Officers' pattern less pouches and pistols.
  - (b) ORs - Drill Order.
  - (c) All decorations and Service ribbons will be worn.
3. Pl Comds will be prepared to give the following information about his pl to Comd:
  - (a) Number of NCOs and ORs on parade;
  - (b) Number of camp duties;
  - (c) Number in hospital;
  - (d) Shortage of specialists;
  - (e) State of combat efficiency;
  - (f) State of equipment.
4. Comd's inspection will be followed by march past.
5. Timings :-

CSMs will liaise with RSM for details.

CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. Church service 0645 and 0800 hrs 23 Apr 44 - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Rec Hut.  
Protestant do. 0800 hrs (Holy Communion 0830) - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Rec.  
Hut.

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24 APR 44.

128. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL; NX83918 Pte BEARD, R. C.

The abovenamed soldier was tried by DCM held in the field on 4 Apr 44 by order of Comd 6 Aust Div dated 4 Apr 44.

Charge : AWL from 0900 hrs 16 Nov 43 until 2350 hrs 13 Dec 43.  
(AA 15(1)).

Plea : GUILTY with the exception that the period of absence commenced at 0900 hrs 17 Nov 43.

Finding : Guilty with the exception that the period of absence commenced at 0900 hrs 17 Nov 43.

Sentence : To suffer field punishment for a period of FORTY days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of FORTY days.

Date of Sentence : 4 Apr 44.

On 17 Apr 44 Comd 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

The accused was 11 days in close arrest awaiting trial, during which period he performed one day's work. He incurs automatic forfeiture of pay for 10 days.

Sentence was promulgated to the accused 24 Apr 44.

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(J. TROON)  
Adjt 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

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UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

DDMS, 1 Aust Corps Pro-forma "A"

*Appendix 18.*

Formation or Unit *2/7 Aust Inf Bn*

Week ending midnight Friday *21 April 44*

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UNIT	Daily Strength		Total Sick Parade	New Sick		Total No Duty	Evacuated		Notifiable Infect Disease	Malaria	Scrub Typhus	Dengue Fever	Diarrhoea	Dysentery	U. R. T. I.	P. U. O.	V. D.	Skin Parasites	Tinea	Skin Diseases	Diseases of the Ear	Foot Disabilities	Other Diseases	Eye Complaints	Accidents
	Offrs	CRs		Offrs	CRs		Offrs	CRs																	
Saturday	31	866	15	-	12	4	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	2
Sunday	32	866	15	-	14	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Monday	33	847	31	-	29	4	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	14	-	-
Tuesday	33	856	7	-	7	7	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	+	-
Wednesday	31	852	16	-	10	3	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-
Thursday	32	854	25	-	23	2	-	11	2	-	-	-	-	+	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	1	-
Friday	32	832	26	-	21	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	12	3	-
Total	32	853	135	-	116	17	-	35	28	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	5	3	2	1	4	61	5	2

*Seen*  
*Henry D. Quinn*

Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Turn over

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General Physical condition of personnel *Good*

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements Received

(c) Severity of work or training *Moderate*

X (a) General Remarks

2. STORES

Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.

(a) Medical

*Liniment Zinc Cream Sig Bismarck*

(b) Expense Stores

XX (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance

(ii) AASC

XX 3. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personnel protection (Good, fair, bad)

Nets *Atebrin* *Clothing*

Repellent

Larvae Control

(c) Adult destruction

(d) General comments

4. RATIONS *Good*

5. HYGIENE *Good*

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. *Training SAs + KATP in field*

*work on Bn exercises*

DATE *22 Apr 44*

Signed *B.H. Peterson Capt*

X Attach as appendix 'A' any special report exceeding the scope of this pro-forma.

XX When applicable

A.D. Coy

217 Aust Inf Bn

Weekly Report. Week ended <sup>22</sup> 15 Apr. 44

A (a) Posted Strength & Reinfts reqd.:

<u>Pls:</u>			
1	2.41.		nil
2	1.39.		nil
3	1.64.		nil
4	1.33.		nil
5	1.43.		nil
6	1.28.		nil
3pt	1.20.		nil
OM	1.7.		nil
	<u>9.275.</u>		
<u>ATTD:</u>			
AALL	36.		nil
AEME	4.		nil
AAPS	1.		nil
AAMC	2.		nil
AROC	-		1 Cpl b. man <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (matter in hand)

Appendix 19.

(c) Marched In:

- x Hosp: 13.
- x School: 4.
- Reinfts: 6.
- x Leave: 1.

Marched Out:

- Hosp: 13
- School: 8
- Meta: 10 Apr 1 OR
- 3pt: 4.
- leave: 10 Apr 2 OR
- S.O.S.
- A.M.C. 20 Apr: 1 OR.

(a) 1, 2 & 50% of 3 pl 2 days field exercises  
Remainder - 25% duties - 75% normal  
trg.

(b) on  
(c) on

(d) Inspections carried out as per  
B50 excepting part which will  
be held 23 Apr

(e) On sick parade - 49  
Evacuation - 13 (11 malaria; 1 Scabid  
1 eye infection)

Generally minor complaints -  
colds etc.

- B.
- (a) as notified to O.M.
  - (b) as per appendix A attached
  - (c) Slight improvement this week
  - (d) Satisfactory
  - (e) Satisfactory

C.

Trg - all pers have been fitted  
by para trg with Reple Coys.  
Sub-unit trg good but lectures  
for NCOs necessary to cover  
general subjects. Hope to  
commence these during

coming weeks.  
Report re mortar shoot under sep-  
~~arate~~ make cover

Seniors Courses:

4 pers from Range Tanks  
course - all qual - good  
results.

Hope Sherson from M.M.G.  
school

1 Sig from Army School  
of Sigs. disting used pass  
- 3rd in school.

2 Sigs local 108 School -  
Confidential report per.  
used by concerned areas  
to D/O

General: Moral good, discipline  
good.

Sport affected by bed  
trg

Norman [Signature] Capt  
Comd HQ Coy

San [Signature]  
Henry [Signature]

..... Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bde

H.O. Coy C.O. M.S.

22 Apr 44<sup>A.</sup>

Stores Recd during week

- 17.4.44 Casps, maal (Apuca Shar)  
wt bags, boots, safety razors  
hair brushes, shaving brushes etc
- 18.4.44 2 boots jungle type
- 19.4.44 Signal testing instruments  
Trousers J.G. 10 pers
- 20.4.44 colour patches, hat badges,  
Trousers, hats etc
- 21.4.44 Trousers J.G.  
✓ Sex. pair.

"A" PORTED PERSONNEL ..... 5 ..... OFFERS and 124 ..... OFFERS In Coy. Area. 5 offers. 10800.

UNIFORMS/ITEMS REQUIRED ..... OFFERS and ..... OFFERS

CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK

MARCHED IN T.O.S. 1 offer. 4 ORS.

MARCHED OUT S.O.S. 2 offers. 8 ORS.

" " on leave 6 ORS.

" " Schools. 4 N.C.O.'s.

PERCENTAGE OF MEN OPERATIONAL DURING WEEK 66 2/3%. (Special pl. training for Anzac March)

NO. OF COY ORD ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK

NO. REFERRED TO C.O.

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT, WITH REMARKS

1. DEFICIENCIES REP. FOR.
2. FOUR O/R'S REPORTED TO CHIROPODIST FOR TREATMENT.
3. INNOCULATIONS ENTERED, PAY PDE HELD.
4. KIT & CLOTHING INSPECTED IN DETAIL: SHORTAGES ADJUSTED.
5. DAILY INSPECTIONS.

A.A. B.83. ALL IN POSSESSION & NOW ENTERED WITH ALL AVAILABLE PARTS.

SICKNESS 2 ORS evacuated with malaria.

2 ORS Returned from hospital.

DEFICIENCIES ON GROSS SCALE

STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK

See Appendix "A"

SUPPLY OF RATIONS REASONABLY GOOD.

*Scam*  
*Henry J. Shuman*  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

MEALS AND COOKHOUSE

MEALS: FAIR.  
 COOKHOUSE: CLEAN & TIDY.



STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY

VERY GOOD.

SPECIAL REMARKS CLOTHING: SHIRTS + TROUSERS REQUIRED.

EQPT: BELTS, WRB  
GAITERS, ANKLET WEB } REQUIRED.

PROCESS IN THE EXERCISES, W/ING CARRIED OUT (INCLUDING NIGHT TNG)

Exercises. Bn. 2 day.

All personnel displayed great keenness and interest in this exercise, all ranks I feel learnt many lessons.

Conduct of troops throughout day and night operations in this exercise excellent.

Results. Matar 2" and E.Y rifle shoot satisfactory. considering most personnel had never fired before.

STATE OF THE WITHIN COY; FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS

Training standard within Coy. very high.

All personnel within Coy. fit for any operation.

Morale very high.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED

Vx 42593 Capt A N Rooke ret. L.H.Q Tactical School Junior Wing. Beenley.  
Vx 52447 Pkpl Orpen C.M ret. 6 DIV. Refresher Course WJT. (RESULTS UNKNOWN).  
4. N.C.O's M/o to Junior Leader Course.

AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TNG

Would appreciate further shoots for M<sup>2</sup>" and E.Y rifle personnel.

GENERAL REMARKS

All personnel greatly appreciate honor and privilege in being selected to represent Bn and Bde at Haberlin Anzac Maid.

SGD

Leif R. Walker  
O C "A" COY Maj.

## GOODS RECEIVED FOR WEEK ENDING. 22-4-40

BRUSH SHAVING	11
" HAIR	19
COMB	21
HOLDALL	2
WATER BOTTLE CARRIER	3
CHIN STRAP	15
KNIVES FIELD SERVICE	5
BOTTLES OIL.	3
PULLTHROUGH	9
RAZOR	1
CLASP DOUBLE	1
CLASP SINGLE	12
BOOTS	4
TUNIC S.D.	10
TROUSERS "	10
SLACKS J.G.	48
BOOT LACES	

Signed H. Rooke, Capt  
24th "A" Coy.

Ref figure 8. Clasp Africa Star.

WX 3198 Pl Henry J. M at present on leave.

WEEKLY REPORTPostal Strength 4:122.Reinforcements Required - 5Changes in Strength TOS - 9  
SOS 14% of Men on General Duty 90%No. Coy Orderly Rooms 142Inspections Carried Out - spot - 179335 - Lt -Sickness 5 Malaria - colds still prevalent.Supply of Rations: fairSpats & bootgums: GoodStores Received During Week: As per attached listState of Clothing: fair - shortage of slacks.Special RemarksProgress in Long Exercises - Good. Keenness was maintained throughout recent exercise.State of Long Exercise Coy - Fit for any operations. Continued practice on rifle range will give more confidence in handling of weapons. This particularly applies to 2 Mestor men & EY Riflemen.Skills for Operations as above.Acc. Required for Qualities Duty -Discipline excellent.General Remarks Sport - This Coy was defeated by one point by B Coy 2/6 Bn at football.

S. Henry S. Durin  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
 for OC B Coy.

April 22 1944

Sacks 30

Singlets 6

Hats 2

Pull Through 5

Packs 1

Haversacks 3

Chin Straps 5

S Coats 6

Trousers SD 10

Jackets SD 10

Combs 6

Books 3 pair

Watches 3

C  
.....COY

277 AUST INF BN.

WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK ENDING 22/4/44

A

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH ..... 4 OFF ..... and ..... 117 OPS .....
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ..... 1 OFF ..... and ..... 5 OPS .....
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK. .... *Marched out 12 OPS* .....  
 ..... *Marched in 11 OPS* .....
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK ..... 90% .....
- (e) NO OF COY ORDERLY HELD DURING WEEK ..... N/A .....
- (f) NO REMANDED TO C.O. .... N/A .....
- (g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT. ....
- (i) BOOTS ..... *slightly* ..... *Very good* .....
- (ii) FEET ..... *slightly* ..... *Fair* .....
- (iii) PAYBOOKS ..... *slightly* ..... *All correct* .....
- (iv) RESPIRATORS ..... .....
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ..... *slightly* .....
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ..... *Daily* ..... *All correct* .....
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL ..... *Good* .....
- (viii) VEHICLES INCLUDING BICYCLES ..... .....
- (h) SICKNESS ..... *Fair* ..... *four evacuated to hospital (Malaria)* .....

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- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G 1098 SCALE ..... .....
- (b) STORES RECIEVED DURING WEEK ..... *21 Hats 28 Trousers & 10 Boots* .....  
 ..... *8 sets S.D.* .....
- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ..... *Fair a big improvement on last week* .....
- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ..... *Food well cooked, cookhouse excellent* .....

*Dean*  
*Henry*  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd 277 Aust. Inf. Bde

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

Present clothing is showing signs of wear  
Supplies of new clothing very slow in arriving  
Equipment very good

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS.....

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Report + E. J. Reff sheet was of  
great benefit to the troops. Generally the  
shooting was good.

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TAG carried out (Including night exercises and lectures

An exercise of 2 nights long was beneficial  
to the Coy, acquitted themselves well. Lecture on  
Navigation well received & was beneficial.

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

The general standard of the Coy in all  
exercises very good, all personnel keen &  
confident they will acquit themselves well. With  
exception of malaria cases, Coy is very fit

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

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIAST Tng, MATERIALS LECTURES, etc.....

Suggest further water sports if they  
could be arranged

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSANDING N.C.O. AND MEN. SPORT AND RECRETION.  
INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA. WAR DIARY NOTES.....

Lines good, discipline excellent.  
Cricket match against P. Coy was a success.

*[Signature]*  
O. C. C. COY

D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
Weekly Report. Weekending 22 Apr '44.

1. (a) Posted Strength 7 officers and ~~120~~ <sup>116</sup> ORs
- (b) Reinforcements Required Nil and ~~three~~ <sup>seven</sup> ORs
- (c) Changes in strength during week M/S ~~8~~ M/S ~~7~~  
1 officer + 8 ORs
- (d) P. b of men on normal sig during week 85%
- (e) No of boy orderly rooms held during week Nil
- (f) No remanded to C. C. Nil
- (g) Inspections carried out:-

(i) Boots size 7.5 not obtainable, boots in good repair

(ii) Feet a few cases of tinea, corns + bunions  
these are receiving attention at R & P.

(iii) Paybooks + A.A.B. 83 8 entries up to date

(iv) Fit and clothing Generally in serviceable order

(v) Arms + Amm In good order

(vi) Medical Inoculations up to date

(vii) Sickness 2 evacuated with scabies, 3 malaria

2. (a) W. E. 2 extract at Bn H. Q.

(b) Stores received during week List attached

- (c) Supply of Rations Good and sufficient
- (d) Meals + Cookhouses Meals well cooked  
cookhouse clean
- (e) State of clothing and equipment Generally  
within Coy. & good servicable condition
- (f) Special Remarks:- A route march of  
10 miles revealed that all ranks are in  
need of hardening training.

3. (a) Progress in Trg & Exercises, W/Trg carried  
out:- A two day Bn exercise was of great  
benefit in training defence, attack, and  
withdrawal and training men to make  
themselves comfortable in the field.  
A 2" Mortar and 8 y rifle shoot was  
held, further ~~to~~ field firing with these  
weapons is necessary for personnel to gain  
confidence in them.

(b) State of Trg. within Coy, Fitness for operations:-  
Coy fit to take the field

General Remarks:- Men in excellent health  
and spirits and enter sport with enthusiasm.  
All ranks took keen interest in Bn exercise.  
No inter-coy sport has been held during  
the week.

Gt Crawford Major  
OC "D" Coy

Seen Jemy [Signature]  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 217 Aust. Inf. Bn.



Stores received during  
week.

- 28 P/s slacks (J G)
- 21 " slacks. (S D)
- 21 jackets (S D)
- 3 Kit bags
- 1 Great coat
- 2 Hats
- 3 Protractors (service)

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTER TO Lt col H.G.GUINN.E.D. DSO., from CHAPLAIN V.H.SHERWIN :

*Approved  
21.*

Dear Col GUINN,

ANZAC DAY, 25 APR 1944.

I've arranged to have an Area Parade at our War Cemetery on this day at 1045 hrs.

The old flag the 2/7 Bn hoisted up in SALAMAUA, will fly at the half, over our lads of the Bde, and their comrades, sleeping in many rows, beneath their white crosses.

The 'Last Post' will sound, our tribute of respect, honour and hope to our lads who fought the good fight and gave all, valiantly. I wish to ask you, Sir, if the Bn or Bde, could synchronize an Anzac Service, with ours here. The minutes silence will be at 1100 hrs.

This will be the 1st Anzac Day Parade at our War Cemetery where so many of our old Bde of last year, and many of the -2/7 Bn are resting.

The occasion will be historic in the new chapter of these fields.

We here, of the AIF, will be a link with you South, the loved ones of our lads, and Australia, and in your name, be your representatives to pay the honour, tribute, and debt of gratitude owing to our boys.

For myself, it will be a special and significant occasion, having been with the 2/7 Bn most of 1943, and all through the final operation and capture of SALAMAUA, and having buried so many personal friends in the unit during the actions, as well as contacting all their next of kin.

I do hope, Sir, that the Bde, or 2/7 Bn south, can link up with us here on this Anzac Day, and that we can feel that for a few minutes we all meet and join those who have finished their course, and will be on parade to receive our tributes of respect, honour, and affection.

My sincere wishes to you all,

Sincerely yours,

Padre SHERWIN.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

April 26  
appoc  
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## Battalion Withdrawal.

### 1. Information.

Enemy as shown in Warning Order.

Own Ips. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps occupying  
ROCKY MT - STOCKYARD MT - CARBUNCLE HILL and  
one Coy in reserve FLEMING HILL.

### 2. Intentions.

(i) No rearward movement except Recce Party - TK/A pl. and  
B. ech. before 1900K.

(ii) F.D.L's to be denied to ENEMY until 2025K.

(iii) Order of Withdrawal.

C. D. Bn HQ HQ coy less dets, A. B coys.

(iv) Routes.

A coy will withdraw along line of track - present posn  
STOCKYARD MT - Rd June 348099.

Remainder of bn, via line of track from present posns  
FLEMING HILL - track June 348099.

(v) Timings

1. 1st Pl will withdraw from present posn to 'c' coy  
at 1745K.

2. C coy will withdraw from present posn after arrival 1st pl at 1900K

3. D coy will commence thinning out 1900K will be clear present posn 1930K.

4. A coy " " " 1945K " " " 2015K.

5. B coy " " " 2000K " " " 2025K

6. B coy will act as rearguard and will not withdraw rear of  
FLEMING HILL until ordered by BN.

7. Rear Bn HQ and HQ coy less dets will withdraw from present posn at 1950K

8. Bn check pt, rd June 348099



Reg No	Unit	In TOC	Out TOC	Orig To	Text of Message
1/			1840	O.1	Stand to 0530K 26 Apr @ Stand down 0630K Breakfast 0700K ack
2/			1835	O.2	movement @ HQ before 0900K 26 Apr @ Recce HQ will receive orders thru HQ 0815K @ Op aft 0830K 26 Apr @ ack
3/			1840	O.3	Balance of Fwd will reach here 0900K 26 Apr @ prepare breakfast for this party @ ack
4/	HEBA FWD	1030	T101		0945 <sup>K</sup> TROON HILL clear @ 1015 <sup>K</sup> FLEMING hill clear @ 3m in POSN 334099 @ TK/A guns covering x pos 347098 @ Slight opposition 354098 @ 362097
5/	HEBA FWD 1108			1102	Heavy ENEMY opposition from ROCKY MT @ fwd PL pinned down @ Recce patrol to Stockyard <sup>MT</sup> fighting patrol to 365104 @ 3m mortar firing on ROCKY MT. 1103 to 1106 @ Send SITREP to Bde at 1200 1500 1800 hrs etc
6/	HEBA FWD 1145			1103	C Coy pinned down fwd slopes ROCKY MT less 7 PL @ 7 PL now occupying CARBUNGLE 365104 @ engaging enemy mm.G.3 enemy moving 365104 support main attack @ B & D Coy preparing attack ROCKY MT @ A Coy preparing attack ROCKY MT @ A Coy consolidating FLEMING HILL TK/A assisting @ 3m's & Arty repositioned ROCKY MT & STOCKYARD MT.

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOF	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
7	FUDI	1205	1209			WI	LOCSTAT @ 7 PL 358097 8 PL 357097 9 PL 357099 CHQ 357098 @ patrol investigating enemy movt ref 356098 @ no information to hand.
8				HEBA REAR	1210	I 1	SITREP to 261200 hrs
9	FUDI		1230				patrol FUDI returned report no sight of enemy
10	GOBO	1235	1240				mmg have arrived & engaged enemy with fire
11				ALL Coys	1235	I 2	HEBA located map ref 358098
12	SEBO	1240	1250				ROCKY KNOLL captured slight opposition @ Coy consolidating
13	SEBO	1240	1250				SEBO attacking ROCKY MT.
14	SARI		<del>1250</del>				SARI now on Arnold Crest no opposition to date @ Pushing on to MAIN Rd.
15	SARI	1300					SARI left Rocky mt & advancing on ARNOLD crest.
16	SARI	1312 <sup>K</sup>					Coy established ARNOLD'S CREST NO opposition @ Coy HQ. 370097 @ 11 PL 370096 + 371098 @ 12 PL 369097 @ STANDING patrol on road 370095 @ Recce patrol out please give MAP REF creek @ 2 sections mmg with me
17	St Boyd	1315					10 PL Recce Patrol fired on 370100 @ 12 platoon fighting patrol going out
18	PURI	1325					
19				all coys	1425	I 3	HEBA located at 362098.

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOF	HEBR REAR	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
20	I.			HEBR REAR	1500	IK	SITREP to 1500 hrs 26 APRIL.
21	SEBO	1500					18 pl SEBO being attacked 017 PL sent to reinforce.
22	FUDI	1614	1640				STOCKYARD MOUNT captured 0 will consolidate on STOCKYARD MT. astride track 0 Patrol pursuing ENEMY SOUTH 0 Will notify disposition later 0 ENEMY patrol one sec. moving SW along NORTH NIGGER Cr. map ref 365105
23	14 PL	1545	1800				EN. patrol FOUR strong captured south flank STOCKYARD 0 prisoners were returned to camp 0 further patrol operating south flank will give further report when patrol returns
24	FUDI		1800				Sitrep to 1800 hrs. 0 A Coy captured features 363093 capturing 14 PW. 0 Coy now consolidating gain 0 other dispositions as previously 0 enemy patrolling taking place on EAST perimeter.
25				HEBR REAR	1815	25	Patrol contacted spl. of D Coy & returned
26	D Coy	1845	1846	<del>DEPT</del>		DL	Coy standing down. Result of flames by enemy
27	D Coy	1950					Coy standing down. 5 mortar 3" bombs on targets.
28	P Coy	2000					

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Reg No	Unit	In TCO	TOR	UNIT	Out TCO	Orig No	Text of Message
29	Cont.						<p>NH. NIGGER Ck. 368103 SOS on call by line from D Coy @ PATROLLING @ hunting patrols right to left STOCKYARD M.T. to ARNOLDS CREST A Coy @ ARNOLDS CREST A Coy @ ARNOLDS CREST to ROCKY MT. B. Coy @ ROCKY MT to CARBUNCLE D Coy @ CARBUNCLE to FLEMING HILL C. COY'S PL. @ FLEMING HILL to STOCKYARD RIDGE C. Coy @ Special instns A. Coy patrol TK to EAST to feature 3400 thence to ck and return via ck @ B. Coy NTH side of Rd. to JUNGLE JUNG @ D. Coy to high ground ref. 3710. returning by NTH. NIGGER Ck. @ C. Coy responsible for NTH NIGGER Ck. from ck. junc. 360100. and back to ck junc. 344106. @ Patrols A.M. &amp; P.M. daily @ C. Coy will also patrol to TK junc. 367098 then via S/EAST TK to STOCKYARD MT to NIGGER Ck at 365094 and return to own area @ STAND TO 1745K 26 @ STAND DOWN. 1845 K 26. @ 27 @ STAND TO 0545K. Stand down. 0630K. @ breakfast 0700K 27 @ BY A.R. at ref. 363097 @ intercom. line and 108's to Coy's @ Wireless silence from STAND DOWN. P.M. to STAND TO A.M. @ act.</p>



Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOB	UNIT	Out TGO	Orig No	Text of Message
29				ALL COYS.	1700	1 <sup>st</sup> Sec. RUMING. CA	<p>General Inqm @ ENEMY forces of more than ONE Bn. strength are operating fwd. of SINGLE area from MT. HYPIPAMEE @ OWN tps. in occupation STOCKYARD RIDGE MT area @ 2/1 Asst Inf Bn will take up a locality defence posn. A Coy STOCKYARD Mt. also TASK covering approaches from EAST along TK and RIGHT flank also standing Patrol on NIGGER Ck. @ B. Coy ARNOLDS CREST covering approaches from the EAST ROAD inclusive @ D Coy on ROCKY MT. feature TASKS Comds. of A, B D Coys. will arrange MORTAR tasks fwd. and to flanks of their posns. covering gaps in arty tasks @ No 4 Pl. ONE sec. remain present location rear of Bn. HQ ONE sec. from TK guns. will now report EAST and NORTH NIGGER Ck. @ C. Coy. Reserve Coy on FLEMING HILL task rear defence with ONE Pl. on CARBUNCLE as NORTH flank protection @ No 2 Pl. ONE sec. with A Coy. ONE sec. with D Coy @ No 3 Pl. Coy to C Coy FLEMING HILL @ ARTY tasks @ SOS Saddle NORTH and EAST of A Coy. area ref 312100 @ CDFS 1 on TK fwd of A Coy 2. DOUBLE M-entrant ref 3609 3 JUNE Pls and</p>

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOF	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
24 30.				HEBA REAR	0630	A1.	for R.Q.M. O contact Lt. DARRIN and arrange with 35 primitives
31.				HEBA REAR	0630	A2	for Plt CAMPBELL O TABLETOPS. to be wrapped in fully enclosed parcel and addressed INT. SEC.
32.	SERO.	0700	D5				17 Pl. patrolled to 373100 NO ENEMY sighted
33	SERO	0728	D6				patrol from 16 Pl. to Hill feature 3710 GORO patrolled NO ENEMY sighted.
34	B Coy.	0700					ENEMY force est. 15 moved from DOUBLE Mtn on to standing patrol thence on to D. Coy. lower standing patrol strength doubled.
35	B. Coy	0735					ENEMY fighting patrol captures 2 OWN THS.
36				HQ Coy D. Coy	0810	05.	four dets 3 Pl. move from SERO area O TASKS remain the same
37				all Coy TRMO	0825	06	one stretch case were to be returned to RAP by ea Coy this AM and again this PM O PL on CARBUNCLE will return one stretch case only.
					0730.		from B. Coy. party 10 to 12 ENEMY. came right on to first FDLs paid no heed to Blanks -
38	A Coy	0920					Rec. Patrol will leave Coy Area move EAST along track to road then WEST along road containing B Coy and Stdy patrol at 365095 then back to Coy Area where they are expected at 1130

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Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOR	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
39	ACoy	0937					Enemy patrol observed by Standing Patrol SOUTH flank section proceeding investigate report later.
40				ALL COYS	0943	A2	Two runners from each Coy and CARBUNCLE HILL to report this H.Q. immediately.
41				HEBA (R.H.Q. rec'd out)	0940	I6	Setup to 0900 hrs @ Enemy patrols operating on B & D Coy fronts @ 2 B Coy PW taken PW @ active patrolling by all coys fwd and to flank taking place
42	2/7 Reol	0920				I7	You A2 of 0630 received 0900 papers already fwd by truck new scheme will operate tomorrow.
43	HQ Coy	1040					Enemy patrol observed moving WESTWARDS along NICTER CREEK A & C. Coys warned.
44	CCoy	1055					Enemy patrol engaged by 15 pl. @ one sec. move round in rear in endeavour to cut off withdrawal,
45	B Coy	1110					Patrol from A Coy reported in.
46	A Coy	1110					EN. Patrol approach A Coy from S/WEST were engaged by MORTARS and LMG. 1 sec. moving out in endeavour to cut off withdrawal.

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOE	UNIT	Cat TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
47	B Coy	1115					local patrol 11 pc contacted enemy at ref 375094 and announced enemy camp to be located at ref 375093 @ enemy trap was exploded at ref 373096.
48	B Coy	1145					B Coy fighting patrol to investigate possible enemy camp ref 375093.
49	C Coy	1150					14th report engaging enemy patrol moving west along north ridge bank. 11th Coy wounded BWA standing to C Coy despatching patrol east up ridge bank to contact enemy patrol.
50				all coys	1205	A4	Unprior to report at 1300 hrs for Conference with Comd.
51	B Coy	1205					Patrol despatched to locate enemy camp ref 375093 encountered and engaged enemy. Patrol still out.
52	<del>B Coy</del> 2/11 retd	1205 1200				2/7 (retd)	At 1200 hrs @ enemy attacks on A Coy SW perimeter beaten at 1110 hrs @ heavy patrolling by enemy along whole SW perimeter @ B Coy patrols reports possible enemy camp 375093 @ investigating.
53	D Coy	1155					Enemy patrol sighted 300 yds NW @ patrol of 7 men sent to engage.

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Reg No	Unit	In TCO	TOR	UNIT	Out TCO	Orig No	Text of Message
54					1215		Foo moving to A Coy
55				all Coy	1230		Sketches can for this pm FLTDI part G.S.W. Chest. © SARI fractured humerus shock © GOBO part S.W. abdomen © SEBO fractured pelvis ©
56				all Coy	1225		Counted attacks within © interval © Enemy activity has increased our front and flanks being consistently harassed © These instances are to enable us to strengthen and hold our dispositions © Method © one of A Coy overrun C Coy will stabilise © two A Coy overrun D Coy will stabilise © three D Coy overrun C Coy stabilise © 14 pl responsibility of C Coy © four B Coy & the Coy overrun C Coy will stabilise © B Coy could to make pieces immediately radarse the HQ rack.
57	D Coy	1225					Patrol returned 3 enemy killed © our com unit,
58				all Coy	1230	A6	Lt Goodard to report with goal to have HQ to act as Asst.
59	C Coy	1230					14 pl capture 2 prisoners
60				all Coy	1415	A7	Sending in for 1000 rds blank © came as MONDAY issue © Please arrange immediately.

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOE	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
61	C Coy	1500					Report 14 pl. leaving contact C Coy HQ.
62				27 adv to 17	1500	I 8	Retreat to 1500 hrs @ B Coy patrol to investigate possible enemy camp Contacted enemy est. 2 pl. at ref 375094 and forced to withdraw @ two enemy captured during other patrol skirmishes.
63	A Coy	1515					Firing and smoke <sup>reported</sup> on a bearing of 180 degrees at about 500 yds Coy posn.
64	A Coy	1550					Patrol returned with nothing to report.
65	A Coy	1600					CO reported left A for B Coy.
66	A Coy	1615					Enemy patrol of 4 men <sup>reported</sup> moving down ridge track Warned of enemy patrol moving down ridge track C Coy advises sending out patrol to intercept.
67	B Coy	1650					<del>Small</del> Small enemy party observed at ref 370099 @ fighting patrol sent out to engage - enemy withdrew @ suspected one man was picking axes @
68	All Coy	1800				How	All Coy standing to.

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOB	TEXT	Out TOO	Orig To	Text of Message
69.				110			Setup to 1800 hrs @ B Coy patrol to jungle fringe contact enemy est 1 pl at up 3800y @ further 2 P.W. captured during patrol skirmishes C Coy instructed to watch for enemy moving with digger or possibly moving directly Patrol 400+ feet perimeter from the bridge to D Coy @ area clear enemy Patrol 300+ toward stockyard no more seen.
70.	B Coy	1830					B Coy attacked by enemy force estimated 1 pl strong our cas 1 wounded @ on cas 28 killed 1 PW
71	A Coy	1900					TAC/R reveals extensive enemy work west of along Cochin Highway toward MT HYPIPIAMEE @ Coy will continue consolidate.
72.		2110					
73		09		ad Corp	0705	I 11.	ref replacement of NCOs SECOND AUSTRALIAN ARMY @ nominations for serial 9 are SGT TITE, CPL SPROULE @ nominal rolls to BDE by 1200K 29 gpm
74				2/7 near	27 1820	A. 8.	

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOP	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig To	Text of Message
75	D Coy						D Coy patrol contacted. C Coy. In enemy trenches.
28 <sup>4</sup> 76				ALL COYS	0815		Stretcher cases for this A.M. to reach R.A.P. not later than 1100 hrs. A Coy G.S.W. right leg above ankle. bones fractured. B. Coy fractured pelvis. C. Coy multiple S.W. buttocks. D. Coy. fractured base of spine. report will accompany.
77				ALL COYS	0815		Stretcher cases for this P.M. to reach R.A.P. not later than 1500 hrs. A Coy. fractured jaw socket. B. Coy G.S.W. right collarbone. C. Coy. pen. S.W. right chest. D. Coy. fractured femur right. report to accompany each case.
78	C Coy	0815					Reports all patrols out.
79				HEBA REAR	2200hrs	T12	Siege to 0900 hrs. enemy force strength 1 pl <sup>ts</sup> attacked HEBA 2110 hrs. enemy severely mauled and one PW taken. enemy force 10/12 attempted raid A Coy 2130 hrs. but driven off. Morning patrols making report.
80	B Coy	0941					A Coy patrol contacted B Coy, making report. B Coy patrolling every hour from F.D.L.



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Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOP	UNIT	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
							0900 hrs. to 0930 hrs. B. Area bombed & strafed by 6 enemy dive bombers. Type 99
81.				Alks COYS.	1035	213	enemy planes commenced bombing and strafing attacks Rocky Mtn. 0900 to 0930 hrs. and 1000 to 1030 hrs.
82.		1135'					1135 hrs. Deep Mtn. bombed & strafed by enemy army registering
83.							1338 hrs B. Coy bombed & strafed by enemy aircraft identified as Type SALLY
84	B. Coy	1150					reports two small parties ENEMY on right flanks.
85		1150					our arty coming out task D.F. 5 rds. per minute every 15 minutes until 1230
86	D. Coy	1150					Recon Patrols report ENEMY movt. food of Coy perimeter in personnel moving a mortar into posn.
87.	D. Coy	1200					18 Pl. reports EN approaching from NE @ Don Coy to engage by mortar.
88	ARTY	1200					three enemy guns been knocked out by counter battery fire
89	B. Coy	1200					B. Coy. under heavy shell fire
90.				HEBA REAR.	1210	214	reports to 1200 hrs @ enemy planes bombed and strafed D. Coy

Res No	Unit	In TCO	TOF	UNIT	Out TCO	Orig No	Text of Message
90 cont.							as area 0900 to 0930 hrs and 1000 to 1030 hrs also D. Coy and fwd. B. Coy 1135 hrs. 1 slight damage 1 cas. 1150 hrs D Coy patrols report enemy to NE setting up mortar 1 arty D.F task called down.
91.		1212.		5 Sq. RAAF	1212.		to 5 Sq. RAAF. call for air strike fwd. Rocky Mtn and to East ARNOLDS CREST also protection over our guns.
92	B Coy	1217					Straffing and bombing of area ceased. still being shelled.
93	5 Sq.	1218					Air strike at 1240 hrs. 1 sq. 1 fighter sq. giving immediate protection to artillery.
94	B Coy	1219					bag under heavy mortar fire.
95	D Coy	1220					movement in North NIGGER Creek below, very good position.
96	B Coy	1230					Smoke bombs being dropped on enemy right flank.
97	B Coy	1240					Attack on bag. Forced back to reserve platoon area.
98	D Coy	1240					Two platoons less one section counter attacking on ARNOLDS CREST. Further enemy movement on north flank Rocky Mountain.

Reg No	Unit	In TOC	TOR	Unit	Out TOC	Orig No	Text of Message
99		1300					B.H.Q captured 2 PW's @ Enemy withdrawn
100		1313					Bi point stabilized
101	B Coy	1315					Patrol moved out 300' fwd of perimeter found area clear of enemy
102				All Coys	1325	B 9	On receipt of warning order commanders will see all trenches are filled in @ sanitation arrangements filled in 15 mins prior to final movement
103				All Coys	1345	B 10	Warning order @ TAC B reports considerable enemy movement fwd of present position and strong enemy force encircling right flank and threatening HQ C @ B will withdraw during hours of darkness to new defensive position X-ads 307099 @ rear sector gfr B.V at rd junct 348099 by 1530K @ evening meal provided @ each by phone
				Comp 17th Aust Inf BRIGADE	1414	A 11	All personnel of this unit join with me in offering our heartiest congratulations on your recent award @ G.M.M. Order for withdrawal issued.
				A, B, D Coy			

Packets 28 Apr 44

F. Fighting  
 R. Recon  
 S. Standing  
 C. Contact  
 R. Round  
 SP. Special

TYPE	TIME OUT	INSTRUCTIONS	TIME IN.	REPORT
D Coy C	0715	D Coy packet to 14 pl C Coy to C Coy HQ.	0724	nothing to report
A R.F.	0900	Packet to jungle edge back along axis of rd. Contact B Coy stand patrol whence return.	0945	Contacted B Coy nothing to report
B. R.F.	0630	Packet EAST along axis of rd to 382092. Then NORTH TO HIGH GROUND 362102 then return.  Contact to D Coy B Coy packets everywhere F. D. L.	0705	nil
C.	0630 0800	14 pl from Kerbunch to Fleming H. To Stockyd mtn + A Coy.	0700 0900	nil nil

F = Fighting  
 R = Recce  
 S = Standing  
 C = Contact  
 Ro = Routine  
 Sp = Special

Patrols. 27 April 44

Type	Time out.	Instructions	Time in	Report.
A Coy Ra.F.	0920 Am	TRACK EAST TO RD RETURN ALONG RD CONTACT B COY STAND PATROL 365 095 RETURN COY AREA 1130 HRS.	1145	Patrol returns, contacted B Coy, nothing to report.
"	P.M.	ditto		
S.	Height	365095		
F	0935	To investigate report of enemy patrol South flank. A Coy report later.	1010	enemy not in patrol
F	1430	Track East to rd return along rd contact B Coy return Coy area 1700 hrs	1550	nil report.
B Coy Ro.F.	Am.	Rd to jungle - 375100 - D Coy	0735	Two men taken PW by enemy on return trip
F.	1145	Patrol mission out to 375093	1230	en est 1 pl contacted 374094
"	Pm	ditto	1505	contacted enemy est 1 pl at ref 380090
C	Down	- D Coy	0700	nothing reported.
"	Dusk			
S	Height	369095		
F	1115			
C Coy Ro.F.	Am	3610 - ck to 365104 Back to Base	1000	no enemy observed.
"	1530	ditto		
F	1150	Patrol mission EAST to contact enemy 365099		
0900.	Am	Track line 368098 - 356090 363092 to base	0940	report in. Nothing to report.
1545	F 1545	ditto		
C	Am	14 PL to C Coy	1000	no enemy observed.
"	1500	ditto		
F				
D Coy Ro.F.	Am	375102 to 14 PL to base	0728	no enemy sighted
F	1156	To engage enemy 365099	1225	three enemy killed
"	Pm			

De Corp

5 63

6 St beams

8 mms

26 mortars

1 mmw

1 Sig

Total 5 105

Coac V 58632. P. R. P. ou CE

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Messages for Sit map  
Repts up to dawn in Rear B Co.  
LOG DIARY 2/1 Aust Light Bn

Place Wondoola  
Date 26/4/44

Reg No	Unit	In TOC	TOC	UNIT	Orig TOC	Orig To	Text of Message
1		261210K		ROBO REARR		11	<p>Sitrep to 1200 hrs. 2 Platoons C Coy pinned at ref. 363098 by heavy opposition feature ref. 367098. Other platoon engaging enemy from ref 365104. Patrol report feature ref 363092 occupied by enemy. A Coy and Mortar Co D &amp; B Coys to N feature 367098. After consolidation A Coy to N feature 363092.</p>
2		261500K		"		14	<p>Sitrep to 1500 hrs. D Coy attack feature 367097 attack came 1240 hrs. B Coy attack through D Coy gaining spur ref 369098 at 1300 hrs. B &amp; D Coys consolidating gains. C Coy in area 356099. A Coy preparing to attack feature 363092. This HQ at 363097.</p>
3		261815		"		15	<p>Sitrep to 1800 hrs. One Bn captured feature 363092 captured 14 PW. Bn consolidating dispositions as previously enemy patrols taking place on east perimeter.</p>

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Map No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ref No	Unit	In	Out	Time	Loc	Text of Message
4	ROBU REAR	270630			A2	For Pte Campbell @ Java Top To be wrapped in fully enclosed parcel and add INT SEC.
5					i1.	your A2 of 0630 received 0900 Papers already forwarded per ration truck @ New scheme will operate tomorrow @
					ROBU ADV	270920
6	"	270940			i6	Intercept to 0900 hrs @ enemy patrols operating on D & B Coy front @ B Coy pers. PW. @ Active patrolling by all boys fwd and to flanks taking place.
7	"	271200				Intercept to 1200 hrs @ enemy attacks on A Coy first light perin. Air Beaten off 1100 east. @ heavy patrolling by enemy along whole Bn perimeter @ B Coy patrols report possible enemy camp 3750930 investigating @



Msg No	Unit	In TOC	TOR	Unit	Out TOC	Orig No	Text of Message
8	ROB REHR	27/500K				i8	Litrep 1500 hrs @ B Coy patrol to investigate possible enemy camp contacted enemy estimated 1 platoon at Ref 375094 and forced to withdraw @ 2 enemy captured during other patrol skirmishes @
9	"	27/508K				i10	Litrep to 1800 hrs @ B Coy patrol to jungle fringe contacted enemy established 1 platoon at Ref 380090 further enemy PW captured during patrol skirmishes @
10	"	280900K				i12	Litrep to 0900 hrs @ enemy force strength 17 attacked HEBA 2110 hrs @ enemy severely mauled and one PW taken @ enemy force 10 to 12 attempted raid H Coy 2130 hrs but driven off @ morning patrols nothing to report.
11	"	281210K					Litrep 1200 hrs @ enemy planes bombed & strafed D Coy area 0900 to 0939 hrs & 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs @ slight damage & casualties @ 1150 hrs D Coy patrol report enemy to NE setting up mortar @ Arty JE tasks called down.

Herbertson

Place .....  
Date .....

Reg No	Unit	In TOO	TOR	Unit	Out TOO	Orig No	Text of Message
12	ROBU #01	28/50				A16	Letter to 1600 hrs enemy attacked ARNOLD'S Creek ref 372097 forcing B Coy to retire to reserve plts assembly area @ 1340H. D Coy less 4 section counter attacked and stabilised posn. enemy harassing patrols engaged by HEBA @ 2 PW captured all Coy report sit. quiet at present.
13	"	28/60				A12	For Driver Campbell @ INT gear being returned to camp by MT. @ arrange collection also Lt Gen Fleming 14 pack @

0800 HRS PATROL TO X RDS  
REPORT ALL CLEAR.

0945 HRS TROON HILL  
REPORTED CLEAR.

1015 HRS FLEMING HILL  
REPORTED CLEAR.

1108 HRS FWO PL C COY.  
PINNED DOWN.

1240 HRS ROCKY KNOLL  
CAPTURED D COY CONSOLIDATE

0900 HRS PATROL TO X RDS  
REPORT ALL CLEAR.

1108 HRS FIGHTING PATROL  
PL C COY 1145 HRS.  
ENGAGE ENEMY  
SEC MMG

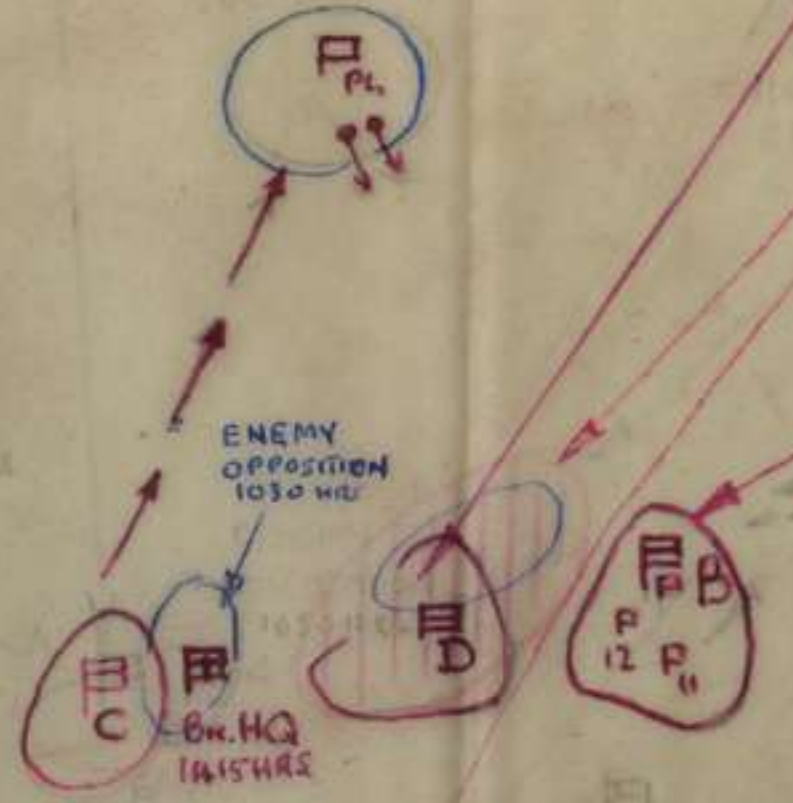
1103 HRS TO 1106 HRS ARTY  
WITH M3" SUPPORT

1312 HRS B COY ESTABLISHED  
ARNOLOS CREST.

1445 HRS EN  
1560 10 PL OUT TO INVESTIGATE  
1540 10 PL OUT TO INVESTIGATE

1745 ENEMY PATROL 10 STRONG  
ALL CAPTURED.

1800 HRS ENEMY PATROL 4 STRONG.  
SOUTHFLANK A COY ALL CAPURED  
FURTHER PATROL PROCEEDING.



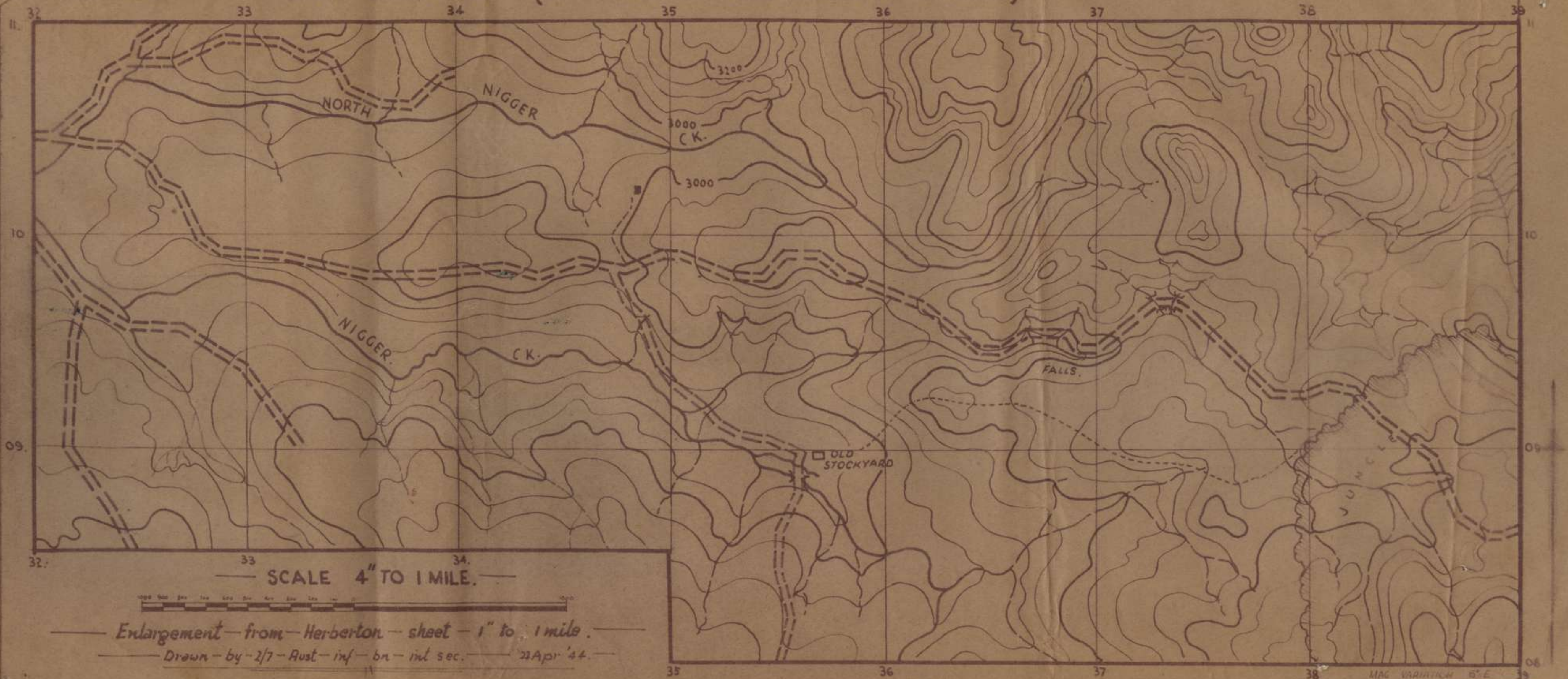
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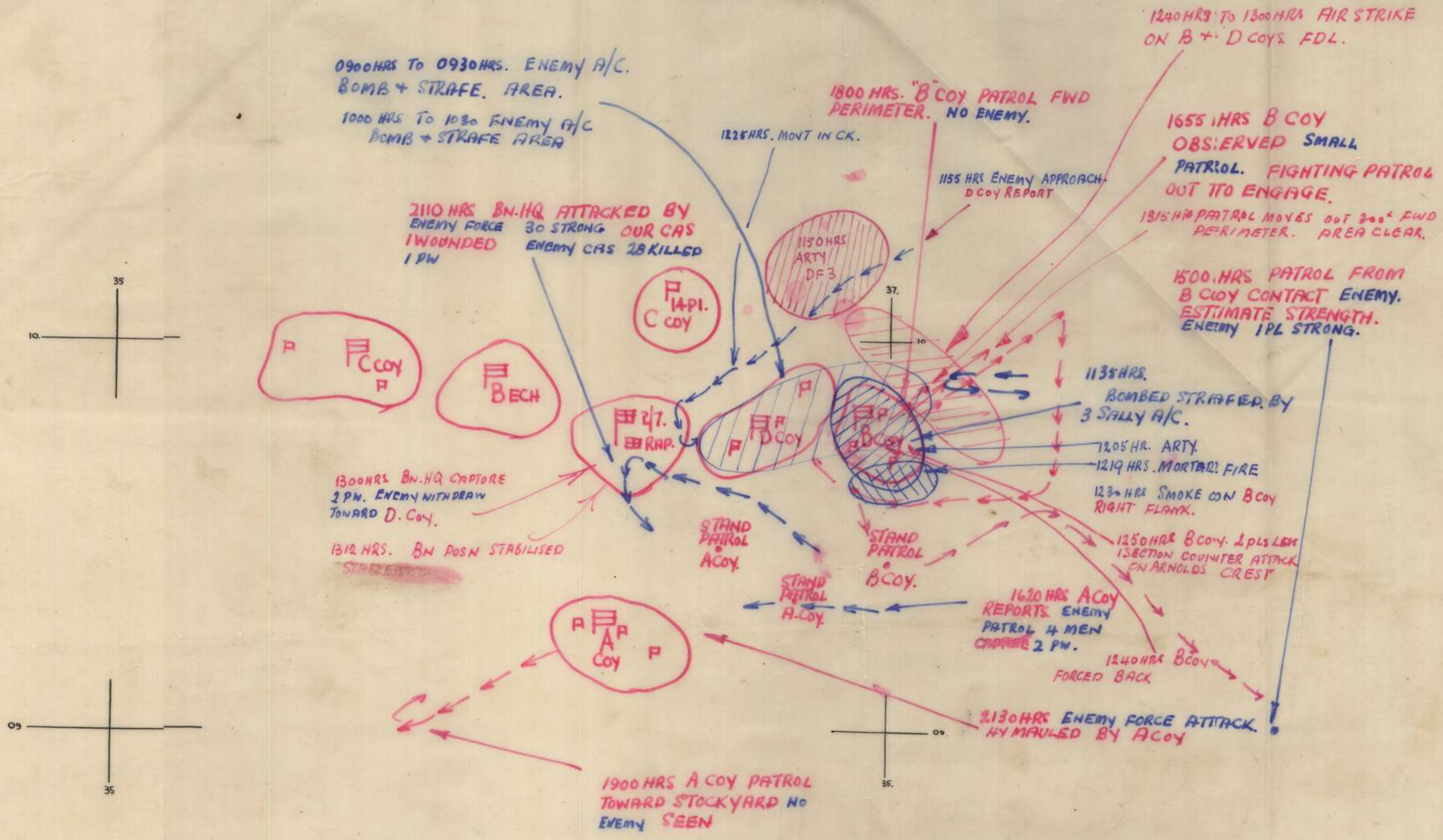
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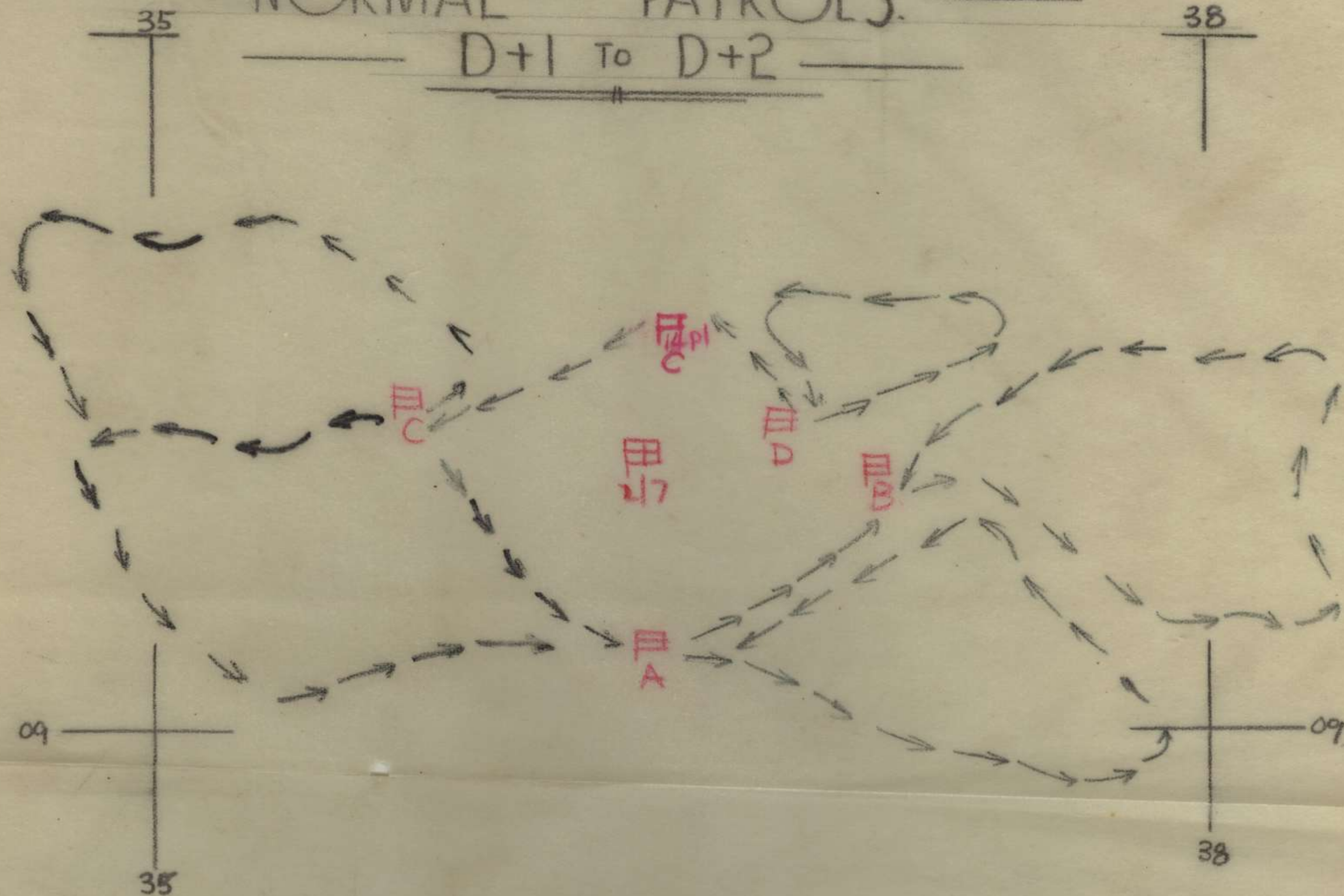
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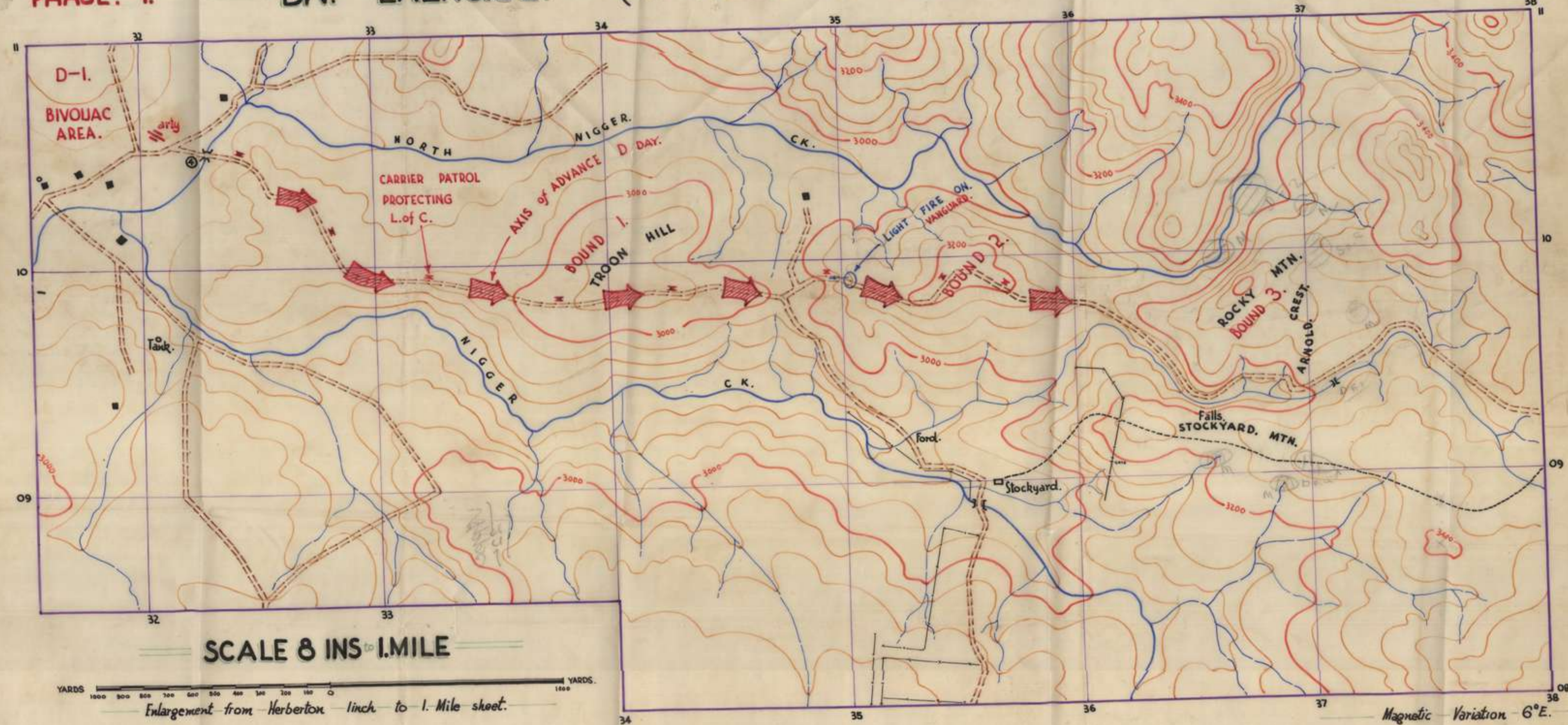
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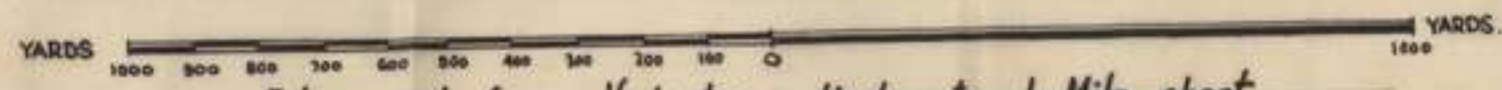


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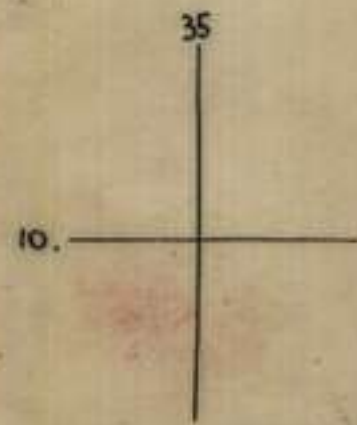
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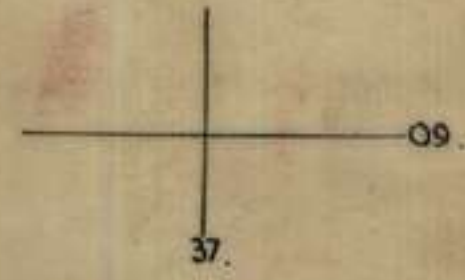
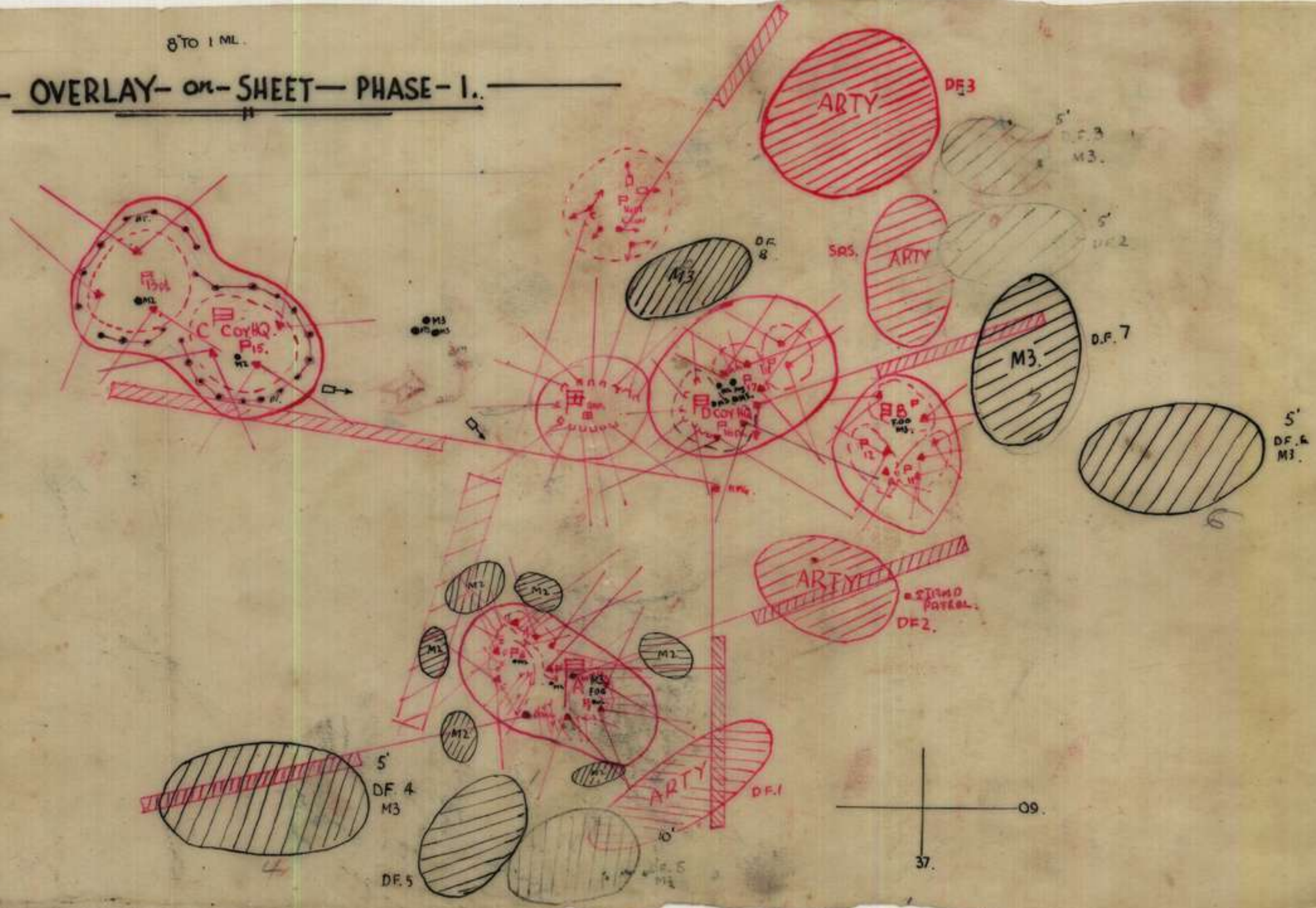
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OVERLAY- ON- SHEET- PHASE- I.



DISPOSITION & FIRE-PLAN.

D DAY TO D+1.





# OVERLAY ON SHEET PHASE I. SITUATION AS AT 1500 HRS. D+1.

0728 HRS. PATROL FROM 17 PL  
D COY REPORT AREA CLEAR.

0630 HRS 16 PL PATROL REPORT  
AREA CLEAR.

0700 HRS PATROL 15 STRONG  
OVER-RAN STAND PATROL.  
CAPTURE 2 MEN LOWER STAND  
PATROL DOUBLED.

0730 HRS. 10 TO 12 ENEMY.  
B COY'S EARL.

1115 HRS. PATROL B COY CONTACT  
ENEMY. FORCED TO WITHDRAW.  
ENEMY STRENGTH 1 PL.

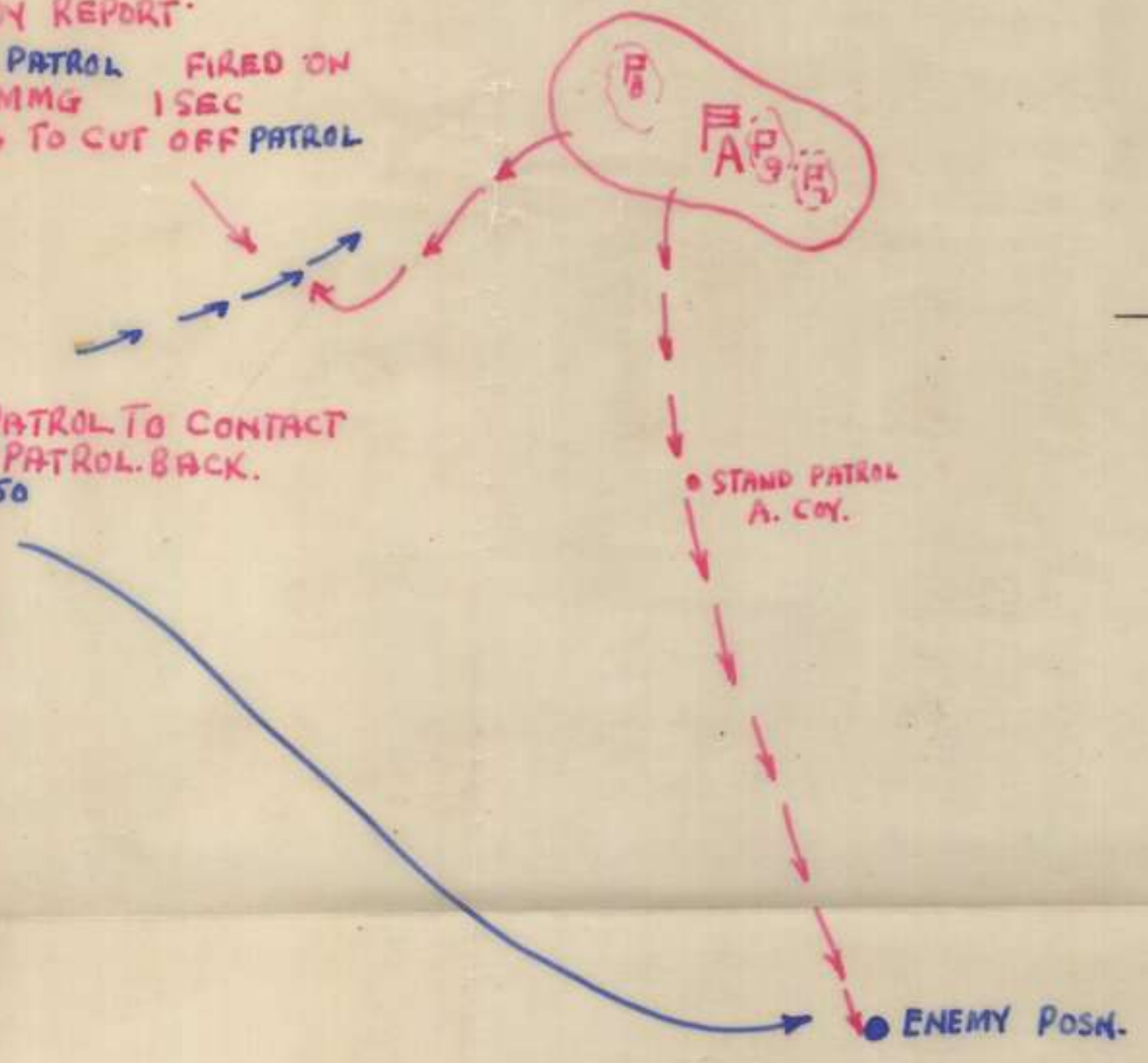
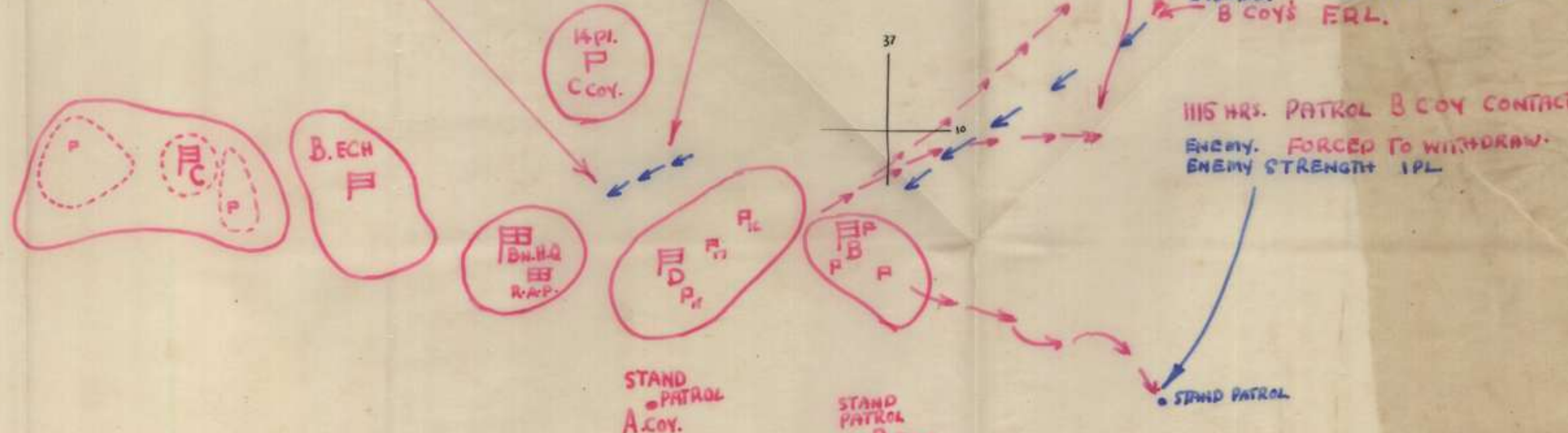
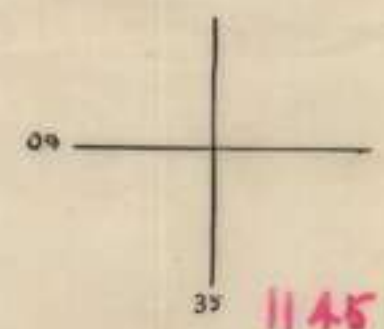
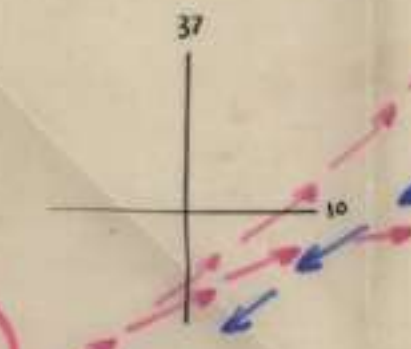
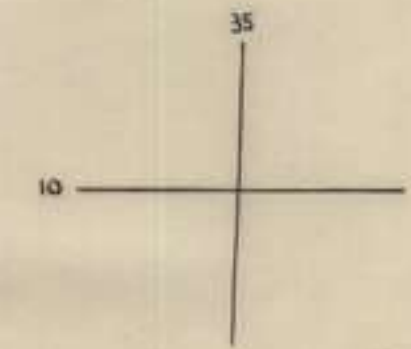
1145 HRS ENEMY FORCE FIRED  
ON BY 14 PL C. COY.

1156 HRS ENEMY PATROL 300' NW  
PATROL 7 MEN D COY TO ENGAGE

1145 HRS

1100 HRS A COY REPORT -  
LGE. ENEMY PATROL FIRED ON  
BY M3 + MMG 1 SEC  
PROCEEDING TO CUT OFF PATROL

1145 HRS. A COY PATROL TO CONTACT  
ENEMY WHO DROVE PATROL BACK.  
STRENGTH 40-50



H.B. Lay

C.O. M.S.

A.

Goods Received

week ended 29.4.44.

24.4.44 - Hats, chin straps, lace  
band hat, shaving  
brushes etc.

25.4.44 - 1 C/s shoes, cap &  
waterproof, mags. bin  
lamp glasses.

Walters

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

DDMS, 1 Aust Corps Pro-forma "A"

Formation or Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Week ending midnight Friday 28 April 44

UNIT	Daily Strength		Total Sick Parade	New Sick		Total No Duty	Evacuated		Notifiable Infect Disease	Malaria	Scrub Typhus	Dengue Fever	Diarrhoea	Dysentery	U. R. T. I.	P. U. C.	V. D.	Skin Parasites	Tinea	Skin Diseases	Diseases of the Ear	Foot Disabilities	Other Diseases	Eye Complaints	Accidents	
	Offrs	CRs		Offrs	CRs		Offrs	CRs																		
Saturday	33	829	12	-	8	-	-	5	5																	
Sunday	34	834	17		17	4		5	5					2						2	3	5				
Monday	35	820	26		25	4		10	8					3					1		3	10				
Tuesday	35	803	20		16	1		8	2					3							4	7				
Wednesday	36	799	12		10	3		7	6										1	0		2	1			
Thursday	36	798	20		17	4		3	1					2					1		3	10				
Friday	36	792	8	1	8	-		3	3					2								3				
Total	35	811	115	1	100	16	1	35	30					12				2	1	2	13	40	1			

*San*  
*Henry S. D. ...*  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Turn Over

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General Physical condition of personnel ..... *Good*

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements Received.....

(c) Severity of work or training..... *Moderate - On exercises*

X (d) General Remarks.....

2. STORES

Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.

(a) Medical.....

(b) Expense Stores.....

XX (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance.....

(ii) AASC.....

XX 3. MALARIA CONTROL.

(a) Measures of Personnel protection (Good, fair, bad)

Nets..... Atebrin..... Clothing.....

Repellent.....

Larvae Control.....

(c) Adult destruction.....

(d) General comments.....

4. RATIONS..... *Good*

5. HYGIENE..... *A requisition on RAF for new type latrines has been approved. Pioneers are making new baffles for kitchen grease traps. Hygiene in general is good.*

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O.....

*Casualties treated by SBO + RAP on Bu exercises.*

DATE.....

Signed.....

X Attach as appendix 'A' any special report exceeding the scope of this pro-forma.  
XX When applicable

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

PERIOD: TWO DAYS.

REF. MAP: HERBERTON 1 : 63360

NO. 15.

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APPENDIX "A" - SKETCH.

*Appendix*  
*25.*

1. OBJECT:

An exercise for one inf. coy with one sec. of MGs and two dets of 3" mortars.

(1) (a) Action on first contact.

(b) Reconnaissance.

(c) Encounter Attack.

(2) Consolidation.

(3) Patrols.

2. LESSONS:

(1) Surprise -

In attack surprise is essential to gain the advantage which offensive confers.

(2) Battle Procedure -

(a) Issue of warning orders.

(b) Intelligent anticipation.

(c) An organized system whereby delays are avoided.

(3) Verbal Orders -

Must be clear and concise so as to instil confidence.

(4) Mopping-up and Reorganization -

This is essential to be prepared for the inevitable counter attack.

(5) Patrols -

These must be sent out immediately on attaining objective to maintain contact with the retiring enemy.

3. OPENING SITUATION:

An enemy sabotage column has penetrated our outer defences and is operating in our L of C area and creating disorganization. This force, estimated strength about 100, was in the Mt. HYPIPAMEE area during the night of X/Y day and patrols report it now bivouaced in square 3609.

4. NARRATIVE:

2/7 Aust Inf Bn has been given the task of contacting and annihilating this enemy force.

Information - Enemy as per opening situation.

Own Troops - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn is in lines at 330073.

Intention - X Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will move out, contact this force and maintain contact until enemy force is routed.

Intercomm - 108 set will move with Coy HQ.

5. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Event.</u>
0800	Coy Comd receives orders to report to Bn HQ and a warning order that his Coy has been allotted an independent role.
0802	Coy Comd orders 2 i/c to prepare Coy for movement and "O" gp to report to Coy HQ at 0820 for orders.
0820	"O" gp receives orders.
0900	Coy moves out of lines first bound reported clear by vanguard.
1230	First contact with enemy force at 364095.
1240	Coy Comd's recce.
1330	Coy Comd issues orders for attack.
1400	Pl. Comds' recce and issue orders to secs.
1430	Attack launched successfully on first objective; enemy retire 300 yds to second posn.
1435	Second pl. passes through leading pl. on to second objective, followed by Coy HQ and remaining pl.
1445	Second objective captured; consolidation ordered on both objectives.
1515	Patrols sent out.

6. INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY:

Enemy to be taken from coy doing the exercise. Coy Comd will give his own instructions to enemy and arrange for their rations.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

Battle scale of weapons and tools will be carried.

Blank amm will be drawn from QM.

Coy Comds will make their own arrangements for supply and cooking of rations in the field.

Water - Strict water discipline will be enforced.



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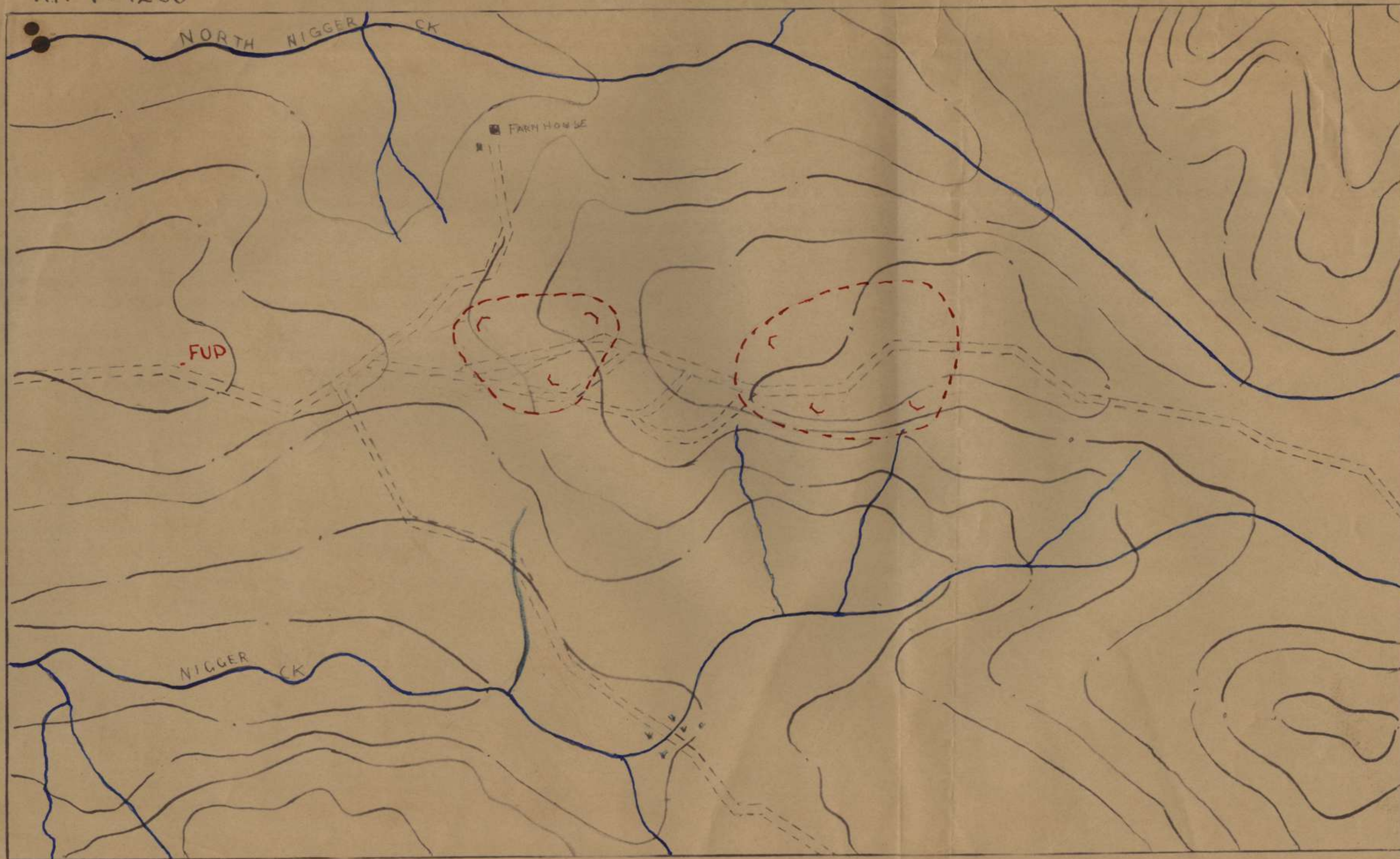
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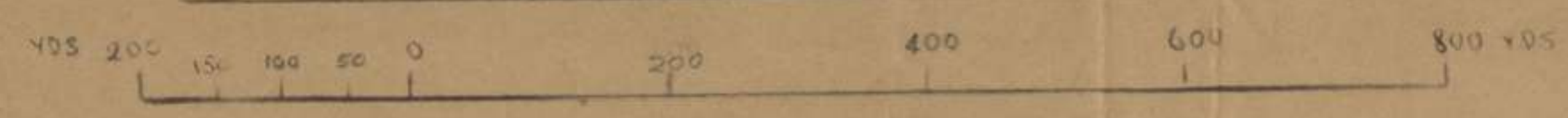
# — COY IN ATTACK —

RF. 1:7200



REF TO FARM HOUSE REF MAP HERBERTON 1/63360 338104

SCALE 1 inch to 200 yds



PRO-FORMA - WEEKLY REPORT.

A COY

appoc 25

29 Apr '44

WEEK ENDING 29 Apr 44

..... Lt. Col.  
Adjt. 217 Aust. Inf. Bn.

- "A" (a) Posted Strength 50 hrs and 120 ors
- (b) Reinforcements Required                      and 3 ors
- (c) Changes in Strength during Week Marched out S.O.S 10 ors.  
Marched in T.O.S 6 ors
- (d) Percentage of men on Normal Trg during week 85%
- (e) No. of Coy Orderly Rooms held during week. Nil
- (f) No. Remanded to C.O. Nil
- (g) Inspections carried out, with remarks : Foot - Generally good.  
Boots - Boots good - Several pairs needed.  
Arms. - Excellent
- (h) Sickness. 10 ors evacuated. 9 malaria 1 skin disease.  
4 ors returned from hospital.  
22 ors at present in hospitals in Corps Area
- "Q" (i) Deficiencies in G1098 Scale. Nil
- (j) Stores received during the week. See appx. "A" attached.
- (k) Supply of Rations GOOD.
- (l) Meals and Cookhouse. GOOD.
- (m) State of Clothing and Equipment generally within Coy. SATISFACTORY.
- (n) Special Remarks. REPRATER CIGARETTE PAPERS : ALL RANKS  
COMPLAIN BITTERLY ABOUT THESE PAPERS. RECOMMEND { TALLY-HO  
BOOMERANG  
ZIG-ZAG RICE
- "O" (n) Progress in Trg Exercises, W/Trg carried out (including night exercise and Lectures)  
Monday - 24 Apr 44 - Mal part day spent in W/Trg - consider that all personnel need recapitulation in this training.
- (o) State of Trg with Coy, fitness for Operations Standard training with Coy High - Coy fit for any operations -
- (p) Schools and courses attended and results obtained by personnel.  
As per last weeks report.

Seen Henry J. Quinn  
..... Lt. Col.  
Comd. 217 Aust. Inf. Bn.

PTO.

29 Apr 44  
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COY A

WEEK ENDING 29 APR 44

(g) Aid required for Specialist Trg - Materials, Lectures etc.

Would appreciate as much time as possible as ranges - 30' and open range - all weapons. Rifle Owen - Bren - also 2" mortar - F.V rifle - Grenade training.

GENERAL REMARKS

e.g. Discipline, outstanding NCOs and men, sport and recreation.

Information for AUSTRALIA, War Diary Notes.

Discipline in Coy - excellent.  
Morale very high.

Throughout duration of exercise all personnel displayed great interest, and at all times, showed that practical information is given, together with active enemy and good representation of what can be learnt.

Would it be possible for Cap as well as every man be provided with flares and preparation of individual grenades.

N.B. INSPECTIONS INCLUDE 1. Boots. 2. Feet. 3. Pay Books.

4. Kit and Clothing. 5. Arms and Ammo. 6. Medical & Dental.

7. Vehicles, including bicycles.

Ref. Coyce March. April 25.

Although transport supplied by HSC turned up an hour and ten minutes late, as far as show went without hitch.

Men showed keen interest and put everything they had into it and are sure uphold the good name of Bu and Bde.

Lt Col. R. Walker  
oc H Cap. Maj.

To R.Q.M. From A Coy. STORES RECEIVED FOR WEEK  
ENDING 29-4-44. APPX. "A".

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PULLTHROUGHS	9.
MUGS	12.
HOLD ALLS	2.
BRACES	2
CHIN STRAPS	14.
HAIR BRUSHES	10
SHAVING BRUSHES	5.
KNIVES	3.
BOOTS	3.
MAGS. BREN.	140.
G. SHEETS	9.
TUNIC S.D.	4.
TROUSERS S.D.	4.

Boots.  
Laces

WEEKLY REPORT

Actual Strength 4 - 121

Replacements Required 3 or 4

Changes in Strength 70.5 5  
20.5 6

% of Men On General Duty 99%

% Coy Orderly Room Nil

Equipment Carried Out 49385 - Tent - Weapon - Kit

Sickness Cold Still prevalent - 5 cases ofalaria

Supply of Rations General

Meals - Cook House Good

Stores Received During Week 75 Ben Bags - 1/2 Boots - 6 combs  
6 knives

State of Clothing Fair

Special Remarks. Boots 2/5 - 7/5 very nice - general  
sued to return from exercise because  
of boots falling to pieces.  
Blankets - Tungahon of blankets urgently needed  
the situation grim.

Progress in Army Exercises  
Good. Range practice E.Y. rifle and 2' mortar were  
needed and timely. But exercise useful in keeping  
the practiced in lessons already learnt.

State of Army Weapons  
Fit for ops. Lining exercise with ball ammo. will  
provide excellent test of fire control and effect.  
Aid Required for Specialist's Duty

Fitness for Operations - Discipline  
Fit. Excellent.

General Remarks  
Morale Excellent - some authoritative statement  
for 'above' we have would be  
appreciated by all ranks.  
little known details still up.  
opportunity this week  
'Repeate' eg. papers undoubtedly  
the honest brand on market - and  
throats result of using the work issue  
Lt Col. J. J. ...  
over B Coy.

Seen  
Henry S. Quinn  
Lt Col.  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

C Coy.

27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WEEKLY REPORT.

WEEK ENDING 29/4/44.

- A. (a) POSTED STRENGTH 5 OFF AND 115 ORS.  
(b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED — AND 8 ORS.  
(c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK:- 1 OFF 7 ORS MARCHED IN.  
9 ORS MARCHED OUT.  
(d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK:- 90%.

(e) NO. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS DURING WEEK. NIL.

(f) NO. REMANDED TO C.D. NIL.

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT.

- (i) BOOTS Weekly. good.  
(ii) FEET Weekly. fair.  
(iii) PAYBOOKS All correct.  
(iv) RESPIRATORS —  
(v) KIT & CLOTHING GENERALLY Weekly. fair.  
(vi) ARMS & AMMUNITION Daily. All correct.  
(vii) MEDICAL & DENTAL Weekly. good.  
(viii) VEHICLES INCLUDING BICYCLES. —

(h) SICKNESS. Quite good. 8 evacuations (4 Malaria)

B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN 1098 SCALE:-

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK:- 24 Ground Sheets, 27 Mugs,  
11 Chin Straps.

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS:- Have improved somewhat in the field, but are still short in camp.

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE:- Cooking of meals excellent,  
cookhouse very good.

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

Shirts & Slacks T.G. are required, present issues are showing signs of wear. Equipment good.

(F) SPECIAL REMARKS :- All ranks are complaining that the cigarette papers (Repeater) are no good. Rice papers are conspicuous by their absence.

C. (2) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES BEING CARRIED OUT (INC. NIGHT EXERCISES AND LECTURES.

Coy. was out on Dr. Exercise during week covering all phases, keenness shown by all ranks.

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY. FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS :-

Good, can do with more weapon training.

On a whole the troops are fit physically.

(c) SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED & RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL :-

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRNG. MATERIALS LECTURES ETC :-

2" Martini E.V. Rifle practices.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N.C.O & MEN. SPORTY RECREATION  
INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA. WAR DIARY REMARKS.

Coy again showed that they can play sport by beating K Coy at Rugby.

Henry J. Quinn  
OC, C. Coy.

Henry J. Quinn  
Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.



"D" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Weekly Report Week-ending 29 Apr '44.

A. (a) Passed strength 9 offers 115 @ Rs

(b) Reinforcements Required 8 @ Rs

(c) Changes in strength During Week

March<sup>ed</sup> out 1 offers 8 @ Rs

Marched in - offers 8 @ Rs

(d) Percentage of men on normal fig 82 P.b.

(e) No of boy orderly Rooms held Nil

(f) No remanded to C.C. Nil

(g) Inspections carried out

(i) Kit and clothing In good condition

(ii) Arms and Amn In good order

(h) Sickness Evacuations 2 cases of scabies,  
4 cases malaria, 1 knee

B. (a) Deficiencies in A1098 scale.

(b) Stores received during the week. List attached

(c) Supply of rations Good and fresh

(d) Meals exceptionally good, cooked in the field.

(e) State of clothing + equipment generally.

In good serviceable condition  
Seen by Henry J. Sumner

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Comd. 4/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(f) Special Remarks In the past two weeks there have been 4 cases of scabies in the coy. I am of the opinion that the blankets are the ~~source~~ source of infection. It is suggested that a disinfestore be built and all blankets disinfested.

Many complaints have been received of the inferior quality of repeated cigarette <sup>papers</sup> that are now on sale, complaints are that these papers burn the throat and cause a cough. No other brand of papers are available. Could representations be made to the A D C please to have other papers made available.

Boots are in short supply, in some cases men have only one pair of boots and that pair in need of repair, this position was brought about by the shortage of sole leather a few weeks ago when repair work was held up.

C.

(a) Progress in Trg Exercises, W/Trg carried out: One day was devoted to W/Trg and range practices (rifle). The <sup>standard of</sup> weapon Trg is good but more time must be devoted to S.M. Trg 2" Mortar and 6 Tr rifle.

A Bn exercise of 4 days duration revealed that this coy is not up to standard in field works.

(b) State of Trg within Coy fitness for operations:  
Coy fit to take the field.

(c) General Remarks: Men fit and in good health and spirits.

G. H. Thompson Major  
O C 'D' Coy

Stores Received week ending 29/4/44.

Sacs -	17	Pis -
Ground Sheets	18	-
Bombs	18	
Mugs. Enamel -	12	-
Hat	1	
H/Bush -	6	
Holdall	10	-
Braces	6	<u>Pis</u>
Boat	3	<u>Pis</u> 9/5.

N.O. Coy.

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Weekly Report - Week ended 29 April 44.

A. (a) Packed Strength: (b) Reinpts Reqd:

Pls:		
1	2. 42	nil
2	1. 28	nil
3	1. 66	nil
4	1. 33	nil
5	1. 41	nil
6	1. 26	nil
2pt	1. 20	nil
END.	1. 7	nil

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ATTD:		
AAAC	40.	nil
REME	3.	nil
AAPS	1.	nil
AAML	2.	nil
AAOC	1.	
	<u>47.</u>	

(c) Marched In:

- x Keep : 9
- x School : 5
- x Detm. : 1-1.
- x lost : 1.

Marched Out:

- Caac: 6.
- 6 Piv
- Keep: 1.
- AAALAD: 1.
- Dist:
- Bde: 4.
- 1 Aust
- Coast: 1.

(a) 1, 2, 3 & 4 pls - 3 days field exercises  
Remainder - Camp duties & construction work

(c) nil.

(d) nil.

(g) Inspections carried out as per BSO

(h) Total attending Sick Parade - 34  
Evacuations 6 - (Malaria)  
General complaints - colds, sprains  
various ailments.

- B. (a) As notified to P.M.  
(b) As per appendix A attd.  
(c) Fair - meals on exercise quite good.  
(d) Satisfactory  
(e) Satisfactory.

C. Schools & Courses: 2 SIGS from Bde  
108 Schools and 1 from Lineaments  
course returned during week. No  
results yet to hand.

Henry D. Quinn

..... Lt. Col.  
Comd. 7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

General. Morale good, discipline good  
Sporting activities restricted by fog by  
training for new equipment for exercises.  
Commander Capt.