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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	1 JUN 42		The GOC left for MOORA with the GSO1 to set an exercise for 13 Bde Gp. They recced as far west as HILL RIVER Bend and	
			decided on the scope of the exercise. At SMF HQ they met the BGS and got his approval for the SMF to act as enemy.	
	2 JUN 42		The GOC and GSO1 set out for JURIEN BAY guided by the I.O.,	
			SMF, and reached the South end of the BAY. They selected the scenes of action for the exercise en route. They then headed	
			for NORTH HEAD over a very bad track. Returning to MOORA in the evening.	
			The GOC was advised by telegram that the Medical Board had found that Brig CHRISTIE, CRA, medically unfit.	
	3 JUN 42		The GOC and GSO1 visited SMF HQ and outlined the scope of the	
			exercise to Col GARNER and arranged for umpires. Returning to MOORA the GOC checked up on the res ration dump with the	
			NCO i/c SRH and found that there was 12 days sup in the area. On his return to GUILDFORD the GOC was advised that Col TEELE	
			38 Bn, had also been found medically unfit. Amendments to Location Statement issued.	(See Appx)
	4 JUN 42		Disturbed at the petrol consumption in the Div the GOC rang	
			Brig LANGLEY whose Bde showed the Highest consumption. The GOC advised the Bde Comd that he was sending an offr down to	
			co-operate with him in an investigation. A plan for M Mob Bath Unit to be manufactured locally at cost	
			of about £350, delivery 16 weeks, was submitted by DADOS (E). This was a hopeless proposition and the GOC refused approval.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 4 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	4 JUN 42		He instructed DADOS to go ahead with a "bush" shower scheme.	
			He estimates the cost of local purchases at not more than £100 The Corps Comd approved verbally of this.	
			Amendts to Location Statement issued.	(See Appx)
			L.O. visited 3 Aust Corps to arrange Air Co-operation for Bde	
			Exercise to take place on 15 JUN.	
			The GOC dealt with the suggested amendments to WE and WETs	
			of HQ Div and Bde, Fd Regt, Inf Bn, Fd Coy and Fd Amb. Divs	
			recommendations were submitted tc Corps late in the afternoon.	
			Maj ASHKANASY called and discussed various matters concerning	
			offrs with the GOC. His scheme for controlling amenities, as	
			published in a recent Corps Order were discussed and disagreed	
			with in almost every respect.	
			The Corps Comd showed the GOC his equipment for producing	
			battle noises and agreed to its use in the 13 Bde Exercise,	
			details of which were submitted by the GOC. The Corps Comd	
			approved of publicity to the exercise.	
			The Corps Comd agreed to PERTH leave for tps in MOORA and the	
			AQ was instructed to prepare a plan, to commence immediately	
			with Brig MacKENZIE.	
			The GOC arranged with the BGS, 3 Corps, to take up in MELB	
			during his proposed visit the cases of offrs for which Div	
			had asked but which had not yet been supplied.	
	5 JUN 42		The GOC witnessed an exercise in which 2/11 Bn, having landed	
			on a beach and pressed inland, were opposed by 5 Bn. 2/11 Bn	
			won easily. There is some good material in 5 Bn but more	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 5 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	5 JUN 42		tng and vigorous leadership is necessary. The GOC commented	
			on the weaknesses he noticed after the umpires and Brig LANGLEY had criticised the exercise.	
			3 Corps issued an order to SMF, repeated to 4 Div and 13 Bde, giving SMF control of MOORA and authority to draw picquets	
			from Units in the area. This arose out of complaints of misbehaviour of tps. On protest both by the GOC and Brig MacKENZIE	
			the order was cancelled immediately by Corps. It was a particularly "raw" piece of Staff work.	
			The ADMS returned from GERALDTON and confirmed the infm already fwded to the GOC that both Brig CHRISTIE and Lt Col TEELE	
			were medically unfit.	
			Col RAU went to Corps and amplified the Divs report on reductions	
			in WE and WETs for tropical warfare.	
			The Corps Comd and Col CLELAND were entertained at dinner in	
			"A" Mess.	
			Location Statement issued	(See Appx)
			G3(CW) conducted experiments in conjunction with RAE with a view to using Lime as a tng expedient for contaminating an	
			area. Very successful.	
	6 JUN 42		The GOC saw the same exercise as on the previous day with 5 Bn attacking and 2/11 Bn defending. The latter were again too	
			good although some good work was done by 5 Bn.	
			The GOC settled the outline of the GERALDTON Exercise (29 JUN-2 JUL) with GSO1, approved of the final details for the MOORA Exercise,, gave the GSO1 outline of orgzn of coy and Bn coins	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 6 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	6 JUN 42		for mob ops and also the outline of a tng instn f r four weeks commencing 29 JUN.	
			The GOC approved the draft of the appreciation of the 6 Bde problem in GERALDTON which was based on the recent tactical	
			recce there, by himself and the Senr Staff Offr. A copy is to go to Corps.	
	7 JUN 42		The GOC called Lt Col JONES, Comd 107 A.Tk Regt, to Div HQ	
			discussed with him the management and control of the Regt, and expressed his complete dissatisfaction with the efficiency of	
			the Unit. He ordered the Comd to take a much more active part in the control and tng of his Comd.	
			Brig CHRISTIE was told by the GOC of the Medical Boards report Brig CHRISTIE asked that his experience and knowledge be used	
			in some other capacity, and strongly recommended Col RAU as his successor.	
			Capt CUNNEEN G3(I) and Lt DRAPER (I.O) returned after conducting "I" School at MELVILLE.	
	8 JUN 42		The GOC left for GERALDTON to see 6 Bde tng and also to get	
			the Bde exercise to be conducted 29 JUN - 2 JUL. En route he called at NARNGULU and met Col LILLEY.	
			On arrival at GERALDTON the GOC discussed a number of matters including :	
			(a) immediate overhaul of his coast watching arrangements between DONGARRA and GERALDTON and the submission of a definite plan,	
			(b) The recommendation for the appointment of Maj HONNER (2/11 Bn) to comd 38 Bn.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 8 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	8 JUN 42		The GOC was given a tng programme for the two following days.	
			The work was mainly competitive exercises. G1 held conference of staff to discuss 13 Aust Inf Bde Exercise.	
	9 JUN 42		The GOC saw a Coy exercise of 32 Bn. It was well conceived	
			and the plan of attack was sound but the defence was poor. It was too passive and ignored some essential ground. Unfortunate-	
			ly the attack was not driven home conclusively - a rather general weakness. The Bn Offrs looked much neater and cleaner	
			on this occasion than on the GOC's previous visit. The afternoon was spent by the GOC ON THE SETTING OF THE Bde	
			exercise and at night he dicussed with Col LEFROY the part of 19 Grn Bn as enemy. The GOC also took up with him and with	
			the Bde the reorgzn of GERALDTON defences to cover the two 4" guns now in posn. The GOC met Col SMITH, Comd GD, there and	
			debated the site for these guns 4" . Col SMITH contended that the site for the guns was the only one but his view was that	
			the guns would be used against ships, not against small landing craft as indicated by CCRA.	
			The GOC delivered to Brig FREEMAN the Div appreciation of his role, based on the recent recce by himself and his Senior	
			Staff Offrs. G3(I) prepares Umpires for 13 Aust Inf Bde exercise.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 10 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILFORD	10 JUN 42		The GOC saw a coy versus coy exercise of 14 Bn in pouring rain	
			One coy did well but the other was slow and a little unfortunate in its umpiring as unnecessary casualties were inflicted. The	
			morale of the tps, despite adverse weather conditions, was pleasing.	
			Brig FREEMAN and Col WATSON expressed the opinion to the GOC that better AIF enlsitments will be possible when clear cut	
			conditions become available.	
			The GOC reached Div HQ late in the afternoon and learned that	
			the C-in-C had agreed to Col RAU as CRA.	
			He also received from Corps a note praising the Divs apprec-	
			iation of the GERALDTON problem, stating that (a) 25 Recce Bn could not be made available for Northern flank protection,	
			(b) a clearer definition of local air support would be issued and (c) that the other coy of 19 Grn Bn could not be relieved	
			yet at ALBANY.	
			Air Raid Alert, False Alarm.	
	11 JUN 42		The GOC saw the Corps Comd and passed on recommendations for	
			Col RAU'S appointment as CRA and the appointment of Maj HONNER as Comd 38 Bn vice Col TEELE.	
			He also discussed at length with the Corps Comd the following matters :	
			(a) AIF enlistments - The Corps Comd agreed that no further action be taken until the BGS returned from MELBOURNE	
			(b) The MOORA exercise and the use of the noise apparatus	
			(c) The immediate relief of Brig CHRISTIE as CRA with Col RAU acting temporarly - this was approved.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 11 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	11 JUN 42		(d) Amenities - The Corps Comd agreed to delete the personal record of issues and returns as laid down in Corps Orders. (e) Orgzn of mob coy and Bn coins - The GOC advised the Corps Comd of the Divs preliminary work in this respect. (f) Sickness within the Div - It is now 2%. (g) Purchase of GERMAN Dial Sights if suitable - the Corps Comd agreed. (h) The medical unfitness of Lt-Col CLOUGH, 3 Fd Regt. The GOC also talked with the Corps Comd about combined ops and it was agreed that there should be a conference with Navy and Air Force representatives to get down to a common working framework. The GOC intimated that he would submit a series of recommendations. This was done subsequently. The GOC was given preliminary advice concerning the Governor-General's visit in JULY - about 14 JULY. Brig LANGLEY informed the GOC that 6 Bn were settling down under Maj EGAN and did well in their Beach exercise. 5 Bn did better work in a repotition of their exercise.	
	12 JUN 42		The GOC relieved Brig CHRISTIE of duty as CRA and put Col RAU in that job in anticipation of approval. The GOC approved of the final details of Div HQ Standing Orders and of the MOORA exercise. A draft of the GERALDTON exercise was passed by the GOC to GSO1 to work on, and the tng instn for four weeks commencing 29 JUN was approved.	

D.3453/3.39.—C. 4768.

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 12 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	12 JUN42		Colonel RAU told the GOC of the result of his investigations into MT control and petrol consumption. It was clear that much had yet to be done to tighten up. Colonel RAU grounded each veh for one day weekly for mtce and permanently grounded all vehs without working speedometers until repairs were effected. Investigations are proceeding with the object of reducing petrol consumption to 20,000 gals a week maximum.	
			Staff for Jnr Offrs School 4 Aust Div appointed, Capt HALVARSEN C.I.	
	13 JUN 42		The GOC saw a river crossing exercise of 2/11 Bn using assault and recce boats. The boats were well handled but there was too much noise in assembling them.	
			The GSO1 and Umpires left for MOORA on the 13 Bde exercise. The Corps Comd noise apparatus was tried out by the GOC at Div HQ.	
			The GOC also visited Maj EGAN, 6 Bn, who is settling down in his job and is hopeful of producing results.	
	14 JUN 42		The GOC replied to Maj ASHKANASEY'S draft of amendments to the Amenities Order agreeing with them but pointing out that they did not go far enough. He raised again his objections to Audits and Returns.	
			The GOC ascertained that 6 Bde were still committing people to detention in GERALDTON gaol despite orders which he gave to the contrary some time previously. He telephoned Brig FREEMAN to have the men removed immediately and to erect his own compound.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 14 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	14 JUN 42		ADOS was warned by GOC that the cost of the "bush" showers and heating arrangement designed by Div Ord Wkshp must be kept to not more than £100. The GOC went to MOORA in the afternoon and conferred with GSO1 there concerning the opening stages of the exercise for 13 Bde Gp.	
			Tng Instn No 9 issued	(See Appx)
	15 JUN 42			
	16 JUN 42		A Coy 10 Recce Bn relieved by B Coy 25 Recce Bn	
	17 JUN 42		For the past three days the Div Comd and Steff lived in the fd and watched the progress of 13 Bde Gp exercises. It proved a great disappointment. On the second day of the exercise the Corps Comd arrived to see the exercise but at this stage it was at its worst. One big factor which emerged from the exercise was that a new rd to JURIEN BAY was absolutely essential if the Div were to maintain any strength in that area. The GOC left the CRE in the area to make a complete recce and to submit a plan. A request by the Div Comd to the Corps Comd to relieve Lt-Col JAMES of Comd of the 11 Bn because of the poor standard of his work was refused. It is clear that only drastic measures will have any effect in improving conditions in this 13 Bde.	
	18 JUN 42		The GOC saw the Corps Comd and asked for reconsideration of his proposals regarding 1 eave for 13 Bde but the request was not granted.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 18 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	18 JUN 42		The Corps Comd told the GOC that the Div could act on advice from the BGS in MELBOURNE and the statement of the Army Minister	
			in the Newspapers that if more than 80% of a Unit enlisted in the AIF it would be come an AIF Unit. The GOC intends therefore	
			to prepare consolidated instns on this question and push on with the enlistments.	
			As a result of advice received from the Corps Comd the GOC cancelled relief of 6 Bde by 2 Bde. The matter was discussed	
			with Brig LANGLEY personally. Authority to send several,Offrs adversely reported upon in	
			their Bns to NORTHAM is to be issued by Corps. This will get them away from their Bns where they are no longer doing useful	
			work. The GOC was advised that Col BAXTER-COX is probably to come to	
			WA to comd the trg and reinft depot. Advice was also received that 109 A.Tk Regt would replace 107	
			Regt, the latter being converted to an AA Regt. The change over is to be completed as mutually agreed between the CCRA and the GOC.	
			The BGS stated that the Divs recommendations for the reorgzn of Bns for service in tropical country had been adopted by a	
			LHQ conference almost in toto. The GOC pressed again for immediate change in the est of the Inf Bn to cut out MGs in	
			carriers. The BGS promised to take it up. A promise was received from the BGS of five of the candidates	
			now at Staff School, AUST, for appointments within the Div. Corps is pressing hard for reinfts for 2 and 6 Bdes to come	
			from VICTORIA immediately they can move as formed bodies instead of waiting for 3 months.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 18 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	18 JUN 42		Based on the GOC's investigations the posn respecting MT spares in PERTH is fairly good and better than was thought. The GOC	
			also learnt that L of C Ordnance had not placed requisitions on MELBOURNE for two months and such things as tents, bty	
			chargers, etc, which the Div wanted urgently were available there. Some are now coming fwd.	
			The GOC warned Brig LANGLEY of a possible move by his Bde.	
	19 JUN 42		The GOC interviewed instrs of the Jnr Offrs School and laid down principles.	
			The GOC arranged with Col CLELAND to have Capt SHANAHAN loaned to 14 Bn as 2 i/c pending recommendation for appointment as	
			such.	
			A memo was sent to Corps outlining 6 Bde exercise and seeking approval for air co-operation and other things. Messages, SITREPS, etc, were prepared for the exercise and umpires	
			decided upon.	
			Proposed fixtures on carriers for 3" Mortars, which 13 Bde supplied to the GOC were inspected on by ADOS favorably & were supplied to 2 Bde for consideration.	
			The GOC confirmed the following two points with the BGS :	
			(a) where more than 90% of a unit enlists AIF, the Unit will be transferred,	
			(b) so far as can possibly be guaranteed, NCOs enlisting AIF retain their rank.	
			The offrs who umpired 13 Bde exercise conferred this morning and decided on their reports.	
			The GOC met Maj-Gens STEVEN and SIMPSON on their arrival in PERTH by plane.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 19 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	19 JUN 42		Col BARRETT (GI) left to attend RAAF School of Army Co-operation at CANBERRA.	
			Brig LANGLEY appointed as Chief Umpire for 6 Aust Inf Bde Exercise.	
	20 JUN 42		A detailed report on 13 Bde exercise was fwded to Corps and copies for each Bde were also despatched.	
			Consolidated instns regarding enlistment in the AIF were issued to all Units with a covering letter requiring comds to give the matter personal attention.	
			Col BARRETT and Brig McKENZIE left by air for the Air Co-operation School at CANBERRA.	
			3 Aust Corps issued instns about laying and marking of minefields These are practically as suggested by Div. The CRE is reviewing the final details.	
			Advice was received from 3 Aust Corps of the allotment of two 18 pdr guns for beach defence in the GERALDTON area. The orders specified that these guns are to remain mobile but no veh to draw them has been allotted.	
			DDMS, Corps, and ADMS saw the DA & QMG, after a discussion with the GOC to secure a local variation of X-list procedure designed to ensure that men sent to CCS, HOLLAWA, would not be placed on the X-list until evacuated to Base Hospital.	
			Reports were received of one, and then 3 enemy submarines approaching GERALDTON. Later these were discounted.	
			Gen SIMPSON, Sig Offr in Chief, dined with the GOC who impressed him with the need for bty charging sets.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 20 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	20 JUN 42		Amendment to Tng Instn No 9 issued " " Location Statement issued	(See Appx) (" ")
	21 JUN 42		**4 Aust Div Tng Instn No 10 issued** General STEELE, Engr in Chief, called on the GOC and discussed various problems of interest. Draft details for the composition of a mobile En coln, including supporting arms, were prepared and approved by the GOC. Gen STEELE indicated that an additional allotment of 1000 miles of fd cable was being made to WA. The importance of removing the telephone carrier terminal apparatus on the PERTH-GERALDTON circuits to a place outside GERALDTON was again stressed. The GOC made a recce of the ARMADALE) CANNING DAM - KALAMUNDA AREA. Details of the 6 Bde exercise to commence on 29 JUN were issued to all concerned. Film on SYRIAN Campaign shown to tps.	(" ")
	22 JUN 42		The GOC instructed the CRE to prepare detailed specifications for the erection of the low wire obstacles recently tried out. These are more suitable for use in scrub country. The CRE was told to carefully check over the Corps instn on minefds as a prelude to the issue of the instn throughout the Div, and also to prepare a syllabus covering instn in minelaying for the whole Div. Col CLELAND advised that Col RAU'S appointment as CRA is being held up by the MGRA despite the fact that Gen BLAMEY has already approved of it. The efficiency of the Div is suffering as a result of the impossibility of getting anything done in the matter of appointments.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 ARMD BDE *Date and Time.—From* 22 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	22 JUN 42		At 1415 hrs the GOC received advice that 11 Bn and 34 A.Tk Bty had refused duty and were demanding more leave. The GOC rang	
			Col JAMES who Comds 11 Bn and is also acting Bde Comd. He confirmed the report and the GOC ordered him to parade his men	
			immediately and tell the men frankly the seriousness of their action. He was instructed to report back to the GOC. The GOC	
			then informed the Corps Comd of his action and later received a call from the BGS. A further call was put through by the	
			GOC at 1715 hrs and Col JAMES reported that he had paraded the Bn, told them bluntly the posn and ordered his Coy Comds to	
			march the men off to trg. All except 220 OR moved. These again refused duty. Col JAMES said he proposed to march the Bn out	
			on trg tomorrow and if the 220 men still refused duty he would take disciplinary action. The GOC instructed him to contact	
			the Bn Comds and to impress on them to take a firm control of	
			their units. The GOC then advised the Corps Comd of the Posn.	
			During the day the GOC tried on three occasions to get a decision on the arrangement of leave trains and finally a decision was promised by 0030 hrs tomorrow.	
			A warning order placing 13 Bde Gp on 12 hrs notice to move to	
			the BROOME-DERBY area was received from Corps HQ at 2000 hrs. Message received placing Div HQ on 12 hrs notice to move.	
	23 JUN 42		In reply to a call by the GOC at 0900 hrs Col JAMES advised	
			that all men were again on duty. He was asked to arrange a meeting of all unit comds at his HQ at 1330 hrs.	
			The GOC learned from another source of a general feeling of irritation throughout 13 Bde about leave and also feeding arrangements during the recent exercises. A lack of confidence	
			on the part of the men, it was suggested, would possibly have a great affect on AIF enlistments.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 23 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	23 JUN 42		At the meeting of unit comds in MOORA it became clear that all the trouble originated in 11 Bn but that 16 Bn was likely to become affected. The GOC learnt to his astonishment that no leave had been given since 12 MAY as it was considered to be an interference with trg. This was definitely an adm blunder. The GOC also learnt that 16 and 28 Bns had pulled down camps when the order placing the units under 12 hrs notice was received - another example of poor adm. The GOC did the following things : (a) Impressed on each comd the necessity for firmly controlling their men. (b) told them of the leave arrangements commencing on 27 JUN (c) agreed to go up on 25 JUN and address each unit (d) impressed on them the necessity for paying far more attention to their adm. (e) promised to help Col JAMES in the matter of offrs (f) Steadied down the [illegible] "flap" which had commenced when the previous nights order had been received. The posn regarding offrs in 11 bn is obviously serious. On his return to GUILFORD the GOC discussed all details of 13 Bde move with Heads of Services and told them to prepare plans to send the Bde Gp away with all vital equipment even it meant robbing others but the GOC stressed that no move was to be made until he ordered, either of equipment or personnel. The GOC took up with ADOS the need for boot heels for 2/11 Bn and "bush" showers for all. He concurred in the recommendation that no heating arrangements for these showers should be manufactured but that details be supplied to Bdes. The GOC also followed up the question of spare parts for M Cs (30 in 13 Bde are grounded) and received an assurance that this matter was well in hand and that the posn would improve very shortly.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 23 JUL 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	23 JUN 42		The GOC visited 13 Bde MDS and was not impressed by its neatness or cleanliness and told the ADMS so. He instructed the CRE to press on with essential repairs there. The new ORGZN now adopted by Div ASC was discussed with Col LANE, also the question of meat waggons. Construction of the latter is being held up by the shortage of iron but this is being followed up vigorously. ADOS was asked by the GOC to investigate the possibility of getting some smaller hotbox for bns. They only have Coy size boxes which are too big for feeding in the fd during ops or tactical exercises.	
	24 JUN 42		The GOC visited the Corps Comd. Brig ANDERSON and Col CLELAND were present during the ensuing discussion on the trouble in 13 Bde. He made the following recommendations : (a) replace 11 Bn in 13 Bde by 44 Bn (b) send Brig LANGLEY to Comd 13 Bde temporarily and put Brig McKENZIE to comd 2 Bde to give the latter a fresh viewpoint, (c) replace 14 Bn in 13 Bde by 2/11 Bn to stabilise the Bde The GOC pointed out that 13 Bde adm was poor, that it had got into a rut, and that all present trouble was centred in 11 Bn which was weak in offrs. The above recommendations were not agreed with by Corps Comd who instructed the Div Comd to leave the exisitng organisation stand, and to concentrate 13 Bde Gp at Bellevue. If the move to ERGOLE did not eventuate, leave was to be given. Notes on JAP Combined Ops issued Div HQ now on 24 hrs notice to move	See Appx 4

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 24 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
GUILDFORD	24 JUN 42		The Corps Comd approved the following after a lengthy discussion: (a) Brig LANGLEY to assume Comd temporarily of 13 Bde until Brig MacKENZIE returns and has one week's leave; (b) no change in constitution of Bde Gp at present; (c) 13 Bde to concentrate immediately in BELLEVUE Camp, 2 Bde moving to MOORA; (d) if there is no operational move northwards of 13 Bde, it is to return to MOORA in one month and 6 Bde be brought to BELLEVUE; (e) leave to be given to 13 Bde on arrival - whole units having leave at a time at the GOC's discretion; (f) spare AIF offrs at NORTHAM to be sent on loan to 11 Bn; (g) camp for one Bn to be established in PERTH area for units located in the country, thus affording the men the opportunity of a break; (h) BELLEVUE camp to be available to 4 Div for two months. Orders were issued immediately afterwards for 2 and 13 Bdes to move and Brig LANGLEY was given his instns respecting the comd, tng and adm of 13 Bde Gp on arrival here.	
	25 JUN 42		The move of 2/11 Bn from BELLEVUE and 16 Bn from MOORA commenced on time. The GOC interviewed CRE about mine-laying instn and directed that a clear and definite drill be laid down before courses were commenced. This drill was to aim at minimising the danger to personnel and reducing the personnel in each danger area.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 25 JUN 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUILDFORD	25 JUN 42		The GOC indicated, as a guide, that the local pattern mine was to be armed at the point at which it was to be laid.	
			The CRE presented his report on the MOORA - JURIEN BAY Rd to the GOC, who concurred in it and sent it on to the Corps Comd.	
			The BGS gave approval by telephone for work to commence including the hiring of rd plant from MOORA Rd Board.	
			The GOC discussed with Capt STREADER, Acting Amenities Offr at Div, the whole question of amenities, the appointment of offrs as Amenities Offrs with Bdes and the orgzn of concert parties. All these things are well in hand. Interviews with prospective Bde AOs and auditions for concert parties have been arranged to commence almost immediately.	
			Notes on Combined JAP Ops issued	
			Standing Orders 4 Aust Div issued	See Attached ^
			2 & 13 Aust Inf Bde Gps commence change over of Locations	
	26 JUN 42		The GOC proceeded to GERALDTON to direct the 6 Bde exercise which was to conclude on 2 JUL.	
			Directing Staff for 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp Exercise proceeded to GERALDTON.	
	28 JUN 42		More lights seen in DONGARRA Area.	
	29 JUN 42		Lt Col SANDOVER appointed to administer Comd of 2 Aust Inf Bde Gp while Brig LANGLEY is comd the 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp.	
	30 JUN 42		2 & 13 Aust Inf Bde Gps change over complete.	

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Adm Comd 4 Aust Div

4 AUST DIV

AMENDMENT TO LOCATION STATEMENT 4 AUST DIV : CORRECT TO 1300 HRS 3 JUN 42

SERIAL	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
13 AUST INF BDE.				
37	HQ 13 AUST INF BDE	ES58/80	177234	
38	"L" SEC SIGS 4 DIV	"	"	
39	13 BDE DEF PL	"	"	
40	279 LAD	"	"	
41	3 FD REGT (less one tp)	"	230216	
42	"G" SEC SIGS 4 DIV	"	"	
43	221 LAD	"	"	
44	34 BTY 109 A TK REGT	"	141240	
45	13 FD COY)Less one sec)	"	146240	
46	11 BN	"	205246	
47	16 BN	"	195244	
48	28 BN	"	220220	
49	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	151240	
50	13 FD AMB (less one sec)	"	199221	
51	103 IND BDE GP ORD WKSHOP	"	199247	
52	103 IND BDE GP ORD FD PK	"	"	
53	13 BDE PRO PL	"	177234	
54	DET 4 DIV POST UNIT	"	053194	
55	ONE SEC 121 RES MT COY	"	205245	

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4 AUST DIV

AMENDMENT TO LOCATION STATEMENT 4 AUST DIV : CORRECT TO 0900 HRS 4 JUN 42

SERIAL	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
13 AUST INF BDE.				
37	HQ 13 AUST INF BDE	ES58/80	177234	
38	"L" SEC SIGS 4 DIV	"	177233	
39	13 BDE DEF PL	"	177232	
40	279 LAD	"	177231	
41	3 FD REGT (less one bty)	"	227216	
42	"G" SEC SIGS 4 DIV	"	"	
43	221 LAD	"	"	
44	34 BTY 109 A TK REGT	"	145238	
45	13 FD COY (less one sec)	"	146241	
46	11BN	"	198245	
47	16 BN	"	193241	
48	28 BN	"	226223	
49	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	149239	
50	13 FD AMB (less one sec)	"	281201	
51	108 IND BDE GP ORD WKSHP	"	199247	
52	108 IND BDE GP ORD FD PK	"	"	
53	13 BDE PRO PL	"	177233	
54	DET 4 DIV POST UNIT	"	177232	
55	ONE SEC 121 RES MT COY	"	202247	

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT

Correct to 1800 hrs 5 JUN 42. This cancels all previous Statements as per 3 AUST CORPS SG1/1/19

32R NO	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
1	HQ 4 AUST DIV	PERTH 1"	974536	
2	4 AUST DIV SEC INT CORPS	"	"	
3	4 AUST DIV FD SY SEC	"	"	
4	14 DEF & EMP PL	"	"	
5	HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV	"	977537	
6	HQ,26&23 BTYS 107 A TK REGT	MUNDARING 1"	035515	BELLEVUE CAMP NO 10
7	267 LAD	"	"	" " " "
8	HQ RAE 4 AUST DIV	PERTH 1"	973536	
9	56 FD PK COY	FREMANTLE TNG AREA	975525	
10	285 LAD	" "	"	
11	SIGS 4 AUST DIV(less 6 Secs)	MUNDARING 1"	026526	BELLEVUE CAMP NO 8
12	235 LAD	"	"	" " " "
13	HQ AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	032520	" " " 9
14	4 AUST DIV SUP COLM)	"	"	" " " "
15	" " " PET COY)less dets	"	"	" " " "
16	" " " AMN COY)	"	"	" " " "
17	4 FD HYG SEC	PERTH 1"	974536	
18	55 DIV ORD WKSHOP) less dets	FREMANTLE 1"	052591	MELVILLE CAMP NO 3
19	" " " FD PK)	"	"	" " " "
20	7 MOB LAUN & DECN UNIT	-	-	Not yet formed
21	110 MOB BATH UNIT	-	-	" " " "
22	9 SALV UNIT	MUNDARING 1"	023583	BELLEVUE CAMP NO 6
23	4 AUST DIV POST UNIT (less dets)	PERTH 1"	974536	
24	4 FD CASH OFFICE	"	"	
25	4 PRO COY (less dets)	MUNDARING 1"	026526	BELLEVUE CAMP NO 8

2 AUST INF BDE GP

26	HQ 2 AUST INF BDE	MUNDARING 1"	026546	SCHOOL BELLEVUE
27	I SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	"	WENDY HOUSE BELLEVUE
28	2 AUST INF BDE DEF PL	"	026547	" " "
29	268 LAD	"	"	" " "
30	10 FD REGT (less 37 Bty)	"	023583	CAMP NO 6 TCODYAY RD
31	E SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	"	" " "
32	215 LAD	"	"	" " "
33	25 BTY 107 A TK REGT	"	047538	CAMP NO 10 GREENMONT NTH
34	2 FD COY	"	045533	CAMP NO 14 GREENMONT STH
35	5 BN	"	037592	CAMP NO 5 JANE BROOK W
36	6 BN	"	054587	CAMP NO 3 " " E
37	2/11 BN	"	045592	CAMP NO 4 " "
38	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	004534	CAMP NO 9 BUSHMEAD
39	2 FD AMB	"	044554	CAMP NO 2
40	2 AUST INF DE SEC 55 DIV ORD WKSHOP	FREMANTLE 1"	787345	CAMP NO 3 MELVILLE
41	" " " " " " " " FD PK	"	"	" " "
42	" " " " " PRO COY	MUNDARING 1"	026547	WENDY HOUSE BELLEVUE
43	" " " " " FD POST OFFICE	"	"	" " "
44	24 BTY 15 F REGT	"	023583	CAMP NO 6 TCODYAY RD

6 AUST INF BDE GP

SER NO	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
45	HQ 6 AUST INF BDE	GERALDTON 1"	263433	
46	"K" SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	264434	
47	6 AUST INF BDE DEF PL	"	"	
48	269 LAD	"	"	
49	15 FD REGT (less 24 Bty)	"	263432	
50	"F" SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	"	
51	218 LAD	"	"	
52	27 BTY 107 A TK REGT	"	266477	
53	A COY 10 RECCE BN	DONGARRA 1"	287376	
54	6 FD COY	GERALDTON 1"	267432	
55	14 BN	"	259427	
56	32 BN	"	263432	
57	38 BN	"	256442	
58	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	275437	SRH - NORTHERN GULLY
59	"D" SEC 121 RES MT COY	"	273436	
60	6 FD AMB	"	260433	MDS - 278440 ADS - 253435
61	6 AUST INF BDE SEC 55 DIV ORD WKSHOP	"	278443	
62	" " " " " " " " FD PK	"	"	
63	" " " " " PRO COY	"	264434	
64	" " " " " FD POST OFFICE	"	"	
65	HQ TP 3 LT AA REGT	"	262432	
66	19 GRN BN	"	252437	33 SNOWDEN STREET GERALDTON
67	37 BTY 10 FD REGT	"	259443	

13 AUST INF BDE

68	HQ 13 AUST INF BDE	E556/80	177234	
69	"L" SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	177233	
70	13 AUST INF BDE DEF PL	"	177232	
71	279 LAD	"	191222	
72	3 FD REGT (less one tp)	"	227216	
73	"G" SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	"	
74	221 LAD	"	"	
75	34 BTY 109 A TK REGT	"	145238	
76	13 FD COY(less one sec)	"	146241	
77	11 BN	"	198245	
78	16 BN	"	193241	
79	28 BN	"	226223	
80	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	149239	
81	13 FD AMB (less one sec)	"	281201	
82	108 IND BDE GP ORD WKSHOP	"	197247	
83	" " " " FD PK	"	195247	
84	13 AUST INF BDE PRO PL	"	177233	
85	" " " " FD POST OFFICE	"	177232	
86	A & C SECS 121 RES MT COY	"	202247	

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HQ 4 AUST DIV

13 JUN 42

4 AUST DIV EXE INSTS NO 9

PART 1 - GENERAL

1. OBJECT

During the four weeks commencing 29 JUN 42 the tng of bdes and att tps will be designed as follows:-

(a) 2 and 6 Aust Inf Bdes

(i) to study op roles in new areas
(ii) to afford comds further opportunities to practise control of their units under op conditions.
(iii) to continue to improve physical fitness
(iv) to smarten up appearance and tighten up discipline
(v) to give initial instn in the various aspects of Combined Ops.

(b) 13 Aust Inf Bde

(i) to practise the lessons learnt during recent bde exercises.
(ii) to intensify specialist tng of pls of HQ Coy.
(iii) to tone up physical condition.
(iv) to give initial instn in the various aspects of Combined Ops.

(c) Att Tps

As for the respective bdes to which they are att, except where required for technical tng in accordance with instns issued separately by CRA and similar comds.

(d) [illegible] Tps not in Bde Gps

In general conformity with the above and in accordance with instns issued separately by the respective comds.

2. RECCES

(a) All bdes will carry out detailed recces of areas affecting their op roles to obtain a detailed knowledge of the country and particularly to secure infm which may be valuable in the event of op or adm moves. The infm obtained will be collated by bdes and fwded to HQ. A handy and easily followed form of recce report in this regard is the style as followed by the latest military discoveries. The infm being placed with an index and map of the area in a manilla folder. Where practicable this style of report will be prepared and fwded. Bdes must not however build up unnecessary records and, where detailed recce reports are already available, they should merely be confirmed on the gd.

(b) In regard to recces generally instn will be given to all offrs regarding the necessity to make a recce plan and, before setting out, to know where exactly they are going, what to look for and the questions that are to be answered. This subject is dealt with in FSFB 3 and 12 and ATM IX Appx B.

3. PHYSICAL FITNESS

(a) 2 and 6 Aust Inf Bdes will include one exercise involving a march of 30 miles in not more than 2 days for further hardening. This should be at the latter end of the period when better weather may be anticipated.

(b) 13 Aust Inf Bde will concentrate on exercises and

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competitions requiring short sharp bursts instead of long marches in order to tone up the physical condition.

4. TNG OF COMDS

Opportunity will be taken to train 2 i/cs in the duty of comd of their unit or sub-unit. One exercise in each bn will be conducted with the bn 2 i/c as comd and the CO acting as 2 i/c. Coy 2 i/cs will be given similar opportunities.

5. SEC TNG

Para 25 of this instn contains notes on sec organisation. All units will arrange exercises in sec tng on the lines suggested.

6. COMBINED OPS

Attention is drawn to 3 Aust Corps Tng Instn No 1 issued down to bdes. Tng in Combined Ops during the four weeks covered by this instn will incl : -

(a) Offrs

(i) Lectures and tutorial discussions on Combined Ops
(ii) Cloth model exercises
(iii) Att of senior offrs and staff offrs to other services as arranged by 4 Aust Div
(iv) study of problems connected with combined ops by arms and services.

(b) OR

(i) elementary tng in mvt after beach landing
(ii) practice of beach organization with eqpt available in present tng area.

(c) Tactical

Tactical exercises with tps, having a beach landing as their starting point. 13 Bde will, of course, have to select an area to simulate a beach.

(d) Recces

Survey of resources within tng areas for practical tng in beach landings.

Div will fwd text books and notes on Combined Ops as soon as they become available.

7. NIGHT TNG

Not less than 40 % of the total tng will be done at night.

8. CURRENT AFFAIRS

Attention is drawn to the pamphlets issued weekly to every offr entitled " Current Affairs". Arrangements will be made for lectures and discussions on the matter contained in these pamphlets together with other items of appropriate current interest to be given to all ranks.

9. SYLLABUS

In view of the possibility of heavy rain during JUL alternative "wet weather" syllabi will be prepared.
Weapon tng will be included both as regular periods and as opportunity offers between and during exercises. All tps must become familiar with all types of weapons they may have to handle

PART II. - EXERCISES

The exercises referred to in paras 10 to 13 will be carried out in addition to others prescribed by bde gp comds. All exercises must concentrate on surprise and the unexpected.

10 HQ

Exercises involving layout, protection, marking and mvt of HQ- by ALL HQ. Attention is drawn to para 2E if this instn.

11. 2 Aust Inf Bde will undertake:-

(a) one exercise to rehearse each bn in its op role. An enemy will be provided in each case.

(b) one bn v bn exercise for each of the three bns.

(c) competitive fighting patrol exercises in all bns.

12. 6 Aust Inf Bde will carry out:-

(a) one bn v bn exercise, involving opposition to an enemy landing.

(b) competitive fighting patrol exercises in all units.

(c) one two day bde exercise to be controlled by Div.

13. 13 Aust Inf Bde will conduct :-

(a) one bn v bn exercise for each of the three bns.

(b) competitive fighting patrol and coy exercises. These will all be carried out in the area [redacted] of the rd PERTH-GERALDTON, by mutual arrangement with WMF.

PART III. - NOTES ON TNG.

The following points, many of them arising out of previous exercises carried out within the Div, will receive attention during the forthcoming and subsequent tng periods.

14. Uselessness of passive defence.

All tng must be designed to cultivate the "Offensive Spirit" A force in a defensive role has ample opportunities for fostering this spirit and testing it out. The gun at TOBRUK gave a fine example of this but it must be remembered that a high standard of " Offensive Spirit" tng beforehand led to such a successful conduct of the " Defensive " battle. The conduct of the present campaign in LIBYA will be watched and considered in this regard.

15. Vigorous Action.

In defence or attack, mobile warfare or static, success most often goes to the side that takes the initiative. " DO SOMETHING" must be the keynote in every comds mind from bde down to sec. Think about the problem, decide what to do, and having decided, do it and VIGOROUSLY.

16. Reorganisation of hastily occupied posns

Occupation of posns after a successful night attack or withdrawal will always be hasty. Reorganisation of these posns must be planned immediately and be the first consideration at first light to guard against enemy attack or counter attack.

17. A Tk guns.

A feature of all exercises has been the constant bad siting of A tk guns in posns where they were vulnerable to enemy inf or in clear view of approaching AFVs. The 2 pr depends for its success on

surprise and the idea must be instilled into the mind of all concerned of concealing the guns from enemy observation and withholding fire until the enemy AFV is within certain range. To open fire at long ranges is to invite destruction by the enemy's tk weapons or aircraft before an effective hit can be scored on the tk.

18. Carriers

Notes on carriers and their possible roles in various phases of battle were issued by div down to coys in MAY 42. Attention is drawn to these notes and particularly to the basic principles involved in the use of the carrier and its limitations for recce and patrol work on account of the noise it makes. There is a tendency in some cases to overload the carrier with manpower; it should be remembered its primary function is a mobile res of FIRE POWER. IT IS NOT A TK AND MUST NOT BE USED AS SUCH.

19. Supporting Arms

(a) More tng is necessary for the supporting arms within the bn to be used to their best advantage. Tasks given must be practicable and within the scope of the mortars or MMG. Accurate range taking and possibilities for observation of fire are most important.

(b) Amn available to these supporting arms is limited and all taskes should be governed by the amount of amn available and probable future roles.

20. Maintenance of Contact.

The importance of gaining and maintaining contact with the enemy cannot be stressed too emphatically. Vigorous patrolling to find the enemy, constant observation of his subsequent mvts and speedy action to destroy him must always be the thoughts of a comd. Failure to gain contact and to observe the enemy means that a comd fights blindly and stands a good chance of defeat.

21. HQ Tng.

(a) Protection. It must be remembered that both German and Japanese tactics have been to infiltrate or break through the outer or front line defences and strike at the HQ. The protection of bn and bde HQ is the direct responsibility of HQ personnel and accordingly,

(i) More active adequate arrangements must be made for the protection of HQ against all forms of attack; the measures to be taken should be definitely decided and all HQ personnel must be practised in their roles in case of attack.

(ii) The importance of every man being thoroughly trained as a soldier is strongly stressed. Time is found for batmen, clerks, orderlies etc to eat and sleep; time must be found for them to train to fight.

(iii) fixed sentries are sitting shots for the enemy and they must be trained to move around and be continually on the alert. The principle of each sentry covering the next should be adopted where possible. Once again AS WE TRAIN SO WE FIGHT, and sentries on duty even during non tactical periods must understand that they are still training and not merely on another routine tour of duty.

(iv) Comds, when away from their HQ must take with them a suitable bodyguard.

(b) Location. HQ on or very near rds may be easily located by the enemy and are vulnerable to deliberate or indiscriminate gd strafing from low-flying aircraft. HQ should be well off rds with turnoffs clearly marked and sentries left on the rd or axis of adv. Instns for marking HQ will be issued separately.

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(a) Congestion There is still too much congestion at HQ both in the initial stages of moving into a new area and afterwards. The first can be overcome by a carefully worked out and strictly adhered to drill, the second is a matter of careful and constant tng in the necessity for dispersion of vehs and offices, though the claims of protection and guarding against infiltration attacks must be carefully watched. No comd can hope to get the best out of himself and his staff if his HQ is cluttered up like Picadilly Circus.

22. Specialist Trg.

(a) Pioneers. Fully trained pioneers should be able to carry carry out the most minor delaying tasks without assistance from the engrs. A list of typical delaying tasks is contained in ATM (Aust) No 1 para 4.

This list includes the use of mines as obstacles, and arrangements will be made for fd coys att to bde gps to give instn in the handling and laying of mines.

(b) Regt Police and Pro. On the ops side, their main function is traffic control. They must be trained in this work and full use made of their services in all exercises as guides and for traffic control and direction.

23. Sec Organisation.

The inf sec under one comd is NOT an altogether satisfactory tactical unit in close country. The following notes are from a British regtl tng instn and the tactics and ideas contained therein will be tried out by all units and the comments fwded to Div.

In a crisis when tired, when ground conditions suddenly alter, or when its comd is otherwise engaged the sec will bunch. Theoretically it should not, actually it will! The reaction is a psychological one, the same that animates any 'Groups' of animals accompanying ONE Leader. It is suggested therefore that the 'Group' system be introduced for TACTICAL work, each man being paired with a friend.
The sec will be in 3 groups, which in a full war sec would be 3,3,2 in strength. The sec comd is always part of No 2 group and carries the Tommy Gun, though he may of course att himself temporarily to any group as the situation demands. In practice, groups will be quickly down to two, or even, one, but THEY STILL REMAIN A GROUP.
In tactics, the sec leader will control three groups and NOT 7 men, ie, 7 units which in all other comds up to Field Marshal is considered impossible. He will be in exactly the same posn as a pl comd.
Examples of tactics are :

Patrol: No 1 group scouts, No 2 group with me, No 3 group protects the rear. All 50 yds interval. No 1 group will of course act in the normal scouting way, and may (on say an open strip of rd) have a man 200 yds ahead.

Advancing in extended line : No 1 right, No 2 centre, No 3 left 50 yds interval : - 'Line' means a line of groups NOT NECESSARILY a line of men for the groups themselves may be in blobs or in file. ' No 3 group leading followed by No 2, followed by No 1. All 50 yds interval. I shall be with No 3.' - Here again 'File' means a file of groups and not NECESSARILY a file of men, for the groups themselves may be in blobs or in line, or in file, whichever is most convenient.
The picture of a sec is of three small parties advancing with very wide intervals between parties and moderate irregular intervals (3 or 4 paces) between men, instead of even intervals (10 paces) between each man.
Gp Leaders are of course responsible for keeping touch with their sec comds NOT their sec comd with them.

24 TOOLS

Spades and shovels are NOT the normal equipment of the foremost tps in the attack. A man needs two hands while he has them t TO FIGHT . Digging implements should be brought fwd by the res pl or better still by the res coy. The practice of fwd assaulting tps carrying picks and shovels into the actual fight is to cease immediately.

25. MT TNG.

(a) The standard of MT tng, discipline, driving and maintenance must be raised. Attention is drawn to the following points extracted from 4 Aust Div RC 7/42 of 7 JUN.

(i) DRS will be warned against riding on the right of the rd parallel with vehs moving in the same direction. They must not talk to drs of vehs whilst on the move.
(ii) All vehs must clear defiles, eg, rd cuttings brs, before halting.

(b) Speeding. Definite instn must be given to all drs regarding speed limits and action taken to see those instns are observed.

(c) Maintenance In regard to maintenance " SOME DON'TS FOR MT DRS AND OTHERS" n ATM No 4 touches on the subject. These and many others will be constantly checked by all units.

(d) Personnel must not ride on top of loaded vehs. This practice exposes them to the risk of injury from trees, wires etc.

26. CONTROL OF MT

The control of MT is still inadequate despite definite orders issued on the subject. It is clear that the responsibilities of personnel employed in this direction are not realised, and that they do,not appreciate the difficulties in which their weakness in this direction will involve them. The Div Cmd insists on an immediate tightening up of the control of MT in adm and tng. The objects to be aimed at are

(a) Max value for every gal of petrol issued.

(b) Conservation of vehs particularly trashed vehs so that they will be available when the fighting starts.

(c) coordination of work so that the minimum number of vehs are used for the minimum mileage.

(d) thorough and constant maintenance.

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4 AUST DIV

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70 JUN 42

4 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 9 - AMENDMENT NO 1.

No action will be taken by units in respect to paras 6(a) and 6(b) Combined Ops of the above Tng Instn pending further instructions from this HQ.

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT - AMENDMENT NO 24

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War Diary

Correct to 0900 hrs 21 JUN 42

SERIAL NO	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
5	HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV	PERTH 1"	984539	

5 AUST INF BDE GP

49	15 Fd REGT(less 24 Bty)	GERALDTON 1"	253435	
53	B COY 25 RECCE BN	DONGARRA 1"	237376	

13 AUST INF BDE GP

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70	13 AUST INF BDE DEF PL	"	191221	
71	279 LAD	"	191221	
72	3 FD REGT (less one tp)	"	227246	
73	"G" SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	227246	
74	221 LAD	"	227246	
75	34 BTY 109 A Tk Regt	"	145239	
76	13 FD COY(less one sec)	62/80	296191	JANDAMARING
77	11 BN	58/80	198245	
78	16 BN	"	193241	
79	28 BN	"	226283	
80	DETS AASC 4 AUST DIV	"	149239	
81	13 FD AMB(less one sec)	"	281201	
82	103 IND BDE GP ORD WKSHOP	"	197247	
83	" " " " FD PK	"	195247	
84	13 AUST INF BDE PRO PL	"	191221	
85	" " " " FD POST OFFICE	"	191221	
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1. EXPLOITING THE ENEMYS WEAKNESSES

"Every army and every comd have their weak points. By playing on those of the enemy and taking action to counter the strong points we give ourselves the best possible chance of success." ATM 9.

To give comds the opportunity to size up and take advantage of an enemys weaknesses in tng, exercises must always include a brief infm summary, verbal or written, pointing out the strong and weak points in the enemys make-up, habits equipment and tng.

2. The resume' of the enemys strong and weak points, att as Appx "A", will help when planning and carrying out tng exercises. The infm contained will be promulgated to all comds down to secs and the suggested counter measure embodied in future exercises.

3. Attention is also drawn to 4 Aust Div "Notes on JAPANESE Combined Ops" issued separately.

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APPENDIX "A"

	WEAK POINTS	HOW WE SHOULD EXPLOIT
1.	If detailed plans ge astray, he is slow to take adequate steps to meet unexpected situations.	AMBUSH, COUNTER ATTACK, SURPRISE, VIGOROUS OFFENCE, AGGRESSIVE DEFENCE.
2.	Moves and acts fast, sacrificing CAUTION for SPEED.	FLANK ATTACKS ON HIS DEPLOYED COLNS. Constant and vigorous patrolling.
3.	Dislikes the BAYONET and MORTAR, frequently discarding his weapons and running.	OFFENSIVE ACTION - CONTINUAL EFFORT TO CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY AND DESTROY HIM.
4.	"Noise warfare" upsets his morale	TPS ENCOURAGED TO GO INTO A BAYONET CHARGE YELLING. The yells upset the JAP almost as much as the steel.
5.	Arty slow to switch from one target to another.	FAST MOVEMENT. NEVER LEAVE MT or AFV's exposed in one spot for any length of time.
6.	AFV crews very nervous of our A Tk guns.	ALL ROUND A TK DEFENCE on a co-ordinated plan utilising arty and a tk guns. HOLD FIRE UNTIL HITS ASSURED. CAMOUFLAG and WIRING IN OF A TK GUNS.

	STRONG POINTS	COUNTER
1	Unique "ESPRIT de CORPS" - he will NOT be halted or dismayed by heavy casualties.	Ensure own "ESPRIT de CORPS" is equally good.
2	Able to exist on small ration and has great marching powers WIDE RADIUS OF ACTION.	Do NOT underestimate his radius of action. Destroy all food & supplies likely to be captured.
3	DEFENCE	
	Principles much the same as our own - i.e. depth and all round defence. Dummy positions used extensively.	Attacks against his defensive posns must be well prepared and supported by Arty, Air and ASV's.
4	ATTACK	
	(i) continuous efforts to push on day and night. If held up he immediately deploys to a flank and attempt to by-pass the opposition leaving a holding party to keep the enemy engaged. If however he finds he must push straight fwd he will throw in everything available to force a passage.	Hold up fwd [illegible] as soon as possible. Keep strong flank secs out to the flanks and withdrawn fwd so that when he attempts to deploy he is 'bounced up'. Patrols must always be active. As soon as he is temporarily checked and deployed put in an IMMEDIATE COUNTER-ATTACK preferably from flank.
	(ii) before first contact he uses recce patrols extensively to gain infm as to the location and extent of enemy's position.	Counter by strong fighting patrols over the whole front and well out from FDLs to destroy his recce patrols and conceal our own posns.
	(iii) Uses small parties ruthlessly as bait to gain infm of enemy's posn.	Do NOT give away plan before main contact by firing at small parties.
	(iv) INFORMATION He is expert in obtaining accurate infm and in passing it back quickly. Uses men carrying W/T sets well fwd and if possible he establishes these "infm centres" or OP's in trees or behind our lines.	
	(v) Arty and mortar fire is very accurate - due to the good observation he establishes	Destroy his [illegible]
	(vi) Co-operation between all arms including air is good.	Surprise him and [illegible] up his plans thus upsetting [illegible]

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NOTES ON JAPANESE COMBINED OPS

GENERAL

1. The SINO - JAPANESE hostilities of 1937 - 38 were notable for the numerous combined ops that took place, and for the appearance - for the first time - of certain special types of military landing craft for use in such ops. Motor fishing craft were also used, the fishermen being mobilized with their boats and given a short period of tng before being sent abroad.

2. Since these ops the JAP army, navy and air force have had continuous tng and practice in combined landing ops and are as a whole the most efficient forces in the world at these ops.

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. ARMY

(a) The army is responsible for transportation and for the landing

(b) The creation of a temporary base ashore

(c) Land ops after the landing

4. NAVY

(a) Convoy protection

(b) Naval gunfire support prior to and during the landing

(c) Landing a naval detachment where necessary

(d) Provision of aircraft

(e) The Senior Naval Offr is responsible for control of transports while at sea. Control is delegated to the Senior Military Offr when the landing has been effected.

5. AIR ARM

(a) If the landing is carried out within range of land based planes the air arm assists in the ops by recce, bombing, machine gunning.

(b) If the landing is outside the range of land based planes, the air support is provided by the Naval air arm.

6. TACTICS

(a) Simplicity is the main principle of the JAPANESE organisation

(b) Most landings are made on a wide front. i.e. numerous landings at widely separated points in order to disperse the defending forces.

(c) A success at any point is rapidly and fully exploited, regardless of the situation elsewhere.

(d) Point landings are usually attempted beforehand or simultaneously to confuse or mislead the defence.

(e) Great stress is laid on speed

(f) Full use is made of rivers and creeks for penetrating or turning the defences and great emphasis is placed on the importance of seizing and utilising all the enemy's craft in rivers and creeks.

(g) Smoke is freely used - The best time for landing is considered just before dawn and full use is made of smoke, mist and fog.

(h) Immediately the first tps land, they seize ground dominating the beach and form a bridgehead for the protection of the tps following.

(i) The next wave ashore push through the bridgehead and advance rapidly to their objectives which have been carefully selected beforehand by air recce and local knowledge.

(j) Very little MT is landed in this first stage as the JAPANESE rely on their ability to march quickly over long distances.

(k) Once the first objectives have been captured MT and AFV's are landed for the move to objectives further inland.

(l) Once the move inland commences, all available supplies are gathered from the inhabitants, and any MT left by the defending forces is put to immediate use.

7. STAGES IN A JAPANESE LANDING OPERATION

STAGES	WARNING WE SHOULD RECEIVE
(a) Decision by senior comds to land forces on enemy territory.	(i) Secret Service Agents or (ii) W/T intercepts of messages dealing with the proposed ops.
(b) Collection of required force and transports at a jumping off base	(i) Agents (ii) Air recce, reports of tpts, destroyers, aircraft carriers, etc collecting in certain port.
(c) Air recce and photography over area in which landing is to be carried out	Reports from tps in the area
(d) Heavy bombing for several days of enemy defences in the area and at nearby areas	Reports from tps in the area
(e) Embarkation of enemy force from jumping off base and move of convoy towards landing area (e) is proceeding at same time as (d)	Air Recce - number of tpts gives an indication of strength of enemy force.
(f) Bombardment of area by naval guns and dive bombing	Reports from defending tps
(g) Bombing of other vital defences and our L of C areas	Reports from these areas
(h) Landings at several points - some of which may purposely not have received any previous attention.	(i) Air Recce (ii) Reports from areas.

8. TRANSPORTS REQUIRED FOR LANDING FORCE

A JAPANESE division of 20,000 men, when embarked as an Expeditionary force, together with its stores and material, will require for the initial landing about 30 tpts averaging 5,000 tons each. The tonnage per man in landing ops is from 8 - 12 tons.

UNOPPOSED LANDINGS

9. Unopposed landings were carried out mainly from JAPANESE coasting vessels averaging about 2,000 tons - these accommodated about 500 tps each.

10. Tps needed immediately for the front disembarked by companion-ladder in full marching order into military landing craft holding from 60 - 100 men - these craft were run entirely by army engr personnel.

11. Other tps engaged in landing stores, fatigue parties, etc., were landed in ordinary large lighters commandeered by the JAPANESE - the average number of tps on board was from 150 to 300. The lighters were towed in pairs..

12. The arrangements made by the JAPANESE for landing ops were very efficient, as the following extract from a report of an observer testifies:-

> "It was interesting to note the orderliness of the first JAPANESE Landing. Every landing craft seemed to know exactly where to go. Nothing seemed to have been overlooked. Kitchens and water, guns, amn, and other paraphernalia of landing were complete. The boats, having unloaded, repaired immediately to what was the headquarters of the boat flotilla where presumably fresh orders were given, for the craft were observed to stay only a short time and immediately proceed again on their allotted tasks".

OPPOSED LANDINGS

13. In opposed landings, the initial landing is usually carried out in the dark or shortly before daybreak. Periods of rain or stormy weather are chosen for these ops when possible so as to achieve surprise.

14. Landings are also carried out over a very wide front in some cases extending for several miles.

15. Landing craft, after leaving their carrier steam in at full speed and if in formation all craft shut off their engines and drop their stern anchors together, when a short distance from the beach. For the remainder of the distance the boats are eased in until grounded by means of the hand brake on the stern anchor cable.

16. If the ops warrants the boats leaving immediately, the stern anchor is weighed by hand or power and the boats make off at full speed.

NAVAL CO-OPERATION

17. The fire from the destroyers guns takes the following form :

(a) Preliminary bombardment of enemys positions at a range of about 1300 yds.

(b) "Howitzer" fire on special areas. This is achieved by putting extreme elevation on the ships' guns and using a small charge. By this means shells can be lobbed accurately for a distance of about 1000 yds. The range at which the destroyers were firing was never more than 2,000 to 2,500 yds.

DETAILS OF LANDING CRAFT

18. MILITARY LANDING CRAFT

(a) These consist of nine classes divided into two grps - large and small.

(b) The large type are constructed of metal plates and can carry from 60 to 100 fully armed men at a speed of 6 to 8 knots.

(c) The small type is fitted to mount a machine gun or guns and carries 50 to 60 armed men at a speed of 8 to 10 knots. Some of these boats are fitted with bullet-proof armour.

(d) The draught of these boats when fully loaded does not exceed 3 feet.

(e) Despatch boats and armd close-support craft mounting three MG's with speed of 12 knots are also used.

(f) Finally there is an enormous number of ordinary wooden JAPANESE sampans of various sizes, in civil life used for fishing ferrying etc., many of which have been used to land tps. The design of these boats, upon which that of many of the military landing craft is based, is among the best in existence, and is greatly superior for military and general purposes to either the whaler or CHINESE sampan type.

(g) Characteristics of MLC are shown in Appx "A".

MILITARY LANDING CRAFT CARRIER

19. (a) This is a ship of some 7,500 tons displacement especially designed for the carriage and rapid unloading of landing craft of all descriptions.

(b) They are launched by means of rollers through large ports in the stern and sides of the ship.

(c) The capacity of the carrier appears to be about 24 large and 120 small type craft as well as 10 armd launches and 4 despatch boats. About half a division can thus be accommodated in the craft carried by one ship.

(d) Her role appears to be firstly that of a carrier of landing craft to augment those carried in transports after the initial landing has been effected, and secondly when her craft have been unloaded, that of a depot ship for the craft of the expedition which she maintains and repairs.

20. The suitability of the JAPANESE landing equipment and the thoroughness of their preparations, including air and water recce, practice landing ops, detailed adm arrangements, preservation of secrecy, avoidance of strong enemy concentrations and striking at weak points (which their well organised intelligence system enables them to discover accurately) largely account for the rapid attainment of their objective with small loss.

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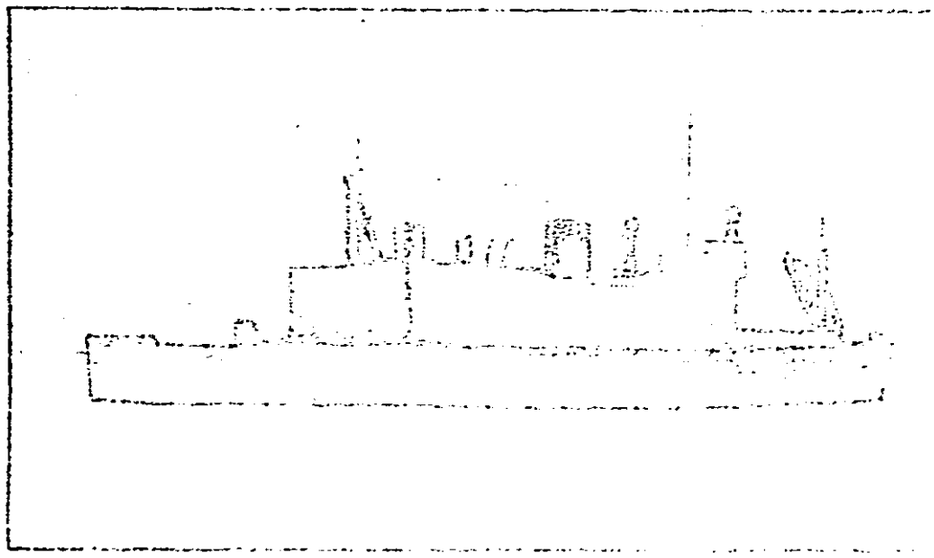
DETAILS OF MILITARY LANDING CRAFT

DETAILS	Large Type M.L.C.				Small Type M.L.C.
	"A" Class M.L.C.	"B" Class M.L.C.	"C" Class M.L.C.	"D" Class M.L.C.	B, C, D, R, & T, CLASS M.L.C.
Length	40- 45 ft	40-45 ft	45-50ft	50-55 ft	30-40 ft
Draught (fully loaded)	36 in	56 in	36 in	30 in	36 in
Beam	10 ft	10 ft	12 ft	14 ft	8-10 ft
Speed	6-7 knots	6-7 knots	7-8 knots	7-8 knots	8-10 knots
Carrying capacity (fully armed men)	60 men	70 men	80 men	100 men	50-60 men
Means of disembarkation	Flap doors forward	Double flap door forward lowered by wires	Double flap door forward lowered by wires	Double flap doors forward lowered by wires	
Anchor	Large stern anchor weighed by hand	Large stern anchor weighed by hand	Large stern anchor weighed by hand	Power winch for weighing large stern anchor	"C" type has power winch for weighing anchor. In the remainder the anchor is weighed by hand.
Armament	None	None	None	None	Fitted to carry machine gun fwd
Protection	Engine possibly protected by bullet proof plating. Temporary metal shields for coxswains on occasions.	As for "A" Class	As for "A" Class	As for "A" Class	None
Weight (estimated)	6 Tons	6 Tons	8 Tons	10 Tons	2-3 Tons

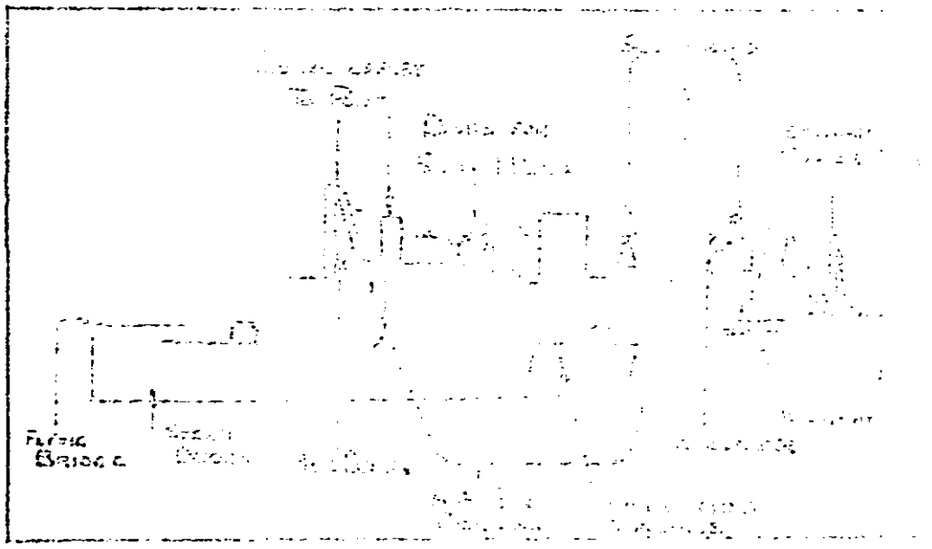
Notes (i) All these MLC are manned by military engineer personnel.

(ii) It is estimated that at least some 2,000 of these special types of MLC are in existence.

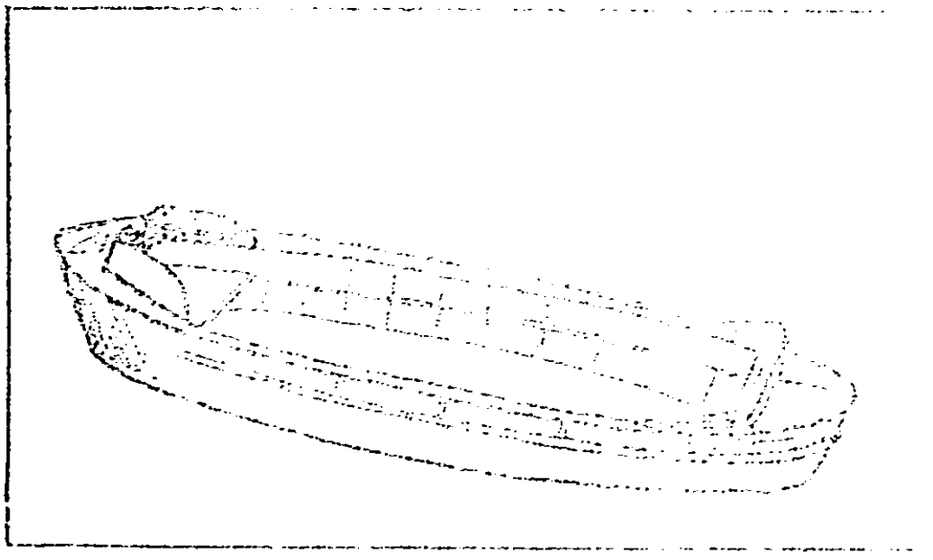
(iii) The engines of all classes of MLC are Diesel or 2 or 4-cylinder petrol engines.



MILITARY LANDING CRAFT CARRIER
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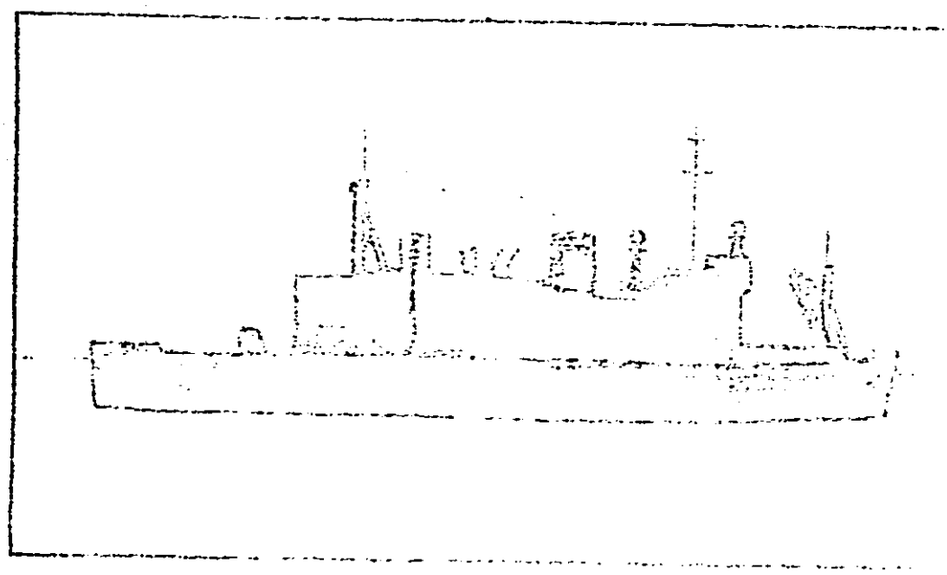


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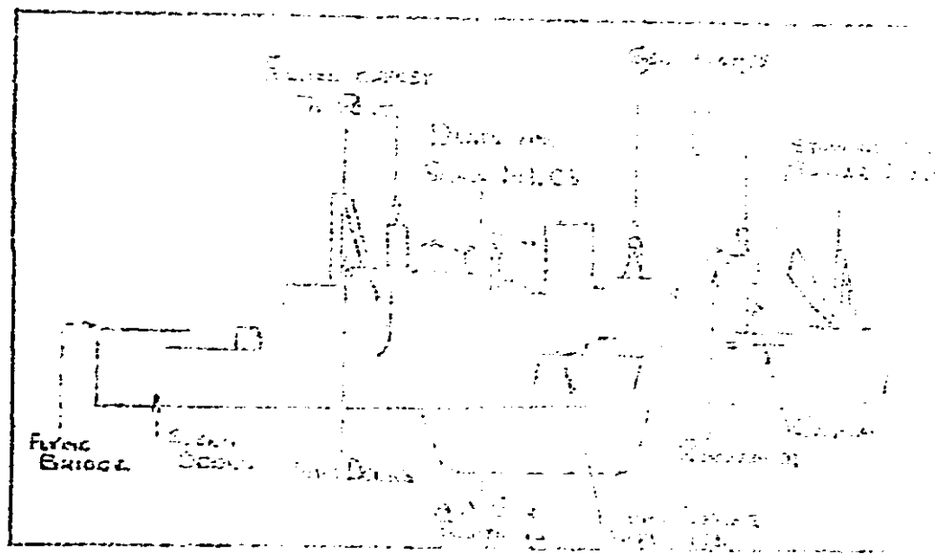


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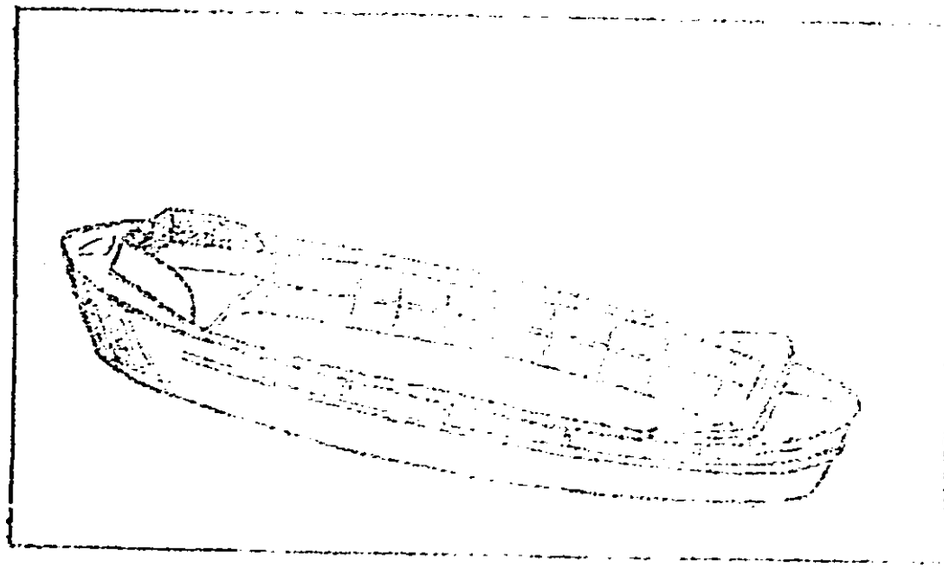
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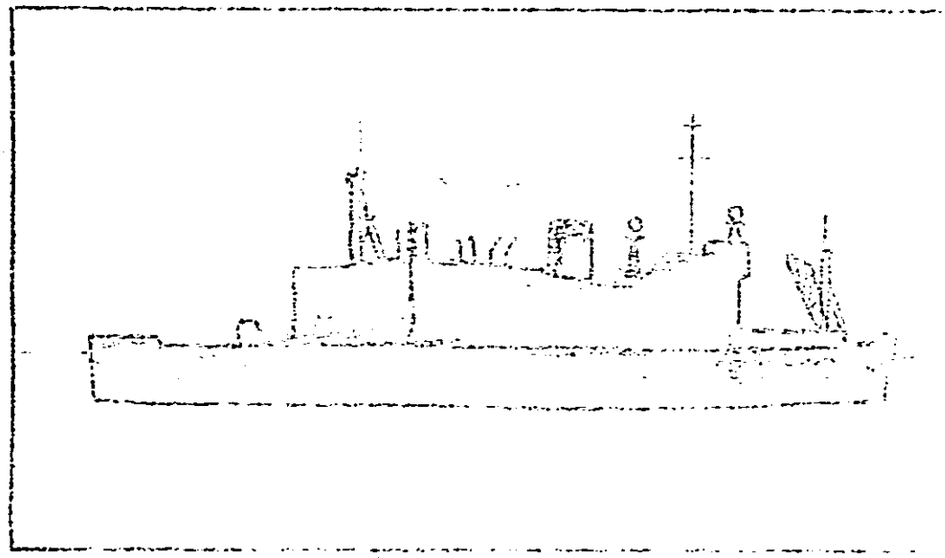


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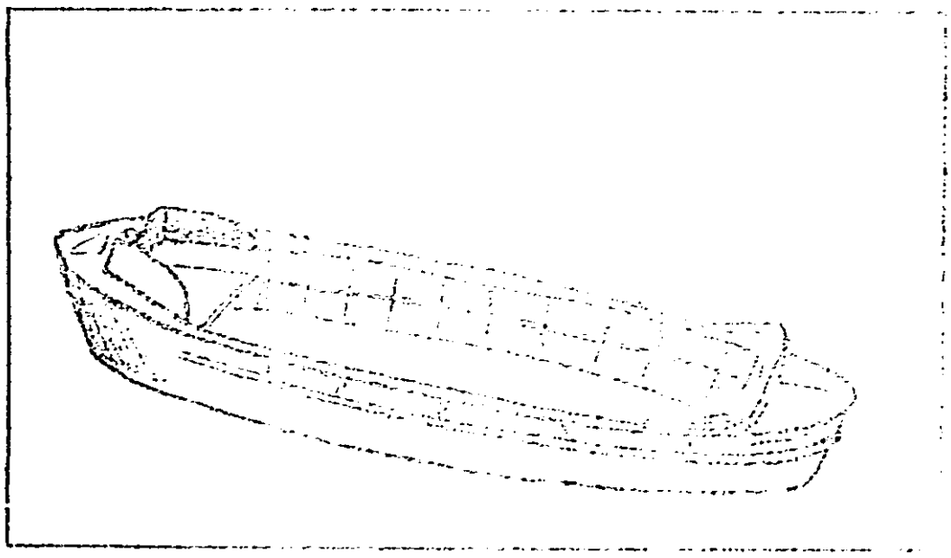
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Military Landing-Craft Carrier
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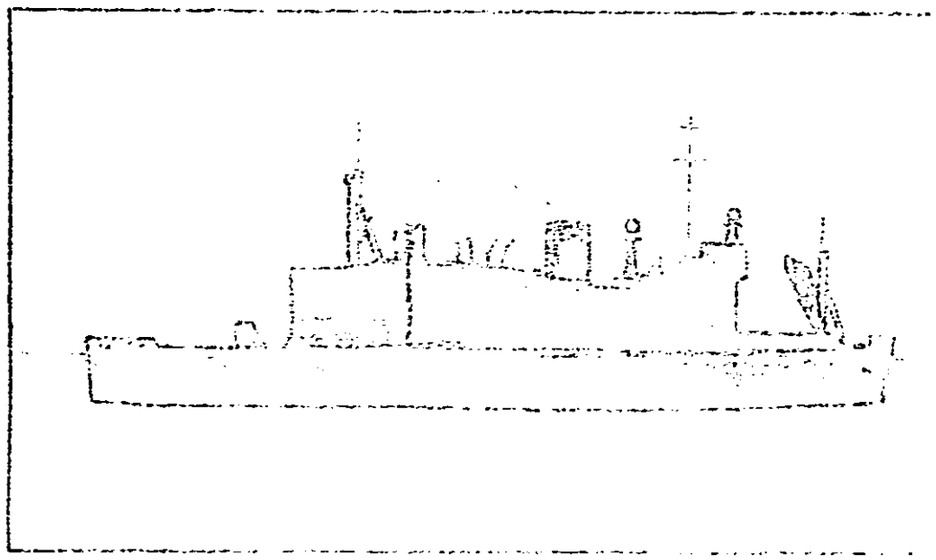


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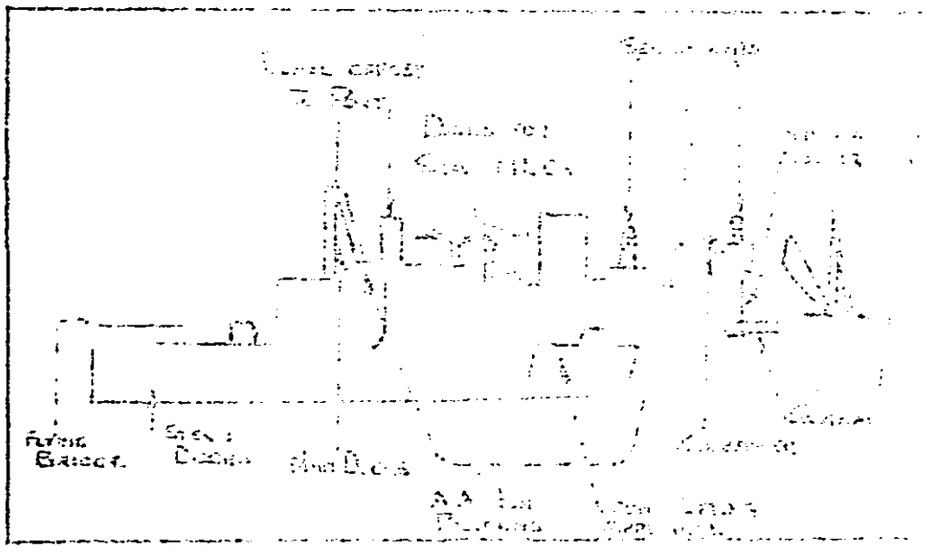


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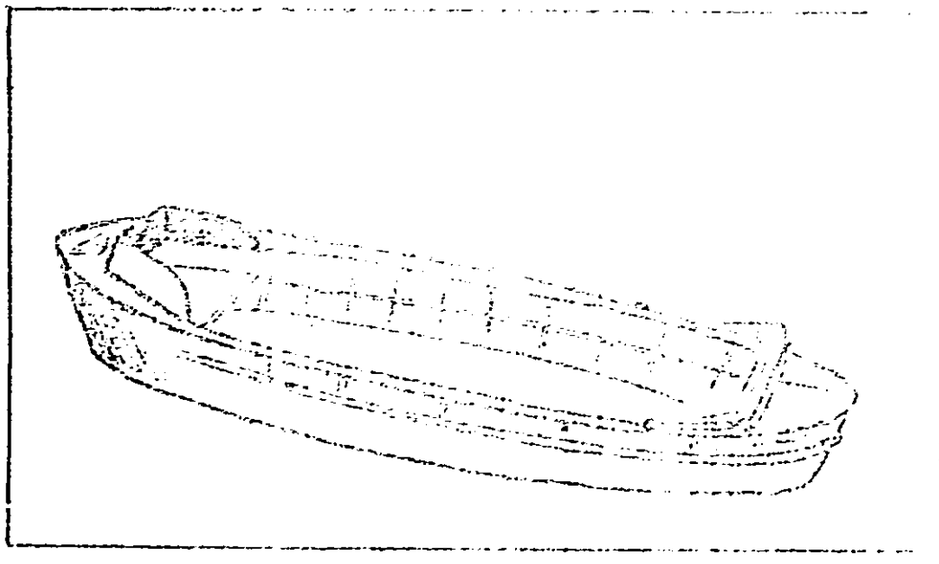
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MILITARY LANDING-CRAFT CARRIER
STERN VIEW



M.L.C. CARRIER DETAILS



MILITARY LANDING CRAFT SMALL TYPE

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4 AUST DIV STANDING ORDERS

CHAPTER 1 : ORGANISATION

HQs and Units concerned

1 These standing orders apply to the following and to any other Units that may be att to Div HQ:-

HQ Div
Div Int Sec
Div Sec FSW
D & E Pl
HQ Div Arty
HQ Div Engrs
HQ and No 1 Coy Div Sigs
HQ Div AASC
Fd Hyg Sec
Div Pro Coy
Div Sec Ord Wkshop
Div Sec Ord Fd Pk
Mob Laun & Decn Unit
Mob Bath Unit
Div Salv Unit
Div Post Unit
Div Fd Cash Office.

2 The summary of ranks for the above Units is shown in Appx 'A'. For detail and amendments reference should be made to the appropriate W E.

Subdivision of Div HQ into Adv and Rear HQ

3 Div HQ will be organised into Adv and Rear HQ. Whenever possible both will work together.
For allotment of personnel and vehs
To Adv HQ see Appx B
To Rear HQ see Appx C.

Adm Areas

4 When Div HQ is concentrated the following will normally come under CAMP for area adm.

Div HQ
Div Int Sec
Div Sec FSW
D & E Pl
HQ Div Arty
HQ Div Engrs
Div HQ Sig Office
Div Post Unit less dets
Div Fd Cash Office less dets.

All other Units as shown in para 1 will normally be allotted areas by Div HQ but will be under own comds for area adm.

5 When HQ is divided the following offrs or in their absence an offr to be detailed by the AA & QMG will be responsible for area adm.

Adv HQ - Camp
Rear HQ - Asst Camp

6 Adm areas will be arranged so that space is provided for Offices, messes, rest areas, tpt pks, (For diagrammatic layout of Div HQ in the fd See Appx D)

7 The cleanliness of offices, messes, and rest areas will be the responsibility of the Unit to which they are allotted. Car pks, veh pks and hygiene will be the responsibility of Camp or as delegated by him.

CHAPTER 2 : MOVEMENT OF DIV HQ

Types of Move

8 Three types are likely to occur.

Type "A" - Adv HQ to open at a new site whilst Rear HQ remains at the old site.

Type "B" - Adv & Rear HQ to open at separate new sites.

Type "C" - Adv & Rear HQ to open at a new site concentrated.

Detail of parties for various types of move

9

Type "A"	Type "B"	Type "C"
Adv HQ Recce Party	As for Type "A"	As ordered depending
Adv HQ Fwd Sigs	followed by	on situation.
Ops Gp		
Adv HQ Adm Gp	Rear HQ Recce Party	
Remainder Adv HQ Sigs	" " Fwd Sigs	
	" " Adm Gp	

The allotment of personnel and vehs by gps and parties is shown in Appendices B and C.

Orders for move of HQ

10 The G1 will be responsible for:-

(a) issuing warning order for mvt of HQ indicating the arrangements for continuance of signal traffic throughout the move

(b) stating whether "G" or "AQ" will issue the detailed orders for the move

(c) informing all formations and units concerned.

11 Detailed orders for the move will include:-

(a) type of move to be carried out

(b) the areas to which Adv and Rear HQ will move

(c) time at which vehs are to be loaded and gp areas by areas

(d) instns as to starting point, timings, mvt control, route, guiding

(e) instns for sig comms and clearance of old location

(f) instns as to the messing arrangements at the new location whether by messes, branches or GPO and what rations will be carried by personnel

(g) arrangements for leaving Pro personnel at old HQ for a period of 2 hrs after vacation by recce party for purpose of re-directing traffic.

Procedure on arrival in new location area

12 For Type "A" move

G3(O) will be responsible for:-

(a) layout of Div HQ and detailed allotment of areas bearing in mind that CONCEALMENT is of the utmost importance

(b) early preparation and distbn to heads of branches and services of sketch map showing layout of Div HQ (for diagrammatic layout of Div HQ in the fd see Appx D).

(c) Initial protection of Div HQ until handed over to D & E Pl

(d) co-operation with OC Pro Coy for guides, and for the provision of sign posts.

13 For Type "B" move

(a) G3(O) will carry out above duties for Adv HQ

(b) DAAG(L) " " " " " " Rear HQ.

14 For Type "C" move

G3(O) will carry out above duties for Div HQ.

CHAPTER 3 : PROTECTION OF DIV HQ

Responsibility

15 The G1 will be responsible for laying down the general policy for the protection of Div HQ.

16 Each comd of an area will organise the protection of his own area, incl alarm posts for all personnel.

17 Camp will co-ordinate dispersion and protection of the various areas in Adv HQ. Asst Camp will coordinate measures for Rear HQ. In the absence of Camp or Asst Camp, the G2 will issue necessary instns for Adv HQ and DAAG for Rear HQ.

18 Personnel providing protection for Div HQ will initially come from the D & E Pl.

Alarm Signals and Action

19 The following signals will be used by sentries at Div HQ:-

(a) General Alarm A succession of long and short blasts on a whistle. All personnel (less duty personnel detailed by heads of branches and services) will stand to at their alarm posts.

(b) Hostile Aircraft A succession of short blasts on a whistle. Concealment is the best protection initially and NO FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE without definite orders from HQ or an officer detailed by him for the purpose.

(c) Gas Alarm Continuous and vigorous sounding of gas rattle or gong.

(d) All Clear Signal Two long blasts on a whistle repeated at intervals of five seconds. To be blown only on authority from Gl.

Sentries

20 Posting of sentries for Div HQ will be co-ordinated by Camp for Adv HQ and Asst Camp for Rear HQ.

21 At least one sentry to carry out both gas and air duties will be detailed in each area.

22 Each sentry will carry a whistle and gas detector and know the noise of gas rattles. Personnel employed on clerical duties will NOT be employed as sentries.

23 Units of Div HQ NOT under Camp for adm will make similar arrangements.

Protection on the move

24 Bren guns as available will be mounted on vehs and will open fire on low flying hostile aircraft.

CHAPTER 4 : DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES

List of Duties

25 Heads of branches, arms and services will ensure that all offrs and senr NCOs under their comd holding appointments on Div HQ have readily available a list of duties mounted on board for which they are responsible.

26 G1 and AQ will be responsible for the co-ordination of these duties and for the holding of duplicate copies.

CHAPTER 5 : OFFICE ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE

Reception Office

27 A reception office clearly marked 'Reception Office Inquiries' will be est at the entrance to Div HQ and will be open continuously.
"G" Branch will be responsible for the Reception Office for Adv HQ and for Div HQ when concentrated. "AQ" Branch will est the Reception Office for Rear HQ.

28 The Reception Office will be in charge of an NCO with one or more orderlies.

29 The Reception Office will receive all visitors.
Visitors will sign their names in the visitors book and will be conducted to their destination.
Correspondence, as received, will be taken unopened to the Chief Clerk.
A plan of the layout of the camp will be available at the Reception Office and the orderlies on duty there will be detailed by the NCO i/c as required to guide visitors to the offr asked for.

Registry

30 Separate registries will be est for "G" and "AQ" Branches. When Div HQ is divided, AQ will be responsible for organising an AQ sub-registry at Adv Div HQ.

Correspondence

31 IN

(a) All correspondence as required by Sigs or Div Post Unit will be fwded to the branch or service concerned. Correspondence addressed HQ 4 AUST DIV will be fwded to the Chief Clerk located in the "G" Registry.

(b) Chief Clerk will open all correspondence (less MOST SECRET and OFFR ONLY) date and time stamp all messages and fwd AQ pers on to "AQ" Registry.

(c) Correspondence marked "MOST SECRET" or "OFFR ONLY" will be taken by hand to G1.

32 OUT

All correspondence will be registered, enveloped, stamped if necessary, and passed direct by branches to Sigs or Postal Unit. Branch registries will maintain record of all "OUT" correspondence.

Filing and Destruction of Documents

33 Filing systems will be simple and installed with the primary object of working in the fd under operational conditions.
As few documents as possible will be retained. Files of correspondence and papers will be reviewed every month and dealt with in accordance with FSR 1 Sec 171 (3).

Receipt of Messages

34 "IN" messages will be taken down in triplicate by Sigs or by DAAG sender (if att). One copy will be filed in the Sig Office or DAAG sender and the other two copies rushed immediately to the branch concerned, one copy for action by the offr concerned, the other for registration and placing on message or memo board.

35 Messages by LR will be dealt with by Sigs immediately to the offr, branch or service concerned who will be responsible for the necessary ack, action, registration, distbn and filing.

Despatch of Messages

36 The number of copies of "OUT" messages will be one for each addressee, one spare for Sigs and one for filing and registering in office of origin and in the case of 3 messages, one for the [illegible], and in case of other branches one for [illegible].

37 "OUT" messages [illegible] Sigs will insert there addressees and time [illegible] and type. These will be delivered by hand.

Acknowledgements

38 An offr originating a message is responsible for satisfying himself that the message has been received. Chief clerks of all branches will keep a "register of acks due" in the form given in Appx E. Chief clerks will bring to notice any outstanding acks. Staff offrs will periodically check these registers

The branch receiving an IN message requiring ack will do so immediately and note on action copy.

Code Names, Call Signs, Cipher Messages

39 (a) All messages will be written in clear. Sigs are responsible for substituting call signs where necessary and for enciphering. Code names will NOT normally be used above bde or equivalent.

(b) In R/T call signs will always be used above sigs and equivalent sub-units.

(c) In L/T, when a danger zone has been notified call signs will be used when either speaker is in front of Div HQ.

(d) G3(O) is responsible for distbn of code names.

Duty Offrs and Clerks

40 Each branch and HQ will make arrangements for a duty offr and a duty clerk to be on duty in a specified office outside normal office hrs. The location of this office will be made known to Sigs and to the Div Reception Office. Duty roster for G branch will be kept by the SO, for A branch by the DAAG and for HQs by the senior staff offr.

Duty offrs for branches will maintain a duty diary (Appx F) during their tour of duty. Instns are set out on the reverse page of the diary form.

CHAPTER 6 : DISTBN OF INFM - OWN TPS AND ENEMY

Situation Reports

41 G2 will be responsible that situation reports are issued at fixed intervals (normally 2 hourly during active ops, otherwise 4 hourly) even if no change has occurred. The G3(O), G3(I) or IO will at once issue on their own initiative to all concerned (higher formations, flanking formations and units, other branches of the staff) the gist of all such relevant infm as cannot be kept back for the normal situation report.

42 A location statement, situation report and summary of infm will be issued daily by G3(O) as soon as the disposns for the night are settled.

43 DAQMG will fwd to G3(O) by 1600 hrs daily, or on orders to halt being received, (whichever is the earlier) a location statement of adm units for incl.

Situation Maps

44 The following Battle Maps will be maintained:-

(a) General Map - in I Office - (to be maintained by IO). This will cover the whole area of ops. It is available for all offrs e.g offrs of other branches and services, liaison offrs, and visitors, and is designed to obviate worrying GS with unnecessary questions.

(b) Duty Map - by duty offr. This will be within reach of the telephone used by him. On it will be recorded all infm received by message, telephone or from visiting staff. This map is not to be taken as up to date and infm so recorded will be wiped out as soon as transferred to (a) and (c).

(c) Int Map - by G3(I). This will cover the Div area of ops. On this map all infm as well as forecast of moves will be marked in detail.

(d) Adm Map - by A or Q staff offr on duty. The object of this map is to show the adm situation at all times. It will also show the tactical situation as known. It will be kept up to date at the A.G. branch from situation reports, O Os, infm received from visiting staff offrs and from messages received and despatched. The duty offr will keep this map up to date at night.

(e) Shelling and Bombing Maps - as required. To be kept by G.(I) or IO.

(f) Patrol Maps - as required. To be kept by G3(I) or IO

(g) Gas Maps - as required. To be kept by G3(Ow).

(h) Mining Maps - as required. To be kept by G3(I) or IO

(i) A Tk Mine Maps - as required To be kept by G3(I) or IO.

(j) Water Map - as required. To be kept by IO.

Liaison Offrs

45 LOs must be located near G office and will remain at the HQ to which att unless sent upon a specific mission by DAQMG or senr S O. LOs must maintain close liaison with G3(I) and IO to keep fully in the picture regarding our own and enemy mvts.

46 When leaving Div HQ LOs will report to G2 and be all brought up of the staff to ascertain whether there are any offrs or drafts for the unit they are visiting, or whether the different branches of the staff require any particular infm from that unit. They will visit the Sig Office to collect any outgoing packages. Prior notice of their departure may prevent LOs from being employed needlessly.

47 On return to Div HQ LOs will report to the G2 and then to the other heads of the staff for which they have infm, and ascertain from G3(I) or IO what has happened during their absence. They will also inform the Sig Office of any impending moves. Their vehs should be clearly marked "LIAISON OFFR" and be parked with the DRs.

Arrivals and Departures

48 It is the duty of all offrs visiting lower formations and units to make themselves acquainted with the local situation both tactical and adm and on return to HQ to pass to the appropriate staff offrs concerned all facts of interest.

Much assistance can also be given to lower units and formations by passing on infm gained during a tour of the area

49 Offrs returning from recce or visiting formations, will at once circulate to all branches and services such important infm as they have gained, stating its degree of reliability, together with notes on any matters requiring attention.

An offr going from Adv HQ to Rear HQ should take the latest situation with him on a battle map. The object of this is to ensure that full use is made of visits of offrs to formations, units etc.

50 During ops or in office hrs, offrs will not leave Div HQ without permission of G1 in the case of GS, and AA & QMG in the case of adm offrs, or of the senr S O present.

Offrs arriving at or leaving Div HQ will "clock" in or out at the Reception Office where a board will be maintained. Offrs visiting formations and units "clock" in at Sig Offices. Infm will be given to the Sigmr as to the next destination and probable hr of arrival there, also the expected hr of return to Div HQ. The Sigmr should be informed immediately if there is any alteration in their mvts.

CHAPTER 7 : PREPARATION AND ISSUE OF ORDERS AND INSTNS

Conferences

51 If the Div Comd calls a conference, the following will normally attend:-

	G1	CRA
	G2	CRE
	AA & QMG	x CASC
x	ADMS	CO Div Sigs

(x if required)

52 Upon receipt of infm that an O O is to be issued, G2 will warn Chief Clerk and Sig Office giving approx time of issue.

G2 is responsible for producing the O O. He will bring with him to the conference a skeleton order with the headings typed in the proper sequence. If he already knows the gist of the comd's plan, he can elaborate this, both to save time in subsequent dictation and to check omissions. The skeleton order will have carbons for 4 copies.

If not already drafted by the Comd, the draft of the intention para will be personally approved by him.

Before those present leave the conference, the notes taken by the G2 will be read out to ensure the Comd's intentions have been correctly interpreted and that co-ordination of all points affecting other branches and been achieved.

Whilst the conference is in progress G3(I) will prepare Infm para by dictating to Clerk No 1, who will type on to a stencil heading up with proper headings for an O O.

53 Immediately upon conclusion of conference -

G1 will dictate a warning order, if necessary, giving one copy to G2 as a check.

In addition G2 will notify Sigmr the time the main O O is likely to be ready and warn him to prepare for its dissbn.

Normal Preparation of O Os and Instns

54 Chief Clerk, as soon as it is known that orders are to be issued, will warn Sigs, prepare duplicator for use, and arrange for preparation of addressed envelopes, despatch book and distbn list.

AA & QMG will prepare notes for any adm arrangements to be incl in the body of the order. DAQMG and/or DAAG will write adm paras and applies with march tables if required by G2.

CRA will prepare arty para (normally) in the form of note, which he will hand to G2 with, if necessary, arty appx.

CRE similarly will prepare engr para.

CO Div Sigs will prepare intercomm para in consultation with G2.

G2 will dictate the O O to Clerk No 1 who will type it on to the wax already prepared by G3(I).

G3(O) will dictate to Clerk No 2 from notes given to him by G1, any appendices for att to O O.

Chief Clerk will supervise, check and assist generally in the preparation and issue of the O O.

Clerk No 3 under supervision of Chief Clerk, will prepare any instns drafted by Cl.

Copies of master sheets or wax will be subjected to independent check by an offr and then duplicated at once.

Clerk No 4 and orderly will run off copies on the duplicator as pages are passed for issue by G2.

When G2 has finished he will go to other branches and to HQ Div Arty to collect tracings and appx for att to O O and to find out whether any arty, engr, or AASC orders are ready for issue. (If not ready, O O must NOT be delayed).

Completed orders will be made up and passed to orderlies and sigs for distbn, under supervision of Chief Clerk.

Circumstances will frequently compel a variation of the above which is therefore a guide only.

Issue of Adm Orders

55 After the adm plan has been made known, branches and services will, when necessary, prepare the appropriate paras for incl in adm orders.

These will be disposed as under -

A Branch	Medical
	Pro
Q Branch	Engr
	Amn
	Sup
	Tpt
	Ord.

Q Branch will co-ordinate paras received and pass, with its own paras, to A Branch for typing and issue. Services, after passing their paras for adm orders, will then issue when necessary their own orders and instns.

To ensure uniformity in adm orders and save time in preparation then, paras for incl will be passed to A Branch with the main heading in BLOCK letters and un-numbered.

Paras will be un-numbered but preceded by ( ) in which the number will be entered by A Branch.

Acknowledgement of Op and Adm Orders and Instns

56 The procedure for ack of op and adm orders and instns which have to be delivered by DR or by hand is as follows:-

(a) The O/A Branch will warn Signs that orders/instns are in course of preparation, and will furnish adv copy of distbn list.

(b) Sigs will decide numbers of DRs required, areas of delivery, and which orders/instns will be delivered by each DR

(c) On receipt, staff offr concerned will immediately ack message and fwd it to Div HQ. The signature on DR's docket is NOT an ack.

(d) When a SDR is sent to one particular unit, or when time allowed for delivery to other units permits, the SDR will await and bring back to Div HQ the ack message.

(e) Sigs will collect ack messages from SDRs on return and fwd them without delay, to the issuing office.

(f) The issuing office will keep a record of acks received as they come in from sig office. In the event of any ack being thought to be overdue, enquiries will be made from the sig office as to whether the SDR can be considered overdue in view of the route and the area of delivery allotted. If so, the issuing offr will then make a message calling for an ack. Chief Clerk of each branch will be responsible for checking acks, and informing G2(O)/DAA of any omissions.

DISTRIBUTION OF MOT VEH

ORDER OF MARCH

APPENDIX "B"

MOT VEH

Unit	Unit Name	Organization of Unit	Remarks: Offrs	Remarks: OR	M V Veh Type	Tow or Load: Type	Tow or Load: Veh No	Tow or Load: Veh Sign
[illegible]		GOC, ADC, Bearer	dr 2	2	Car DS			
		Traffic control pers Sec Pro Coy (less 4 cpls) plus mech MT, 2 cooks		16	Van 1 ton GS			
		GO Pro Coy	dr 1	1	Car DS			
Rear Party	G3 (O)	Det Pro Coy (1 sec)		2	2 M/Cs			
		Det D & E Pl (AA Sub Sec)		6	15-cwt GS			
		G5 (O) draughtsman, 1 orderly,	dr 1	3	Van 15-cwt			
		Camp. OC Pig Sec, batman, CQMS, clerk	3	3	Car DS			
		OC 1 Coy Sigs & 3 DR	4	4	Car			
		2 DR Sigs		2	2 M/Cs			
		One sp & 1A Coy 6 vehs 3 M/Cs	1	33				
Fwd Sigs		18 vehs 9 M/Cs (89 all ranks) (approx)						
Adv Gp	G2	Det D & E Pl (AA Sec)		5	15-cwt GS			
		OC D & E Pl, batman	1	1	2 M/Cs			
		Det Pro Coy		2	2 M/Cs			
		G2, G3(CW), 1 orderly	dr 2	2	Car DS			
		G1, G3(I), clerk	dr 2	2	Car DS			
		AQ and batman	dr 1	2	Car DS			
		I.O., Cipher Offr, & 5 staff, 2 batman	1 dr 2	8	Truck 3 Ton			
		L.O. 1	dr 1	1	Car DS			
		L.O. 2	dr 1	1	M/C			
		L.O. 3	dr 1	1	M/C			
		GO Sigs	dr 2	1	Car DS			
		2 Offices - 4 clerks, 1 draughtsman, 1 Orderly	dr	4	Office 3 Ton			
		1 Office - 1 clerk, 1 draughtsman	dr	3	Office 1 Ton			

Org	Ref	Item	Parameters		W D	Wpn (no items)		
			Actual	Qty	Sub Units	Type	Sub Wpn	High Lim
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]		1	[illegible]			
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]		2	[illegible]			
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]		1	[illegible]			
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]						
		[illegible]		

Gp	Gp Comd	Composition of Gp		Personnel Offrs	Personnel OR	W E Veh Type	Vehs on hand Type	Vehs on hand Veh No	Vehs on hand Veh Regn
		Det D & E Pl (AA Sub Sec)			5	Lorry 3 Ton			
		RAA,							
		L/Sgt cook	dr		3	Van 1 Ton			
		2 Batmen, mess orderly	dr		4	Van 1 Ton			
		Sanitary batman	dr		3	Van 1 Ton			
		RAE,							
		RMO, M Orderly, batman	dr	1	3	15-cwt			
		Chaplain, cpl, cook	dr	1	3	1 Ton			
		Cook, Batman, W O Caterer	dr		3	1 Ton			
		Stores, Cpt cpl, batman, hygiene, batmen orderly	dr		5	1 Ton			
					1	1 w/c			
Rear Sigs	2 i/c Div Sigs	To be detailed by CO Sigs							

	Rank (C)					

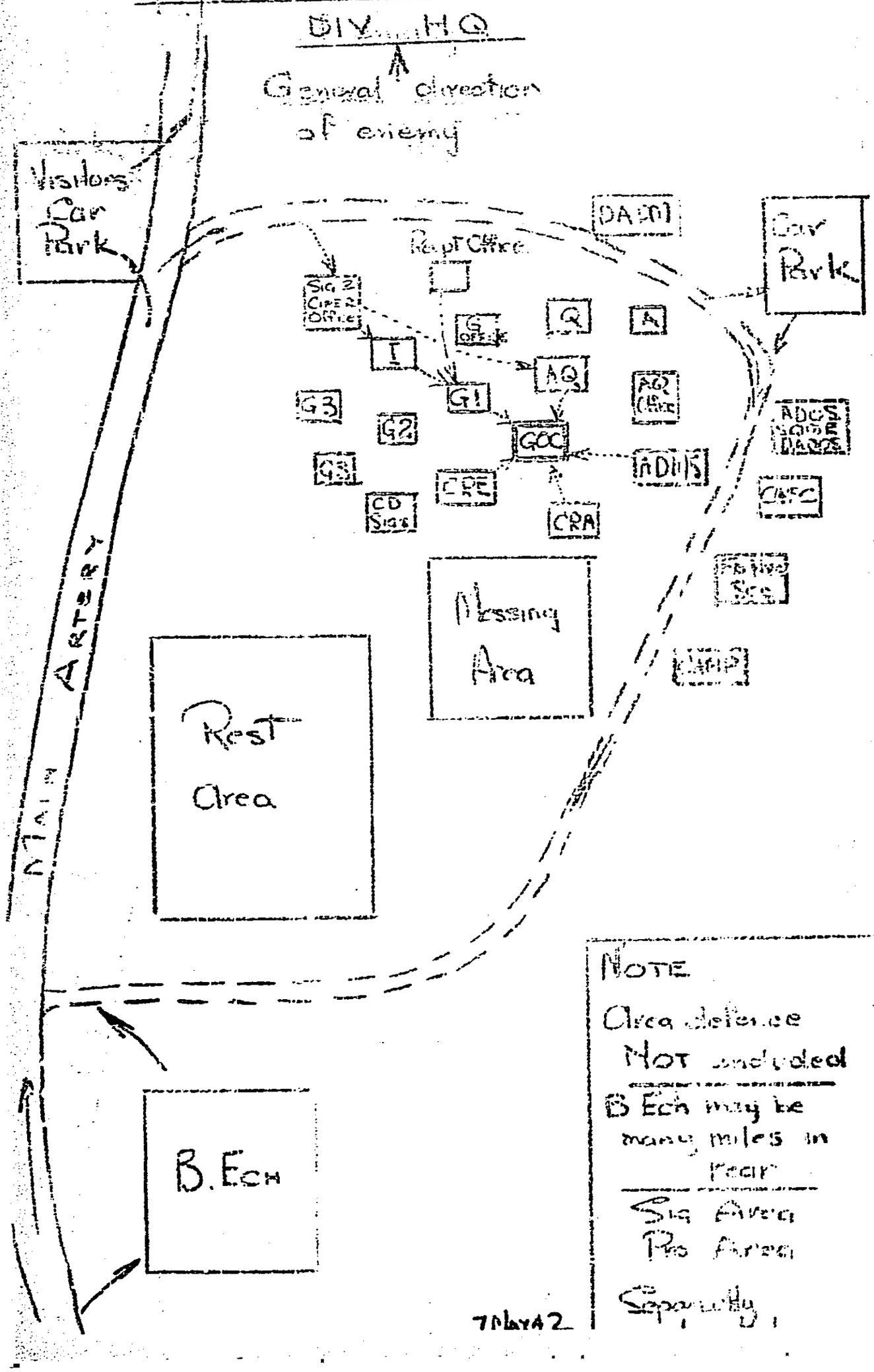
Gp	Gp Comd	Composition of Gp		Embarkation Offrs	Embarkation OR	M T Veh Type	Vehs not MT Type	Vehs not MT No	Vehs not MT Tons
	(a)	AASC 2 1/3, Batman, Clerk	dr	1	3	Car Utility			
		Capt Sup, Bat-dr, Clerk		1	2	15-cwt Van			
		RSM, details			3	3 Ton			
		M/Cs			2	2 M/Cs			
		Bat HQ Coy, Cook, CQ,	dr		3	1 Ton GS			
		RAA - S/C, Clerk No 3, Batman	dr	1	3	15-cwt Van			
		M/C			1	M/C			
		Hyg Sec (less Bde Secs)							
		Div Inst Unit (less Orderly & Bde Secs)							
		Mob Bath							
		Salv Unit							
		PS Cash Office							
Rear Sigs	(a)	As detailed by C.O. Sigs plus LAD.							

Note :

(a) The specific number may be varied by [illegible]

APPX D

DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT



Heading for Registers, Diaries etc.

1. SECRET AND RECEPTION OFFICE TRANSIT BOOK

Date	Registered No	Time of Receipt hrs	Time handed over hrs	Signature of Recipient

2. DUTY OFFRS DIARY

No Rank Name ..... Branch Duty Offr .....

Tour of Duty from hrs on to hrs on

Serial	Time	From	Summary of Events or Message	Action Taken	Initials

3. ACK REGISTER

No	T O O	Addressee	Subject	To be acked by hrs	Ack No and T O O

DUTY ROSTER

APPX F

No Rank Name ..... Branch Duty Office

Tour of Duty from hrs on to hrs on

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	DUTY OR DETAIL OF WORK	ACTION TAKEN

[illegible]

1. His tour of duty will be from 0830 hrs on the date [illegible] to 0830 hrs on the following day.

2. He will sleep in the Ops room and will [illegible] off for duty to relieve him for dinner and lunch. He will [illegible] as early as practicable before the times laid down.

3. He will remain in the Ops room [illegible] breakfast bath etc.

4. If, by reason of special [illegible] take over at the appointed hour or the like, [illegible] break in, his tour of duty is [illegible] him informing GS and Sig Offrs of such changes.

5. He will keep a Duty Offrs Report [illegible] events, action taken etc throughout his [illegible] three copies of this report typed by [illegible] relief. Copies will be handed to [illegible] third copy being retained by the duty offr for [illegible] destroyed.

6. He will hand [illegible]

7. After ordinary [illegible] will attend to all incoming telephone calls, [illegible] contacting Branch concerned if necessary. He will [illegible] correspondence except [illegible] opened to the GI or, in his absence, [illegible] necessary. Correspondence dropped will [illegible] registration by 0830 hrs.

8. If the duty clerk has to [illegible] he will ensure the duty clerk is at the [illegible] he will inform the duty clerk [illegible] possible. The duty clerk will NOT leave the [illegible] during the absence of the duty offr.

9. He will make himself acquainted with [illegible] of each Branch.

10. He will enter any relevant [illegible]

11. He will keep the Duty Log [illegible] received by message tele[illegible] to be taken as up to date [illegible] to transferred to General [illegible]

12. He will read the duty [illegible] 1030 hrs) and if the [illegible] absence the senior [illegible] the Sitrep he will send [illegible] then 930 this copy will be placed [illegible] on the GI's table. If [illegible] ring Corps and ascertain [illegible] ADC.

13. He will notify the ADC immediately [illegible] message or telegram addressed [illegible] letters etc will be dealt with [illegible] will be referred if [illegible]

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

16/11/42

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUL 42 *To* 3 JUL 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	1 JUL 42		Location Sta tement issued. New O of B recd - 305 LAD to 4 Aust Div HQ to march in on 3 JUL.	See Appx
	2 JUL		Whilst there were some serious wea knesses in the 6 Bde exercise there were many good pts. It was a brighter and better show than that of 13 Bde. The arty did not show to advantage. the exercise was witnessed by the Corps Comd on 30 JUN and very good cooperation was received from the RAAF. Div Staff who were at 6 Bde exercise returned to HQ.	
	3 JUL		Brig LANGLEY gave the GOC a picture of conditions in 13 Bde. Adm was poor generally, pa rticularly in 11 Bn. In this Bn there were a number of inefficient offrs. A pleasing feature was that 16 Bn had done well and had had no AWL's after its leave.	

D.3453/5.10.—C.4788.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 2 JUL 42 *To* 5 JUL 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	2 JUL 42		Brig LANGLEY reported that parades held for him were generally good. It was decided that the SC, 2 Bde GLUTH, should be returned to regtal duty, and that Lieut McCAUSLAND, now DAQMG (L) should be nominated for appt. The GOC attended a special Rotary Club Luncheon to celebrate American Independence Day. - Representatives of all services were there. Brigadiers CHAPMAN and SIMPSON who were passing through from the Middle East were guests of "A" Mess to Dinner.	
	4 JUL		The GOC inspected the Div Offrs School at Melville. It is going satisfactorily. The GOC discussed with the CRE and Col SANDOVER the building of a Hall at MOORA for which the AC and local people have provided funds and a supervising contractor. The CRE and Col SANDOVER are to arrange the labor. This was approved by the Corps Comd. Notes of matters which the Corps Comd might desire to discuss in Melbourne together with details of AIF enlistments in 4 Div were sent ot Corps by the GOC. The GOC instructed Col BREWER, CRE, to carry out a water recce in the MOORA area w here some difficulties are arising. The GOC called on the T own Clerk of GUILFORD and invited the Mayor and Town Clerk to lunch at "A" Mess on 6 JUL. A letter thanking the AOC for air cooperation in the GERALDTON exercise was despatched by the GOC. T he GSO.L. and Brig MACKENZIE returned from the Air School at CANBERRA. Capt ROUCH returned from RAAF School of Army Cooperation, CANBERRA and took over duties of G.3(O) from Capt CLARK. Capt CLARKE marched out on leave to MELBOURNE.	
	5 JUL		With the CRA the GOC made a recce to BUNBURY and inspected the Harbour and Beach defences.	

D.3457/5.42.—C. 4784.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 5 JUL 42 *To* 6 JUL 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	5 JUL 42		The beaches looked ideal for landing in favorable weather and a considerable grn would be needed to hold them. The Corps Comd left for Melbourne, the Comd assuming Comd of Corps as from 0600 hrs.	
	6 JUL		In an interview with the BGS, the GOC obta ined his agreement to the following pts: (a) He would w rite to the Engr-in-Chief for a definite decision about the spacing of minefds. (b) Div could use any color for triangles marking minefds. (c) Corps would issue a policy respecting demolitions. (d) Corps would press Navy for a reply about the use of small craft of the Auxiliary Patrol for tng. The BGS advised the Div Comd that 44 Bn, which, it had been suggested might go into 13 Bde, would now join 8 Bde towards the end of the month. As from the absorbtion of 44 Bn into 8 Bde, Div would take over SMF responsibilities. The SMF would cease to exist then and 25 Recce Regt would join 4 Div on completion of the concentration of 2 Div. At the GOC's request, Brig ANDERSON sent a telegram to the Corps Comd in Melbourne asking him to press for three of the HAIFAStaff College graduates who had just returned to Australia. Nominations for Amenities Offrs and Concert Party personnel were approved,. The latter is to be assembled immediately. The Mayor and Town Clerk of GUILFORD were entertained at lunch in "A" Mess in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the tps. ADOS was instructed by the GOC to push on with the supply of fd scale tentage, etc, to units of the Div. Col BARRETT (GSO.1.) returned from RAAF School of Army Cooperation, CANBERRA.	

D.3485/5.39.—C.1788.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

Unit---HQ 4 AUST DIV---------- *Date and Time.—From* 7 JUL 42---------- *To* 8 JUL 42----------

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	7 JUL 42		Comments on the Geraldton exercise were issued. The GSO.1. ~~inspected the Div Offrs School and discussed essential~~ amendments to the syllabus for the next course and also the progress of the students. Following the receipt of authority to take Maj SHADFORTH (adm comd 38 Bn) from the unit, the BGS agreed to Maj HONNER, 2/11 Bn, temporarily adm comd pending a ~~decision respecting the appointment of a CO.~~ The Div Comd decided on MOORA as the site for Div HQ on departure from GUILDFORD and the DAQMG and Camp Comdt left to make final recce. Brig LANGLEY and Cols WATSON and FARGHER were nominated to attend the Air Co-operation School.	
	8 JUL		~~The Div Comd had a detailed discussion with the CRA and GSO1~~ on the use of the Fd Regt at GERALDTON and laid down the principles for the CRA to follow in his discussions with the bde Comd and CO of the Fd Regt next week at GERALDTON. Advice was received from MELBOURNE that Capt F.J. NICHOLLS, 2/27 Bn and Capt ~~G.J.FINLAY, 35 Bn, had been appointed Bms, 6 and 2 Bdes,~~ respectively. Capt NICHOLLS who had just arrived from the Middle East After completing the Staff College Course at HAIFA reported for duty. It was stated that Capt FINLAY was at the Australian Staff School. 11 Bn were inspected on parade by the GOC. The turnout was quite good and the tps were steady. The GOC warned them on the seriousness of the present posn and ~~the foolishness of their recent action. Later 220 of them~~ were fined £2 each, for their breach of discipline at MOORA. The BGS, Brig ANDERSON brought Maj-Gen LLOYD to Div HQ for general discussion with the Div Comd. At the conclusion of the first course at the Div Offrs School, MELVILLE, the students ~~were addressed by the GOC.~~ The name of Maj L.B.KING BMRA, was submitted for a Senior Staff Course. Location Statement Amendment No.1 issued. Many reports of lights in DONGARRA area received during the past week.	See Appx

D.3457/5.12.—C.1795

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 9 JUL 42 ..... *To* 10 JUL 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	9 JUL 42		Remaining units of 13 Bde Gp were inspected on unit parades by the Div Comd. Generally the turnout was fair and the tps steady but there is room for great improvement in their marching and bearing and in individual items of turnout. MajHONNER who was to be sent to 38 Bn had not yet gone to GERALDTON and the GOC pressed for his immediate despatch. Maj ASHKANASY, however, pointed out that as the decision to appoint him as CO had been deferred by LHQ it would be inadvisable to suggest that he be permitted to adm comd. The DiV Comd, therefore, telephoned Brig FREEMAN and instructed him to place the senior offr of the Bn to adm comd and to utilise Maj HONNER to train the Bn. The GOC wrote to Brigs FREEMAN and LANGLEY and advised them officially about their new BMs. He also asked for suggestions as to the future employment of their existing BMs. Notes on 4 Div tng, dress, etc, were given to General LLOYD by General STEVENS. After dealing with a number of sentences imposed by Courts Martial the GOC rang Col FRY, 3 Corps, and advised that he was disturbed by certain sentences imposed. It was extremely difficult to follow the sentences. In many cases there was no uniformity, particularly in the case of Courts presided over by Maj WEBSTER.	
	10 JUL 42		Maj HONNER reported from NORTHAM and is to go to 38 Bn on 13 JUL to assist in tng. Brig KLEIN, CCRA, rang the GOC to state that the C-in-C had decided against Col RAU's appointment as CRA and that Cols KITTO and CREMOR were offering. The former was refused by him on the GOC's behalf and the GOC agreed to a message going to MELBOURNE that providing COL RAU was definitely not to be appointed, he would agree to the appointment of Col CREMOR. Col CREMOR should be back in AUSTRALIA about 27 JUL. Brig KLIEN also advised that Majors THANE, 2/1 Fd Regt and CRAWFORD 2/14 Fd Regt had been made available as Lt Cols for Arty comds in 4 Div and had been tentatively allotted to 3 and 10 Fd Regts respectively.	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 10 JUL 42 *To* 12 JUL 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	10 JUL 42		If The GOC did not want them, Brig KLEIN offered to take them for Corps units. Maj Gen LLOYD, GOC 2 Div, lunched with Maj Gen STEVENS andinspected the accommodation at GUILFORD, The second Div Junior Offrs School commenced at MELVILLE. unfortunately the School must vacate MELVILLE at the end of this course and find fresh quarters for the third course and for the Coy Comds school. The BGS, Brig FREEMAN, Commodore COLLINS and Col BAXTER-COX dined with the Div Comd, and the Former advised General STEVENS of the C-in-C's visit on 14 JUL. The BGS offered the GOC Capt BRASLEY, formerly 2/16 Bn, as DAAG. Capt BEASLEY received an "A" (outstanding) at the AUSTRALIAN STAFF COLLEGE and was recommended for appointment as DAAG of a Div. The offer was accepted. The BGS also offered Capt JOHNSTON another graduate of the AUSTRALIAN STAFF COLLEGE as G.3.(O) the appointment for which he was recommended at the conclusion of the course. This will mean that Capt CUNNEEN will remain G.3.(I) and Lieut KILPATRICK will become I.O. in lieu of Capt DRAPER who becomes L.O.	
	11 JUL		The Div Comd interviewed Brig MACKENZIE and went over in detail the weaknesses in 13 Bde and the action he was to take to overcome them. He also checked with Capt CUNNEEN the arrangements for 13 Bde "I" School at MELVILLE to commence on 13 JUL. Warning Order for move of Div HQ issued . (Exercise only)	
	12 JUL		The Div Comd interviewed the Corps Comd who returned from MELBOURNE last night. The Corps Comd revealed that : (a) one bn is to be disbanded and linked with another - LHQ suggested 32/38 Bns but the Corps Comd was open to suggestion 2/2 Pnr Bn will replace the disbanded bn; (b) bn organ is to be altered to provide for MMGs in carriers the abolition of E coy and 4 A Tk guns. The Div A Tk Regt is	

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 12 JUL 42 *To* 14 JUL42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
MOORA	12 JUL 42		to be provided per Div; (c) the appointment of Majors HONNER and EGAN willnot be considered pending a new O of B (d) 75% enlistments in a unit now means that it goes AIF (e) the C-in-C arrives in Perth on the night of 14 JUL. The itinerary for the C-in-C's visit was discussed. It made no provision for an inspection of WA units and at the Div Comd's suggestion this was altered. General LLOYD calledon the Div Comd and offered to allow 4 Div personnel to be sent to his arty regts for tng on 25 pdrs. This will be arranged between the respective CRAs. Warning Order for move of Div HQ cancelled. Brig McKENZIE resumed comd of 13 Bde. Brig LANGLEY returning to comd of 2 Bde.	
	13 JUL		The course being conducted at MELVILLE by Div for 13 Bde "I" personnel commenced. Main items dealt with at a conference between the GOC and Inf Bde Comds were: (a) tng - problems, policy, forecast of tng to end of Sept and the issue of Tng Instn No.11. to 25 AUG (b) adm - present weaknesses, lackof personal contact by Bde Comds, inattention to detail by Regt'l Offrs, boots, feeding, conference of cooks and QMs, control of MP, leave (c) Moves of Bdes - draft instns issued (d) AIF enlistments - disbanding one bn, creating AIF units in each Bde. Tng Instruction No.11. issued.	See Appx
	14 JUL		Visits were made by the Div Comd to the Div Int and Junior Offrs Schools. Both were going smoothly. In the afternoon a rehearsal of 13 Bde Gp parade was witnessed by the GOC. It was quite but bad dressing and covering and dirty pouches spoilt it. The Bde Comd was told of these things.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 14 JUL 42 ..... *To* 16 JUL 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	14 JUL 42		T he C-in-C arrived by pland in the evening. He was met by the ~~Div Comd. Col BAKER, GSO.2. Corps, brought to Div a list of~~ offrs returning from the ME who were available for allotment to 3 Corps and asked for early nominations from Div. The GSO.1. left for GERALDTON to supervise arrangements for the 6 Bde parade for the C-in-C.	
	15 JUL		The Div Comd flew in a Hudson to GERALDTON w ith the C-in-C and Corps Comd and witnessed the parade of 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp. It was quite a good show. The C-in-C had a look at the Harbour and discussed the disposns of the Bde and 19 Grn Bn. In the afternoon the party flew back to Perth and the C-in-C saw 13 Bde Gp on parade. It was an even better parade than that of 6 Bde. ~~T he GOC discussed with the C-in-C the delay in the appointment~~ of Maj EGAN and HONNER to Comd 6 and 38 Bns respe ctively and was asked to submit a note of these matters. A recommendation for Maj BUNTINE (2/28 Bn) to Comd 11 Bn vice Lt Col JAMES is being fwded to Corps. ✱ Location Statement issued. ✱	✱ See Appx.
	16 JUL		A demonstration arranged by the SMF of the Jap method of attack was witnessed at MOORA by the C-in-C, Corps Comd, GOC 2 Div, and Gen STEVENS. It was a very well staged demonstration of speed and coordination and is to be repeated for the benefit of representatives of the various Bde Gps. Later the C-in-C saw 2 Bde Gp march past. ~~He addressed 2/11 Bn on a private parade and met the senior offrs~~ of the Bde Gp in 6 Bn Mess. The weather was too bad to stage a Bde Gp parade. Subsequently the GOC dined with the C-in-C and Gen LLOYD in the Corps Comds Mess. Altogether General BLAMEY has seen about 10,000 tps of this Div. GSO.1. returned from GERALDTON. ✱ Tng Instruction No 12 issued. Instructions on Method of Handing over on Bdes changing Locations issued.	✱ See Appx ~~See Appx~~

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 16 JUL 42 ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	16 JUL 42		Maj LINES CW Adviser to LHQ visited the Division and made an ~~inspection of Anti Gas Tng at 2 Bde.~~	
	17 JUL		T he GOC saw the C-in-C off by plane on his return to MELBOURNE. G.1 was instructed by the Div Comd to move Div HQ to MOORA on 3 AUG. A warning order was issued. The CRE was instructed to recce for a track from MINGENEW to GERALDTON for use in the event of DONGARRA - GERALDTON route being denied to our forces. He was also instructed to: (a) develop the water supply at MINGENEW for 6 Bde which is to go there on 24 AUG (b) push on with the building of the Hall at MOORA (c) arrange for a small engr store dump at MINGENEW when 6 Bde go in, and (d) increase the dumps at MULLEWA and PITHARA in some items, particularly tools, pumps and water fittings. The Div Comd visited the Junior Offrs School at MELVILLE and addressed the students. He also called in at Bde Int School. With the GSO.1 the GOC dined with 11 Bn Offrs. A letter was addressed to B rig FREEMAN outlining the pts to be borne in mind in submitting his scheme for linking 14 and 32 Bns. Many reports of lights in the DONGARRA area received during the last week.	
	18 JUL		T he Div Comd interviewed 13 AIF Reinft Offrs who are at present ~~at NORTHAM and are available for posting. Most of them have been~~ AIF for about 18 months but few have had actice service experience Five had some qualifications to recommend them. A recommendation that Maj STEVENSON, BM 2 Bde, be transferred to engr services when his reliever arrives was received from the Bde Comd,2 Bde. The attention of all Bde Comds was directed to GRO 143 and they were advised that their confidential reports on offrs were not satisfactory.	

D.3483/5.19.- C.4756.

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 18 JUL 42 ..... *To* 20 JUL 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	18 JUL 42		With the G.1 and ADMS the GOC inspected Point WALTER camp which ~~is to become 4 Div Rest Camp. Huts for kitchens, messes, RAP~~ and stores are available and tentage for 600. It should prove an attractive summer camp but the disposal of refuse is a problem which MAJ NORRIS, Corps, has been asked to tackle. Maj GODBY, DADMS, Corps, promised a dental unit and a permanent RAP staff, ~~including a chiropodist, for the camp.~~ At the Div Comd's direction, Col BARRETT arranged with Corps that he, Col GRAHAM of 2 Div, and Col BAKER, of Corps, should visit NARROGIN and examine the syllabus of the Coy Comds Course being held there and generally examine the scope and conduct of the Corps Schools. They will go on 24 JUL. 6 Bde was advised that it would go to NINGENEW area when its month was up in BELLEVUE. It will move about 24 AUG. ~~Conference of all Div Staff Offrs held 0830 hrs.~~	
	19 JUL		The GOC made arecce of the Gin Gin area which he had not previously visited. Detailed plans for the move of all Bde Gps were produced by the DAQMG. GSO.2 and CO.1 departed for MOORA ~~to view exercises to be carried out by 5 and 6 Bns.~~	
	20 JUL		A memo was sent to Corps asking for improvements to Point WALTER Camp with a view to making it a really good rest camp. A Corps OO arrived covering the disbanding of SMF, adjustments of boundaries between 4 Div and 25 Recce Bn, and transfer of SMF responsibilities to 4 Div as from 1600 hrs on 27 JUL. The GOC ~~left PERTH at 0100 hrs to see 5 Bn exercise at HILL RIVER.~~ The exercise was not well conceived or conducted by Bde. Maj HOWDEN commanding 5 Bn, showed great energy and drive although certain of his tactics were not sound. The speed with which things happened was refreshing. Col RAU returned from GERALDTON after spending a week with 15 Fd Regt assisting in their tng, conducting lectures etc. He also discussed at length with Brig FREEMAN the tactical ~~disposns of the Regt.~~	

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 20 JUL 42 ..... *To* 22 JUL 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
MOORA	20 JUL 42		He laid down the arty plan on the lines which had previously ~~been determined by the GOC in consultation with him.~~ TheGS0.1 andGS0.11 and about 50 offrs (including Brigs Mc KENZIE and FREEMAN) from the Division witnessed the demonstration by SMF of Japanese tactics. GS0.1 also inspected site at MOORA for new Div HQ. ✱ Instruction re Anti Gas Tng. Experience by all ranks of a "NOSE GAS" issued.	✱ See Appx
	21 JUL 42		The Corps Comd laid down that Division was to concentrate on attack and defence as outlined in GEMAS and on a setpiece attack. The GOC told him of tng already undertaken in this direction by this Division. The Div Comd inspected portions of the three bns of 13 Bde at tng and also 13 Fd Coy who were using folding boat bridging eqpt for the first time. In long discussions with Maj PILLEY, Canteen Services, and Maj PAXTON, ACF, the GOC indicated Div requirements in their respective spheres. He outlined future Div disposns and both expressed appreciation of the timely warning given them. T he GSO.1 and Col BAKER, Corps, went to Corps School at HARROGIN to examine tng and the syllabi generally.	
	22 JUL 42		T he GOC sent for Col SANDOVER, 2/11 Bn, and gave him detailed instns respecting a GEMAS demonstration, Col SANDOVER was told to concentrate his own bn on attack and select one other bn to do the defence. The third bn could do a set piece attack as a demonstration. T he GOC also gave him notes of the suggested orgzn of the force. Later a copy of the instns given to Col SANDOVER were given to Brig McKENZIE so that he could do the same in his Bde. All offrs of 13 Bde Gp who desire to volunteer AIF, excl of Wkshop, ASC and Amb offrs, were interview ed by the Div Comd. Heads of services will report on those not seen. T he Div Comd later consulted CRA and CRE respecting their men. Confidential reports on all offrs were received. Capt FINLAY, recently appointed as BM, 2 Bde, reported for duty.	

D.3483/5.42.—C.3784

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit---HQ 4 AUST DIV---------- *Date and Time.—From* 22 JUL 42---------- *To* 24 JUL 42----------

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	22 JUL 42		The G.1 returned from NARROGIN. He and Col BAKER reconstructed ~~the syllabi and recommended that Maj GRAHAM, now Chief Instructor~~ be returned to his unit. Capt P.SHANAHAN is to be made C.1. Orders were issued for him to report to NARROGIN forthwith.	
			Brig FREEMAN's recommendations respecting the linking of 14 and 32 Bns were received. He also outlined his proposals for ~~transfering all AIF reinfts and all AIF~~ volunteers in 14 and 32 B ns to 38 Bn so that the latter may be-come an AIF unit very shortly. GSO.1 and Col BAKER of 3 Aust Corps visited NORTHAM and inspected Corps Coy Comd School. GSO.2 and LO.1 returned from MOORA.	
	23 JUL		Lt KILPATRICK returned from LHQ "I" School MELBOURNE. ~~Warning Order received from 3 AUST CORPS of moving of Div HQ~~ to MOORA.	
	24 JUL		The BGS rang the GOC and asked that a demonstration of GEMAS tactics be produced by 2/11 Bn for the Corps Comd on Tuesday. ~~He was told that this would be impracticable as the Bn would not~~ reach GERALDTON until midnight on 27/28 JUL. Friday was suggested by the GOC and agreed to. Advice was sent immediately to 2 Bde and Col SANDOVER w as given further particulars by telephone. Recommendations for linking 14 and 32 Bns and for the transfer of AIF personnel to 38 B n were sent to Corps. The Div Comd approved of Brig McKENZIE's Coast Watching system in the ~~JURIEN BAY area. Corps were asked for 20 remounts to facilitate~~ patrolling. Brig McKENZIE w as asked by the GOC, after further discussion to push ahead with the dimonstration of GEMAS that his Bde is to stage. Lt Col JAMES left 11 Bn to take over 13 Tng Bn. Maj WILLIAMS is administering comd until Maj BUNTINE 2/28 Bn returns.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 25 JUL 42 ..... *To* 28 JUL 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	25 JUL 42		The BGS indicated to the GOC that primarily the demonstration to be produced for the Corps Comd at GERALDTON on Friday next should be of mobile defence. This new fact was communicated to Col SANDOVER by telephone. The CSO brought to Division for the Div Comds infm the approved plan of new line construction between the PERTH - GERALDTON Rd and the coast North of MOORE RIVER.	
	26 JUL		Upon the receipt from the BGS of notes on the GERALDTON exercise the GOC designed the exercise and sent full details to GERALDTON by LO at 1600 hrs. A recce to YANCHEP was made by the Div Comd. The plan produced by CO, 4 Div Sigs, for W/T comms in the MOORA area was approved by the GOC with certain modifications. He also approved the Div HQ billeting plan at MOORA. The notes and diagram the CRA is preparing on the employment and disposn of arty with a bn acting as adv gd were discussed in detail with him by the Div Comd.	
	27 JUL		The GOC visited the Div Pl Comds Course and addressed the students. They did not appear to be as good a group as on the previous two courses. Later he saw a scout and patrol exercise conducted by one of the instrs. It was badly conceived and handled and the GOC ordered the C.I. to stage another one immediately. Later the Div Comd gave the G.I his ideas on certain aspects of the school. Col CLELAND advised the GOC that the cost of a mob cinema he required for the Div would be met from Corps Amenities Fund.	
	28 JUL		In conversation the BGS gave the GOC the following decisions: (a) Pt WALTER available from 28 AUG (b) 4 Div may retain BELLEVUE for 6 Bde until their move North commencing 24 AUG is completed (c) 25 Aust Cav Regt comes under comd 1600 hrs 8 AUG at which hr 2 Div takes over its op responsibilities. The Regt then moves to MOOBARRIE for a week to reorganize.	

D.3431/5.18.—C. 4288.

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV ..... *Date and Time.—From* 28 JUL 42 ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	28 JUL 42		Col MITCHELL, Comd 25 Aust Cav Regt, visited the Div Comd and gave him an outline of the role that the Regt would undertake when it came under comd. Lt Cols CRAWFORD and THANE, new comds of 10 and 3 Fd Regts respectively, arrived and the GOC gave them an outline of conditions in their units. They will take over on 29 JUL. The CE called and was impressed with the necessity for sending well-boring plant to MINGENEW in anticipation of the move of 6 Bde. He is to discuss this with the CRE. Adverse reports on the condition of BELLEVUE Camp after the move out of 13 Bde was received from DADMS. The same thing happened before with this Bde. Advice was received by the GOC from Maj ASHKANASY that 51 telegrams had been intercepted at GERALDTON PO from lads under 21 years requesting parents consent to enlist in the AIF failing which they would be transferred to a Labor Bn. The GOC took the following action immediately: (a) Telephoned Col SANDOVER to make inquiries at once, ascertain if any comd was responsible for the statement and if so to relieve him of comd at once, endeavour to obtain the telegrams and identify the senders, order all comds to inform all their personnel that there was no foundation for statements concerning transfers to a Labor Bn (b) Arranged with Col DUFFY ("I" Corps) to have telegrams handed over to Col BARRETT and to try and intercept mail for censoring.	
	29 JUL		At 0900 hrs Col SANDOVER replied to the GOC's orders by identifying Col JOHNSTON, 5 Bn, as the Comd responsible and stated that all messages came from 5 Bn. He had arranged for all that day's mail to be returned to 5 Bn for re-censoring. The GOC advised the Corps Comd of the action taken. Later authority was received from Corps to move Col JOHNSTON to NORTHAM pending a decision as to his ultimate movements. (This arose out of a report previously fwded to Corps and not from the incident of the last two days).	

D.1452/2.39.—C.4788.

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit---HQ 4 AUST DIV---------- *Date and Time.—From* 29 JUL 42 ---------- *To* 31 JUL42----------

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOORA	29 JUL 42		Col BARRETT left for GERALDTON to supervise arrangements for the demonstration on Friday. He was also instructed to examine the telegrams at GERALDTON. Brig A.W.POTTS DSO,MC, of 21 Aust Inf Bde, called on the Div Comd to discuss tng. He outlined the tng of his bde which is very much on the same lines as 4 Div tng except that only now have they developed the rapid enveloping attack and have not tried out the mobile defence.	
	30 JUL		The Div Comd interviewed all those offrs in 6 Bde Gp who had volunteered for the AIF. At night he attended a full dress rehearsal of 4 Aust Div Condert Party which is to give its first show on 31 JUL.	
	31 JUL		With the Coys Comd, The Div Comd flew to GERALDTON and witnessed a demonstration of an attack on Japanese lines by 5 Bn against a mobile defence held by 2/11 Bn. It was a thoroughly good show and quite the best bit of work seen in the Div. In the afternoon, a demonstration of a set piece attack by 6 Bn was also seen which was quite good.	

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HQ 4 AUST DIV

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Date 4 AUG 1942

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO LOCATION STATEMENT ISSUED AS AT 1800 HRS 31 JUL 42

IAL	UNIT	REF MAP	MAP REF	REMARKS
1	HQ 4 AUST DIV	MOORA STRAT	40052075	MOORA
2	4 AUST DIV SEC INT CORPS	"	"	
3	P SEC FS (AUST)	"	"	
4	305 LAD	"	"	
5	HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV	"	399208	
6	HQ 109 AUST A TK REGT	"	404208	
7	35 BTY 109 AUST A TK REGT	"	"	
8	H SEC SIGS 4 AUST DIV	"	40262084	
9	278 LAD	"	"	
10	HQ RAE 4 AUST DIV	"	403209	
11	56 AUST FIELD PARK COY	"	"	
12	285 LAD	"	"	
13	SIGS 4 AUST DIV (less EFGHJKL secs)	"	40262084	
14	233 LAD	"	"	
15	HQ COMD 4 AUST DIV AASC	"	402217	
16	55 DIV ORD WKSHOP (less 3 secs)	PERTH 1/4 STRAT	404056	BELLEVUE
17	55 " " FD PARK (" " ")	"	"	"
18	4 AUST FD CASH OFFICE	MOORA 1/4	40052075	MOORA
19	4 AUST DIV PRO COY (less 3 secs)	"	"	
20	4 AUST DIV POST UNIT	"	"	
	CORPS TPS IN AREA HQ plus 3 secs 121 RES MT COY	MOORA STRAT	381211	"

Capt
GS 4 Aust Div

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HQ 4 ARMD DIV
APO [illegible]

27 JUL 42

4 ARMD DIV ADM INSTR NO. 10

Ref 4 Armd Div OPLD of 27 Jul 42 and 12 Cav Gp, 1 BN, HQ 4 Armd Div and stbd will move to new locations in X 00 Area as shown in attd Appdx. Move of leading elements will be completed NLT later than 1200 hrs 3 Aug 42.

MOVEMENT

2. As in March Table Appx 2.

RECCE

3. Recce of new locations will be made by reps from branches Div HQ, CMA, CRE, and DASC, NLT later than 1200 hrs 31 Jul 42.

ADVANCE PARTIES

4. HQ 4 Armd Div under Lt-Col CAMP
HQ CMA " " CMA
HQ CRE " " CRE
HQ DASC " " DASC
Sigs 4 Armd Div " " Chief Sigs 4 Armd Div

5. Sigs 4 Armd Div will take over comm from 12 Armd Div HQ NLT later than 1200 hrs 30 JUL.

6. All branches HQ 4 Armd Div and attd will take necessary steps to ensure organised reception of main bodies at new location.

CAMP ACCOMMODATION AND MESS STORES

7. Office furniture and mess stores will NOT be moved, except under orders from CAMP.

REAR PARTIES

8. As detailed by CAMP 4 Armd Div, CMA, CRE, DASC, Chief Sigs 4 Armd Div, for respective groups.

9. Vacated HQ will be handed over at [illegible] 2 Armd Div NLT later than 1200 hrs 4 AUG 42.

LIAISON

10. Maj R. MCK. WILSON, HQ 4 Armd Div, will remain at present HQ 4 Armd Div, until 1200 hrs 4 AUG, and will act as Liaison Offr with 2 Armd Div.

OFFICE CONTENTS

11. Packing of office properties and documents will be the responsibility of respective branches. Responsible for packing of office contents will accompany [illegible] and be completed NLT later than 1200 hrs 1 AUG 42.

12. [illegible] will be responsible to attd HQ 4 Armd Div HQ will NOT be used [illegible]

13. [illegible] will NOT be used [illegible]

BAGGAGE

14. Offrs' baggage will be securely packed and labelled with Offr's number, name, rank only. All baggage will be loaded on baggage veh NOT later than 1 hr before start time.

15. Baggage of HQ will be packed and loaded prior [illegible] from CAMP.

MESSES

16. Responsibility of closing messes, [illegible] Mess, Recce and opening of messes in new location, is as follows:-

"A" Mess	Lieut W. KYLIA:RAE
"B" Mess	Capt O. PHILLIPS
Sqdn & OR Mess	Units [illegible]

RATIONS

17. Unconsumed [illegible] rations already held by HQ 4 Aust Div and Sigs will be taken to new location, and will remain as a reserve.

18. Indents for rations for consumption MON 1 & 2 AUG 42 will be submitted to HQ AASC & Aust Div, NOT later than 1600 hrs 29 JUL.

POL

19. All vehs will have [illegible] Petrol, in 4 gal drums vide 4 Aust Div QIX of 2 Jun, will be used in all vehs.

20. PP will be opened at [illegible] by 43 Aust Inf Bde, from 2000 hrs to 2200 hrs AUG 1, 2 and 3.

AMN

21. (a) 30 rounds SAA will be carried by each man. Offrs will carry pistols
(b) 1000 rounds SAA per LMG.
(c) Remainder of 1st Line Amn with Div Tn.

MEDICAL

22. Under arrangements DMS.

WATER

23. Water bottles full. Water discipline will be enforced. Each veh will carry 4 gals of water.

RECOVERY OF VEHS

24. Under arrangements HQ 4 Div Ord Wkshops [illegible] LADs

PROTECTION

25. No parties will move prepared to fight. Precautions will be taken to avoid being surprised.

[signature]
COL
AA & QMG 4 Aust Div

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HQ 4 AUST DIV - MARCH TABLE - APPX Z
Issued in conjunction with 4 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 13

HQ 4 Aust Div and attd will move to new location in gps on 2 AUG 42, as under:-

Serial	Group	Gp Comd	Detail
1	G	GIII	Branches G, Div Int Sec, Div PSS, Data 14 D & E Pl
2	AQ	DAQMG(L)	Branches A, Q & M, G sec M, Legal Offr, DAPM, Amenities Offr, Postal Unit, Fd Cash Office, Data 14 D & E Pl
3	CAMP	As detailed by CAMP	A, B, & Sgts & OR's Messes and remainder of Camp staff. Data D & E Pl
4	Sigs	As detailed by CO Sigs	As detailed by CO Sigs 4 Aust Div
5	Attd	HQ CRA	HQ CRA, HQ CRE, HQ CASC

REAR PARTIES

2. Each Gp will leave a rear party of 1 NCO (Sgt or Cpl) and 3 OR, who will be responsible for cleanliness of camp.

LOADING

3. Loading of baggage, stores, office eqpt will be commenced 1400 hrs 1 AUG. All serials will complete loading NOT later than 1800 hrs 1 AUG.

ASSEMBLY AREAS

4. On completion of loading, vehs will move to assembly areas as indicated by DAQMG. Gp Comd will ensure adequate arrangements are made for guarding stores and vehs in assembly areas. One armed man will sleep in each veh. Prowler piquet in each gp. All gps will be ready to move from assembly areas 0830 hrs 2 AUG 42.

RATIONS

5. (a) Breakfast 0700 hrs 2 AUG - all messes.
(b) Cut lunches for midday meal 2 AUG will be carried by all ranks.
(c) Evening meal - new location.

START TIME

6. Serial 1 - 0900 hrs, Serials 2 to 5 incl will move at 15 mins interval.

REPORTING

7. Gp Comds will send report to Sig Office when ready to move. W/C provided by Sigs will stand by at Sig Office for use of DAQMG.

SPEED

8. 20 mph.

DENSITY

9. 10 yds.

HALTS

10. (a) 10 mins before each clock hour till 1150 hrs.
(b) Lunch 1150 - 1220 hrs, thereafter no halts en route.

ROUTE

11. (a) Serials 1, 2, 3: WEST PDE, QUEEN'S RD, BELMORE RD, RLY PDE, MEADOW ST, YORK RD, GERALDTON RD.
(b) Serials 4 & 5: WEST PDE, KALAMUNDA RD, YORK RD, GERALDTON RD.

SP

12. Serials 1, 2, 3: Rd June WEST PDE-QUEEN'S RD.
Serials 4 & 5: Rd June WEST PDE-KALAMUNDA.

DP

13. As indicated by guides at MOORA.

TCP's PROVIDED BY 4 AUST DIV PRO COY

14. No. 1 - Rd June WEST PDE-QUEEN'S.
No. 2 - Rly Crossing MEADOW ST, GUILDFORD.
No. 3 - Rd June YORK-GERALDTON.
Nos. 4 & 5 - As arranged MOORA Area.

GUIDES

15. 4 Aust Div Pro Coy will provide guides for Gps on arrival MOORA Area.

ARRIVAL NEW LOCATION

16. Gp Comd will organise unloading at respective branch HQ. Vehs will be dispersed. After unloading, all vehs will move to veh park as indicated in Appx B.

VEHS REQUIRED BY SERIALS 1 TO 5 INCL

17. Gp Comds will supply DAAMT with following info on pro forma below, NOT later than 1400 hrs 29 JUL 42:.

Serial	Gp	Branch	Personnel		Weight of baggage & stores	Vehs on hand by type	Extra vehs & type required
			Offrs	OR	Tons Cwt		
e.g. 1	6	7 Sec	2	8	10	1 Car DS 1 Office lorry	1 3-ton

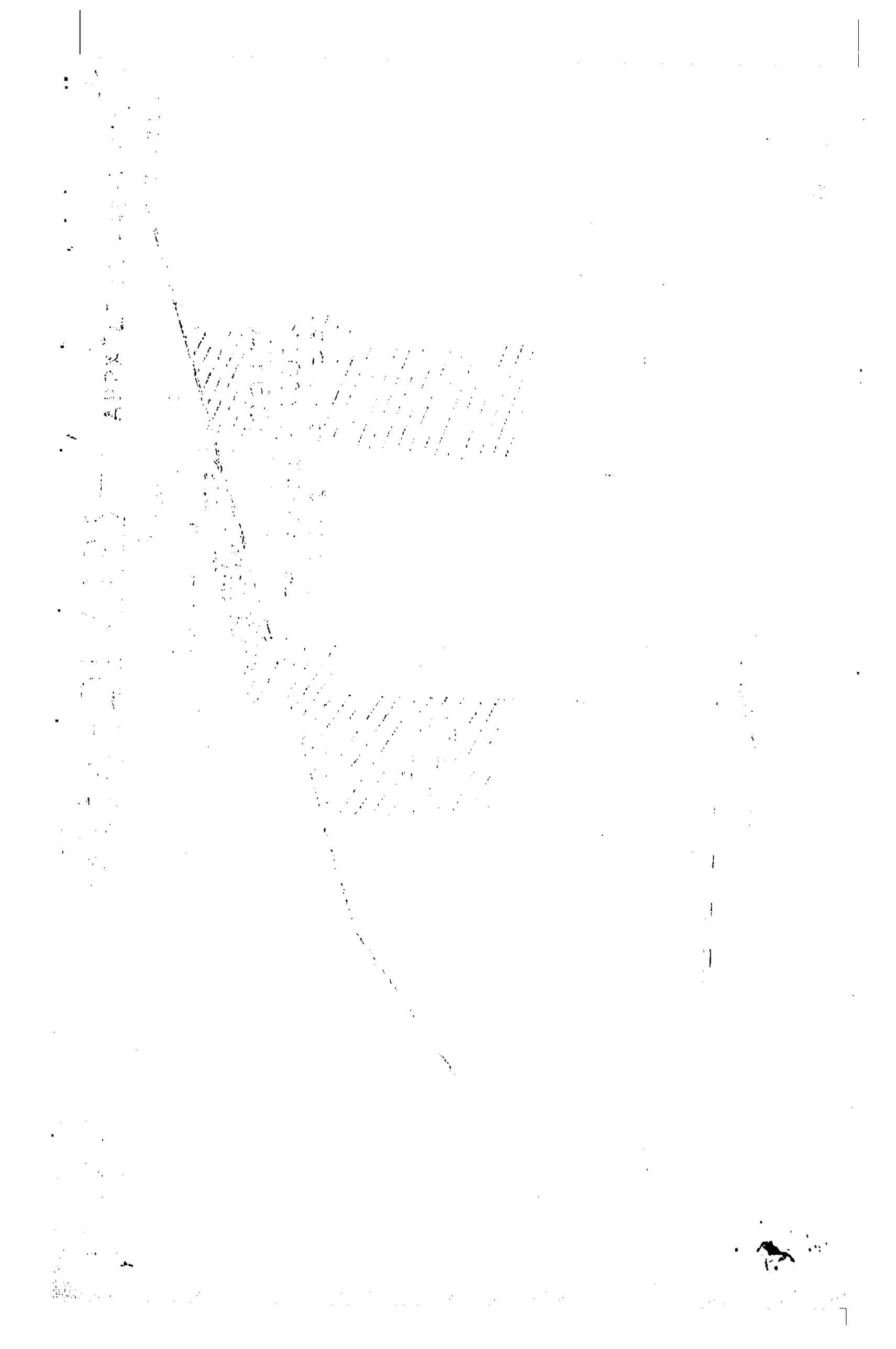
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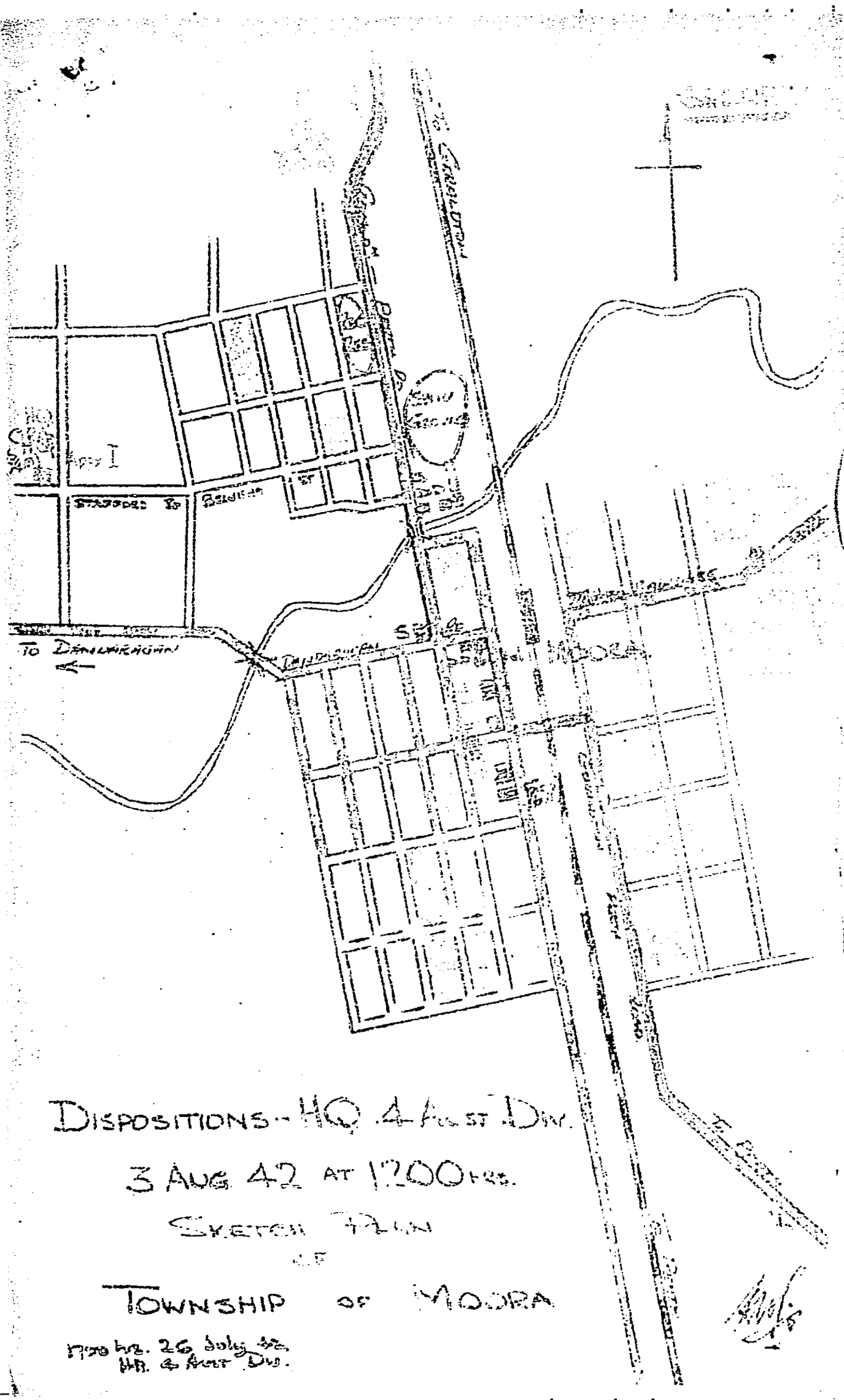
18. Rep of DAC will inspect offices and Camp Area at present location 0830 hrs 2 AUG 42.

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AA & QMG 4 Aust Div

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DISPOSITIONS - HQ 4 Aust Div.

3 AUG 42 AT 1700 HRS.

SKETCH PLAN

OF

TOWNSHIP OF MOORA

1700 hrs. 26 July 42.
HQ. 4 Aust Div.

ARMY FORM C.2128.
(Adapted, Large.)
(Pads of 100.)
(Reprinted November, 1941.)

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO CRA, CRE, CASC, ~~Rptd 3 AUST CORPS, 2 AUST DIV~~ G

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4 Aust Div	Q 452	28	

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HQ 4 AUST DIV
[illegible] JUL 42

ANTI-GAS TRAINING EXPERIENCE BY ALL RANKS OF A "NOSE GAS"

1. D.M. (a nose gas) is now available on a scale sufficient for all offrs and other ranks to experience it once.

2. The objects of this experience are to enable personnel to recognize a nose gas ("toxic smoke") when they meet it in the field, and to appreciate its delay-action effects.

3. All offrs and other ranks, of all arms of the service, who have not had this experience will, therefore, be put through [illegible] as early to date.

4. The D.M. is contained in acetone solution in glass ampoules, each of which is sufficient to reproduce a concentration of one in five million in a 1,500 cubic feet gas chamber. Proportionate amounts will be used for chambers of any other size.

The ampoule is opened by moistening the neck and scratching it sharply with the glass knife provided, whereupon the tip may be snapped off.

An iron dish should be gently warmed, and removed from the flame whilst the solution is gradually poured into it and again warmed to form a compact deposit of D.M. in the centre of the dish. (Separate dishes must be used for D.M. and C.A.P.). If a naked flame is used for heating purposes, the dish must be held several inches above it, as the solution is highly inflammable. After the solvent has evaporated stronger heating may be required to volatilise the D.M.

The gas should be dispersed in the chamber by the continuous application of heat until all volatile matter has been removed. The contents of the chamber should then be thoroughly mixed by fanning.

Personnel will enter the chamber wearing respirators and keep them on for two minutes to prove that their respirators give complete protection. Facepiece will then be removed in the chamber, and personnel will remain in the gas chamber for a further two minutes without protection. Respirators will then be adjusted and a minute later personnel will leave the chamber and move about at a marching pace for 10 minutes before removing their facepieces.

The concentration in the chamber will be adequate for three squads, after which the chamber will be cleared of gas and a new charge put up. If the third squad fails to experience adequate effects they will return to the chamber after the new charge has been put up. The concentration of D.M. in the chamber should not be augmented in any way.

5. This anti-gas trng will be conducted by an offr or NCO who has qualified at the Army Gas School. If such an offr or NCO is not available within the Unit application will be made through the usual channels to the appropriate GSO (CW) at Army, Corps, or Div HQ's whereupon arrangements will be made for a qualified offr or NCO to be made available.

6. Units which are unable to obtain one of the mobile gas trailers or the use of a gas chamber will improvise such a chamber.

7. Indents for D.M. ampoules will now be submitted by all units and establishments as follows :-

(a) The number of ampoules to be indented for will be 5 per cent of unit or establishment strength, to the nearest multiple of 25 (Ampoules are packed in cartons of 25).

(b) Indents will be submitted through the usual channels. They will be consolidated at formation HQ, and the consolidated indents will then be submitted to the appropriate CRE depot.

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8. Ampoules not expended will be retained by units in the cartons in which they are received, and will be utilized at a later date for personnel who have subsequently joined the unit and not previously experienced D.M.

9. No officer or other rank will be required to experience D.M. more than once, in the gas chamber. No restrictions should be imposed on exposure to D.M. in the open under normal tng conditions. It is injudicious to submit men who are unfit or are temporarily in a lowered state of health to D.M.

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GS 4 Asst Div.
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HQ 4 AUST DIV
26 JUL 42

METHOD OF HANDING OVER OR EXCHANGING LOCATIONS

The following instns will be carried out on all occasions when a Bde is handing over or exchanging an area or role, and papers prepared accordingly will be given personally by the Bde Comd to his relief.

ROLE

1. A statement of the Bde role or roles will be att to a complete set of copies of all op instns and orders received.

APPRECIATION

2. The Bde Comd will make an appreciation of the situation in the area with the object of giving to the incoming Bde all info concerning probable enemy action and steps considered necessary to counter them.

PLANS

3. Outline plans for dealing with an enemy landing or attack in any possible locality will be made available.

FD WORKS

4. If not already done, a detailed plan of existing fd works including coast defences will be made. Alteration to these will NOT be made without prior approval from these HQ.

5. A list of all work ordered by Div & considered necessary by Bde for op reasons will be prepared.
This list will show :

(a) work done
(b) in process
(c) contemplated

TNG AREAS

6. A sketch plan of all tng areas will be prepared and will include locations of fixed tng facilities such as assault courses, and of suitable areas for specialised tng, e.g. tng carriers, ramps and fd firing areas, combined ops.

EXERCISES

7. A copy of all exercises down to bn will be handed over to the incoming Bde to sight and study, and, if possible, to retain.

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

8. Bde IO's must meet, and the incoming IO be put completely in the intelligence picture which will include receiving a written statement of all other than normal security measures deemed necessary.

LAYOUT OF HQ

9. A plan of the layout of Bde and unit HQ will be prepared.

COMNS

10. A diagram will be made of all sig comns. This will include all info regarding any necessary local sig procedure, all DR/LS runs and facilities and mail times at Fd PO.

On completion of the relief a copy of all papers prepared in accordance with paras 1 to 5 incl will be fwded to these HQ by the Bde being relieved together with a statement signed by both Comds that all the above instns have been completed. When a Bde is relieving or being relieved by a force other than a Bde, the same duties will be carried out by the Force Comd.

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HQ 4 AUST DIV

18 JUL 42

4 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 11 (27 JUL - 25 AUG)

PART I - GENERAL

TNG PERIOD

1 The following instns cover tng within the div for the four weeks commencing 27 JUL 42, and, to ensure uniformity in this aspect, bde tng instns issued in consequence will cover the same period. This applies to all future tng instns issued by div unless specific orders are given to the contrary.

OBJECT

2 The object of tng within the period will be :-

(a) to further improve the physical condition of all tps in anticipation of more intensive tng during SEP.

(b) to study op roles in new areas.

(c) to practice and speed up battle procedure.

(d) to gain experience in embarking, disembarking, and handling of small boats, including assault boats, as facilities are available.

(e) to study and apply the lessons learnt during 6 and 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp exercises.

(f) to improve the standard of night tng.

TEXT BOOKS AND PNS

3 During the period special study will be devoted to the text books and pamphlets listed below in addition to those required for the tng set out in the instn :-

ATI (AUST) No 11
Inf Minor Tactics 1941
MTP No 39, Part II - The Carrier Pl.
MTP No 30, Fd Engineering All Arms, Part V Protective Works.

NIGHT TNG.

4 One weeks tng will be carried out at night on the lines laid down in ATI No 11 page 22 with such minor adjustments as may be necessary. This should be carried out in the latter portion of this tng period.

BATTLE PROCEDURE.

5 The notes on Battle Procedure for a Bn in the Attack (Appx "C" to ATI 11) should be studied by all offrs. Particular attention is to be paid to :-

(a) Organisation of the recce by study of the map, questions to be answered, viewpoints and routes.

(b) The gaining of time by the issue of instns to personnel and sub-units concerned as soon as any decisions have been made.

(c) The mvt of tps to concentration or assembly areas in readiness for the op.

COMBINED OPS

Para 2 (d) above covers the tng in combined ops to be carried out in

AUG. For this purpose 2 and 6 Aust Inf Bdes will obtain the necessary boats by direct arrangement with the naval Offr, GERALDTON - and the Naval Auxiliary Patrol, PERTH - respectively. 56 Fd Pk Coy holds 32 Assault boats, 16 Rocco boats and 18 Folding boats. Full use is to be made of this equipment by 6 and 13 Bdes. Applications for use will be passed by Bdes through Fd Coys to CRE.

LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EXERCISES

7 Complete sets of Directors' and Umpires' Notes in recent exercises conducted by Div HQ for 6 and 13 Aust Inf Bdes have been fwded to all Bdes. These reports brought out many valuable lessons and tng throughout the period must be aimed at eliminating the weaknesses shown in the exercises and in applying the lessons learnt.

CARRIERS

8 The handling of carriers has been a constant source of adverse criticism from umpires and observers in exercises, particularly in regard to tactical handling, excessive speed and the tendency to use them as tks. The instns laid down in Mil Tng Pam No 39 Part II- " The Carrier 21", will be carefully studied.

FD WORKS

9 As a result of modern war conditions, many modifications have been found necessary in fd defences. Ref is made to those in Appx "E" to Inf Minor Tactics 1941 and also in supplements 2 and 3 of Inf Tng - "The Design and Layout of Fd Defences". This subject will receive particular attention in future tng and be closely watched in all future exercises.

WIRE CRUSHING

10 Results of recent wire crushing tests show that men comparatively untrained in this phase of warfare have little difficulty in getting through wire fences by using the methods indicated in ATM No 8. As many as possible are to be trained in these methods with the object of eliminating fear of wire and making tps confident that they can pass through most types of wire fences without much trouble from the actual fence. The minimum to be aimed at is that every man will be given at least one opportunity to form part of a squad attacking a wired enemy posn.

PAD

11 A noticeable weakness in recent exercises was the lack of air defence measures, both passive and active. With their present limited AA resources, Bde Gps are restricted in the active measures against aircraft to S.A fire and thorough tng in passive defence is imperative. Slit trenches, camflge, light and shade, the use of trees, scrub, hedges; parking vehs to give the smallest shadow on the ground and preventing the sun glinting on windscreens etc are all forms of PAD. Besides detailed tng in this subject bdes will ensure that units evolve a drill for passive defence and carry it out in all exercises whether aircraft are participating or not.

12 Confusion appears to exist as to the action to be taken by a convoy when attacked by aircraft. The principles to be observed are outline in Appx B to ATM (AUST) No 7 and these are to be observed. Where intensive low level bombing and/or MG attacks force MT to halt temporarily, personnel must disperse under control and the fwd mvt of tps resumed immediately the attack ceases. Offrs and NCOs must exercise very firm control in such cases.

MINE LAYING.

13 Instns have been issued regarding the drill to be followed in the laying of mines, and Fd Coys att to Bde Gps will provide instructors to train the max number possible in accordance with a syllabus prepared by CRE, copies of which have been issued separately to Fd Coys

This syllabus provides for series of two day courses, each course to be attended by 40 all ranks. Courses will be continued until all personnel have received this trg either from the Fd Coy or from Pioneer Pl instructors as decided upon by Bde Gp Comds. Personnel of Arty A Tk, and P & E Pls in addition to inf, are to receive trg in this work.

RD BLOCKS.

14 Personnel of arty, A Tk, engineers and inf units will receive instn in the siting and construction of rd blocks of both the hy and temporary type. A rd block to be of any value must be covered by fire, the ideal being a combination of a tk and anti-personnel weapons, and a tk mine must be placed in the block and in the approaches. The siting and defence of rd blocks in this way is to be practised.

SUPPORTING ARMS.

15 Mortars and MMGs are included in bn weapons for a specific purpose - that they may be under the direct control of the bn comd and used primarily by him as a fast, close, and hard hitting support for the inf coys. Except in special circumstances they are best employed under bn control, and trg, particularly in regard to mortars will be designed to enable heavy concentration of fire to be quickly brought down when and where required by the comd.

PATROLS

16 The competitive spirit must be intensified and be the keynote of all exercises which will include raids, ambushes and patrols. In regard to patrols, some interesting infm concerning clothing equipment, rate and aids to mvt and the responsibilities of the various comds is contained in Appx "C" of ATM No 9. In this regard the max scope and freedom of action possible in accordance with each situation must be given every comd down to sec comds.

PART II - EXERCISES

EXERCISES - GENERAL.

17. The exercises referred to below will be carried out in addition to those prescribed by the bde gp comds and comds technical arms. No exercise during the period will last more than 48 hrs but intensive activity must be maintained throughout each one.

BDE EXERCISE.

18 During the period Div HQ will conduct a 2 day exercise for 2 Bde Gps. Dates for this exercise will be notified later.

T E W T S

19 Coy and bn exercises will first be done as TEWTS with the offrs concerned and repeated immediately after with tps. Exceptions may be made where it is desired to test a particular unit or sub-unit.

BN EXERCISES.

20 All bns will carry out one exercise designed to study the defence and offence aspects of the Battle of GEMAS - See 4 Aust Div Memo G2/13 of 12 JUN.

21 Each bn will carry out one bn attack involving consolidation and holding of the captured objn. Tps will stay out overnight and particular attention will be paid to the detailed adm arrangements of feeding in sub-unit rpms, digging, wiring and the bringing up of stores. Realism and thoroughness must be the keynote of this exercise and the digging and wiring are to be carried out.

FD FIRING.

22 Schedules of ing arm authorised for the 12 months commencing 1 JUL 42 have been issued to bdes. These will shortly be reinforced in GRNs. The Arm provided for the CCs pool is primarily for battle practices and during the period all units will carry out one fd firing exercise based on the bn in the attack.

23 The standard of machine gun work is not satisfactory at present. All MG numbers must be able to carry out right firing and firing on fixed lines and ing is to be directed accordingly.

PIONEERS.

24 The ing of pioneers in addition to will be directed to the laying of minefields, the construction of rd blocks and to the new types of fd works described in Inf Minor Tactics 1941.

UNIT SYLLABUS.

25 One copy of each bde and unit syllabus of ing will be forwarded through the usual channels to each Div HQ no later than 26 JUL.

Col.,
G S 4 Aust Div.

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APPX "A"
Issued with 4 Aust Div
Tng Instn No 11.

SYLLABUS OF TNG

The following outline syllabus is suggested as a basis for bde syllabi; provision is made for all tng set out in instn No 11 with, in addition, further pl and coy exercises, weapon tng, range practices, recapitulation, exercise discussions. No tng is set down for Sundays which it is suggested could be well used for Church pdes, make and mend periods, domestic economy, recreational tng.

FIRST WEEK - 27 JUL - 2 AUG

Serial	Subject	Remarks
1	Sec and Pl exercise	To include PAD tng and application of lessons learnt in recent Div-controlled exercises.
2	Bn Comds TEWT for Coy and Pl Comds	Preparation for exercise "Coy in Defence"
3	Weapon tng, PAD	Same day as serial 2
4	Coy exercise (a) Attack (b) Consolidation (c) Def against JAPANESE infiltration tactics (d) Rd blocks	Three days. To include [illegible] wire-crushing, patrols.
5	Route march - 25 miles	Included in serial 4
6	Range practice	One day
7	Mine laying Courses	Given by Fd Coy Instructors

SECOND WEEK - 3 AUG - 9 AUG

8	Bde Comds TEWT for Bn and Coy Comds	Preparatory to Bn exercise "The Attack"
9	Sec and Pl exercise (a) Formations (b) Control (c) Use of ground	Same day as serial 6
10	10 mile route march	Included in serial 9
11	Bn exercise (a) Attack (b) Consolidation	Two days controlled by Bde. Actual consolidation measures to be taken. Attention paid to adm arrangements in the fd, use of carriers and siting and defence of rd blocks.
12	25 mile route march	Included in serial 11
13	Practice in handling small boats	Facilities available each bn for 2 days, 25% each day.
14	Range practice	One day per bn
15	Mine laying course	Given by Fd Coy instructors

THIRD WEEK - 10 - 16 AUG

Serial	Subject	Remarks
16	Bn Comds TEWT for Coy and Pl Comds	For exercise to be based on Battle of GEMAS
17	Weapon Tng, PAD	Same day as serial 16
18	Bn exercise (a) Attack (b) Defence	Following serial 16. Particular attention to be paid to use of carriers, siting and defence of rd blocks.
19	Practice in handling small boats.	Facilities available each bn for two days. - 25% each day.
20	Fd Firing Exercise	To be prepared by Bde
21	Recapitulation	As required by bn comd
22	Mine laying courses	Given by Fd Coy instructors.

FOURTH WEEK - 17 AUG - 23 AUG

23	Night Tng	For basic syllabus see ATM-No 11.

4 AUST DIV TNG INSTN No 12

LOW WIRE OBSTACLES

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HQ 4 AUST DIV
16 JUL 42

1. MTP 30, Pt III and Inf Minor Tactics Appx "F" both mention without much detail the low wire infantry obstacle. Intended primarily as a temporary defence measure this is not intended to supersede the ordinary double apron fence or BW concertina for deliberate fixed defences, but it is a most valuable defensive measure and the following notes and drill are published both for infm and as a guide in planning and erecting this form of obstacle. The wiring included in exercises to be carried out in accordance with para 21 of Tng Instn No 11 will include examples of this form of wire entanglement.

ADVANTAGES

2. The main advantages of the low wire obstacle are :

(a) its lowness makes it hard to see, thus giving opportunity to effect surprise.

(b) the enemy is hindered from effecting its destruction on account of its depth which renders it more difficult to crush or demolish with BANGOLORE torpedoes,

(c) normally less stores are required than for a DAF (see para 3).

STORES REQUIRED

3. The stores required for 100^{X} of low wire fence as compared with 100^{X} DAF are as follows:-

Item	Single DAF	Double DAF	Low wire Obstacle
Pickets (length according to height of fence)	-	-	170
Pickets long	40	80	-
Pickets short	80	160	-
Barbed Wire 28 lb coils	13	26	20

4. It will be seen that the obstacle requires less stores than a DAF. If six coils of wire were thrown in as loose wire bringing the total to 26 coils, it is considered the fence would be more difficult to cross than a double DAF.

DESCRIPTION OF FENCE

5. The actual type of obstacle that can be erected with the above stores is as shown in the sketch att as Appx "A" . This is a modification of that shown in MTP 30, Pt III and consists of five rows of pickets at 3 yds spacing, with 12 longitudinal wires and four diagonal wires.

6. The rows and spacing should be irregular, the dimensions shown being merely a guide. Pickets should be driven close to shrubs or in clumps of grass. The height should vary with that of the vegetation, being about 6" lower than it, but should be not less than 6" or more than 2' in height.

DRILL FOR ERECTING

7. Wiring drill gives a sequence of operations rather than a duty for each man. It is thus somewhat independent of the size of the party, and is not affected by casualties. A suitable party is ten men.

FIRST TASK-STORES

8. The stores required should be stacked at the start of the job, the pickets in heaps of 28 with points towards the enemy.

SECOND TASK - DISTRIBUTING AND DRIVING PICKETS

9. The first three men take 4 pickets each, the comd of the party indicates where each picket is to be driven, and it is laid on the ground point towards the enemy, and on the spot indicated. The next three each take a tubular driver and follow along driving pickets. The remainder of the party carry four pickets each and follow on after the first three. As each man of the distributing party finishes, he returns to the dump, collects 4 more pickets and follows on.

THIRD TASK - WIRING

10. The sequence of wiring should be :-

First two men	-	Botton trip of front row.
Next pair	-	Top wire first row.
Next three	-	First diagonal wire.
Next pair	-	First Apron wire.
Next pair	-	Top wire second row.
Next three	-	Second diagonal.
Next pair	-	Second Apron wire.
Next pair	-	Botton trip wire - third row.
Next pair	-	Top wire - third row.
Next three	-	Third diagonal.
Next pair	-	Third Apron wire.
Next pair	-	Top wire-fourth row.
Next three	-	Fourth diagonal.
Next pair	-	Fourth Apron wire.
Next pair	-	Botton wire fifth row.
Next pair	-	Top wire-fifth row.

TENSION OF WIRE

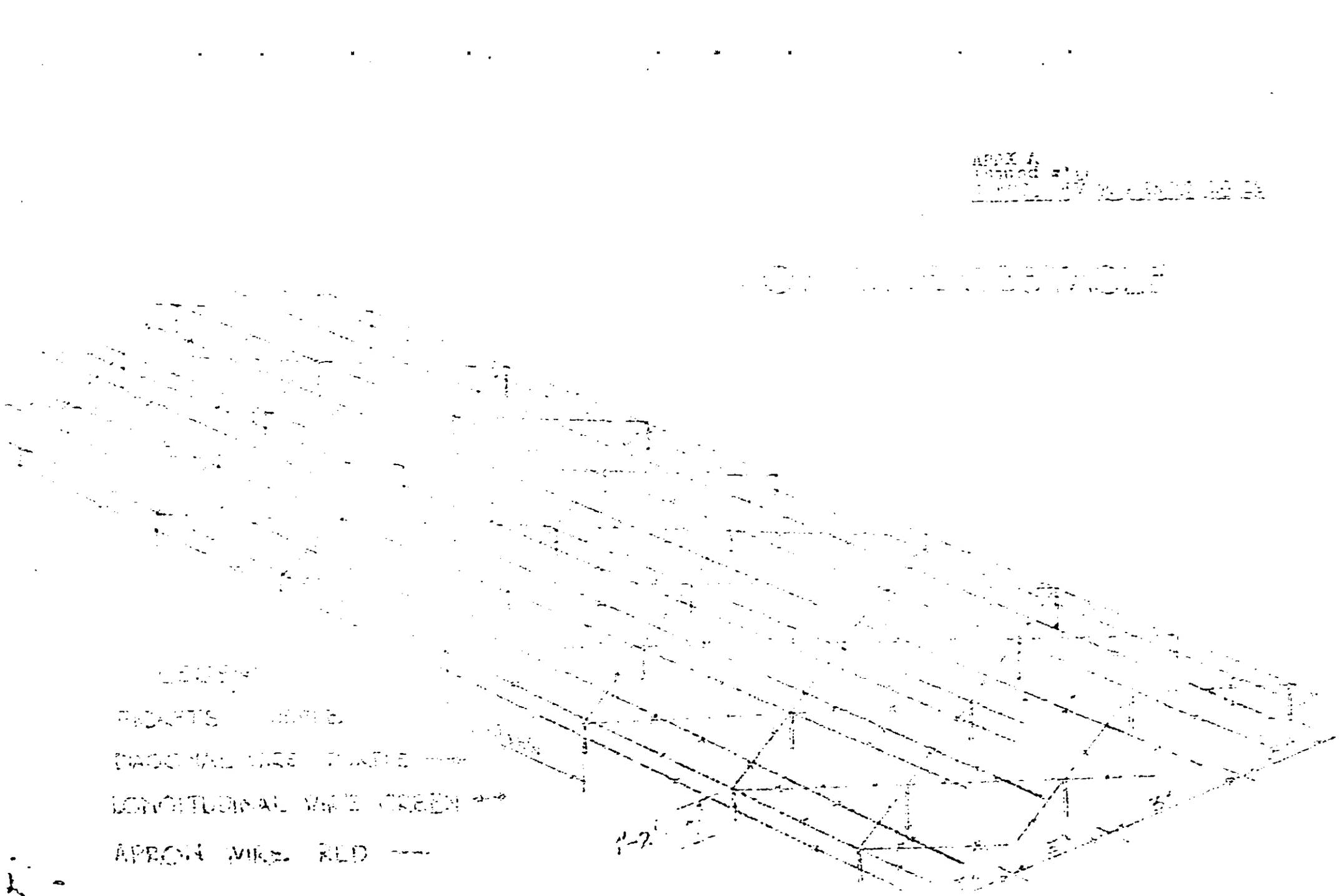
11. Apron wire should be fairly slack and windlassed in to diagonals.

12. Loose wire may be prepared by running out on to ground, tangling with a forked stick, and then tossing it in to the fence.

Lt Col,
GS 4 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION

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LEGEND
RADIALS
CIRCUMFERENTIAL WIRE (TIES)
LONGITUDINAL WIRE (SPIRAL)
APRON (MIN. REQ'D)
1'-2"