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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Sept To 2359 Hrs. 1 Sept 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY) AREA.	1 Sep 43.		At 1045 hrs today, 7 Bde was paraded on the Bde Sports Ground in preparation for inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, Aust Military Forces, Gen. Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.		
			The Units were drawn up in close column of Coys and after preliminary dressing, etc. the whole of the Bde stood fast to await the arrival of the C. in C.		
			At 1100 hrs, the C. in C. arrived at the parade and after the general salute was given, he proceeded to inspect the tps accompanied by the Brig. Comd. (Brig. J. FIELD, D.S.O.).		
			At the conclusion of the inspection, the C. in C. delivered a short address and complimented the Bde. Comd and Coy Comds on such a fine turnout. To the tps he remarked on their steadiness and stamina and told them that as this was the first time he had the opportunity to inspect 7 Bde, he was more than pleased and proud to inspect such a fine body of men.		
			The 9 Bn band was in attendance and accompanied the parade with appropriate renderings.		
			The march past concluded the ceremony with the Bde marching in column of route along the road past the saluting base where General Sir THOMAS BLAMEY took the salute.		
			During the afternoon, all Coys reverted to private parades.		
			All Coys are trg. in their own areas, 11 Pl. B Coy are engaged on road repairs and 5 Pl. bridge construction over the AHALO CK.		
				WEATHER: Heavy rain from 1630 hrs.	
				STRENGTH: 28 OFFRS. 747 ORS	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 hrs 6th Sep 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.		<i>JLB</i>	A and B Coys were in the GRIMUNUMU area all day carrying out a "dry run" exercise in preparation for a Bn exercise on 9 Sep inco-operating inf and arty support.	
		<i>JLB</i>	C and D Coys were engaged on an all day and night exercise in area map ref 190380 as carried out by A and B coys on 30 Aug.	
		<i>JLB</i>	Portions of HQ Coy were attached to the Coys for the exercises and the remainder were engaged in training and duties in their own areas.	
		<i>JLB</i>	5 Pl. was firing on the Bde Assault range.	
		<i>JLB</i>	The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) accompanied by the Adjt. (Capt. G.A.COCHRANE) was in the GRIMUNUMU area all day in conjunction with the "dry run" exercise.	
		<i>JLB</i>	The I.O. (Lieut M.W.RYAN) was with C and D coys for the day and night exercise accompanied by the INT Sgt. and personnel.	
		<i>JLB</i>	Weather: Fine	
		<i>JLB</i>	Strength: 28 Offrs. 765 Ors.	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 7th Sep. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.		<i>[Signature]</i>	A Coy training to syllabus in area map ref. 165399.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	B Coy was training in its own area and 11 Pl engaged on road repairs.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	C and D Coys were training in their own areas all morning and during the afternoon competed in organised sports on the Bde Gd.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	HQ Coy training and duties own area; No. 1 and 4 Pls were on the Assault course, 5 Pl on bridge construction.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	At 1400 hrs Capt C.K. Smith rejoined the unit after a period on the mainland.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	At 1600 hrs Lieut N.J. Siemon marched into the Bn at 1600 hrs <i>after a period of absence during which he was seconded as GSO III MT HQ Q&C area</i> and is now attached to 10 pl. B Coy	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	Weather: Showry and overcast.	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	Strenght: 28 Offrs. 762 Ors.	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 3 Sep. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.			<i>SJB</i> A Coy was on the Bde Sports Ground for a morning or organised sports and during the afternoon the Coy was engaged on road maintenance in BHQ area.	
			<i>SJB</i> B Coy spent the morning on the Bde Grounds indulging in sports and in the afternoon 10 pl was training in area map ref 169399 11 Pl in its own area and 12 pl on road repairs.	
			<i>SJB</i> C Coy spent the morning on road works and the afternoon training in its usual area.	
			<i>SJB</i> D Coy was on the Grenade Range all day.	
			<i>SJB</i> HQ Coy training and duties own area and 5 Pl on bridge construction over AHALO CK.	
			<i>SJB</i> During the evening all personnel were free to attend a film screening on the Bde Grounds.	
			<i>SJB</i> Weather: Fine	
			<i>SJB</i> Strength: 30 Offrs. 762 ORs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area			<p><i>JLB</i> INF AND ARTY CO-OP EXERCISE - 9 Sep 43. On Thursday 9 Sep and Inf and Arty Co-op exercise was carried out in the GRIMUNUMU area under the direction of the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) with the 2i/c Major A.J.W.SUTCH E.D. in Comd. of Bn.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> The troops taking part comprised of all coys together with Dets. of Mortar, Secs of MMG, R.A.P. and S.Bearers.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> The co-operating Arty was the 48 Bty, 13 Fd. Regt. with F.O.O.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> The object of the exercise (a) To conduct a battle practice for a Bn with Arty support in an attack against hastily prepared defences. (b) To practice coy Comds in the use of Arty during exploitation.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> At 0700hrs the Bn under their coy comds moved to the assemble areas and upon arrival, A Coy was ordered by the C.O. to attack and capture GRIMUNUMU Village, with 1 Tp of Arty in support. By this time the Arty had ranged their guns and were pouring devastating fire in and around the Village.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> A Coy advanced under cover of fire, 9 Pl moving through the jungle on the right flank and 7 and 8 Pl along the RIDGE. Immediately upon arrival at the Village 7 and 8 Pl overwhelmed the enemy and proceeded to give supporting fire to 9 Pl who moved up the spur and occupied TRACK KNOLL.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> At this stage OC A Coy reports that he is unable to advance further.</p>	
			<p><i>JLB</i> The C.O. then commenced his recce and at 1000 hrs after the capture of GRIMUNUMU he called his "C" Gp. and issued his verbal Op.orders.</p>	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 Hrs 10 Sep 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.			<i>JLB</i> A Coy was in the MARIANE area map ref 165405 training to syllabus	
			<i>JLB</i> During the morning B Coy, consisting 10 pl continued on with the road maintenance, 11 Pl training in area map ref 165397 and 12 Pl training in its own area.	
			<i>JLB</i> In the afternoon the Coy carried on with training according to Syllabus.	
			<i>JLB</i> C Coy spent the day on road maintenance in the Bn area.	
			<i>JLB</i> D Coy was made up of working parties both on Road and Quarry Work.	
			<i>JLB</i> 3 and 4 Pl of HQ coy fired on the EARO CK range and the remainder of the Coy training and duties in its own area, 5 Pl on bridge construction over the AHALO CK.	
			<i>JLB</i> At 1030 hrs Lieut L.A. PICKERING marched out of the unit to attend an OTT. School.	
			<i>JLB</i> At 1900 hrs a discussion on the Bn exercise took place in the Bde mess hut. The personnel attending included all coy and Pl Comds. together with representatives of the 6 MG Bn and 48 Bty.	
			<i>JLB</i> A large scale sketch of the area was prepared by the "I" Sec which was used to illustrate the ground over which the exercise was carried out.	
			<i>JLB</i>	Weather: Fine
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 757 ORs.	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001hrs To 2359hrs 13 Sep 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area)		[Signature]	A, D, & C Coys trg and duties in their own areas, including 5pl who were engaged on the bridge construction work over Ahalo Ck	
		[Signature]	At 0800 hrs B coy plus HQ coy set out under their coy Comds on an all day full coy route march.	
		[Signature]	The route march was on a tactical approach principal and the coys were guided throughout the march by personnel from the Int sec.	
		[Signature]	The march was over an area covering approx 12 miles with each coy starting off on their routes in opposite directions so that they would contact along the lines of march	
		[Signature]	At 0800 hrs the CO (Lieut-Col G R Matthews) accompanied by the OC HQ coy (Maj W G Fry) left for the KARAKATANA area for the purpose of a recce in preparation for a Bn exercise incorporating the 6 MG Bn, to be carried out on 17 Sep.	
		[Signature]	At 0830 hrs the Int Sgt accompanied by 6 Int personnel left for the KARAKATANA area for a period of 2 days. While away the personnel will map portion of the area in preparation for the Bn exercise on 17 Sep	
		[Signature]	At 1200hrs Capt G M Percival returned to the Unit after a period in forward operational areas for observation purposes. On his return to the Unit, Capt Percival was notified of his promotion to the rank of Major. Maj Percival will now take command as OC D coy.	
		[Signature]	Weather. Fine Strength. 29 offrs. 762 ORs.	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs

To 2359 hrs 16 Sep 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby area.)			<i>SLB</i> A coy consisting of work parties were engaged at the quarry and on road works in the Bn area.	
			<i>SLB</i> B coy was on the Bde jungle range during the morning and spent the afternoon as working parties.	
			<i>SLB</i> C coy was on road maintenance all day, and D coy road maintenance and quarry work.	
			<i>SLB</i> HQ coy trg and duties in its own area and 5 pl on bridge construction over AHALO CK.	
			<i>SLB</i> At 0900 hrs the CO (Lieut-Col G N Matthews) left for the KARAKATANA area in conjunction with the Bn exercise to be carried out 17 Sep. While in the area the CO witnessed a dry run exercise by the 25 Bn.	
			<i>SLB</i> At 1100 hrs a lecture was tendered to HQ coy by WO Cameron, of the Field Security Branch on Security.	
			<i>SLB</i> Weather, Heavy rain. Strength. 29 Offrs. 762 ORs.	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>9 Bn Coop Exercise with C Coy 6 Aust MG Bn. 17 Sep 43.</u>	
			<i>Sal</i> A Bn exercise was carried out on 17 Sep in the KARAKATANA area in conjunction with C coy 6 Aust MG Bn.	
			<i>Sal</i> The object of the exercise, "To practice the use of a Coy of MMGs with the Bn in attack".	
			<i>Sal</i> The exercise which was of a "dry run" principle was under the direction of the CO (Lieut-Col G R Matthews) and the Bn under command of Major W G Fry.	
			<i>Sal</i> Troops taking part included all coys under their Coy comds with A coy as the "enemy" and CO enemy Capt A T Beech. The umpires for the day were Offrs and NCOs from 25 Bn.	
			<i>Sal</i> With reveille sounding at 0530 hrs the Bn moved out of the area at 0715 hrs and were in posn at 0800 hrs in the assembly area	
			<i>Sal</i> After the order of advance was given the Bn proceeded to an area approx 1200 yds from the area where the attack was to be carried out.	
			<i>Sal</i> The Bn was dispersed while the CO made his recce and issued his orders. At 1315 hrs the Bn moved to their start line.	
			<i>Sal</i> C and D coys on the left flank, B coy on the right flank and at 1425 hrs the attack was launched.	
			<i>Sal</i> Shortly after the attack the enemy were routed and the objective captured. The exercise concluded at approx 1530 hrs and the Bn returned to camp.	
			<i>Sal</i> During the afternoon heavy rain fell and despite poor comms owing to the weather the attack went through successfully.	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 18 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area		<i>J.S.</i>	A Coy spent the morning firing on LONG HILL Range and during the afternoon the coy was engaged in training in its own area.	
		<i>J.S.</i>	B Coy was in area map ref 169399 carrying out battle drill, "movement before contact and attack".	
		<i>J.S.</i>	C Coy was made up of working parties all morning and for the remainder of the day was training to syllabus in its own area.	
		<i>J.S.</i>	D Coy training to syllabus in its usual area.	
		<i>J.S.</i>	HQ Coy was made up into work parties, clearing debris and undergrowth from the banks of the river; 4 Pl Bde Assault Course and 5 Pl Bridge Contrustion over AHALO CK.	
		<i>J.S.</i>	During the morning teams from 9 Bn and 2/9 Bn contested in a shoot on the LONG HILL Range. The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) participated in the shoot against the C.O. of the 2/9. The final scores resulting in a win for 9 Bn.	
			Weather: Showery from 1500hrs.	
		<i>J.S.</i>	Strength: 29 Offrs. 764 Ors.	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 19 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Fort Moresby) area.			<p>The voluntary Church parades were held at 0900 hrs, C.P.D.s attended the service in the 61 Bn area, C of E service was in the D Coy area and R.C. held early mass on the Bde Grounds at 0730 hrs.</p>	
			<p>During the morning a swimming carnival was held in the Bn Pool adjacent to BHQ.</p>	
			<p>The programme was on an organised scale and was competed by personnel from 61 Bn, 7 Bde, 9 Bn and visiting personnel of the 6 Aust MG Bn and 2/9 Bn.</p>	
			<p>The competitions included swimming races, diving and water polo.</p>	
			<p>The units were well represented and each event was allotted points for the morning programme. On receipt of the official scores 9 Bn came in the winners with a score of 34 points, 6 MG Bn 2nd with 32 Points and 7 Bde third with 22 Points.</p>	
			<p>The result of the water polo between teams from 9 Bn and 2/9 Bn resulted in a win for 9 Bn of 5 goals to Nil.</p>	
			<p>The visiting personnel took a great interest in the carnival and remarked on the improvements to the pool.</p>	
			<p>Much work has been put in to make it a rendezvous for liesure hours, a spring board and diving tower has been installed along with a platform at water level and a tinea foot bath at the dressing end and the bank levelled off to ack as a grand-stand.</p>	
			<p>The Brig.Comdr.(Brig J.FIELD D.S.O.) was in attendance at the carnival and members of the 2/9 Bn band generously gave their services and rendered appropriate numbers during the programme.</p>	

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Unit **9 AUST INF BN.**

Date and Time.—From **0001 Hrs** To **2359 Hrs 22 Sep 43**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.			<i>[Signature]</i> A and B Coy were made up of work parties for general maintenance through out the Bn area.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> C Coy spent the morning on duties and the afternoon in training in the Coy area.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> D Coy was training in the coy area and 16 Pl as a working party was engaged on LONG HILL Range.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> HQ COY training and duties in the Coy area, 5 Pl was engaged on Br. Construction over AHALO CK.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> At 0900 hrs the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) accompanied by Maj W.G. FRY, Maj G.M. PERCIVAL and the Adj. Capt G.A. COCHRANE left for the KARAKATANA area.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> The party spent the day on a recce of the area over which a Bn exercise will be carried out on 23 Sep.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> At 0930 hrs the I O (Lieut W.M. RYAN) Accompanied by the Int Sgt. left on a recce for the area, over which a 4 day Bn route march will be carried out from 28 Sep to 1 Oct.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> From 0545 hrs all personnel were free to attend a film screening on the Bde Ground.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Weather: Fine	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Strength: 29 Offrs. 760 ORs	

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Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.			<p><u>BN. EXERCISE WITH ARTY AND MMG SUPPORT - 23 Sep.</u></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> A Bn exercise under the direction of the C.O. (Lt-Col MATTHEWS) with Maj G.M. PERCIVAL in comd of Bn was carried out in area map ref 2035 UBERI 1" on 23 Sep.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> The exercise inco-operated the use of Arty by the 49 Bty, 13 Fd. Regt and MMG by C Coy 6 MG Bn.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> An approach march from PIONEER BR. along the GRIMUNUMU Track and accros DINDS CK Bridge. The leading coy D coy, were held up by enemy on Hill 200 ref 206357 which they quickly overcame and consolidated on that feature.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> BHQ was established on the track 203361. At this time the enemy were located on OLD VILLAGE RIDGE 205355, BURNT RIDGE 208355 and also on BLACK ROCK RIDGE 199354.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> The Bn Comdr. decided to attack these ridges using three coys for the attack. The attack to be supported by 49 Bty, 13 Fd Regt and C Coy 6 MG Bn.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> B Coy were ordered to take BLACK ROCK RIDGE and give covering fire for A Coy while they attacked OLD VILAGE RIDGE. B Coy carried out their task and captured and consolidated on BLACK ROCK RIDGE by 1330 hrs.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> At 1200 hrs commenced to register on SADDLE COPSE 207356 and on OLD VILLAGE RIDGE and completed their registration by 1230 hrs</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> The MMG Coy were in position on BLACK ROCK RIDGE and were ready to open fire on the enemy concentrated on OLD VILLAGE RIDGE. A Coy were to take OLD VILLAGE RIDGE and their start line was the Spur 205357.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> C Coy were to advance through SADDLE COPSE and take BURNT RIDGE from their start line RIDGE 207357, D Coy were to remain on Hill 200.</p> <p>"H" Hr 1400 hrs.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i> Shortly before 1400 hrs the arty opened fire on SADDLE COPSE and later switched onto OLD VILLAGE RIDGE.</p>	

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Unit 9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 24 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area			<i>JL</i> A and D Coys were made up into working parties for maintenance in the Bn area.	
			<i>JL</i> B and C Coys were training to syllabus in their own areas.	
			<i>JL</i> HQ Coy:- 4 Pl firing on LONG HILL RANGE, 5 Pl Bridge Construction over the AHALO CK and the remainder training the Coy area.	
			<i>JL</i> At 0830 hrs the I.O. (Lieut M.W. RYAN) accompanied by the Int. Sgt and personnel left for a recce of the area over which the Bn 4 day exercise will be carried out on 28 Sep to 3 Oct.	
			<i>JL</i> At 1400 hrs the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) left for Moresby where he will stay for approx. one week as presiding Officer of the pre-selection board.	
			<i>JL</i> At 1900 hrs all Officers attended an entertainment given by the Officers of the 49 Bty. 13 Fd Regt.	
			<i>JL</i> Weather: Fine Strength: 29 Offrs. 744 ORs	

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Unit 9 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 25 Sep 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area			From 0830 hrs to 1130 hrs all coys attended a demo. of the 2 Pdr H.E. on LONG HILL RANGE.	
			During the afternoon A, C and HQ Coys continued training in their own areas while B and D coys indulged in a programme of organised sports in their own coy areas.	
			At 0830 hrs MAJ A.J.W.SUTCH E.D. took over command of 61 Bn during the absence of Lt-Col WILES for a period of 5 days.	
			At 1400 hrs Maj W.G. FRY accompanied by the Adjt. (CAPT G.A. COCHRANE) and the Mortar officer Lieut A.P. SWAN left on a recce to inspect ground over which a 5" Mortar Demo. will be carried out on 27 Sep	
			Weather: Fine	
			Strength: 29 Offrs. 743 ORs.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 27 Sep 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area			From 0815 hrs to 1030 hrs all coys attend a demo. of the 3" Mortar H.E.	
			The coys assembled in the area of PIONEER BRIDGE and began the short march to the observation hill overlooking the target area, BOULDER HILL, approx S.W. of GRIMUNUMU TR.	
			Maj W.G. FRY was in command of Bn and was accompanied by the Adj. Capt. G.A. COCHRANE.	
			The Mortar personnel consisting of 8 Dets. making two Btys. was under command of Lieut. H.P. SWAN who firstly gave the troops a commentary of the demonstration.	
			The whole procedure of shoot was under the direction of an O.P and communication to the Btys by L/T.	
			No. 1 Bty consisting of 4 Dets. was placed in position in a forward re-entrant overlooking the target, while No. 2 Bty was in a position behind the observation hill, which obstructed their view of the target.	
			Commencing with a commentary on the Mortar intentions and tasks by Lieut SWAN 1 det. of No. 1 Bty proceeded to lay down smoke bombs to indicated a line of targets. This was followed by a series of H.E. Bombs to form a bracket at a range from 750 to 900 yds.	
			The next series was by No. 1 Bty firing all four dets. in both normal and rapid fire.	
			Following this procedure No. 2 Bty carried out the same tasks first with smoke and H.E. laying onto the same target.	
			For a conclusion of the demo. the two Btys of 8 Dets. fired together firstly normal, concluding with three rounds rapid fire from the eight of the 3" mortars.	
		The demo was greatly appreciated by the troops who would hear the verbal orders and see for themselves the effect of a mortar barrage and its deadly accuracy.		

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DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.			<u>4 DAY BN EXERCISE FROM 28 Sep to 1 Oct. 43.</u>	
			A bn exercise was held in the HOMBROM BLUFF area ref 090440, the object " to exercise the Bn in re-organisation when an attack fails and to improve L of C between forward troops and rear HQ, particularly in country where M.T. cannot be used and pack transport can only be used for portion of the distance".	
			The Bn left DONADABU Camp area at 0845 hrs 28 Sep for ABIDARI area ref 114434, following the main road to LOWER LEVELS, thence along BISJATABU ROAD to road Junc 153443 thence along the jeep track to ABIDARI.	
			Enemy were encountered on Knoll approx. 104437 but were driven off by C Coy who immediately after capture of Knoll proceeded to dig in.	
			on 28 Sep Bn HQ was established at 111440, rear Bn HQ with supplies, rations and ammunition were established at 115436.	
			A Coy was established in area 105439, D Coy 106440, B Coy 114437 and in these areas all coys proceeded to dig in.	
			Throughout the night active patrolling was carried out from C Coy and D Coy, deep into the enemy positions to ascertain the strength and positions of the enemy.	
			At 0520 hrs 29 Sep D Coy occupied without opposition the Ridge 105445 and immediately proceeded to dig in in that area.	
			For the rest of the morning all coys strengthened their defences. MT was unable to proceed further than rear HQ and rations amm. and tools were carried by carrying parties to the coys.	
			In the afternoon the acting Bn Comdr. Capt. A.T. BEECH, decided to launch an attack and capture enemy positions which were located on ridges 096447 and 093440.	
			The attack to be made by A and B Coys, B Coy to pass through D Coy on the ridge to capture feature 096447 and A Coy to form up on the left flank of C Coy and capture feature 093440.Z	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M

Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information (2)	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Zero Hour was at 1430 hrs and B coy success signal was seen at 1444 hrs and A Coy 1 minute later. These two coys immediately dug in on the captured positions and remained in those positions for the night.</p>	
			<p>Throughout the night 29,30 Sep active patrolling was carried out by A and B Coys to ascertain the strength and new positions of the enemy. While patrolling was carried out by C and D coys to A and B coy areas.</p>	
			<p>At 0800 hrs 30 Sep all four coys moved forward and attacked enemy positions on the ridges to the west, by this time the enemy were in full flight and were being pursued by the Bn.</p>	
			<p>The enemy fought a delaying action but were quickly overthrown. By night fall 30 sep the remnants of the enemy were in full flight down the track 071448, from this position the Bn moved back to the areas that were occupied on the previous night and bivouaced there for the night.</p>	
			<p>The exercise ended at 0600 hrs 1 Oct and the Bn left the ABIDARI area at 0630 hrs on the return march to DONADABU and arrived there at approx 1330 hrs, 1 Oct.</p>	
			<p>The problems of supply in the field and the strengthening of L of C, were noted by all personnel and many valuable lessons were learnt with regard to overcoming these problems.</p>	
			<p>The course over which the exercise took place was "easy" country, dry, scattered timbered and well formed tracks. and the lessons learnt throughout the exercise will be of great benefit when more difficult and rugged country is experienced.</p>	
<p><i>W. J. M. Major</i></p>				
<p><i>Blackmore Capt.</i></p>				

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
LT-COL. G. R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

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Serial No. 14/43.

2 Sept. 43.

80. DUTIES:

Orderly Duties will mount at Retreat each day as set out hereunder:-

DATE.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.	DUTY COY.
2 Sep 43.	Lieut. J. ATKIN.	Sgt. G. W. KERR.	A Coy.
3 Sep 43.	Lieut. A. D. THOMPSON.	L/Sgt. T. F. RAY.	B "
4 Sep 43.	Lieut. P. SANKEY.	Cpl. D. A. ALLAN.	C "
5 Sept 43.	Lieut. L. A. PICKERING.	Sgt. J. W. ALLARDYCE.	D "
6 Sep 43.	Lieut. S. M. ENGLAND.	Sgt. D. L. BIRKBECK.	HQ "

81. LODGMNT OF INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1943.

Any member of the forces whose total income from both military and private sources exceeds £250 for the year ending 30th Jun 43, must lodge a return to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the State in which the member enlisted. It should be noted that taxable military income includes pay at the active rate before deducting allotment or tax deductions, field allowance, any amount paid to the member for subsistence whilst not rationed and quartered, and an amount of 2/5d per day for the period when the member is rationed and quartered by the Army, but does not include deferred pay and dependants allowance. Income Tax Return Forms will be made available by pay representatives.

82. REGIMENTAL TRUST A/C:-

	£.	s.	d.	£	s	d.
Balance 1 Aug 43.				656.	11.	2.
Canteen Takings.	1103.	7.	0.			
Profit Distn. A.D.C.S.	125.	7.	11.	1228.	14.	11.
				1885.	6.	1.

LESS:

Canteen Purchases.	1016.	8.	4.			
Extra Rationing.	141.	18.	5.			
Tent Trophies.	7.	0.	0.			
Cotton.	2.	3.	3.			
Athletic & Swimming Trophies.	24.	17.	6.	1192.	7.	6.
<u>BALANCE 31 Aug 43.</u>				£ 692.	18.	7.

G. R. Matthews
..... Capt.,
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

War diary

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn.

From: 0001 hrs 28 Aug 43
To ; 2359 hrs 3 Sep 43.

TRAINING.

Throughout the week training was carried out as set down on the training syllabus. Range practices were carried out on the days allotted by Bde, and the "all night" exercise was carried out by A and B Coys on 30 Aug. During this exercise, a fire plan map was prepared in the field and forwarded to Bde.

WORK IN PROGRESS.

During the week, maintenance work was carried on the recently constructed roads.

The bridge over ARALO ck at 169401 (ref.map UBERRI - 1 inch) is under construction, but it will be some time before the structure is completed.

The culvert under road at 174597 is being constructed, the timber being placed in position.

VISITORS.

At 0900 hrs 28 AUG, personnel from 2/8 Armd Regt and 25 Bde visited 7 Bde for a day of inter-Bde sports. During the morning a water polo match was contested between teams of 2/8 Armd Regt. and 9 Bn.

From 1345 hrs a programme of sports was arranged on the Bde Sports Ground. Visiting Ofprs and men were entertained throughout the day by the 7 Bde.

BDE PARADE.

On 1 Sept at 1045 hrs, the Bn paraded on the Bde Sports Ground with the other Bns of the 7 Bde, for an inspection and address by the C. in C. Aust Military Forces, General Sir Thomas BLANNEY, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The C. in C. carried out an inspection of all troops accompanied by the Bde Comd. Brig. J. FIELD, D.S.O., after which he gave a short address commending the Bde on their fine turn-out and military bearing.

RECCES.

On 28 Aug, Maj. A.J.W. BUTCH accompanied by two members of the "I" Sec, made a recce of the area over which the Coy exercise was to be carried out on 30 Aug and 6 Sept.

On 28 Aug, the Bde Comd Brig. J. FIELD, D.S.O., accompanied by a member of the "I" Sec made a recce of the track from the main road to UPTANCOON, 133389 (ref.map UBERRI - 1 inch) with a view of the possibility of constructing a route for wheeled vehicles.

PERSONNEL MARCHED IN.

On 30 Aug, 24 "X" list personnel rejoined the Unit after a period on the mainland, one of which being Cpl. J. STACKPOLE of the Int. Section who had been attending a school in Aust.

On 31 Aug, 12 "X" list personnel rejoined the unit after a period on the mainland.

SPORTS.

On the 30 Aug, organised sports were conducted on the Bde Sports Ground in the morning and during the afternoon a swimming carnival was held in the swimming hole.

(Continued)

LECTURES.

During the week the I.O. of the 7 Bde has lectured personnel on "Security" and "How the Fwd. Troops and Int. Can Help One Another".

CHURCH PARADES.

On 29 Aug, voluntary church parades were held, C.of S. service being conducted in "D" Coy area and R.C. in other Bn areas. The remainder of this day was set aside for sports and "make and mend" purposes.

M. J. Ryan
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

A. J. [unclear]
.....Lt-Col.,
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

HQ COY.

SIG PL.

SYLLABUS FOR PERIOD 30 AUG to 4 SEPT.

MONDAY
30 Aug.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 1200 3" Mortar Demonstration.

1400 - 1615. Organised Sports.

TUESDAY,
31 Aug.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 1030 Grenade Range.
1045 - 1130 Procedure V/S.
1130 - 1200 Morse Reading.

1400 - 1445 Elem. Electricity. (Precis).
1445 - 1530 108 Set. (Precis).
1530 - 1615 Lamp Reading.

WEDNESDAY,
1 Sept.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900 Drill.
0900 - 0945 Single Call Procedure. (Precis)
0945 - 1030 Morse Reading.
1045 - 1130 Superposing connections. (Precis)
1130 - 1200 Semaphore.

1400 - 1615 Bn. Parade.

THURSDAY,
2 Sept.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900 Bde. Educational Lecture.
0900 - 0945 Morse Reading.
0945 - 1030 W/T Procedure. (Precis)
1045 - 1130 Tests Set Portable No. 1. (Theory)
1130 - 1200 D.5 Telephone Theory Recapitulation.

1400 - 1445 Principle of the Dry Cell. (Precis)
1445 - 1530 Aerials Theory. (Precis)
1530 - 1615 Sig. Office Records.

FRIDAY,
3 Sept.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900 Drill.
0900 - 0945 Morse Reading.
0945 - 1030 Theory of Fuller Phone.
1045 - 1130 Elem. Electricity, Resistances in series and parallel.
1130 - 1200 Recapitulation.

1400 - 1615 Aerials practical tests with 108 Sets.

SATURDAY
4 Sept.

0815 - 0830 Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 1615 Sig. Exercise 108 R/T set and D/S.

HQ COY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS. 30 AUG to 4 Sept.

REG. PL.

~~MONDAY~~
30 Aug.
TUESDAY,
31 Aug.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 1015 Grenade Range.
1030 - 1115 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7. Part 1. sec 2. lessons 2 - 6.
1115 - 1200 do.

1400 - 1445 Slide Rule. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Pt. 1. Lessons 40-40A
1445 - 1530 Night Training SAT Vol. 1 Pam 7 Pt 2A. Sec. 19 Less.
84 -7.

MONDAY
30 Aug.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 All Day and Night Coy Exercise. Ref. Para 4 (d)
Edo Trg. Instrn..

WEDNESDAY,
1 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 0930 1015 Flanking and overhead fire. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7
Part 3. Sec. 31. Lessons 125 - 126.
1030 - 1200 Advanced Handling. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7. Part 2B.
Lessons 57 - 60.

1400 - 1615 Bn Parade.

THURSDAY,
2 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 0930 Fd. Signals. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Part 2B Sec. 13.
0930 - 1115 J.D. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7. Part 2B Sec. 16 complete.
1115 - 1200 Stoppages. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Part 1. Lessons 21- 24.

1400 - 1445 Range Tables. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Part 3. Less. 97.
1445 - 1615 Stripping SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Part 1 Sec. 4 Less. 13 -18

FRIDAY,
3 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 1200 Occupation of Posn. and preparation for night firing
SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7. Part 2B Lessons 90 - 92.

1400 - 1530 Slide Rule. - Recapitulation.
1530 - 1615 Unarmed Combat.

P.M. Own gunners report to Bde Assault Course for
practice.

SATURDAY,
4 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 1015 Overhead fire. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Part 3. Lessons.
127 - 130.
1015 - 1200 T.C. & Ts.

1400 - 1445 Range Tables. SAT Vol 1. Pam 7 Part 3. Sec. 23.
Lessons 97.
1445 - 1615 Maintenance.

HQ COY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS - PERIOD 30 Aug to 4 Sept.

MORTAR PL.

MONDAY.
30 Aug.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 0930) Mortar Demonstration.
0930 - 1015) Bde Trg. Instn.
1030 - 1115)
1115 - 1200)

1400 - 1500) Organised Sport versus D Coy. 9 Aust Inf Bn.
1500 - 1545) Trg. Instn.
1545 - 1630)

TUESDAY,
31 Aug.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 0930 Lecture Bde I.O. Ref. Para 4 (f) Bde Trg. Instn.
0930 - 1115 Grenade Range. Ref. para 4 (f) Bde Trg. Instn.
1115 - 1200 SAT Vol.1. Pam.... Sec.2. Lesson 6.

1400 - 1630 Recapitulation, explanation of beaten zone and use
of O.T/A.T. factor. Ref. para 5 Bde Trg. Instn.

WEDNESDAY
1 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1200 Minature Range. J/MT factor, Ref. para 5 Bde Trg. Instn

1400 - 1630 En Parade. Bde Sports Ground. Ref. Para 4 (A)
Bde Trg. Instn.

THURSDAY,
2 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0945 - 1200 Recapitulation Flank Shooting R^f Para 5 Bde
Trg. Instn.

1400 - 1630 Shooting at angles of 90° and 27°. Ref. Para 5
of Bde Trg. Instn.

FRIDAY,
3 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0945 - 1200 Minature Range. Ref. Para 5 Bde Trg. Instn.

1400 - 1630 do. ----- do.

SATURDAY,
4 Sept.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1200 Maintenance work. R^f. Para 4 J. Bde Trg. Instn.

1400 - 1630 Engagement of close targets and guaranteed shoot.
Ref. Para 5 of Bde Trg. Instn.

1/2 Hr. Drill per day. 1/4 Hr. holding and aiming with rifle.
1 Hr. five nights Instructors Handbook on Fieldcraft and
Battle Drill.

HQ COY.

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TK/A PL.

MONDAY
30 Aug.

0830 - 0900 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 3" Mortar Demon.

1400 - 1630 Organised Sport.

1930 - 2030 Telling Time by Stars.

TUESDAY,
31 Aug.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 0930 Bde I.O. - Lecture.
0950 - 1030 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam. 13 Revision all lessons.
1030 - 1115)
1115 - 1200) Throwing Grenades STOKES HILL Range.

1400 - 1445 Lecture. Word Abrvn.
1445 - 1530 M.M.R.F.S. Legend of Maps.
1530 - 1630 Gun Drill and Daily Maintenance.

1930 - 2030 M.M.R.F.S. Conversion of Bearings.

WEDNESDAY,
1 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1000 Mech. 2 pndr.
1000 - 1045 Lecture. New Ammunition.
1045 - 1200 Gun Drill.

1400 - 1630 Bn. Parade.

1930 - 2030 Free. -----

THURSDAY,
2 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 0930. Bde Educational Officer.
0950 - 1000 MMRFS. Conv. signs and technical Terms.
1000 - 1045 Stripping Bren L.M.G.
1100 - 1200 Examination of eqpt 2 pndr.

1400 - 1445 J.D. SAT Vol 1 Pam 2.
1445 - 1530 Construction of Scales.
1530 - 1630 Gun Drill and Daily Maintenance.

1930 - 2030 MMRFS. Res. features.

FRIDAY,
3 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 Sub calibre shoot 100 yds Range.

1400 - 1630 Bde Assault Course (O.S.M.G. swabs-e)

1930 - 2030 Obtaining bearings from stars.

SATURDAY,
4 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1000 Zeroing of sights 2 pndr.
1000 - 1045 Verbal messages and message forms.
1100 - 1200 Gun Drill.

1400 - 1630 Weekly maintenance.

1930 - 2030 Prismatic Compass.

15 Mins instrn. daily in holding and aiming exercises.

A COY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS - 30 Aug. to 4 Sept. 43.

MONDAY. Coy Exercise. All Day and night. Ref. Para 4 (d) Bde Trg. Instrn.
30 AUG.

TUESDAY. 0900 - 0930 Bde Education Lecture.
31 Aug. 0930 - 1200 Organised Rest.
1400 - 1630 Grenade Range.

WEDNESDAY. A.M. EARO CREEK Range. Practices 1 and 2 of L.M.C. Course,
1 Aug Sept. (Bren), also coaching bad rifle shots.

P.M. Bn. Parade.

THURSDAY. 0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
2 Sept. 0900 - 1000 Individual Fieldcraft movements (Instructors Handbook on Fieldcraft and Battle Drill (Sec.3)
1000 - 1100 Tactical Crossing of Obstacles. Bn. Assault Course (Instructors Handbook Sec. 4)
1100 - 1200 Observation Trg. Exer. (Instructors Handbook Secs 5,6
1330 - 1430 Cover and camouflage. (Instructors Handbook Secs. 7,8.
1430 - 1530 Tactical Handling of Pl. Weapons, Instructors Hand-book Secs. 9 and 10.
1530 - 1700 Selection of Lines of advance (Instructors Handbook Sec.11)
1900 - 2000 Movement by night. Instructors Handbook Sec. 3 (7) and tactical crossing of obstacles by night Sec.4(5)

FRIDAY, 0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
3 Sept. 0900 - 1030 Selection of Lines of advance for a Pl. GROUND. Sec. 12. Instructors Handbook.
1030 - 1200 Recapitulation of Secs. 1 to 6. Instructors Handbook
P.M. Layout of Section Post.
1900 - 2000 Movement by night. Instructors Handbook Sec. 13.

SATURDAY. A.M. Works Maintenance.
4 Sept. P.M. Organised Sport and Bde Assault Range (GMS numbers)

B COY
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. 30 AUG - 4 SEP 43.

(All references from "Fieldcraft & Battle Drill")

MONDAY
30 Aug 43.

Coy Exercise (Day and Night).

Tuesday
31 Aug 43.

0830 - 0900 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 Discussion of Coy Exer. held 30 Aug.
Fieldcraft - Organisation & Eqpt of Pl. (Ch.1. Sec16)

1400 - 1430 Lecture by Bde Educ. Officer.
1430 - 1545 Fieldcraft - Indiv. fieldcraft movement (Ch.1 Sec 3).
1545 - 1600 Fieldcraft - Observation Tng. (Ch.1. Sec 5 & 6).

WEDNESDAY
1 Sept 43.

0830 - 0900 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 10 Pl. - Layout of Sec. Post.
11 Pl. - Works Maintenance.
12 Pl. - Organised Sport.

1400 - 1600 Bn Parade.

THURSDAY
2 Sept 43.

0830 - 1200 EARO CK Range.
L.M.G. Practice - Part II (Classification)

1400 - 1450 Fieldcraft - Cover and camouflage - Cover from fire
(Ch. 1. Secs 7 and 8).
1500 - 1600 Fieldcraft - Selection of lines of advance.
(Ch.1 Sec.11).

FRIDAY
3 Sept 43.

0830 - 0900 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 10 Pl. - Works Maintenance.
11 Pl. - Organised Sport.
12 Pl. - Layout of Sec. Post.

1400 - 1600 Fieldcraft - Selection of lines of advance by Pl.
(Ch. 1. Sec.12).

SATURDAY
4 Sept. 43.

0830 - 0900 Pl. inspection and drill.
0900 - 1200 10 Pl - Organised Sport.
11 Pl. - Layout of Sec. Post.
12 Pl. - Works Maintenance.

1400 - 1600 Bde Assault Range (S.M.G).

C COY.
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. 30 AUG - 4 SEP 43.

MONDAY
30 Aug 43.

0830 - 1630 LONG HILL Range. Table A Part II.
1400 - 1630 Grenade Range. STOKES HILL.

TUESDAY.
31 Aug 43.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1100 Fieldcraft and Battle Drill .Sec. 3.
1100 - 1200 Lecture. Cover and Camouflage. Fd.& Battle Drill, Sec 7.
1400 - 1500 Practical Cover and Camouflage.
1500 - 1600 Observation Trg. Fd. & Battle Drill .Sec. 5.
1600 - 1630 Swimming Instn.

WEDNESDAY,
1 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1000 Lecturette Bde I.O. ~~-----~~ X
1000 - 1200 Lay out Sec. Post. Ref. Para 4 (i) of Bde Trg. Instn. No.27.

1400 - 1630 En. Parade. Ref. Para 4 (a) Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27.
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THURSDAY,
2 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 Lecture and Practical Battle Drill. Fd. & Battle Drill Sec. 25.

1400 - 1630. Range Practice (BARO CK Range). Ref. Para 4 (Bii) Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27.

FRIDAY,
3 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200 Works Maintenance. Ref. Para (3) J.Bde.Trg.Instn.27.

1400 - 1630 Organised Sport. Ref. Para (3) K.Bde Trg.Instn. No.27

SATURDAY,
4 Sept.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200. Fieldcraft and Battle Drill Sec.26. Drill for Sec. in attack.

1400 - 1600 Fieldcraft and Battle Drill, Sec.11. Selection of lines of advance by a Section.
1600 - 1630 Swimming-Instruction.

D COY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS for PERIOD 30 AUG - 4 SEPT.

- MONDAY**
30 AUG.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - 0930 Grenade Range. (Bde Trg. Instrn. No. 27 Para 4 (b)(v))
0930 - 1200 do.
- 1330 - 1630 Organised Sport V HQ Coy (Bde Sports Grd).

- TUESDAY**
31 Aug.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - 1630 LONG HILL Range (All Day) Bde Trg. Instrn. No. 27
para 4 (b) i and ii.

- WEDNESDAY,**
1 Sept.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - 1130 Lay out of Sec. Post. (16 Pl - 17 and 18 Pls. on
Thurs. & Sat. resp).
1130 - 1200 T.O.E.T. Jap Army Eqpt. A.T.M. 21 Part 11 para 12.
1330 - 1630 Bn. Parade.

- THURSDAY**
2 Sept.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - ~~1130~~ 1130 Indiv. Fd. Craft Movement. F B D. Ch. 1. Sec. 3.
0930. Paras 1 and 2.
0930 - 1030 Observation Trg. FBD Chap 1 Sec. 5.
1030 - 1130 Cover from fire FBD Chap. 1 Sec. 8 Para 3 (a).
1130 - 1200 T.O.E.T. Jap Army Weapons. A.T.M. 21 Part 11 Para 12.
1330 - 1630 Works Maintenance.

- FRIDAY,**
3 Sept.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - 0930 Bde Assault Range (SMG Nos. 0830 - 1200)
Indiv. movement with Bren FBD Chap. 1 Sec. 3 Paras
3 and 4.
0930 - 1030 Observation Trg. (Sec) FBD Chap 1 Sec. 6 Paras 3, 4, 5
1030 - 1130 Selection of fire posns. for 2" Mortar FBD Chap 1
Sec. 9 Paras 6, 7.
1130 - 1200 T.O.E.T. Jap Army Organisation. A.T.M. 21 Part 11
Para 12.
1330 - 1530 Cover and Camouflage. FBD. Chap 1 Sec. 7
1530 - 1630 Cover from fire FBD Chap. 1 Sec. 8. Para 3 (b).

- SATURDAY,**
4 Sept.
- 0800 - 0830 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0830 - 0930 Movement with Boys Rifle and 2" Mortar FBD Chap 1.
Sec. 3. Paras 5 and 6.
0930 - 1130 Observation Drills FBD. Chap 1. Sec. 6. Paras 9,
10, 11 and 12.
1130 - 1200 Care of the Feet. A.T.M. 21 Part 11. Para. 15.
1330 - 1430 Selection of Fire Posns. FBD Chap 1 Sec. 9 Paras
1, 2, and 3.
1430 - 1530 Practice for movement by night, FBD Chap. 1. Sec. 3.
Para 7.
1530 - 1630 Selection of fire posns (Bren). FBD Chap. 1. Sec. 9
Para 4.

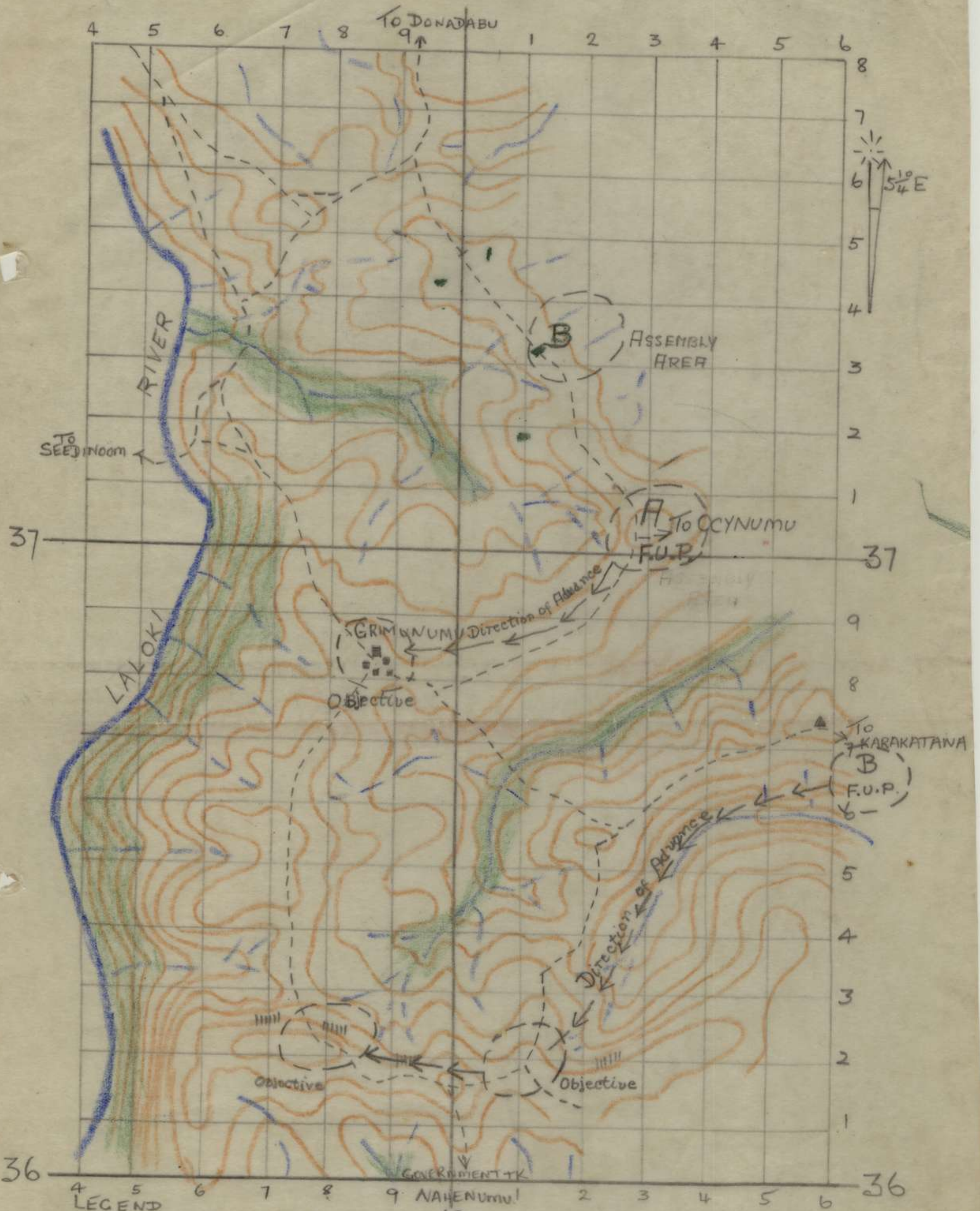
Ref. - FBD. Fieldcraft & Battle
Drill.

GRIMMUNUMU

AREA

2 Coy. "DRY RUN" 6 SEP

19



LEGEND
 TRACKS - - - -
 Rocky CLIFFS |||||
 JUNGLE

SCALE 1 INCH = 200 YDS
 200 150 100 50 0 200 400 600 YDS
 V.I. 25ft (APPX)

PREPARED BY
 I SEC
 9th AUS INF BN.

2 AUGUST 1943.

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SYLLABUS OF TRG For Period 6 - 11 Sep 43.

A COY.

MONDAY.
6 Sep 43.

All Day. Coy Exercise with Arty Co-op. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 23.

TUESDAY
7 Sep 43.

0830 - Inspection and Drill.
0855 - Lecture Bde. I.O.
1000 - 1200. Recapitulation of Secs 6 - 11. Instructors' Handbook.

1400 - 1600. Selection of lines of advance by a Pl. Sec. 12. Fieldcraft and Battle Drill.
1600 - 1700. Learn to swim parade.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sep 43.

A.M. Organised Sport versus "B" Coy.
P.M. Works maintenance.

THURSDAY.
9 Sep 43.

All Day. Bn Arty Co-op. Exercise.

FRIDAY.
10 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1030. Selection of lines of advance. Sec. Ex. Instructors' Handbook. Sec. 11 (3).
1030 - 1200. Selection of lines of advance. Sec. 11 (7) of Instructors' Handbook.

1400 - 1500. Battle Discipline. Sec. 15 Instructors' Handbook.
1500 - 1600. Organisation and Equipment of Pl and care of arms Sec. 16 - 18. Instructors' Handbook.
1600 - 1700. "Dry Run" of Sec. Exercise. Ref. Trg. Instn. of 28 Aug.

1900 - 2100. Secs. 13 & 14. Instructors' Handbook.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep. 43.

A.M. Sec. Exercise. Ref. Bde Trg. Instrn. of 28 Aug.
P.M. Work on Sec. Posts, vide Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 4 (1).

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B COY.

All references from "FIELD CRAFT & BATTLE DRILL!"

Monday,
6 Sept 43.

All Day. Coy Exercise with Arty Co-op.

Tuesday,
7 Sept 43.

0830 - 0900. Pl. Inspection and Drill.
(10 Pl. - Layout of Sec. post.
0900 - 1200. (11 Pl. - Works maintenance.
(12 Pl. - Fieldcraft:- (a) Tactical handling of
Pl. weapons. (Ch.1. Sec 9)
(b) Selection of lines of
adv. by Sec. (Ch.1. Sec 11)

1400 - 1515. Fieldcraft - Indiv. fieldcraft movements (Ch.1.
Sec.3)
1530 - 1630. Lecturette - Arty. characteristics and inf.
arty Co-op.
1900 - 2100. Movement and observation by night. (Ch.1. Sec.13-14)

Wednesday,
8 Sept. 43.

0830 - 0900. Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200. Organised Sport versus "A" Coy - Bde Sports Grd.
(10 Pl. - Fieldcraft: (a) Tactical handling of Pl.
weapons. (Ch.1. Sec.9)
1400 - 1630. (11 Pl. (b) Selection of lines of
adv. by sec. (Ch.1. Sec.11)
(12 Pl. - Layout of Sec. Post.
(11 Pl. - Works maintenance.
(12 Pl. - Works maintenance.

Thursday,
9 Sept. 43.

All Day. Bn Exercise with Arty Co-op.

Friday,
10 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Pl. Inspection and Drill.
(10 Pl. - Works Maintenance.
(11 Pl. - Fieldcraft:- (a) Tactical Handling of Pl
weapons. (Ch.1. Sec.9)
0900 - 1200. ((b) Selection of lines of
adv. by sec. (Ch.1. Sec.11)
(12 Pl. - Layout of Sec. Post.
1400 - 1630. Fieldcraft - Selection of lines of adv. by Pl.
(Ch.1. Sec.12)

Saturday,
11 Sep 43.

0830 - 1630. Grenade Range.
Pls. will visit range in rotation and for re-
mainder of day will carry out any portion of
above trg. which could not be completed owing
to rain or other causes.

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C COY.

MONDAY
6 Sep. 43.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.
(0900 6 Sep. Coy Exercise all day and night.
(0700 7 Sep Ref. Para 4 (D) Bde Trg. Instn.

TUESDAY,
7 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200. Organised Rest.
1400 - 1630. Organised Sport versus "D" Coy. Bde Sports Grd.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sept 43.

0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200. Works maintenance. Ref Para. 27 Bde Trg. Instn of
31 Jul.
1400 - 1600. Fieldcraft & Battle Drill. Sec. 27. Drill for
pincer movement. Phase, I, II, III.
1600 - 1630. Swimming Instructions.

THURSDAY.
9 Sep 43.

All Lay. Bn Exercise with Arty Co-op. (Bal 1 Amn). 48 Bty
2/13 Aust Fd Regt. Ref. para 4 (c) Bde Trg. Instn. No. 28

FRIDAY.
10 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1000. Recapitulation of Fieldcraft and Battle Drill.
Sec. 1 and 3.
1000 - 1100. Recapitulation Fieldcraft & Battle Drill. Sec. 4, 5.
1100 - 1200. Lecture - Field Security.
1400 - 1500. Bren Advanced Handling. Pam 4. Less 24.
1500 - 1630. Map Reading, Contours and Relief.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1200. Lay out Sec. Post. Ref. Para 4 (1) of Bde Trg.
Instn. No. 27.
1400 - 1630. LONG HILL Range. Ref. 7 Bde 43/9/32 of 28 Aug.

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"D" COY.

MONDAY.
6 Sep 43.

0800 - 1630. Coy Exercise. All Day and Night. Ref. Para 4 (d) Bde Trg. Instrn. Spec. Instrn. already issued.

TUESDAY.
7 Sept 43.

0800 - 1230. Organised Rest.

1400 - 1630. Organised Sports, Versus "C" Coy. Bde Spts. Grd.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sep 43.

0800 - 1630. All Day. Grenade Range. Ref. 7 Bde Trg. Instrn. No. 27. Para 4 (B.V).

THURSDAY.
9 Sep. 43.

0800 - 1630. All. Bn Exercise with Arty Co-op. (Ball Amn). 43 Sty. 2/13 Aust Pd. Regt. Ref. Para 4 (c) Bde. Trg. Instrn. No. 28.

FRIDAY.
10 Sept. 43.

0830 - 0900. Pl. Inspection and Drill.

0900 - 0930. Squad Drill by Sec. Comds. FBD. Ch.1. Sec. 15. Para 2.

0930 - 1030. Demonstration of Pl. Organisation and Eqpt. FBD. Ch. 1. Sec. 16.

1030 - 1130. Inter Sec. Competition in Bren stripping and assembling. SAT. Vol. 11. Pam. 4.

1130 - 1200. Prevention of malaria. ATM 21. Para 15.

1400 - 1430. Lecture on Battle Drill FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 19-20.

1430 - 1500. Pl. Battle Drill for road movement. FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 22.

1500 - 1630. Sec. Battle Drill for infiltration. FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 25.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900. Pl. Inspection and Drill.

0900 - 1100. Battle Drill for Sec. Attack. FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 26.

1100 - 1200. Pl. Battle Drill for Cross Country Move. FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 23.

1400 - 1600. Battle Drill for Pincer Movement FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 27.

1600 - 1630. Lecture and Discussion.

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HQ COX - SIG PL.

MONDAY.
6 Sep 43.

Coy Exer. Personnel not taking part to fire on Bde Assault Rg.

TUESDAY.
7 Sep 43.

0815 - 0830. Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900. Drill.
0900 - 0945. Morse Reading.
0945 - 1030. R/T Procedure (Precis).
1045 - 1130. 108 R/T Set (Precis)
1130 - 1200. Semaphore.

1400 - 1615. Bde Assault Range.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sep 43.

0815 - 0830. Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900. Drill.
0900 - 0945. Superposing Connections (Precis).
0945 - 1030. Single Call Procedure (Precis).
1045 - 1130. D V Telephone Theory. (Vol.11) Pam 22.
1130 - 1200. Morse Reading.

1400 - 1600. Sig. Ex.

THURSDAY.
9 Sep 43.

All Day. En. Ex.

FRIDAY.
10 Sep 43.

0815 - 0830. Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 0900. Drill.
0900 - 0945. Fuller Phone Theory (Precis).
0945 - 1030. Sig. Office Records.
1045 - 1130. Heliograph Recapit.
1130 - 1200. Morse Reading.

1400 - 1445. Lamp Reading.
1445 - 1530. Combined Procedure (Precis).
1530 - 1615. Duties of a Sig. Clerk.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep 43.

0815 - 0830. Pl. Inspection.
0830 - 1200. Sig. Ex. (Correction of faults made in En. Ex.)

1400 - 1615. Overhauling and maintenance of all stores.

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HQ COY. - HQ PL.

MONDAY.
6 Sept. 43.

Coy Exercise all day and night. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. 27, para 4 (d).

TUESDAY
7 Sept. 43.

A.M. Organised Rest.

1400 - 1530. Overhead Fire. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7. Pt III. Less. 126-127.
1530 - 1615. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Pt I. Sec. 6. (Complete)
Stoppages.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sept. 43.

0815 - 0845. Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 0930. Planking Fire. SAT. Vol 1 Pam 7 Pt III Lesson 125.
0930 - 1015. Range or Ranges. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7. Pt III. Less. 98.
1030 - 1115. E.S.D. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7 Pt III. Less. 45 - 52.
1115 - 1200. Range Table. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Pt III. Less. 97.
1400 - 1615. Occupation of Position and preparation for night firing.
SAT Vol 1 Pam 7 Pt III. Less. 90 - 92.

THURSDAY.
9 Sep. 43.

All Day. Bn. Exercise. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 28.

FRIDAY.
10 Sep. 43.

0815 - 0845. Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 0930. Methods of Fire. SAT Vol. 1 Pam 7 Pt 3 Less. 100-1.
0930 - 1015. Mechanism. SAT Vol. 1 Pam 7 Pt 1. Less. 2 - 6.
1030 - 1200. Fieldcraft. WFP. 33 and Handbook on Fieldcraft and
Battle Drill.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep. 43.

1400 - 1415. Slide Rule. SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 7 Pt 1. Less. 40 - 40A.
1415 - 1530. Methods of Fire. SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 7 Pt 3. Less. 104 - 105.
1530 - 1615. Clinometer and Bar Foresight. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7.
Pt. 1 (Supplement) Lessons 30A and 31A.

SATURDAY.
11 Sept. 43.

0815 - 0845. Inspection and Drill.
0845 - 1200. BARO CK Range.
1400 - 1445. Repairs. SAT Vol. 1. Pam 7 Pt 1. Less. 27.
1445 - 1615. Maintenance.

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HQ COY - Mortar Pl.

MONDAY.
6 Sep 43.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1015 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 9. Sec. 12. - Testing and Adjustment
of Sights.
1030 - 1115 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 2. Less. 8.
1115 - 1200 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 9. Sec. 28 Less. 45.

1400 - 1545 - SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 9. Sec. 34. Less. 56 and 57.
1545 - 1630. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 2 Less 9.
Half Pl. Coy. Exercise.

TUESDAY.
7 Sep 43.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1015 SAT Vol. 1. Pam 9. Sec. 16 Smartening up
1030 - 1200 SAT Vol. 1. Pam 2. Sec 4.

1400 - 1630 Maintenance of Equipment and discussion of exercise.
Morning - Half Pl Rest.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sep 43.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1630. Miniature Range - Shooting in Line MT and flank
shooting. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 5.

THURSDAY.
10 Sept. 43.

0815 - 0845. Inspection.
0845 - 1630. Bn Exercise with Arty Co-op. (Ball Amn) 48 Bty 13 Aust
Fd. Regt. Ref. Para 4 (c). Bde Trg. Instn. No. 28.

FRIDAY.
10 Sep 43.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1200 Range Practice HRO OK.

1400 - 1630. Shooting at angles 90° , 270° - close targets and
guaranteed shoots. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 5.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep 43.

0815 - 0845 Inspection.
0845 - 1200 Maintenance Work. Ref. Para 4 V Bde Trg. Instn.

1400 - 1630. Use of Smoke. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 5.

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HQ COY - TE/A PL.

MONDAY.
6 Sep 43.

0830 - 1630 Classification Shoot (Bde Assault Range).

TUESDAY.
7 Sep 43.

0800 - 0830 Inspection and Drill.

0830 - 1200 Sub Calibre Shoot.

1400 - 1445 Mech. 2 Pdr.

1445 - 1615 Gun Drill.

1615 - 1630 Maintenance.

WEDNESDAY.
8 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.

0900 - 1015 Gun Drill.

1015 - 1030 Rest.

1030 - 1115 Lesson 13. Pam 4 SAT Vol. 1.

1115 - 1200 SMG (Owen).

1400 - 1530 Gun Drill.

1530 - 1630 Mech. and Daily Maintenance.

THURSDAY
7 Sept 43.

All Day. Bn Battle Practice.

FRIDAY.
8 Sep 43.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.

0900 - 1015 Gun Drill.

1015 - 1030 Rest.

1030 - 1115 Less. 14 SAT Pam 4.

1115 - 1200 J.D. SAT Pam 3.

1400 - 1530 Gun Drill.

1530 - 1630 Mech. & Daily Maintenance.

SATURDAY.
11 Sep. 43.

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill.

0900 - 1015 Gun Drill.

1015 - 1030 Rest.

1030 - 1115 Rev. Less 13, 14, SAT Pam 4.

1115 - 1200 Mechanism.

1400 - 1630 Weekly Maintenance.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Copy No.....

By

LT-COL. G.R.MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
 9 AUST INF BN.

Serial No.15/43.

8 Sept.43.

83. DUTIES.

Orderly Duties will mount at Retreat each day as set out hereunder:-

DATE.	DUTY COY.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.
7 Sep.	A	Lieut. E.M.HAMMOND.	L/Sgt. C.STRUTHERS.
8 Sep.	B	Lieut. E.C.WERDA.	Cpl. B.J.ENDERS.
9 Sep.	C	Lieut. K.W.LEVER.	Cpl. S.R.G.WEEKS.
10 Sep.	D	Lieut. R.H.HOLMES.	Cpl. E.R.CRONK.
11 Sep.	HQ.	Lieut F.B.ROBERTS.	Sgt. H.K.LEWIS.

84. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BROUGHT BACK FROM OVERSEAS.

1. The possession of unregistered firearms is a serious civil offence. Firearms and other weapons captured from the enemy are the property of the Commonwealth and their unauthorised possession by members of the forces is unlawful. Attention is directed in this regard to GRO G.473/1943.

2. Such weapons and firearms will be handed in immediately to the Q.M.

85. DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.

Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel who throw rubbish, tins, papers, etc., in places other than containers or incinerators provided for the purpose.

P. J. Moran Lieut
 Capt.,
 Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Exercise with Troops1. GENERAL.

(a) An inf - arty co-operation exercise will be held on Monday 6 Sep 43 for two (2) coys, each with a tp of arty in support on the right and left flanks of the attack as per sub-para. (b) as under as a DRY RUN.

(b) A full-scale Bn exercise with 48 Bty 13 Fd Regt will be held on Thursday 9 Sep 43.

2. AREA FOR EXERCISE.

GRIMUNUMU village and ridges to south and east.

3. OBJECT.

(a) To conduct a battle practice for a Bn with arty support in an attack against hastily prepared defendes.

(b) To practise coy comds in the use of arty during exploitation.

4. LESSONS.

(a) Quote "If resources are inadequate for barrage concentrations must be used." (Ops. M.T.P. 23 Pt IX, p. 46, para 5).

(b) In attack, inf must take full advantage of arty support by getting as close to the fall of shells as is safely possible. When the concentration lifts they will then be able to close with the enemy before he has time to recover. (I.M.T. 1941, p. 4 52, para. 3).

5. TPS TAKING PART.

Monday 6 Sep 43 - 'A' and 'B' Coys with F.O.O. each coy.

Thursday 9 Sep 43 - Complete Bn, less essential duties.

6. UMPIRES.

6 Sep 43 - One offr and 2 NCOs from 25 Aust Inf Bn will report to each 'A' and 'B' Coys prior to exercise.

9 Sep 43 - One offr and 2 NCOs from 25 Aust Inf Bn will report to each 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' Coys, and two NCOs to HQ Coy prior to exercise.

7. COMMAND.

The exercise on 9 Sep 43 will be directed by C.O., 9 Aust Inf Bn, with 2/c in command of Bn.

8. DISCUSSION.

A general discussion on the exercise will be held at 1900 hrs Friday 10 Sep 43 at HQ Coy mess hut. All offr and acting pl comds to attend.

9. ADMIN.

(a) A.M. .303 SAA per rifle, 25 rds.

per LMG, 100 rds.

per MMG, 1000 rds.

9mm, per SMG, 40 rds.

2 in. mortar H.E., 2" mortar 6 rds.

3 in. mortar H.E., 3" mortar 8 rds.

25-pdr H.E., total for exercise, 225 rds.

25-pdr smoke, total for exercise, 25 rds.

(over)

(2)

(b) Tpt. 3 in. mortars and amm will be carried in jungle carts. Arrangements are being made to borrow from other Bns. Tk/A pl will be employed as extra mortar and MMG numbers.

(c) Prov. Sgt. will provide prov. personnel to prevent unauthorised persons from entering the battle practice area, as from 0800 hrs 9 Sep 43

(d) Special routine for 9 Sep 43 -

Reveille	-	0600 hrs
Breakfast	-	0630 hrs
Move out	-	0730 hrs
Exercise ends	-	1400 hrs

(e) Dress - Battle order.

(f) Rations - Haversack rations will be carried by all ranks.

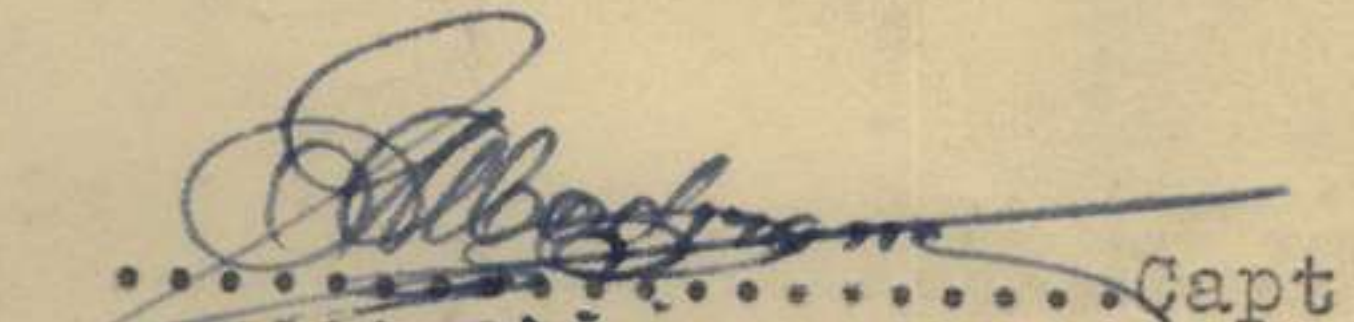
10. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

Offrs will ensure that all safety precautions as laid down in previous battle practices are strictly adhered to.

Issued with :-

Opening Situation.

Copy of Verbal Op. Order.


.....Capt
Adjnt 9 Aust Inf Bn

Signed at 2230 hrs
Issued by runner.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy Nos. 1 - 2. 7 Aust Inf Bde
3 - 5. 48 Bty, 13 Fd Regt
6 - 10. Umpires
11. HQ Coy
12. A Coy
13. B Coy
14. C Coy
15. D Coy

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17. 2 i/c
18. Adjnt
19. Trg File
20 / 21. War Diary
22. Spare

9 AUST INF BN.Exercise with Troops.OPENING SITUATION.

(For the purpose of this exercise, this situation is a continuation of 7 Aust Inf Bde exercise No.22 held on 8 Jul 43).

NOTE - For July now read September.

1. The Jap force is still in possession of KARAKATANA airfield. The attack by 9 Aust Inf Bn on 8 Sep 43 on RED RIDGE was successful and the enemy were pushed back, and were last seen in the vicinity of GRIMUNUMU village.
2. By the evening of 8 Sep 43, the Bn was disposed as follows:-
 "A" Coy in posn at junc of tracks 193370.
 "D" Coy on ridge 200 yds north-east of "A" Coy
 "B" ("B") and "C" Coys on RED RIDGE.
 Bn HQ on track at 192372.
3. Our patrols were active during the night and reported that the enemy were in occupation of GRIMUNUMU village, estimated strength 30. A force estimated at 30 enemy are on KNOLL 300 yds south-east of GRIMUNUMU village, and what appeared to be at least a Coy extended along ROCKY RIDGE with MMGs on fixed lines on north and south tracks.
4. At 0800 hrs, 9 Sep 43 the C.O. ordered "A" Coy to capture GRIMUNUMU village and allotted one tp of arty for his support, saying "There appears to be only 30 of the enemy there, but push on as far as you can after taking the village, but do not think you will get any further than the next knoll. Make your own plans with the arty, but it is essential that when you reach your objective that you hold the ground gained. I am preparing the plans for the rest of the Bn. to attack along TRIG. RIDGE and will need the GRIMUNUMU area to support the attack".
5. The C.O. commenced a recce and at 1000 hrs after the capture of GRIMUNUMU issued the following verbal Op. Order.

Headquarters

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES-NEW GUINEA FORCE

VERBAL OPERATION ORDER.SECRETIssued by Major A.J.W. SUTCH.Copy No. 20...

4 Sep 43.

Reference Map DONADABU area 1 inch equals 200 yds.

INFM.1. Enemy -

A Jap force estimated at 200 were reported this morning by our patrols as occupying hastily prepared posns on ROCKY RIDGE approx. one coy strong, junc knoll approx. 30, at GRIMUNUMU village approx. 30. There are MMGs on fixed lines on both ends of ROCKY RIDGE facing down both north tracks. The enemy appear to be only on the ridges, but no doubt have reserves in the re-entrants to the south of ROCKY RIDGE.

2. Own Tps, -

"A" Coy has now driven the enemy off GRIMUNUMU village area, and are holding the village and knoll 100 yds to the south.

2/10 Aust Inf Coy are still controlling the area to the west of the LALOKI RIVER and have not contacted the enemy.

61 Aust Inf Bn has now pushed fwd to about one mile from KARAKATANA airfield on the EILOGO RD.

25 Aust Inf Bn is in the vicinity of the junc of the EILOGO CK and LALOKI RIVER.

38 Bty 13 Aust Fd Regt is still in support of this Bn.

INTENTION.

3. 9 Aust Inf Bn will capture ROCKY RIDGE.

METHOD.4. Preliminary Moves -

"B" and "C" Coys will move immediately to re-entrant north of TRIG. HILL, taking advantage of all cover to ensure surprise. Coy Comds will report their arrival.

5. Fwd Tps.

Right - "C" Coy.

Left - "B" Coy.

6. Objectives -

Right - JUNC KNOLL.

Left - East end of ROCKY RIDGE.

7. Direction of Advance -

Right Coy - Axis of ridge.

Left Coy - Line of DRY CREEK.

8. Start Line -

Re-entrant at F.U.P.

9. Rate of Advance -

80 yds in a minute.

(Continued)

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10. Action on Capture of Objective -

- (a) On capture of JUNC KNOLL "C" coy will support the advance of "B" Coy by fire on west end of ROCKY RIDGE, until H plus 7.
- (b) On capture of east end of ROCKY RIDGE, "B" Coy will exploit to west end of the ridge.
- (c) When "B" has reached the limit of exploitation, "C" Coy will move forward and occupy east end of ROCKY RIDGE.

11. Reserves -

"D" Coy will move to junc of tracks at 193370 and be prepared to restore posn at GRIMUNUMU in the event of a counter-attack.

12. Arty -

1. "A" Tp H - 2 to H plus 1. Concentration JUNC KNOLL. H.E. normal.
2. "B" Tp H to H plus 8. Concentration east end of ROCKY RIDGE. Smoke and H.E.

Then F.O.O. at call.

13. Mortars -

8 Dets area re-entrant north of GRIMUNUMU village.
Task reverse slopes ROCKY RIDGE.
H to H plus 8 H.E. Bty shoot slow.

14. MMGs.

Two secs area GRIMUNUMU village.
Task 1 - JUNC KNOLL. Concentration H - 2 to H plus 1. Normal.
Task 2 - ROCKY RIDGE. Distribution H plus 2 to H plus 6. Slow.
H plus 6 to H plus 8. Repaid.

15. H.Hour -

H Hour will be approx. 15 minutes after receipt of infm that fwd tps are at F.U.P; exact time to be advised by BHQ to all concerned.

ADM. ARRANGEMENTS.

16. Bn.SAA Res - In re-entrant 100 yds north of track junc at 193370.

17. Medical -

- (a) Four S.Bs with each Coy.
- (b) R.A.P. in re-entrant 100 yds north of track junc at 193370.

18. Carrying parties -

HQ Coy Comd will allocate tps from Tk/A pl. to act as carrying party for amn, etc, for mortars to GRIMUNUMU RIDGE.

INTERCOMN.

19. BHQ will close at present location and re-open GRIMUNUMU village at 1030 hrs.

Sigs. - Sig. O. will provide L/T to all Coys, sufficient cable to fwd Coys to follow the advance to ROCKY RIDGE.
1 x 108 wireless set with each Coy, frequency 7575 kilocycles.
Success - One Green.

Issued verbally at GRIMUNUMU, at hrs.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

9 SEP 43.

APPX "C"

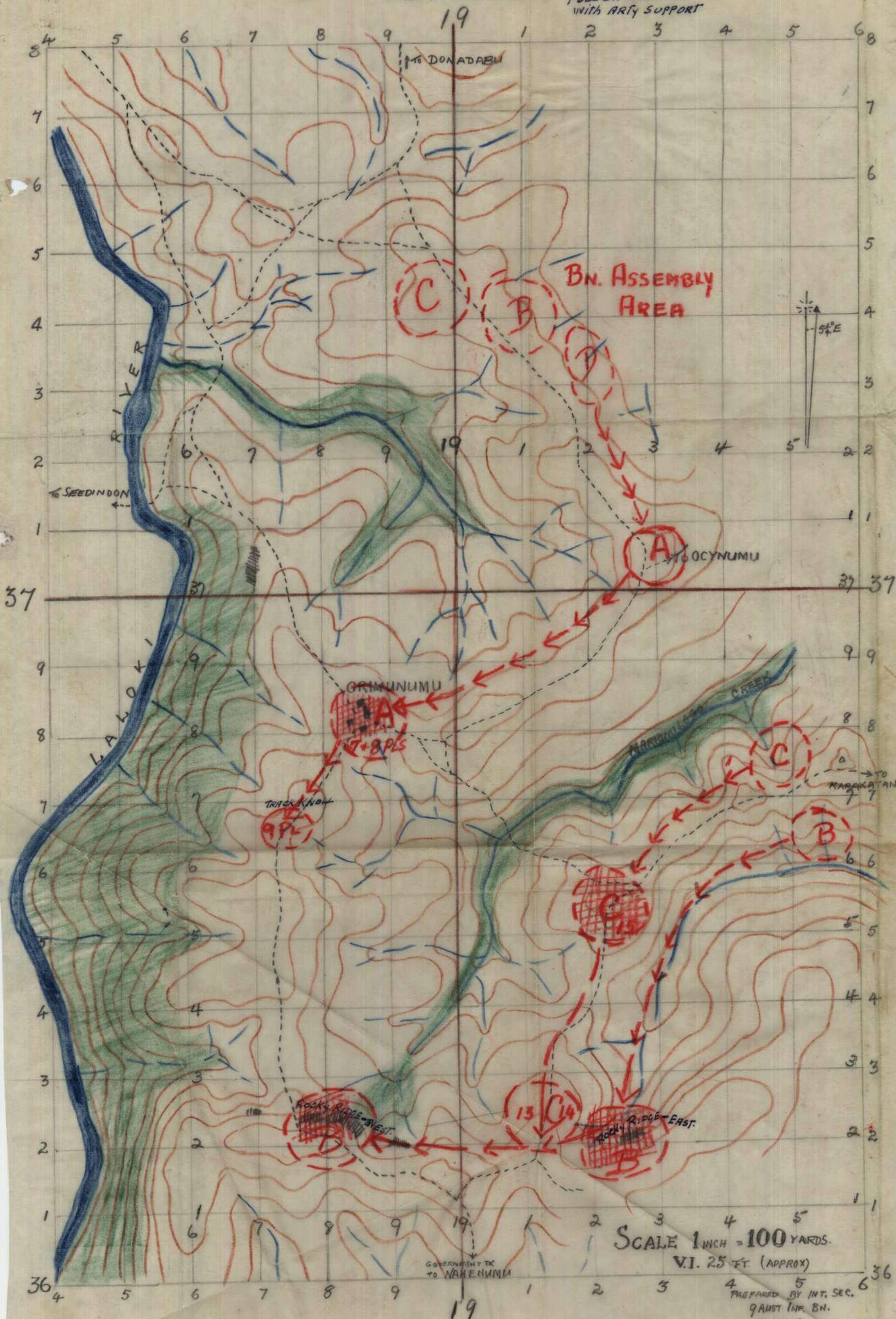
Serial.	Time.	Place.	Event.	Action.	Instns. to Umpires.
1.	0800	Junec tracks 193370.	C.O. orders "A" Coy to capture GRIMUNUMU village.	O.C. "A" Coy makes recce for attack.	Note position for O.C.'s recce.
2.	0830	-	O.C. "A" Coy issues orders for capture of GRIMUNUMU.	Coy Comd calls up "O" Gp for orders.	Note position chosen for "O" Gp. Are orders taken down diagrammatically?. Is rate of adv. given?.
3.	0900	-	Coy commences attack.	1 Pl moves through jungle at right flank. 2 Pls move along ridge.	Do all tps fully understand the task in hand? Note formations of Pls. Where does Coy HQ move?.
4.	0925	GRIMUNUMU village.	Capture of village area by 1 Pl.	Pl doubles into village, immediately Arty ceases.	Note formation of Pl. along the narrow ridge.
5.	0927	GRIMUNUMU village.	Supported by Pl.in village, Pl. on right flank moves up spur and occupies TRACK KNOLL.	Fire from village continues until flanking Pl. reaches safety limit.	Check fire posns of tps in village. Is all advantage taken of cover?.
6.	0935	TRACK KNOLL.	Capture of KNOLL.	Report by O.C."A" Coy that he is unable to advance further.	Paint the picture that enemy fire from ROCKY RIDGE and TRIG. RIDGE is extremely heavy and that the Coy cannot advance further.
7.	0940	GRIMUNUMU village.	"R" Gp arrives.	Recce commences. "A" Coy engaged enemy on ROCKY RIDGE etc with light rifle fire until Bn attack develops.	Check fire posns of each rifleman.

Serial.	Time.	Place.	Event.	Action.	Instns. to Umpires.
8	1010	High ground NE of GRIMUNUMU	"O" Gp assembles for orders.	Warning order issued to B and C Coys to move to F.U.P. at re- entrant North of TRIG. HILL.	Is there any delay in moving Coys off after warning order received?
9	1025	do. do.	Orders completed.	MMG, Mors. commence moving up.	Are warning orders given for movement of supporting weapons prior to the completion of orders?
10	1110 approx.	F.U.P. for B and C Coys.	Coy Comds report Coys in position ready for attack.	H hour fixed by C.O.	Are all supporting arms in- formed of exact H hour?
11	1130 approx.		H hour.	C Coy advances to JUNC KNOLL, Supported by Arty and MMG fire. B Coy commence advance.	What formations were adopted during the attack by C Coy?
12	1135	JUNC KNOLL.	Capture of KNOLL.	B Coy moving in re-entrant on left flank, C Coy engaging west end ROCKY RIDGE. Arty, MMG engaging east end ROCKY RIDGE.	Note how C Coy is disposed in JUNC KNOLL, area.
13	1146	East end ROCKY RIDGE.	B Coy capture east end ROCKY RIDGE. Exploitation to west end of ROCKY RIDGE commences.	Coy Comd calls on F.O.O. for support during the advance.	Are all remaining enemy posns thoroughly searched and mopped up? What formations are adopted for this operation? Does Coy Comd provide rear protection during operation?
14	1205	West end ROCKY RIDGE.	Exploitation completed.	Coy re-organising and consolidating.	Is every precaution taken against possible counter- attack?. Are all weapons correctly sighted?

Serial.	Time.	Place.	Event.	Action.	Instns. to Umpires.
15	1206	JUNG KNOLL.	On success signal from B Coy at west end of ROCKY RIDGE, C Coy will move forward to east end of ROCKY RIDGE.	C Coy to be disposed facing east, when occupying new posn.	As in serial No.14.
16	1230		Exercise ends.		Send all reports to Director by 1800 hrs on day of exercise.

GRIMUNUMU AREA

FULL BN EXERCISE
WITH ARTY SUPPORT



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

INTELLIGENCE REPORT. - 9 AUST INF BN.

REF. MAP UBERI - 1".

From: 0001 Hrs 4 Sep 43
To: 2359 Hrs 10 Sep 43

TRAINING.

Through out the week training was carried out as set down on the training syllabus.

Range practices were carried out on the days allotted by Bde.

On 6 Sep. an all day and night exercise was carried out by C and D Coys. and the fire plan map of the exercise forwarded to Bde.

An Inf. and Arty. Co-op. exercise was carried out in the GRIMUNUMU area on 6 Sep. and 9 Sep. on

The exercise on the 6 Sep. was/a "dry run" principle and carried out by A and B Coys.

On 9 Sep. the Bn. carried out the exercise in the same area in conjunction with 48 Bty. ~~and~~ 13 Fd. Regt.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

During the week maintenance work was carried out by the Coys. over the area of recently completed works. The bridge over the "AHALO Creek", map Ref. 169401, is still in the stages of construction.

Mt. Roy quarry map Ref. 167390, is still in operation with Coy personnel making up daily working parties.

VISITORS.

At 2000 hrs 4 Sep. Officers and N.C.O's of 48 Bty. 13 Fd Regt. were entertained by 9 Bn. at an informal evening held in the Officers and N.C.O's mess huts.

At 2000 hrs 10 Sep. Officers and N.C.O's of 6 Bn MMG. were entertained by Officers and N.C.O's of this Bn.

RECCES.

At 1100hrs 5 Sep. the C.O. (Lt.Col. G.R. MATTHEWS) accompanied by his officers, made a recce of the GRIMUNUMU area in preparation for the Inf and Arty. Co-op exercise.

PERSONNEL MARCHED IN.

On 5 Sept. Lieut. R.H.HOLMES rejoined the unit as X list personal
On 7 Sep. Capt. C.J.K. SMITH rejoined the unit after a period on the mainland. On 7 Sep Lieut.M.J. SIEMON marched in and joined the Bn. as a reinforcement officer and will be attached to 10 Pl. B Coy.

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PERSONNEL MARCHED OUT.

On 10 Sep. Lieut. L.A. PICKERING marched out to attend an O.T.S. School.

SPORTS.

The Coys. indulged in organised sports on the Bde Ground on the allotted days.

On 5 Sep. visiting personnel of 48 Bty. 13 Pd. Regt. competed against personnel of 9 Bn. in a swimming carnival in the Bn. pool.

LECTURES.

During the week the Bde. I.O. Lieut. BLACKMORE lectured personnel on "security" and "How fwd tps. and Int can help one another".

CHURCH PARADE.

On 5 Sep a Bde church parade, incorporating the 4th Anniversary of War, was held on the Bde grounds. The parade was attended by the Brig. Comd., Brig. J FIELD, D.S.O., and the service conducted by Padre McCulloch of 61 Bn.

The remainder of the day was devoted by personnel to football, swimming and make and mend.

Newman
Lieut.
 I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

W. L. M. Major
Lt. Col.
 H.Q. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By
LT-COL. G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

Copy No.....

Serial No. 16/43.

10 Sept. 43.

86. DUTIES.

Orderly Duties will mount at Retreat each day as set out hereunder:-

DATE.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.	DUTY COY.
12 th Sep.	LIEUT. H.J.E. NICHOLLS.	SGT. BUSBY, J.C.	"A"
13 th Sep.	LIEUT. N.J. SIEMON.	CPL. STOCKLEY, P.A.	"B"
14 th Sep.	LIEUT. J.W. PEACHEY.	CPL. MALLET, H.W.	"C"
15 th Sep.	LIEUT. J. ATKIN.	CPL. COLLIS, J.B.	"D"
16 th Sep.	LIEUT. H.J.J. SWAN.	SGT. LEWIS, H.K.	"HQ".

87. SPECIAL ORDER.

The following message has been received by the Bde Comd from the Commander in Chief (General Sir Thomas Blamey GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO) in connection with the inspection made on 1 Sep.

"I wish to compliment you, the officers and men of your Brigade on the excellent parade I witnessed on 1st September. The bearing, steadiness and general smartness of the men was most marked and reflected great credit on all concerned.

The high degree of training as shown by the 7 Brigade on the Parade ground is indicative of the fighting qualities of the formation. I have every confidence that when the Brigade is called upon again to play its part in the struggle that lies before us it will prove itself capable of upholding the high reputation of the Australian soldier".

88. CHURCH PARADES.

Voluntary Church Parades for Sunday 12 Sep 43 are as follows:-

C. of E. 0645 hrs. Holy Communion - 9 Bn Area. 0900 hrs. Service followed by Holy Communion - 9 Bn Area. DRESS: As usual.

H.J.J. Swan
..... Capt.,
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

57 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 9 / 1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
1	1	-	2	*					
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2	-	17	Majors	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	4	-	23			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	28	1								29
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 19 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX46995	T/Capt	SMITH, C.J.K.	N.G.Details	7/9/43	From X List (school and leave)
QX45108	Lieut	SIEMON, H.J.	N.G.Details	7/9/43	Reinforcement Officer
QX40832	Lieut	HOLMES, R.H.		5/9/43	From X List (hospital)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX36609	Lieut	PICKERING, L.A.	No. 6 O.C.T.U.	10/9/43	To school of more than 28 days' duration - struck off posted strength.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/9/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	BX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Q15601	SUTCH	A.J.W.	21/e	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC D Coy	No	Detached, special duty.	27/8/43
T/Capt	QX40871	BENSON	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
RZ/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	Adm Comd D Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	FOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40862	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 1/e A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	OC C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2 1/e B Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX41395	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX40669	LEVER	K.W.	14 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX56425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.	16 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	BANKEY	P.T.	9 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 P1	Yes		
Lieut	Q90512	WERDA	E.C.	11 P1	Yes		
Lieut	BX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43365	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 P1	Yes		
Lieut	BX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 P1	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40861	ATKIN	J.	18 P1	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	BX117597	WINDEYER J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV	BX15209	TILLER, C.E.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain

11 Sep 43
Date of Despatch

G. Matthews
Signature of Commander Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/ 9/1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Re...				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot-Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	30		Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties	66	63	28
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2 (NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt		1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl		1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Sup' cal)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.M.	5	5	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO Ord.	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	27	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post.Ord.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1 (NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitter	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	
												Blacksmith	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	14	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	64	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	753	38

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

11 Sep 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary

9 Bn TRAINING SYLLABUS W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

A Coy.

Monday 13 Sep	0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill 0900 - 1000 Lecture - Bde Educ. Offr. 1000 - 1200 Pl. Battle Drill for the attack (Sec 19 & 20 Instructors Hand Book. 1330 - 1500 Drill for Pl Movement before contact (Sec 22 Instructors Hand Book 1500 - 1630 Drill for Pl Movement accross country (Sec 23 Instructors Hand Book. 1900 - 2100 Movement by Night and Observation by night (Sec 13 and 14 Instructors Hand Book
Tuesday 14 Sep	All Day Full Coy Route March Ref Bde Trng Instn No. 29
Wednesday 15 Sep	A.M. Bn Parade P.M. Works Maintenance
Thursday 16 Sep	A.M. Bde Assault Range (All personnel armed with SMG with "P" Coy on SMG Jungle Range) 1330 - 1445 Drill for Section in the attack by infiltration methods (Instructors Handbook Sec 25) 1500 - 1530 Lecture Bde I.O. 1530 - 1630 Section in Attack(rptd) Sec 25 Instructors Handbook 1900 - 2100 Recce by night (I.F. 35 -10)
Friday 17 Sep	Bn in attack with MG support
Saturday 18 Sep	A.M. LONG HILL Range Sec Ex Ref 7 Bde Trng Instn 43/a/32. P.M. Organised Sport v C Coy.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS - W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

B. Coy.

Monday 13 Sep 43	All Day	Route March
Tuesday 14 Sep	0830 - 0900	Pl. Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1000	Lecture by Bde Educ. Offr. (HQ Coy Mess Hut)
	1015 - 1200	Battle Drill - Movement before contact and pl movement across country (Ch 11 Sec 22 - 23)
	1330 - 1630	10 Pl. Organised sport
		11 Pl Battle drill Sec in attack (Ch 11 Sec 25-26)
		12 Pl - Works Maintenance
	1900 - 2100	Movement and observation by night (Ch 1 Sec 13 -14)
Wednesday 15 Sep	A.M.	Bn. Parade
	1330 - 1630	10 Pl. Works Maintenance
		11 Pl. - Organised Sport
		12 Pl. - Battle drill sec in the attack (Ch 11 Sec 25 - 26)
Thursday 16 Sep	0830 - 0900	Pl. inspection and drill
	0900 - 1200	SWG members only - Bde jungle range
		10 Pl. - Battle drill - sec in the attack
		CH 11 Sec 25 - 26
		11 Pl. - Works Maintenance
		12 Pl. - Organised Sport
	1400 - 1450	Battle Drill - sec in attack Ch 11 Sec 25 - 26
	1500 - 1530	Lecture by Bde I.O. (Bde ORs Mess hut)
	1540 - 1630	Battle drill - Sec in attack (Ch 11 Sec 25 - 26)
	1900 - 2100	Battle drill - night attack
Friday 17 Sep	All day	Bn Exercise with M.M.O. Co-operation
Saturday 18 Sep	0830 - 0900	Pl Inspection and drill
	0900 - 1050	Battle drill - movement before contact and attack (CH 11 Sec 23, 25 - 26)
	1100 - 1130	Lecture by W.O. CAMERON (H.Q. Coy Mess Hut)
	1140 - 1200	Drill
	1400 - 1450	Battle Drill Sec in attack (Ch 11 Sec 25 - 26)
	1500 - 1530	Lecture by Bde I.O. (Bde ORs Mess hut)
	1540 - 1630	Battle Drill - sec in attack (Ch 11 Sec 25-26)

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

C Coy.

Monday
13 Sep

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill
 0900 - 1200 Field Craft and Battle Drill Sec 28 - Drill for Pl. making attack using the flanking movement. Ref. (P & B.D).
 1400 - 1500 Lecture by Bde. Edus. Offr. in H.Q. Mess Hut
 1500 - 1600 Lecture - Patrols I.M.F. 1941 Ch. 14 Sec 72 -75
 1600 - 1630 Swimming Instruction
 1830 - 2030 Night Training - Sec 13 (P.A.B.D) Movement by night)

Tuesday
14 Sep

All day. Full Coy on Route March (Ref Bde Trng Instn No.29 Para 5 (K)

Wednesday
15 Sep

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill
 0900 - 1200 Bn. Parade
 1400 - 1600 Field Craft and Battle Drill Sec 29. The flanking movement - Some complications and their solution.
 1600 - 1630 Swimming Instruction

Thursday
16 Sep

0830 - 0900 Inspection and Drill
 0900 - 1200 Works Maintenance
 1400 - 1600 Field Craft and Battle Drill Sec 30 - Drill for Pl. Pincer Attack. SMG Jungle Range, all personnel armed with SMG.
 1600 - 1630 Swimming Instruction
 1830 - 2030 Field Craft and Battle Drill - Sec 14 Observation by night.

Friday
17 Sep

All Day. Bn. in attack with MMSG co-operation 1 Coy Aust MMSG Bn. attached. Dry run. Ref. Bde Trng Instn. No. 29 Para 4 (II)

Saturday
18 Sep

0830 - 0930 Lecture by W.C. Cameron in Hq. Coy Mess Hut Ref Bde Trng. Instn No. 29 Para 5 (P II)
 0930 - 1130 Field and Battle Drill Sec 31 the effects of infiltration
 1130 - 1200 Lecturette - Tanks, recognition and characteristics
 1400 - 1600 Organised Sports (2 Pl's) C Coy V A Coy Bde Sports Ground Ref. Bde Trng Instn. No. 27 Para 4 (K)
 LONG HILL Range - Sec Exercise (1 Pl) Ref Bde Trng Instn. 43 / C /32 of 28 Aug .

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS - W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

D Coy.

Monday 13 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1100	Battle Drill for Sec Attack (On Coy Parade Ground FPD Chap 11. Sec 26
	1100 - 1230	LMF - I.A. & Stoppages. S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 4 lesson 13 and 14
	1400 - 1600	Fire Discipline Trg. S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 2.
	1500 - 1600	Fire Control Orders S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 2
	1800 - 2100	Movement by night FPD Chap 1 Sec 13.
Tuesday 14 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1600	All Day march - Bde Trg. Instrn No. 29 Par 5 (M)
Wednesday 15 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1230	Bn. Parade
	1400 - 1600	Organised Sport Incl. Swimming Instrn.
Thursday 16 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1000	Bde Education Lecture
	1000 - 1230	Sec Battle drill for Infiltration FPD Chap 11 Sec 25 (Recap)
	1400 - 1600	a. SMG Rec. to Jungle range with C. Coy. b. Balance Coy
	1400 - 1445	Drill by Sec Comds. FPD Chap 1 Sec 15
	1445 - 1530	2" Mortar Drill (Recap)
	1530 - 1600	Lessons from NG Ops. AM 21 Part 11 Sec 5 & 6
	1800 - 2100	Observation by night FPD Chap 1 Sec 14
Friday 17 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1600	Dry Run for Sec in attack with MG Co-op Bde Trg. Instrn No. 29 Para 4 11.
Saturday 18 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1230	Road Maintenance
	1400 - 1500	a. Inter Pl. Competition in Bren Stripping and assembling b. Balance - Coy Drill
	1500 - 1530	Lecture by W.C. CAMERON Bde trg. Instrn No. 2 Para 5 F.
	1530 - 1600	Lecture and Discussion.

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS W/E 13 - 18 Sep 45.
Sig Pl.

Monday 13 Sep	All Day	Route March
Tuesday 14 Sep	0830 - 0900	Pl. Inspection and Drill
	0900 - 1200	Organised Sports
	1400 - 1445	Single Call Sign Procedure (Precis)
	1445 - 1530	Duties of a Sig Clerk
	1530 - 1615	Superposing Connections (Precis)
	1830 - 2030	Lamp Reading
Wednesday 15 Sep	A.M.	Bn. Parade
	1400 - 1500	Lecture Bde Educ Offr.
	1500 - 1545	Radio - T Procedure
	1545 - 1615	Horse Reading
Thursday 16 Sep	0815 - 0830	Pl Inspection
	0830 - 0900	Lecture Bde I.O.
	0900 - 1200	R/T Exercise
	1400 - 1445	Semaphore
	1445 - 1530	V/S Procedure
	1530 - 1615	10 line U.C. Vol III Pam 26
	1830 - 2030	Night Trial with R/T and Helio.
Friday 17 Sep	All Day	Bn Exercise
Saturday 18 Sep	0815 - 0830	Pl. Inspection
	0830 - 0900	Drill
	0900 - 0945	DV Faults and Maintenance (Vol III Pam 22
	0945 - 1030	Sig Office Records
	1045 - 1130	Maintenance Sig Equipment
	1130 - 1200	Horse Reading
	1400 - 1615	Visual Signalling and Fire Control Codes

Bad Shots to be coached on range
 Non swimmers to be coached during week.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS - W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

MMG Pl.

Monday 13 Sep	All Day Route March - Ref Bde Trg Instn No. 29.	
Tuesday 14 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1200	Organised Sport
	1400 - 1530	Occup. of Posn and prepar for night firing S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 113 Sec 32
	1530 - 1615	Stoppages S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 1 Lessons 21 - 24
Wednesday 15 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1200	Bn Parade
	1400 - 1500	Lecture by Bde Education Offr.
	1500 - 1615	T.O.E.T. SAA.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 11 A Sec 12
Thursday 16 Sep	0815 - 0830	Inspection
	0830 - 0900	Lecture by W.O. CAMERON (Ref Bde Trg. Instn No. 29
	0900 - 1200	Advanced Handling S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 11A Sec 14 Complete
	1400 - 1530	Fire Control S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 111 Sec 24 Lesson 99 - 104
	1530 - 1615	Check of Equipment S.A.T. Vol Pam 7 Part 1 Sect 3 Complete
	1700 - 1900	Compass March
Friday 17 Sep	Bn. Exercise Ref Bde Trg. Instn. No. 29	
Saturday 18 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1200	Grenade Range
	1400 - 1445	Slide Rule S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 7 Part 1 Lesson 46 - 40a
	1445 - 1615	Maintenance

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS - W/E/ 13 - 18 Sep 43. MORTAR PL.

Monday 13 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1630	Route March Ref Bde Trg. Instn. No. 29 Par 5 (K)
Tuesday 14 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1200	Coy Sports Ref Bde Trg. Instn No. 29
	1400 - 1530	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 2 Lesson 8 & 9.
	1530 - 1630	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 9 Sec 24 Lesson 38
	1900 - 2100	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 9 Sec 24 Lesson 39.
Wednesday 15 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection
	0845 - 1200	Bn. Parade
	1400 - 1500	Lecture - Bde Educ. Offr.
	1500 - 1630	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 9 Sec. 22 Lesson 37 & 40
Thursday 16 Sep	0830 - 0900	Lecture by W.O. CAMERON
	0900 - 1630	Minature Range Ref Bde Trg. Instn 27
	1900 - 2100	Night Compass March
Friday 17 Sep	0815 - 1630	Dry Run - Bn. in Attack with M.M.G. Co-op Ref. Bde Trg. Instn 29.
Saturday 18 Sep	0815 - 0845	Inspection and Drill
	0845 - 1015	S.A.T. Vol 1 Pam 2 Sec 4
	1015 - 1200	Grenade Range
	1400 - 1630	Use of Smoke - Ref Bde. Trg. Instn 27

9 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS W/E 13 - 18 Sep 43.

Monday 13 Sep	All Day	Route March	<u>TK/A Pl.</u>
Tuesday 14 Sep	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill	
	0900 - 1220	Sport	
	1400 - 1530	Gun Drill	
	1530 - 1630	Daily Maintenance	
Wednesday 15 Sep	All Morning	3n Parade.	
	1400 - 1500	Bce Educ. Offr. - Lecture.	
	1500 - 1530	Map Reading.	
	1530 - 1630	Daily Maintenance.	
	1630 - 2030	Compass March.	
Thursday 16 Sep.	0830 - 0900	Lecture by W.O. CAMERON.	
	0900 - 0930	Inspection and Drill.	
	0930 - 1015	Gun Drill.	
	1015 - 1030	Rest.	
	1030 - 1130	Gun Drill.	
	1130 - 1220	Lecture - Testing sights.	
	1400 - 1445	Mechanism.	
	1445 - 1530	Lecture - Gas.	
	1530 - 1630	Daily Maintenance.	
	1630 - 2030	Elem. Stripping in Dark.	
Friday 17 Sep.	All Day	- Creek Crossing and Gun Pits.	
Saturday 18 Sep.	0830 - 0900	Inspection and Drill.	
	0900 - 1015	Gun Drill.	
	1015 - 1030	Rest.	
	1030 - 1130	Bren P.O.E.F.	
	1130 - 1220	Sand Table Exer.	
	1400 - 1630	Weekly Maintenance.	

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

SERIAL	TIME.	PLACE.	ACTION.	INSTNS. TO UNITS.
1.	0800.	PIONEER BR.	Bn. assembly area.	Are precautions taken against surprise. (Gd. & Air) ?
2.	0805.	PIONEER BR.	Coy issues orders for advance.	Note order march and formations.
3.	0815.	PIONEER BR.	Bn. moves off.	What comn. has C.O. between Coys.
4.	1000.	211354, Track junc.	Loading tps arrive. Met by patrol leader of 61 Bn. who says, ...	Umpires give patrol ldrs. report, "Enemy are holding KAR/KATANA Drome with F.D.L's the line of NORTH CK. No enemy have been located NORTH of this ck."
5.	1015	Track Junc.	C.O. orders Coy to move to assembly posns. and proceeds on his recce.	Are covering tps. posted?
6.	1145	Reverse Slope Knoll 217352	Outline Plan.	Can "O" Gp. see the ground?
7.	1245	Knoll 211350	Final Orders.	Is disgrammatic method used?. Is "O" Gp protected?.
8.	1330.	-	Approx. H. Attack commences.	Note formations. Check timing of adv.
9.	1400.	West End of Drome.	Attack completed. Consolidation commenced.	Do MMG. PIs. arrive on objective smartly? Have arrangements been made for tools to be brought forward? Are amm. stores sent back?.
10.	1430.	Lone Hut.	Final Discussion.	

9 AUST INF BN.
EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

War Diary
SECRET.

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16 Sep 43.

Ref. Map UBERI Sheet 1 in. = 1 mile. - KARAKATANA Sheet 1" = 200 yds.

INSTNS FOR EXERCISE.

1. GENERAL.

A Bn. exercise with troops will be held on Friday 17 Sep. 43, in the KARAKATANA Airfield area, under the direction of Lt-Col. G.R. MATTHEWS. "C" Coy 6 Aust MG. Bn. will co-operate with 9 Aust. Inf. Bn. in this exercise.

2. OBJECT.

To practice the use of a Coy of MMGs with the Bn. in attack.

3. LESSONS.

(a) "MMGs can be given the task of neutralizing by fire, in conjunction with the Artillery, known points of enemy resistance, or areas suspected of concealing hostile troops. Guns allotted to this task will fire by observation of the advance of our own tps., or if this is not possible, in accordance with a timed programme." (M.T.F. 31. Sec 6 (2 i)).

(b) "Guns which are allotted for consolidation should be assembled under cover near the inf. starting line and sent forward on to their objective as soon as it has been gained." (M.T.F. 31 Sec 6. (2 ii)).

4. TROOPS TAKING PART.

Comd - Maj. W.G. FRY - 9 AUST INF BN.
9 Aust Inf Bn less "A" Coy.

5. ENEMY.

(A) Comd. Capt. A.T. BEECH - 9 Aust Inf Bn.
"A" Coy, 9 Aust Inf Bn.

(B) Enemy will act according to "Instns. to O.C. Enemy", issued separately.

(C) Enemy will wear hats, K.F.

6. UMPIRES.

(A) 2 Capts, 6 Subalterns, 6 Sgts - 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(B) Umpires will wear hats, K.F., and white arm bands.

(C) Umpires will report to Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn at 0700 hrs on "D" day.

7. CONFERENCES.

DATE.	TIME.	PLACE.	PURPORT.	TO ATTEND.
17 Sep.	1430.	KARAKATANA Airfield.	Final Discussion.	All Troops.
18 Sep.	1830.	Bde ORS Mess Hut.	General Discussion of Exercise.	All Offrs, NCOs, Pl. Comds. 9 Aust Inf Bn. Offrs. "C" Coy 6 Aust MG Bn.

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(2)

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

- (a) Rifle: Blank, or tins tapped on wood.
- (b) S.M.G.: Stones rattled in tins.
- (c) M.M.G: Rattles (long bursts).
- (d) L.M.G: Rattles (short bursts).
- (e) Mortar: Smoke Generators.
- (f) Grenades: Grenades, Aldershot.

9. ASSEMBLY.

At 0800 hrs. 17 Sep 43.

- (a) 9 Aust Inf Bn less "A" Coy will be in assembly area at PIONEER BR (185387).
- (b) "C" Coy 6 Aust M.G.Bn. will be in assembly area at PIONEER BR. (185387).
- (c) At 1000 hrs. 17 Sep 43.
"A" Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn as enemy will assemble according to "Instns. to O.C.Enemy".

10. A.D.M.

- (a) Rations: Midday meal will be carried on the man; Umpires will bring own rations.
- (b) Dress: Battle Order: Enemy will conform to this order of dress but will wear hats, K.F.

SPECIAL ROUTINE "D" DAY.

Reveille: 0530.
Breakfast: 0615.
Move Out: 0715.

SPECIAL INSTNS.

- (a) Complete Bn. will take part in exercise, leaving minimum security guards (light duty pers) in HQ and Coy areas.
- (b) All weapons will be inspected before exercise begins and Coy Comds will render a certificate to Bn HQ. stating that they have personally inspected weapons and warned all ranks that ball amm. must NOT be loaded.
- (c) Ball Amm. at present on issue to troops will be carried in the bottom of the haversack.

13. CONCLUSION OF EXERCISE.

Exercise ends 1500 hrs at KARAKATIAH Airfield.

[Signature]
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Issued with: Opening Situation.
Instns. to O.C.Enemy.
Forecast of Events. Limited distribution.

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19.	HQ Coy.	27. C.O.
20.	" " Coy.	28. Adj..
21.	" " Coy.	29. Trg. File.
22.	"C" Coy.	30 - 31. Diary , War Diary.
23.	"D" Coy.	32. Spare.

9 AUST INF BN. EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

OPENING SITUATION.

1. The Jap force which was holding GRIMUNUMU Village, ROCKY RIDGE and TRIG. RIDGE, have been forced to withdraw towards KARAKATANA Airfield.
2. 25 Aust Inf Bn. are now in occupation of the GRIMUNUMU Village, ROCKY RIDGE and TRIG. RIDGE positions.
3. 61 Aust Inf Bn. have advanced along EILOGO RD. and are now 1 mile from KARAKATANA with patrols active on EAST of the Drome.
4. The retiring Jap force from GRIMUNUMU Village have reinforced the position at KARAKATANA Airfield and reports now indicate that there are approx. 300 enemy in defence of the Airfield.
5. 9 Aust Inf Bn. who have been in reserve, have now been ordered to proceed via PERCIVAL'S TRACK and attack and capture KARAKATANA Airfield.
6. In support of 9 Bn. for this operation, will be "C" Coy, 6 Aust M.G.Bn.
7. As C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn., carry out your task.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.
LT-COL. G.R.MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

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89. DUTIES.

DATE.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.	DUTY COY.
17 Sep.	LIEUT. P.T.SANKEY.	CPL.JONES, J.P.	"A"
18 Sep.	LIEUT. E.C.WERDA.	SGT.BRITTAN, G.W.	"B"
19 Sep.	LIEUT. W.M.VINEY.	CPL.ROOKWOOD, W.	"C"
20 Sep.	LIEUT. D.S.DIND.	CPL.McCLINTOCK, R.A.	"D"
21 Sep.	LIEUT. THOMPSON, A.D.	CPL.BRIGANTE, P.	"HQ".

90. CAMP TIME-TABLE.

As from Monday 20 Sep. Time Table will be as follows:-

0600 REVEILLE.	1700. TEA.
0645 BREAKFAST.	
0745)	1800. RETREAT.
to) WORK.	
1145)	2145. LAST POST.
1200 LUNCH.	2200. LIGHTS OUT.
1330)	
to) WORK.	
1530)	

91. DEPOSITS TO PAY BOOKS AND CASH REMITTANCES.

- The attention of all members is drawn to the necessity for obtaining official receipts for all moneys paid to members of the AAPC.
- The official receipts issued by AAPC personnel are of two kinds, viz.,
(1) Pay Sergeants' Receipts (WF176) - issued by pay sergeants and personnel carrying out pay duties within units;
(2) Commonwealth of Australia Official Receipts (as used in all Commonwealth Government Departments) - issued by paymasters of formations and depot cash offices.
- Deposits to Pay Books. Credits arising from cash deposits appearing in members' pay books are only accepted as bona fide in cash offices if one of the above receipts for the amount of the credit is affixed to the back of the pay book. Unless this credit entry is so supported, no portion thereof can be drawn until confirmation is obtained.
- Cash Remittances. Upon completion of a Cash Remittance (Form WF131A), the remitter must receive from the member of the AAPC concerned, one of the above receipts for the amount paid to him, the number of which should be quoted in any inquiry relative to same.
- It is the responsibility of all members to obtain receipts for all moneys paid to members of the AAPC.

92. CHURCH PARADES. Church Parades for Sunday 19 Sep 43 are as follows:-
C.O. E 0645 and 0900 9 Bn Area (YMCA tent). R.C. 0900 25 Bn. Area. CONFESIONS.
Chaplain GALLAGHER will be at HQ 7 Bde (tent near Int. Sec) and may be visited by men of all units between 1700 and 1800 hrs, and from 1900 hrs onwards, Friday 17 Sep 43. U.C. - Will be advised later.

Robert M. P. [Signature]
..... Capt.,
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

OF
9 AUST. INF. BN.

From 0001 hrs 11 Sep. 43
To 2359 hrs 17 Sep. 43

TRAINING. Throughout the week all coys carried out training as per syllabus already forwarded to Bde. The Bn. Parade which was to have been held on 15 Sep was cancelled and the time given to works maintenance and working parties. All range practices were carried out on the days allotted to the Bn by Bde.

ROUTE MARCHES. On 13 Sep full Coy route marches were carried out by B and HQ Coy. The route followed being from DONADABU via HARIANE through TOBALOLO-UPTANOON-VERI and returning to camp through MONANOON. Coys started out in opposite directions in order to meet somewhere along the route. The march was on a tactical approach principle and two personnel from the Int. section were placed with the coys to act as guides. On 14 Sep A, C, & D coys carried out the march over the same route and in the same manner.

BN. EXERCISE. On 17 Sep the Bn. carried out an exercise in the KARAKATANA area with one coy from 6 MG BN. The exercise was on the "Dry run" principle. The Bn. less A Coy who acted as enemy, left the bn. area at 0715 hrs and proceeded to the exercise area. The attack commenced at 1425 hrs and the exercise ended at approx 1530 hrs and the Bn returned to camp.

WORK PARTIES. Throughout the week working parties have been detailed for road maintenance, work on the quarry and work in the Bn area.

WORK IN PROGRESS. The bridge being constructed over ANALO CK is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected to be ready for use early next week.

A new landing stage is under construction in the swimming pool on the opposite bank to the existing one, and it is expected to be completed by the week-end.

A new bridge has been constructed over ck at 198371 (ref map UBERI 1 inch) and will carry MT to 3 tons. This bridge has been named DINDS BRIDGE, and M.T. can now reach CK 209348 KARAKATANA area (ref map UBERI 1 inch)

RECCO On 13 Sep the G.O. Lt-Col MATTHEWS accompanied by G.O. HQ Coy Maj FRY, carried out a recco of the KARAKATANA area in preparation for the Bn exercise held later in the week. On 16 Sep the G.O. again made a recco of the same area.

INT SEC WORK. On 13 Sep seven Int personnel left for the KARAKATANA area where they traversed the aerodrome and adjacent areas in preparation for the forth coming Bn exercise. They returned to DONADABU on 15 Sep.

OPPR. RETURNED TO UNIT. On 13 Sep. Maj PERCIVAL returned to the unit after spending a short period in the H.G. Fwd areas.

RECREATION. On 12 Sep members of the 2/8 Armd. Regt were entertained by the Bn and a water-pole match was played between teams from the Bn and the Regt.

CHURCH PARADES. Voluntary church parades were conducted on 12 Sep. C of B in D Coy area - OPD in 61 Bn area and R.C. in 25 Bn area. The balance of the day was devoted to "make and mend" and sports.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Lt-Col
G.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....Lieut
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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59 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
-	-	-	1	*										
-	-	-	3	*										
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-					
3	3	-	16	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
4	4	-	28			1	-	-	-					
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	28	1								29
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 9 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Q15601	BUTCH	A.J.W.	2 1/c	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OG HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OG D Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OG A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OG C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.G.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OG B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 1/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2 1/c C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2 1/c B Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.	16 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKY	P.R.	9 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	8 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 P1	Yes		
Lieut	Q90512	WERDA	E.C.	11 P1	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.H.	5 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 P1	Yes		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 P1	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40261	ATKIN	J.	18 P1	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV	WX15809	TILLER, C.E.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplin

18 Sep 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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58 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **18 9 5 9** Aust Inf Bn /194..... (Unit)

W.E. **11 12e 2** / OFFRS. **32** O.R's. **738** + OFFRS. **1** O.R's. **35** ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					Rein'ts Required.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
-	-	-	1	*										
-	-	-	3	*										
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-					
3	3	-	16	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.		1	-	-	-					
4	4	-	28											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	28	1								29
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs Saturday 18 3 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)
 W.E. 11 120 2 OFFERS 32 O.R.'s 738 + OFFERS 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.	
1	2	3	4
<p>R.S.M. posting provides for W.O.I. Posting filled by W.O.II. R.S.M. posting provides for W.O.II. One C.S.M. is Sgt. Sgt Clerk at Records Office provides for B Class soldier - posting filled by an A Class S/Sgt.</p>			
<p>Only general duty personnel required as reinforcements, as unit personnel are filling postings. Personnel attached by W.E. are five surplus.</p>			
Attached Personnel.			
<p>A.A.C.C. - W.E. provides for 1 W.O.II, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls and 12 T.G. cooks - posted strength is 1 W.O. II, 5 Sgts, 5 Cpls, and 17 T.G. Cooks.</p>			
<p>A.A.P.C. - W.E. provides for 1 sgt and 1 cpl. Posted strength is at present 1 Sgt.</p>			
<p>Analysis of Part A to be shown here by All Detach. Col's units notified in para 7 of the instructions for completion of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).</p>		<p>A Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in the Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.R. Force, 10 N.E. Force.</p>	
<p>ALL Units 15 Years and over.</p>		<p>ALL Units 15 Years and over.</p>	
<p>432</p>		<p>331</p>	
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p>TOTAL</p>	

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units			
Number of O.R.s	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.s	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.s	Unit to which detached	Number of O.R.s	Unit to which detached
1	7 Aust Inf Bn	5	8th Sig. Bn.	1	5 Div Cook- ing Bn.		
1	308 I.A.D.						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Blacklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	30	-	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	3
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties	660	637	23
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Mess Sgt		1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				Carrier Cpl		1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				R.S.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				C.S.M.s.	5	5	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO Ord.	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirep.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	28	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitter	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	
												Blacksmith	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	65	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	764	30

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

18 Sep 43
Date of Despatch

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[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

9 AUST INF BN.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP. 43.

HQ COY - SIG. PL.

MONDAY
20 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Morse Reading.
0900 - 0945 Superposing Units (Precis).
1000 - 1045 L.S.D.S.R. Location of Faults.
1045 - 1145 R/T. Procedure.
1330 - 1415 Helograph (Simplex).
1415 - 1500 Procedure Signals (Precis).
1500 - 1530 Semaphore.

TUESDAY
21 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Morse Reading.
0900 - 1000 Lecture - Bde Educ. Offr.
1015 - 1100 Siting and Erection of Wireless Stns (Precis).
1100 - 1145 Test Set Portable No.2.
1330 - 1530 Visual Signal Control Orders.

WEDNESDAY
22 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Morse Reading.
0900 - 0945 Instruction on Vickers M.M.G.
1000 - 1045 Elementary Electricity.
1045 - 1145 Combined Ops. Procedure.
1330 - 1530 R/T Exercise.

THURSDAY
23 Sep 43.

All Day. Bn. Exercise.

FRIDAY
24 Sep 43.

A.M. Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1415 Instruction on Bren LMG (Pam. 4).
1415 - 1500 R/T Procedure.
1500 - 1530 Semaphore.

SATURDAY.
25 Sep 43.

A.M. T/A 2-pdr. Demonstration.
P.M. Maintenance of Sig. Equipment.

9 AUST INF BN.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP 43. - HQ Coy. MNG PL.

MONDAY
20 Sep.

0745 - 0815. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Indirect Fire - SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7. Pt. III.
Lessons 75 - 80 (Inclusive).
1330 - 1530 Night Firing Drill - SAT. Vol. 1 Pam. 7. Part III.
Lessons 84 - 86 (Use of Director).
1930 - 2130 Night Occupation.

TUESDAY
21 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam 7. Part 1. Lessons 2 - 6.
0900 - 1000 Lectures by Bde Educ. Offr. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 2
1000 - 1145 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Part. 1. Lessons 8 - 12.
1330 - 1530 Indirect Fire SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Part III.
Lessons 75 - 80.

WEDNESDAY.
22 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Occupation of Posn - SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Part IIa..
Lesson 91.
1330 - 1415 Fire Orders. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Pt III Less. 106.
1415 - 1530 Lecturette and Discussion. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. 29.

THURSDAY.
23 Sep 43.

All Day. Bn. Exercise. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 29.

FRIDAY.
24 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1530 Occupation of Posn. - SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Pt. II(a).
Lesson 92 (Use of Director).
1930 - 2130 Compass March.

SATURDAY.
25 Sep. 43.

0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 2 Pdr. Demon. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 29.
1330 - 1415 Fire Control Charts. SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 7 Part 3.
Sec. 29.
1415 - 1530 Maintenance.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP 43. - HQ COY - MORTAR PL.

MONDAY.
20 Sep. 43. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145. Use of smoke. - Ref. Bde. Instn. No.27.
1330 - 1430. SAT. Vol. 1 Pam. 2 Less. 8.
1430 - 1530 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 9. Sec. 24 Less. 38.
1900 - 2100 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 9 Sec. 24. Less. 39.

TUESDAY
21 Sep 43. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 SAT. Vol. 1 Pam. 2. Less. 9.
0900 - 1000 Lecture Bde. Educ. Offr.
1000 - 1145 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 9. Sec. 22. Less. 37. 40.
1330 - 1530 Diagrammatical Orders.

WEDNESDAY
22 Sep 43. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1530 Miniature Range. - Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No.27.

THURSDAY
23 Sep 43. 0745 - 1530 Bn. Exercise. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No.29.
Para 4 A(v).

FRIDAY
24 Sep 43. 0745 - 1145 Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1530 Miniature Range. - Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No.27.
1900 - 2100 Sec. 13 and 14. Instrs. Handbook.
Fieldcraft and Battle Drill.

SATURDAY
25 Sep 43. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Demonstration 2 Pdr. H.E. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn.
Para 5 (H).
1330 - 1500 SAT. Vol. 1. Pam. 2 Sec. 4.
1500 - 1530 Maintenance of weapons.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP 43. - HQ COY. T/A.PL.

MONDAY
20 Sep. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Sub Calibre. N.B. If range not available, the morning will be utilised for river crossing.
1330 - 1445 Gun Drill.
1445 - 1530 Daily Maintenance.

TUESDAY
21 Sep. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Map Reading.
0900 - 1000 Lecture - Educ. Offr.
1000 - 1015 Rest.
1045 - 1145 Gun Drill.
1330 - 1415 Lecture - Subsidiary Tk/A Weapons.
1415 - 1445 Preparation for Action.
1445 - 1530 Daily Maintenance.
1830 - 2030 Occupying Position at Night.

WEDNESDAY
22 Sep. 0745 - 0815 Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Respirator Drill.
0900 - 1000 Bren Recapitulation.
1000 - 1015 Rest.
1015 - 1145 Gun Drill.
1330 - 1415 Mechanism.
1415 - 1445 Sand Table Exercise.
1445 - 1530 Daily Maintenance.

THURSDAY.
23 Sep. All Day. Bn. Exercise.

FRIDAY
24 Sep. A.M. Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1445 Gun Drill.
1445 - 1530 Daily Maintenance.
1830 - 2030 Stripping in dark.

SATURDAY.
25 Sep. A.M. Demon. 2- pdr. Shoot.
P.M. Weekly Maintenance.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP 45.

"A" COY.

- MONDAY All Day. LONG HILL Range. LMG. Course (Bren) To be fired by all LMG nos. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 27, Para 4 (Bii).

- TUESDAY All Day. Coy in attack with 1 Tp 49 Bty. 1 Pl. 6 MG Bn. Dry Run. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27, Para 4 (Aiii).

- WEDNESDAY 0830 - 0900. Inspection and Drill.
0900 - 1000. Lecture by Bde. Educ. Offr. HQ Coy Mess Hut.
1000 - 1200. Pl. Battle Drill for attack. Secs. 19 and 20. Instructors' Handbook.
1330 - 1500. Drill for Pl. movement before contact. (Sec. 22 Instructors (Handbook).
1500 - 1630. Drill for Pl. movement across country. Sec. 23 Instructors (Handbook).

- THURSDAY Bn. Exercise with ball amm. 49 Bty. 13 Aust Fd. Regt. and "C" Coy 6 Aust MG Bn. co-operating. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 29 Para 4 (Av).

- FRIDAY. A.M. Bn. Parade.
P.M. Works Maintenance.

- SATURDAY. 0745 - 0815. Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1015. Demon. of 2 pdr. H.E. LONG HILL Range. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. Para 5 (h).
1015 - 1145. Discussion lessons learnt from Thursday's battle practice.
P.M. Organised Sport.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP. 43.

"B" Coy.

MONDAY.

All Day. EARO CK Range. LMG Practice.
A.M. 12 Pl. - Road Maintenance.
P.M. 10 Pl. - Road Maintenance.

TUESDAY

All Day. Coy Attack with Arty. and MMG. co-operation.

WEDNESDAY

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Battle Drill. Pl. in attack (Pincer and
Flanking Movements) FBD. Ch. 2. Less. 27-28.
1400 - 1500 Lecture by Bde Educ. Ofcr.
1500 - 1530 Discussion Coy Exercise held 21 Sep 43.

THURSDAY

All Day Bn Exercise with Arty and MMG co-operation.

FRIDAY.

A.M. Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1430 Battle Drill. Pl. in attack. Ch. 2 Sec. 29.
1430 - 1530 Verbal messages and trg. of Orderlies.
1900 - 2100 Movement and observation by night. FBD.
Ch. 1 Sec. 13 - 14.

SATURDAY.

0900. Demon. of 2 pdr. H.F.
P.M. Organised Sport. Bde. Sports Ground.

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SYLLABUS FOR TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP. 43.

"C" COY.

MONDAY

- 0745 - 0815. Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900. Guards and Sentries. (MED. Ch. 6. Para 76 - 80)
0900 - 1000. Lecture by Bde. Educ. Offr. in HQ Coy Mess Hut.
1000 - 1145. Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. Sec. 28. - Drill for Pl. making attack, using flanking movement.
1330 - 1530. Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. Sec. 29. - The flanking movement. - Some complications and their solution.
1830 - 2030. Observation by night. FBD. Sec. 14.

TUESDAY

- 0745 - 1530. All Day. LONG HILL Range. LMG Course. (Bren). To be fired by all LMG nos. etc. Bde. Trg. Instrn. No. 27 Para 4 (bi).

WEDNESDAY

- 0745 - 0815. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145. Works Maintenance.
1330 - 1530. Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. Sec. 31. The effects of infiltration.

THURSDAY.

- All Day. Bn. Exercise with ball amm. 49 Bty. 13 Fd. Regt. and "C" Coy 6 Aust MG Bn. co-operating. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instrn. No. 29 Para 4 (av).

FRIDAY

- 0845 - 1145. Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1500. FBD. Sec. 32. Pincer and Flanking Movement. The use of fire.
1500 - 1530. Lecture by Bde. I.O. in HQ Coy Mess Hut. Bde. Trg. Instrn. Para 5 (fi).

SATURDAY

- 0745 - 0815. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900. Inspection of Gas Eqpt.
0900 - 1100. Demon. 2 pm. H.E. LONG HILL. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instrn. Para 5.
1100 - 1145. Lecture - Japanese Eqpt.
1330 - 1500. FBD. Sec. 32. Pincer and Flanking Movements. The use of smoke.
1500 - 1530. Lecture by Bde. I.O. in HQ Mess Hut. Ref. Bde. Trg. Instrn. Para 5 (f).

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SYLLABUS FOR TRAINING FOR PERIOD 20 - 25 SEP 43.

D COY.

MONDAY
20 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1115 Road Maintenance.
1115 - 1145 Lessons from NG. Ops. ATM 21. Pt. II Sec. 5, 6.
1330 - 1530 Battle Drill for Sec. Attack. (Coy Parade Gd).
FBD. Ch. 11. Sec. 26.

TUESDAY,
21 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1530 All Day PARO CK Range. L.M.G. Course (Bren)
Practices 1 and 2 to be fired by all LMG Nos.
Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 4 (Bii).
Reshooting of riflemen not qualified.

WEDNESDAY
22 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1530 All Day LONG HILL Range. LMG Course (Bren)
to be completed by all LMG nos. Ref. Bde
Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 4 (Biii). Reshoot-
ing of riflemen not qualified.

THURSDAY
23 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1530 All Day. Bn. Exercise with ball amm. 49 Bty
13 Aust Fd. Regt. and "C" Coy 6 Aust MG Bn
co-operating. R. f. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 29
Para 4 (5).

FRIDAY
24 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 1145 Bn. Parade.
1330 - 1430 Lecture by Bde Educ. Offr. HQ Coy Mess Hut
1430 - 1530 LMG. I.A. and Stoppages. SAT Vol. 1 Pam 4
Less. 13 and 14.
1830 - 2030 Movement and observation by night. FBD Ch. 1.
Sec. 13 and 14.

SATURDAY
25 Sep 43.

0745 - 0815 Pl. Inspection and Drill.
0815 - 0900 Demon. of 2 pdr. H.E. LONG HILL. Ref. Bde.
Trg. Instn. Para 5 (h).
1330 - 1530 Organised Sport versus "B" Coy. Bde Sports
Grd. Ref. Bde Trg. Instn. No. 27 Para 4 (k).

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.
LT-COL. G.R.MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

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93. DUTIES.

DATE.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.	DUTY COY.
22 Sep.	Lieut. R.H.HOLMES.	Cpl. STEWART, D.G.	"A"
23 Sep.	Lieut. N.J.SIEMON.	Sgt. MUIR, D.B.	"B"
24 Sep.	Lieut. K.W.LEVER.	Cpl. TOMS, F.C.	"C"
25 Sep.	Lieut. F.B.ROBERTS.	Cpl. HOYES, A.W.	"D"
26 Sep.	Lieut. S.M.ENGLAND.	Cpl. McDONAGH, R.L.N.	"HQ".

94. OFFICERS PRESELECTION BOARD.

1. The establishment of Officers Preselection Boards has been approved to conduct psychological and other tests of personnel recommended or desirous of appointment to commissioned rank.
2. It is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who considers himself suitable for commissioned rank shall be interviewed by the Selection Board and that applications may be submitted to the C.O. accordingly.

95. NOTICE - GIFT PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSEES: DUTY FREE CONCESSION.

1. A concession has been sanctioned by the United Kingdom authorities which permits members of the AMF and the British Army, serving in Australia, to send to their relatives and friends in the United Kingdom four (4) gift parcels a year, duty free. The usual postage rates are payable.
2. Such parcels must not weigh more than 5 lbs. each nor exceed 30/- in value, and contents may not include:-
 - (a) any drinkable spirits;
 - (b) more than 1/2 lb. total weight of tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes (200 cigarettes or 50 cigars equals 1/2 lb), or any tobacco goods marked "H.M.Ships only";
 - (c) more than 1/2 pint of scent;
 - (d) more than 2 lbs. of any one feedstuff.

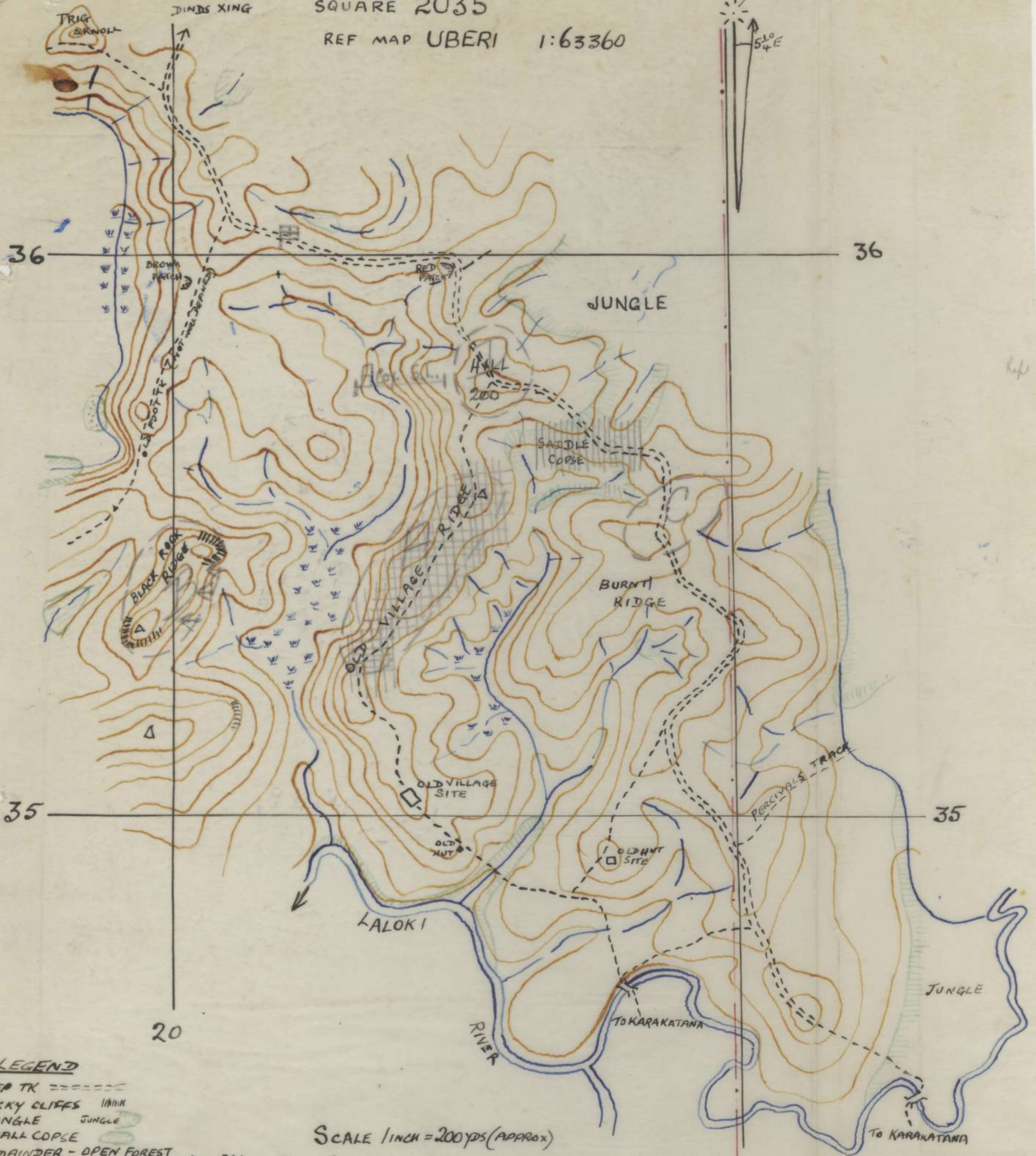
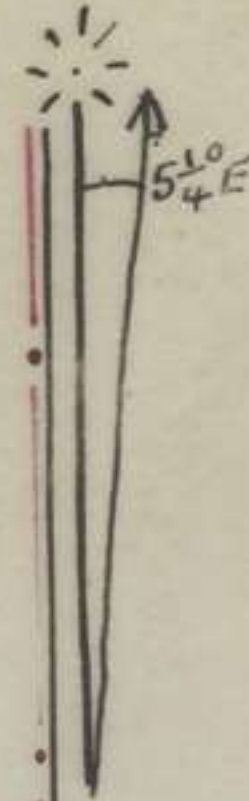
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Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

20 FIELD SKETCH

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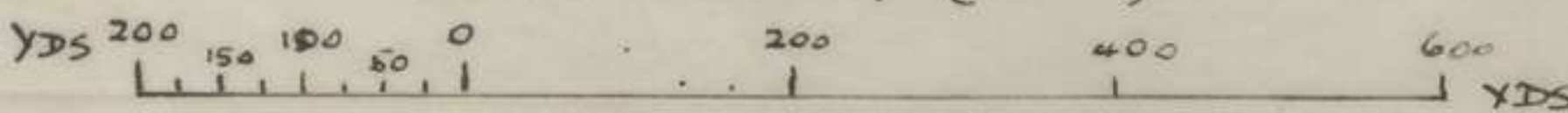
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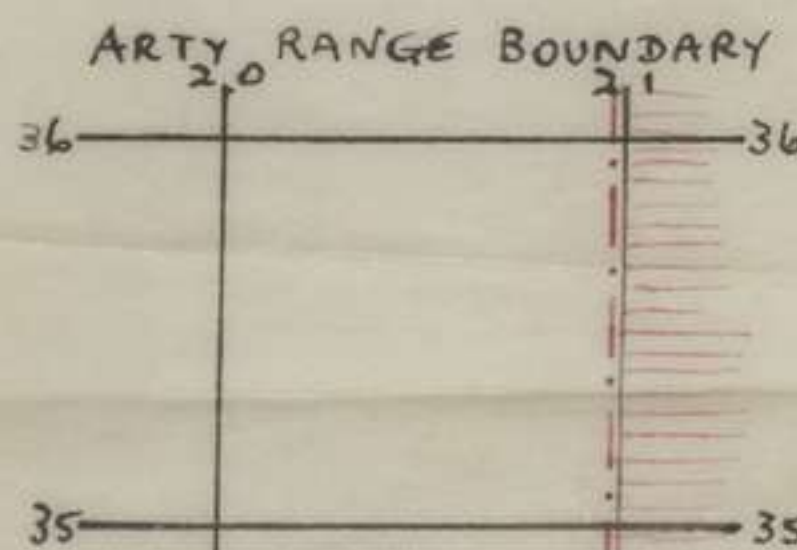
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- REMAINDER - OPEN FOREST GRASSLAND
- ARTY TRIG POINT Δ

SCALE 1 INCH = 200 YDS (APPROX)



V.I. 25 ft (APPROX.)



SHADED PORTION OUT OF ARTY RANGE.

PREPARED BY INT SEC
9 AUS INF BN
21 SEPT 43

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Sep. 43.

From 0001 hrs 18 Sep 43
to 2359 hrs 24 Sep 43.

Ref. Map UBERI = 1 inch.

Training. Throughout the week, all coys carried out training as per syllabus. The Bn parade which was to have been held on 24 Sep was cancelled and the time given to works maintenance and working parties. All range practices and assault courses, were carried out on the days allotted by Bde.

Coys Exercise.

On 21 Sep A & B Coys carried out an exercise in the KARAKATANA area map ref 215343. The exercise was in the form of a "dry run" principal and the coys were accompanied by 1 tp. 49 Bty and 1 Pl 6 MG Bn. On 23 Sep a Bn exercise was carried out in square 2135, accompanied by 49 Bty and one coy 6 MG Bn. The exercise was a "wet run", which commenced with the Bn. moving out of the Bn area at 0715 hrs. The attack commenced at 1330 hrs and the exercise ended at 1430 hrs.

Work Parties.

Throughout the week, working parties have been detailed for road maintenance, quarry work, LONG HILL Range, and work in the Bn. area.

Works in Progress.

The bridge over ANALO Ck. map ref 169401 is nearing completion and a new landing stage on the opposite bank of the Bn pool is almost completed.

Recce.

On 22 Sep the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) accompanied by Major W.G. FRY, G.M. PERCIVAL, the Adjt. (Capt G.R. COCHRANE) left for the KARAKATANA area, for a recce of the ground over which the Bn. exercise was carried out on 23 Sep. On 22 Sep the I.O. Lieut H.W. RYAN accompanied by the Int. Sgt. left on a recce, to study the topography of the country for a Bn. four day route march. On 24 Sep the I.O. LIEUT H.W. RYAN, the Int Sgt and personnel left on a two day recce in connection with the route for the Bn. four day route march.

Inter Bn. Shoot.

On 18 Sep teams from 9 Bn and 2/9 Bn contested in a shoot on the LONG HILL Range. The C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) participated in the shoot against the C.O. of 2/9 Bn. The final scores resulting in a win for 9 Bn.

Recreation.

During the morning of 19 Sep a swimming carnival was held in the Bn. pool and was competed by personnel of 61 Bn - 7 Bde and 9 Bn. including visiting personnel of 6 Aust MG Bn and 2/9 Bn. The afternoon football matches were played on the Bde grounds.

Church Parades.

Voluntary Church parades were conducted on 19 Sep, C of E in D Coy area, OPD in 61 Bn area and R.C. on Bde Grounds. The balance of the day was devoted to make and mend.

.....Maj
for C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

G. M. Percival
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn. A.O.D.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 9 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	BX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	No	Detached, special duty	24/9/43
Major	Q15601	SUTCH	A.J.W.	2 i/c	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC D Coy	Yes		
T/Major	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	OC C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 i/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	2 i/c C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2 i/c B Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.	16 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX55210	WERDA	E.C.	11 P1	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 P1	Yes		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 P1	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 P1	Yes		
A/Lieut	QX40861	ATKIN	J.	18 P1	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV	VX15809	TILLER, G.E.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain.

25 Sep 43

Date of Despatch

For C.O.

Signature of Commander

9 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 9 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radk				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	28		Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Assi.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S. 5 4 1			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties 660 618 42			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt		1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl		1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgeon)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms.	5	5	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO Ord.	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Bay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	28	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitter	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	
												Blacksmith	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	63	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	743	49

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

25 Sep 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

For C.O. Signature of Commander

9 Aust Inf Bn

Major

War Diary

9 AUST INF BN. - MORTAR 3" DEMONSTRATION - 27 SEP 43.

Ref. Map UBERI 1" - 1 mile - Map Ref. 187384.

OBJECT.

To demonstrate:-

- (1) The procedure of engaging a target. The position of the mortar with relation to the O.P. will not alter the ranging procedure.

Two methods of ranging:

- (a) Shooting in the line Mortar - Target. Correct directly on to the target.
- (b) Flank Shooting - Target bracketed for both line and elevation.

- (2). Once the Mortar has been ranged, the line will not alter unless corrections are made to the mortar.
The beaten zone of a mortar for the respective charges are:-

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Breadth.</u>
Charge I.	100 yds.	28 yds.
Charge II.	160 yds.	72 yds.

- (3). The use of mortars in a battery.

(4). Method:-

- (a) Four mortars tactically sited as a battery in rear of O.P. One mortar only from the battery will be ranged on the target area.
- (b) Four mortars sited to enable personnel to hear orders from O.P. and to observe actions of the detachment.

(In each instance, the fall of the rounds will be observed from the observation area.

Albochrane Capt.
Adj. 9th. Battalion

Ref. Map UBTRI SHEET 1" - 1 Mile.

OBJECT.

1. To exercise the Bn in reorganization when an attack fails.
2. Ref. consolidated report of 7 Bde Observer Party, page 3, para. 17:-

"After six days vigorous patrolling, a Bn attacked an enemy posn, etc". Second object based on this is capture of a position with improvement of posn. and L of C to enable attack to continue along ridges held.

LESSONS.

- (a) Need for nomination of next in comd before an operation.
- (b) The need for sound organisation by Bn HQ for supply in the field.

TPS. TAKING PART.

4. See Adm.

OPENING SITUATION.

5. 7 Bde is proceeding on the general line KOITAKI - MORESBY (in JAP hands).
The Bde is held up by a delaying force est. 1 Bn. and attached tps. in the region of ROUNA FALLS PASS.
Brig. has decided to send 9 Aust Inf Bn. via ARIDARI, TORONUMO thence via WULE TRACK commencing EVANS HOUSE, 072450, to cut the enemy L of C.
The Brig. appreciates that the enemy will have forescen this and tells the C.O. 9 Bn. to expect opposition.

CONTROL.

6. Maj. FRY will be Director.

COMMAND.

7. Maj. PERCIVAL will be C.O. 9 Bn.

AD.

8. See attached Instns.

Barbarianne Capt.
Adj. 9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

9 AUST INF. BN. ADM. INSTN.
4 DAY BN. EXERCISE. SEP 28 - 1 OCT 43.
Ref. Map:- UBERI SHEET 1" - 1 Mile.

APPX "A"

SECRET.

Copy No.....
27 Sep 43.

INFORMATION.

1. 9 Aust Inf Bn (less Pioneer Pl.) with attached 1 Lt. Sec. 11 Aust Field Amb. and Det. Sigs. 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, is holding a 4 day exercise in the HOMBROM BLUFF area.

INTENTION.

2. Bn less rear details will be established with HQ. in the ABIDARI VILLAGE area, 114434.

3.

METHOD.

Troops will proceed by march route to ABIDARI VILLAGE area. Stores and supporting arms (MORS. & M.G.'S) will move by MT and on Pack Horses.

ADM.

4. (A) Each Coy will provide a guard of 1 N.C.O. and 12 Men to remain in Coy lines to guard all Coy Stores, etc.
(B) Light and No duty personnel will remain in Coy areas and be under control of O.C. rear party.
(C) O.C. Rear Party will be Lieut. K.W. LEVER who will establish himself in BHQ area. Nominal roll of personnel remaining in camp to reach ADJT. by 0730 hrs on Tuesday, 28 Sep 43.
(D) Sgt. HUNTLEY, R.W. and 1 S.B. will remain in R.A.P. to attend any sick personnel.
(E) ALL rear detail parties, incl. Coy Guards, will mess at BHQ Kitchen.
(F) WO E.J. YOUNG will detail cooks and offsidiers to deal with messing of rear parties.
(G) Start point will be Bn HQ. present area.
(H) Start time - 0830 hrs 28 Sep 43.

INTER COM.

5. (A) 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec. will provide intercom. between forward BHQ at ABIDARI (114434).
(B) Sig. Pl. 9 Aust Inf Bn will establish Sig. Office at ABIDARI and will maintain contact with all Coys throughout the exercise.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

6. (A) ALL COY gear and PERSONAL equipment etc. will be packed and stored in Coy dumps ready for immediate movement.
(B) Tentage will NOT be struck.
(C) All Coy lines will be left in a clean and tidy condition before movement (O.C. rear party will report to Adj. that this has been carried out prior to any movement from Coy lines.
(D) (i) Dress:- Battle Order with Felt Hats (Packs will be substituted for haversacks).
(ii) Pack will contain:-
Spare Shirt, Trousers, Sox, Sweater, Towel, Minimum Toilet Gear, Groundsheet, Atebrin, Water Sterilizing Outfit, Mosquito Repellent, 1 Blanket per 2 men (Optional), Tente Nets, Mosquito, Housewife, Spare Bootlaces, Messing Gear, Rations as issued for two meals.
(E) Horse Transport:- 30 pack horses are allotted by 1 Aust Pack Tp Coy and are allotted as follows:-
8 Mor. Pl., 4 M.G. Pl., 3 7 Bde Sig. Sec, 2 11 Fd Amb., 1 Unit RAP, 4 Sig Pl. Remainder will be detailed to Coys on arrival at location of exercise.

6.

- (F) M.T. - 1 3ton 4 x 4 will be allotted to RSM for carriage of Amn. 1 1ton 4 x 4 will be allotted to BHQ. 1 3ton 4 x 4 and 1 1ton 4 x 2 will be allotted to QM for carriage of stores and rations.
- (G) Controlled Enemy:- 1 Complete Pl with Officer and Sgt. from B Coy will report to Director (Maj. W.G. FRY) to act as controlled enemy at 0800 hrs at BHQ. Each man will carry 50 blanks.
- (H) All ball amn. on the man (WE) will be carried in the bottom of the pack. Coy Comds will render a certificate stating that all weapons have been examined and that the breaches are clear and that all amn. is carried in the bottom of the pack.
- (I) Rations and Tools:- (a) QM will arrange for all necessary rations to be dumped at Field BHQ, ABIDARI, from which point they will be distributed to Coy areas by pack tpt. (b) QM will arrange to dump 2 Picks and 2 Shovels for each Section at Field BHQ.
- (J) T.O. will arrange for water lorry to maintain water supply to Field BHQ. and also any necessary provision for rear party.
- (K) Normal times for Reveille and Breakfast will apply on D Day.

Alcock Capt.
Adjt. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Signed at 1436 hrs.
Issued by Runner.

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

APPX B.

f. Ma. UBERI SHEET 1" - 1 Mile.

AY.	SERIAL.	TIME.	EVENT.	PLACE.	REMARKS.
A.M.	1	0830	Bn moves out.	S.P. Bn HQrs.	Move in column of route. (Normal dispersion for air protection) to rd. junction 153453
	2		Bn Comdr. issues orders	Rd. Jung 153453	
P.M.	3		Bn. Attack -	Vicinity ABIDARI	Subordinates to take over. Must be nominated well before hand.
	4		Attack fails		When ordered Coy Comdrs. or Pl. Comdrs will fall out of the battle with no instns given to subordinates.
	5		no organization.		
	6		Bn proceeds and takes upposn for night.		
	7		Attack by Coys along spurs.	NORTH AND SOUTH of GEFORIA, 083453	The posn when taken to be improved.
	8		Relief of two Coys	do.	L of C area to be improved constantly.
	9		Return to DONADABU		

NOTE.

1. If on D2, attack proceeds, use may be made of the Mule track to the main MORESBY RD.
2. Controlled enemy will act under orders from the Director.

ABIDARI AREA

29 Sep 43

ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK REPULSED 1442 HRS.

B Coy. Objective CAPTURED 1440 HRS.
PATROLLING COMMENCED 1445 "

BROWN ROCK RIDGE

TORONUMO

PATROLLING COMMENCED 1445

A Coy. Objective CAPTURED 1440 HRS.
BURNT RIDGE

S.L.
A COY.

'H' HOUR - 1430

SCALE : 1 INCH = 440 YDS

V.I. 25 FT APPROX.

A Coy - 1 SEC. M.M.G. & 2 DETS. MORTARS

B " - " " " " "

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

9 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BN.

Ref. Map UBBRI - 1 Inch.

From 0001 Hrs 25 Sep 43
To 2359 Hrs 1 Oct 43

DEMONSTRATIONS.

From 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs on 25 Sep, a demonstration of the 2 pdr. H.E. was carried out on the DONADABU ARTY RANGE and attended by all personnel of the Bn.

On 27 Sep a 3" Mortar demonstration was carried out in the area, map ref 187384.

The Coys were placed at vantage points, within hearing of the verbal orders given from an O.P. by L/T to be live Btys, and in each instance observed the fall of rounds. *THE TWO*

RECCE.

On 25 Sep MAJ W.G. FRY accompanied by the Adjt (Capt G.A. Cochrane) and the Mortar Officer (Lieut H.P. Swan), made a recce of the area in preparation for the Mortar demonstration.

BATTLE INNOCULATION.

From 1400 hrs to 1530 hrs on 27 Sep the Bn went through a Battle Inoculation test on the WISPY RANGE. The procedure was under command of Maj W.G. FRY, who put the Bn through the course of Brens firing on fixed lines.

WORKS.

During the week a new bridge over ANALO CK map ref 169401 was completed. This structure has been under construction for some time and the credit due to the Pioneer Pl. The bridge will now be named KOKODA Bridge.

BN. MANOEUVRE.

At 0830 hrs 28 Sep the Bn marched out of the area enroute to the ABIDARE Area map ref 115434, for a four day Bn. manoeuvre, under command of Capt. A.E. Beech. A pl. representing the enemy were pursued along the track to HOMBROS BLUFF and finally destroyed, the remnants being forced down the Mule Track.

The exercise was mainly to bring out problems of supply in the field, particularly in country where pack transport can only be used for a certain distance, and the supplies for the balance of the distance must be carried by the men. Throughout the exercise these lessons were forcibly brought home to all personnel.

The manoeuvre ended on 1 Oct with the last coy marching into the Bn area at approx 1130 hrs.

VISIT TO NORESBY.

For the past week the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) has been on a visit to the Noresby Area and returned to the Bn. area at 1900 hrs 1 Oct. *as per offer. Pre selection heard*

VISITORS.

On 26 Sep personnel of 2/10 and 6 MG Bn visited the Bn area for a swimming carnival and series of football matches.

CHANGE OF COMMAND.

On 25 Sep Maj. A.J.W. SUTCH M.D. took over command of the 61 Bn during the absence of Lt. Col WILES for a period of five days.

CHURCH PARADE.

Voluntary Church Parades were conducted on 26 Sep, C.of B in D C coy area, OPD in 61 Bn area and R.C. on the Bde Ground.

The balance of the day was devoted to make and mend.

Lieut. P. J. ...
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

G. R. Matthews
.....Lt-Col.
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

9TH. BATTALION
15 NOV 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted)

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H. 100M

Unit 9TH. BATTALION

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 1 Oct 43 to 2400 hrs 1 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	1 Oct 43		<p>At 0600 hrs this morning the Bn concluded the four day manouvre in the HOMBROM BLUFF area. 090440 (ref map UBERI 1 inch) and route marched back to DONADABU. The start point was ABIDARI Village and the leading company (HQ Coy) passed through at 0630 hrs followed by C, B, A, D Coys with a 10 minute interval between coys. A 10 minute halt was made after every 20 mins of marching. By following this principle it has been found that troops are able to march further in a day with less fatigue than with the usual 10 minute halt after every 50 minute march.</p> <p>At Approx 1130 hrs the last coy reached DONADABU. The balance of the day was spent unpacking (everything was packed ready for any emergency before the bn left) and settling in again. All personnel were fairly tired after the long hot march back to camp and welcomed this little break.</p> <p>In the afternoon at 1900 hrs the C.O. (Lt-Col MATTHEWS) returned from MORESBY, where, for the past week he had been presiding officer of the pre-selection board.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Fine and Hot.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
			<p>Strength: 30 Offrs. 758 ORS.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

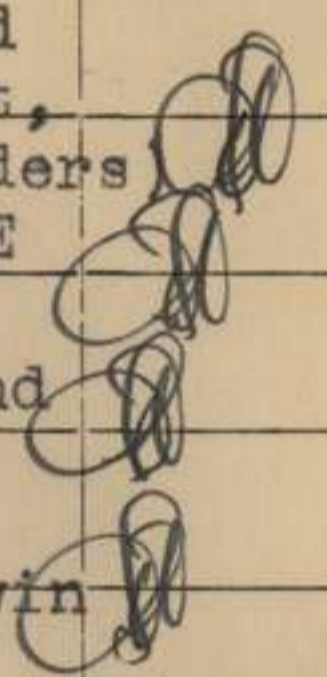
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H. 100M

Unit **9TH. BATTALION**

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 3 Oct 43 To 2400 hrs 3 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	3 Oct 43		<p>Daylight saving time has been brought into operation and with it the new times for Reveille, Meals, Retreat, Last Post, and Lights Out as set out in Routine orders (See attached orders). Voluntary church parades were held this morning - C of E in D Coy area, O.P.D. 61 Bn area and R.C. Bde Area.</p> <p>The balance of the day was devoted to "make and mend" and sports.</p> <p>In the afternoon a football match was played on the Bde sports ground between the 9 Bn and 11 Fd Amb resulting in a win for 11 Fd Amb.</p>	
			<p>Weather: Fine and hot morning with very heavy storm in afternoon.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 30 Offrs. 757 ORS.</p>	<p><i>Edward H. ...</i> i.e. 9 Bn</p>

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H. 100M

Unit 9TH. BATTALION

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 4 Oct To 2400 hrs 4 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	4 Oct 43		A Coy carried out training in their own coy area.	
			B Coy carried out range practice on LONG HILL range.	
			C Coy supplied working parties for quarry and road work.	
			D Coy carried out training in their own coy training area.	
			HQ Coy carried out training and essential duties in their respective areas. 4 Pl carried out range practice on WESTY Range.	
			5 Pl timber getting on EILOGO road.	
			During the morning the 2 i/c (Maj A.J.W.SUTCH) and Capt A.T.BEECH and two members of the Int Sec made a recon of the area over which the bn exercise is to take place on Thursday 7 Oct. The Int. Sec traversed the area and prepared a sketch for the exercise.	
			The pioneer pl commenced work on a new mess hut for officers just above the existing hut. The excavation of the ground commenced while another party was out cutting timber for the construction of the hut.	
			At 1445 hrs Maj G.M. PERCIVAL gave a lecture in HQ Coy mess hut on his experiences in the SALAMAUA area.	
			Weather: Fine and overcast.	
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 753 ORS.	

Weather: Fine and overcast.

Strength: 30 Offrs. 753 ORS.

Quillford
9 BN
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 21
(adapted,)

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9TH. BATTALION

H. 100M

Unit

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 5 Oct To 2400 hrs 5 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	5 Oct 43		A Coy carried out range practice on WESTY Range.	
			B Coy carried out training in own area.	
			C Coy carried out training in own area.	
			D Coy supplied working parties for duties in bn area.	
			HQ Coy-5 Pl timber cutting EILOGO ROAD. Balance of coy Bde grenade range in the morning, training in Coy area in the afternoon.	
			The working party from D Coy have commenced to "box" the bad sections of the road running through B.H.Q. After the spade work has been completed this portion of the road will be metalled.	
			At 1900 hrs Maj G.M. PERCIVAL delivered an address to all officers in the Officers Mess on his recent observation trip to the SALAMAUA area. He illustrated his address by a series of aerial photographs which covered the NEW GUINEA coast line from LAKE SALUS to MISSION POINT.	
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 747 ORS.	
			<i>Perceval</i> <i>9 Bn</i> <i>I.O.</i>	

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Unit 9TH. BATTALION

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 6 Oct To 2400 hrs 6 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	6 Oct 43.		According to the training syllabus a "dry run" was to have taken place to-day in preparation for the arty, MMG, Inf co-operative exercise, which will take place to-morrow. This "dry run" was been cancelled and coy training substituted.	
			The training for the day has been as follows:-	
			A Coy morning gas T.O.E.T. afternoon, training in coy area.	
			B Coy Training in own area.	
			C Coy Training in own area.	
			D Coy Training in own area.	
			HQ Coy 5 Pl cutting timber EILOGO ROAD, balance of coy duties and working parties in Bn area.	
			At 0700 hrs Lieut M.W. RYAN left the Bn for MORESBY where he was interviewed in regard to his volunteering for a paratroop Regt.	
			Prior to this volunteers, were called (Offrs only) for a paratroop regt. and Lieuts. RYAN, NICHOLLS and THOMPSON were the volunteers from this Bn. So far Lieut RYAN has been the only one who has been interviewed.	
			At 1330 hrs Maj W.G. FRY left for MORESBY to join Lieut RYAN and the remainder of the 7 Bde observation party, who are to emplane on a visit to the fwd operational areas - LAE and FINSCHHAFEN. They will be attached to fwd units for the purpose of observing battle procedure and all other points which will help in the training of their own units. It is anticipated that they will be away for approx. 3 weeks.	

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Unit 9TH. BATTALION

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 7 Oct 43 2400 hrs 7 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area.	7 Oct 43		<p>The arty-MMG-Inf co-op exercise took place to-day. The arty were 50 Bty 13 Fd Regt and the MMG's were C Coy 6 MG Bn. and the Inf-9 Aust Inf Bn. The director of the exercise was Maj G.M. PERCIVAL and the acting C.O. for the exercise was Capt. A.T.BEECH.</p> <p>The purpose of the exercise was to exercise the troops to carry out an attack on enemy held positions with support from arty and MMG's.</p> <p>Live ammn. was used throughout the exercise.</p> <p>(All map refs. UBERI 1 inch. Local names-see sketch)</p> <p>The bn left the DONADABU camp area at 0800 hrs and assembled in the PIONEER Bridge area 183388, and from this point the bn marched to the the positions to be occupied by the coys at the commencement of the exercise.</p> <p>The sitrep at 1000 hrs was as follows: BHQ, HQ Coy, MMG Coy, 195369. A Coy 198370. B Coy and 1 Pl MMG Coy 192371. C Coy 195368 D Coy 198373</p> <p>Enemy on high ground between 190362 and 195365.</p> <p>At 1030 hrs a warning order was sent to coys stating the Bn would capture the high ground held by the enemy, namely, BURNT RIDGE, OUTCROP KNOLL, PANDANUS KNOLL, and JUNCTION KNOLL.</p> <p>The "O" Group conference took place at the rear of TRIG KNOLL at 1040 hrs where the acting C.O. issued his orders.</p> <p>By this time the coys had moved into their assembly areas A Coy - North of track, TRIG KNOLL - JEEP HILL. B Coy - 100 yds north of re-entrant West of TRIG KNOLL. C Coy - Remained in former position.</p>	

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DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	7 Oct 43 (Contd)		<p>D Coy in rear of A Coy. The Sitrep at 1100 hrs was as follows: A Coy 197368, B Coy 194368, C Coy 195368, D Coy 197369. B.H.Q. and HQ Coy unchanged.</p> <p>The Arty began registering on PANDANUS KNOLL at 1005 Hrs and C Coy engaged the enemy with SA fire from their position.</p> <p>The attack was carried out in two phases. In the first phase B Coy captured JUNCTION KNOLL 192365 and their start line was the saddle 195368. A Coy captured PANDANUS KNOLL and their start line was saddle 197367. In the second phase, C Coy captured BURNT RIDGE and their start line was the spur N.W of JUNCTION KNOLL. D Coy captured OUTCROP KNOLL and their start line was the re-entrant S.E. of PANDANUS KNOLL.</p> <p>"H" Hours was 1200 hrs for the first phase and 1225 hrs for the second phase.</p> <p>At 1157 hrs the arty opened fire on PANDANUS KNOLL and the MMG's opened fire on the same target at 1158 hrs.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs the first phase of the attack commenced, A and B coys crossed their start lines - the supporting fire from Arty and MMG ceased and the coys moved on and captured - exploited and consolidated on their objectives.</p> <p>15 minutes after B coy moved off C Coy moved up to their start line and 10 minutes after A Coy moved off D Coy moved up to their start line and the second phase of the attack was launched at 1225 hrs.</p> <p>A Coy captured PANDANUS KNOLL at 1211 hrs - B Coy captured JUNCTION KNOLL at 1212 hrs - C Coy captured BURNT RIDGE at 1244 hrs - and D Coy captured OUTCROP KNOLL at 1235 hrs.</p> <p>The MMG Coy carried out their fire tasks according to the orders issued. The mortars failed to fire, being too late in getting into position and not having sufficient time to register. The arty fired on their first target for 1 minute longer than the fire plan provided and failed to fire on their other targets altogether.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001-Hrs---To---2359-Hrs---7-

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	7 Oct 43 (Contd)		<p>We learnt later that this regt of arty are to leave for Australia within a few days, so no doubt their thoughts were centered on home and mother more than on battle practice.</p> <p>After the troops had captured their objectives exploitations and consolidation followed. The troops had lunch on their occupied positions and the exercise concluded at 1400 hrs.</p> <p>Inter communication was established between BHQ and 7 Bde by Bde sigs. and between BHQ and coys by L/T and runner. Both systems of communications functioned efficiently.</p> <p>All personnel have now attained a high state of efficiency in regard to battle practice of this nature. All men know - what they are going to do - how they are going to do it - what they have to do when they gain their objective. On the capture of an objective there is no "milling" about in large groups, now all have been practiced in what they have to do - systematic exploitation and consolidation on their objectives, and immediate preparation for any enemy counter attack. Our troops have learnt this and they now carry out these tasks automatically.</p> <p>The bn moved back to DONADABU camp at 1430 hrs in route march formation with four minute intervals between coys and arrived there at approx 1600 hrs.</p> <p>During the morning Maj A.J.W. SUTCH and Capt G.A. COCHRANE left for MORESBY to inspect the areas which the Bn will occupy when they relieve the 25 Bn.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Fine and very hot.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 30 Offrs. 747 ORS.</p>	

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Unit 9TH. BATTALION

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 8 Oct 43 To 2400 Hrs 8 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	8 Oct 43		<p>A Coy carried out training in own area. B Coy portion on working parties in bn area and the balance training in their own coy area. C Coy Range practice WESTY Range. D Coy Carried out training in their own coy area. HQ Coy 5 Pl cutting timber EILOGO ROAD balance of coy essential duties and training in their respective areas. Apart from training coys were busy packing up all their gear in preparation for the move to the MORESBY area which will take place on Saturday, 9 Oct.</p> <p>The timber which is being cut by 5 Pl is for the construction of a new bridge accross the LALOKI RIVER about 500 yds down stream from HADDOCKS CROSSING.</p> <p>To-day Maj A.J.W.SUTCH received notification to take over the post as C.O. of a training bn in BATHURST, N.S.W. and to stand by for transportation back to AUSTRALIA.</p> <p>Maj SUTCH has been with the bn for a long time. He was with it when it was the 9/49 Bn in pre-war days. All troops feel they have lost a good friend and a "sticker" for the bn. in the person of the "mad Major" or the "mighty atom" as he has been affectionately dubbed by the men of the bn.</p> <p>All personnel wish him good luck and good health and complete satisfaction in his new post.</p> <p>Maj G.M. PERCIVAL took over duties as 2 i/c of the bn. The Padre, Chaplain C.E.TILLER has received notification to take up duties as Chaplain to the 2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn and is at present awaiting transportation. Chaplain BENNETT 6 MG Bn will Minister C of E personnel of the unit until such time as another Chaplain has been posted to the unit.</p> <p>This afternoon a party of N.C.O.'s and men left for the MORESBY area. One N.C.O. and a party of ORS went to each area which will be occupied by a portion of the Bn. when they relieve</p>	

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DONADABU (Port Moresby) area	8 Oct 43			
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			the 25 Bn. These parties will act as guides for the incoming Bn on Saturday 9 Oct.	
			Weather: Fine.	
			Strength: 29 Offrs. 747 ORS.	
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9 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs To 2359 Hrs 9 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	9 Oct 43		<p>To-day the Bn left DONADABU to relieve the 25 Bn in the MORESBY area.</p> <p>Reveille was at 0530 hrs and the Bn was packed up ready to embus at 0800 hrs, but the MT hadn't arrived in the Bn area being late in bringing the 25 Bn back to DONADABU.</p> <p>The trucks finally arrived, the Bn embussed and the convoy moved out at 1000 hrs.</p> <p>The convoy was arranged in groups each group going to a different destination in the MORESBY area. As the convoy moved to the MORESBY area each group was met by the respective group guide and the groups broke off from the main body and proceeded to their specified areas. BHQ was established in the MORESBY Area at 915365 at 1330 hrs.</p> <p>The locations of the groups are as follow:- (Ref Map MORESBY 1")</p> <p>A COY. 7 Pl. 002444, 8 and 9 Pl. 035449. B COY. 10 Pl. 869379, 11 and 12 Pl. 012442. C COY. 14 Pl. 875356, 13 and 15 Pl. 918386 D COY. 038434. SIG PL. 948321. MMG PL. 875356 Mortar Pl 906360 and 864354. Balance of HQ Coy 957430.</p> <p>All personnel are quite happy with the prospect of spending 3 weeks in the MORESBY area, working party will be a great change from infantry training. On arrival the mortar pl, sig pl, 14 Pl and MMG Pl commenced working immediately.</p> <p>Lieut. S.J.G. PLATZ rejoined the unit after attending the Junior Leaders Course NCF training school.</p>	
			<p>Weather: Fine and Hot.</p> <p>Strength: 29 Offrs 744 ORS</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 HRS 11 Oct^o To 2359 Hrs 11 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY A	11 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			A Coy 7 Pl. 002444	8 A.O.D.
			8 Pl.) 035449	10 A.O.D.
			9 Pl.)	
			B COY. 10 Pl. 869379	14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA
			11 Pl.) 012442	A.M.E.C.
			12 Pl.)	
			C COY. 14 Pl. 8753 ⁵ 86	LAWES GAP
			13 Pl.) 918386	B.S.D.
			15 Pl.)	
			D COY. 038434	111 CCS.
			Sig Pl. 9483 ² 81	2/1 A.G.H.
			MMG Pl. 875356	LAWES GAP.
			Mortar Pl. 906360, 864354	M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE
			Balance HQ COY 957430	34 Aust Sup Dep Coy
			5 Pl. rear party DONADABU area - constructing new bridge across LALOKI R	
			BHQ 917367	Adm.
			Today the Tk/A Pl left for the BOERA Range to carry out a tank attack shoot. They will be away for three days.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 738 ORS.	

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Unit 9TH. BATTALIONDate and Time.—From ~~0001 Hrs~~ 11 Oct 43 ~~2359 Hrs~~ 11 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43 (Contd)		<u>LAWES GAP.</u> 14 Pl. C Coy, 2 Pl. HQ Coy. Strength of Party 2 Offrs 68 ORS.	
			This party are doing several different types of work.	
			There is a party of 4 NCO's and 28 ORS working in the A.D.C.S. Canteen in Moresby. This job requires a party of workers for 24 hours every day, so the party is divided into three groups each group working 8 Hours a day.	
			There is also another party of men, consisting of 1 NCO and 5 men working in the "4 mile" Canteen, but this party only works during the day from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs.	
			In both cases the work in the Canteens is particularly thankless. The workers work like fury unloading cases - everything Canteens ever receive comes in cases and big and heavy cases at that. After unloading the trucks the cases are stacked, but hardly have they been stacked when another truck comes in and the cases have to be taken down & reloaded on to this truck. The novelty of this sort of thing soon wears off, but the lads are quite happy - its entirely different to infantry training.	
			The remainder of the party did a job in the MORESBY POWER HOUSE. They erected a "K" Wire ^{FENCE} with a barb wire top around the power House, and the job was finished on Wednesday 13 Oct. since then the party consisting of those who profess to know something about building have been busy constructing two large huts cementing the floor and putting on the roofs.	
			The balance of the party are attempting to make LAWES ROAD look something like a road. They are levelling the surface and filling up all holes and ruts with earth taken from the area adjacent to the road.	
			As soon as the group arrived on Saturday 9 Oct the Canteen parties immediately went to work but the party on hut construction and road work never started until Monday.	

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Unit 9TH BATTALIONDate and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 11 Oct 43 ~~2359 Hrs 11 Oct 43.~~

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43 (Contd)		<p><u>HANUABADA.</u> - 10 Pl. B Coy - Strength 1 Offrs. 29 ORS.</p> <p>The fundamental task of this group is to assist the 14 Fd Coy R.A.E. in whatever work they direct. Their work deals with the oil supply for shipping, and their tasks are divided into five groups. (1) Naval oil tank construction. (2) Laying oil pipe lines on the jetty. (3) Laying oil pipe lines on the water front. (4) Digging drains around oil tanks (5) Digging tank foundations.</p> <p>In the first task the engineers are assisted by personnel who have a knowledge of welding as the storage tanks are built on their foundations from curved steel plating.</p> <p>The group constructing the pipe line on the jetty also have a knowledge of welding. The pipes run from the shore to the end of the jetty and all joints have to be welded together. This group also have the task of keeping a check on the oil pumps when a tanker is in at the wharf unloading oil.</p> <p>The group laying the pipe line along the water front to the oil tanks have the hardest work of all. The pipes are iron and approx 8" in Diameter and are by no means light. They have to be unloaded from trucks stacked by the roadside and later moved into pen. The men are digging trenches for the pipe line and in this they are greatly helped by the use of a tractor which they drive themselves. The line pipes are laid in the trench and the joints welded.</p> <p>Another group is building drains around the completed oil tanks. These drains have to be concreted and that means plenty of cement mixing.</p> <p>The last group are engaged in making foundations for and oil tank which will be constructed later. The ground has to be dug out, the bottom levelled and later- cemented to support the weight of the tank.</p>	

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BATTALIONDate and Time.—From ~~0001 Hrs~~ 11 Oct_o ~~2359 Hrs~~ 11 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43. (Contd)		The groups are interchanged as much as possible so that the work will be evenly distributed.	
			This party started work on Monday 11 Oct and have Sundays free.	
			They are camped not far from the waterfront and have a good supply of water in their area.	
			All personnel who are not on duty in the evenings are allowed to go out and seek what entertainment they can find.	

			<u>2/1 A.G.H.</u> - 1 Pl. HQ Coy - Strength 1 Offrs. 24 ORs.	
			This group are assisting the 15 Fd Coy R.A.E. in the construction of a dam for increasing the water pressure for the two hospitals, 2/1 A.G.H. and 2/5 A.G.H.	
			The dam is being constructed in the hills behind the Hospitals.	
			This group commenced work immediately upon arrival on Saturday 9 Oct. Half the party worked Saturday and the other half work Sunday and all commenced together on Monday 11 Oct.	
			They commenced levelling the floor of the dam and also the sides which are sloping. They assisted in fixing the reinforcing wire in position and the cementing of the floor and sides. A concrete mixer greatly assist in this work and a party is busy on unloading sand from trucks and feeding it into the mixer, another party are in the dam with wheel barrow wheeling the cement and putting it in the required places where it is levelled and smoothed out.	
			Other men are working on the edge of the dam digging a trench for the outlet and inlet pipes and assisting to put the pipes in position and earth is being piled up against the sides of the dam, the edges around the top of the dam are ^{being} levelled off and prepared for concreting.	

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BATTALIONDate and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 11 Oct To 2359 Hrs 11 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43. (Contd)		<p>This group work during the day time - 8 Hours a day and their evenings are free, so all personnel with the exception of a picquet are free to seek any entertainment that is in the area. As they are near the hospitals, they are enabled to attend picture shows quite frequently.</p> <p><u>MFO.</u> - 3 Pl. HQ Coy, "I" Sec. BHQ. - Strength 21 ORS.</p> <p>This group have to work 24 hours a day and the party is divided up into 3 groups working 8 hours a day. The shifts are changed every three days to enable all personnel to get an equal share of day work and night work, and the shifts are so arranged that each man has one complete day free each week.</p> <p>This group commenced work immediately upon arrival on Saturday 9 Oct.</p> <p>The work consists of unloading and stacking of military stores both from shipping and air transport.</p> <p>The stores are delivered to the M.F.O. by truck and consist of a large variety of items which include -all personnel gear of hospital staffs, chemical and medical supplies, engineers stores, blood banks, comforts fund and Salvation Army goods., R.A.A.F. gear and numerous other small parcels.</p> <p>The working parties have to unload all these parcels and crates from the incoming trucks and stack them in their respective places under the direction of the O.C. M.F.O.</p> <p>Later trucks arrive from the Engineers, hospitals, R.A.A.F. and the parties have to load the trucks with parcels and crates for each respective destination. Sometimes it happens that goods have to be sent back to the mainland by air and a party have to load the trucks and go to the air fields and load the pkgs into the planes - so far no personnel have gone with the planes.</p> <p>Personnel who are not on duty during the day or night</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43 (Contd)		are free to go out and get whatever entertainment they are able to find.	
			This group are comfortably camped and have the use of showers and abundant water.	
			----- MORESBY POWER HOUSE. - 3Pl HQ Coy - Strength 19 ORS.	
			The group worked during daylight - 8 hours a day. They are assisting the 101 Army Tps who are installing machinery for the generation of electricity.	
			This group consists of 3 NCOs and 16 ORs and their tasks cover a wide range.	
			One man is working in the fitters shop cutting and threading all different sizes and shapes of pipes.	
			Another man is the plumbers assistant and is busy with tin-snips and soldering iron putting the roof on the power House and assisting with the water installation.	
			5 men are attached to the electrician and are away all day assisting in the erection of power lines from the Power House to various places in the Moresby Area.	
			The balance of the group are engaged in odd jobs around the Power House.:- Mixing concrete for the engine room floor, assisting the pipe fitter by digging trenches and helping to lay pipes, in the carpenters shop making window frames and assisting the carpenter in any jobs that he directs, digging holes for posts and assisting in the erection of fences, cleaning up the carpenters shop when work has ceased and also cleaning up the engine room and the area surrounding the Power House.	
			They are quartered up stairs in the building and almost have - all modern conveniences.	
			Their evenings are their own and they are free to attend any of the shows that are in the area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43. (Contd)		<p><u>B.S.D.</u> - 13, 15 Pl. C. Coy - Evovost Sec. Strength 2 Offrs 93 ORS.</p> <p>This group commenced work on Sunday morning 10th Oct and worked 24 hours a day. The day being divided into 4 shifts of 6 hours each. 15 men and 2 picquets to each shift. These shifts are changed frequently in order that all personnel will get an equal share of night work and day work.</p> <p>They are employed in the transit sheds - big open sheds used for the storage of goods.</p> <p>Trucks arrive during the day and night from the wharves laden with all types of goods - trucks laden with bags of chaff others with bags of rice, flour, sugar, crates of potatoes and onions, cases of canned fruit, tinned meats, biscuits, tinned butter and margarine, powdered milk and jam and all other items that help to feed the troops.</p> <p>As soon as a truck arrives the shift on duty commence unloading and carry the goods into the transit sheds where they are stacked in separate piles. - cases of tinned meat in one corner, canned fruit in another corner and so on.</p> <p>It sometimes happens that a pile of cases has to be moved from one transit shed to another. The shift on duty carry out that task.</p> <p>Then unit trucks arrive to take delivery of supplies. The O.C. of the transit shed gives the order to the men - so many cases of tinned fruit, so many bags of rice etc. The men then take the required supplies off the stacks and load them onto the outgoing trucks.</p> <p>Sometimes it happens that part of the shipment of supplies particularly tinned meat had become unfit for consumption owing to exposure to the sun for a long period. The men have to sort the faulty meat from the good, load the faulty cases into a truck to be taken away and dumped.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From..... 0001 Hrs 11 Oct 43 To..... 2359 Hrs 11 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43.		<p>10 A.A.O.D. - Strength 4 Offrs 93 ORs.</p> <p>This group started work on Monday 11 Oct. They worked during the day and have Sundays free.</p> <p>Their work deals mainly with the construction of "Armco" huts and "Sydney William" Huts.</p> <p>One party are busily engaged in fixing the roof on an "Armco" hut. Sheets of flat galv. iron have to be hauled to the top of the structure then fitted and nailed into posn.</p> <p>Another party are constructing the ends and sides to a double "Sydney Williams" hut, while another party are taking the ends out of an "Armco" hut. When the doors of these iron sheds are closed the temperature rises to approx 150° on a very hot day and it was found necessary to take the ends out of the shed to reduce the temperature.</p> <p>Another party are building a shed for ordnance purposes. The shed is of bush timber with an iron roof.</p> <p>Another party are engaged in carting poles and timber for the construction of this shed.</p> <p>A party are working on a truck carting galv. iron. They have to go out to a store, load the truck with iron, come back to the area and unload.</p> <p>One sec are working at No. 1 sub-depot 10 A.A.O.D. they are assisting in the construction of a "Sydney William" hut in that area.</p> <p>Another party are engaged in loading trucks with gravel at the quarry. The gravel is bought back to the area and is used for making floors in the huts. This party go to the quarry each morning and return to the coy are each evening.</p> <p>This group are camped very close to the LALOKI River and have an adequate supply of water. Their evenings are free and they are permitted to visit any entertainments that may be in the area.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Oct 43		<p><u>8 A.A.O.D. - Strength 1 OFFRS - 32 ORS.</u> <u>(7 Pl A Coy)</u></p> <p>This group are engaged in the maintenance of amm. They have to dismantle, clean and re-assemble "36" Grenades after they have done this the grenades have to be re-packed in their cases and stacked in the amm. sheds.</p> <p>They clean and sandpaper 25 pr shells, the shells are then greased, repacked and stacked in the sheds. They also have to clean, sandpaper and grease 3" Mortar bombs. They have to remove all NCY Charges from 3" Mortar Tail assemblies and replace them with Cordite charges.</p> <p>This party work during daylight hrs and with the exception of a small picquet the group are allowed to visit any of the entertainment that may be in the area.</p>	
			<p>-----</p> <p><u>34 Aust Sup Depot. - Strength: 17 ORS.</u> <u>(3 Pl BQ Coy (8), 2 Pl HQ Coy (5), Coy HQ (4))</u></p> <p>This party are engaged in cutting timber and carting it to the saw mill. They leave their camp area in the morning and proceed by truck into the scrub. Here timber is fallen and the timber then loaded onto lorries. It is then carted to the saw mill at WAIGANI. Here the party help unloading the timber and assist in the cutting at the mill. The sawn timber is then re-loaded on to trucks and carted to its various destinations.</p> <p>This party work during daylight hrs from 0800 to 1600 hrs They have Sundays free and permitted in the evenings to visit any entertainments that may be in the area. They are comfortably camped and have an adequate supply of water.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 12 Oct To 2359 Hrs 12 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	12 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			<u>BHQ.</u> 917367 Adm.	
			<u>A COY.</u> 7 Pl. 002444 8 A.O.D.	
			8 Pl) 035449 10 A.O.D.	
			9 Pl)	
			<u>B COY.</u> 10 Pl. 869379 14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl) 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			12 Pl)	
			<u>C Coy.</u> 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl) 918386 B.S.D.	
			15 Pl)	
			<u>D. COY.</u> 038434 101 C.C.S.	
			<u>SIG PL.</u> 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			<u>MMG PL.</u> 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			<u>Mortar Pl.</u> 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.	
			<u>balance HQ Coy.</u> 957430 34 Aust Sup. Depot Coy.	
			<u>5 Pl.</u> - Rear Party DONADABU area construction new bridge across LALOKI R.	
			Today Maj. A.J.W. SUTCH left the Bn for AUSTRALIA where he will take over the post as O.C. of a training Bn in BATHURST N.S.W.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot .	
			Strength: 30 Offrs 744 ORS	

Donald Lewis
I.O. 9 Bn

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Unit 9th AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 13 Oct To 2359 Hrs 13 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	13 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			<u>BHQ</u> 917367 Adm.	
			<u>A COY</u> 7 Pl. 002444 8 A.O.D.	
			8 Pl.) 035449 10 A.O.D.	
			9 Pl.)	
			<u>B COY.</u> 10 Pl. 869379 14 Fd.Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA.	
			11 Pl.) 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			12 Pl.)	
			<u>C COY.</u> 14 Pl. 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			13 Pl.) 918386 B.S.D.	
			15 Pl.)	
			<u>D COY.</u> 038434 111 C.C.S.	
			<u>SIG PL.</u> 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			<u>MMG PL.</u> 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			<u>MORTAR PL.</u> 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.	
			<u>Balance HQ COY.</u> 957430 34 Aust Sup.Depot Coy	
			<u>5 Pl. Rear Party DONADABU</u> Constructing new bridge across LALOKI R.	
			This afternoon the Tk/Atk Pl returned from BOERA Range where they had been for the last three days carrying out a practice shoot.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 750 ORS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	14 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			<u>BHQ.</u> 917367	Adm.
			<u>A. COY.</u> 7 Pl. 002444	8 A.O.D.
			8 Pl)	
			9 Pl) 035449	10 A.O.D.
			<u>B COY.</u> 10 Pl 869379	14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA
			11 Pl)	
			12 Pl) 012442	A.M.E.C.
			<u>C COY.</u> 14 Pl. 875356	LAWES GAP.
			13 Pl)	
			<u>∅.</u> 15 Pl) 918386	B.S.D.
			<u>D COY.</u> 038434	111 C.C.S.
			<u>SIG PL.</u> 948321	2/1 A.G.H.
			<u>MMG. PL.</u> 875356	LAWES GAP.
			<u>MORTAR PL.</u> 906360 , 864354	M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.
			<u>Balance HQ COY.</u> 957430	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy,
			5 Pl. Rear Party - DONADABU	Construction of new bridge across LALOKI RIVER.
			Today Lieut. E.C.WERDA and Sgt. BUTCHART left for AUSTRALIA to attend an O.C.T.U. at WOODSIDE S.A.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot.	
			Strength: 30 Offrs. 754 ORS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	15 Oct 43.		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			<u>BHQ.</u> 917367 Adm.	
			<u>A COY.</u> - 7 Pl 002444 8 A.O.D.	
			8 Pl) 035449 10 A.O.D.	
			9 Pl)	
			<u>B COY.</u> -10 Pl 869379 14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl) 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			12 Pl)	
			<u>C. COY.</u> 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl) 918386 B.S.D.	
			15 Pl)	
			<u>D. COY.</u> 038434 111 C.C.S.	
			<u>SIG PL.</u> 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			<u>MMG. PL.</u> 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			<u>MORTAR PL.</u> 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.	
			<u>Balance HQ COY.</u> 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy.	
			<u>5 Pl.</u> Rear Party Donadabu. Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER.	
			Weather: Fine	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 752 ORS.	

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Unit 9TH AUST BN.Date and Time.—From 0001 HRS 16 Oct To 2359 Hrs 16 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	16 Oct 43.		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			<u>BHQ</u> 917367 Adm.	
			<u>A COY.</u> - 7 Pl 002444 8 A.O.D.	
			8 Pl) 035449 10 A.O.D.	
			9 Pl) 869379 14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADE	
			<u>B COY.</u> 10 Pl } 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			11 Pl)	
			12 Pl)	
			<u>C.COY.</u> 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			13 Pl) 918386 B.S.D.	
			15 Pl)	
			<u>D. COY.</u> 038434 111 C.C.S.	
			<u>SIG PL.</u> 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			<u>MMG PL.</u> 875356 LAWES GAP.	
			<u>MORTAR PL.</u> 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE	
			<u>Balance HQ COY.</u> 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy.	
			<u>5 Pl.</u> Rear Party Donadabu - Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER.	
			This afternoon a cricket match was played between the Bn and 22 Emp Coy, resulting in a win for the 9 Bn.	
			Weather: Fine	
			Strength: 29 Offrs 757 ORS.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 18 Oct To 2359 Hrs 18 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	18 Oct 43.		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ. 917367	Adm.
			A COY.— 7 Pl 002444	8 A.O.D.
			8 Pl)	10 A.O.D.
			9 Pl)	
			B COY. 10 Pl 869379	14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA
			11 Pl)	A.M.E.C.
			12 Pl)	
			C COY. 14 Pl 875356	LAWES GAP.
			13 Pl)	
			15 Pl)	B.S.D.
			D COY. 038434	111 C.C.S.
			SIG PL. 948321	2/1 A.G.H.
			MMG PL. 875356	LAWES GAP.
			MORTAR PL. 906360, 864354	M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.
			Balance H.Q. COY. 957430	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy.
			5 Pl. Rear Party Donadabu	Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER.
			Weather: Fine Morning - Heavy Thunderstorm afternoon and night	
			Strength: 28 Offrs. 752 ORS.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 20 Oct 43 2359 Hrs 20 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	20 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367 Adm.	
			A COY 7 Pl 002444 8 A.O.D.	
			8 Pl. 035449 10 A.O.D.	
			9 Pl.	
			B COY. 10 Pl. 869379 14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl. 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			12 Pl.	
			C COY 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl 918386 B.S.D.	
			15 Pl	
			D. COY 038434 111 C.C.S.	
			SIG PL. 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			MMG PL. 906360 875356 LAWES GAP	
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE	
			Balance HQ Coy 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
			5 Pl rear party DONADABU	
				Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER
			This afternoon the T/Atk pl returned from the BOERA Range where for the past 3 days they had been carrying out a T/Atk shoot.	
			Lieut. MR. TAYLOR returned to the unit from the mainland where he had been attending a school.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			Strength: 28 Offrs, 749 OR.S	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 HRS 21 Oct 43 To 2359 HRS 21 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	21 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367	Adm
			A COY 7 Pl 002444	8 A.O.D.
			8 Pl 035449	10 A.O.D.
			9 Pl	
			B COY 10 Pl 869379	14 Fd Coy R.A.E. HANAUBADA
			11 Pl	
			12 Pl 012442	A.M.E.C.
			C. COY 14 Pl 875356	LAWES GAP
			13 Pl. 918386	B.S.D.
			15 Pl.	
			SIG PL. 948321	2/1 A.G.H.
			MMG PL 875356	LAWES GAP
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354	M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE
			BALANCE HQ Coy 957430	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy
			5 Pl. Rear Party DONADABU	Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER
			To-day having completed their tasks in the 2/9 A.G.H. area Don Coy left that area and took up posts in the following areas:—(Ref Map Moresby 1" to 1 mile)	
			16 Pl 012442	
			17 Pl 900357	
			18 Pl 850421	
			Coy HQ are with 17 Pl.	
			The Coy are under the direction of the 2/1 Ry Constn Coy and their task is the maintenance of the roads in the MORESBY area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	21 Oct 43		They will commence work on road maintenance on Monday 25 Oct.	
			To-day Chaplain D.A. GANLEY joined the unit, taking the place of Chaplain C.E. TILLER.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			Strength: 28 Offrs 754 ORS.	
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Date and Time.—From...0001 hrs...22 Oct 43.....2359 hrs...22 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	22 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367 Adm.	
			A Coy 7 Pl 002444 8 Pl 035449 9 Pl 10 A.O.D.	
			B Coy 10 Pl 869379 11 Pl 012442 12 Pl A.M.E.C.	
			C Coy 14 Pl 875356 13 Pl 918386 15 Pl B.S.D.	
			D Coy 16 Pl 012442 17 Pl 900357 18 Pl 850421	
			SIG PL 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			MMG PL 875356 LAWES GAP	
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE	
			Balance HQ Coy 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
			5 Pl Rear Party DONADABU Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	
			Strength 29 Offrs. 766 ORS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	23 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367 Adm.	
			A Coy 7 Pl 002444 8 A.A.O.D.	
			8 Pl	
			9 Pl 035449 10 A.A.O.D.	
			B Coy 10 Pl 869379 14 Fd Coy RAE HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl	
			12 Pl 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			C Coy 14 Pl 375356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl	
			15 Pl 918386 B.S.D.	
			D COY 16 Pl 012442	
			17 Pl 900357	
			18 Pl 050421	
			Sig Pl. 948321 2/r A.G.M.	
			MMG PL 875356 LAWES GAP	
			Mortar Pl 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.	
			Balance HQ Coy 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
			5 Pl Rear Party Donadabu Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER.	
			To day Capt M.W. RYAN arrived back from an observation trip in the RAMU Valley area. He left the Bn almost immediately and is now awaiting transportation back to AUSTRALIA where he will take over duties with a paratroop regt.	
			Lieut. J. ATKIN was transferred to-day from this Bn to the 22 Bn and is now awaiting transport.	
			A cricket match was played this afternoon between the Bns team and the 73 Search light Coy, resulting in a win for the 9 Bn.	
			Weather: Fine and Hot	

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Strength: 29 Offrs. 762 ORS

Edward Wood Lewis
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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs. 25 Oct 43 To 2359 Hrs. 25 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and Appendices
PORT MORESBY	25 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367 Adm.	
			A Coy 7 Pl 002444 8 A.A.O.D.	
			8 Pl) 035449 10 A.A.O.D.	
			9 Pl)	
			B Coy 10 Pl 869379 14 Fd Coy RAE HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			12 Pl	
			C Coy 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl	
			15 Pl 918386 B.S.D.	
			D COY 16 Pl 012442 Road Maintenance, 2/1	
			17 Pl 900357 Rly Constn Coy	
			18 Pl 050421	
			SIG PL 948321 2/1 A.H.H.	
			MMG PL 875356 LAWES GAP	
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE.	
			Balance HQ Coy 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
			5 Pl. Rear Party Donadabu Constructing new bridge	
			across IALOKI RIVER and	
			new Offrs Mess in 9 Bn area	
			Today D Coy started on their new tasks under the direction	
			of 2/1 Rly Constn Coy. 16 Pl are engaged on the RIGO Road.	
			They are constructing culverts, side drains and keeping the surface	
			of the road in a good state of repairs.	
			17 pl are engaged in the quarry loading gravel onto trucks	
			and also on road maintenance in the MORESBY area.	
			18 pl are working in the BARUNE Road area constructing a sea	
			wall. 44 Gal Drums are filled with rubble and the drums are then	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 27 Oct To 2359 Hrs 27 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	27 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367	Adm.
			A Coy 7 Pl 002444	8 A.A.O.D
			8 Pl 035449	10 A.A.O.D.
			9 Pl	
			B Coy 10 Pl 869379	14 Fd Coy RAE HANAUBADA
			11 Pl	
			12 Pl 012442	A.M.E.C.
			C Coy 14 Pl 875356	LAWES GAP
			13 Pl	
			15 Pl 918386	B.S.D.
			D Coy 16 Pl 012442	Road Maintenance 2/1 Ry
			17 Pl 900357	Constn Coy
			18 Pl 050421	do do
			SIG PL 948321	2/1 A.G.H.
			MMG PL 875356	LAWES GAP
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354	M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE
			Balance HQ Coy 957430	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy
			5 Pl Rear Party Donadaby	Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER and new Offrs Mess in 9 Bn Area
			Weather: - Fine	
			Strength: 27 Offrs 766 ORS	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	28 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	
			BHQ 917367 Adm.	
		A Coy 7 Pl 002444	8 A.A.O.D.	
		8 Pl 035449	10 A.A.O.D.	
		9 Pl		
		B Coy 10 Pl 869379	14 Fd Coy RAE HANAUBADA	
		11 Pl 012442	A.M.E.C.	
		12 Pl		
		C Coy 14 Pl 875356	LAWES GAP	
		13 Pl 918386	B.S.D.	
		15 Pl		
		D Coy 16 Pl 012442	Road Maintenance 2/1 Ry	
		17 Pl 900357	Constn Coy.	
		18 Pl 050421	do do.	
		SIG PL 948321	2/1 A.G.H.	
		MMG Pl 875356	LAWES GAP	
		MORTAR PL 906360, 864354	M.F.C. and POWER HOUSE	
		Balance HQ Coy 957430	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
		5 Pl Rear party Donadabu	Constructing new bridge across LALOKI RIVER and new Offrs Mess 9 Bn area	
			Weather: Fine	
			Stre gth: 27 Offrs. 766 ORS	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 9th Aust Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 29 Oct To 2359 Hrs 29 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	29 Oct 43		All groups carried out their allotted tasks in their respective areas.	<i>D</i>
			BHQ 917367 Adm	
			A Coy 7 Pl 002444 8 A.A.O.D	
			8 Pl	
			9 Pl 035449 10 A.A.O.D.	
			B Coy 10 Pl 869379 14 Fd Coy RAE HANAUBADA	
			11 Pl	
			12 Pl 012442 A.M.E.C.	
			C Coy 14 Pl 875356 LAWES GAP	
			13 Pl	
			15 Pl 918386 B.S.D.	
			D Coy 16 Pl 012442 Road Maintenance 2/1 Ry	
			17 Pl 900357 Constn Coy.	
			18 Pl 050421 do do	
			SIG PL 948321 2/1 A.G.H.	
			MMG PL 875356 LAWES GAP	
			MORTAR PL 906360, 864354 M.F.O. and POWER HOUSE	
			Balance HQ Coy 957430 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
			5 Pl Rear Party Donadabu Constructing new bridge across LALOKI River and new offrs mess 9 Bn Area	
			Weather: Fine morning heavy storm in afterboon	
			Strength: 27 Ofrrs 766 ORS.	

Donald [unclear] 9 Bn
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9TH BATTALION

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 9th Aus Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 30 Oct 43 To 2359 Hrs 30 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY - DONADABU Area	30 Oct 43		<p>Today the Bn was relieved by the 61 Bn. Reveille was at 0400 hrs and breakfast at 0430 hrs. By this time the transport had arrived and the guide which came in from each group on the previous day to BHQ led the required no. of trucks to each group area. On arrival troops embussed and each group proceeded independently to DONADABU and all groups had arrived in their former area in DONADABU at approx 0900 hrs. On arrival tents had to were erected by coys in their former coy areas. The balance of the day was spent in settling in.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			Weather: <input type="checkbox"/> Fine	
			Strength: 27 Offrs 767 ORS	
				<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i> 1.0.9.43</p>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 9TH Aust Inf Bn

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Date and Time.—From 0001 Hrs 31 Oct To 2359 Hrs 31 Oct 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (Port Moresby Area)	31 Oct 43		<p>At 0930 hrs a C of E Church Service was held in the Bde ORS Mess by Chaplain D.A.GANLY. The parade was voluntary.</p> <p>A small working party were engaged on the road outside BHQ filling in some deep ruts which had been allowed to develop during the Bn absence, another small party were working in the quarry getting gravel for this job.</p> <p>To-Day Maj W.G.FRY rejoined the Bn. He had been on an observation party in the FINSCHHAFEN area.</p> <p>The balance of the day was given over to make and mend purposes.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Weather: Fine Morning, heavy storm in afternoon.</p>	
			<p>Strength: 27 Offrs 765 ORS.</p>	
				<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i> 9 Bn I.O.</p>
				<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i> Lt. Col.</p>

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.
LT-COL. G.R.MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

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Serial No.19/43.
1 Oct. 43.

96. DUTIES.

DATE.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SGT.	DUTY COY.
1 Oct 43.	Lieut. L.H.ZIMMER.	L/CPL. HOGAN, F	"A"
2 Oct 43	Lieut. E.M.HAMMOND	CPL. PORTER, R.	"B"
3 Oct 43	Lieut. H.J.E.NICHOLLS	CPL. JAMES, H.D.	"C"
4 Oct.43	Lieut. J.W. PEACHEY	Sgt. HALDANE, D.K.	"D"
5 Oct. 43	Lieut. J.ATKIN	Sgt. REINKE, D.O.S.	"HQ"

97. APPX "C" TO L.H.Q. FIELD CENSORSHIP INSTRUCTION, No. 4.

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.
2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the Forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas, and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

98. POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS.

1. Regulation 8A of the National Security (General) Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942, number 374) provides that, without derogating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a military sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood or vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defence purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed wharf or picking-up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister, which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may -

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98. POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS (CONTD).

- (1) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person who in disregard of a warning given by a sentry or guard, approaches, enters, leaves, or passes over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking-up place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes; and
 - (2) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected of being about to attack him.
2. There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duty as such, and in the exercise of the right to resort to arms.
3. These principles are:-
- (a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents.
 - (b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any person threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
 - (c) Before firing on any person, the sentry or guard will, except in an urgent case of self-defence, challenge that person to "halt". If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him again with "Halt or I fire". If he does not halt and any other means are available for stopping him - as for example, by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.
 - (d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in choosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.
 - (e) Guards of enemy prisoners of war. An enemy prisoner of war attempting to escape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible.
 - (f) Guards of members of the Forces in custody.
 - (1) An escort or guard is not justified in using his weapons merely for the purpose of preventing another member from escaping from custody and if he so uses his weapons he may render himself, as well as any officer or NCO under whose orders he acted, liable to be charged with murder, manslaughter, or incitement to murder.
 - (2) If a member in custody attempts to escape, the escort or sentry will immediately raise the alarm and give chase. He may call upon any passerby to assist him in apprehending the escapee.
 - (3) An escort or guard may be justified in using his weapons when a member in custody resorts to violence. In such circumstances an escort or guard may meet force with force, but care must be taken to use no more force than is necessary to overcome the violence offered. Hence, even when violence is offered to an escort or guard it will only be as a last resort that the use of weapons will be justified.
4. Orders for guards and sentries will be framed in conformity with the above and guards and sentries will be suitably instructed as to their powers and duties.

УПРАВЛЕНИЕ ВОЙСКИМ СОВЕТ — ИЕМ СИНЕВ СОВСЕ

(Continued)

99. CAMP TIME - TABLE.

As from Sunday 3 Oct 43, Camp Time-Table will be as follows:-

Reveille	0630
Breakfast	0715
1st Trg Parade	0815.

Midday and Evening meals at the following times:-

Midday Meal	1230
Evening Meal	1730.
Retreat.	1830
Last post	2200
Lights Out.	2215.

100. NOTICES.LOST.

Paybook, TX6801 Pte LOCKE, C.R. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn on 25 or 26 Sep in DONADABU Camp area. Finder please return to BHQ.

SPORTING RESULTS FOR WEEK-ENDED 25-26 Sep.

25 Sep. Soccer 9 Bn V 2/10 Bn (Nil Score)/

26 Sep. SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

9 Bn	41 Points.
61 Bn	25 "
6 MG Bn	20 "
7 Bde H.Q.	14 "
2/10 Bn.	13 "

RIFLE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP.

9 Bn.	629 Points
61 Bn	542 "
2/12 Bn.	496 "
2/10 Bn.	286 "

27 Sep. BOXING BOUTS. -3 rounds each 2 minutes.

Thompson 9 Bn defeated Kite 2/10 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCES

101. REGIMENTAL TRUST A/C.

Balance 1 Sep 43.		692.18. 7
Canteen Sales.	812. 2. 0	
Refund: Amenities		
Services.	1. 5. 6	
Profit: A.D.C.S.	<u>114.13. 8</u>	<u>928. 1. 2</u>
		<u>1620.19. 9</u>

LESS:

Canteen Purchases.	802.10. 5	
Extra Rationing.	92.18. 6	
Vellums, Drum	11.13. -	
Cotton.	<u>1.10. •</u>	<u>908.11.11</u>
		£ 712. 7.10

Albockran Capt.,
Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

David Andrew Lewis
1.8.48

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 10 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Comptrols								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	28		Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties	660	633	27
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2 (NR)	(See Back)			
Fitter, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surf.)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	25	28	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1 (NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitter	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	63	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	758	34

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

2 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

C.O. Signature of Commander
9 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col

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15 Oct 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

60 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
-	-	-	1	*										
-	-	-	3	*										
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels										
2	2	-	17	Majors	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-					
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
3	3	-	29			1	-	-	-					
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	29	1								30
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NP10119	Lieut	ZIMMER, L.H.	113 Con Dep.	29/9/43	From 'X' List and taken on strength.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ² / ¹⁰ / ³ 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col Major	SX1442 Q15601	MATTHEWS SUTCH	G.R. A.J.W.	C.O. Adm. Comd.	Yes Yes	Detached, special duty	24/9/43
T/Major	VX117033	FRY	W.C.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC D Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	G.J.K.	OC C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	1/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	1/c C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	1/c B Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	M.J.	10 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.	16 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NP10119	ZIMMER	L.H.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX53210	WERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 Pl	No	In hospital	29/9/43
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	Yes		
A/Lieut	QX40261	ATKIN	J.	18 Pl	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.L.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.C.
Chap.Cl. IV	WX15909	TILLER, C.E.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain.

2 Oct 43

Date of Despatch

David Howard Lewis
10. 9 Bn

[Signature]

Signature of Commander

FIELD SKETCH

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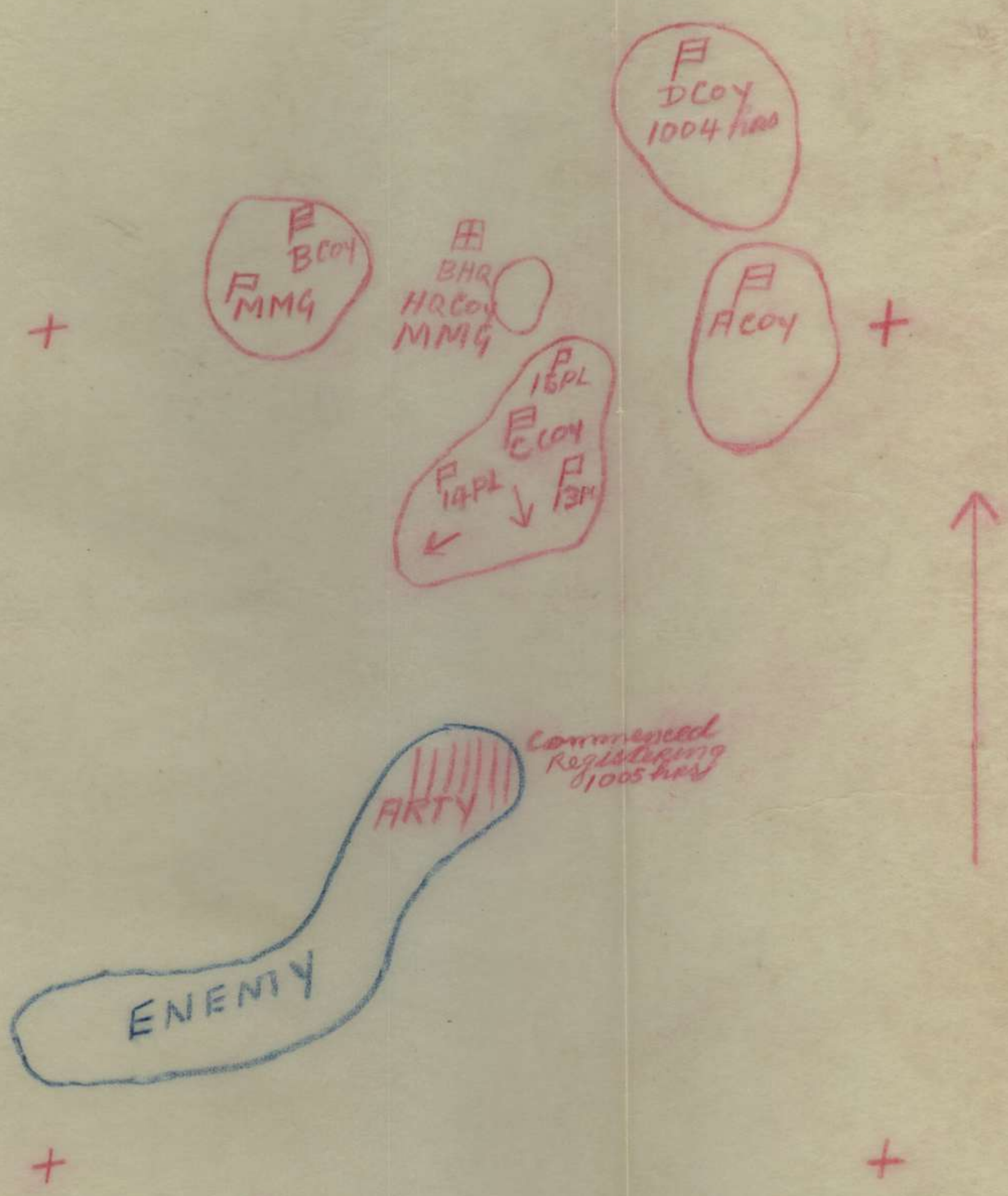
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- ROCKY CLIFFS |||||
- ARTY TRIG Δ
- JUNGLE [Green hatching symbol]
- SCRUBBY COPSE [Green scribble symbol]

SCALE 1 IN = 200 YDS

200 150 100 50 0 200 400

V.I. 25 ft. (approx)

Prepared by
1 Sec. 9 Aus. Inf. Bn



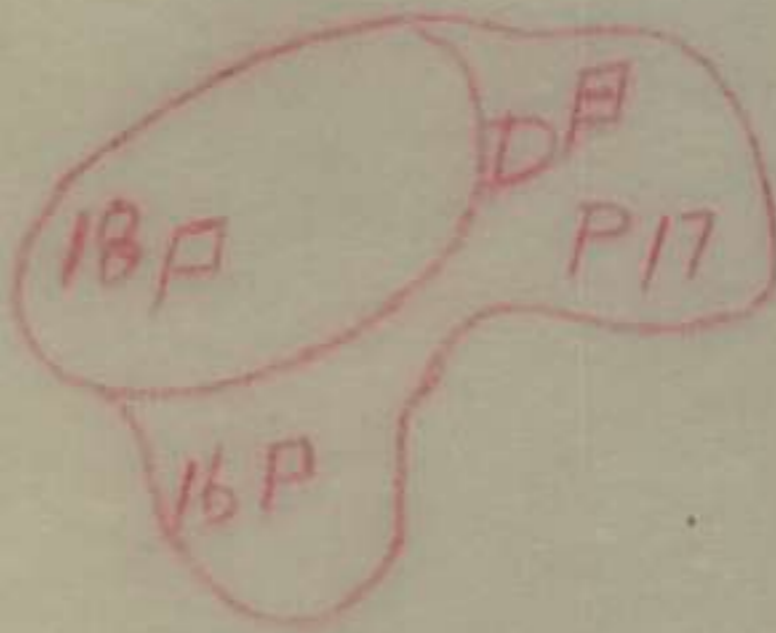
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7P P8



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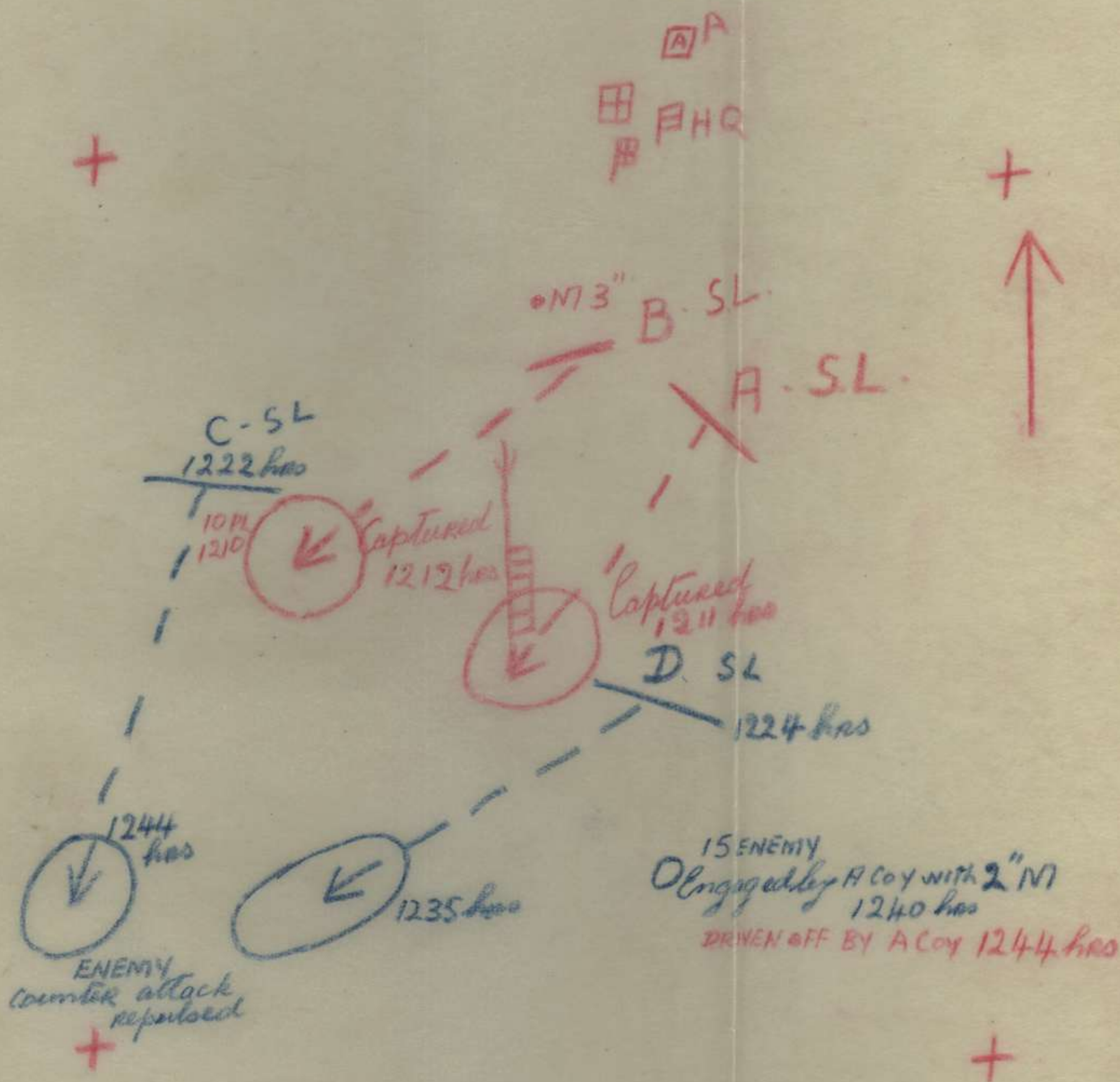
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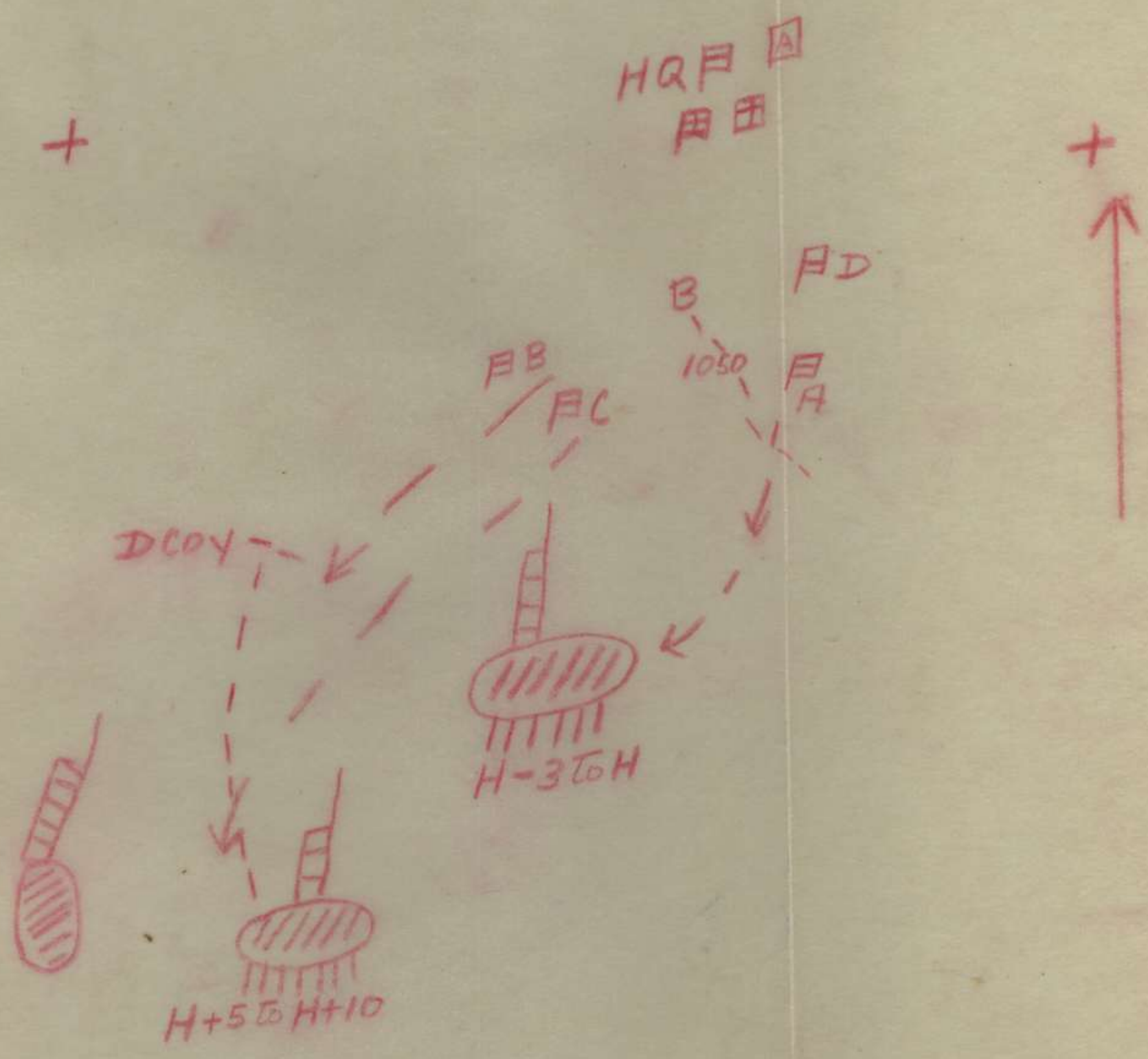
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2ND PHASE - 1225 hrs

1ST PHASE
2ND PHASE



1245
ARTY
196365
H 1200
HD
C-15 after B
D: 10 " A
ARTY
1245



SIT REP TO 1100 HRS

INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF
9 AUSTRALIAN INF BN.

From 0001 Hrs 2 Oct 43
To 2359 Hrs 8 Oct 43.

(All Map Ref UBERT 1 inch)

TRAINING.

Throughout the week, training was carried out as set out in the training syllabus, with the exception of the "Dry" run which was to have taken place on Wed. 6 Oct in preparation for the Arty-MMG-Inf exercise on Thur 7 Oct. The "dry run" was cancelled, and training substituted in its place, all coys carrying out training in their respective coy areas, on that day.

BN EXERCISE.

On Thur 7 Oct an Arty-MMG-Inf ^{CO-OP EXERCISE} was carried out in area 195365. The Bn. Comd. for the exercise was Capt. A.T. BEECH and the director Maj. G.M. PERCIVAL. The Arty support was given by 50 Bty 13 Fd Regt and MMG support given by C Coy 6 MMG Bn in addition to the Bn MG Pl.

Arty and MMG fire was brought to bear on PANDANUS KNOLL 195367 and ROCKY OUTCROP 193363 while MMG fire swept BURNT KNOLL 190363 and JUNCTION KNOLL 193366 after this barrage had stopped the inf attacked, captured, and consolidated on these features.

Communications were established between the Bn and 7 Bde by Bde Sigs and between Bn HQ and fwd coys by L/T. Throughout the exercise the dispositions of coys and the progress of the attack was sent back to Bde. The exercise concluded at 1400 hrs, and at 1430 the Bn returned to camp.

WORK PARTIES.

During the week working parties have been detailed for work on the quarry and for maintenance of works in the Bn area. Portion of the road through BHQ area has been "boxed" and metalled.

WORK IN PROGRESS.

Work was commenced on a new Officers Mess Hut in Bn HQ area. The ground has been excavated and the timber cut and the erection of the hut commenced.

RECCE.

On Wed 6 Oct the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) accompanied by Maj PERCIVAL made a recce of the exercise area in preparation for the exercise on 7 Oct.

VISIT TO FWD AREAS.

On Wed 6 Oct Maj W.G. FRY and Lieut. M.W. RYAN left the bn for Moresby where they will explain for fwd operational areas. They ^{AS PART OF BDE OBSERVATION PARTY} anticipate being away from the bn for approx 3 weeks, ^{TO OBSERVE BATTLE PROCEDURE IN AREA. FINSCHHAFEN areas}

RECREATION.

On Sat 2 Oct organised sports were carried out for the bn on the Bde Sports ground and in Coy areas.

CHANGE OF POSTINGS (OFFERS.)

On Sat 2 Oct the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) became acting Bde Comd during the absence of the Brg (Brig J. Field)

On Fri 1 Oct Maj G.M. PERCIVAL became 2 i/c of the Bn in place of Maj A.J.W. SUTCH.

Maj. A.J.W. SUTCH has received notification to take over the comd of a training bn in BATHURST N.S.W. and is at present awaiting transport to Australia.

The C of E Chaplain (Chaplain C.E. TILLER) has received notification to take up duties as Chaplain to the 2/3 Pnr. Bn and is at present awaiting transport. Chaplain BIENNETT 6 MMG Bn will minister to the C of E personnel of the bn until such time as another chaplain has been posted to this unit.

CHURCH PARADES.

Voluntary Church parades were conducted on 3 Oct. C of E D Coy area, O.P.D. 61 Bn area and R.C. Bde Area. The balance of this day was devoted to make and mend.

G. Matthews

.....Lt-Col.
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

M. W. Ryan

.....Lieut. R.O.O.
I.C. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 10 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Carpenters								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Camp Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	28	-	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties	660	620	40
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2 (NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.M.S.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chiropr.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	27	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1 (N)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitter	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	63	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	744	47

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

9 Oct 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

[Handwritten Signature]

Lt-Col

Signature of Commander
9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

61 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 10 / 1943 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 12ⁿ / 12^c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	-	-	3	*					
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
3	3	-	16	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	4	-	28			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.L.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.	28	-	1							29
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX104272	Lieut	DIND, D.S.	Hospital	7/10/43	Struck off posted strength and placed on 'X' List in hospital over 8 days.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Q15601	SUTCH	A.J.W.	2 i/c	Yes		
W/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OC HQ	No	Detached, special duty	6/10/43
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC D Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	Adm Comd HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 i/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	Adm. Comd C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	2 i/c B Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	No	Detached, special duty.	6/10/43
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	W.W.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	F.B.	16 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX53210	WERDA	E.C.	11 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	No	Attending NGF Sig. School.	25/9/43
Lieut	NX104272	DTND	D.S.	17 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	Yes		
A/Lieut	QX40261	ATKIN	J.	18 Pl	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV.	WX15809	TILLER, C.E.	A.A.Ch. Dep.		Chaplain.

7 Oct 43

Date of Despatch

C.O. *Matthews* Lt-Col
Signature of Commander

9 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS.

Week ending 9 Oct 43.

COY.	MONDAY 4 Oct.	TUESDAY 5 Oct.	WEDNESDAY 6 Oct.	THURSDAY 7 Oct.	FRIDAY 8 Oct.	SATURDAY 9 Oct.
"A"	0900-1000. Lecture by Maj.G.M.PERCIVAL SALAMAUA ops in HQ Coy Mess Hut. 1330-1430.Lecture by Bde E.O. HQ Coy Mess Hut.	ALL DAY. All pers to fire Bren LMG on WESTY RANGE.	ALL DAY. Bn. Exercise with 6 Aust MG Bn. DRY RUN.	ALL DAY. Bn. Exercise with 6 Aust MG Bn. LIVE AMN.	ALL DAY. All pers to fire LMG Bren on LONG HILL Rge. Practise remaining Pl.in Sec.Battle Practice.	Relieve 25 Aust Inf Bn. on Works Programme, PORT MORESBY Area.
"B"	ALL DAY. All pers. to fire LMG Bren on LONG HILL RANGE.	0900-1000.Lecture by Maj.G.M.PERCIVAL SALAMAUA Ops. 1330-1430.Lecture by Bde E.O. in HQ Coy Mess Hut.			ALL DAY.All pers to again practise grenade throwing on Grenade Rge.	
"C"	1130-1230.Lecture by Maj.G.M.PERCIVAL SALAMAUA Ops. All pers to again practise grenade throwing on Grenade Rge.	0900-1000.Lecture by Bde E.O. in HQ Coy Mess Hut.			ALL DAY. All pers to fire L. M.G. Bren on WESTY RANGE.	
"D"	0900-1000.Lecture by Bde E.O.in HQ Coy Mess Hut. 1330-1430.Lecture by Maj.G.M.PERCIVAL on SALAMAUA OPS.	ALL DAY. All pers to fire LMG Bren on LONG HILL RANGE.				
"HQ"	1445-1545.Lecture by Maj.G.M.PERCIVAL SALAMAUA OPS. WESTY RGE.ALL LMG members and as many others to fire Bren LMG.	ALL DAY. All pers to be practised in throwing 36M H.E. grenades on Grenade Range.			1330-1430.Half Coy lecture by Bde E.O.in HQ Coy Mess Hut. 1445-1545.Half Coy lecture by E.O.in Coy Mess Hut.	

NOTE. All other periods not shown in the above schedule are occupied by trg. specified in para 2 of Bde Trg.Instrn. No.30 of 22 Sep 43.

W. J. ...

Don's Diary

Serial	Location	Nature of Task	Allotment		Rationed by	Tentage on site	Tentage required	Transport Allotted	Remarks.	
			Coy	Off O.R						
1	111 Aust CCS near 2/9 AGH 037435	Construction Hygiene duties unloading engr's stores under direction 101 Aust Army Tps Coy	D	3	115	101 Aust Army Tps Coy	Nil	Nil	9	Cooks assist in kitchen suggest either tea containers or hot boxes be taken to supply tea to working parties. No cooking gear.
2.	10 A.O.D. 037558	Constructing Armco huts & roofing Sydney Williams Huts	A	4	77	10 A.O.D.	18	Nil	6	Take cooking gear, cooks prepare own meals, take water tank and covering for kitchen.
3.	8 A.O.D. 002445	Loading, Unloading, cleaning stacking 25 Pr amm.	7 Pl A	1	28	8 A.O.D.	Nil	Nil	2	No cooking gear, 8 A.O.D. provide all.
4	A.M.E.C. 013444	Quarry & road maintenance loading duties	B less 10 pl	3	66	A.M.E.C.	14	Nil	4	Take 3 soyer stoves, no other cooking gear, 3 cooks assist.
5.	HANAUBADA	Oil tank installation and pipe lines, roadway at causeway	10 Pl B Coy	1	26	14 Fd Coy R.A.E.	8	Nil	2	No cooking gear required one cook to be included in number.
6.	B.S.D. 917386	On and off loading sorting & stacking supplies manning of two traffic control posts.	C Coy less 14 Pl & Prov. Sec	3	92	B.S.D.	17	Nil	7	Do own cooking take cooking gear and water tank also covering for kitchen. Work four six hour shifts daily incl Sunday
7.	LAWES GAP	Road & Camp construction wrk	14 Pl C Coy 2 Pl. HQ	1	40	9 Bn	18	Nil	5	Do own cooking take cooking gear water tank & tarpaulin for kitchen. Tools will be handed over by 25Bn
8	915365	Adm	BHQ & B/ance HQ Coy	7	60	9 Bn	36	-	6	Do own cooking take cooking gear water tank and covering for kitchen.
9	2/1 AGH 948321	Excavation & construction work under instn. from 15 Fd Coy	1 Pl HQ RAE Coy	1	24	15 Fd Coy R.A.E.	Nil	5	1 1-15 cwt	1 Include 1 cook in number, take cooking gear, excl tank.

David ...

10	Moresby Power House	Installation machinery	3 Pl HQ	21	Moresby Power House	Nil	Nil	1 1-15 Cwt	
11	M.F.O. 904359	Loading & Unloading Military Pkgs.	3 Pl. HQ	24	M.F.O.	3	1	1 1-15 cwt	One cook to be included in number, work three eight hour shifts.
12	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy 959426	Cutting & Cartage of timber	HQ	20	34 Aust Sup Depot Coy	Nil	Nil	1 1-15 Cwt.	

Rear Party.

	O.C.	Lieut. Viney.
Pioneers	1	38
A Coy		3 incl. storeman
B Coy		3 incl. storeman
C Coy		3 incl. Storeman
D Coy		3 incl. storeman
HQ Coy less 6 Pl		6 incl 2 cooks & storeman
6 Pl.		5 Tech Sgt, armourer, asst. armourer, storeman, ration clerk.
BHQ		3 one clerk, 2 S.Brs. (Incl 1 N.C.O.)
		1 ton or 1 -15 cwt van to be allotted to rear party.

Donald Bruce Lewis
1.0. 9 Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.
LT-COL. G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

Copy No.....
Serial No. 20/43
15 Oct 43.

102. MECHANICAL VEHICLES.


1. ~~NEW GUINEA force Orders 299, 300, 305, 453, 483, 534, 567, and 584 of 1942 and 56, 246, 314, and 334 of 1943 are cancelled.~~
2. Many instances of reckless and careless driving of mechanical vehicles and driving at excessive speed are occurring.
3. These and other improper practices in relation to mechanical vehicles frequently constitute a menace to other vehicles and to the safety of personnel and are responsible for undue wear and tear on vehicles and tyres. Accordingly they must cease.
4. Personnel when driving mechanical vehicles will maintain the strictest road discipline and drive at such a speed and in such a manner that their vehicles are completely under control and they are in a position to meet any emergency that may arise.
5. The maximum speed permitted for vehicles in the MORESBY Sub-Area is 20 mph. In other areas the maximum speed permitted will be 20 mph unless and until other maximum speeds, whether higher or lower, have been fixed by the Comds of those areas. Personnel will not drive at the maximum speed where the circumstances render that speed unsafe.
6. The following specific provisions will be observed:-
 - (a) An officer will not drive a mechanical vehicle except -
 - (i) when under driving instruction;
 - (ii) for the purpose of maintaining his efficiency as a driver;
 - (iii) when operationally necessary;
 - (iv) when no driver is available;
 - (v) to rest the member normally driving the vehicle.Subject to the foregoing, no member will drive a mechanical vehicle unless authorized by competent authority to do so.
 - (b) When driving a mechanical vehicle the driver will not permit more than one person to sit beside him on the front seat.
 - (c) Drivers of mechanical vehicles will not when approaching road corners change to lower gear ratios for the purpose of reducing speed but will, when necessary, reduce speed by the application of the foot brake.
 - (d) No mechanical vehicle will be left unattended except in an authorized military parking area.
 - (e) Personnel will not drive mechanical vehicles with tail boards swing free. If the load is such that the tail board cannot be closed up, it will be secured in a horizontal position either with the chains provided or by rope.
 - (f) Wheel chains will not be carried on front bumper bar of mechanical vehicles. They will be carried only in lockers or other suitable containers.
 - (g) The use of wheel chains on dry roads is forbidden. Wheel chains will be used only when conditions so require.
 - (h) Motor cycles will be fitted with efficient silencers. Personnel will not modify silencers unless authorized by competent authority to do so.
 - (i) Except for operational reasons in forward areas -
 - (i) Pillion riding on motor cycles is forbidden;
 - (ii) A load of more than 20 lbs will not be carried on motor cycle rear carriers.
7. Speed traps will be operated by Provost personnel in various areas.
8. Provost personnel will report without delay offences against this order.
9. It is the responsibility of COs to ensure that the members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this Order, to continually impress upon members the necessity for strictly adhering to the same and to enforce the provisions of the Order by taking disciplinary action in respect of breaches.
10. When provost personnel are required as witnesses, ~~un~~^{they} will notify promptly of the time and place of hearing.

103. NUDE BATHING - MORESBY AREA.

1. Nude bathing or swimming in the MORESBY Area is forbidden.
2. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
3. DAD Amenities NEW GUINEA Force is obtaining a supply of bathing trunks and should be contacted by units desiring the use of same.

104. FORWARDING ARTICLES TO MAINLAND.

1. ~~NG Force Order, serials 585 of 7 Dec 42, 616 of 28 Dec 42 and 35 of 8 Feb are cancelled.~~
2. No member shall, except in the course of his duty, despatch or cause to be despatched, to Australia.
 - (a) Any property issued, distributed, or sold by, or belonging to, the Commonwealth or any part of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth or any Allied Country of Force;
 - (b) any captured enemy document, equipment or property;
 - (c) any article sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Defence Canteen Service or any Allied Force's Canteen, or any similar institution, or any AMF recognised philanthropic organization;
 - (d) any tobacco or cigarettes.
3. A member proceeding to Australia on leave or temporary duty will not take with him more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet his personal requirements during his period of absence from New Guinea.
4. Other members proceeding to Australia will not take with them more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet their personal requirements whilst in transit to the mainland.
5. It will be borne in mind continuously that:-
 - (a) One of the reasons for rationing tobacco and cigarettes in Australia is to ensure that adequate supplies are available for troops in operational areas; and
 - (b) tobacco and cigarettes supplied to troops in New Guinea are excise duty free which represents a substantial saving to all concerned.
6. (i) The despatch or carriage of tobacco or cigarettes to Australia in breach of this order may result in:-
 - (a) Troops in forward areas not being adequately catered for owing to a consequential general shortage of supplies; and
 - (b) the withdrawal of the privilege of freedom from excise duty, resulting in troops in all areas being required to pay mainland prices.
- (ii) It is, therefore, in the interest of all concerned to strictly adhere to the provisions of this order.
7. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect to all disclosed breaches of paras 2, 3 and 4 of this Order and where tobacco or cigarettes are intercepted in transit to Australia, the same will be confiscated and, after disciplinary action has been completed, be donated to the Red Cross Society.
8. The attention of franking officers is drawn to the pre-franking requisites in relation to parcels or packets, the detailed procedure for franking the same and the action to be taken in regard to prohibited articles (vide App "A" to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 and paras 5 (g) and 6 (b) of App "B" thereto).
9. The attention of Unit Censors is drawn to their duties in relation to censorship of parcels and packets as prescribed in para 9 (b) of the abovementioned Instruction.
10. Disciplinary action will be taken where franking officers or Unit Censors offend against the provisions mentioned in paras 8 and 9 above.
11. Coys will ensure that the provisions of this Order are complied with.


..... Capt.
Adjt. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT
OF
9 AUST INF BN.

from 0001 hrs 9 Oct 43
to 2359 hrs 15 Oct 43.

BN. MOVEMENT.

At 1000 hrs the Bn left DONADABU to relieve the 25 Bn in the MORESBY area. The convoy was divided into groups. As each group neared its destination it was met by a guide who had gone to the group area on the previous day, and the groups broke off from the main body.

BHQ was established in the MORESBY area at 1330 hrs.

The following are the locations of the various groups.

(All map refs MORESBY 1" Inch)

			ADM
BHQ & 6 Pl.	917367		
A COY 7 Pl	002444	8 A.O.D.	Maintenance of 25 Pr amn.
8 Pl)	035449	10 A.O.D.	Constructing and roofing huts.
9 Pl)			
B COY 10 Pl	869379	14 Pd Coy R.A.E	Installation of oil pipe lines.
11 Pl)	012442	A.R.E.C. QUARRY	Quarry and road maintenance
12 Pl)			
C Coy 14 Pl	875356	LAWES GAP	Road and Hut construction.
13 Pl)			
15 Pl)	918386	B.S.D.	Loading and unloading, stacking supplies.
M-8-Pl)			
D COY	038434	111 Coy	Construction, hygiene duties and unloading stores.
sig Pl	948321	2/1 A.G.R.	Assisting engrs in construction of dam.
MHO Pl	875356	LAWES GAP	Road and Hut construction.
Mortar Pl.	906380 824354	M.F.O. POWER HOUSE	Loading and unloading mil. pkgs. Installation of machinery.
Balance HQ COY	957430	34 Aust sup Dep Coy.	Cutting and cartage of timber

Two traffic control posts are manned at BGD by the Provost sec for 24 hrs daily.

The "I" sec are working at M.F.O.

The groups working at B.S.D. and M.F.O. are on shift work, working 24 hrs a day.

On Sunday 10 Oct the C.O. (Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS) Maj PERCIVAL, Capt. COCHRAN and Capt. WINDYER visited all Bn group areas for the purpose of ascertaining how the troops were situated in regard to tentage, water, rations and canteen supplies.

OFFICERS MARCHED IN.

On the 9 Oct Lieut S.J.G. PLATZ rejoined the unit after attending the "Junior Leaders" course NCF Tng. School.

OFFICERS MARCHED OUT.

On Tuesday the 12 Oct Maj A.J.W. BUTCH left the unit for Australia where he will take over the post as C.O. of a training Bn at BATHURST, N.S.W. On Thursday 14 Oct Lieut WERDA left the unit to attend course No. 7 OCS WOODSIDE, S.A. Sgt. G. BURCHART also left on the same day to attend the same course

RECREATION.

The Bn was represented at the NSW Cricket meeting held in MORESBY by Cpl. J. STACKPOOLE and a team has been entered for matches in the forthcoming cricket competition. The team will play the first match on Saturday the 16 Oct against the 22 Imp. Coy.

All personnel who are free from duty in the evenings are permitted to visit the various picture shows or concert parties that are showing in the MORESBY area. A minimum number are placed on picquet duty in each group to guard rations and tents.

W. Mathew

.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

W. Mathew

I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16 / 10 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
B...yers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Co... Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	26	1	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen. Duties	660	634	26
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Cpl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (S...)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	1	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (S...)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg. Sgt.	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RMO's Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	27	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitters	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
												Blacksmith	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	16	1	CARRIED FORWARD	56	62	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	757	33

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

16 Oct 43
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

C.O. *Shuttlesworth* Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

62 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943. 9 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/ 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1	1	-	2	Majors					
1	1	-	8	Captains					
2	2	-	17	Lieutenants	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	4	-	28			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.	29	-	-							
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX59118	Lieut	PLATZ S.J.G.	NGF Trg.School	9/10/43	Returned from school taken on strength.
NX194272	Lieut	DIND D.S.	Hospital	11/10/43	From "X" list and taken on strength.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q15601	Maj	SUTCH A.J.W.	5 A.I.T.B.	12/10/43	Transferred out and struck off strength.
QX53210	Lieut	WERDA E.C.	No.7 Course OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.	14/10/43	Struck off posted strength and placed on "X" list.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
			①

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	XX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OC HQ COY	No	Detached, special duty.	6/10/43
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	2 1/c	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A COY	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	Adm Comd			
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	HQ COY	Yes	Attending A.A.O.C. school	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B COY	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 1/c	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	A Coy			
T/Capt	QX36569	GOCHRANE	G.A.	Adm Comd	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.F.	Adm Comd	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	TIERMON	H.J.	D Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	H.W.	10 Pl	Yes	Detached, special duty.	6/10/43
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	I.O.	No		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	H.H.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACOCK	J.W.	4 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40834	ROBERTS	P.B.	15 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKRY	P.T.	16 Pl	No	In Hospital	9/10/43
Lieut	QX40833	SMAN	H.P.J.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	H.M.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	XX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	XX3083	VINEY	W.M.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX50119	PLATZ	S.J.G.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	12 Pl	Yes	Attending HQ Sig School	28/8/43
Lieut	XX104272	DIND	D.S.	1 Pl	No		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.H.	17 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40261	ATEIN	J.	7 Pl	Yes		
				18 Pl	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	XX117597	WINDEYER J.T.	A.A.M.C		R.M.O.

16 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.
Signature of Commander

Lt Col

INTELLIGENCE REPORT of
9 AUST INF BN.

From 0001 hrs 16 Oct 43
To 2359 Hrs 22 Oct 43.

The BN remained in their allotted areas throughout the week and carried out the tasks as set out in report of week ending 15 Oct 43.

5 Pl still remain at DONADABU constructing the new bridge across the LALOKI RIVER.

Coy Movement.

On Thursday 21 Oct, D Coy moved from their area at 038434 (111 CCS to the following areas:-

16 Pl - 012442
17 Pl - 900357
18 Pl.- 850421

Coy Hq with 17 Pl.

They are under the direction of 2/1 Ry Const Coy and their task is the maintenance of roads in the MORESBY area.

OFFERS MARCHED IN.

On 20 Oct Lieut M.R. TAYLOR rejoined the unit after attending a school on the mainland.

On 21 Oct Chaplain D.A. GANLEY joined the unit.

OFFERS MARCHED OUT.

On 17 Oct Lieut F.B. ROBERTS left the unit for hospital.

RECREATION.

On 16 Oct a cricket match was played between the bn and 22 Exp Coy resulting in a win for the bn. Another match will be played on 23 Oct between the bn and 73 Searchlight Unit.

All personnel who are free from duty in the evenings are permitted to visit the various picture shows or concert parties that are showing in the MORESBY area. A minimum number are placed on picquet duty in each group to guard rations and tents.

J. Matthews

.....Lt- Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Alfred ...
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

Headquarters

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

63 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 10 / 1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
1	1	-	2	*					
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels					
2	2	-	17	Majors	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	4	-	28			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.	29	-	-	-						
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX43139	Lieut	TAYLOR, M.R.	O.C.T.U.	20/10/ 43	Taken on strength from 'X' List.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX40834	Lieut	ROBERTS, FB.	Hospital	17/10/ 43	In hospital more than 8 days - struck off strength.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 10 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
T/Major	VX117038	FRY	W.G.	OC HQ Coy	No	Det, special duty	6/10/43
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	2 i/c	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BEECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	AdmComd HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	Q.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. School.	24/8/43
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 i/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	AdmComd C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	AdmComd D Coy	Yes		
T/Capt Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX41393	RYAN	M.W.	I.O.	No	Det, special duty	6/10/43
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX36425	PEACHEY	J.W.	13 Pl	No	Hospital	19/10/43
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	16 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX50118	PLATZ	S.J.G.	12 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 Pl	No	Attending MGF Sig. School.	25/9/43
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 Pl	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 Pl	Yes		
A/Lieut	QX40261	ATKIN	J.	18 Pl	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV.	VX114018	GANLY, D.A.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain

23 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

S. Matthews Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/ 10/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	4
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevadores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	5
			Armourers			Signallers	27	26	Tailors	2	2
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Fitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters	6	5	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			G.O.M.S.	5	4
			Cooks			Woodturners			Gen. Duties	660	640
			Dental Mechanics							20	
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1			
			Height Taker			Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)	
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			Mess Sgt		1
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Carrier Cpl		1
			Intelligence Duties	10	9	Coach Trimmers			R.S.M.	1	1
			Joiners			Concretors			R.Q.M.S.	1	1
			Lineman			Cooks			C.S.Ms.	5	5
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Hyg. Sgt.	1	1
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			RMO's Ord.	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics		8	Chirop.	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tpin. Plant			Pay Clerks	2	2
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			Cooks	23	29
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	Post Ord.	1	1
			Moulders			Farriers			Armourers	2	1
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates			Gun Fitters	1	1
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers			Shoemaker	1	1
									Blacksmith	1	1
			CARRIED FORWARD	16	14	CARRIED FORWARD	56	60	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	764
				2			5			27	

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23 Oct 43

Date of Despatch

C.O.

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

9 Aust Inf Bn

- INTELLIGENCE REPORT. -

From: 0001 hrs 23 Oct 43
To: 2359 Hrs 29 Oct 43.

9 Bn duties in Moresby area.

For the week-ending 29 Oct, all personnel of the Bn, continued on with the various duties as specified and detailed in the report week ending 15 Oct.

The Coys were made up of working parties and detailed to duties in the various areas, comprising mostly of loading parties, maintenance, installations, road and hut construction, timber felling and hygiene etc.

Transfer of Officers.

At 1000 hrs 23 Oct, Lieut M.W. RYAN, returned to the unit, after a period spent in the forward operational areas of IAE and FINSCHHAFEN, for observation purposes. On his return Lieut RYAN was notified of his promotion to the rank of Captain, and immediately proceeded to MORESBY enroute to the mainland where he will take over duties in a paratroop regt, for which he volunteered.

On 23 Oct Lieut J. ATKIN of 18 Pl 'D' Coy left on transfer to the 22 Bn, which is a present in an operational area.

Officer Marched In.

On 24 Oct Lieut L.A. COX of 25 Aust Inf Bn, marched into the unit as a reinforcement officer and will now be attached as Pl Comd of 18 Pl 'D' Coy.

Recreation.

During the afternoon of 23 Oct, a cricket match was played between teams of 9 Bn and 73 Search light Coy, resulting in a win for 9 Bn.

Church Parade.

A Voluntary Church Parade was conducted on Sun 24 Oct by the C of E Padre, Chaplain D.A. GANLY in the HHQ area.

M. Matthews
.....Lt-Col
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

David Hines
.....Lieut.
I.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943 9 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
1	1	-	2	*					
1	1	-	8	Lieut.-Colonels	A.A.W.C.	1	-	-	-
4	4	-	15	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6	6	-	26			1	-	-	-

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.										
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX49467	Lieut	COX, L.A.	25 Aust Inf Bn	24.10.43	Reinforcement Offr

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX413931	/Capt	RYAN, M.W.	2 Aust Parachute Bn.	23.10.43	On transfer.
QX36425	Lieut	PEACHEY, J.W.	2/9 A.G.H.	27.10.43	In hospital 8 days - transferred to 'X' List.
QX40261	A/Lieut	ATKIN, J.	22 Aust Inf Bn	23.10.43	Re-allocation.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 10 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	SX1442	MATTHEWS	G.R.	C.O.	Yes		
T/Major	VX117058	FRY	W.G.	2 1/c	No	Det, special duty	6/10/43
T/Major	QX40822	PERCIVAL	G.M.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40871	BRECH	A.T.	OC A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX46995	SMITH	C.J.K.	AdmComd HQ Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40820	TOON	A.C.	G.M.	No	Attending A.A.O.C. 24/8/43 school.	
T/Capt	QX40823	KELLY	J.L.	OC B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40882	HENDERSON	D.G.	2 1/c A Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40824	BONNEY	A.J.	AdmComd C Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	QX36569	COCHRANE	G.A.	Adjt	Yes		
T/Capt	QX40836	RADFORD	D.P.	AdmComd D Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QX45108	SIEMON	N.J.	10 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40869	LEVER	K.W.	14 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40832	HOLMES	R.H.	4 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX53197	SANKEY	P.T.	9 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40833	SWAN	H.P.J.	3 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX40831	HAMMOND	E.M.	2 P1	Yes		
Lieut	NX153925	ZIMMER	L.H.	8 P1	Yes		
Lieut	SX3083	VINEY	W.M.	5 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX43139	TAYLOR	M.R.	16 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX37916	THOMPSON	A.D.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX50118	PLATZ	S.J.G.	12 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX43385	ENGLAND	S.M.	1 P1	Yes		
Lieut	NX104272	DIND	D.S.	17 P1	Yes		
Lieut	VX13946	NICHOLLS	H.J.E.	7 P1	Yes		
Lieut	QX49467	COX, L.A.	L.A.	18 P1	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX117597	WINDEYER, J.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chap. Cl. IV	VX114018	GANLY, D.A.	A.A.Ch.Dep.		Chaplain.

30 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

Matthews Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	8	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24	3	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				C.Q.M.S.	5	4	1
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen.duties	660	644	16
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	2(NR)	(See Back)			
Fitter, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Mess Sgt	-	1	-
Fitters, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Carrier Opl	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	1	Coach Trimmers				R.S.M.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				C.S.Ms.	5	5	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Plg.Sgt.	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AMO's Ord.	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-	Chirop.	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Maeseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Pay Clerks	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	23	29	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Post Ord.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Armourers	2	1	1(NR)
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Gun Fitters	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Shoemaker	1	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	15	1	CARRIED FORWARD	56	59	6	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	767	23

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

30 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

Matthews
Signature of Commander Lt-Col

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.
LT-COL. G.R. MATTHEWS, COMMANDING
9 AUST INF BN.

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Serial No. 21/43
31 Oct 43105. DUTIES.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Duty Coy
31 Oct 43	Lieut. R.H. HOLMES	Sgt. BECK A.H.	"HQ"
1 Nov 43	Lieut E.J.P. SWAN	Cpl BERTWHISTLE	"HQ"
2 Nov 43	Lieut K.W. LEVER	Cpl PLAYFORD A.D.	"C"
3 Nov 43	Lieut S.J.O. PLATZ	L/Sgt JORDAN V.C.	"B"
4 Nov 43	Lieut M.H. TAYLOR	A/Cpl DARLING J	"A"
5 Nov 43	Lieut L.A. COX	Cpl BOOTH D.S. A/Sgt STACKPOOLE, T.	"D"
6 Nov 43	Lieut E.J.E. NICHOLLS	Sgt. SAUL L.G.	"A"

Duties will be mounted at Retreat on the date stated. Guard will be supplied as per instruction issued when the Unit was previously in this area.

106. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT.

(a) Attention has been directed to the unauthorised disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorized receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF

(b) Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the Commanding Officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.

(c) Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully in possession of Allied equipment, charges being laid AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

107. Dress.

1. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.

2. (a) In the MORESBY Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between 0630 hours and 1800 hrs the following will be worn:-
Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with:-

- (i) Anklets web; or
- (ii) gaiters SB; or
- (iii) puttees short.

Provided that -

(A) personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out in lieu of slacks.

(B) at the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.

(C) members of organised working parties may, if locally permitted by their CO's to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. (No general permission however will be given by CO's to dispense with articles of uniform. Definite orders must be given by CO's on each occasion.)

107. DRESS (Contd)

(b) During the abovementioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.

3. In the area mentioned in Para 2, between 1800hrs and 0630 hrs, and in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn:-

(a) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.

(b) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.

4. A member issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters S.D.

5. During periods in which daylight saving time is in operation, paras 1 and 2 shall be read as if for "0630 hrs" there were substituted "0730 hrs"

6. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web;

(ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web;

(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.

7. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that Officers and drivers W1, at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern or SD respectively.

8. Safari jackets may be worn only by those ranks who:-

(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in New Guinea as members of the AIF; or

(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.

9. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hat band.

10. In the area mentioned in para 3 above, the practice of personnel engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over the portion of the body.

~~11. In the area mentioned in para 2 above, the practice of personnel engaging in sport~~

11. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.

personnel

12. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken by COs in respect of breaches of this order.

108. NOTICES.

Seeking Australian National Song A.B.C. Announces Competition.

A competition for an Australian National Song is announced by the ABC.

"The Commission hopes to discover a song with the qualities that will cause it to become eventually 'National'," says the General Manager of ABC (Col. Charles Hones).

100. NOTICE (Seeking Australian National Song ABC Announces Competition. (Cont)

Prizes totalling £105 will be awarded for the best songs written by Australian Composers. First prize is £60, second £30, third £15. The merits and appropriateness of the lyrics will be taken into consideration.

There will also be special prizes of £20, £10, and £5 for the lyrics of the winning songs, if written expressly for the competition. The verses, new and old, must be by an Australian author.

The closing date of the competition is December 31. If the adjudication can be completed in time, it is hoped to broadcast a performance of the winning songs, in the Australia Day programme (Jan 26) on the National relay. Entry forms and copies of competition rules may be obtained from the ABC Manager in each Capital City. There are no entry fees. The competition is open to: (1) Australian-born citizens; (2) British subjects and naturalised Australians domiciled in Australia.

David Hind *Lieut.*
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Adj. 9 Aust Inf Bn

Headquarters

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Sketch of Bridge over NAHALO CK
at
170401 (UBERI one inch)

Constructed by 9 Bn Pioneers, October '43.

— VINEY BRIDGE —

