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WAR DIARY 1 JUN - 30 JUN 43

Army Form C. 2118.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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"G" BRANCH HQ 6 AUST DIV

29 JUL 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WONDECLA	1		Memo G1356 ref practice move of Div HQ issued. Instructions for Div Exercise No 1 (16 Aust Inf Bde) to be held 14/15 Jun 43 issued.	Appx A Appx B
	2		A draft of personnel ex 2/2 Aust Inf Bn who have now joined 3/22 Aust Inf Bn were inspected by the GOC. A lt sec of 3 CCS opened at WONDECLA.	
	3		Capt HANSEN (ALO) and P/O STEWART of 5 AC Sqn discussed Air Co-operation with GSO I.	
	4		2 Aust Corps were requested to expedite the move of 2/3 Aust Fd Regt. The GOC interviewed a number of candidates selected by Div units to attend OCTU. 2 Aust Corps advised that Maj F.J. SERONG GSOII(L) had been appointed GSOII 9 Aust Div. In view of our previous recommendation that this offr be retained with this Div as GSOII, Corps was asked to make strenuous representations to LHQ. Advice was received of the appointment of Capt W.M. MAYBERRY as Bde Maj 16 Aust Inf Bde. Further representations were made to 2 Aust Corps for the transfer to this area of the whole of 3 CCS, the lt sec of which is now operating at WONDECLA.	
	5		The first course of Anti-Malaria training, which covered the whole of the 16 Aust Inf Bde, was completed today.	
	6		Maj ALLEN, ACF Representative in this area, discussed with the GOC the work of his organization. Lt-Col H.N. VIDGEN, the new ADOS, reported for duty. Maj W. LEES DAAG returned from his investigations in Vic, NSW, and Q'land concerning missing pers of this Div.	
	9		Lt-Col C.V. ANDERSON who has been ADOS of this Div for some months marched out on transfer to 1st Aust Army HQ. Preliminary advice received that this Div was to participate in Corps Exercise about the middle of Jul. Maj LEES submitted his first report on his search in the various depots in Vic, NSW, and Q'land for missing pers of this Div. The adv party of the 2/3 Aust Fd Regt moved into the area. Location Statement No 5 issued.	Appx C
	10		The Div OOB has been changed to include 2/3 Aust Fd Regt instead of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt and 2/15 instead of 2/1 Fd Coy.	(See Appx D)

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WONDECLA	10		2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt which has been quartered in the Div area moved out to WONGABEL. Capt A.C. PEPPER (LO) returned from his duties in Southern States, assisting DAAG to locate missing pers. Memo G1434 issued ref use of originators' numbers in messages. General Instructions for Div Exercise No 1 issued. In response to a request for comments upon a suggestion that a separate Sig Sec should be provided in each Div to maintain communication between Engr Units, a signal was sent to 2 Aust Corps opposing the idea as a wasteful duplication of existing facilities.	Appx E Appx F
	11		The Minister of the Army (Mr H.F.M. FORDE) the Adjutant-General (Maj-Gen C.E.M.LLOYD) and the Secretary for the Department of the Army (Mr F.R. SINCLAIR) visited the area and witnessed the training of Div Tps and Inf Bdes.	
	12		In conjunction with the HERBERTON Hack Club this Div participated in the conduct of a race meeting which was attended by some thousands of tps. The proceeds will benefit the Red Cross and PW Fund.	
	13		A start was made with the exercise for HQ staffs and Sigs. This exercise will continue until 15 Jun 43.	
	15		Corps Comd came out on the HQ exercise.	
	16		GOC attended a conference at Corps HQ on Combined Operations. Advice was received that the 2/2 Fd Coy arrives at BRISBANE en route to this Div on 18 Jun 43 and that one Lt AA Bty is to come under comd on arrival here.	
	17		Conference at Corps HQ Combined Operations concluded. GOC protested to the Corps Comd against the withdrawal of eqpt from this Div for transfer to other formations. He also obtained from the Corps Comd approval to negotiate with "Table Tops" for the printing of a Training Instruction. HQ 6 Aust Div Trg Instn No 2 issued.	Appx G
	18		GOC visited 3 CCS and met the members of the HERBERTON Branch of the local Red Cross Society who are taking a great interest in the patients in this CCS. He expressed to them the thanks of the Div for their kindly efforts. Arrangements were made with the Editor of "Table Tops" to print a Div Training Instruction. Following a conference between GOC and Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde, a broad outline of the	

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WONDECLA	18		training up to 20 Aug 43 was decided upon. The requirements of this Div for air co-operation training were forwarded to 2 Aust Corps. Instruction G1719 issued ref Engineer Works and Stores. G1717 - Amendment to Distribution Lists - issued.	Appx H Appx I
	19		Notification came to hand from Corps HQ that the C-in-C will visit this HQ on 23 Jun. The GOC was also notified he was to leave for NEW GUINEA on 25 Jun. Lt-Col A. RUSSELL of the Directorate of Amenities called on the GOC and in the ensuing discussion he promised the exclusive use of one Mobile Cinema plus showings from at least one other; better films; some additional sporting material, and his support for the appointment of Sgt SHAW to this HQ as Amenities Officer. The appointment of Lt-Col C. EDGAR, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to command 4 Inf Bde and his promotion to the temporary rank of Brig was received. Brig EDGAR is to move immediately. Training Instruction No 8 on lessons learnt during Div Exercise issued. Training Instructions Nos 9 and 10 issued.	Appx J Appx K & L
	20		Maj F.P. SERONG represented this Div at a conference at Corps HQ on the subject of amendments to War Equipment Tables. Our recommendations in this respect were forwarded some time ago.	
	21		Due to an outbreak of measles in the 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn the unit was quarantined on the advice of the ADMS. To conserve the use of MT to the max practical extent, further instns for the control and supervision of it were issued. The GOC conferred with Brig RAMSAY (CCRA) and Lt-Col BLEBY (2/3 Aust Fd Regt) concerning the training of the regt and a programme was subsequently prepared. Advice was received that the 2/11 Aust Inf Bn is to rejoin 19 Aust Inf Bde and to move from 3 Aust Corps area not before 30 Jun 43. Instructions issued for Div Exercise No 1 (30 Aust Inf Bde) to be held 25/26 Jun 43.	Appx M
	22		At his own request Maj FLEMING, 2 i/c 49 Aust Inf Bn was paraded to the GOC by his Comd Offr. Maj FLEMING stated he was unable to work satisfactorily under his present Comd and asked for a change. Whilst there is no real ground for complaint on the part of Maj FLEMING, the GOC considered that his continued association with the present Comd would not react beneficially to the bn; efforts are being made for his transfer back to his original unit i.e. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.	

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WONDECLA	22		A recommendation was made to 2 Aust Corps that Lt-Col P.K. PARBURY MC be appointed Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn vice Brig C. EDGAR who left to take up his new appointment. In view of the delay which has already taken place, the GOC instructed Brig KING to submit immediately recommendations for the filling of the various appointments on his HQ. He was also instructed to finalize immediately any adverse reports which he desired to make concerning the officers of the Bde. Lieut H.J.W. CHALMERS (2/3 Aust Inf Bn) marched in to act as GSO III(CW).	
	23		The C-in-C, the Corps Comd, the DCGS (Maj-Gen F. BERRYMAN) and Mr Harold HERBERT, the Official War Artist, visited the HQ. The following matters were discussed during the visit:- (a) 30 Aust Inf Bde is to be amalgamated with 16 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes; (b) Lt-Col A. CAMERON, Comd 3/22 Aust Inf Bn, is to Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn; (c) Maj F.P. SERONG is to be appointed GSO II of this Div; (d) Capt D.R. ROBERTSON, now Staff Capt 19 Aust Inf Bde, is to remain as such instead of being transferred to 2 Aust Corps. Orders were received that 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy are to move to 7 Aust Div. The GOC's protests to the C-in-C about this had no effect as priority is being given to the completion of 7 Aust Div. Brig KING, Comd 16 Bde, was informed of the amalgamation of the 30 Aust Inf Bde with his own, and GOC instructed GSO I to prepare detailed instructions. The qualities of the 2 i/cs of the 2/1 and 2/3 Aust Inf Bns were discussed with Brig KING who on numerous occasions has expressed his dissatisfaction with the two offrs concerned. On being told that the matter must be finalized one way or another, he stated he was not prepared to report adversely on these offrs although not happy with them. The GOC then advised him that he must accept full responsibility for retaining these offrs in present appointments. The CPM (Lt-Col N. FAULKNER) called on the GOC and notified him that Maj CUNNINGHAM, the present DAPM of the Div, was to be transferred and that if the Div could not provide a substitute one would be sent forward from LHQ.	
	24		The 2/2 Aust Fd Coy arrived in the area. Instructions were issued to the CRE to prepare, in conjunction with the 16 Aust Inf Bde, a series of defences on Japanese lines which could be utilised for training in coy attacks. These defences are to be ready by 1 Aug 43. HQ and Sig Exercise for the 30 Aust Inf Bde, controlled by Div, commenced. Location Statement No 6 issued.	Appx N

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WONDECLA	25		GOC left for NEW GUINEA. Combat Efficiency Report submitted to 2 Aust Corps. Provisional Standing Orders for Div HQ issued.	 Appx O Appx P
	26		Circular GSI 378 issued listing approved photographers.	Appx Q
	27		Brig E. MARTIN, Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde, arrived at Div HQ and a conference between the Div Staff and Brigs KING and MARTIN concerning the amalgamation of 30, 16, and 19 Aust Inf Bdes was held. Instruction GSI 340 issued ref interrogation of escapees from Jap occupied territory.	 Appx R
	28		The conference at 2 Aust Corps on the amalgamation of Bdes was attended by GSOI. Capt N.M. SYMMINGTON (30 Aust Inf Bde) marched in for duty as LO.	
	29		Brig MARTIN departed on leave. A further conference with the Acting Brig Comd and the COs of Units in the 30 Aust Inf Bde was held at Div where the views of these offrs concerning the details of the amalgamation scheme were discussed. Capt A.C. PEPPER (LO) evacuated to 2/2 AGH for treatment.	
	30		The Corps Comd at a conference attended by Comds and staffs of the Bdes concerned decided on final details of the Bdes amalgamation.	

Subject: MOVE OF DIVISIONAL HQ - WED 2 JUN 43

HQ 6 Aust Div

/ Jun 43

Ref No: G1356

1. The practice move of Adv and Rear Div HQ held today will be repeated tomorrow Wed 2 Jun 43.

RECONNAISSANCE PARTIES

2. Reconnaissance parties as under will report to GSO II at 0900 hrs 2 Jun 43.

ADV DIV HQ	REAR DIV HQ
DA[illegible]MG	DAAG
Asst Camp	Camp
1 - G Clerk	1 - AQ Clerk
1 - AQ Clerk	2 - Pro
1 - Draughtsman	Sigs
2 - Pro	1 NCO and 6 men
Recce Gp Sigs	(for employment duties)
1 - NCO and 6 men	
(for employment duties)	

3. (a) Personnel detailed for employment duty will be equipped with axes, machettes, shovels etc and will carry out lunches.
(b) Camp will provide transport for reconnaissance parties and will ensure that all office signs are taken by respective reconnaissance groups.

TIMINGS

4. (a) Lunch - 1200 Hrs
(b) Stores to be in transport lines for loading - 1245 hrs.
(c) Convoy to pass SP (exit to transport lines) - 1300 hrs

EMBUSSING

5. Vehicles will NOT be formed up on main road for loading but will be dispersed; e.g., in transport lines, in vicinity of QM Store, etc. A minimum of 50 yds between ALL vehicles will be observed during assembly.

EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN

6. (a) Category "A" stores only will be taken (excluding cooking and mess equipment).
(b) Tent Flys (on the basis of one per office to be erected) will be taken. Camp will arrange for collection of these from various Branches at 1130 hrs. Clerks etc will fold required number of flys by 1130 hrs.
(c) Office trucks will NOT be used but folding tables and chairs from trucks may be taken, also any small lightweight folding tables and stools held by Branches. Tables FS will NOT be taken.

RETURN TO CAMP

7. At conclusion of exercise, stores and personnel will be returned to camp by MT. Personnel who did NOT march today will march back to camp via main road.

Lieut Col
for GS 6 Aust Div

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Subject: 6 AUST DIV HQ EXERCISE NO 1

HQ 6 Aust Div

1 Jun 43

Ref No: G1316

A tactical exercise for Commanders, Staffs and Signals will be conducted on 14/15 Jun 43. The objects of the exercise are:-

(a) to exercise those participating in their tactical functions in the field
(b) to study methods of moving and fighting in various types of country, including jungle.

2. The undermentioned officers and OR will participate:-

HQ 6 Aust Div	GOC, ADC, and selected staff.
RAE	CRE, Adjt, IO, OC 2/15 Aust Fd Coy and one officer.
SIGNALS	CO Sigs 6 Aust Div and appropriate staff and sections.
AASC	CASC, S Sup O.
MEDICAL	ADMS, DAD of M CO 2/1 Aust Fd Amb and one officer.
PRO	OC 6 Aust Div Pro Coy and 12 Pro pers.
PNR	CO 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn and Adjt.
HQ 16 AUST INF BDE	Comd, BM, SC , IO, LOs, Clerks, Orderlies, Batmen.
2/1 AUST INF BN) 2/2 AUST INF BN) 2/3 AUST INF BN)	Comd, Adjt, IO, QM, all coy comds, bn sigs.

3. The exercise will be controlled from HQ 6 Aust Div by Intelligence reports, orders and umpires. The following tactical phases will be studied during the exercises:-

(a) Organisation of the Division for the Advance
(b) First Contact and Encounter battle
(c) Deliberate attack
(d) Movement through jungle with ambushes and sniping
(e) Associated administrative problems.

4. Normal signal communications including wireless will be provided between HQ 6 AUST DIV, HQ 16 AUST INF BDE and HQ of the battalions and companies participating. A link between HQ 6 AUST DIV in the field, and the present HQ is to be maintained.

5. Issued as Appendix "A" is a schedule giving the composition of the Directing Staff, and scale of umpires.

6. A preliminary conference will be held at this HQ at 1000 hrs 12 Jun 43, at which all officers participating, excluding umpires, are to be present.

At 1400 hrs on 16 Jun 43, a further conference at which the same officers will attend is to be held this HQ to discuss the results of the exercise.

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GS 6 Aust Div

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Appendix "A" issued with G1316

Subject: 6 AUST DIV HQ EXERCISE NO 1

SCALE OF UMPIRES

1. From HQ 6 Aust Div:-

Chief Umpire	Col R.G. POLLARD
Chief Umpire's Asst	One Officer

2. From 30 Aust Inf Bde:-

For HQ 6 Aust Div G Branch	-	One Lieutenant
For HQ 6 Aust Div AQ Branch	-	One Lieutenant
For HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	-	One Major
For three unit HQ (Including HQ Coys)	-	Three Captains
For twelve rifle coys HQ	-	Twelve Lieutenants
For HQ RAE 6 Aust Div and 2/15 Aust Fd Coy HQ	-	One Lieutenant

3. From 7 Aust Div:-

Umpires from the appropriate arm or service:-

Signals
AASC
AAMC

on the scale of one officer for each of the above.

4. 30 Aust Inf Bde will submit names of officers nominated for the above task by 8 Jun 43.

6 Aust Div Exercise No 1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. ASSEMBLY:

(a) Assembly areas to be occupied will be notified at the Preliminary Conference to be held at 1000 hrs in the YMCA store tent Div HQ on Sat 12 Jun 43,

(b) All vehicles of 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp will clear Div HQ area by 1445 hrs 13 Jun 43. Occupants of last vehicle will report to the Provost on duty at HQ 6 Aust Div water point (on main road).

(c) Speed and density of all convoys, from present locations to assembly areas; - 15 mih and 20 vtm.

(d) Div and Bde recce parties will reconnoitre their respective areas prior to commencement of move.

2. TRANSPORT:

(a) All personnel may be transported to assembly areas in MT.

(b) Movement of MT from Assembly Areas will be limited to the following:-

DIRECTING STAFF:

GOC	- 1 jeep 1 truck, 15-cwt 4 x 4
Chief Umpire	- 1 jeep
Assistant Umpire	- 1 jeep
Bde Umpire	- 1 jeep
Bn Umpires	- 1 jeep (each)
Signal Umpire	- 1 Jeep (from 7 Aust Div)

6 AUST DIV HQ

G Branch	- 2 trucks 15-cwt 4 x 4
AQ "	- 2 " " "
Camp	- 2 " " "
HQ RAE	- 1 " " "
HQ Comd AASC	- 1 " " "
FS SEC	- 1 " " "
PRO	- 12 motor cycles 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
HQ (For CC & Adjt)	1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4
Each Bty-(for BC)	1 " " " "
-OPO	- 1 signal vehicle
-GPO	- 1 " "
2/4 Aust Fmr Bn	- 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4

16 Aust Inf Bde

HQ (Incl J Sea Sigs)	- 1 jeep - 12 other vehicles
Each Bn	- 1 jeep - 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for general purposes) - 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for bn sigs)
Sigs 6 Aust Div	- minimum scale as ordered.

(c) All HQ must be prepared to move with the assistance of porters ONLY, should jungle tracks preclude the use of MT.

(d) Jeeps allotted to Chief Umpire, Assistant Umpire and Bde Umpire will report to HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div at 0830 hrs Sun 13 Jun for installation of No 11 sets. One operator will accompany each set after installation in jeeps.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Wireless communications down to coys, including umpires' net, will be established and tested by 2000 hrs 13 Jun.

(b) Call signs and frequencies now current or as allotted by OC Sigs 6 Aust Div will be employed.

(c) Cipher will be used in W/T messages. When using R/T, R/T code will be used.

(d) Communications will be established in accord with signals diagrams attached - Appx "A".

(e) 16 Aust Inf Bde will provide orderlies sufficient to meet own requirements and in addition, 4 orderlies for the Directing Staff. The latter are to be available to Assistant Umpire at HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde in the field, when required.

(f) All offrs are reminded that wireless traffic within this area is open to interception by the enemy. Every precaution will be taken to guard against any breaches of wireless security. In addition to the policing being carried out by Corps HQ, OC Sigs 6 Aust Div will arrange for all wireless traffic, throughout the exercise to be policed. Particular attention will be given to disclosures of unit identifications and wireless "chat". Any breaches of wireless security will be reported forthwith to this HQ.

(g) Normal DRLS timetable will be maintained with adjustments to times at HQ 6 Aust Div due to location changes of that HQ. Watches will be synchronized at Preliminary Conference, and signal time will be given to all HQ between 0800 and 0815 hrs daily during the exercise.

4. UMPIRES:

(a) Umpires will report to units to which allotted at 1300 hrs Sun 13 Jun 43 and will remain with them until return to unit lines.

(b) Allowance will be made by the respective HQ for the rationing of attached umpires.

5. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT:

(a) Battle order (green drill and hats) will be worn by all other than umpires.

(b) Umpires will wear caps and a white handkerchief on each arm. Equipment will NOT be worn by umpires.

(c) No restriction is placed on bedding or necessaries other than those imposed by the limited transport allotment.

6. MEALS:

(a) Each HQ will provide meals under its own arrangements. No specific time will be allotted for meals throughout the exercise. Meals will be partaken as opportunity offers.

(b) Field Operational Rations will be drawn and these and no other ration, used by all participating. These may be prepared under arrangements made by respective HQ down to and including coys.

(c) Water sterilisers, individual, will be used.

7. MEDICAL:

ADMS, 6 Aust Div, will arrange for the care of any casualties which may occur during the exercise. These arrangements will be promulgated at the Preliminary Conference.

8. ADDITIONAL STORES REQUIRED:

Will be requisitioned for by 11 Jun 43.

9. PRIVATE PROPERTY:

(a) Care will be taken to ensure that no avoidable damage is done to private property, particularly fences. Where fences are unavoidably damaged, they will be repaired temporarily and the point clearly marked and noted. All damage will be reported to HQ 6 Aust Div prior to or immediately upon conclusion of the exercise.

(b) Property owners concerned will be advised by HQ 6 Aust Div of the duration of the exercise, and that troops and vehicles may be entering their properties.

10 Jun 43.

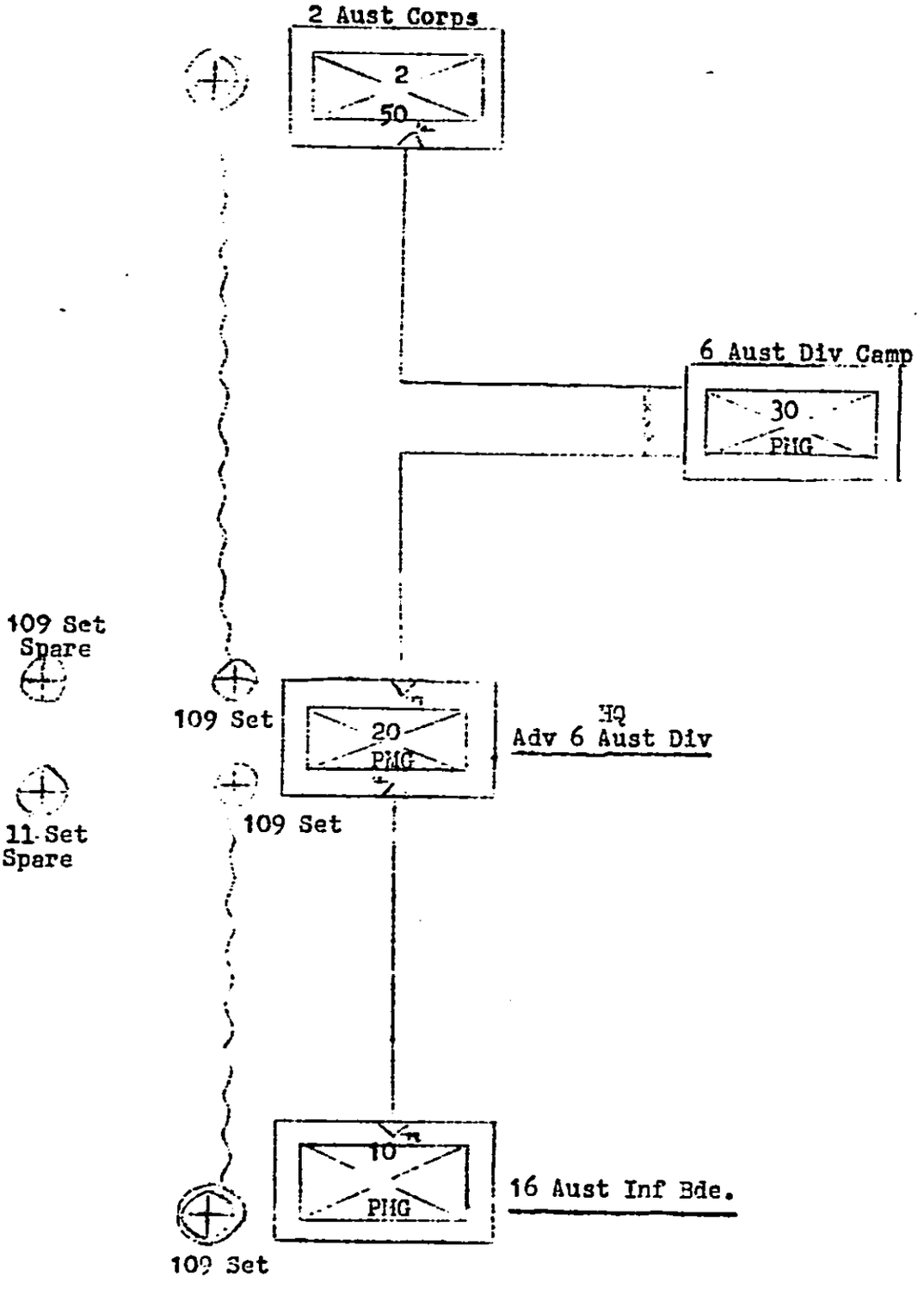
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GS 6 Aust Div

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Appx "A"
to 6 Aust Div
Gen Instn No 1 of 10 June

Diagram of Communications to be established and maintained for exercice of the 14/15 June 43.



Sets provided by No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div.

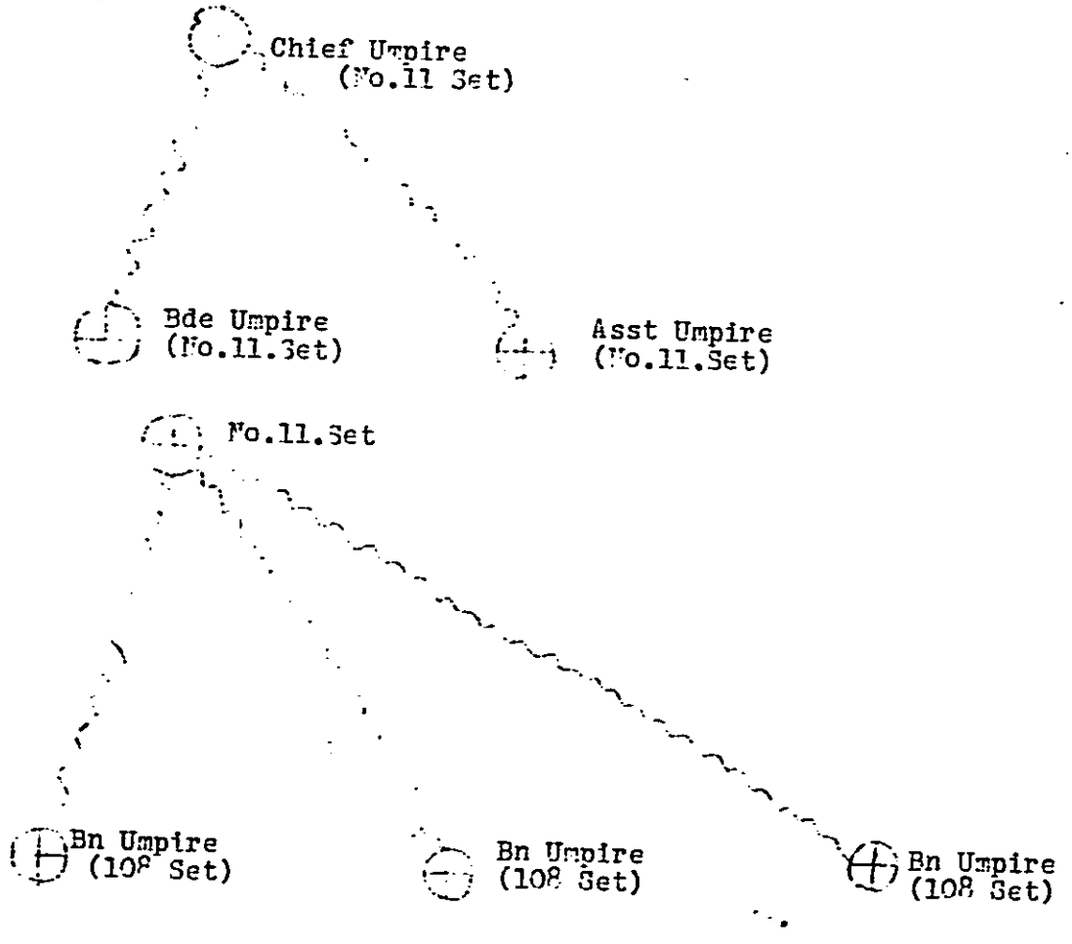
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Capt
Adjt Sigs 6 Aust Div

Appendix "A"
to 6 Aust Div
Gen Instn No1 of 10 June 43.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR UMPIRES.

Wireless Comns as per diagram. - To be tested between 1630 - 1700 hrs 13 June 43 and maintained as required by Umpires from 0600hrs 14 June 43.



D.Rs.- One DR will report to each of the following at 1700hrs 13 June 43:-

Chief Umpire
Asst Umpire
Bde Umpire

Capt
Adjt Sigs, 6 Aust Div.

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6 AUST DIV EXERCISE No 1

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

GENERAL:

1. Throughout the exercise, the following general points will be closely watched by umpires, in addition to the points appropriate to the particular phases enumerated below:

(i) sending back of infm
(ii) quick appreciation and action by comds of all grades
(iii) vigorous offensive action by elements in contact with the enemy
(iv) position of comd with respect to sub-units
(v) location of sub-units (down to pls) and HQ (down to coys) shown on hourly sitreps
(vi) amn expenditure
(vii) strength (as affected by casualties)
(viii) alternating of leading pls and coys.

2. Umpires' logs, as provided, will be maintained continuously. Care must be taken to ensure that all times are entered, i.e., time a situation report is received and the time when necessary action has been taken

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
1.	Troops disposed on ground, scouts of leading section at A	All umpires in position with HQ to which attached	
2.	Scouts of leading section killed at C. Leading section fired on from vicinity C and beyond.	Depict results of fire. Company will be held up by fire on line B. Depict fire as necessary up to 400 yds NORTH and SOUTH of C to prevent enveloping moves by platoons of leading company. When battalion commander commits at least one more company, either around right or left flank, and this company arrives in flank or rear of C, represent fire from C as having ceased.	Employment of supporting weapons. Dispositions of leading company throughout.

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
3.	Advance resumed. Occasional sniping.	Depict loss (wounded) of a man from leading platoon once every ten minutes or so.	Periodic reporting of losses by coy comd. Any changes in dispositions of leading coy.
4.	Leading platoon ambushed at D.	Inform coy comd that leading pl has suffered 50% casualties in ambush.	Immediate contact drill within coy.
5.	Leading platoon emerges from jungle, and when main body of leading section is at E, the whole pl encounters heavy automatic fire from houses at F and F2, jungle at H, and unspecified ridges beyond F.	Obtain from OC of leading coy his dispositions when he comes out of jungle immediately after dealing with ambush problem. Depict fire which stops leading company on line E. Scouts have been allowed to get to house F then pinned to the ground. At this or any later stage, any adv by more than one coy along edge of timber at H is to meet only light opposition and be permitted to proceed. 10% casualties to be inflicted on all forward coys in this action. Any attempt to use TURNERS TRACK by less than one battalion is to be stopped by fire on line E.	Use of covered approaches. Use of supporting weapons, particularly arty fire plan. Study of sketch from Air Photo. Verbal orders by Comds of all grades.
6.	Plan and action of leading Bn comd to overcome opposition depicted in Serial 5	Paint picture to permit bn to advance to line H - G - FG.	
7.	Leading Bn on line H - G - FG receives heavy automatic fire from features J and JP, also from F2 if any sub-unit endeavours to advance to left of axis.	Represent fire which pins bn on feature H - G - FG. Reverse slopes of H - G posn to be under occasional mortar fire. Inflict 5% casualties for period.	

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
8.	Right battalion arrives on K astride TURNERS TRACK and/or left battalion moves around left flank to rear of house at F2	Leading coy of right bn to be held up at face of jungle XL until a bn attack is developed. This bn is to be permitted to proceed with only occasional sniping along TURNERS TRACK to ridge ~~MEL~~ N-MX-L If a bn ordered around left flank permit it to reach objective with only light opposition.	Speedy resumption of the adv.
9.	Enemy fire from J ceases.	Inform leading coy comds that enemy fire on line H - G - F2 has ceased. Permit bn on line H - G - F2 to resume adv to feature JP	Speedy resumption of the adv.
10.	Leading coy on reaching JP is fired on from L - MX - N.	This coy and bn will be held on a line NORTH and SOUTH 200 yards to the WEST of JP until right bn reaches N or until a bn on the left flank reaches L.	Speedy resumption of the adv.
11.	Enemy fire from line L - MX - N ceases	When either N or L is reached inform leading coy comd that fire from L - MX - N has ceased.	
12.	Bn on JP advances to ridge L - MX - N.		
13.	Leading scouts fired on at X from edge of jungle	Depict fire from Y to Z holding up successively pl, coy and bn on the line X. Any movement NORTH of Z or SOUTH of Y is to be permitted to proceed against intermittent sniping. In the event of a move around along track through left rear of position leading pl to be held at O until a coy attack is developed.	Use of Air Photo Sketch to select covered approaches. Use of supporting weapons.
14.	Enemy withdraw from face of jungle.	No adv by centre bn to be permitted until advice received that right or left bn have cleared away opposition. Then represent cessation of fire from face of jungle.	Quick resumption of adv by leading bn.
15.	Leading section at BRIDGE fired on from enemy posns on opposite bank	Hold up leading coy on line of BARRON RIVER by fire from opposite bank until bn attack is developed.	Immediate contact drill by coy and bn.

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
16.	Enemy withdraws from BARRON RIVER posn.	On execution of bn attack permit adv of leading coy with 5% casualties inflicted in this action.	
17.	Intermittent sniping of leading pl during advance through jungle	Depict casualties to leading pl.	Any alteration of leading pls.
18.	Leading section at SAWN LOG fired on.	Depict enemy action as for BARRON RIVER posn.	
19.	Bn attack.		
20.	Enemy withdraws from SAWN LOG posn.	Depict enemy action as for BARRON RIVER posn.	
21.	Leading sections reach edge of jungle. On emerging are fired at from posns as indicated on ground.	Depict areas from which leading sec is engaged upon emerging from edge of jungle and where scouts pinned down. Hold up leading pl and coy on edge of jungle.	Regrouping for emerging from jungle. Dispersed formations.
22.	Action by Bn Comd.	Advance to be allowed to proceed when at least one more coy is committed by Bn comd.	
23.	Enemy withdraws from point of centre coy.	Inform leading coy comds that fire has ceased on their front and enemy can be seen withdrawing.	Quick resumption of adv.
24.	Leading section fired on from hill 2 when they reach line of dry creek Q.	Depict fire from a strong posn behind line Q. Leading coy to be held up on this line, and on its prolongation to the SOUTH, incl creek bed.	Contact drill. Use of high ground. Was front uncovered. Use of sp weapons. Quick verbal orders by Bde Comd.
25.	Action by Bn Comd.	Any attempt by remaining coys of the bn to move around the flank to the SOUTH is to be stopped by fire from HILL 3, which is to be held up to incl House R. On the NORTH, line Q is to be held as far as the crest of the flanking ridge at S. Fire from points on these features to the extent indicated will be produced as necessary to hold up the leading bn and precipate a bde attack.	

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
26.	Bde attack.	When a second bn is committed resistance from both hills will cease.	Quick resumption of adv.
27.	Advance of leading bn resumed		
28.	Leading coy crosses ry line at WONDECLA. No opposition. Message arrives from 6 Aust Div "16 Aust Inf Bde occupy. def posn WONDECLA area (.) 30 Aust Inf Bde prepare for move on KABAN."	Note: Final dispositions Orders to fighting and recce patrols. Adm arrangements.	Efforts made to secure all available topographical and tactical infm in the remaining hours of daylight.
29.	Exercise concludes.	Report to Chief Umpire at WONDECLA PO immediately following the issue of orders by their respective HQ for the defence of WONDECLA area.	

NOTE:- At a suitable hour Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde may recommend to GOC 6 Aust Div that the formation halt for the night. In this event, a message will be received at 16 Aust Inf Bde from 6 Aust Div ordering the occupation of a def posn in a specified area, and containing instns for the following day's adv.
The points to note will be as for Serial 28.
Umpires will report to Chief Umpire at HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde at 2000 hrs.

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6 AUST DIV EXERCISE NO 1

GENERAL IDEA

Ref Map: ATHERTON TABLELAND 1/253440

1. Landing at CAIRNS on 8 Jun 43 an enemy force estimated at one division with ancillary troops destroyed the weak CAIRNS DEFENCE FORCE and occupied the area. Seizing all available MT and rolling stock, the enemy advanced with approximately two regiments to the ATHERTON TABLELAND, where they encountered no opposition except from isolated bodies of VDC.

2. At 1400 hours 11 Jun, portion of this enemy force was in possession of the MAREEBA Airfield, whilst the balance of the force had moved SOUTH to KABAR 533796. Enemy patrols had been sighted at ATHERTON, HERBERTON and RAVENSHOE and moving along all roads in the district.

3. Because of the lack of MT, the enemy is largely dependent on the railway for major movements and maintenance..

4. The enemy has succeeded in gaining local air superiority with fighters and bombers based on the CAIRNS and MAREEBA Airfields.

5. 6 and 7 Aust Divs on completion of their re-organization on the jungle division basis in the TOWNSVILLE area were moved by road, rail and air to INNISFAIL. On arrival in INNISFAIL area orders were received from 2 Aust Corps for 6 Aust Div to clean up the ATHERTON TABLELAND, and for 7 Aust Div simultaneously to advance against the enemy force remaining in the CAIRNS area.

6. Dispositions of 6 Aust Div at 1800 hrs 13 Jun:-

HQ 6 AUST DIV and DIV TPS	MILLAA MILLAA area
16 AUST INF BDE Gp	MOREGATTA area 553800
19 AUST INF BDE Gp	immediately WEST of BEATRICE RIVER crossing 364791
30 AUST INF BDE Gp	MILLAA MILLAA area

7. 6 Aust Div Order of Battle (for purposes of 6 Aust Div Exercise No 1 ONLY)

HQ 6 Aust Div
HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
A Sec FS
2/3 Aust Fd Regt (less 53 Bty)
Sigs 6 Aust Div
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy
2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy NOT Represented
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)

16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
Det 6 Aust Div Cipher Sec
Guard Pl (NOT represented)
2/1 Aust Inf Bn

30 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde
L Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
Det 6 Aust Div Cipher Sec
Guard Pl
3/22 Aust Inf Bn

16 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Contd)

2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/5 Aust Inf Bn
53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
2/15 Aust Fd Coy
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy

30 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Contd)

69 Aust Inf Bn
49 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Coy
2/2 Aust Fd Amb
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy

19 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Composition similar to 30 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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Appendix to
General Idea

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE NO 1

ASSUMED SCALE OF TRANSPORT

FOR BRIGADE HQ AND BATTALIONS

INF BN		BDE HQ	
ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF JEEPS AND TRAILERS	ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF JEEPS AND TRAILERS
CO	1	Comd	1
Each Coy	2	B M	1
Bn HQ	1	S C	1
Sig Pl	1	I Offr	1
MMG Pl	2	Bde TO	1
Mor Pl	4	Stores	1
Pioneer Pl	1	Water Trailer	1
RAP	1	109 Sets	1
QM	4 4 Water Trailers	101 Sets	6
TOTAL	29 Jeeps 25 Trailers, Jeep 4 Water Trailers		13 Jeeps 12 Trailers, Jeep 1 Water Trailer

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE No 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

1. ALLOTMENT -

Chief Umpire	- Col R. G. POLLARD	
Assistant Umpire	- Maj F. P. SERONG	
Umpires for:-		
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	- Capt WALCOTT	
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	- Maj WALKER	49 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy	- Lieut MOYES	
B Coy	- Lieut GILLESPIE	
C Coy	- Lieut DUFFY	
D Coy	- Lieut SCOTTFORD	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	- Maj ANDERSON	
A Coy	- Lieut TROTTER	39 Aust Inf Bn
B Coy	- Lieut CLARKE	
C Coy	- Lieut HIRST	
D Coy	- Lieut BRAY	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	- Capt McCRACKEN	
A Coy	- Lieut DOVEY	
B Coy	- Lieut BOURNE	3/22 Aust Inf Bn
C Coy	- Lieut FERRIER	
D Coy	- Lieut BURNABY	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
HQ 53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt each tp two	- To be provided by 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
RAE 6 Aust Div	- CRE 6 Aust Div	
Sigs 6 Aust Div	- Provided by 7 Aust Div	
2/1 Aust Fd Amb	- ADMS 6 Aust Div	
AASC 6 Aust Div	- CAASC 6 Aust Div	
Reserve Umpires	- Lieut SIMONSON 39 Aust Inf Bn	
	- Lieut STAINLAY 3/22 Aust Inf Bn	

2. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS -

All umpires will adhere strictly to the sequence of events, issued separately, and to the instructions given during the preparatory reconnaissance.

3. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR DISTRIBUTION BY UMPIRES:

(a) Certain umpires will be handed a series of messages and information slips which will be clearly marked to show place and time when they will be passed to respective HQ.

(b) Any messages or slips NOT so marked are of a general nature only and do NOT affect the course of events of the exercise. These messages will be passed on by umpires as they think fit, with the object of keeping their respective HQ occupied.

(c) Should the scheme lag, or any HQ have nothing to engage their attention umpires will originate messages to overcome this state of affairs.

4. DUTIES OF UMPIRES:

(a) HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde will ensure that all umpires (less those allotted to 53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt) are instructed in the object and normal duties of umpires.

(b) Arrangements will be made mutually between HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde and 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn for the necessary instruction of umpires from the latter unit.

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6 AUST DIV.

R/T CODE.

CODE NAMES, SQUADRONS, BATTALIONS, COMPANIES, ETC.			

(Space for Map Reference, Codes etc.)

PHONETIC ALPHABET.

A	-	ABLE
B	-	BAKER
C	-	CHARLIE
D	-	DOG
E	-	EASY
F	-	FOX
G	-	GEORGE
H	-	HOW
I	-	ITEM
J	-	JIG
K	-	KING
L	-	LOVE
M	-	MIKE
N	-	NAN
O	=	OBOE
P	-	PETER
Q	-	QUEEN
R	-	ROGER
S	-	SUGAR
T	-	TARE
U	-	UNCLE
V	-	VICTOR
W	-	WILLIAM
X	-	X-RAY
Y	-	YOKE
Z	-	ZEBRA

APPOINTMENTS CODE.

CODE	DIV	BDE	Bn or equivalent Unit
1.BLUE	G.O.C.	Comd	C.O.
2.RED	All Appointments General Staff	BM	Adjt
3.BLACK	All Appointments AQ Staff.	S.C.	Q.M.
4.GREEN	G111 (1) IO	IO	IO
5.PURPLE	Comd Sigs	Bde Sig Offr	Bn Sig Offr

DECODE

CODEWORD	MEANING
ALLIGATOR	JUNGLE
ANIMAL	MAN OR MEN
ANTELOPE	AMBUSH
BADGER	JEEP
BEAR	ATTACK
BEAST	DEFENCE
BEAVER	CONFERENCE
BISON	ADVANCE
BITCH	BRIGADE
BUCK	AIRCRAFT
BUFFALO	CARRIER
BULL	GUN
BULLDOG	ENEMY
CALF	AMMUNITION
CAMEL	BATTERY
CAT	COLUMN
COLT	BATTALION
COW	MESSAGE
DEER	COMPANY
DOE	DIVISION

CODEWORD	MEANING
DOG	HOLD
DONKEY	PRISONER
ELEPHANT	RECCE
FERRET	CASUALTIES
FILLY	PLATOON
FOX	OFFICER
GAZELLE	WATER
GOAT	PATROL
GORILLA	VALLEY
HIPPO	TROOPS
HOG	STORES
HORSE	ORDER
JACKALL	TRUCK
KITTEN	MOVE
LEOPARD	OBJECTIVE
LION	RATIONS
HARTEN	TRACK
GOOSE	REPORT
MOUSE	VEHICLE
MULE	POSITION

CODEWORD	MEANING
OTTER	HINBUN
OX	RAVENSHOE
PANDA	NIGGER CREEK
PIG	HILLAA HILLAA
PONY	KABAN
PUMA	OUR OWN
PUPPY	MAREEBA
RABBIT	HERBERTON
RAM	MT HYPIPAMEE
RAT	WONDECLA
SEAL	ATHERTON
SHEEP	OCCUPY
STAG	MOVE TO
STOAT	IMMEDIATELY
TERRIER	RETIRE
TIGER	STOP
UNICORN	SHOOT
VIXON	TAKE
WEAZEL	REJOIN
ZEBRA	SEND

ENCODE

MEANING	CODEWORD
ADVANCE	BISON
AIRCRAFT	BUCK
AMMUNITION	CALF
AMBUSH	ANTELOPE
ATTACK	BEAR
BATTALION	COLT
BATTERY	CAMEL
BRIGADE	BITCH
CARRIER	BUFFALO
COLUMN	CAT
COMPANY	DEER
CASUALTIES	FERRET
CONFERENCE	BEAVER
DEFENCE	BEAST
DIVISION	DOE
ENEMY	BULLDOG
GUN	BULL
HOLD	DOG
IMMEDIATELY	STOAT
JUNGLE	ALLIGATOR

MEANING	CODEWORD
JEEP	BADGER
MAN OR MEN	ANIMAL
MESSAGE	COW
MOVE	KITTEN
MOVE TO	STAG
OBJECTIVE	LEOPARD
OFFICER	FOX
OCCUPY	SHEEP
OUR OWN	PUMA
ORDER	HORSE
PATROL	GOAT
PLATOON	FILLY
PRISONERS	DONKEY
POSITION	MULE
RECCE	ELEPHANT
RATIONS	LION
REJOIN	WEAZEL
REPORT	GOOSE
RETIRE	TERRIER
STORES	HOG

MEANING	CODEWORD
SEND	ZEBRA
SHOOT	UNICORN
STOP	TIGER
TRACK	HARTEN
TAKE	VIXON
TROOPS	HIPPO
TRUCK	JACKALL
VALLEY	GORILLA
VEHICLE	MOUSE
WATER	GAZELLE
WONDECLA	RAT
MT HYPIPAMEE	RAM
NIGGER CREEK	PANDA
KABAN	PONY
MAREEBA	PUPPY
RAVENSHOE	OX
HERBERTON	RABBIT
HILLAA HILLAA	PIG
HINBUN	OTTER
ATHERTON	SEAL

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Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 5

Copy No...39

HQ 6 Aust Div

9 Jun 43

Ref No: G1534

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 5 as at 2400 hours 8 Jun 43.

2. This HQ will be informed immediately of changes in location.

3. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement.

4. Copies of Location Statement No 4 will be destroyed by fire.

ACK.

for Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 5 AS AT 2400 HOURS 8 JUN 43

Divisional Sign: Kangaroo or Boomerang
Map Legend : G GORDONVALE - one inch to one mile
H HERBERTON - one inch to one mile

(1) No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No	(4) Location	(5) Camp	(6) Map Reference	(7) Remarks
	HQ					
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	64	GORDONVALE	Div HQ area	H 366043	
2.	"A" FS Sec		"	"	H 366043	
	RAE					
3.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	91	"	Div Tps Area	H 325076	
4.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	"	"	H 325076	
5.	2/80 Aust LAD	67	"	"	H 325076	
6.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	80	GORDONVALE	"	H 325076	
7.						
	SIGS					
8.	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	36	"	Div Tps Area	H 358048	2/42 Aust LAD attsee below
9.	6 Aust Div Cipher Sec	68	"	"	H 358048	
	INF					
10.	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	38	"	E Bde Area	H 322068	
11.	J Sec Sigs	88	"	"	H 322068	
12.	2/45 Aust LAD	38	"		H 320066	
13.	det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	E Bde Area	H 322068	
14.	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	Q	H 319067	
15.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	R	H 315063	
16.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	56	"	P	H 324067	
17.						
18.	HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	65	"	F Bde Area	H 315078	
19.	30 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	65	"	"	H 315078	
20.	3/22 Aust Inf Bn	82	"	L	H 314077	
21.	39 Aust Inf Bn	91	"	M	H 313077	
22.	49 Aust Inf Bn	77	"	N	H 314079	
23.						
	PNR					
24.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	140	"	AE	H 333067	
	AASC					
25.	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	59	"	Div Tps Area	H 326076	
26.	2/1 Aust Coy AASC	97	"	"	H 326076	
27.	20 Aust Sup Depot Pl		"	"	H 326076	
28.	21 Aust Sup Depot Pl					Temporarily detached to ASD ATHERTON
29.						
	AAMC					
30.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	57	"	"	H 325073	
31.						

(1) No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No	(4) Location	(5) Camp	(6) Map Reference	(7) Remarks
	MISC					
32.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	WONDECLA	Div Tps Area	H 362046	
33.	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	"	Div HQ Area	H 367043	
34.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	"	"	H 367043	
35.	det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	
36.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	71	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	
37.						
38						
	UNDER COMMAND					
	AAMC					
39.	x 6 Aust Div Mobile Bath Unit	79	WONDECLA		H 322072	
	AEME					
40.	x 2/42 Aust LAD	66	"		H 346052	Att Sigs 6 Aust Div
41.	17 Aust Inf Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshops	76	"	AC	H 335066	
42.						

x - NOT included in JUNGLE DIV Organization

ARMY AND CORPS TPS (MISC)

	CAV					
43.	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt		WONDECLA	AF	H 345059	Under comd 6 Aust Div for local adm
44.	2/4 Aust Indep Coy		"	AD	H 347059	Under comd 2/7 Aust Cav (commando)Regt
45.	2/6 Aust Indep Coy		"	AC	H 335066	"
	INF					
46.	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn less "A" Coy		"	AB	H 324070	
	AASC					
47.	37 Aust Sup Depot Pl less det	260	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	Under comd 2 Aust Corps
	AAMC					
48.	HQ (1) Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	R	H 315063	Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
49.	B Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	P	H 325067	Att 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
50.	A Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	L	H 314077	Att 3/22 Aust Inf Bn
51.	F Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	F Bde Area	H 315078	Att HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde
52.	2/3 Aust CCS		"		H 310096	Under comd 2 Aust Corps

(1) No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No	(4) Location	(5) Comp	(6) Map Reference	(7) Remarks
	ARMY AND CORPS TPS (MISC)(contd)					
	AAOC					
53.	16 Aust Inf Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Park		MALANDA		G 537171	Under comd 2 Aust Corps
	AEME					
54.	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		MALANDA		G 537171	" "
55.						
	ADCS					
56.	CI 303 Messing Store		MOUNDELLA		H 500091	

Subject: OOB 6 AUST DIV

HQ 6 Aust Div

17 Jun 43

Ref No: G1546

Reference this HQ memo G367 of 16 Apr 43, the following amendments will be made to Order of Battle:-

DELETE

2/1 Aust Fd Regt
2/43 Aust LAD (Type A)

ADD

2/3 Aust Fd Regt
2/41 Aust LAD (Type A)

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Subject: SIGNALS - ORIGINATORS NUMBERS

HQ 6 Aust Div

16 Jun 43

Ref No: G1434

1. The practice at present being followed by certain HQ and branches, of using a number without a distinguishing letter, as an originators number will be discontinued immediately. Unauthorised letter prefixes will also be abolished.

2. The procedure for drafting messages is laid down in FSPB Part 2 Appx II and MTP 23 Part III Chap 3 and this will be observed in all respects.

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10/6/43 War Diary (2)

6 Aust Div Exercise No 1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. ASSEMBLY:

(a) Assembly areas to be occupied will be notified at the Preliminary Conference to be held at 1000 hrs in the YMCA store tent Div HQ on Sat 12 Jun 43,

(b) All vehicles of 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp will clear Div HQ area by 1445 hrs 13 Jun 43. Occupants of last vehicle will report to the Provost on duty at HQ 6 Aust Div water point (on main road).

(c) Speed and density of all convoys, from present locations to assembly areas; - 15 mih and 20 vtm.

(d) Div and Bde recce parties will reconnoitre their respective areas prior to commencement of move.

2. TRANSPORT:

(a) All personnel may be transported to assembly areas in MT.

(b) Movement of MT from Assembly Areas will be limited to the following:-

DIRECTING STAFF:

GOC	- 1 jeep 1 truck, 15-cwt 4 x 4
Chief Umpire	- 1 jeep
Assistant Umpire	- 1 jeep
Bde Umpire	- 1 jeep
Bn Umpires	- 1 jeep (each)
Signal Umpire	- 1 Jeep (from 7 Aust Div)

6 AUST DIV HQ

G Branch	- 2 trucks 15-cwt 4 x 4
AQ "	- 2 " " "
Camp	- 2 " " "
HQ RAE	- 1 " " "
HQ Comd AASC	- 1 " " "
FS SEC	- 1 " " "
PRO	- 12 motor cycles 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
HQ (For CC & Adjt)	1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4
Each Bty-(for BC)	1 " " " "
-OPO	- 1 signal vehicle
-GPO	- 1 " "
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	- 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4

16 Aust Inf Bde

HQ (incl J Sec Sigs)	- 1 jeep - 12 other vehicles
Each Bn	- 1 jeep - 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for general purposes) - 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for bn sigs)
Sigs 6 Aust Div	- minimum scale as ordered.

(c) All HQ must be prepared to move with the assistance of porters ONLY, should jungle tracks preclude the use of MT.

(d) Jeeps allotted to Chief Umpire, Assistant Umpire and Bde Umpire will report to HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div at 0830 hrs Sun 13 Jun, for installation of No 11 sets. One operator will accompany each set after installation in jeeps.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Wireless communications down to coys, including umpires' net, will be established and tested by 2000 hrs 13 Jun.

(b) Call signs and frequencies now current or as allotted by OC Sigs 6 Aust Div will be employed.

(c) Cipher will be used in W/T messages. When using R/T, R/T code will be used.

(d) Communications will be established in accord with signals diagrams attached - Appx "A".

(e) 16 Aust Inf Bde will provide orderlies sufficient to meet own requirements and in addition, 4 orderlies for the Directing Staff. The latter are to be available to Assistant Umpire at HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde in the field, when required.

(f) All offrs are reminded that wireless traffic within this area is open to interception by the enemy. Every precaution will be taken to guard against any breaches of wireless security. In addition to the policing being carried out by Corps HQ, OC Sigs 6 Aust Div will arrange for all wireless traffic, throughout the exercise to be policed. Particular attention will be given to disclosures of unit identifications and wireless "chat". Any breaches of wireless security will be reported forthwith to this HQ.

(g) Normal DRLS timetable will be maintained with adjustments to times at HQ 6 Aust Div due to location changes of that HQ. Watches will be synchronized at Preliminary Conference, and signal time will be given to all HQ between 0800 and 0815 hrs daily during the exercise.

4. UMPIRES:

(a) Umpires will report to units to which allotted at 1300 hrs Sun 13 Jun 43 and will remain with them until return to unit lines.

(b) Allowance will be made by the respective HQ for the rationing of attached umpires.

5. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT:

(a) Battle order (green drill and hats) will be worn by all other than umpires.

(b) Umpires will wear caps and a white handkerchief on each arm. Equipment will NOT be worn by umpires.

(c) No restriction is placed on bedding or necessaries other than those imposed by the limited transport allotment.

6. MEALS:

(a) Each HQ will provide meals under its own arrangements. No specific time will be allotted for meals throughout the exercise. Meals will be partaken as opportunity offers.

(b) Field Operational Rations will be drawn and these, and no other ration, used by all participating. These may be prepared under arrangements made by respective HQ down to and including coys.

(c) Water sterilizers, individual, will be used.

7. MEDICAL:

ADMS, 6 Aust Div, will arrange for the care of any casualties which may occur during the exercise. These arrangements will be promulgated at the Preliminary Conference.

8. ADDITIONAL STORES REQUIRED:

Will be requisitioned for by 11 Jun 43.

9. PRIVATE PROPERTY:

(a) Care will be taken to ensure that no avoidable damage is done to private property, particularly fences. Where fences are unavoidably damaged, they will be repaired temporarily and the point clearly marked and noted. All damage will be reported to HQ 6 Aust Div prior to or immediately upon conclusion of the exercise.

(b) Property owners concerned will be advised by HQ 6 Aust Div of the duration of the exercise, and that troops and vehicles may be entering their properties.

10 Jun 43.

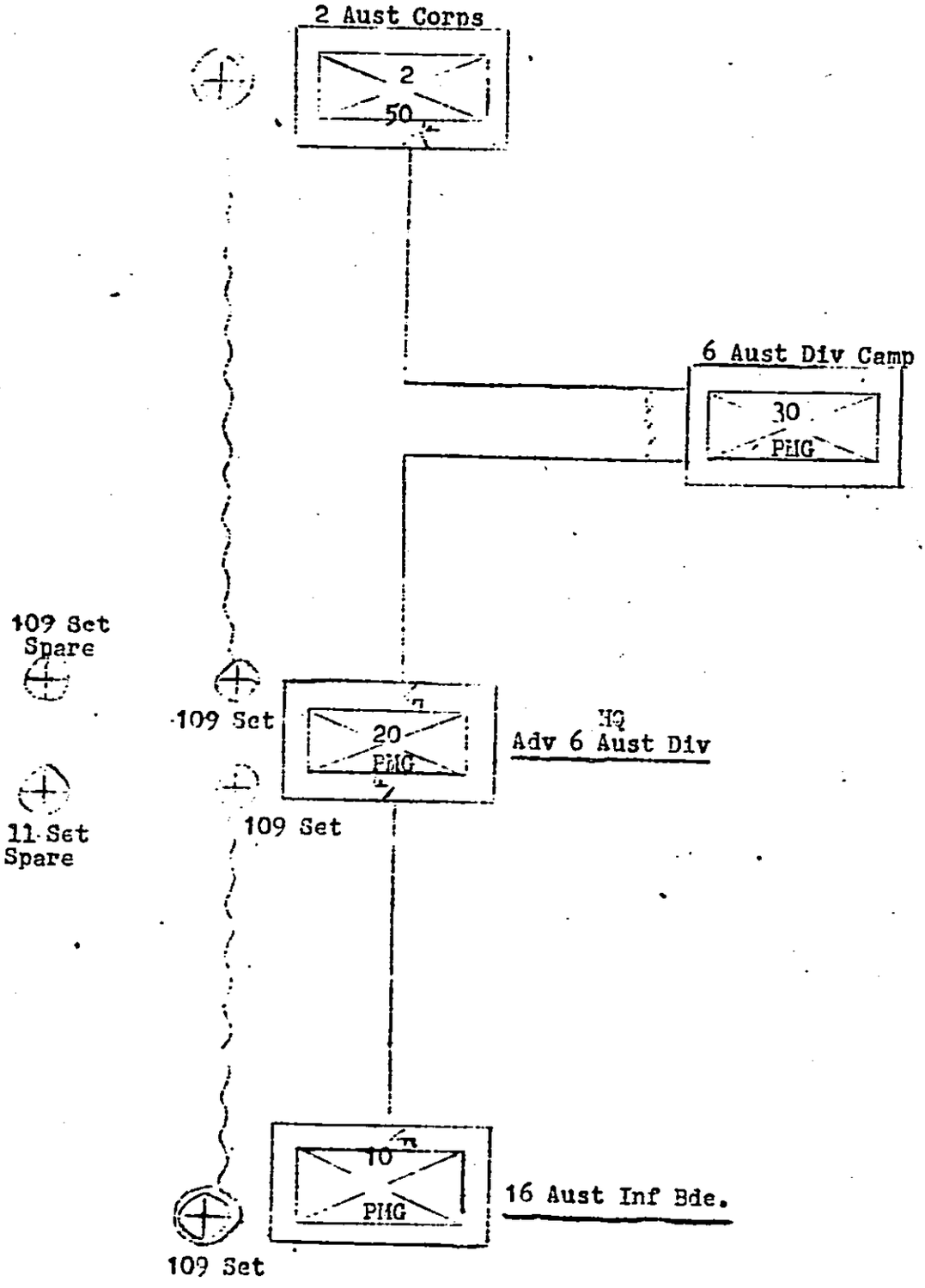
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Gen Instn No 1 of 10 June

Diagram of Communications to be established and maintained for exercice of the 14/15 June 43.



Sets provided by No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div.

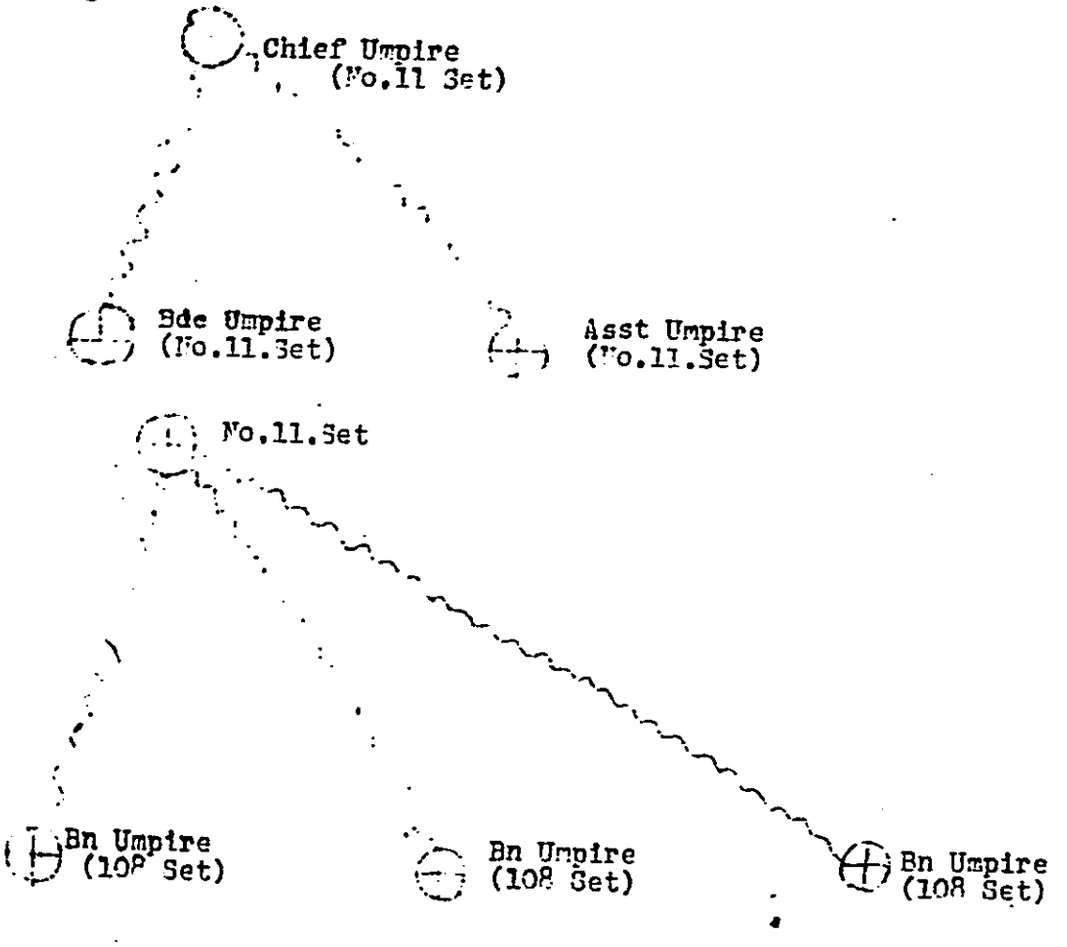
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Appendix "A"
to 6 Aust Div
Gen Instn No 1 of 10 June 43.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR UMPIRES.

Wireless Comms as per diagram. - To be tested between 1630 - 1700 hrs 13 June 43 and maintained as required by Umpires from 0600hrs 14 June 43.



D.Rs. - One DR will report to each of the following at 1700hrs. 13 June 43:-

Chief Umpire
Asst Umpire
Bde Umpire

Capt
Adjt Sigs 6 Aust Div.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 2

OF 17 JUN 43

1. This Instruction outlines the training of HQ 6 Aust Div as from Monday 21 Jun 43, and supersedes HQ 6 Aust Div Trg Instn No 1.

MOVEMENT OF HQ

2. Unless otherwise ordered the HQ will move each Monday afternoon beginning 28 Jun 43 to an area approximately 15 miles distant in MT, set up, stay overnight, and march back to camp on the Tuesday morning. Alternatively, the HQ may march to the new site and return in MT. The type of move, and the category of stores to be carried will be notified to units on each occasion.

TRAINING OF OFFICERS

3. Every officer will complete the Obstacle Course twice weekly.

4. Officers of 6 Aust Div HQ will be instructed in SAT after 1700 hours in accordance with programme attached at Appendix "A". Instruction will cover the phases specified in HQ 6 Aust Div Trg Instn No 1 paragraph 2.

TRAINING OF OR

5. Training of OR will continue in accordance with the current syllabus.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Appendix "A" to HQ 6 Aust Div
Trg Instn No 2

1. A course of SAT will be conducted for all officers of HQ 6 Aust Div on the Div HQ range commencing at 1700 hours on Friday 18 Jun 43 unless otherwise ordered.

2. These practices will continue daily excepting Sundays until all officers have qualified as proficient in the use of the pistol, sub-machine gun and rifle in that order.

3. Following is the roster of officers for the pistol course:-

Friday 18 Jun 43

Maj	F P SERONG	Maj	W H LEES
Capt	F C WALKER	Maj	A P CHAPMAN
Capt	J L MARCHANT	Capt	D S I BURROWS
Capt	J O MOULDEN	Capt	W G H ORR
Capt	A C PEPPER	Lieut	C H HOFFMAN
Capt	A J MARSHALL	Lieut	D C WEBB

Mr C V CRAVEN

Saturday 19 Jun 43

Maj	W G H BAINES	Maj	C W CLARKE
Chaplain	BUSH	Maj	G READ
Chaplain	BEGBIE	Lieut	EDWARDS
Maj	C W FORTUNE	Capt	E ST JOHN
Lieut	E H McNALLY	Lieut	E WILSON
Capt	H D SHERLOCK	Lieut	D MACRAE

Lieut C N ALLEN

. Any officer who is unable to attend on either night will notify GSO II before 1500 hrs 18 Jun 43.

4. Rosters for SMG and rifle practices will be issued at a later date.

HQ 6 Aust Div
18 Jun 43
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ENGINEER WORKS AND STORES SUPPLIES

The following information is submitted to guide units in obtaining Engineer stores. Memo G200 of 29 Mar 43 is amended accordingly.

2. All demands or requests for engineer advice or services will be forwarded to HQ 6 Aust Div. G Branch handles Training Stores and Works. Q Branch handles Accommodation Stores etc. When approved, RAE will supply if available for distribution to the unit or will indent on 2 Aust Corps if not covered by the regular monthly indent.

3. Stores and materials handled by RAE are classified as under:

(a) Scale "A" Camp Accommodation Buildings and Stores;

(b) Camp maintenance;

(c) new works;

(d) training stores and tools.

4. Scale "A" camp accommodation buildings and stores cover:-

(a) Food preparation rooms;

(b) Latrines and urinals;

(c) ablution and bucket showers;

(d) wash up benches;

(e) grease traps and drains;

(f) meat safes;

(g) drying room and heaters;

(h) tanks and tank stands.

At present there are deficiencies in many camps and indents have been placed and as stores come forward they will be distributed.

5. Camp maintenance covers repairs to, and replacement of, existing camp installations as set out in para 4. Some materials are available for such repairs and whenever possible units should carry out their own repairs.

There are no replacements at present available.

6. New works are all structures and installations additional to the Scale "A" Accommodation allowed for the area. To obtain any materials for such works it is necessary to get authority for the expenditure. Authority is obtained through HQ 6 Aust Div from 2 Aust Corps.

The present programme does not permit of anything but minor new works, which can be carried out by units. Materials can only be obtained for Authorised Works. Trade suppliers are often willing to supply, but purchases without proper authority leave the CO of the unit responsible for payment.

7. The following are typical of training stores and tools:-

Tools Recoverable			
	Picks	Augers	Bill and Reaping Hooks
	Shovels	Crow bars	Wire cutters
	Adzes	Cross-cut Saw	
	Axes	Hammers	

Stores Recoverable	Cordage	Dannert Wire
	SWR	Barbed wire
	Blocks	Pickets
Non-recoverable	Hessian	Cement
	Tie wire	Corrugated and plain iron
	Timber	MS Rod
	Nails	
	Bolts	

The quantity of such materials available is very small and therefore these items must be used for training only and not for camp improvement. Recoverable items must be returned to RAE as soon as their use for training is finished so that they can be distributed to other units.

8. All stores demands must be kept to a minimum and the particular purpose for which they are required stated for each item.

Demands should be separate for each type, i.e.:-

Accommodation;
Camp Maintenance;
New Works;
Training.

Alternate materials should be stated, e.g. Timber 3 x 2 or 3 x 1½. The first stated will be taken as being preferred.

In some cases stores and material, if not immediately available would not be required later, so demands should state in such cases, "Immediate Supply Only".

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LISTS

HQ 6 Aust Div

16 Jun 43

Ref No G1717

Reference 6 Aust Div G105 of 22 Mar 43, delete detail opposite Serial 1, substitute "2/3 Aust Fd Regt 4/1/1/1."

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6 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 8

OF 19 JUN 43

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE NO 1

GENERAL

1. The exercise was of value in that it provided:-

(a) a basis for future exercises with troops,

(b) an opportunity for the various HQ to operate in the field and

(c) an opportunity to study some of the problems of movement in difficult country.

Further, the exercise showed that most tactical situations were well handled, that commanders evinced a keen desire to act aggressively and to maintain their objective and that the physical fitness of those participating was good.

3. The difficulty of introducing a sense of realism, particularly for all other than the forward troops, was responsible for many of the weaknesses and omissions observed. However, as repetition of these faults in operations might prove fatal, it is essential that immediate action be taken to eradicate them.

4. The most noteworthy points which the exercise emphasized are set out hereunder.

ORDERS

5. Verbal orders throughout were generally bad. No attempt was made to follow the normal sequence thereby making it more difficult for the recipients. The correct sequence will be followed in order to ensure that orders are clear and complete.

6. During the issue of orders there must be no interruptions. Questions must be kept until the conclusion of the orders.

7. There were many cases where the commanders of supporting arms were NOT present when orders were issued. Careful consideration must be given to the composition of "O" Groups. Commanders of supporting arms should always be present and kept fully informed.

8. "O" Groups when instructed to rendezvous should remain clear of the commander until called up for orders. Practical application of the R.O.F.T. system would ensure better results.

9. More training will be devoted to the issue of verbal orders. This will apply to all commanders up to and including battalion commanders. "Sequence" in the giving of orders is not a mere technicality. It is important because it is the surest method of giving a clear concise and complete order and, so far as the recipients are concerned, of securing a clear picture of what the task is.

OUTFLANKING MOVEMENTS

10. Wide outflanking movements must be considered carefully before being undertaken. Whilst companies and lower sub-units must employ an automatic "contact drill" in order to find the enemy's flanks, higher units must give due consideration to the value and probable consequences of encircling movements. Such movements should only be undertaken when they will materially effect the immediate situation and assist in the attainment of the objective, or when it is impossible with the use of the supporting arms available to overcome quickly the opposition.

11. Wide outflanking movements prematurely undertaken, particularly when the information regarding the enemy is vague, will result in tiring the troops unnecessarily and in dissipation of the force.

SUPPORTING ARMS

12. Greater and speedier use of supporting arms could have been made. In addition to appreciating to the full the value of their own supporting weapons, i.e. mortars and MMGs, commanders must know the capabilities of other arms under their command and employ them fully. There were situations in the exercise where prompt application of artillery fire would have cleared the opposition quickly, spared troops unnecessary fatigue and avoided dissipation of force.

13. Some targets selected as battery tasks did NOT warrant the fire of more than a troop. Artillery commanders are available to advise as required.

14. When artillery is available, the artillery fire plan should be decided upon and this together with the assistance to be given by other supporting weapons explained to all subordinate commanders. Cases occurred where troops were committed to an attack without any knowledge of the supporting fire being afforded.

INFORMATION

15. The exercise was notable for the paucity of information which filtered back from the forward troops. This is a most serious failing and must be given strict attention by all commanders from section leaders upwards. It is far better to send too much rather than too little. The planning by higher headquarters depends upon the information received, therefore, steps will be taken during training to ensure that information is automatically passed to higher headquarters.

ROAD AND TRACK DISCIPLINE

16. The road and track discipline was bad throughout. Very few vehicles pulled off the road when halted (until ordered) and foot tracks were created in all directions at each headquarters site occupied. These faults were most marked when setting up Div HQ, around Bde HQ near track junction when the enemy was first encountered, along the axis of advance and in full view of the enemy when approaching the jungle along the road ATHERTON - RAVENSHOE.

17. It is realized that many of the vehicles and drivers were only on loan for the exercise, nevertheless, officers and NCOs must insist upon good road and track discipline being maintained by ALL troops in the area regardless of arm or service.

CONCEALMENT AND CAMOUFLAGE

18. Although the enemy had local air superiority very little was done to conceal movement and headquarters.

19. Only in the later stages of the exercise were any steps taken to camouflage HQ and vehicles. Although this aspect is purposely disregarded in camp areas, concealment, camouflage and dispersion will be insisted upon during all training exercises.

20. The happy situation experienced in BAPUA, where local air superiority was held, must NOT be allowed to induce a false sense of security. The training must be such as to prepare for all eventualities and conditions.

SITING AND SETTING UP OF HQ

21. The main points noted were:-

(a) selection of sites was not good;

(b) too much congestion and movement at the actual site;

(c) complete disregard of even elementary precautions to guard against detection and consequently attack, e.g., track discipline, dispersion, concealment and camouflage were ignored;

(d) offices were too close together - caused by the sites selected being too small.

22. More time must be devoted to training in moving and setting up headquarters. All personnel must be fully instructed and practised in their respective duties.

23. A high standard of air-mindedness must be reached.

MOVEMENT

24. One of the most important problems yet to be solved in jungle warfare is the loading of vehicles and of the man. The problem becomes most acute when vehicles cannot be used.

25. While much thought has already been given to this problem, further trials must be carried out in order to ascertain what can and must be carried by the man when vehicles or native carriers are NOT available and also what will be the effect on the effective fighting strength of a force employed in such circumstances. It would seem that the maximum additional load, to that which all fighting troops must carry, cannot exceed 15 lbs.

26. In order that essential stores and equipment, e.g., wireless, may be available when required, it may be necessary to reduce the present load on the man. The question of replacing the rifles of signallers by pistols might be considered and in any case special attention must be given to the posterage of signal equipment.

MESSAGE WRITING

27. The standard of message writing is NOT good. It is not sufficient to merely lecture on this subject; practice is essential.

WARNING ORDERS

28. Commanders should not wait until completed orders are ready if a warning order will expedite operations. The maximum notice possible should always be given to all concerned.

ADMINISTRATION

29. This side of the exercise was almost entirely ignored by units. Ration indents were not submitted on time and six units even forgot to send any at all. Representatives were not sent to FSDs/DIDs to draw ammunition, POL and supplies. Guides were not provided at DP to guide ammunition convoys to the respective units.

30. Although the axis of advance was closed to all vehicles except AASC for a period during night 14/15 Jun, one unit ordered the move of a large number of MT vehicles without the authority of Div HQ.

JPS

31 In all future Bde and Div Exercises the AQ side must be exercised as fully as the G.

MEDICAL

32. The need for strict water discipline cannot be over stressed. Officers must set an example to the troops.

33. Casualties were not reported. When informed by umpires of the casualties suffered, it is NOT sufficient for commanders to adopt the undertaker's expression or to merely "Tch Tch".

CONCLUSION

34. The foregoing comments must not be regarded as an indication that the exercise is considered a "flop". This is NOT so and there is no desire to create such an impression. There were weaknesses however and these have been pointed out so that special attention may be given to them in training in the immediate future.

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Training

6 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 9

OF 19 JUN 45

Further to paragraph 1 (a) of Training Instruction No 7 of 30 May the following are the major items of training to be undertaken by 16 Aust Inf Bde as from 4 Jul when Brigade training is to commence:-

6 - 9 Jul :	Exercise with troops in HINBUN - TOMBOLA area: prepared and conducted by Division.
11 - 15 Jul : (approx)	Participation, as enemy Brigade, in exercise conducted by 2 Aust Corps.
26 - 29 Jul :	Exercise with troops in jungle area: prepared and conducted by Division.

The periods between these exercises are available to the Brigade Commander.

2. From 30 Jul to 21 Aug inclusive, the whole period is at the discretion of the Brigade Commander subject only to the stipulation that, in these three weeks, the maximum amount of time consistent with the maintenance of efficiency is to be spent in training in the immediate vicinity of the unit camp areas.

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W/D

6 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 10

OF 19 JUN 43

1. Reference 6 Aust Div Training Instruction No 6, Divisional Troops will observe the week 28 Jun to 4 Jul 43 (both dates inclusive) as an "Anti-Malarial Week". The period of training for individual units will occupy 1½ days.

2. During the "Anti-Malarial Week" all ranks of units detailed in paragraph 5 below (including small units attached thereto) will strictly observe the rules laid down for dress in malarial areas.

3. Anti-malarial squads of Divisional Troops including one from 6 Aust Div HQ will be pooled for instruction and demonstration purposes. Squads will report to DADH 6 Aust Div at junction LUCAS AVENUE and HERBERTON ROAD at 0845 hrs Wed 23 Jun 43. Thereafter they will report daily until 28 Jun 43 as directed by DADH. DADH will arrange direct with units regarding requirements of stores.

4. All unit commanders will ensure that appropriate action in accordance with GRO A404/43 is taken immediately.

5. Training, which will take the form of lectures and demonstrations will be carried out on the dates shown hereunder:-

Mon 28 Jun 43 Tue 29 Jun 43	HQ 6 Aust Div Sigs 6 Aust Div 6 Aust Div Pro Coy 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
Wed 30 Jun 43 Thu 1 Jul 43	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
Fri 2 Jul 43 Sat 3 Jul 43	RAE 6 Aust Div AASC 6 Aust Div 17 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshops

Detailed programme will be issued separately by DADH.

NOTES: (a) The regulation regarding dress (paragraph 2) will apply to all units detailed above for the whole week.

(b) Training on the first day specified for each group will commence with a combined parade at 0900 hrs to be addressed by ADMS 6 Aust Div.

(c) DADH will arrange location of combined parades and advise Q who will co-ordinate transport.

6. LHQ Training Instruction No 2 will be read by all officers prior to this training being undertaken.

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Subject: 6 AUST DIV EXERCISE NO 1

HQ 6 Aust Div

21 Jun 43

Ref No: G1781

A tactical exercise for Cords, Staffs and Signals of 30 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be conducted on 25/26 Jun 43. The objects of the exercise are:-

(a) to exercise those participating in their tactical functions in the field

(b) to study methods of moving and fighting in various types of country including jungle.

LESSONS

2. The following tactical phases will be studied:-

(a) Organization of the Division for the Advance.

(b) First Contact and Encounter Battle.

(c) Deliberate Attack.

(d) Movement through jungle with ambushes and sniping.

(e) Associated administrative problems.

3. The undermentioned officers and other ranks will participate:-

HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde - Comd, BM, SC, IO, BASCO, LOs, Clerks, Orderlies, Batmen.

RAA - BC, 2 FOOs, 2 GPOs, Bty Sigs.

RAE - 2 officers representing HQ of one Fd Coy.

SIGNALS - "L" Sec Sigs.

AASC - One sup pl complete.

PRO - One sec (M/Cs only).

3/22 Aust Inf Bn)
39 Aust Inf Bn) - Comd, Adjt, IO, QM, all Coy Comds,
49 Aust Inf Bn) Bn Sigs.

COMMAND

4. Detachments of units as above indicated will come under command 30 AUST INF BDE at 1200 hours 24 Jun.

CONTROL

5. (a) The exercise will be controlled by the Directing Staff by Intelligence Reports, orders and umpires.

(b) The composition of the Directing Staff is:-

Director and Chief Umpire - Col R.G. POLLARD
Chief Umpire's Assistant - Maj F.P. SERONG.

(c) The scale of umpires is:-

Brigade HQ - One major (Brigade Umpire)
Two Lieutenants (one for HQ personnel - one for porters)

Battalion HQ (each) One major or captain (also umpires HQ coy)

Rifle Coy (each) One Captain or Lieutenant.

30 AUST INF BDE will provide one orderly to be at the disposal of each umpire.

(d) Umpires wireless communications will be provided as follows:-

Chief Umpire to Chief Umpire's Assistant and Brigade Umpire.

Brigade Umpire to each Battalion Umpire.

Battalion Umpire's sets and operators will be picked up by umpires at HQ Sigs 6 AUST DIV at 0830 hours 24 Jun.

(e) Umpires will report to the units to which they are allotted at 1300 hours 24 Jun, and will remain with them until the conclusion of the exercise.

(f) Detailed instructions to umpires will be forwarded to the appropriate officers under seperate cover.

CONFERENCES

6. A PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE will be held in the YMCA TENT at this HQ at 1000 hours 23 JUN. At the conclusion of the exercise a FINAL CONFERENCE of all Comds (including officers commanding attached troops) will be held in the vicinity of WONDECLA PO.

ASSEMBLY

7. Assembly area for 30 AUST INF BDE GP will be notified at the PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE.

30 AUST INF BDE may reconnoitre its area prior to the commencement of the move.

TRANSPORT

8. (a) All personnel may be transported to assembly area in MT.

(b) Movement of MT from assembly area will be limited to the transport indicated in Appendix "A". Demands for additional MT required for either phase will be submitted to this HQ by 1600 hours 22 Jun

(c) All HQ and Signals must be prepared to move with the assistance of porters ONLY, should tracks preclude use of MT. Care will be taken that parties of porters have a sufficient proportion of officers and NCOs.

MEDICAL

9. ADMS, 6 Aust Div, will arrange for the care of any casualties which may occur during the exercise. These arrangements will be promulgated at the Preliminary Conference.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

10. (a) Battle order (green drill and hats) will be worn by all other than umpires.

(b) Umpires will wear caps and a white handkerchief on each arm. Equipment will NOT be worn by umpires.

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(c) No restriction is placed on bedding or necessaries other than those imposed by the limited transport allotment.

MEALS

11. (a) Each HQ will provide meals under its own arrangements. No specific time will be allotted for meals throughout the exercise. Meals will be partaken as opportunity offers.

(b) Field Operational Rations will be drawn and these, and no other ration, used by all participating. These may be prepared under arrangements made by respective HQ down to and including coys.

(c) Water sterilizers, individual, will be used.

(d) Allowance will be made by the respective HQ for the rationing of attached umpires.

ADDITIONAL STORES REQUIRED

12. Will be requisitioned for by 1600 hours 22 Jun 43.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

13. (a) Care will be taken to ensure that no avoidable damage is done to private property, particularly fences. Where fences are unavoidably damaged, they will be repaired temporarily and the point clearly marked and noted. All damage will be reported to HQ 6 Aust Div prior to or immediately upon conclusion of the exercise.

(b) Property owners concerned will be advised by HQ 6 Aust Div of the duration of the exercise, and that troops and vehicles may be entering their properties.

INTERCOMM

14. (a) Normal signal communications, including wireless and orderlies will be established within 30 AUST INF BDE GP. A link between Bde HQ in the field, and present Div HQ will be provided and maintained by CO Sigs 6 AUST DIV.

(b) All communications will be established and tested by 2000 hours 24 Jun.

(c) Cipher will be used in all W/T messages. When using R/T, code will be used. All officers are reminded that wireless traffic within this area is open to interception by the enemy. Every precaution will be taken to guard against breaches of wireless security. In addition to the policing being carried out by 2 AUST CORPS, CO Sigs 6 AUST DIV will arrange for all wireless traffic throughout the exercise to be policed. Particular attention will be given to disclosure of unit identification and wireless "chat".

(d) Normal DRLS timetable will be maintained with adjustments to times at HQ 30 AUST INF BDE due to location changes of that HQ.

(e) CO Sigs 6 AUST DIV will provide umpires, wireless communications as required in 5(d).

(f) Jeeps allotted to Chief Umpire, Chief Umpire's Assistant, and Brigade Umpire will report to HQ Sigs 6 AUST DIV at 0830 hours 24 Jun for installation of No 11 Sets. One operator will accompany each set.

Distribution List B (less 16 Aust Inf Bde)
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APPENDIX "A"
to G1781

ALLOTMENT OF MT

DIRECTING STAFF

Chief Umpire	-	1 jeep 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4
Chief Umpire's Assistant	-	1 jeep
Bde Umpire	-	1 jeep
Bn Umpires	-	1 jeep (each)

30 AUST INF BDE

HQ (incl L Sec Sigs)	-	1 jeep 12 trucks 15-cwt 4 x 4
Each Bn	-	1 jeep 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for general purposes) 1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 (for bn sigs)
RAA	-	1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 4 4 Signal vehicles
AASC	-	As ordered by CASC
PRO	-	One M/C per man

SECRET

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6 AUST DIV EXERCISE No 1

(30 Aust Inf Bde Gp)

GENERAL IDEA

Ref Map: ATHERTON TABLELANDS 1/253440

1. Landing at CAIRNS on 19 Jun 43 an enemy force estimated at one division with ancillary troops destroyed the weak CAIRNS DEFENCE FORCE and occupied the area. Seizing all available MT and rolling stock, the enemy advanced with approximately two regiments to the ATHERTON TABLELAND, where they encountered no opposition except from isolated bodies of VDC.

2. At 1400 hours 22 Jun 43, portion of this enemy force was in possession of the MAREEBA Airfield, whilst the balance of the force had moved SOUTH to KABAN 333796. Enemy patrols had been sighted at ATHERTON, HERBERTON and RAVENSHOE and moving along all roads in the district.

3. Because of the lack of MT, the enemy is largely dependent on the railway for major movements and maintenance.

4. The enemy has succeeded in gaining local air superiority with fighters and bombers based on the CAIRNS and MAREEBA Airfields.

5. 6 and 7 Aust Divs on completion of their re-organization on the jungle division basis in the TOWNSVILLE area were moved by road, rail and air to INNISFAIL. On arrival in INNISFAIL area orders were received from 2 Aust Corps for 6 Aust Div to clean up the ATHERTON TABLELAND, and for 7 Aust Div simultaneously to advance against the enemy force remaining in the CAIRNS area.

6. Dispositions of 6 Aust Div at 1800 hrs 24 Jun 43:-

HQ 6 AUST DIV and DIV TPS	MILLAA MILLAA area
30 AUST INF BDE GP	MOREGATTA area 353800
19 AUST INF BDE GP	Immediately WEST of BEATRICE RIVER crossing 364791
16 AUST INF BDE GP	MILLAA MILLAA area

7. Order of Battle (for purpose of 6 AUST DIV Exercise No 1 ONLY):-

HQ 6 Aust Div
- HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
- HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
- HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
- HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
- A Sec FSW (less det)
- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt (less 53 Bty)
- Sigs 6 Aust Div
- 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
- 2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy
- 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy NOT Represented
- 6 Aust Div Prc Coy (less dets)

30 Aust Inf Bde Gp
HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde
L Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div
Det 6 Aust Div Cipher Sec
Guard Pl (NOT Represented)
One bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
2/15 Aust Fd Coy
3/22 Aust Inf Bn
39 Aust Inf Bn
49 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Amb (NOT Represented)
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det "A" Sec FSW

16 Aust Inf Bde Gp) Composition similar to 30 Aust
19 Aust Inf Bde Gp) Inf Bde Gp.

8. Attached at Appendix "A" is a scale of transport, with which for the purpose of the exercise, it may be assumed Brigade HQ and Battalions are equipped.

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K.G. Ward, Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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APPENDIX "A"

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE No 1

ASSUMED SCALE OF TRANSPORT

FOR BRIGADE HQ AND BATTALIONS

INF BN		BDE HQ	
ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF JEEPS AND TRAILERS	ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF JEEPS AND TRAILERS
CO	1	Comd	1
Each Coy	2	B M	1
Bn HQ	1	S C	1
Sig Pl	1	I Offr	1
MMG Pl	2	Bde TO	1
Mor Pl	4	Stores	1
Pioneer Pl	1	Water Trailer	1
RAP	1	109 Sets	1
QM	4	101 Sets	6
	4 Water Trailers		
TOTAL	29 Jeeps 25 Trailers, Jeep 4 Water Trailers		13 Jeeps 12 Trailers, Jeep 1 Water Trailer

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE NO 1

(30 Aust Inf Bde Gp)

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

ALLOTMENT

1. Chief Umpire - Col R.G. POLLARD
Chief Umpire's Assistant - Maj F.P. SERONG

Umpires for:

HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	-	Maj D. MacLEAN SMITH	HQ 6 Aust Div
3/22 Aust Inf Bn	-	Maj W.G.A. BAINE	HQ 6 Aust Div
A Coy	-	Capt A.B. PIERCE	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
B Coy	-	Lieut G. WILSON	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
C Coy	-	Capt M.M. DUNN	2/1 Aust Gd Bn
D Coy	-	Lieut G.M. MACDONALD	2/1 Aust Gd Bn
39 Aust Inf Bn	-	Capt D.C.I. BURROWS	HQ 6 Aust Div
A Coy	-	Capt F.C. WALKER	
B Coy	-	Lieut D. MACRAE	
C Coy	-	Lieut J.G. WESTLAND	RAE 6 Aust Div
D Coy	-	Lieut S. MASEY	RAE 6 Aust Div
49 Aust Inf Bn	-	Capt E.J. SMITH	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
A Coy	-	Lieut A.S. PRITCHARD	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
B Coy	-	Lieut C.F. DOWNES	
C Coy	-	Lieut H.R. KENWORTHY	
D Coy	-	Lieut W. IRWIN	RAE 6 Aust Div
30 Aust Inf Bde HQ personnel	-	Lieut J.W. BLACKSTONE	AASC 6 Aust Div
30 Aust Inf Bde porters	-	Lieut R.G. TAYLES	AASC 6 Aust Div

INSTRUCTIONS

2. (a) All umpires will be issued with:-

One copy of these instructions
Sequence of events
Pro forma Sitmaps (4 copies of each)
R/T Code
Umpire's Log.

(b) Selected umpires will receive copies of Miscellaneous Information.

PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE

3. A preliminary reconnaissance of the exercise area will be carried out by all umpires under the direction of the Chief Umpire. Umpires will report to HQ 6 Aust Div at 0900 hours 23 Jun 43. Transport beyond this HQ will be arranged. Lunch will be taken. Note books and pencils will be carried.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR DISTRIBUTION BY UMPIRES

4. (a) Certain umpires will be handed a series of messages and information slips which will be clearly marked to show place and time when they will be passed to respective HQ.

(b) Any messages or slips NOT so marked are of a general nature only and do NOT affect the course of events of the exercise. These messages will be passed on by

umpires as they think fit, with the object of keeping their respective HQ occupied.

(c) Should the scheme lag, or any HQ have nothing to engage their attention umpires will originate messages to overcome this state of affairs.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

5. (a) Umpires will wear green drill and caps, with a white handkerchief or similar object on each arm as an armband.

(b) No restriction is placed on bedding or necessaries other than the limitations of the available transport.

TRANSPORT

6. Chief Umpire, Chief Umpire's Assistant, Brigade Umpire and each Battalion Umpire will be provided with one jeep each for use beyond the assembly area. Umpires' jeeps will report to the officers to whom they are allotted at the transport lines of the appropriate unit at 0800 hours 24 Jun 43. They will then proceed to HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div for installation of wireless sets.

REPORTING

7. Umpires will report to the units to which they are allotted at 1300 hours 24 Jun 43 and remain with them for the duration of the exercise.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8. All umpires will adhere strictly to the Sequence of Events, issued separately, and to the instructions given during the preliminary reconnaissance.

INTERCOMN

9. Umpires communications will be as follows:-

Chief Umpire to Chief Umpire's Assistant to Brigade Umpire - one No 11 set each.

Brigade Umpire to each Battalion Umpire - one 208 set each.

Each Umpire will be provided with one foot orderly by 30 AUST INF BDE. These will be held at Brigade HQ until required.

MEALS

10. Meals for umpires will be provided by the HQ to which they are attached. Field Operational Rations will be used throughout.

[signature] Col
GS 6 Aust Div

24 Jun 43

DISTRIBUTION

Each umpire	- 1
30 Aust Inf Bde	- 1
G Branch	- 10
Q	- 3

EXERCISE SECRET
Copy No

6 AUST DIV EXERCISE No 1

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

GENERAL:

1. Throughout the exercise, the following general points will be closely watched by umpires, in addition to the points appropriate to the particular phases enumerated below:
   (i) sending back of infm
   (ii) quick appreciation and action by comds of all grades
   (iii) vigorous offensive action by elements in contact with the enemy
   (iv) position of comd with respect to sub-units
   (v) location of sub-units (down to pls) and HQ (down to coys) shown on hourly sitreps
   (vi) amn expenditure
   (vii) strength (as affected by casualties)
   (viii) alternating of leading pls and coys.

2. Umpires' logs, as provided, will be maintained continuously. Care must be taken to ensure that all times are entered, i.e., time a situation report is received and the time when necessary action has been taken

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
1.	Troops disposed on ground, scouts of leading section at A	All umpires in position with HQ to which attached	
2.	Scouts of leading section killed at C. Leading section fired on from vicinity C and beyond.	Depict results of fire. Company will be held up by fire on line B. Depict fire as necessary up to 400 yds NORTH and SOUTH of C to prevent enveloping moves by platoons of leading company. When battalion commander commits at least one more company, either around right or left flank, and this company arrives in flank or rear of C, represent fire from C as having ceased.	Employment of supporting weapons. Dispositions of leading company throughout.

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
3.	Advance resumed. Occasional sniping.	Depict loss (wounded) of a man from leading platoon once every ten minutes or so.	Periodic reporting of losses by coy comd. Any changes in dispositions of leading coy.
4.	Leading platoon ambushed at D.	Inform coy comd that leading pl has suffered 50% casualties in ambush.	Immediate contact drill within coy.
5.	Leading platoon emerges from jungle, and when main body of leading section is at E, the whole pl encounters heavy automatic fire from houses at F and F2, jungle at H, and unspecified ridges beyond F.	Obtain from OC of leading coy his dispositions when he comes out of jungle immediately after dealing with ambush problem. Depict fire which stops leading company on line E. Scouts have been allowed to get to house F then pinned to the ground. At this or any later stage, any adv by more than one coy along edge of timber at K is to meet only light opposition and be permitted to proceed. 10% casualties to be inflicted on all forward coys in this action. Any attempt to use TURNERS TRACK by less than one battalion is to be stopped by fire on line E.	Use of covered approaches. Use of supporting weapons, particularly arty fire plan. Study of sketch from Air Photo. Verbal orders by Comds of all grades.
6.	Plan and action of leading Bn comd to overcome opposition depicted in Serial 5	Paint picture to permit bn to advance to line H - G - FG.	
7.	Leading Bn on line H - G - FG receives heavy automatic fire from features J and JP, also from F2 if any sub-unit endeavours to advance to left of axis.	Represent fire which pins bn on feature H - G - FG. Reverse slopes of H - G posn to be under occasional mortar fire. Inflict 5% casualties for period.	

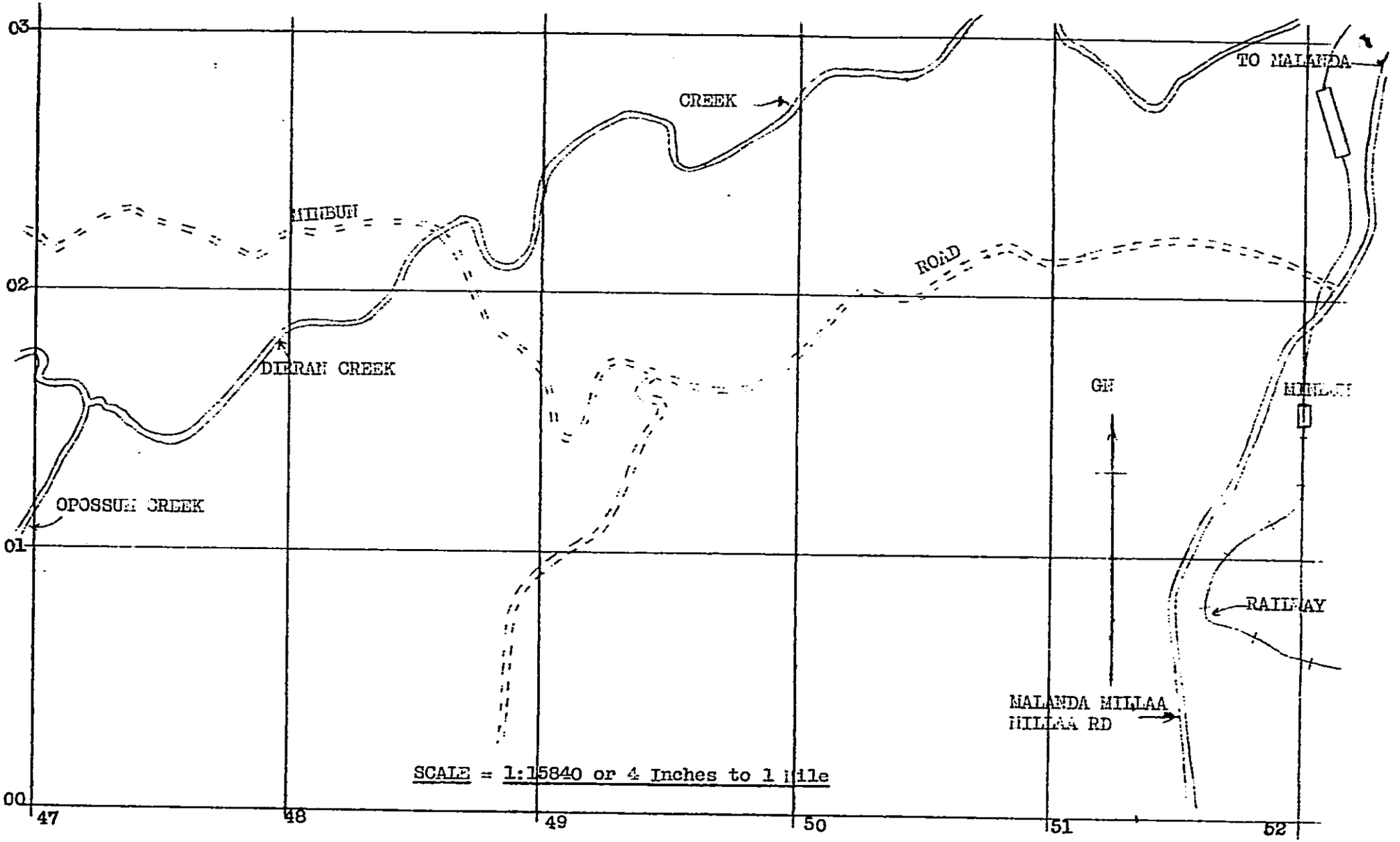
Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
8.	Right battalion arrives on K astride TURNERS TRACK and/or left battalion moves around left flank to rear of house at F2	Leading coy of right bn to be held up at face of jungle KL until a bn attack is developed. This bn is to be permitted to proceed with only occasional sniping along TURNERS TRACK to ridge NML. If a bn ordered around left flank permit it to reach objective with only light opposition.	Speedy resumption of the adv.
9.	Enemy fire from J ceases.	Inform leading coy comds that enemy fire on line H - G - F2 has ceased. Permit bn on line H - G - F2 to resume adv to feature JP	Speedy resumption of the adv.
10.	Leading coy on reaching JP is fired on from L - MX - N.	This coy and bn will be held on a line NORTH and SOUTH 200 yards to the WEST of JP until right bn reaches N or until a bn on the left flank reaches L.	Speedy resumption of the adv.
11.	Enemy fire from line L - MX - N ceases	When either N or L is reached inform leading coy comd that fire from L - MX - N has ceased.	
12.	Bn on JP advances to ridge L - MX - N.		
13.	Leading scouts fired on at X from edge of jungle	Depict fire from Y to Z holding up successively pl, coy and bn on the line X. Any movement NORTH of Z or SOUTH of Y is to be permitted to proceed against intermittent sniping. In the event of a move around along track through left rear of position leading pl to be held at O until a coy attack is developed.	Use of Air Photo Sketch to select covered approaches. Use of supporting weapons.
14.	Enemy withdraw from face of jungle.	No adv by centre bn to be permitted until advice received that right or left bn have cleared away opposition. Then represent cessation of fire from face of jungle.	Quick resumption of adv by leading bn.
15.	Leading section at BRIDGE fired on from enemy posns on opposite bank	Hold up leading coy on line of BARRON RIVER by fire from opposite bank until bn attack is developed.	Immediate contact drill by coy and bn.

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
16.	Enemy withdraws from BARRON RIVER posn.	On execution of bn attack permit adv of leading coy with 5% casualties inflicted in this action.	
17.	Intermittent sniping of leading pl during advance through jungle	Depict casualties to leading pl.	Any alteration of leading pls.
18.	Leading section at SAWN LOG fired on.	Depict enemy action as for BARRON RIVER posn.	
19.	Bn attack.		
20.	Enemy withdraws from SAWN LOG posn.	Depict enemy action as for BARRON RIVER posn.	
21.	Leading sections reach edge of jungle. On emerging are fired at from posns as indicated on ground.	Depict areas from which leading sec is engaged upon emerging from edge of jungle and where scouts pinned down. Hold up leading pl and coy on edge of jungle.	Regrouping for emerging from jungle. Dispersed formations.
22.	Action by Bn Comd.	Advance to be allowed to proceed when at least one more coy is committed by Bn comd.	
23.	Enemy withdraws from point of centre coy.	Inform leading coy comds that fire has ceased on their front and enemy can be seen withdrawing.	Quick resumption of adv.
24.	Leading section fired on from hill 2 when they reach line of dry creek Q.	Depict fire from a strong posn behind line Q. Leading coy to be held up on this line, and on its prolongation to the SOUTH, incl creek bed.	Contact drill. Use of high ground. Was front uncovered. Use of sp weapons. Quick verbal orders by Bde Comd.
25.	Action by Bn Comd.	Any attempt by remaining coys of the bn to move around the flank to the SOUTH is to be stopped by fire from HILL 3, which is to be held up to incl House F. On the NORTH, line Q is to be held as far as the crest of the flanking ridge at S. Fire from points on these features to the extent indicated will be produced as necessary to hold up the leading bn and precipate a bde attack.	

Serial	Event	Action by Umpire	Points to Note
26.	Bde attack.	When a second bn is committed resistance from both hills will cease.	Quick resumption of adv.
27.	Advance of leading bn resumed		
28.	Leading coy crosses ry line at WONDECLA. No opposition. Message arrives from 6 Aust Div "16 Aust Inf Bde occupy def posn WONDECLA area (.) 30 Aust Inf Bde prepare for move on KABAN."	Note: Final dispositions Orders to fighting and recce patrols. Adm arrangements.	Efforts made to secure all available topographical and tactical infm in the remaining hours of daylight.
29.	Exercise concludes.	Report to Chief Umpire at WONDECLA PO immediately following the issue of orders by their respective HQ for the defence of WONDECLA area.	

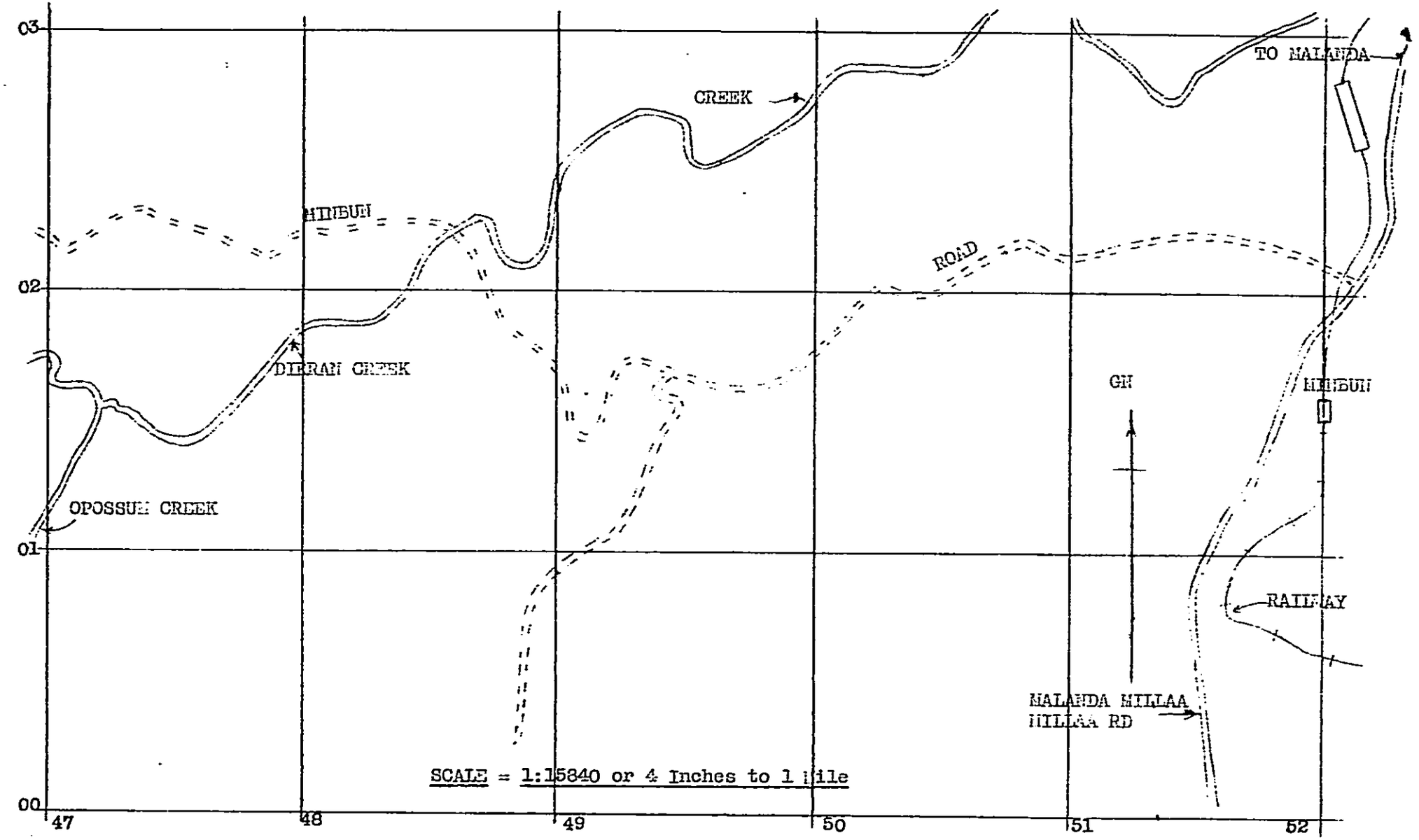
NOTE:- At a suitable hour Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde may recommend to GOC 6 Aust Div that the formation halt for the night. In this event, a message will be received at 16 Aust Inf Bde from 6 Aust Div ordering the occupation of a def posn in a specified area, and containing instns for the following day's adv.
The points to note will be as for Serial 28.
Umpires will report to Chief Umpire at HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde at 2000 hrs.

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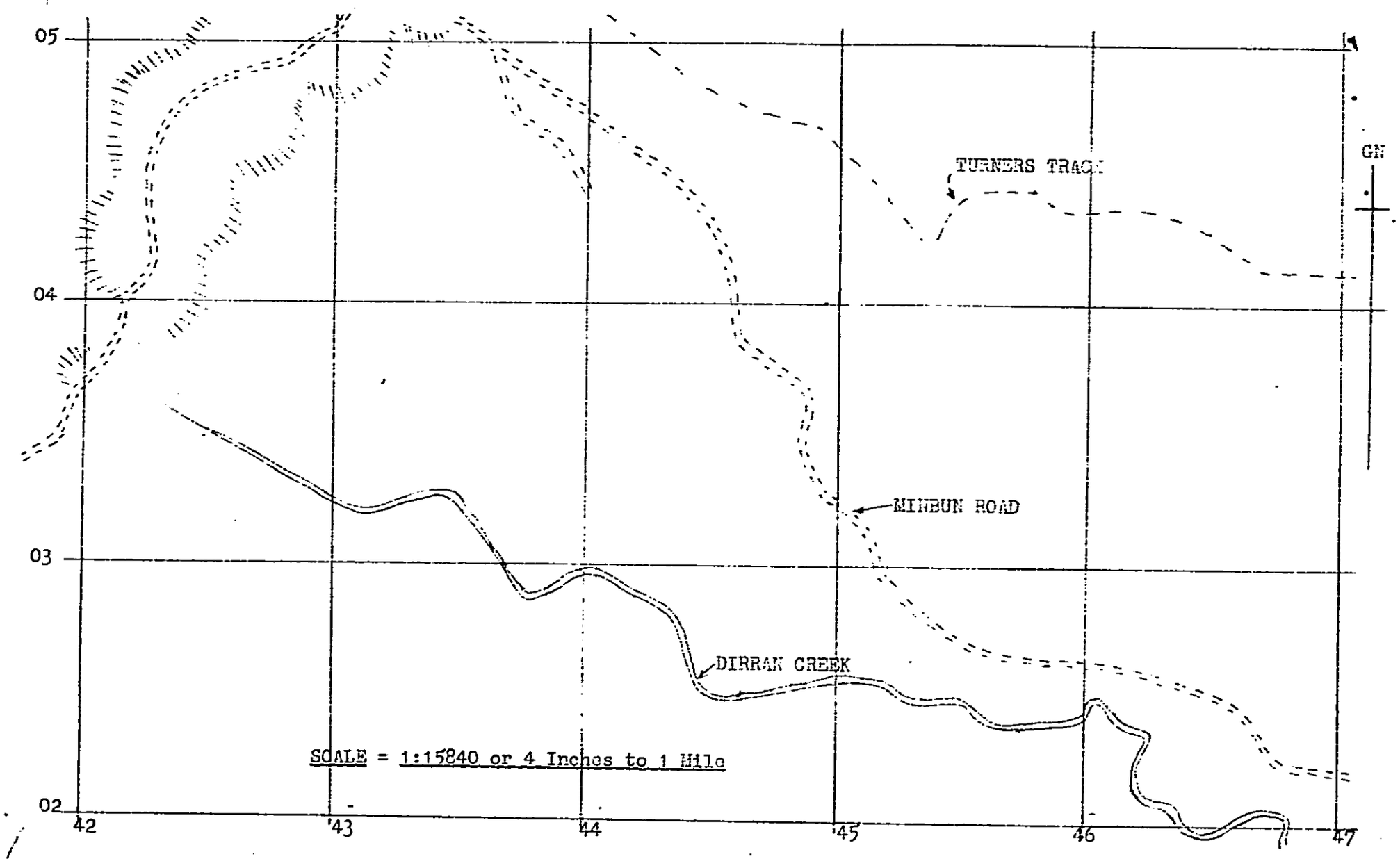
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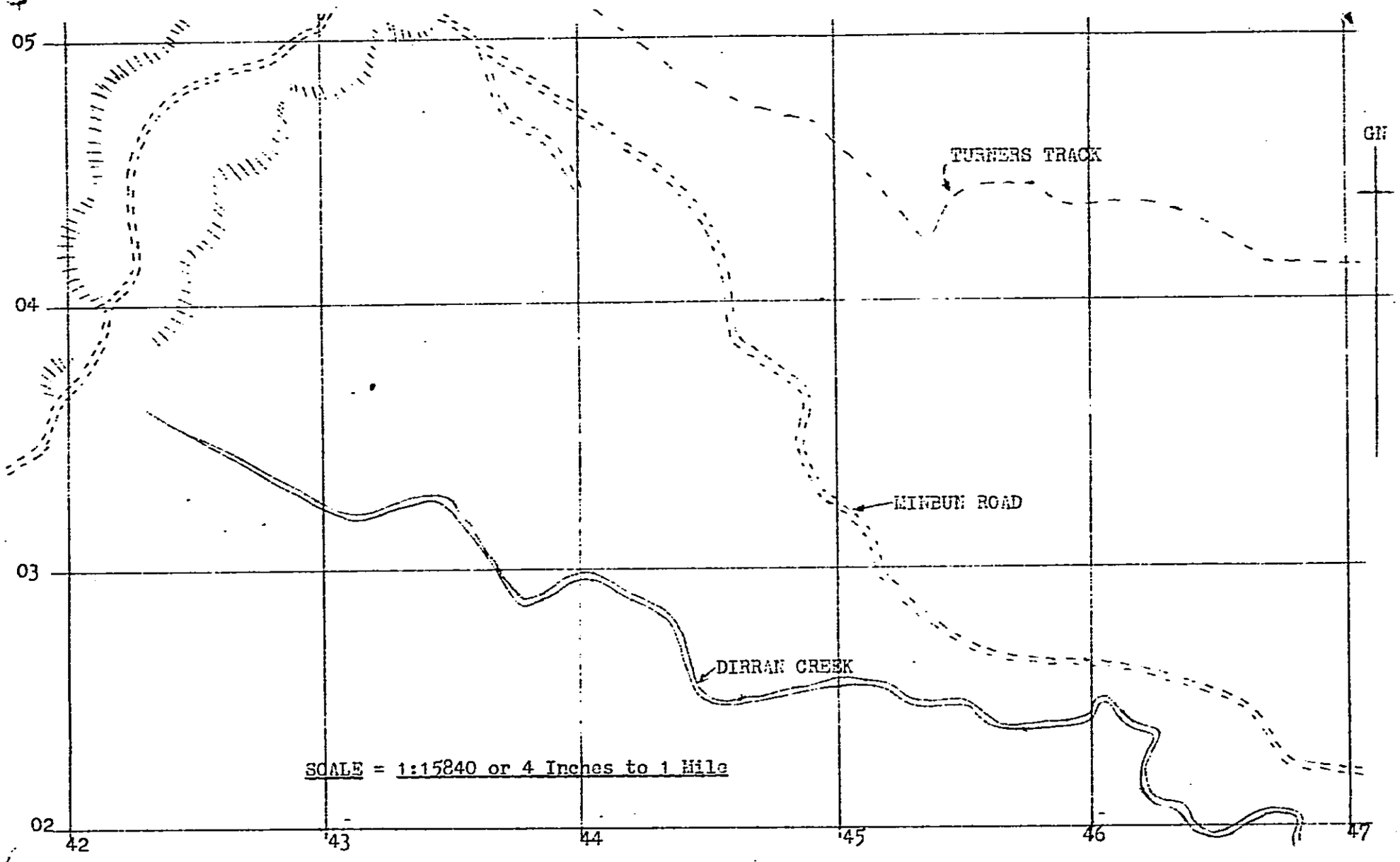


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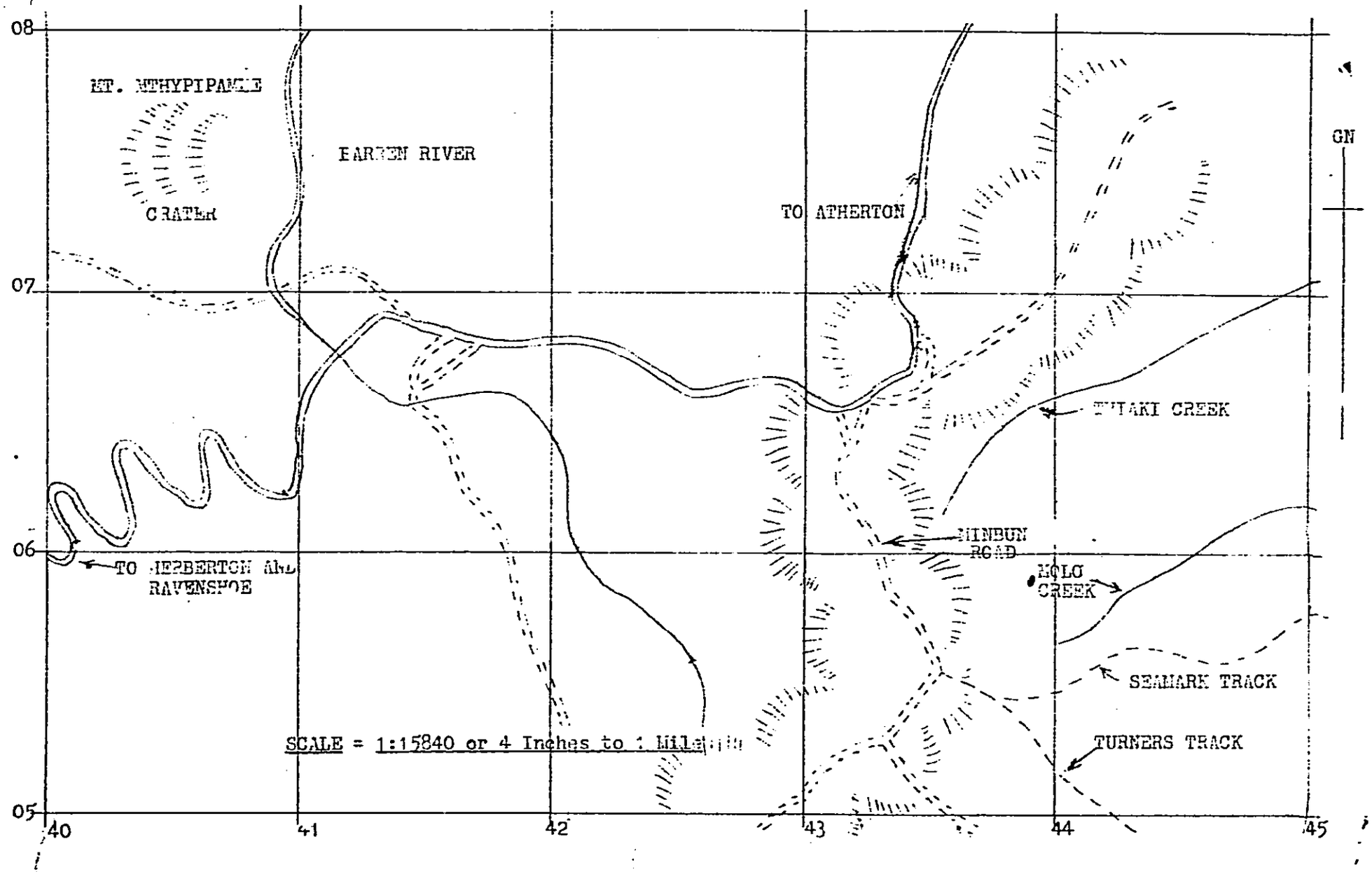
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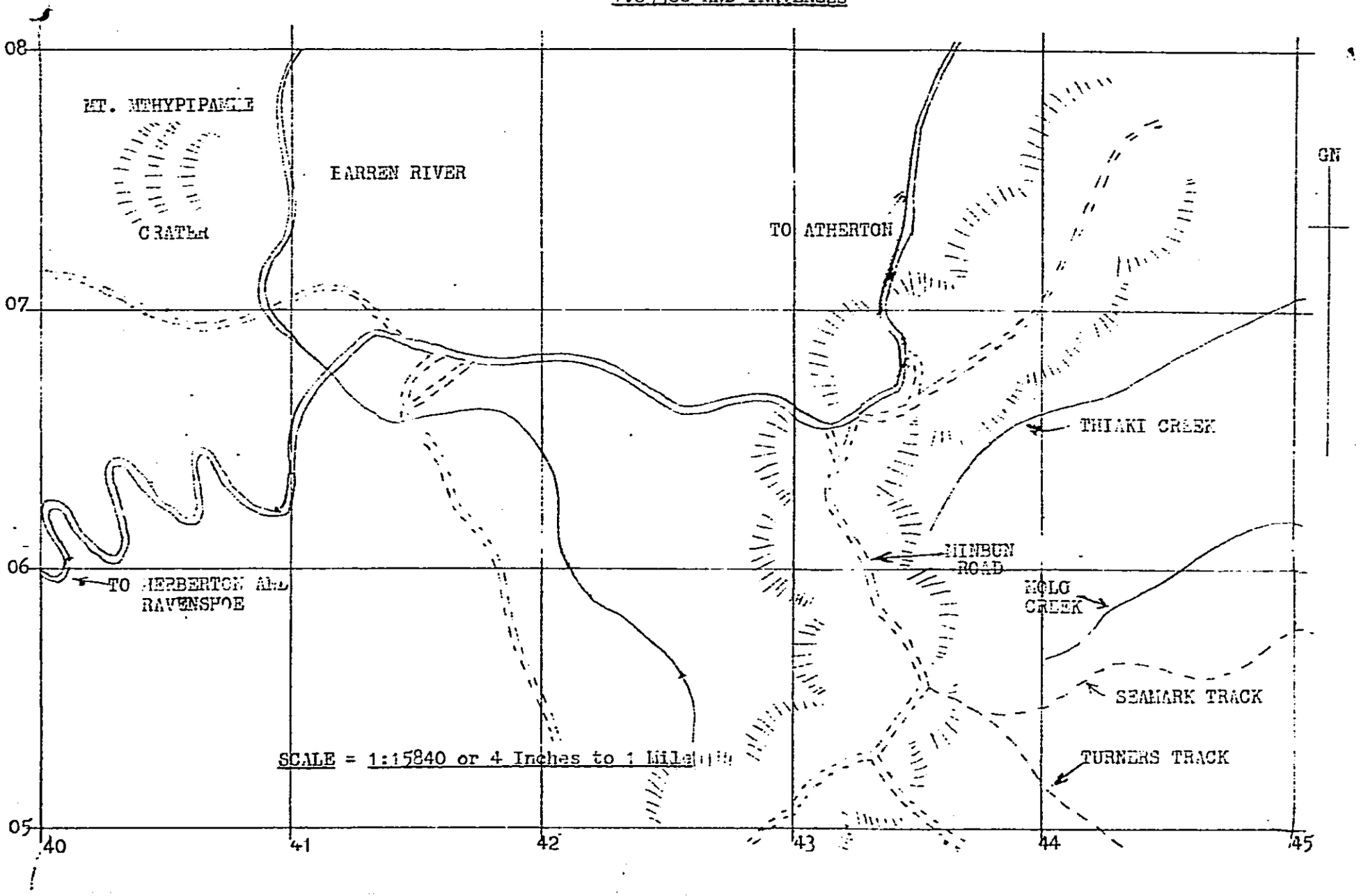
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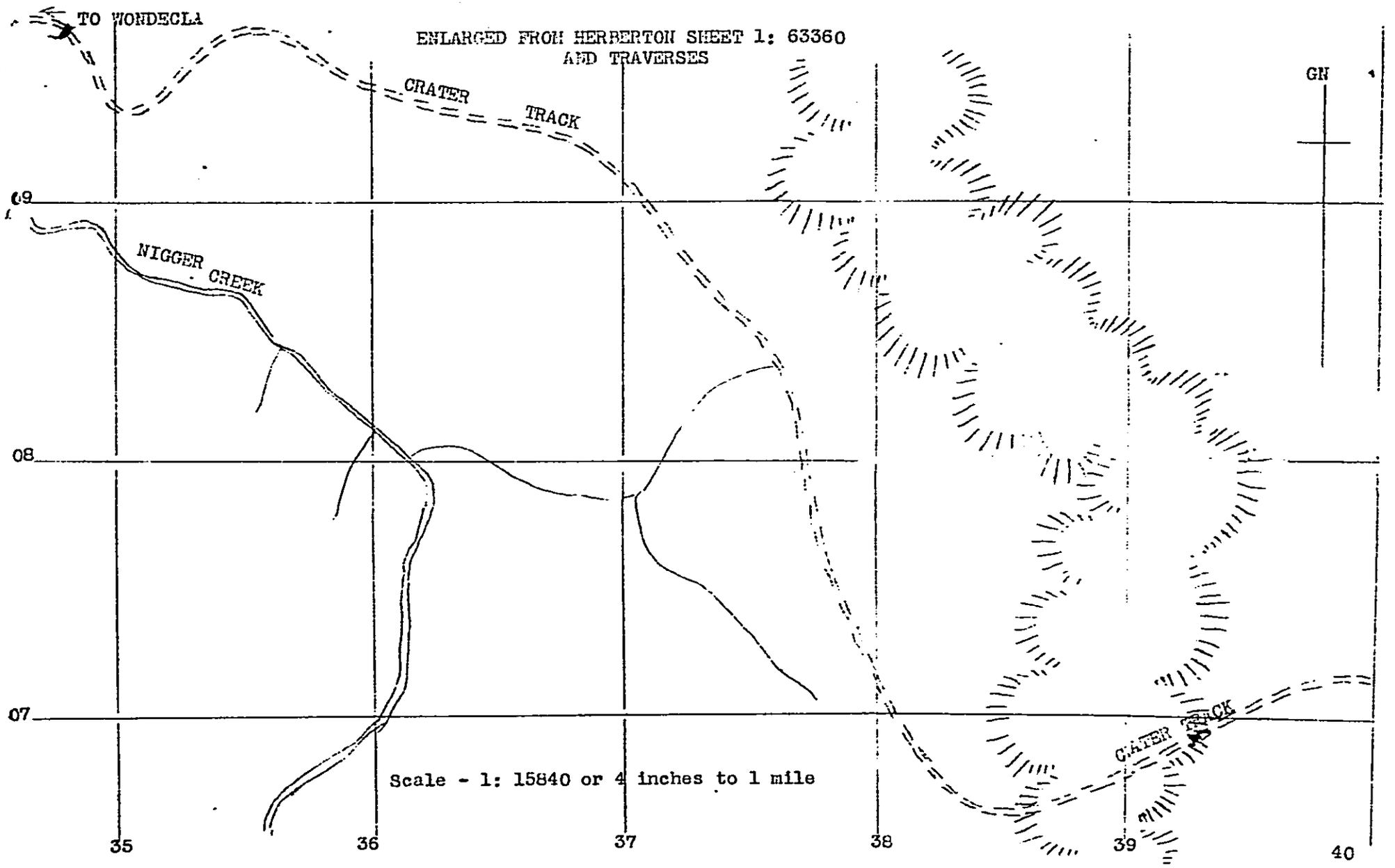


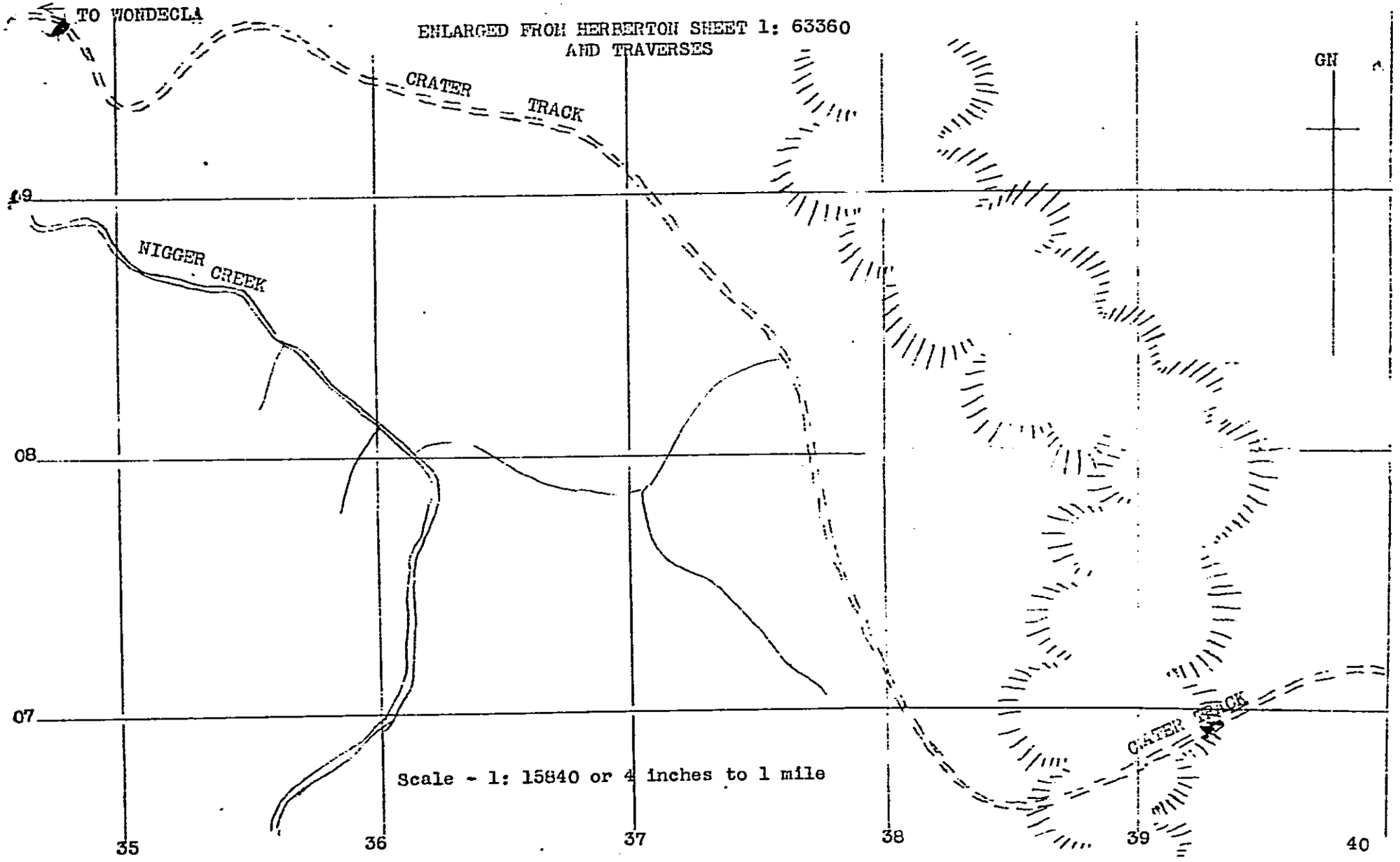
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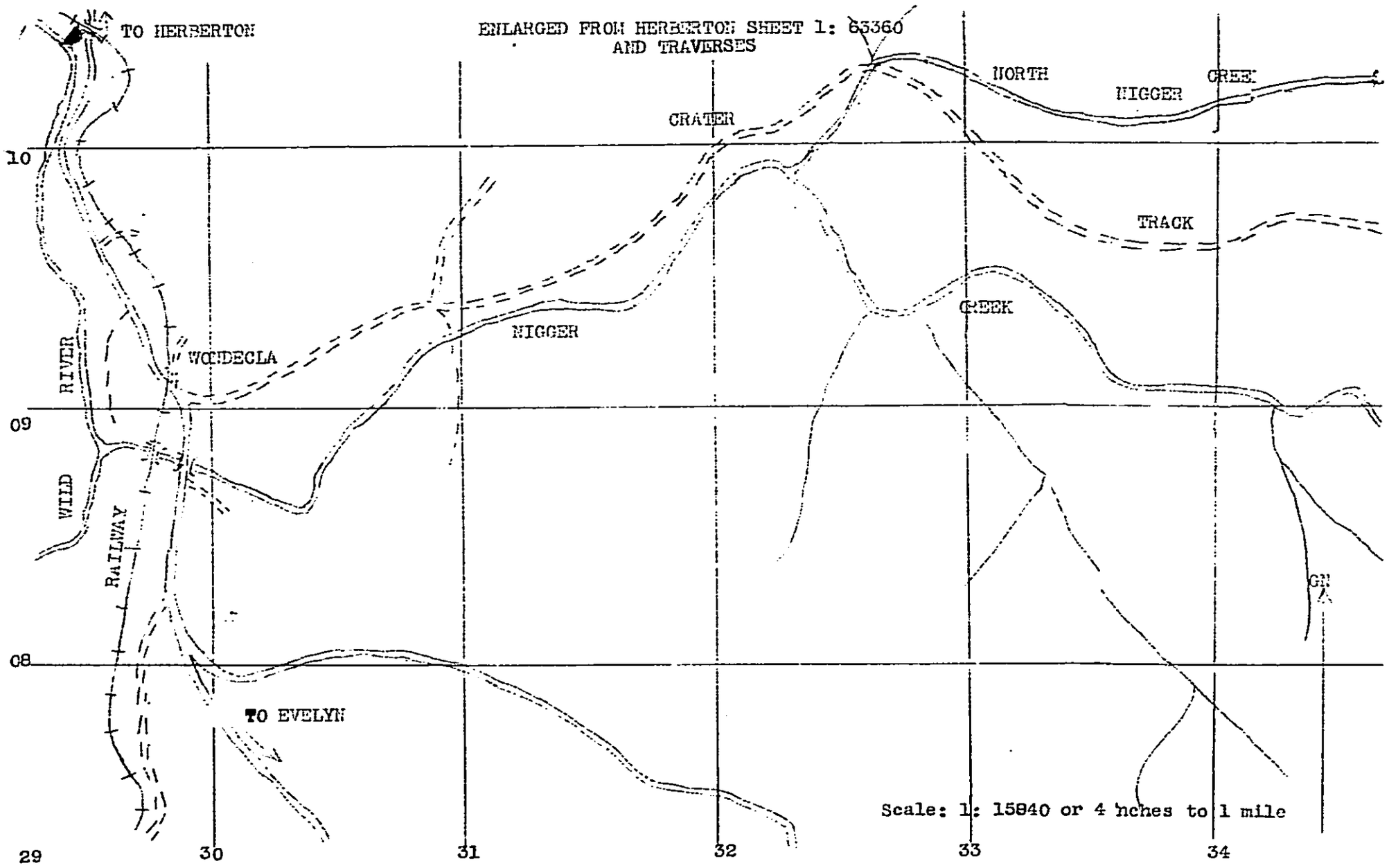


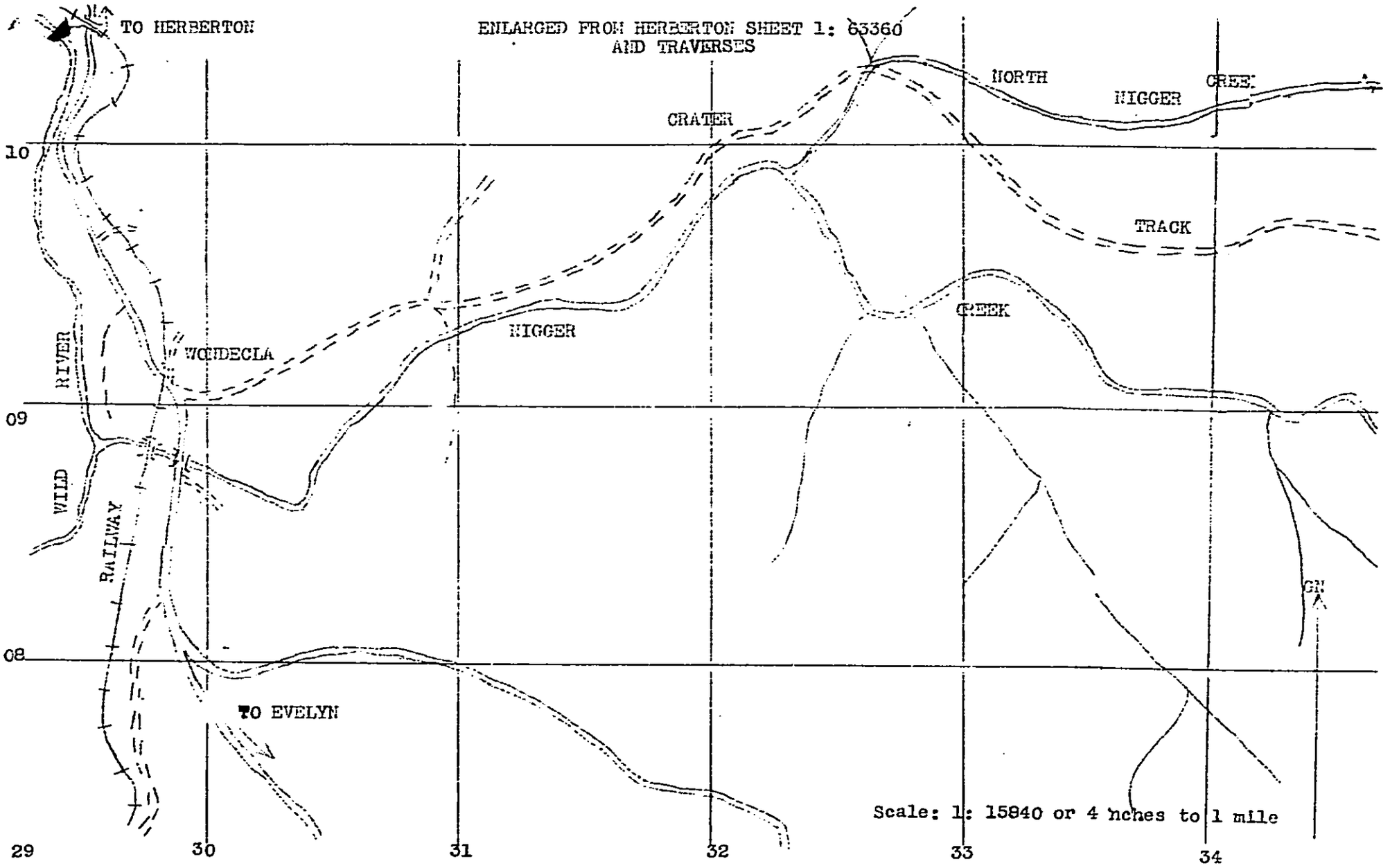
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UMPIRES LOG.

UMPIRES NAME _____ UNIT TO WHICH ATTACHED _____ DATE /6/43.

Serial No.	Time	Locality	Event	Remarks

DECODE R / T CODE ENCODE

CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING
ALLIGATOR	JUNGLE	DOG	HOLD	OTTER	MINUS
ANIMAL	MAN OR JEEP	DONKEY	PRISONER	OX	RAVENSHOE
ANTELOPE	AMBUSH	FALCON	BRIDGE	PANDA	TIGER CREEK
BADGER	JEEP	FERRET	CASUALTIES	PIG	WILLIAMSON
BEAR	ATTACK	FINCH	FALCON	PONY	KABAL
BEAST	DEFENCE	FOX	OFFICER	PULL	OUR OUT
BEAVER	CONFERENCE	GARDEN	WATER	PUMA	MARTEN
BISON	ADVANCE	GOAT	PATROL	RABBIT	WILLIAMSON
BITCH	BRIGADE	GOLDEN	EAGLE	RAM	WITHDRAWN
BUCK	AIRCRAFT	HERON	CROSS	RAT	KOMODOR
BUFFALO	CARTER	HOG	STONE	SEAL	ATHERTON
BULL	GUN	HOUSE	ORDER	SHEEP	OCCUPY
BULLDOG	ENEMY	HUNTER	TRUCK	SLOW	MOVE TO
CALF	AMBITION	KITTEN	HOUR	SNAKE	IMMEDIATELY
CAMEL	BASTION	LEOPARD	OBJECTIVE	SPITE	RETIRE
CAT	GOLDEN	LOCK	RATIONS	TIGER	STOP
COLT	BATTALION	MARTEN	TRACK	UNICORN	SHOOT
COW	MESSAGE	MOOSE	REPORT	VIXEN	GATE
DEER	COMPANY	MOUSE	VEHICLE	WALRUS	BRAIN
DOG	DIVISION	MULE	POSITION	ZEBRA	SEND

MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD
ADVANCE	BISON	JEEP	BADGER	SEND	ZEBRA
AIRCRAFT	BUCK	MEN OR JEEP	ANIMAL	SHOOT	UNICORN
AMBITION	CALF	MESSAGE	COW	STOP	TIGER
AMBUSH	ANTELOPE	MOVE	TIGER	TRACK	MARTEN
ATTACK	BEAR	MOVE TO	SEAL	GATE	VIXEN
BATTALION	COLT	OBSERVATION	LEOPARD	TROOPS	HIPPO
BATTERY	CAMEL	OFFICER	FOX	TRUCK	JACKAL
BRIGADE	BITCH	OCCUPY	SHEEP	VALLEY	GORILLA
CARTER	BUFFALO	OUR OUT	PULL	VEHICLE	MOUSE
CATTLE	CAT	ORDER	HORSE	WATER	GAZELLE
COLLAR	DOG	PATROL	GOAT	KOMODOR	RAT
CASUALTIES	PEOPLE	PRISON	FINCH	WITHDRAWN	RAM
CONFERENCE	BEAVER	PRISONERS	DONKEY	WOODEN	PANDA
DEFENCE	BEAST	POSITION	MULE	KABAL	PONY
DIVISION	DOG	RECCE	ELEPHANT	MARTEN	PUPPY
ENEMY	BULLDOG	RATIONS	DEER	RAVENSHOE	OX
GUN	BULL	RAVEN	CAMEL	RABBIT	WILLIAMSON
HOLD	OUT	RIDGE	GROUP	HIPPO	PIG
IMMEDIATELY	SNAKE	ROBIN	ROBIN	OTTER	MINUS
JEEP	ANIMAL	SCORES	HOG	SEAL	ATHERTON

6 AUST DIV.

R/T CODE.

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CODE NAMES, SQUADRONS,	BATTALIONS,	COMPANIES, ETC.

(Space for Map Reference, Codes etc.)

PHONETIC ALPHABET.

A - ABLE
B - BAKER
C - CHARLIE
D - DOG
E - EASY
F - FOX
G - GEORGE
H - HOW
I - ITEM
J - JIG
K - KING
L - LOVE
M - MIKE
N - NAN
O - OBOE
P - PETER
Q - QUEEN
R - ROGER
S - SUGAR
T - [illegible]
U - UNCLE
V - VICTOR
W - WILLIAM
X - X-RAY
Y - YOKE
Z - ZEBRA

B L A C K S M I T H

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APPOINTMENTS CODE.

CODE	DIV	BDE	Bn or equivalent Unit
1 BLUE	G.O.C.	Comd	C.O.
2 RED	All appointments General Staff.	BM	Adjt.
3 BLACK	All appointments AQ Staff.	B.C.	Q.M.
4. GREEN	Gill (1) IO	IO	IO
5 PURPLE	Comd Sigs	Bde Sig Offr	Bn Sig

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Copy No .49.

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 6

HQ 6 Aust Div

24 Jun 43

Ref No: G1879

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 6 as at 2400 hours 25 Jun 43.

2. This HQ will be informed immediately of changes in location.

3. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement.

4. Attached is a diagrammatic layout of camp areas of this formation. This diagram is a key to column 6.

5. Copies of Location Statement No 5 will be destroyed by fire.

ACK.

J F Berry III
Col
GS 6 Aust Div

Distribution	Copy No
16 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 2
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Sigs 6 Aust Div	13 - 14
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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 6 AS AT

2400 HOURS 23 JUN 43

Divisional Sign: Kangaroo on Boomerang
Map Legend : G GORDONVALE - one inch to one mile

H HERBERTON - one inch to one mile

(1) Serial No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit	(4) Location	(5) Camp	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
	HQ					
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	64	UNDECLA	Div HQ area	H 366043	
2.	"A"Aust FS Sec		"	"	H 366043	
	RAA					
3.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	74	"	AE	H 335065	
4.	"G" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	74	"	AE	H 335065	
5.	2/41 Aust LAD	74	"	AE	H 335065	
	RAE					
6.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	81	"	Div Tps area	H 325076	
7.	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	60	"	"	H 325076	
8.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	86	"	"	H 325076	
9.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	"	"	H 325076	
10.	2/30 Aust LAD	67	"	"	H 325076	
	SIGS					
11.	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	66	"	-	H 358048	2/42 Aust LAD att See below
12.	6 Aust Div Cipher Sec	68	"	-	H 358048	
	INF					
13.	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	88	"	E Bde area	H 322068	
14.	"J" Sec Sigs	88	"	"	H 322068	
15.	2/45 Aust LAD	88	"		H 322068	
16.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	E Bde area	H 322068	
17.	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	Q	H 319067	
18.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	R	H 315063	
19.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	56	"	P	H 324067	
20.						
21.	HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	65	"	F Bde area	H 315078	
22.	30 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	65	"	"	H 315078	
23.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 315078	
24.	3/22 Aust Inf Bn	82	"	L	H 314077	
25.	39 Aust Inf Bn	91	"	H	H 313077	
26.	49 Aust Inf Bn	77	"	N	H 314079	
	PNR					
27.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	140	"	AE	H 333067	

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	AASC					
28.	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	59	WONDECLA	Div Tps area	H 326076	
29.	2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det)	97	"	"	H 326076	
30.	2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy (less two pls)		"	"	H 326076	
31.						
32.						
	AAMC					
33.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	57	"	"	H 325073	
34.						
	HISC					
35.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	"		H 363046	
36.	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	"	Div HQ area	H 367045	
37.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	"	"	H 367045	
38.	det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	
39.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	71	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	
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41.						
	UNDER C. AND					
42.	x 6 Aust Div Mobile Bath Unit	79	WONDECLA		H 322072	
	AELS					
43.	x 2/42 Aust LAD	66	"		H 346052	Att Sigs 6 Aust Div
44.	2/119 Aust Indep Bde Gp Wkshops	76	"	AA	H 37 36	
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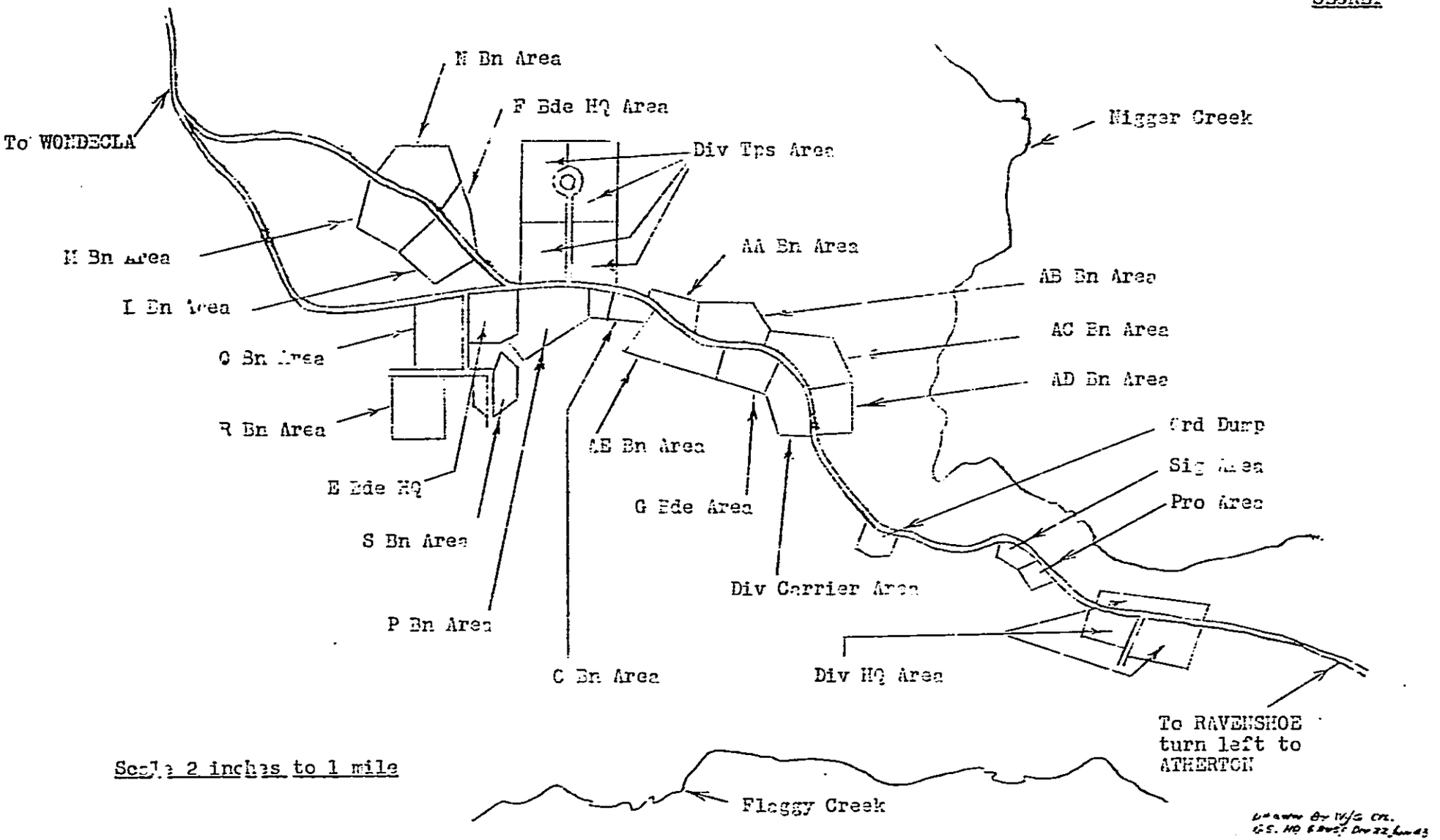
ARMY AND CORPS TPS (HISC)

	HF					
46.	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn less "A" and "B" Coys	225	WONDECLA	AB	H 334070	
	AASC					
47.	37 Aust Sup Depot Pl less det	260	"	Ry Sta	H 298098	Under comd 2 Aust Corps
	AAMC					
48.	HQ (1) Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	R	H 315063	Att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
49.	B Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	P	H 325067	Att 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
50.	A Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	L	H 342077	Att 2/22 Aust Inf Bn
51.	F Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	247	"	F Bde area	H 315073	Att HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde

(1) No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No	(4) Location Camp	(5) Map Ref	(6) Remarks
			ARMY AND CORPS TPS (MISC)(contd)		
52.	F Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit		WONDECLA AD	H 555065	Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
53.	2/5 Aust CCS		"	H 510096	Under comd 2 Aust Corps
54.	AAOC 16 Aust Inf Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Park		HILLNDA	G 537171	Under Comd 2 Aust Corps
55.	AEME 2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		HILLNDA	G 537171	" "
56.					
57.	ADCS CI 305 Messing Store		WONDECLA	H 300091	

APPENDIX "A" TO 6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 6 AS AT 2400 HRS 23 JUN 43

SECRET



Scale 2 inches to 1 mile

MOST SECRET

Subject: COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT G 1912

HQ 6 Aust Div

25 Jun 43

2 Aust Corps

Attached is Combat Efficiency Report as at 20 Jun 43.

Maj-Gen
Comd 6 Aust Div

Copies
War Diary (2)

War Diary

Subject: STA[illegible] ORDERS

HQ 6 Aust Div

[illegible] Jun 43

Ref No: G[illegible]

Attached is copy of Provisional Standing Orders for HQ 6 Aust Div.

2. These will be reviewed in 2 months time with a view to publishing in printed form.

3. They will be adopted forthwith and any suggested additions or amendments will be forwarded to this HQ as early as possible.

Col
GS 6 Aust Div

Distribution

3/3 Aust Fd Regt
RAE 6 Aust Div
Sigs 6 Aust Div (2)
16 Aust Inf Bde
17 Aust Inf Bde
6 Aust Div Carr Coy
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
6 Aust Div Pro Coy
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
6 Aust Div Postal Unit
6 Aust Div Reception Camp
6 Aust Div Concert Party
6 Aust Div Mobile Bath Unit
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit
"A" Aust FS Sec
Each offr-Div HQ
War Diary (2)
File

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT - 6 AUST DIV AS AT 20 JUN 43

FOR MONTH ENDING
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LOST SECRET

HQ 6 Aust Div

25 Jun 43

Ref No G1906

Serial No	Formation etc (down to Div HQ and Bdes)	Approx Percentages Available With Units													Role	Present Employment
		Weapons										Ept				
		Rifles	LMGs	TMGs	SMGs	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	2 Pr	6 Pr	25 Pr	40mm Weapons	LT	Carriers	Trucks	Strength of Personnel	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	100	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	92	JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING	Training
2.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	58	10	-	100	-	-	-	-	96	-	100	100	-	79		
3.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	100	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	72		
4.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	100	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	83		
5.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	100	50	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	88		
6.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	100	100	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	81		
7.	16 Aust Inf Bde	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	100	-	-	73		
8.	30 Aust Inf Bde	51	100	100	100	50	58	100	-	-	-	100	-	-	37.5		

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT - 6 AUST DIV AT AT 20 JUN 43

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LOST SECRET

HQ 6 Aust Div

Ref No: 9

Serial No	Formation etc (down to Div HQ and Bdes)	Approx Percentages Available With Units													Role	Present Employment
		Weapons										Tpt				
		Rifles	LMGs	HMGs	SMGs	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	2 Pr	6 Pr	25 Pr	40mm Weapons	LT	Carriers	Tanks	Strength of Personnel	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
9.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	84	100	100	100	Nil	75	25	-	-	-	-	21 Carriers held		81	JUNGLE WARFARE	Training
10.	AASC 6 Aust Div	99	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	-	-	100		
11.	AEME 6 Aust Div	100	80	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	84		
12.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	75		

Serial No	Formation etc	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs	Phase of Trg Covered During Month	Type of Warfare Formation Considered Capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	Good	Individual and hardening	A	
2.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	Good	Individual, Tp and Bty Trg	F	Complete one month after receipt of reinforcements and equipment.
3.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	Good	Individual and hardening	F	Complete in 6 weeks
4.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	Good	Inf Trg and Jungle Engineering.	F	Require 6 weeks trg on specialised engr tasks in Jungle Warfare.
5.	2/23 Aust Fd Pk Coy	Good	Inf Trg and Jungle Engineering.	F	Complete in 2 months
6.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	Good	Infantry and Signal Trg	C	
7.	16 Aust Inf Bde	Good	Coy and Bn Trg	C	
8.	20 Aust Inf Bde	Officers - Good NCO - Fair	Individual and Sec Trg	F	Complete 2 months after concentration

Type A - Efficient and experienced for mobile offensive operations.
Type F - Training is NOT yet complete.

General Remarks:

Practice moves and operating in the field have been carried out by the complete Div HQ during the month.

Maj Gen
GOC 6 Aust Div

Serial No (a)	Formation etc (b)	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs (s)	Phase of Trg Covered During Month (t)	Type of Warfare Formation Considered Capable of (u)	Remarks (v)
9.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	Good	Sec and Pl Trg	F	Trg complete by mid Aug 45
10.	AASC 6 Aust Div	Good	Hardening and AASC Trg	F	Complete in 8/10 weeks
11.	AEME 6 Aust Div	Fair	Individual and Specialist Trg	F	Complete in 6 weeks
12.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	Good	Inf Trg and Pro Duties	A	

Type A - Efficient and experienced for mobile offensive operations.
Type F - Training is NOT yet complete.

General Remarks:

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6 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS

6 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

PROVISIONAL

STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

JUNE 1943

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CHAPTER 1.

SECTION 1 - UNITS TO WHICH STANDING ORDERS APPLY

1. These Standing Orders apply to the units shown in Appendix "A".

SECTION 2 - SUB-DIVISION OF HEADQUARTERS

1. Div HQ will be organised as under:-

   (a) ADV HQ
   (b) REAR HQ

2. Wherever possible Div HQ will be concentrated, but occasions may arise where, to facilitate control of operations, an Adv HQ may have to be established in a forward area. This sub-division subtracts from the efficiency of the HQ, and also causes certain administrative difficulties. For this reasons, the complete HQ must re-assemble as soon as circumstances permit. Generally, Div HQ will work concentrated when operations are stabilised and in two parts when conditions are fluid.

3. On occasions a small Comd Gp may be formed to obviate the continual movement of Adv Div HQ, which is so organised that the Comd Gp can separate from it whenever required. During movement, the Comd Gp will usually move separately from the rest of Adv Div HQ.

4. The allotment of personnel to Comd Gp, Adv and Rear Div HQ is shown in Appx "B".

5. In malarial areas, staff officers at Adv Div HQ will be kept to the workable minimum, remaining officers being kept back in any comparatively healthy area available and sent forward as required.

SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

1. When HQ concentrated:-

   (a) The following will come under comd Camp for area administration:-

   HQ 6 Aust Div
   Div HQ Sig Office
   6 Aust Div Pro Coy
   6 Aust Div Postal Unit (HQ of Unit & Div HQ FPO only)
   6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
   6 Aust Div Concert Party
   Guard Coy (less det pls).

   (b) The following will be allotted areas by HQ 6 Aust Div but will be under their own comds for area adm:-

   HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
   Sigs 6 Aust Div (less Div HQ Sig Office)
   HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
   6 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp.

   (c) Units attached to HQ 6 Aust Div, other than those enumerated above, will be included in category (a) or (b) as directed by GSO I.

2. When HQ sub-divided:-

The following officers will be responsible for area adm:-

Adv HQ - Asst Camp
Rear HQ - Camp

3. Allotment of Areas.

Space will normally be allotted for the following:-

Office Areas
Sig Office (close to "G" Office)
Sig Area
Adm Area - Officers' quarters and officers' and sergeants' messes, men's kitchens, and OR rest area.
Transport Area
Visitors' Car Park
Areas for att tps (see para 1 (b)).

4. (a) The cleanliness of offices and areas of units listed under para 1 (b) will be the responsibility of the unit concerned.

(b) Administrative supervision of the whole Div HQ area, less areas of units in para 1 (b) will be the responsibility of Camp or Asst Camp as detailed in para 2 above.

SECTION 4 - MOVEMENT OF DIV HQ

1. (a) The GSO I will be responsible for the following:-

(i) Ordering movement of Div HQ
(ii) Indicating the general area in which Div HQ will be located
(iii) Indicating time at which Div HQ or Adv Div HQ is to open at new site
(iv) Instructions regarding movement control and the route to be followed
(v) Indicating time at which vehicles are to be loaded ready to move
(vi) Indicating whether "G" or "AQ" is to issue detailed orders for the move
(vii) Indicating strength of local protection unit to proceed with Adv HQ.

(b) Camp will be responsible for the following:-

(i) Informing NCO in charge of each mess, time at which next meal will be served and time mess is to close.
(ii) Informing NCO in charge of batmen at what time they will be wanted and when baggage is to be ready for loading.
(iii) Informing NCO in charge of transport at what time vehicles or porters will be required and where they are to report

2. Four types of move are likely to be ordered.

(i) Type A - When Div HQ is to open at a new site concentrated Div HQ will proceed by groups which will be combined into Recce Party (incl Sigs), Main Body, HQ of Div Tps and Rear Party.
(ii) Type B - When Adv Div HQ is to open at a new site, whilst Rear Div HQ remains at

the old site. Adv HQ will move with Recce Party, Main Body, Sigs Group, RAE Group and Rear Party.

(iii) Type C - When Adv and Rear Div HQ are to move to separate sites Adv Div HQ will move to the new site as for Type B. Rear Div HQ will move with Recce Party (incl Sigs), Main Body, Sigs, Pro, RAE and ASC Groups, and Rear Party.

(iv) Type D - Strategic Air Move. For a move of this nature, where both points of departure and arrival are beyond striking distance from enemy land forces, tactical groupings are not necessary, and a normal scale of accommodation stores may be carried. For such moves the HQ will be divided into Comd Gp, Adv HQ and Rear HQ, the composition of which is shown in detail at Appendix "Q".

The detailed composition of all the abovementioned parties is shown at Appendix "B".

3. Prior to the movement of the HQ, a detailed recce of the new site will be carried out. The normal composition of the recce parties for the various types of moves as shown above will be as set out hereunder:-

Type A and B : GSOIII(O)
DAQMG
DADH
Asst Camp
1 "G" Clerk
1 "Q" Clerk
1 Draughtsman
4 Batmen
RAA offr and batman
RAE offr and batman
Camflg offr and batman
Recce Gp Sigs (sufficient to open Sig Office at new location)
Pro Offr
12 Pro pers
1 Cook
1 Hygiene pers
1 Water Duty pers
2 DRs or orderlies
Sec Gd Pl

Type C : Adv HQ

As above less Asst Camp and batman

Rear HQ

DAAG and batman
RAE offr and batman
Camflg Sgt
Recce Gp Sigs (sufficient to open Sig Office at new location)
One Pro Offr
12 Pro pers
1 "AQ" Clerk
2 DRs or orderlies
1 Cook
1 Hygiene pers
1 Water Duty pers
Sec Gd Pl.

4. Officers i/c groups will be responsible that vehicles and/or porters are marshalled and are ready to move 15 minutes before the time laid down. When a move is ordered, Camp will issue orders for all vehicles and/or porters to be assembled at appropriate areas and will then hand over to the officers i/c groups ready to move off.

The senior corbatant officer in each group will be i/c group.

After Div HQ has moved, the Rear Party will remain at the old site for one hour to direct orderlies and DRs to the new location.

5. Warning Orders for a move should be issued not less than two hours in advance.

When a warning order is issued, GSO III (O) and DAAG will report immediately to GSO II for orders. If it is impracticable for DAAG to move to Adv HQ, he will receive his instructions by signal. Where the HQ is to be divided, a boundary line between Adv and Rear Div HQ areas will always be indicated. Orders for the assembly of recce parties will be issued by the leader of the recce party concerned.

6. Pro forma of Movement Table is given at Appendix "C".

7. When new areas for Adv and/or Rear HQ are selected, messages will be sent by DR or orderly to the Main Body of HQ or the portion concerned giving map reference and the best route to the new sites.

8. Recce parties will select covered car parks in the new area, to which the vehicles of all groups can be directed on arrival. They will post traffic control policemen or signposts to guide vehicles to car parks. Strict attention must be given to "track discipline" both with regards to vehicles and paths for personnel. Tracks between offices and to latrines should be marked with handlines of string or lawyer cane.

9. During a move it is essential that there should be no period during which Div HQ is closed down. For this reason a Sig group attached to Recce Party will be sent forward to open a Sig Office at the new site.

The time at which Div HQ will close at the old location will be the time when communication is established at the new site by the Recce Party Sig group.

As soon as the new Div HQ area has been laid out, the GSO III (O) will have a plan of offices and officers quarters made for the use of duty personnel at night.

10. GSO III (O) is responsible that the local protection unit occupies defensive positions covering the site, as soon as it is selected. Final co-ordination of the local defence of HQ is the responsibility of GSO II.

CHAPTER 2

OFFICE ROUTINE AND PROCEDURE

SECTION 5 - OFFICE ORGANISATION

1. Reception Office

(a) When Div HQ is concentrated:-

(i) A Reception Office will be established by "G" Branch. It will be near the Sig Office and well clear of the "G" Office.

(ii) Cpl i/c Orderlies will be responsible for the Reception Office.

(b) When Div HQ is subdivided:-

(i) Reception Offices will be established at both Adv and Rear Div HQ.

(ii) Adv Div HQ Reception Office will be the responsibility of "G".

(iii) Rear Div HQ Reception Office will be the responsibility of "A".

2. Registry Offices.

(a) When Div HQ is concentrated:

Separate registries will be established by "G" and "AQ" Branches.

(b) When Div HQ is subdivided:

At Adv Div HQ, "G" Office will form a central registry for "G" and "AQ".

At Rear Div HQ, the "AQ" registry will function and will also act as Reception Office for Rear Div HQ.

3. Enquiries.

All enquiries, in the first instance, will be directed to the Reception Office, which must be clearly marked. Every effort will be made to satisfy trivial enquiries without reference to the Branch or Service concerned.

In order to assist the Reception Office, Branches and Services will forward to the Reception Office a note or copy of relevant correspondence, e.g. special orders ref movement of HQ offices, DRLS, Staff cars, and other domestic details.

A general situation map will be kept at the Reception Office in order to avoid unnecessary interruptions in "G" and "I" offices. This map will be kept up to date by "I".

A notice board will be placed near the Reception Office, on which all important notices and domestic information will be displayed.

Enquiries as to the location of offices, messes etc. or the whereabouts of particular officers, will be made at the Reception Office, NOT at the Sig Office.

The draughtsman proceeding with the Recce Party will prepare prior to the arrival of the main party a diagram of the HQ area, showing the detailed layout. This diagram will be kept up to date and will always be available at the Reception Office.

4. Correspondence.

(a) All "IN" correspondence will be delivered to the Sig Office at Div HQ who will pass immediately to Reception Office

(i) SECRET - Secret correspondence will be sent by Reception Office direct to "G". Correspondence marked "MOST SECRET" and "OFFR ONLY" will be opened by an officer only. Correspondence marked "SECRET" will be opened by an officer, chief clerk, or Sgt Recorder. Correspondence of this nature, concerning "G" Branch, will be entered in the "G" Secret Register, which is kept by the Sgt Recorder. The registered number and time of receipt of any "AQ" Branch secret correspondence, will be entered in the secret transit book and passed to that Branch or the officer concerned.
Specimen Secret Transit Book is shown in Appx "D".
It is most important that a receipt be obtained for all secret correspondence passed.

(ii) OTHER THAN SECRET - The Reception Office will pass all correspondence, other than SECRET, direct to Branch concerned. The registered number and time of receipt of correspondence for Branches will be entered in the Reception Office Transit Book. This correspondence will be passed without delay to the "G" or "AQ" Registry and a receipt obtained. It will there be registered and immediately passed via the Chief Clerk of the Branch to the officer concerned.
Specimen Reception Office Transit Book is shown at Appx "D".

(b) ACK of correspondence will be the responsibility of the recipient.

(c) All original recipients are responsible for distributing the correspondence, or the information therein, to those who should know it.

(d) "OUT" correspondence will be passed to Sig Office, Div HQ as follows:

(i) SECRET - Correspondence franked MOST SECRET, OFFR ONLY, or SECRET, will be passed direct to the Sig Office for transmission and will NOT pass through Reception Office. SAFE HAND correspondence will be handed personally to the Sigmaster by an officer.

(ii) OTHER THAN SECRET - Correspondence, other than enumerated in (i) will be registered, handed to the Reception Office where it will be placed in envelopes, numbered serially, and passed to the Sig Office for delivery.

5. General.

(i) An officer signing correspondence is responsible that the date shown on the correspondence is the actual date on which he signs the correspondence. He may need to enter the time of signature on the left of the page opposite his signature.

(ii) An officer originating correspondence for signature by a senior officer will, after checking typed correspondence, place his initials in the bottom right hand corner of the file copy only.

(iii) The clerk who checks typed correspondence will place his initials in the bottom left hand corner of the file copy only.

6. Each file of papers submitted with a memo for signature will be in two portions:

(a) The original of the memo for signature with all attachments, enclosures, etc., attached ready for despatch.

(b) The office file copy, to which should be attached all relevant papers to be retained.

The two portions of the file will be joined with a glide clip (or master pin). Before signing the memo the officer concerned should separate the two portions of the file and satisfy himself that the attachments are complete and in their proper place.

7. Registration and Filing.

As few documents as possible will be retained. With this object a review of correspondence and files will be held every month, when papers, maps, etc will be sorted into three categories:-

(i) Those required for current use and reference.

(ii) Those no longer required but which are likely to be of historical interest on questions that might arise in the future.

(iii) Those not coming within either of above categories.

When divided into these three categories, they will be dealt with as follows:-

Category (i)	-	Retained.
Category (ii)	-	Indexed and sent to Staff Duties Military History Section, No 2 Aust Base PO.
Category (iii)	-	Burnt under supervion of an officer or chief clerk.

SECTION 6 - MESSAGES.

1. Receipt of Messages.

(a) "IH" messages will not be registered by Sigs.

(b) All "IH" messages, other than those by DR, will be taken down by Sigs (and RAAF tender if attached) in triplicate - two copies being delivered to Reception Office.

(c) Reception Office will :-

(i) Number both copies with a serial number in BLUE pencil.

(ii) Despatch one copy to Branch concerned immediately.

(iii) Register, mark and despatch the second copy to Branch concerned.

(d) Recipient will be responsible for ACKS.

(e) During operations, "IN" messages will be dealt with as follows:-

(i) Two copies will be sent from Sig Office by orderly direct to "I".

(ii) First copy must be despatched immediately by Sgt Recorder to GSO I or AA and QMG (whichever appropriate).

(iii) Second copy is recorded by Sgt Recorder in Operations Log and passed to GSO II.

(iv) Second copy is marked by GSO II with Distribution appropriate to its contents: Summary of any action taken on it by him. If necessary, instructions to recipients of copies.

A typical distribution for a "G" message might be:-

GOC, GSO I, O, I, AQ (infm).

(v) Annotated second copy isthen passed to chief clerk for typing, one copy being produced for each person listed on the distribution.

(vi) Second copy and typed copies are presented to GSO III (O) for checking. He initials all copies and arranges distribution by orderly.

(vii) Second copy is placed on BMB by GSO III (O).

(viii) First copy after sighting by GSO I or AA and QMG is returned to Sgt Recorder who files.

(ix) GSO III (O) marks up map from "O" copy and when it is of no further use, destroys it.

(f) Pro forma of Operation Log is given in Appx "E".

2. <u>Despatch of "OUT" MESSAGES</u>.

(a) "Out" messages will be registered in office of origin.

(b) The number of copies required will be one for each addressee, one for Sigs, one for Cipher (where the message is to be ciphered) and one for filing in the office of origin. In the case of operational messages, the file copy will be placed on BMB.

(c) "OUT" messages will be sent through Reception Office to Sigs, except in cases where addressees are branches or services located at Div HQ, in which case they will be delivered by hand.

(d) ACK registers will be maintained by each Branch.

(e) Reception office will maintain register of receipts and despatches in AF A2040.

(f) The responsibility for ensuring that messages etc. reach the addressee rests with the originator.

3. Battle Message Board.

(a) During operations, all messages, orders, etc., will be filed on the BMB, to be maintained by GSO III (O).

(b) A separate clip will be maintained for each formation, unit, etc., from or to whom messages may be received of sent. A further clip will be used for the filing of operation orders issued.

(c) All officers returning to Div HQ will read all messages placed on BMB during their absence.

(d) Sgt Recorder will clear BMB daily at 0900 hours (or as otherwise directed) and messages will be filed in the Operations Log and War Diary.

SECTION 7 - DUTY OFFICERS AND CLERKS

1. (a) GSO II will be responsible for ensuring that there are enough personnel on duty at all times at Div HQ.

(b) Orders for Duty Officer are contained in Appx "F".

(c) When Div HQ is divided, GSO II will issue orders for Adv Div HQ and will notify policy to AA and QMG who will issue orders accordingly for Rear Div HQ.

(d) When offices are dispersed, GSO II will notify policy to the senior officer in each office, who will issue orders accordingly.

(e) Roster showing detail of Duty Officers and hours of duty, will be maintained by GSO II.

(f) A specimen Duty Officer's log is shown at Appx "G".

(g) Duty Clerks will be detailed by Chief Clerk on a similar basis to Duty Officers and will:-

(i) Register "In" and "Out" Messages.
(ii) Maintain ACK register.
(iii) Ensure that all messages not dealt with are handed over, on relief, or in the morning, to the Branch concerned.
(iv) Ensure that action taken on messages or telephone calls is recorded and handed over on relief, or in the morning to the Branch concerned.

SECTION 8 - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Relations between Staff and Sigs.

"G" will maintain close touch with Sigs. GSO II will give Sigs early warning of probable moves of formations or units.

He will warn Sigs of anticipated periods of heavy sig traffic e.g., issue of orders, issue of large multiple addressee messages, etc. GSO II will periodically visit Sigs to ascertain the pressure of sig traffic. When pressure is heavy he will advise as to the order of priority in which waiting messages will be despatched. Similarly, Sigs will report whenever any undue delay in traffic is likely to occur.

A "State of Communications" Board will be maintained in the "G" Office by Sigs. (Specimen is shown in Appx"H").

Queries as to the state of communications will be referred to the Sigmaster.

When a new HQ is being established, all branches or units at Div HQ will report their arrival or departure to the Sig office, so that there will be no delay in the delivery of messages.

2. Franking of Messages and Priority Calls - Service Channels.

The rules for the franking of priority messages are laid down in GRO 165/42.

Degrees of priority and officers of Div HQ authorised to frank messages and demand priority calls, over service channels, are shown in Appx "I".

Such priority instructions will be marked by hand on individual copies and only on those copies destined for formations and units affected. Copies sent to other addressees for information only will not normally be so marked.

3. Franking of Messages and Priority Calls - Civil Channels.

Degrees of priority and officers of Div HQ authorised to frank messages and demand priority calls over civil channels are shown in Appx "J".

4. Acknowledgements.

An officer despatching a message is responsible for satisfying himself that the message has been received in due time.

Chief Clerks of all Branches will keep an "ACK" register in the form shown in Appx "G". Chief Clerks will bring to notice any outstanding ACKS. Staff Officers will periodically check these registers.

Incoming messages requiring ACK will be automatically acknowledged before any other action is taken on them.

When correspondence, orders, etc., have to be acked, a note to the effect that this has been done, giving message number and date, will be made on the top right hand corner of the copy, where possible, and/or against the word "ACK" where shown in the document. This entry must be initialled.

In special cases a SDR may be told to ask for an official "ACK" and bring same back with him.

5. Acknowledgements of Operation and Adm Orders and Instructions.

The procedure for "ack" of operation and adm orders and instructions which have to be delivered by hand or by DR is as follows:-

(a) The "G" or "AQ" Branch warns the Sig Office that the order is in course of preparation and furnishes an advance copy of the distribution list.

(b) Sigs decide number of DR's required, areas of delivery, and which copies are to be delivered by each DR.

(c) When an SDR is sent to one particular unit, or when time allowed for delivery to other units permits, the DR will wait and bring back the ACK.

(d) On receipt of order S.O. concerned will immediately prepare an ACK message and forward it to Div HQ. The signature on DR's docket is NOT an acknowledgement.

Acknowledgements of Operation and Adm Orders and Instructions (Continued)

(e) Sigs collect ACK messages from DR's on return and forward them, without delay, as they are received, to the Branch concerned.

(f) The Branch will keep a record of ACKS received, as they come in from Sigs. In the event of an ACK being considered overdue, enquiries will be made from Sigs as to whether the DR can be considered overdue in view of the route and areas of distribution. If so, the Branch concerned will originate a message calling for an ACK. Chief Clerk is responsible for checking ACKS and informing S.C. of any omissions.

6. Messages for Local Delivery, within Div HQ Area.

Such messages will be delivered direct by orderly and NOT through Sigs. Receipts will be obtained in the delivery book.

Orders and messages (other than those written on AAF C2128) will be enclosed in envelopes. The number of the communication will be marked on the envelope.

7. Special DR'S.

Special DR's will be ordered only by officers authorised (Vide Appx "I").

If an SDR is ordered, the envelope will be marked "SDR" and will be signed by an officer not below Grade II. Sigs will inform other Branches of the destination of the SDR half an hour prior to its departure, in order that any other messages for same addressee may also be delivered.

8. Code Names and Call Signs.

Code names and call signs will not be used by originators, either in the address or text of message. It is the responsibility ofSigs to ensure that the correct call sign or code name is placed on the message.

Call signs are allotted to units by Sigs.

Code names are distributed by GSO III (O).

Separate call signs and code names will be allotted to Adv and Rear Div HQ when Div HQ is divided.

9. Telephones.

(a) Schedule of allotment is given in Appx "K".
(b) A record of all conversations on the telephone will be kept showing:-
  (i) Time and date.
  (ii) Officers speaking.
  (iii) Substance of conversation.

For this purpose a message pad with carbon and pencil attached will be kept by each telephone. Such record will be written in duplicate and it will then be treated as an "IN" or "OUT" message.

A map for recording telephoned information should always be within reach of the telephone.

(c) An orderly will be detailed as telephone orderly at all general phones.

(d) The telephone will NOT be used for business that can be done equally well by messages or letter.

10. R/T Conversations.

Officers are authorised to initiate R/T conversations as under:-

(a) In rear of, or to other Div HQ - GOC, GSO I

(b) In front of Div HQ - Any SO.

The greatest care must be exercised by any officer using R/T to prevent information being given to the enemy, by careless use of times, places, names of units, etc.
(Attention is directed to FSPB Supplement -"R/T Signal Procedure 1941")

11. Synchronisation of Watches.

Sigs will give out signal time twice daily - normally at 0800 and 1600 hrs. A clock showing signal time will be kept at Adv HQ and Rear HQ Reception Offices.

12. Delivery of Messages.

(a) When Div HQ is on the move, the vehicle acting as the sig office will carry a signal flag in a conspicuous position. Otherwise a report centre within the column will be established, the position of which will be notified.

(b) Before returning to his own HQ, an orderly or DR will always ask if there is any message to take back. He should not be detained for an unreasonable period for this purpose. If the HQ is on the move he should follow immediately behind the signal office vehicle or report centre until he is permitted to return to his own HQ.

(c) An orderly wishing to deliver a message to an individual officer who may, for example, be engaged in conversation will not wait until somebody asks him what he wants, but will make his presence known by saying loudly, "Message for ----------".

SECTION 9

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION - OWN TROOPS AND ENEMY

1. The GSO III (O) will issue situation reports at fixed intervals (normally two hourly during operations, otherwise four-hourly) even if no change has occurred. He will, at once, issue on his own initiative to all concerned, the gist of all such relevant information as cannot be kept back for the normal situation report. NO sitrep will be issued unless signed by the GSO I or on the authority of the GOC.

Location statements, situation reports, and summary of information, will be issued by GSO III (O) as soon as dispositions for the night are settled.

AA and QMG will forward to GSO III (O) by 1600 hrs daily, or on halt orders being received (whichever is the earlier) a location statement of administrative units directly under his control for inclusion in the location statement issued by GSO III (O).

GSO III (O) will notify all formations or units concerned of any change in location of any unit or part of a unit of or more than two infantry companies or equivalent sub-units.

The normal distribution of sitreps, location statements, summaries of information is shown at Appx "L".

SECTION 10 - SITUATION MAPS

1. The following maps will be maintained at Div HQ.

(a) General Map (In Reception Office).
Showing whole area of operations. This map will be available for all officers from Branches and Services, LO's, visitors, etc., and is designed to obviate worrying the GS with unnecessary questions. It will be maintained by G III (I).

(b) Duty Map.

Within reach of telephone. It will record all information received by message, phone, or visiting SO's. This map will NOT be taken as being up-to-date and all information on it will be erased as soon as it has been transferred to Map (c) or (d). It will be maintained by the Duty Officer.

(c) Int Map.

Covering the whole of the Div area of operations. On it will be recorded all detailed information as well as forecasts of moves. It will be maintained by GSO III (I). This map will primarily show locations of enemy forces. The map will not show own troops in detail, except for forward elements.

(d) Location Map - own troops.

Will show in detail locations of own troops, and will be maintained by GSO III (O)

(e) Adm Map.

This map will show Adm situation (e.g. location of dumps, etc.) and to a limited extent, the tactical situation. It will be maintained by "AQ" Branch.

(f) Shelling Map.

As required - to be maintained by GSO III (O).

(g) Patrol Map.

As required - to be maintained by GSO III (I).

(h) Gas Maps.

As required - to be maintained by GSO III (CW).

(i) Mine Maps.

As required - to be maintained by GSO III (CW).

2. Conventional Signs.

(a) The following colours only will be used in marking maps for the purposes shown:-

(i)	Enemy	Blue
(ii)	Own Troops	Red
(iii)	Co-operating Troops ...	Green
(iv)	Topographical information or boundaries	Black.

(b) Boundaries:

Only the following will be used on maps to indicate the boundaries enumerated:-

(i)	Inter Army	-Q-Q-Q-Q
(ii)	Inter corps	-X-X-X-X-
(iii)	Inter Div	-/-/-/-/-
(iv)	Inter Bde	-.-.-.-.
(v)	Inter Bn	--------

(c) Marking of Maps.

Maps must not be marked in such a way as to obliterate place names, topographical features,etc.

SECTION 11 - SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. All waste paper, spare copies of messages, rough drafts, etc. will be burnt daily and on each occasion Div HQ moves, under the supervision of an officer, nominated by the head of the Branch or Service concerned.

2. Secret Correspondence.

The distribution list laid down for Operation Orders and other secret documents will be strictly observed.

Spare copies will NOT be prepared and faulty copies and stencils (when no longer required) will be destroyed by fire.

SECTION 12 - LIAISON OFFICERS

1. LOs serve all branches of the Staff of Div HQ. They are controlled by "G".

2. The Branch requiring an LO will contact "G", where the senior officer on duty will make the necessary arrangements. Normally this "G" duty officer will work through the senior LO awake. It is advantageous whenever expedient that each LO should work with definite formations.

3. The LO detailed for a task will always report to "G" office immediately before leaving and IMMEDIATELY on return. On his return, if his report is of great urgency he will, after reporting in to "G" office, go at once to the officer to whom he has to deliver the urgent report. On completing his verbal report he will return to the "G" tent and report to the officer on duty, so that the battle maps may be brought up to date and any necessary notes made and posted on the battle board. Where an LO's reports are not of great urgency he will make his report to "G" and then go and make his report to the individual officers for whom he has carried out tasks. A task is not completed until all these reports to the "G" office and the individual officers have been made. A written report on the task should be submitted as soon as opportunity allows.

4. As soon as it is known that an LO is to go out, the LO will advise Sig Office, the "A" and "Q" Branches, as well as the remainder of "G" including "I", that an LO is to leave for certain places at a definite time. The Branches, etc., concerned will send to "G" office any urgent packets they want delivered by the LO to the places he will visit on his trip. The LO will pick these up at the "G" office before leaving and will also call at the Sig Office for urgent packets. Except in cases of urgency, arrangements can be made for the LO to call at the Branches to get verbal instructions but where possible this should be avoided, as it delays the LO in getting away.

5. LOs will at all times be conversant with our dispositions and enemy dispositions on all parts of the Div front and of flanking formations as far as they are known at Div HQ. They will also obtain the latest information concerning the dispositions of our own and enemy troops on the front of the particular HQ that they visit.

6. On arriving at and just before leaving any HQ an LO will report his intended movements to Sig Office who will keep a log of LO movements to which reference can always be made through Sig Superintendent. Where it is necessary "G" will instruct the LO to advise by signal his arrival at and/or departure from any HQ.

SECTION 13 - CIPHERS AND CIPHER PERSONNEL

1. The rules for the security of messages are laid down in FSR Vol II Sec 19.

2. Cipher Personnel on Div Sigs establishment will normally be allotted as under:-

Adv Div HQ - 1 Offr and 5 OR
Rear Div HQ - 1 WO and 2 OR

3. At least one cipher personnel will accompany the sig recce group.

SECTION 14 - ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

1. All officers will report to the Sig Office both on departing for and leaving any formation or unit, to ascertain whether any message can be delivered by them. They will inform the Sigmaster of their destination and probable time of arrival there, and also their anticipated time of return to HQ.

2. It is the duty of all officers visiting lower formations or units, to make themselves acquainted with the local situation, both tactical and administrative, and on return to Div HQ to advise the branch or service concerned of such facts as affect them. Much assistance can also be given to lower formations and units by passing on information gained during a tour of the area.

3. Officers returning from formations or recces will at once circulate to all branches and services, such information a s they have gained stating its degree of reliability, together with notes on any matters requiring attention.

4. An officer going from Adv Div HQ to Rear Div HQ should take the latest situation with him on a battle map. The object of this is to ensure that full use is made of visits of SO's to formations or units.

5. Officers will not leave Div HQ without first obtaining permission from the GSO I or GSO II (in the case of G officers) or the AA and QMG, in the case of other officers.

6. An Officers' Marking Out Book will be kept at the Reception Office, in which all officers will "mark-out" before leaving Div HQ. Pro Forma is given at Appx "E".

7. In addition LO's will enter up the State of Comm Board before leaving the HQ and will ensure that their return is also recorded.

SECTION 15 - PROTECTION OF DIV HQ

1. Responsibility

(a) The GSO I will be responsible for laying down the general policy for the protection of the Div HQ Area.

(b) Each commander of an administration area will organize the protection of his area. The GSO II will co-ordinate such schemes in the Defence Plan for the whole HQ.

(c) OC Div HQ Guard Platoon will be responsible for the implementation at Adv and Rear Div HQ, of the policy laid down by GSO I.

2. Alarms

The following alarms will be employed for warnings at Div HQ:-

(a) Hostile Aircraft - A succession of short blasts on a whistle.

(b) General Alarm - A succession of long and short blasts on a whistle.

(c) Local Gas Alarm - A succession of long and short blasts on a siren or trench rattle, and by passing on "gas" or "spray" by word of mouth.

(d) All Clear Signal - (i) Hostile Aircraft - succession of long blasts on whistle
(ii) General Alarm - succession of long blasts on whistle.
(iii) Local Gas Alarm - succession of long blasts on siren or trench rattle.

All Clear signals in respect of "Local Gas Alarm" will only be given after a reconnaissance for gas has been carried out by the PAD officer of each unit.

3. Air Raid Warning System

Air raid warnings are issued over the signal system under the colour designations of YELLOW, WHITE, RED, and GREEN.

The meaning of these signals is as under:-

(a) YELLOW - A cautionary signal indicating that enemy or unidentified aircraft have been sighted some distance from the area and that an air raid may possibly eventuate.

(b) WHITE - A signal meaning that the circumstances warranting the issue of a YELLOW warning have now passed.

(c) RED - An action warning meaning that a raid may occur within 5 to 10 minutes.

(d) GREEN - Raiders passed. This means the raiders have left the area or that the threat of a raid is no longer imminent.

4. Action to be taken on Receipt of Air Raid Warning

(a) GSO II (or Duty Officer) will:

(i) On receipt of YELLOW warning notify OC Div HQ Guard Platoon who will establish AA LMG posts, in accordance with defence plan, and post Air Sentry.

(ii) On receipt of RED warning notify OC Div HQ Guard Platoon and all Branches. By night, will see that offices etc are blacked-out.

(iii) On receipt of WHITE signal advise OC Div HQ Guard Platoon.

(iv) On receipt of GREEN signal advise OC Div HQ Guard Platoon and all Branches.

NOTE: Air Sentry and AA LMGs will be kept posted until receipt of either WHITE or GREEN signal.

(b) Air Sentry will:

(i) Sound local alarm, ONLY when hostile aircraft approach actual area.

(ii) Sound ALL CLEAR when hostile aircraft leave area.

(c) G III (O) (or Duty Officer) will:

When local alarm is sounded remain by phone together with duty clerk.

(d) All Personnel will:

(i) Continue normal activities until Air Sentry sounds local alarm.

(ii) Adjust steel helmets and disperse when local alarm is sounded. Slit trenches will NOT be occupied unless Divisional Headquarters area is actually being attacked.

(iii) Resume normal duties upon ALL CLEAR being sounded.

(iv) Ensure that their offices, messes, etc are completely blacked-out if RED warning is given at night.

5. Action upon General Alarm

(a) All ranks, including clerks, will have their arms and equipment near them at all times.

(b) All personnel of Branches and Services etc in Div HQ area (excluding medical personnel) will be organized into fire units and alarm posts will be selected for them and laid down in the Defence Plan.

(c) On the "general alarm" being sounded, all personnel will proceed at once with arms and equipment to their respective alarm posts, where they will come under command of the alarm post commander.

(d) Each office will detail one officer and one clerk to stand by telephone and collect all documents and ensure that they are destroyed, if ordered to do so by senior officers of the Branch concerned.

6. Gas Attacks

(a) Each separate administration area will have appointed a PAD officer, who will carry out PAD duties in addition to his normal duties.

(b) GSO III (CW) will be PAD officer for Div HQ and when the HQ is subdivided, Camp will be PAD officer for Rear HQ.

(c) Upon the sounding of the Gas Alarm, all ranks will adjust respirators and continue with normal duties.

(d) Following the introduction of CW in the theatre of operations, or upon intelligence being received of its employment being imminent, gas spray detectors will be laid out at all times.

(e) Immediately a sentry sees that gas spray has fallen, he will pass the alarm "SPRAY" by word of mouth and take one of the detectors to GSO III(CW) or Duty Officer for confirmation.

7. Sentries

(a) Posting of sentries at Div HQ will be co-ordinated by OC Div HQ Guard Platoon. The number of sentries posted will be a minimum consistent with adequate protection of the HQ area. During jungle operations it will normally be necessary to have one man in every three alert during the hours of darkness.

(b) At least one sentry (to carry both Gas and Air duties) will be required for each separate administration area. Posting and reliefs will be at discretion of command concerned.

(c) Sentries will employ a warning system that places the HQ on the alert with a minimum of noise and movement.

CHAPTER 4

DETAILED ORGANIZATION GS BRANCH

SECTION 16 - DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES, OFFICERS, CLERKS AND ORDERLIES

1. Duties of Officers

GSO I

(a) Policy and co-ordination of work of whole Div Staff as delegated by GOC.

(b) Operations, plans and co-ordination with other formations.

(c) Policy reference intercommunication.

(d) Co-operation of Arms and RAAF.

(e) Training Policy.

(f) Initial allotment of quartering areas.

(g) Supervision of Intelligence.

(h) Moves of Div HQ.

(i) Chief Security Officer.

(j) Liaison with ALO.

GSO II and GSO II(L)

(a) Understudies GSO I.

(b) Preparation, checking and issue of all orders and instructions (other than administrative orders) as allotted by GSO I.

(c) Air defence and anti-gas measures with GSO III (CW).

(d) Working parties (tactical) with Q and CRE.

(e) Liaison with AILO on operations matters.

(f) Detail of Staff Duties including intercommunication.

(g) Trial and Report on new materials and inventions.

(h) Engineer stores requirements (with CRE).

(i) Controlled stores with GSO I.

(j) All ammunition requirements.

(k) Organization and working of "G" Staff.

(l) Control and interviewing of LOs.

(m) Detail of Duty Officers (with DAAG).

(n) Arrangements with Sigs, Q and Camp for moves of Div HQ.

(o) Reconnaissance of sites for Div HQ (with DAQMG).

(p) Moves by road (assisted by DAAG and DAQMG).

(q) Training.

(r) Preparation and Maintenance of Staff Tables.

(s) Preparation of "G" War Diary.

(t) Supervision of signals traffic, priority for issue of messages.

(u) Maintain Operation Log and bring to notice of GSO I any material of importance.

(v) WEs and changes in organization.

(w) Co-ordination of protection Div HQ.

GSO III (O) and GSO III (L)

(a) Understudies GSO II.

(b) Schools and Courses and movements thereto.

(c) Issue of Location Statements or amendment daily.

(d) Maintains location map and shelling map.

(e) Preparation and circulation of situation reports.

(f) "Own troops" para of Operation Orders.

(g) Battle Message Board.

(h) Maintains order of battle.

(i) Supervision of "ACK" register.

(j) Publications and WEs, supply and distribution.

(k) Passwords, code names, recognition signals, etc.

GSO III (CW)

(a) Advises on CW and PAD.

(b) Anti-gas training within the Div.

(c) Studies Div area to assess probable dangers from use of gas by enemy.

(d) Studies CW Intelligence in conjunction with IO.

(e) ARP measures Div HQ.

(f) Examines specimens of technical interest in conjunction with AG Mob Laboratory.

(g) Keeps Gas Maps and Mine Maps.

(h) Advises Ordnance and commanders on storage, condition and replacement of anti-gas stores.

(i) Will act as additional GSO III (O) or GSO III (I) as instructed by GSO II.

GSO III (I)

(a) Enemy information para of Operation Orders.

(b) Appreciations from enemy point of view.

(c) Compilation of Intelligence Summaries.

GSO III (I) (Contd)

(d) Dissemination of all Intelligence information.

(e) Supervision and training of "G" draughtsmen.

(f) Security and supervision of FS Section.

(g) Control of Censorship.

(h) Co-ordination of Intelligence system, operations and training within the Division.

(i) Keep commander's maps up-to-date.

(j) Ordering and distribution of Intelligence and Operations Air Photos.

(k) Upkeep of Situation Map (with GSO III (O))

(l) Press Relations.

(m) Maps - supply and distribution.

IO

(a) Compilation of enemy OOB.

(b) Enemy identifications.

(c) Deductions from information.

(d) Records information from LOs and IOs.

(e) Interrogation of PsW.

(f) Interpretation of Air Photos.

(g) Keeps all collation, Intelligence and secret files.

(h) Maintains Intelligence map for general use.

(i) Maintains Strat R and Tac R maps.

(j) Compiles Intelligence reports.

(k) Meteorological and astronomical information.

(l) Topographical Information.

(m) Liaison with GSO III (CW) on CW Intelligence items.

2. Duties of OR

(a) Chief Clerk

(i) General supervision of clerks and orderlies, and clerical work in "G" Branch, including "G" Registry.

(ii) Organization of clerical duties of "G" Clerks.

(iii) Checks all manuscripts, orders, messages etc after typing.

(iv) Supervision of "ACK" Register.

(v) Preparation of roster for duty clerks and reliefs.

(b) S/Sgt

(i) Stenographer.

(ii) Typing and issuing of orders and messages.

(c) Sgt Recorder

(i) Keeps intelligence files.

(ii) Indexes and files air photographs.

(iii) Records information in operations log.

(iv) Generally assists GSO III (I) and IO.

(d) Cpl i/c Orderlies

(i) Responsible for organization of Reception Office.

(ii) Responsible for security of SECRET information (e.g. Location Statement, Situation Map) held in Reception Office.

SECTION 17 - PREPARATION AND ISSUE OF ORDERS

1. Conferences

When the Divisional Commander calls a conference, normally the following will attend:

GSO I
GSO II
AA & QMG
CRE
OC SIGS
ADMS

together with any commanders of formations or units under command 6 Aust Div, and representatives of Services who may be summoned.

Upon receipt of information that an Operation Order is to be issued, GSO II will warn Chief Clerk and Signals Office giving the approximate time of issue.

Chief Clerk will then:-

(a) Prepare duplicator for use.

(b) Arrange for preparation of addressed envelopes, despatch book and distribution list.

(c) On completion of order, checks that it is correctly made up and supervises its issue.

During the conference, GSO I makes notes for the warning order and operation instruction. GSO II prepares four copies of "Notes for Operation Orders."

If not already drafted by the Commander, the drafting of the intention paragraph will be approved by him personally.

Before those present leave the conference the notes taken by the GSO II will be read to ensure that the Commander's intentions have been correctly interpreted and that co-ordination of all points affecting other Branches and Services, has been achieved .

Whilst the conference is in progress GSO III (I) prepares Information paragraph by dictating to clerk who types on to stencil with correct headings for an Operation Order.

2. Preparation of Orders

Upon conclusion of the conference:

(a) GSO I dictates a warning order, if necessary, giving one copy to GSO II as a check.

(b) GSO II hands copies of his notes to AA & QMG, Arty SO (if artillery paragraph in Order) OC Sigs.

(c) In addition GSO II informs Sigmaster the time the Operation Order is likely to be ready and instructs him to prepare signals plan for its distribution.

(d) AA & QMG prepares notes for any administrative arrangements to be included in the body of the Order. DAQMG and/or DAAG writes Administrative paragraphs and assists GSO II with movement or March Tables if required.

(e) GSO III (O) drafts "Own Troops" sub-paragraph of Information paragraph and hands to GSO II. He also dictates to clerk, from notes given to him by GSO II, any appendices for attachment to Order.

(f) Arty SO prepares Artillery paragraph in the form of notes for GSO II, together with artillery appendix if necessary.

(g) CRE prepares Engineer paragraph in same manner.

(h) OC Sigs prepares Intercommunication paragraph in consultation with GSO II.

(i) GSO II dictates the Order to clerk who types on to stencil already commenced by GSO III (I). When finished he collects traces, appendices, etc from other Branches and Services.

3. Daily Co-ordinating Conference

A daily conference will normally be held at 0830 hrs, at which the following will attend:-

GSO I
GSO II and GSO II (L)
GSO III (O) GSO III (CW) and GSO III (O) L.
G III (I) and IO.
LOs
AA & QMG
DAAG
DAQMG
ADOS
ADME
ADMS
DAPM
CRE
OC Sigs
CASC

The agenda will normally include:

(a) A statement by "I" on the situation.
(b) Forecast by GSO II on future operations, moves by the formation and attached groups.
(c) Questions raised by Branches and Services.

CHAPTER 5

DETAILED ORGANIZATION AQ BRANCH

SECTION 18

DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES - OFFICERS

AA & QMG

(a) Administration policy and co-ordination of administration activities
(b) Medical Services and hygiene (with ADMS)
(c) Honours and Awards
(d) Promotions and Appointments
(e) Supply of personnel
(f) Divisional Routine Orders
(g) Administration orders and instructions
(h) Outline of Traffic Control (with DAPM)

DAAG & DAAG (L)

(a) Reinforcements
(b) Casualties
(c) Accidents
(d) Burials
(e) Discipline and Courts Martial (with LSO)
(f) PW - disposal (with DAPM)
(g) Provost and Traffic Control (with DAPM)
(h) Interior economy of units
(i) Pay and allowances
(j) Guards and Escorts
(k) Ceremonials
(l) Control of Civilians (with DAPM)
(m) Office Administration
(n) Claims
(o) Interpreters
(p) Leave
(q) Courts of Inquiry
(r) Spiritual Welfare (with Senior Chaplains)
(s) Recreation - Amenities
(t) War Diary

DAQMG & DAQMG (L)

(a) Movements
(b) Supplies and POL (with CASC)
(c) Ammunition (with ADOS)
(d) Water (with CRE)
(e) Ordnance Services (with ADOS)
(f) Postal
(g) Clearing of the Battlefield
(h) Salvage (with ADOS)
(i) Accommodation
(j) Billetting
(k) Canteens
(l) Cookery
(m) Laundry (with ADOS)
(n) Baths
(o) Transport
(p) Hirings
(q) Civilian or Native Labour
(r) Catering (with Div Catering Advisor)
(s) Kit Stores
(t) Printing and Stationery
(u) Veterinary Services and Remounts
(v) Engineer Services (for maintenance purposes)
(w) Maintenance (with ADMR)

LSO

(a) Advise upon and settle the form of charges when submitted to him.

LSO (contd)

(b) Act as Prosecutor at trials by Court Martial, when convening authority considers the nature of the inquiry warrants his inclusion.

(c) Examine and advise upon the proceedings of such trials by Court Martial as shall be referred to him.

(d) Advise upon such questions of Military Law, including the conduct of prosecutions for offences against Part XII of the Defence Act, as shall be referred to him.

(e) Instruct the officers of the formation in Military Law, including the conduct of prosecutions for offences against Part XII of the Defence Act.

(f) Perform such other matters of a legal nature as shall be assigned by the Divisional Commander.

(g) Implementation of policy as defined by DOS.

PPCM

(a) Sits as President on all Courts Martial within the Division.

(b) Instructs officers as to duties and responsibilities when detailed to sit as members or when under instruction.

(c) Sits as President on Courts and Boards of Inquiry when considered necessary by convening officer.

ADMS

(a) Technical Adviser to the Divisional Commander on all medical matters, and matters of Hygiene and Sanitation affecting the health of the troops.

(b) Commands and administers all medical units and personnel allotted to the formation.

(c) Allots medical officers to units within the formation, arranging movement with AQ Branch.

(d) Keeps in close touch with the Staff to obtain early advice of expected hostilities.

DADMS and DADMS (L)

(a) Understudies ADMS.

(b) RMO for Divisional HQ.

DAD of H

(a) Adviser to ADMS on matters of hygiene and sanitation.

(b) Other duties as allotted by ADMS.

ADOS

(a) Supervision of Ordnance Office at Divisional HQ.

(b) Checking and approval of indents.

(c) Establishment and control of ADOS Dump when necessary.

(d) Maintenance of statistics and records, including vehicle census and census of warlike stores.

ADOS (contd)

(e) Provision and issue of Ordnance Stores and Equipment.

(f) Salvage (with DAAG).

ADME

(a) Control and supervision of LADs and workshops.

(b) Co-ordination of recovery within the Division.

(c) Modification of equipment as authorized.

(d) Adviser to ADOS on technical matters.

(e) Supervises repair of technical ordnance equipment.

(f) Maintenance of technical records of examination of ordnance equipment, and inspection of armaments, instruments and A and B vehicles held by units in Division.

DAPM

(a) Arrangements for collection and disposal of stragglers.

(b) Custody and disposal PW (with DAAG).

(c) Arrangements for arrest of unauthorized personnel within lines.

(d) Executive duty in connection with control of road traffic (with DAAG.)

(e) Protection of soldiers against unjust civil charges (with DAAG).

(f) Control of Civil population within Divisional Area.

(g) General maintenance of discipline within Divisional Area.

(h) Organization and training of Div Pro Coy.

CAMP and ASST CAMP

(a) Local administration of Divisional HQ and discipline of OR.

(b) Interior Economy of Divisional HQ (pay, rations, clothing, hygiene, equipment etc).

(c) Allotment of areas for Divisional HQ including parking areas.

(d) Control of pool vehicles.

(e) Supervision of Sgts and Mens Messes.

(f) Allotment of officers and OR quarters.

(g) Supervision of use and maintenance of vehicles on Divisional HQ.

(h) Issue of ROs for Divisional HQ.

(i) During moves of Divisional HQ, responsible for marshalling of vehicles and allocation of stores and equipment to vehicles.

(j) Preparation of local Fire Orders.

(k) Marking of HQ areas.

AMENITIES OFFICER

(a) Entertainment of troops - concerts, cinemas, sports meetings, etc.

(b) Distribution of Comforts to troops.

(c) Liaison and co-ordination with Chaplains, YMCA, Salvation Army, Australian Comforts Fund, and other welfare bodies.

(d) Co-ordination of Brigade Amenities officers activities.

EDUCATION OFFICER

(a) Control and supervision of activities of Brigade Educational officers.

(b) Distribution of publications received from AES.

(c) Preparation and delivery of lectures on current affairs.

(d) Maintenance of Educational Library.

(e) Publicising of correspondence courses and enrolment of students.

ADC

(a) Personal comfort of GOC.

(b) When alone with GOC acts as his personal assistant.

(c) On return from visits to lower formations, ensures that "G" "A" and "Q" know latest dispositions.

(d) Keeps diary of GOC's visits, interviews etc and advises GSO II of such for inclusion in War Diary.

DIVISIONAL CATERING ADVISER

Advises on all matters relating to :-

(a) Messing.

(b) Preparation and cooking of food.

(c) Service of meals.

(d) Cookhouse equipment.

(e) Improvised methods.

(f) Petrol cookers.

(g) Preparation of bill of fare.

(h) Liaison between Supply Depots and units.

(i) Economy and avoidance of waste.

CHAPLAINS

(a) Spiritual welfare and morale.

SECTION 19 - ISSUE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDERS

1. After the administration plan has been made known - branches and services will, when necessary, prepare the appropriate paragraphs for inclusion in Administration orders.

They will be dealt with as under:

Medical Provost	ADMS and DAPM will hand their paragrpahs to "A" Branch, who will check and pass to "Q" Branch for co-ordination
Engineer Supplies Ammunition Supplies POL Transport Ordnance Maintenance Water	CRE; CASC; ADOS; ADME, will hand their paragraphs to Q Branch

"Q" Branch will co-ordinate paragraphs received and will pass their own paragraphs to "A" Branch for typing and issue.

Services after passing their paragraphs to Branch concerned, will then issue their own orders and instructions if necessary.

2. To ensure uniformity in Administration orders and to save time in producing them, paragraphs for inclusion will be passed to "A" Branch drafted as follows:-

(a) Main heading, as

MEDICAL
TRANSPORT

will be in block letters and not numbered.

(b) Paragraphs will be un-numbered but preceded by ( ) in which number will be inserted by "A" Branch.

(c) Sub-Division of paragraphs will be made by small letters and Roman figures e.g.

( ) PW

(a) Escorts

(i) At PW Cage
(ii) From Brigade Group to Command Cage.

3. Divisional HQ Routine Orders will be issued by Camp, as and when required.

SECTION 20 - DAILY ADMINISTRATION SITUATION REPORTS

1. During operations reports will be sent to AQ daily by heads of services at 0800 hours or as ordered, showing situation of:-

Engineer Supplies
Water
Supplies
POL
Ammunition
Transport
Medical
Traffic

with a view to providing him with an up-to-the-minute review of the situation.

2. Reports will show:-

(a) Departure from normal , with reasons.
(b) Anticipated difficulties.
(c) Points for decision by GOC.
(d) Action taken on important happenings the previous day.
(e) Conditions of roads.
(f) Any general matters.

CHAPTER 6

INTERIOR ECONOMY

SECTION 21 - OFFICERS MESSES

1. Camp will be in charge of messing. When the HQ is subdivided, Asst Camp will be in charge of messing at Adv Div.

2. The allocation of officers to messes is shown at Appendix "N".

SECTION 22 - SERGEANTS' MESSES

1. All L/Sgts, A/Sgts, S/Sgts and WOs on strength of or attached to Div HQ will mess in Sergeants' Mess.

2. Chief Clerk will be responsible to Camp for the discipline and management of the mess.

3. A Sergeants' Mess will be established at both Adv and Rear Div HQ if HQ is divided.

SECTION 23 - MEN'S MESS

Camp will be responsible for messing arrangements. A men's mess will be established in both Adv and Rear Div Areas if HQ is sub-divided.

SECTION 24 - GUARD PLATOON

1. OC Guard Company will be responsible for the discipline and interior economy of the platoon allotted to the defence of Div HQ. The training of this platoon will be the responsibility of the platoon commander under the direction of G III (O).

2. Training will include all normal training for an infantry platoon and, in addition, pioneer duties and Anti-Gas duties. The latter will include :-

   (a) Gas Reconnaissance
   (b) Marking of contaminated areas.
   (c) Gas proofing of rooms
   (d) Constructions and operations of a field decontamination centre.

3. The Platoon will work under the direction of Camp.

4. During operation its tactical dispositions will conform to the general plan for the protection of the Div HQ area, as outlined by the GSO II.

A proportion of the Guard Platoon will be included in the reconnaissance group to lay out and prepare sanitary arrangements etc, prior to the arrival of the main body.

SECTION 25 - ACCOMMODATION STORES

1. Scale of accommodation stores for Div HQ operating under JUNGLE CONDITIONS is shown at Appendix "P". This represents the bare minimum, and where transport of any sort is available, additional stores may be carried to an extent which will be indicated by GSO I.

2. Lighting

One electric lighting plant (from Fd Pk Coy) will accompany Div HQ in the field, whenever possible. When Div HQ is subdivided the second lighting set may be obtained from the Fd Pk Coy for use of Rear Div HQ.

Minimum scale of lighting at Adv Div HQ is:

GOC
G Office
I Office
AQ Office
Sig Office
Camp Office

5. Rations

Unless orders to the contrary are issued, 5 days reserve rations will always be carried. Of the 5 days rations, 3 days will be carried on the man and 2 days under QM arrangements.

APPENDIX "A" to Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

UNITS TO WHICH STANDING ORDERS APPLY

UNIT	WE
HQ Inf Div	11/1/4
PS Sec	11/23/2
Guard Coy (less dets)	111/63A/1
HQ Div Engrs	11/4/3
HQ Div Sigs	11/11a/1
HQ Comd AASC	11/5/A
Div Pro Coy	11/20/2
Div Postal Unit	11/21/5
Fd Cash Office	111/96/1
Div Salvage Unit	11/27/3
Div Concert Party	11/80AS/1
Div Reception Camp	111/89/1
Other units which may from time to time be attached to HQ 6 Aust Div.	

APPENDIX "B"
to Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

COMPOSITION OF COMD GP, ADV DIV HQ, REAR DIV HQ

1. ADV DIV HQ

Adv Div HQ will normally be divided into the following groups:-

(a) Group 1 - Comd Gp

GOC
ADC
GSO I
AA & QMG
RAA Comd
CRE
CO Sigs
LO III
8 Batmen
Sigs: 1 Officer
2 Operators
2 DRs or Orderlies
1 Batman
Sec Gd Pl

(b) Group 2 - Recce Party (ref Ch 1 Sec 4)

(c) Group 3 - Main Body

GSO II
GSO II(L)
GSO III(CW)
GSO III(L)
IO and GSO III(I)
LO I
ADMS
DADMS(L)
Chief Clerk AAMC
DAAG(L)
10 Batmen
CASC (or S Sup O)
One Officer AASC
2 Clerks AASC
2 Batmen AASC
4 Pro personnel (traffic control en route)
All "G" Branch OR
All "I" OR
Chief Clerk "AQ" Branch
1 "AQ" Clerk
6 Orderlies
2 Cooks
Cpl i/c RAP
FS Wing (less det)
Gd Pl HQ (less one Cook)

(d) Group 4 - Sigs

Sufficient personnel to maintain Sig Office at old site of Adv HQ

(e) Group 5 - RAE

Adjt
IORE
2 Officers RAE
2 Clerks
2 Draughtsmen
Tpt Cpl
1 Cook

(e) Group 5 - RAE (contd)

1 Cook's Asst
4 Batmen
2 DRs or Orderlies

(f) Group 6 - Rear Party

LO II
Det FS Wing
Batman
Orderly

2. REAR DIV HQ

Rear Div HQ will normally be divided into the following groups:-

(a) Group 7 - Recce Party (ref Ch 1 Sec 4)

(b) Group 8 - Main Body

LSO
PPCM
DADMS
Clerks AAMC, balance
ADOS
DADOS
ADME
ADME(L)
Pay Staff
Postal Staff
Amenities Staff
Education Staff
Chaplains
Canteen Staff
Catering Adviser
Orderly RAP
Gd Coy HQ (plus one Cook)
Balance of OR Div HQ
Camp

(c) Group 9 - Sigs

Balance of Sigs 6 Aust Div

(d) Group 10 - Pro Coy

Balance of 6 Aust Div Pro Coy

(e) Group 11 - RAE

Balance of HQ RAE 6 Aust Div

(f) Group 12 - AASC

Balance of HQ Cond AASC 6 Aust Div

(g) Group 13 - Rear Party

DAQMG(L)
Batman
Orderly
6 OR

3. The groupings above indicate the maximum subdivision of Div HQ, which occurs in a Type C move with Cond Gp in operation. Group combinations for Type A and Type B moves are:-

Composition	Type A	Type B
Recce Party	Group 2	Group 2
Main Body	Group 1 " 3 " 6 " 7 " 8	Group 1 " 3
Sigs	Group 4 " 9	Group 4
Pro	Group 10	
RAE	Group 5 " 11	Group 5
AASC	Group 12	
Rear Party	Group 13	Group 6

DIV HQ MOVEMENT TABLE

Secret

Copy No

ROUTES

A. .....

B. .....

SPEEDS AND DENSITIES

(a) Density not to exceed 10 vtm.

(b) Speeds 20 MPH except for the following restrictions:-

Route A .....

Route B .....

HALTS

LEAGUER AREA

SERIAL	DAY	UNIT OR FORMATION	ROUTE	PLACE FROM	PLACE TO	START POINT	DISPERSAL POINT	TIME PAST SP HEAD	TIME PAST DP TAIL	REMARKS
4	D.1									

APPENDIX "D"
To Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

RECEPTION OFFICE SECRET TRANSIT BOOK

DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	REGISTERED NUMBER	BRANCH	SIGNATURE	TOR

APPENDIX "E"
To Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

OPERATIONS LOG

SERIAL NO	DATE	TOO	TOR	ORIGINATORS NO	FROM	TO	TEXT	ACTION TAKEN

ORDERS FOR DUTY SO

1. According to the situation, Duty personnel may be required as under:-

(a) One Duty Officer, one clerk and two orderlies - awake at both "G" and "AQ" offices, and at each other office a Duty Officer and clerk, both of whom may sleep. One of the "G" orderlies will be on duty in the "G" office, and one in the reception office.

(b) One Duty Officer, one clerk (selected from any Branch) and one orderly awake in "G" office and one "G" orderly awake in Reception Office. At each other office a Duty Officer and clerk, both of whom may sleep.

(c) A Duty Officer, clerk and one orderly (for Reception Office) all of whom may sleep, at an office to which all calls are put through and all messages sent by signals.

(d) In the case of (a) and (b) officers and clerks who have to be awake will be relieved at intervals during the night.

2. Duty Officer's tour of duty will be 24 hours from 0800 hours. He will be relieved for meals by next-for-duty.

3. Duties may be changed only with the approval of GSO II. An officer detailed as Duty Officer will NOT be relieved during his tour of duty unless sick or required to carry out duties of an urgent nature. In such circumstances, he will be relieved by next-for-duty.

4. Duty Officer will:-

(a) Notify signals at which telephone he is located.

(b) Sleep next to phone in "G" office (if paragraph 1 (c) applies).

(c) Know whereabouts of all officers and ensure that Officers' Marking Out Log is maintained. (Marking Out Logs will be kept in both "G" and "AQ" offices. They will be kept by Duty Officer between 2200 and 0800 hours).

(d) See all incoming messages and correspondence, in the absence of the representatives of Branches or Services concerned.

(e) Deal only with matters requiring immediate attention.

(f) Hold non-urgent matters till morning and hand to Branch or Service concerned.

(g) If unable to deal with urgent matters, refer immediately to officer concerned, waking him if necessary.

(h) Maintain Duty Officer's Log and bring to attention of GSO I and GSO II or AA&QMG any matters of importance.

(i) Keep up situation and Adm maps.

(j) Hand over Duty Officer's Log and any outstanding matters to his relief.

(k) See that all messages, phone calls, etc are recorded and that action taken is shown.

DUTY OFFICERS LOG

DATE	DUTY OFFICER	TIME	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN	TIME	INITIALS

APPENDIX "H" to Standing Orders HQ 6 Aust Div

STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

STATE OF COMMUNICATIONS as at on

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION	Present state of each channel of command: Normal	Reason if not normal	Average time taken for messages of .... groups	No of Priority Messages awaiting dispatch: Emergency Cps	Immediate	Important	REMARKS
LINE							
Telephone							
Div HQ - Corps							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
WIRELESS							
Div HQ - Corps							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
do - Aust Inf Bde							
SDRs Number Available							

WHEREABOUTS OF	Left	for	at Hrs	Returning at Hrs	
GOC					
GSO I					
LO I					
LO II					
LO III					

SITREPS	TOR	
Latest report received from:		
Aust Inf Bde		
Aust Inf Bde		
Aust Inf Bde		

DEGREE OF PRIORITIES AND OFFICERS AUTHORISED TO FRANK MESSAGES AND DEMAND PRIORITY CALLS

Serial	Degree of Priority	Officers authorised to Frank or Demand Calls	Remarks	SDR
1.	Emergency Ops	(a) GOC (b) GI In their absence, their immediate representatives	Unless of superior or equal priority conversation in progress will be interrupted for this call. May also be used by IOs reporting first identifications to higher formations	Yes
2.	Immediate	(a) Those entitled to frank Emergency Ops (b) Comds of units or formations NOT below the rank of Lt. Col In their absence their immediate representatives.	As in Serial 1.	Yes
3.	Important	(a) those entitled to Frank Emergency Ops and Immediate (b) Adjts (c) All Sig Offrs (Only messages affecting inter comm services) In their absence their immediate representatives.		No
4	Ordinary	Any officer	In order of booking of lodgement	No
5.	Deferred	Any Officer	May be sent by any method at discretion of Sigmaster	No

APPENDIX "J" to Standing Orders HQ 6 Aust Div

TELEPHONE PRIORITIES OVER CIVIL LINES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH

Degree of Priority	Officers of Div HQ Authorised to originate such calls	Remarks
"MOST IMMEDIATE"	Nil	-
"IMMEDIATE"	GOC GSO I	Calls of great importance which must be connected immediately conversations in progress are completed and before all other calls, excepting "MOST IMMEDIATE" calls.
"IMPORTANT"	GOC GSO I Staff Officers NOT below rank of Lt Col.Comd of any unit NOT below rank of Lt Col. All Signal Officers but only on matters affecting the inter-communication service. All officers of the Provost Corps but only on matters affecting traffic control.	Calls which are of rather more importance than the bulk of official calls and which must be connected before all other calls, except "MOST IMMEDIATE"and "IMMEDIATE" calls.

In special urgency an unauthorised officer may claim "IMMEDIATE or "IMPORTANT" priority but he will be held personally responsible that his action is justified by the circumstances.

Appendix "K" to
Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

ALLOTMENT OF TELEPHONES

ADV DIV HQ		Priority	REAR DIV HQ		Priority
Comd	1	G	DAAG, DAAG (L), LSO, PPCM	1	B
ADC			ADOS	1	A
G 1	1	A			
G II, G II (L)	1	F	ADME, DADOS (O), DADOS (L)	1	F
G III (O), G III (I)	1	D			
IO, LOs	1	K			
ASST CAMP & ADV TPT	1	G	CAMP	1	D
AA&QMG	1	B #			
ADMS, DADMS, DADH, DADMS (L)	1	H #	POSTAL, PAY	1	G
			PUBLIC PHONE	1	E
DAQMG, DAQMG (L), DAPM	1	E	TPT (if separated from Camp)	1	C
FS SEC	1	M			
"A" MESS OR G II's TENT	1	L			
PUBLIC PHONE	1	J			
	12			7	

\# interchangeable at discretion of AQ.

TOTAL ADV AND REAR HQ - 19

NOTE - Priorities "a" to "e" are URGENT.

Normally only 9 phones ("a" to "j") can be allotted with Adv HQ because 11 other lines are needed for:-

1 Corps
3 Three Inf Bdes
1 Fd Regt
1 RAE
1 SIGS
1 Sigmaster
1 Rear Div
1 Civil
1 HQ Comd AASC

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR SITREPS AND LOCATION STATEMENTS

SITREPS

Corps
Flanking formations
Fd Regt
RAE 6 Aust Div
Sigs 6 Aust Div
Aust Inf Bde
Aust Inf Bde
Aust Inf Bde
Carrier Coy
Pnr Bn
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
6 Aust Div Pro Coy

Copies to: Comd, AQ, ADMS, Ord, AEME.

LOCATION STATEMENTS

Fd Regt
RAE 6 Aust Div
Sigs 6 Aust Div
Aust Inf Bde
Aust Inf Bde
Aust Inf Bde
Carrier Coy
Pnr Bn
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
6 Aust Div Pro Coy
Corps
Flanking formations
Comd
G
I
A
Q
ADMS
Ord
AEME
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
6 Aust Div Postal Unit
6 Aust Div Reception Camp
File
War Diary (2)

OFFICERS MARKING OUT LOG

DATE	TIME OUT	OFFICERS NAME	DESTINATION	TIME DUE IN

Appendix "H" to Standing Orders HQ 6 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS TO MESSES

ADV DIV HQ				REAR DIV HQ	
GOC's MESS	REMARKS	"A" MESS	REMARKS	"B" MESS	REMARKS
GOC ADC GSO I AA & QMG ADMS		GSO II GSO II (L) GSO III (O) GSO III (CW) GSO III (O) (L) GSO III (I) IO LO I LO II LO III DAQMG DAAG (L) DADH FS SEC Officer ASST CAMP CO GD COY		DAAG ADOS DADOS DADMS ADME ADME (L) DAQMG (L) LSO PPCH AMENITIES EDUCATION CHAPLAINS CANTEENS CAMP DAPM CATERING ADVISER PAY POSTAL	

APPENDIX "O"
To Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

ACK REGISTER

Date	Ref No	To	Subject	Ack By Ref No	Date

APPENDIX "P"
To Standing Orders
HQ 6 Aust Div

MINIMUM SCALE OF ACCOMMODATION STORES

Branch, etc	Tent flys	Hurricane Lamps	Tilley Lamps	Stationery Boxes
G	6	8	3	7
AQ	3	5	2	5
RAA	1	1	-	1
RAE	3	3	1	4
Sigs	6	9	1	6
Camp	1	1	-	1
AASC	2	2	-	2
Medical	1	1	-	4
Pro	1	1	-	2
Ord	1	2	-	5
AEME	1	1	-	5
Postal	1	2	-	3

Subject: STANDING ORDERS

HQ 6 Aust Div

[illegible] Jun 43

Ref No: G[illegible]34

Attached is copy of Provisional Standing Orders for HQ 6 Aust Div.

2. These will be reviewed in 2 months time with a view to publishing in printed form.

3. They will be adopted forthwith and any suggested additions or amendments will be forwarded to this HQ as early as possible.

Col
GS 6 Aust Div

Distribution

2/3 Aust Fd Regt
RAE 6 Aust Div
Sigs 6 Aust Div (2)
16 Aust Inf Bde
30 Aust Inf Bde
6 Aust Div Carr Coy
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div
6 Aust Div Pro Coy
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
6 Aust Div Postal Unit
6 Aust Div Reception Camp
6 Aust Div Concert Party
6 Aust Div Mobile Bath Unit
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit
"A" Aust FS Sec
Each offr-Div HQ
War Diary (2)
File

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

HQ 6 Aust Div
26 Jun 43
Ref No GSI378

Reference 6 Aust Div Security Instruction No 1 dated 19 Apr 43.

1. The following KODAK agents in the TABLELAND Area are approved and should be added to Appendix "A" to above instruction:-

ATHERTON

BRODZIAK	E M	-	Newsagent
FERGUSON	H L	-	Chemist
MOSES	G H	-	Chemist
SUMMERS	P	-	Newsagent

HERBERTON

JACK & NEVELL		-	Storekeepers
SYME	J D	-	Chemist

IRVINEBANK

IRVINEBANK CASH STORE

RAVENSHOE

ARCHIBALD	C L	-	Chemist
ARMSTRONG, LEDLIE & STILLMAN			Storekeepers
BELL	J	-	Newsagent

Col
GS 6 Aust Div

Distribution
List D plus serials 10, 40, 26-29
6 Aust Sqn

Subject: INTERROGATION OF ESCAPEES FROM TERRITORY UNDER JAPANESE CONTROL

HQ 6 Aust Div

27 Jun 45

Ref No:GS3340

1. All personnel, Service or civilian, who land in Australian Territory after escaping from Territory under Japanese control, will be interrogated once only, and as soon as possible after their arrival (vide LHQ SM13585).

2. This interrogation will be conducted by a senior General Staff Officer at one of the following headquarters:-

Adv LHQ,
HQ First Aust Army,
HQ Second Aust Army,
HQ NG Force,
HQ NT Force.

3. In the event of units or formations taking escapee personnel into custody, they will conduct them forthwith to this HQ. Further, they will NOT be subjected to any form of interrogation other than at one of the HQ specified in paragraph 2.

RG Pethard, Col
GS 6 Aust Div

Distribution:
List B