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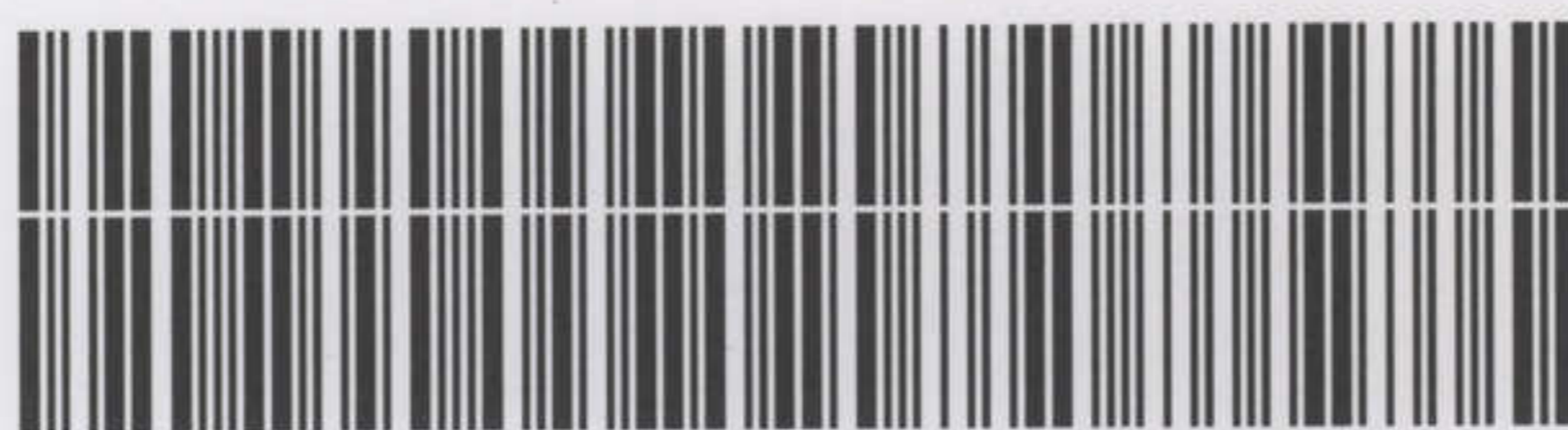
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1939-45 War**

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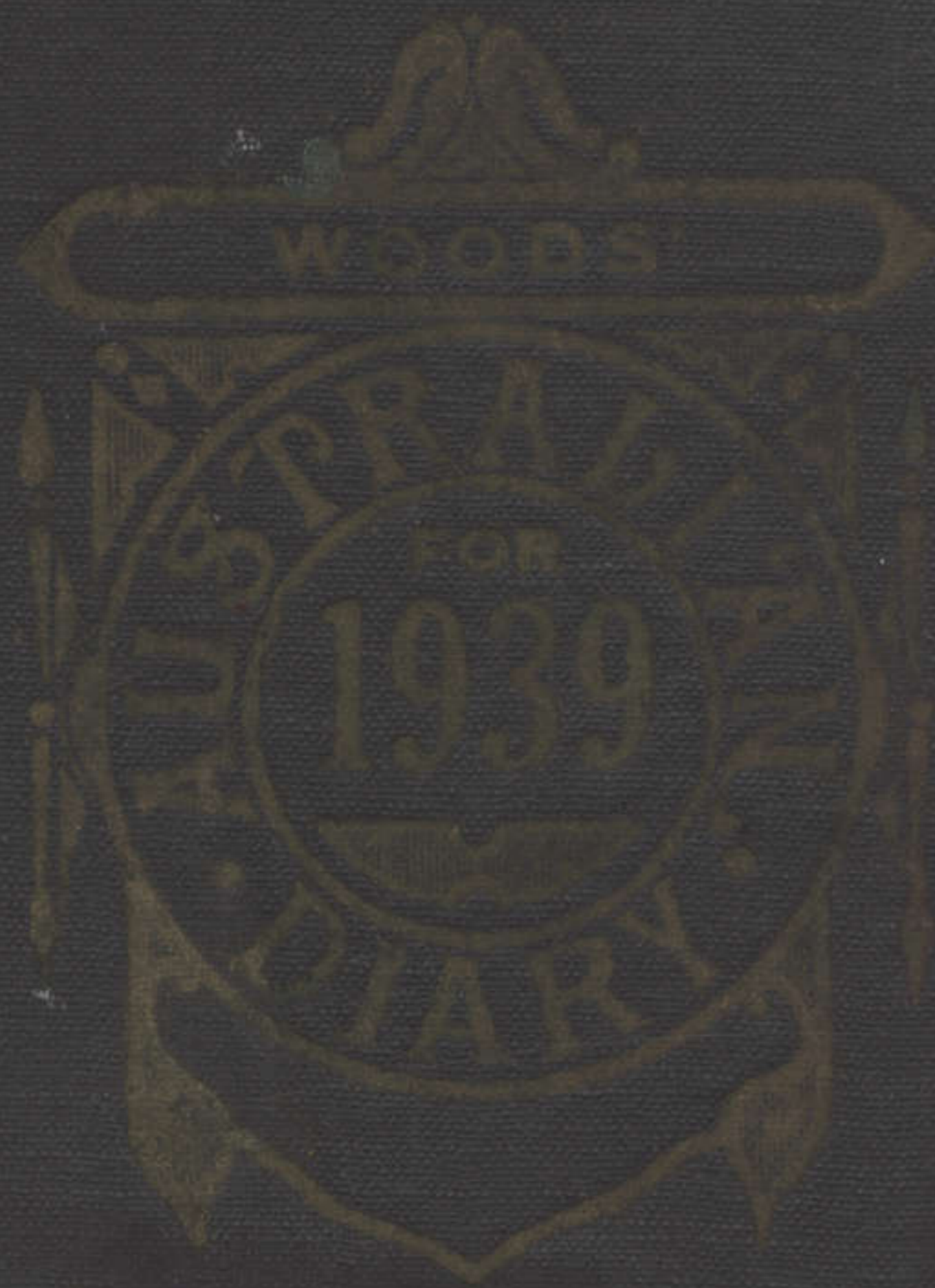
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11th April 1967.

Major I.C. McKeown,  
GS02 (SD),  
Headquarters,  
Southern Command,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your 707/S5/3 of 5th April 1967, we are pleased to add to the few war diaries held of the 2/7th Aust. Independent Company the diary found at Victoria Barracks for the period January to May 1943. Although typewritten diaries are held by us for much of the period this (handwritten) diary is in more detail and is a valuable acquisition to the records of this unit.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. Lancaster,  
Director.

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## COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY.

Upon Estates of Deceased persons:—

Under £1,000, exempt.  
From £1,001 to £2,000, 1%.  
Over £2,000, 1%, with an additional one-fifth% for every £1,000 or part of £1,000 above that amount. Maximum duty 15% on estates of £71,000 and upwards.

A rebate of one-third of the duty is allowed on the portion of the Estate bequeathed to widow, children, or grand-children of the deceased. Certain Consolidated and Inscribed Stock (3½, 3¾ and 4%) are accepted at face value for the payment of these Duties. Interest upon the Bonds or Inscribed Stock is allowed up to the due date of such Duties, or date of payment, whichever is the earlier.

## COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX.

Income of the year ended 30-6-'37 (or substituted accounting period).

### EXEMPTIONS.

Personal Exertion and Property Income:—£250, diminishing at the rate of £1 for every £2 by which the income exceeds £250, and disappearing at £750. The deduction is allowed first against property income. The above exemption is not allowed to companies.

### RATES OF TAX.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE.

Minimum tax (other than companies), 10s.  
Personal Exertion:—76.5% of 3d. plus 1/160d. for each £ of taxable income up to £6,900.

Example:—Taxable income £240, the rate is therefore—

$$\frac{76.5}{100} \left( 3 + \frac{240}{160} \right) = 3.4425$$

and the tax £240 × 3.4425 = £3 8s. 10d.

When the taxable income exceeds £6,900, all in excess of that amount is taxed at a rate of 68.85d. in the £.

Example:—Taxable income, £7,700—

$$\text{Tax is } £6,900 @ 76.5 \left( 3 + \frac{6900}{160} \right) = 35.28562 = £1,014 \ 9 \ 3$$

$$£800 @ 68.85d. = 229 \ 10 \ 0$$

$$\text{Total } £7,700 \quad \quad \quad \underline{\underline{£1,243 \ 19 \ 3}}$$

#### SECOND SCHEDULE.

Property:—If taxable income does not exceed £500.

$$\frac{90}{100} \left( 3d. + \frac{1d. \times \text{Tax. Income}}{100} \right)$$

for each £ of taxable income.

Example:—Taxable income, £250.

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{90}{100} \left( 3d. + \frac{250d.}{100} \right) = 4.95d.$$

If the taxable income exceeds £500 but does not exceed £1,500—

$$\frac{90}{100} \left( 1d. + \frac{14d. \times \text{Tax. Income}}{1000} \right)$$

for each £ of taxable income.

Example:—Taxable income, £1,000. Rate = 13.5.

If the taxable income exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £3,700—

$$\frac{90}{100} \left( 4\frac{1}{2}d. + \frac{23d.}{2000} \right)$$

for each £ of taxable income.

If the taxable income exceeds £3,700, the rate of tax on the first £3,700 is:—

$$£3,700 @ 42.57d. \quad \text{Balance } @ \ 81d.$$

#### THIRD SCHEDULE.

Rates of Tax partly from Personal Exertion and partly from Property.  
(a) For every pound of taxable income derived from personal exertion, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of

the tax that would be payable under the First Schedule if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from personal exertion, by the amount of the total taxable income.

(b) For every pound of taxable income derived from property, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would be payable under the Second Schedule if the total taxable income of the taxpayer were derived exclusively from property, by the amount of the total taxable income.

#### FOURTH SCHEDULE.

##### Rates of Tax by Reference to an Average Income.

(a) For every pound of the taxable income derived from personal exertion by a taxpayer to whose income Division 16 of Part III. of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936-37*, is applied, the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the tax that would be payable under the First Schedule upon a taxable income from personal exertion equal to his average income, by that average income.

(b) For every pound of taxable income derived by him from property the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the tax that would be payable under the Second Schedule upon a taxable income from property equal to his average income, by that average income.

#### FIFTH SCHEDULE.

##### Rate of Tax by Reference to a Notional Income.

(a) For every pound of the actual taxable income from personal exertion of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by sub-section (1) of section eighty-six of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936-37*, the rate of tax shall be the amount obtained by dividing the tax that would be payable under the First Schedule upon a taxable income from personal exertion equal to his notional income, by that notional income.

(b) For every pound of the actual taxable income from property of a taxpayer deriving a notional income, as specified by sub-section (1) of section eighty-six of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936-37*, the rate of tax shall be the amount obtained by dividing the tax that would be payable under the Second Schedule upon a taxable income from property equal to his notional income, by that notional income.

#### SIXTH SCHEDULE.

##### Rates of Tax Payable by a Trustee.

For every pound of the taxable income in respect of which a trustee is liable, pursuant to either section ninety-eight or section ninety-nine of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936-37*, to be assessed and to pay tax the rate of tax shall be the rate which would be payable under the First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Schedules, as the case requires, if one individual were liable to be assessed and to pay tax on that taxable income.

#### SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

##### Rates of Tax Payable by a Company.

(a) Subject to the last preceding Schedule, for every pound of the taxable income of a company the rate of tax shall be one shilling.  
(b) For every pound of interest in respect of which a company is liable, pursuant to sub-section (1) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936-37*, to pay income tax, the rate of tax shall be one shilling.

## POSTAL INFORMATION.

### WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH

and to Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, Papua, The Territory of New Guinea, and the following islands in the Pacific, viz.: Bismarck Archipelago (New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, Admiralty Island, etc.), Nauru, Bougainville and Buka (Solomon Islands):—

LETTERS AND LETTERCARDS—2d. per oz. (Late Fee, 1d.) (Registration Fee, 3d.).

POSTCARDS—1½d. each.

SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER, comprising:—

- (a) Commercial Papers (maximum weight, 5lbs.), Patterns, Samples and Merchandise (maximum weight, 1lb.)—1d. per 2 oz.
- (b) Printed Matter: comprising Printed Forms, Circulars, Calendars, and Catalogues (which may contain samples of material) and Books, Periodicals and Newspapers not registered at a General Post Office. (Maximum weight, 5lbs.)—1d. per 4 oz.

THIRD-CLASS MAIL MATTER, comprising:—

Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers registered at a General Post Office for transmission as such. (Maximum weight, 5lbs.)—1d. per 6 oz.

Newspapers published by registered newspaper proprietors to addresses within the Commonwealth or Papua: 20 oz., 1½d.; to New Zealand and Fiji: 16oz., 2d.

### EXPRESS MESSENGER SERVICE.

Prepayment of special fee in addition to the postage secures immediate delivery by special messenger. Minimum fee payable is 4d.

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Registered Letter or Article.—Fee 3d. in addition to Postage and Registration Fee.

### PERMIT MAIL FEE.

Printed Circulars signed by hand or personally addressed, posted in sealed envelopes.—Printed Matter rates, plus ½d. for each article

### AERIAL SERVICE

Within the Commonwealth.—Articles except Parcels.—3d. per ½oz in addition to postage.

### PARCELS (Limit 11 lbs.).

Not to exceed 3ft. 6in. in length, or 6ft. in length and girth combined. To certain foreign countries not to exceed 2ft. in length, or 4ft in length and girth combined.

Weight up to	Within 30 miles of posting.		Within the State but beyond 30 miles of posting or to Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.		To adjoining States.		Elsewhere within the Commonwealth. (See note).	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1-lb. . . . .	0	6	0	9	1	0	1	3
2-lbs. . . . .	0	9	1	0	1	6	2	0
3-lbs. . . . .	1	0	1	3	2	0	2	9
5-lbs. . . . .	1	3	1	6	2	6	3	6
8-lbs. . . . .	1	6	2	0	3	6	5	0
11-lbs. . . . .	1	9	2	9	5	0	7	3

NOTE.—Within the Commonwealth includes Papua, Territory of New Guinea, and the following islands in the Pacific, viz.:—Bismarck Archipelago (New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, Admiralty Island, etc.), Bougainville and Buka.

### INSURANCE OF PARCELS

(For loss, damage, or rifling of contents.)

To addresses within the Commonwealth:—

Fee.	Fee.
3d. . . . .	£2 1/- . . . . .
4d. . . . .	£5 1/3 . . . . .
6d. . . . .	£10 1/6 . . . . .
9d. . . . .	£20 . . . . .

### CASH ON DELIVERY PARCELS.

Within the Commonwealth.—In addition to the postage, Commission on amount to be collected from addressee:—

Not exceeding 10/- . . . . .	9d
Over 10/-, and not exceeding 20/- . . . . .	1/-
20/- . . . . .	1/3
30/- . . . . .	1/6
40/- . . . . .	1/9
For each additional 20/-, or fraction . . . . .	3d.

### BEYOND THE COMMONWEALTH.

LETTERS AND LETTERCARDS.—To places within the British Empire—2d. per oz.  
To all other places.—3d. first oz., 2d. each additional oz.  
Registration Fee, 3d.



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**POSTCARDS.**—To places within the British Empire.—1½d. each.  
To all other places.—2d. each.  
**COMMERCIAL PAPERS.**—To New Zealand and Fiji.—1d. per 2 oz.  
To all other places.—1d. per 2 oz., with a minimum of 3d.  
**PRINTED MATTER.**—To all places within the British Empire.—1d. per 4 oz.  
To all other places.—1d. per 2 oz.  
**NEWSPAPERS.**—To New Zealand and Fiji.—1d. per 6 oz.  
To the United Kingdom and Irish Free State—Via France or America,  
1d. per 4 oz. Via All Sea Route, 1d. per 6 oz.  
To all other places in the British Empire.—1d. per 4 oz.  
To all other places.—1d. per 2 oz.  
**SAMPLES.**—To places within the British Empire.—1d. per 2 oz.  
To all other places.—1d. per 2 oz., with a minimum of 2d.  
**MERCHANDISE.**—To New Zealand and Fiji only.—1d. per 2 oz.  
**SMALL PACKETS** (transmissible to certain countries only).—2½d. per 2 oz.,  
with a minimum of 6d.

**AIR MAIL RATES.**

	Post Cards each.	Letters ½ oz.	Addnl. ½ oz.
To United Kingdom .. .. .	9d.	1/6	1/6
„ U.S.A. .. .. .	10d.	1/7	1/6
„ France .. .. .	11d.	1/9	1/8
„ Germany .. .. .	11d.	1/9	1/8

**PARCELS** (Limit of weight 11 lbs.).

To New Zealand.—1lb., 8d.; each additional lb., 6d.  
To United Kingdom, by Long Sea Route, 1lb., 1/4; each additional lb., 6d.  
To United States of America, via Frisco, 1lb., 1/-; each additional lb., 6d.;  
via London, 1lb., 2/10; 2lb., 3/2; 3lb., 3/6; 4lb., 5/7; 5lb., 5/11.  
6lb., 6/3; 7lb., 6/7; 8lb., 8/11; 9lb., 9/3; 10lb., 9/7; 11lb., 9/11;  
via Vancouver, 1lb., 1/1½, each additional lb., 7½d.  
Insurance of Parcels.—To addresses in New Zealand: Maximum  
amount of Insurance, £12, 6d.; £24, 9d.; £36, 1/-; £48, 1/3; £50, 1/6 in  
addition to postage.

**MONEY ORDERS.**

Within the Commonwealth.—6d. for each £5 or part.  
New Zealand, Papua, Rabaul (New Guinea), New Caledonia—3d. for  
each £1 or part. Minimum, 6d.  
Fiji.—3d. for each £1 or part. Minimum, 6d. Exchange, 1.6 pence  
for each 1/- or 2/8 for each £1.  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Solomon Islands and Tonga.—4d. for each  
£1 in first £6 and 3d. for each additional £1 or part. Minimum 9d.  
Philippine Islands.—4d. for each £1 in first £6, and 3d. for each additional  
£1 or part. Minimum, 9d. Exchange, 3d for each 1/- or part.  
United Kingdom, Canada, Ceylon, China, Dutch East Indies, Egypt,  
Federal Malay States, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Irish Free State, Italy,  
Japan, Malta, Mauritius, Norway, North Borneo, Straits Settlements,  
South Africa, United States of America.—4d. for each £1 in the first £6,  
and 3d. for each additional £1 or part. Minimum, 9d. Exchange, 3d.  
for each 1/- or part.  
Other Countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and Islands  
adjacent to those continents—4d. for each £1 in the first £6, and 3d. for  
each additional £1 or part. Minimum, 9d. Exchange, 3d. in 1/-.

must be forwarded via London and are subject to an additional charge  
of 2d. in each £1 or part. Minimum, 4d.

**POSTAL NOTES**

Payable throughout the Commonwealth.—1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6—1d.; 3/-,  
3/6, 4/-, 4/6—1½d.; 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6—2d. 10/-, 11/-, 15/-, 20/—3d.

**TELEGRAPHIC RATES.**

City and Suburban, or within 15 miles of sending station.—16 words,  
including address and signature, 9d. Each additional word, 1d.  
Country.—16 words, including address and signature, 1/- Each  
additional word, 1d.  
Interstate.—16 words, including address and signature, 1/4. Each  
additional word, 1d.  
Urgent Telegrams and Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday  
double the above rates.  
To New Zealand, 4½d.; to Suva, 6d.; to New York, ordinary 2/5,  
deferred 1/2½; to Paris, ordinary 2/7, deferred 1/3½ per word.  
Lettergrams to addresses within the Commonwealth will be forwarded  
by Telegraph during the night, and delivered as ordinary letters by first  
delivery.—30 words, 1/3; each additional word, ¼d.

**NEW INTER-EMPIRE RATES.**

(Cable or Beam).  
(Australia to any other British Empire Point).  
Letter Telegrams .. .. . 5d. per word. (Minimum 25 words = 10/5)  
Deferred Telegrams .. .. . 7½d. „  
Code Telegrams .. .. . 10d. „ (Minimum 5 words = 4/2)  
Ordinary Telegrams .. .. . 1/3 „  
Urgent Telegrams (Ordinary and Code).—Double the above rates.

**NIGHT LETTER TELEGRAMS.**

	Minimum 25 words.	Each add. word.
To New Zealand (Cable) .. .. .	3/9	2d.
„ Suva (Cable) .. .. .	5/10	3d.

**TELEGRAMS TO CATCH MAIL STEAMERS.**

On payment of postage in addition to telegraphic rates, telegrams may  
be sent to any telegraph office in Australia, to be forwarded thence by post  
to any destination beyond the Commonwealth.

**WIRELESS TELEGRAMS.**

To and from any ship registered in Australia or New Zealand, 6d. per word.  
To British ships, 11d.; Finnish or Latvian 8½d.; Swedish or Spanish, 10d.;  
ships of Australian Navy, 4d; of British Navy, 7d. All other ships,  
11d. per word.  
To Fiji, Suva, 6d.; Night Letters (25 words), 5/10; Levuka, 8d. per word.  
Night Letters (25 words), 7/4.  
To Friendly Islands, 1/3; Ocean Island, 1/-; Tarawa, 1/3; Lord Howe  
Island, 1½d., minimum 2/-; Nauru, 1/3; New Caledonia, 1/2; Apia,  
1/3; Solomon Islands, 1/-; Union Island, 1/6; Willis Island, 3d.  
per word.

	Ordinary Radio.		Week-end Letters Radio.	
	10-Letter Code	5-Letter and plain language	20 words.	Extra Words.
Rabaul, Kokopo, Port Moresby, Samarai }	9d.	6d.	7/6	4½d.
Other Stations .. .. .	1/6	1/-	15/-	9d.

**STATE INCOME AND LAND TAXES.**

**QUEENSLAND.**

For the year ended 30th June, 1937 (or substituted accounting period).

When net income of a taxpayer domiciled in Queensland does not exceed  
£640, an allowance is made of £60 for each child under 16 years and each  
invalid child, and £72 for wife. In the case of a widower, £72 for any female  
relative who may reside with him for the purpose of caring for any child  
under 16 years or any invalid child. £60 for mother if she resides in Queens-  
land and is wholly maintained by taxpayer. A further allowance up to  
£50 for expenses actually incurred in education of each child under 16 years  
of age where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that  
suitable educational facilities are not provided by the State within reasonable  
daily travelling distance of the place of residence of the taxpayer. Medical  
expenses are allowed up to £50.

The amount of £150 (statutory exemption) shall be exempt when  
income does not exceed £253. When the income is £254 the exemption  
is £149, and the exemption is reduced by £1 for each four pounds of income  
in excess of £254, but no exemption is allowed on net incomes of £850 or  
over.

The allowance for dependents diminishes:—If the net income exceeds  
£640, the allowances of £60 diminish by £1 for every six pounds by which  
the income exceeds £640, and £1 in each five pounds in respect of the £72  
for dependents by which his income exceeds £640.

Personal Exertion:—For each £ up to £8,000, sixpence plus as many  
times 6/1000d. as there are pounds in the income. Over £8,000 fifty-four  
pence for the first £8,000 and sixty pence in £ on remainder.

Income from Property and all Income of Absentees:—For each £  
up to £3,000 one shilling, plus as many times 4/1000d. as there are pounds  
in the income. From £3,000 to £8,000 sixpence, plus as many times 6/1000d.  
as there are pounds in the income. Over £8,000 fifty-four pence for the  
first £8,000, and sixty pence in £ on remainder.

Companies, not being public utility or monopoly companies, or foreign  
companies, as prescribed in the Act:—

If profits do not exceed 6 per cent.—21 pence in £.  
6 per cent. to 7 per cent.—24 pence in £.  
7 „ „ 8 „ „ 27 „ „  
8 „ „ 9 „ „ 30 „ „  
9 „ „ 10 „ „ 33 „ „  
Increasing 3d. in £ for each additional 1 per cent. up to 19 per cent.  
which is 60 pence in £.

Exceeding 19 per cent.—63 pence in £.  
Public Utility or Monopoly Companies:—  
If Profits do not exceed 6 per cent.—21 pence in £.  
6 per cent. to 7 per cent.—27 pence in £.  
7 „ „ 8 „ „ 33 „ „  
8 „ „ 9 „ „ 39 „ „  
9 „ „ 10 „ „ 45 „ „

Increasing 6d. in £ for each additional 1 per cent. up to 16 per cent.,  
which is 81 pence in £.  
Exceeding 16 per cent.—87 pence in £.

Foreign Companies (not being Public Utility Companies or Monopoly  
Companies), under Sections 38 of the Act, viz., Fire, Accident, Shipping,  
Fidelity, Guarantee or Marine Insurance Co., assessed on 25 per cent. of the  
Premiums.—39 pence in £. Banking Companies.—48 pence in £.

Mutual Life Assurance Companies, where all profits are divided amongst  
Policy Holders.—21d in £ of taxable income. Life Assurance Companies  
in which both Policy Holders and Shareholders participate in profits.—  
(a) 39d. in £ on so much of the taxable income as bears the same proportion  
to the taxable income as the profits divided for the same year amongst  
Shareholders bear to the total profits of the Company; (b) On remainder  
of taxable income, 21d in £.

Insurance Companies which re-insure with Companies not carrying on  
business in Queensland 9½d. in £ on that portion of premium paid away—  
plus Super Tax.

**SUPER TAX.**—20 per cent. of the income tax payable, with the proviso  
that where the taxable income of any person (not being a company):—

- (a) Does not exceed £250. No super tax is payable.
- (b) Exceeds £250—From the amount of super tax which would otherwise  
be payable there is allowed a deduction of the amount of super tax  
on the amount of the statutory exemption allowed to such person calcu-  
lated at the rate at which the income tax of such person is calculated.

Taxable Income	Rate	of total tax, i.e., Primary Tax and Super Tax.
£780 to £849 .. .. .	15%	}
„ „ 850 „ 899 .. .. .	16%	
„ „ 900 „ 949 .. .. .	18%	
„ „ 950 „ 999 .. .. .	20%	
„ „ 1000 and over .. .. .	27½%	

Additional Tax (Absentees):—27½%.  
Lotteries 5 per cent of selling price of tickets, with a minimum of 3d

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX.**

Income from Employment up to £84 p.a. exempt; exceeds £84 p.a.,  
and does not exceed £110, 2d. in £ exceeds £110 p.a. and does not exceed  
£219 5d. in £; exceeds £219 and does not exceed £499, 8d. in £; exceeds  
£499, 11d. in £.

**LAND TAX.**

No exemption to absentees or companies. Exemption, £300.  
If taxable value less than £500.—1d. in £.  
£500 to 999 .. .. . 1½d. in £. £10,000 to 19,999 .. .. . 3½d. in £  
1,000 „ 1,999 .. .. . 1½d. „ 20,000 „ 29,999 .. .. . 4d. „  
2,000 „ 2,999 .. .. . 2d. „ 30,000 „ 49,999 .. .. . 4½d. „  
2,500 „ 2,999 .. .. . 2½d. „ 50,000 „ 59,999 .. .. . 5d. „  
3,000 „ 3,999 .. .. . 2½d. „ 60,000 „ 74,999 .. .. . 5½d. „  
4,000 „ 4,999 .. .. . 2½d. „ 75,000 and over .. .. . 6d. „  
5,000 „ 9,999 .. .. . 3d.

And in addition, on all undeveloped land, 2d. in £; no exemption.  
When land is used for Agricultural, Dairying or Grazing purposes by

[Queensland Land Tax—Continued]

the owner personally, not being an absentee or company, the exemption in lieu of £300 will be:—

Up to £1,500, all exempt.			
£1,501, exemption	£1,499	£1,504, exemption	£1,496
£1,502	"	£1,505	"
£1,503	"	£1,497	

and the exemption decreases so that for each £5 by which the unimproved value exceeds £1,500, the exemption is reduced by £6 until the exemption is reduced to £300 at an unimproved value of £2,500.

**SUPER TAX.**—On taxable value up to £2,499, nil; £2,500 to £2,999, 1d. in £; £3,000 to £3,999, 1½d. in £; £4,000 and over, 2d. in £.

**Mutual Life Assurance Society.**—No exemption. On every £ of the unimproved value, 2d.

**SUPER TAX.**—On taxable value up to £2,499, nil; £2,500 and over, 1d. in the £.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**

**EXEMPTIONS.**—Resident persons, £250, less £1 for every £8 by which the net income exceeds £250. Persons not domiciled in the State, £50, less £1 for every £8 by which net income exceeds £50. Companies.—Nil.

**RATES OF TAX.**

Minimum Tax (other than Companies).—10/-.

**FIRST SCHEDULE.**

Property:—Taxable incomes up to £5,500.

85 { 9 plus  $\frac{\text{Taxable income} - 500}{500} \times 3$  } pence.

Taxable incomes exceeding £5,500:—

£5,500 @ 35.7d.  
Balance @ 51d.

Example:—Taxable income, £1,000:—

Rate  $\frac{85}{100} \left\{ 9 \text{ plus } \frac{1000 - 500}{500} \times 3 \right\} = 12.75$  pence.

£1,000 × 12.75d. in £ = £53 2 6 amount of tax.

**SECOND SCHEDULE.**

**PERSONAL EXERTION.**—The taxable income shall be reduced by one-fifth or by £900 whichever is the lesser, and the rate payable on the remainder shall be Property Rates as set out under First Schedule.

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

Incomes derived partly from personal exertion and partly from property. The taxable income from personal exertion shall be reduced by one-fifth or £900, whichever is the lesser, and the total of the remainder, plus taxable property income shall be charged with the property rate payable under First Schedule.

Example:—Taxable income £1,000, consisting of £500 personal exertion and £500 property:—

Personal Exertion .. .. .	£500
Less one-fifth earned income allowance .. .. .	100
	£400
Add Property .. .. .	500
	£900

£900 @ 12.240 = £45 18 0 amount of tax.

**FOURTH SCHEDULE.**

Income derived by a Primary Producer. The taxable income from Personal Exertion shall be reduced by one-fifth or £900, whichever is the lesser, and the rate of tax on the total taxable income remaining shall be the rate which would, under the First Schedule, be payable in respect of a taxable income from property equal to the average income.

**FIFTH SCHEDULE.**

Rate of Tax payable by a Trustee. This Schedule provides the rate of tax payable by a trustee shall be that payable by an individual—see Schedules Numbers One to Four.

**SIXTH SCHEDULE.**

- (1) Companies other than Mutual Life Assurance and Life Assurance Companies—rate of tax 2/3 in £.
- (2) Mutual Life Assurance Companies—1/6 in £.
- (3) Life Assurance Companies (other than Mutual Companies) upon the profits of life assurance distributed to shareholders—1/6 in £. Upon remainder of profits—2/3 in £.
- (4) In addition to any other Income Tax payable by it, a company shall also pay 1/6 in £ of interest paid or credited by the Company to any non-resident person or foreign company on debentures used in the State or money lodged at interest with the company in the State.

**SPECIAL INCOME AND WAGES TAX.**

(WAGES TAX as from 1st December, 1937.)

On Salaries, Wages, Commission, etc., Employers are required to deduct tax from all employees whose earnings exceed £3 per week. (Board and Lodgings to be included as £1 per week).

£3 0 1 to £3 10 0 .. .. .	10d,	£5 2 1 to £5 4 0 .. .. .	2/8
3 10 1 " 3 15 0 .. .. .	1/1	5 4 1 " 5 6 0 .. .. .	2/9
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3 17 7 " 4 0 0 .. .. .	1/3	5 10 1 " 5 12 0 .. .. .	2/11
4 0 1 " 4 2 0 .. .. .	1/6	5 12 1 " 5 14 0 .. .. .	3/-
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4 6 1 " 4 8 0 .. .. .	1/9	6 0 1 " 6 2 0 .. .. .	3/8
4 8 1 " 4 10 0 .. .. .	1/10	6 2 1 " 6 4 0 .. .. .	3/9
4 10 1 " 4 12 0 .. .. .	2/-	6 4 1 " 6 6 0 .. .. .	3/10
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4 14 1 " 4 16 0 .. .. .	2/2	6 8 1 " 6 10 0 .. .. .	4/-
4 16 1 " 4 18 0 .. .. .	2/3	6 10 1 " 6 14 0 .. .. .	4/1
4 18 1 " 5 0 0 .. .. .	2/4	6 14 1 " 6 16 0 .. .. .	4/2
5 0 1 " 5 2 0 .. .. .	2/7	6 16 1 " 6 18 0 .. .. .	4/3
		6 18 1 " 7 0 0 .. .. .	4/4

Thereafter 1d. for each 2/- or part thereof in each £1 up to £20, except that only 1d. is levied on that part of each £ exceeding 10/- but not exceeding 14/-.

[New South Wales Income Tax—Continued]

Where the Wages exceed £20 the rates are:—  
First £2 .. .. . 6d. in £. Second £2 .. .. . 8d. in £.

Balance one penny in each two shillings thereof. A rebate of 6d. per week is allowed for dependent wife and each child under 16.

**SPECIAL INCOME TAX.**

**RESIDENT.**—On incomes from all sources other than (1) Income from employment; (2) From Australian Consolidated Loans; (3) From a business outside New South Wales (not shareholders' dividends).

**NON-RESIDENT.**—On taxable income from all sources in New South Wales other than income from employment.

By a Reciprocal Agreement with the Victorian Government, residents of Victoria are not assessable upon property income derived from N.S.W.

**Exemption.**—No tax is payable by a person, other than a company, resident in N.S.W., whose total income from all sources is £100 or less. No exemption allowed when total exceeds £100.

**RATES OF TAX—INDIVIDUALS:—**

Incomes not exceeding:—

£156 .. .. .	100 @ 2.4	balance @ 6.5d.
£208 .. .. .	100 @ 3d.	
	100 @ 6.7	balance @ 9d.
£260 .. .. .	100 @ 4d.	
	100 @ 7d.	balance @ 9d.
£312 .. .. .	100 @ 5d.	
	100 @ 7.2	balance @ 9d.
£1,040 .. .. .	100 @ 5d.	
	100 @ 8d.	balance @ 9.5d.

Exceeding:—  
£1,040 .. .. . 100 @ 6d.  
100 @ 8d. balance @ 10d.

Incomes not exceeding £156 are allowed a rebate of seven-twelfths of tax. A rebate of 6d. per week is allowed for dependent wife and each child under 16.

**COMPANIES.**—10d. in £.

**ENTERTAINMENT TAX.**

Admission: 1/6½ to 1/11½, ½d.; 2/-, 1d.; 2/0½ to 2/6, 1½d.; 2/6 to 3/-, 2d.; 3/0½ to 3/6, 2½d.; 3/6½ to 4/-, 3d.; 4/0½ to 4/6, 3½d.; 4/6½ to 5/-, 4d.; 6/-, 5d.; over 6/-, ½d. for each additional 6d. or part of 6d.

**VICTORIA.**

**Individuals.**—The minimum income subject to tax is £201. £200 deduction is allowed upon individual incomes between £201 and £500, after which it diminishes at the rate of £2 for every £1 above £500, finally disappearing at £600. No deduction is allowed to companies.

**Personal exertion, not exceeding £500, 6d.; property 12d. in the £. Exceeding £500:—First £500—Personal Exertion, 7d.; property, 14d. in the £; second £500—Personal Exertion, 8d.; property, 16d. in the £; third £500—Personal Exertion, 9d.; property, 18d. in the £; balance over £1,500—Personal Exertion, 10d.; property, 20d. The above rates are subject to a Super Tax of 7½ per cent.**

**ADDITIONAL TAX**—Where the income exceeds £800 whether from Personal Exertion or from Property, or from Personal Exertion and Property combined:—

£801 to £1,000 .. .. .	10% additional.	£2,201 to £5,000 .. .. .	20% additional
£1,001 to £1,250 .. .. .	12½% "	£5,001 upwards .. .. .	25% "
£1,251 to £2,200 .. .. .	15% "		

**SPECIAL INCOME TAX:—**

	per £100		per £100
	s. d.		s. d.
£101 to £1,000 .. .. .	6 0	1,751 " 2,000 .. .. .	9 0
1,001 " 1,250 .. .. .	7 0	2,001 " 2,500 .. .. .	11 0
1,251 " 1,750 .. .. .	8 0	Over 2,500 .. .. .	12 6

**Companies.**—22.575 pence in every £1 of taxable income (Mutual Life Assurance Companies, 1/- in £1 on Life Assurance business).

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX.**

**EXEMPTION.**—£104. The tax is on a graduated scale starting at £1/0/7 per cent., and rising to £4/10/7 per cent. on incomes over £3,000, but is subject to a reduction of 20%.

**LAND TAX.**

The Land Tax is levied at a rate declared each year by Act of Parliament. The present rate is a uniform one of one-halfpenny in the pound. No land tax is charged when the total unimproved value of all land held does not exceed £250, but where the total unimproved value exceeds that amount the exemption of £250 diminishes at the rate of one pound for every one pound of such excess so as to leave no exemption where the total unimproved value amounts to or exceeds £500.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Exemption £100 less £1 for every £9 by which net income exceeds £100. Widow, who wholly maintains one or more children under 16 years, is allowed an exemption of £200 (not diminishing).

Deduction of £30 allowed for spouse, and £30 for each child under 16 wholly maintained by the taxpayer.

Deduction of £30 allowed for each parent, brother (under 16) or sister (under 16) wholly or mainly maintained.

The above deductions of £30 diminish by £1 for every £12 by which the net income exceeds £650.

**PERSONAL EXERTION** (except income from UNMARRIED Adults).—Up to £1,000, thirteen pence plus two one-thousandths of a penny for each £. From £1,000 to £7,000, fifteen pence plus six one-thousandths of a penny for each £ in excess of £1,000. Exceeding £7,000, fifty-one pence.

**PROPERTY INCOME** (except income of UNMARRIED Adults).—Up to £1,000, twenty-two pence in £. From £1,000 to £7,000, twenty-two pence, plus six one-thousandths of a penny for each £ in excess of £1,000. Exceeding £7,000, fifty-eight pence in £.

**PERSONAL EXERTION** (UNMARRIED Adults other than returned soldiers, returned nurses and widowers with children).—Up to £1,000, twenty-one pence plus two one-thousandths of a penny for each £. From £1,000 to £7,000, twenty-three pence plus six one-thousandths of a penny for each £ in excess of £1,000. Exceeding £7,000, fifty-nine pence.

**PROPERTY INCOME** (UNMARRIED Adults other than returned soldiers, returned nurses and widowers with children).—Up to £1,000, twenty-six pence.

[South Australia Income Tax—Continued]

From £1,000 to £7,000, twenty-six pence plus six one-thousandths of a penny for each £ in excess of £1,000. Exceeding £7,000, sixty-two pence.

Unmarried Taxpayer with dependents.—Where taxpayer is a person who would otherwise be taxable at the rates applicable to an unmarried adult person but had a parent, a brother or sister under sixteen wholly or mainly dependent upon him, the rates are the same as those of married taxpayer.

A taxpayer, who has a spouse and at least one child under 16 wholly dependent on him, and whose net income, before deducting the statutory exemption and concessional deductions, does not exceed £177, is exempt from income tax.

INCOME TAX ON COMPANIES, INCLUDING LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES.—Two shillings in £. A company is not allowed the exemption of £100. Minimum tax payable by any taxpayer, ten shillings.

LAND TAX.

Land Tax, three farthings in the £, and additional Land Tax above £5,000 extra three farthings in the £; with the addition of 20 per cent. on the total against absentees. Minimum tax, 1/-.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

STATUTORY EXEMPTION.—Persons domiciled in State.

- (1) Married man, married woman with dependent husband, widow or widower with children who are dependent, £200 less £2 for every £1 by which the income exceeds £200.
- (2) Single person, £100 less £2 for every £1 by which the income exceeds £100.

DIVIDENDS.—A resident taxpayer is assessable on dividends received whether or not the Company derives its income in the State, but is entitled to a rebate at his own rate of tax or the Company rate—1/5d.—whichever is the lesser.

SPECULATIVE PROFITS.—Income includes profits derived from the sale of property acquired for resale or from any profit making undertaking. Losses incurred similarly are deductible.

LEASE PREMIUMS.—This Act is now in substantial conformity with the Commonwealth Act. *Bona fide* prospectors are exempt.

INCOME OF PERIOD UP TO DATE OF DEATH.—Executor of a deceased person's Estate is assessable on the income derived by deceased up to date of his death.

INTERSTATE TRADERS.—The provisions of the uniform bill have been enacted substantially in the same form as by Victoria. Profit from dealing in land situate in Western Australia is, however, wholly taxable.

LIVESTOCK.—Same as Commonwealth Law.

CONCESSIONAL DEDUCTIONS.

1. If Taxpayer resident in State up to £15 in travelling from home to business.
2. £62 for each child under 16 years wholly maintained who is a resident of Australia. A proportionate part of £62 is allowable if wholly maintained for part of the year.
3. Payments not exceeding £50 as medical expenses of the taxpayer, his spouse or child under 21 years. The spouse or child must be a resident of Australia.
4. Payments not exceeding £20 as funeral expenses of his spouse or child under 21 years, if not recouped by a society and the spouse or child was a resident of Australia.
5. Payments up to £50 as—  
(a) Life Assurance premiums; (b) Superannuation payments; (c) Subscriptions to a Friendly Society.
6. Money expended up to £40 for each dependant. A dependant must reside in the State and not have an income exceeding £73. At least £26 must be contributed to each dependant.

OTHER DEDUCTIONS.

1. Sums paid as Hospital Fund Contributions or Financial Emergency tax. Other rates and taxes are not deductible unless incurred in the production of income. Refunds of rates and taxes previously deducted are income of year of receipt.
2. Membership subscriptions to Trade Business or Professional Associations not exceeding £10 10s. 0d.
3. Losses by embezzlement or larceny of money which has been included as income.
4. Expenses incurred in preparation, registration and stamping of leases of property used to produce assessable income.
5. Expenses of borrowing money used in the production of income.
6. Gifts of £1 and upwards to the following institutions in Western Australia:—  
(a) A Public Hospital; (b) A Public Benevolent Institution; (c) A Public Fund for (a) or (b) or for relief of persons in necessitous circumstances; (d) A Public Authority engaged in research into diseases; (e) A Public University or Residential College; (f) A War Memorial; (g) For Scholarships or Bursaries
7. Contributions for benefit of employees.
8. Wire and Wirenetting purchased by farmers for protection from animal pests.
9. Business losses incurred during three years preceding year of income.
10. The portion of an annuity which represents the purchase price.

EXEMPTIONS.

1. Taxable income not exceeding £250 of a male person over 65 years of age or a female person over 60 years of age. Deductions for gifts, statutory exemption and concessional deductions are not allowable.
2. The income derived by a person (other than a Company) from a mining tenement until it has exceeded his capital expenditure thereon.
3. The income derived by a Mining Company until it has recouped the capital paid up in cash after 1/7/1924.

RATE OF TAX.

Rate of tax is a graduated one. Up to £100 taxable income, 2d. in the £, increasing thereafter by .007 of a penny for every £1 of income up to a maximum rate of 4/- in the £. All such rates are subject to a rebate of 20 per cent. Minimum tax of 2/6.

Formula for rate of tax:—R = rate of tax in pence per pound. I = taxable income in pounds. R = 2 + .007 (I - 100) pence.

[Western Australia Income Tax—Continued]

The rate of tax and tax on incomes in excess of £100 are shown hereunder:—S denotes single. M denotes married.

Income.	Exemption.	Taxable Income.	Rate.	Amount.
S £100	£100	—	—	—
S 101	98	£3	2d.	Minim. 2 6
S 125	50	75	2d.	12 6
S 150	—	150	2.35d.	1 9 4
S 200	—	200	2.7d.	2 5 0
S 225	—	225	2.875d.	2 13 11
M 225	150	75	2d.	12 6
S 275	—	275	3.225d.	3 13 11
M 275	50	225	2.875d.	2 13 11
S 300	—	300	3.4d.	4 5 0
M 300	—	300	3.4d.	4 5 0
M & S 500	—	500	4.8d.	10 0 0
M & S 750	—	750	6.55d.	20 9 4
M & S 1,000	—	1,000	8.3d.	34 11 8
M & S 1,500	—	1,500	11.8d.	73 15 0
M & S 2,000	—	2,000	15.3d.	127 10 0
M & S 3,000	—	3,000	22.3d.	278 15 0
M & S 5,000	—	5,000	36.3d.	756 5 0
M & S 6,000	—	6,000	43.3d.	1,082 10 0
M & S 6,672	—	6,672	48d.	1,334 8 0

The above amounts of tax, except minimum of 2/6, are subject to rebate of 20 per cent.

When the income reaches £6,672 or over the maximum rate of 48d. less 20 per cent. applies. Equals 38.4d.

COMPANIES.—Rate of tax 1/5d. in the £ on taxable income and on interest paid to non-resident debenture-holders and depositors.

Life Assurance Companies 1/3 in the £ on the net investment income. Other Insurance Companies, 2.3 per cent. of premiums received.

LAND TAX.

On Unimproved Capital Value, twopence in £ upon land not improved and one penny upon land which is improved. Minimum 2/6.

Settlers exempt for the first five years upon holdings of C.P. land up to 1,000 acres cultivable or 2,500 acres grazing land, or 2,500 acres of mixed cultivable and grazing land. Absentee land owners 50% additional tax. Vermin Rate: areas exceeding 160 acres, 1/4d. in £ unimproved value, under Pastoral Lease; 1/4d. in £ on all other land unless vermin proof fenced.

Improved land owned and used solely for agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, grazing, pig-raising, or poultry farming is exempt from taxation, but is liable to Vermin Rate.

TASMANIA.

INCOME TAX

Exemptions.—£200 for any married person (or widower or widow having a child under sixteen years dependent upon him or her). £125 for any unmarried person

Deductions.—Any married person (or widower or widow having a child under sixteen years dependent upon him or her) whose net income did not exceed £500, £1 for every £2 by which the net income was less than £500. Any unmarried person whose net income did not exceed £400, £1 for every £6 by which the net income was less than £400.

Child Allowance.—From gross amount of income a deduction of £39 for each child under sixteen wholly maintained by taxpayer.

Where the income of any person (not being a company) is partly from business and partly from property, the deduction of the statutory exemption shall be made from his income from business, and if his income from business is insufficient to allow him the full benefit of such deduction, then the balance of such deduction shall be made from his income from property.

No exemption or deduction is allowed in respect of any prize in any lottery authorised by the State of Tasmania.

Rates.—Lotteries: Four shillings and threepence in the £ upon the amount of prize. Companies: One shilling and sixpence in the £ upon dividends. All other Incomes.—The rates set forth in Schedule.

Additional tax on profits from manufacture or sale of liquor manufactured and sold by the taxpayer under a wholesale license 1/- in £, but the taxpayer under this section shall be entitled to a rebate equal to the amount of license aforesaid.

Rate of Tax upon Income from Business.

For so much of the taxable amount as does not exceed £7,600, the rate of tax per pound shall be threepence and three eight-hundredths of one penny where the taxable amount is one pound, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of one pound of the taxable amount by three eight-hundredths of one penny. Exceeding £7,600, the rate shall be sixty pence.

Where the taxable amount does not exceed £7,600, the rate of tax per pound may be calculated from the following formula:—

$$R = \text{rate of tax in pence per pound.}$$

$$I = \text{taxable income in pounds.}$$

$$R = \left\{ 3 + \frac{3I}{800} \right\} \text{ pence.}$$

Rate of Tax upon Income from Property.

I.—For incomes of a taxable amount not exceeding £546, the rate of tax shall be calculated from the following formula:—

$$R = \text{rate of tax in pence per pound.}$$

$$I = \text{taxable income in pounds.}$$

$$R = \left\{ 3 + \frac{1}{181.07} I \right\} \text{ pence.}$$

II.—For income of a taxable amount exceeding £546, but not exceeding £2,000 the rate of tax shall increase continually in a curve of the second degree:—

Taxable amount of—	Taxable amount of—
£546 .. .. . 11.713 pence	900 .. .. . 18.288 pence
600 .. .. . 12.768 ..	1,000 .. .. . 20.000 ..
700 .. .. . 14.672 ..	1,500 .. .. . 27.600 ..
800 .. .. . 16.512 ..	2,000 .. .. . 33.600 ..

[Tasmania Income Tax—continued]

III.—From £2,000 to £6,500 the rate of tax shall increase continually in a curve of the third degree:—

Taxable amount of—		Taxable amount of—	
£2,000 .. .. .	33.600 pence	4,500 .. .. .	55.600 pence
2,500 .. .. .	40.000 ..	5,000 .. .. .	57.500 ..
3,000 .. .. .	45.300 ..	5,500 .. .. .	58.000 ..
3,500 .. .. .	49.600 ..	6,000 .. .. .	59.600 ..
4,000 .. .. .	53.000 ..	6,500 .. .. .	60.000 ..

For every pound in excess of £6,500: sixty pence.

Rate of Tax upon Income which is partly Income from Business and partly Income from Property.

I.—For every pound of the taxable amount of the income from business the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would have been payable under this schedule if the total taxable amount of the taxpayer had been exclusively income from business, by such total taxable amount.

II.—For every pound of the taxable amount of the income from property the rate of tax shall be ascertained by dividing the total amount of the tax that would have been payable under this schedule if the total taxable amount of the taxpayer had been exclusively income from property (other than dividends) by such total taxable amount.

The tax in the case of companies is at the rate of 1/6 in the £.

A special tax on all net incomes exceeding £104 other than salary or wages is payable as follows:—

- (a) Up to £312, 4d. in the £.
- (b) Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £520, 4d. on £312; 5d. on balance.

(c) Exceeding £520, but not exceeding £1,500. As in (b) up to £520, and 9d. in £ on balance.

(d) Exceeding £1,500. As in (c) up to £1,500, and 1/- in £ on balance. Companies are also liable to the Special Tax at the same rates.

Wages Tax is payable on a weekly basis at the same rate as Special Tax, but where payment is made at less than £6 per week, the tax is 1d. for each complete 5/-. Wages tax is payable on salary or wages paid at a rate exceeding £3 10s. 0d. per week.

LAND TAX.

I.—Where a taxpayer owns both rural land and other land the rate of tax payable by him shall be the rate prescribed in respect of the aggregate value of all such land of both classes; but shall not be payable in respect of his rural land if the total unimproved value thereof does not exceed three thousand five hundred pounds.

II.—“Rural land” means land which is used solely for agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, orcharding or dairying purposes.

Rates of Tax.

For every £1 of the taxable value of the land—

In the case of land other than rural land—

Up to £2,500 .. .. .	1d. in £.	Over £2,500 up to £3,500	1½d. in £.
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In all cases—

Over £3,500 up to £5,000	1½	£30,000	2½
£5,000	1½	£50,000	3½
£15,000	2½	£80,000	3½
£30,000	2½	£100,000	3½

but where the unimproved value is less than £16 there shall be a minimum tax of one shilling.

STAMP AND PROBATE DUTIES.

QUEENSLAND.—STAMP DUTIES.

Agreement value £20 and upwards, each £20 or part, 6d. (maximum duty, 5s.); Agreement, in any other case, 2s. 6d.; Appointment of New Trustee, 10s.; Articles of Apprenticeship.—To learn a Profession, 2s. 6d.; Assignment thereof, 2s. 6d.; to learn a Trade, 1s.; Assignment thereof, 1s.; Award, £50, 2s. 6d.; £100, 5s.; £200, 10s.; £500, 20s.; £750, 30s.; £1,000, 40s.; and each additional £100 or part, 5s.

Bill of Lading and each copy, 1s.; Shipping Receipt and each copy, 6d.; Promissory Note, for each £50 or part, 1s.; Bill of Exchange, for each £50 or part, 1s.; Bill of Exchange on demand, 2d.; Bond.—To secure an Annuity, see Schedule; Bond or Recognisance (any other), 10s.; Bill of Sale, for each £50 or part, 2s. 6d.

Charter Party, not exceeding £20, 10s.; £20 to £100, 15s.; exceeding £100, 20s.; Contract Note, for sale or purchase of any stock or marketable security, £100 or part thereof, 6d.; Conveyance or Transfer of the whole of the stock or marketable security of any company, corporation, society, or of any portion of such stock or marketable security representing the controlling interest, £50 or part thereof, 10s.; of any other kind, for each £10 or part thereof, 6d.; on sale of any property (except as aforesaid), for each £50 or part thereof, 10s.; by way of exchange, gift, or partition of any property except stock or marketable security (as aforesaid), Conveyance on sale duty on the value; of any kind not hereinbefore described, 10s.

Declaration of Trust.—1. Any instrument declaring that property vested in any person as the apparent purchaser thereof is held by him in trust for the person or persons who have actually paid the purchase money therefor, 10s. 2. Any instrument declaring that the property vested in the person executing the same is or shall be held in trust for the person or persons mentioned therein, the same duty as on a conveyance of sale. Deed, 10s. Duplicate or counterpart, same duty as original, max., 2s. 6d.

Lease, rental at rate of £50 per annum, 2s. 6d.; exceeding £50 per annum, for each £100 or part, 5s.; Lease or Agreement of any other kind, 10s.

Mercantile Brokers' Contracts, for every £100 or part, 6d. Maximum, 5s. for any one contract.

Mortgage Bond Debenture and Covenant, for each £50 or part, 2s. 6d.; Collateral or additional or substituted security, 2s. 6d.; Reconveyance, release or discharge of any such security, 2s. 6d.

Policies of Life Insurance.—When the sum insured exceeds £50, but does not exceed £1,000, for every £100 or part, 1s. When the sum insured exceeds £1,000, for the first £1,000, 1s. per £100, and for every additional £100 or part, 2s. Marine, for each £100 or part, 4d.; all other Policies, for each £100 or part; not exceeding 12 months, 4d.; for each subsequent 6 months or part thereof, 4d.; Policies of Re-insurance, 1s.

Power or Letter of Attorney or Authority.—(1) Engagement or appointment under Auctioneers and Commission Agents Acts. Exceeds £100 up to £500, 3d.; £500 to £1,000, 6d.; exceeding £1,000, 6d. for each £1,000 or part. Maximum, 10s. (2) For receipt of dividends or interest of any stock of any British, Foreign, or Colonial Company, Corporation or Society. For one payment only, 1s.; in any other case, 5s. (3) Appointment of Agent under “The Land Act of 1910,” 1s. (4) Appointment of Bailiff under “The Land Act of 1910,” 1s. (5) Of any other kind whatsoever not hereinbefore described, or any duplicate thereof, 10s.

Receipt—£2 up to £5, 1d.; exceeding £5 up to £50, 2d.; exceeding £50 up to £100, 3d.; exceeding £100, for every £100, or part, 3d.; Request under R.P. Act, to enter transmission or record death, 10s.; any other kind, 2s. 6d. Release or Renunciation of Property—upon a sale, conveyance on sale duty; Release by way of security, mortgage duty; Release in any other case, 10s.

[Queensland Stamp Duties—Continued]

Settlement, Deed of Gift, or Voluntary Conveyance containing any Trust, or Declaration of Trust—not exceeding £1,000, ½ per cent.; £1,000 to £2,000, 1 per cent.; £2,000 to £3,000, 1½ per cent.; £3,000 to £4,000, 2 per cent.; £4,000 to £5,000, 2½ per cent.; £5,000 to £6,000, 3 per cent.; £6,000 to £7,000, 3½ per cent.; £7,000 to £8,000, 4 per cent.; £8,000 to £9,000, 4½ per cent.; exceeding £9,000, 5 per cent.

Share Certificate, not exceeding 100 shares, 6d. 101 to 1000 shares, 1s.; exceeding 1000 shares, 5s.

PROBATE OR ADMINISTRATION DUTY. Where the net value does not amount to £300.—Nil. £300 or upwards—For every £100 or part thereof, £1.

SUCCESSION DUTY.

If successor is domiciled in Commonwealth—

Estates under £200, no Duty.	Widow and Children		Husband and Other Relatives		Stranger in blood	
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
£200 up to £500	Nil	2	3	4		
£1,000	1	2	3	4		
£2,500	1½	3	4½	6		
£4,000	2½	4	6	8		
£5,000	3	4½	6½	9		

Estates under £200, no Duty.	Widow, Children and Husband		Other Relatives		Stranger in blood	
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
£6,000	5	7½	10			
£7,000	5½	8½	11			
£8,000	6	9	12			
£9,000	6½	9½	13			
£10,000	7	10½	14			
£12,500	7½	11½	15			
£15,000	8	12	16			
£17,500	8½	12½	17			
£20,000	9	13½	18			
£22,500	9½	14½	19			
£25,000	10	15	20			
£27,500	10½	15½	21			
£30,000	11	16½	22			

and progressing each £5,000 up to £120,000 and above when it is:—

£120,000 .. 20 25 25

If successor is domiciled outside the Commonwealth—

Estates under £200, no Duty.	Widow and Children		Husband and Other Relatives		Stranger in blood	
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
£200 up to £500	½	2	3½	5		
£1,000	1½	2	3½	5		
£2,500	1½	3	5½	7½		
£4,000	3½	4	7½	10		
£5,000	3½	4½	8 7/16	11½		
£6,000	6½	9½	12½	15		
£7,000	6½	10 5/16	13½	16		
£8,000	7½	11½	15	17		
£9,000	8½	12 3/16	16½	18		
£10,000	8½	13½	17½	19		
£12,500	9½	14 1/16	18½	20		
£15,000	10	15	20	21		
£17,500	10½	15 15/16	21½	22		
£20,000	11½	16½	22½	23		
£22,500	11½	17 13/16	23½	24		
£25,000	12½	18½	25	25		
£27,500	13½	19 11/16	26½	26		
£30,000	13½	20½	27½	27		

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and progressing each £5,000 up to £120,000 and above, when it is:—

£120,000 ..	25	30	30
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Charitable or Educational Institutions in Queensland exempt. A Succession which in the whole is of less value than £20—Exempt.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—STAMP DUTIES.

Acknowledgment under Probate Act, £1.

Agreement, not under seal, 1s.; under seal, £1. Appointment of Trustees, £1. Award, up to £20, 1s.; £20 to £50, 2s. 6d.; £50 to £100, 5s.; £100 to £200, 10s.; £200 to £500, 15s.; exceeds £500, £1.

Cheque, Bill of Exchange and Pro. Notes, on demand and sola, 2d.; otherwise than on demand, for every £25 or part of £25, 3d.; if drawn in a set, one of the set to be stamped. Bill of Lading, 1s.; Charter Party, 1s. Companies.—Memorandum of Association, £1; Articles of Association, £1; certificate of incorporation, £1.

Contract Note, stock or shares.—Each £100 or part thereof, 6d.

Conveyances on Sale or Exchange of any Property—Up to £50, 7s. 6d.; £50 to £100, 15s.; every additional £100 or part, 15s. If shares, the same duty as on a transfer of shares.

Conveyance:—(a) Following a new or an additional trustee, or on the retirement of a trustee, 5s.; (b) Conveyance made as a gift:—

Not exceeding £2,000 .. .. .	1%
Exceeding £2,000 up to £5,000 .. .. .	1½%
£5,000 .. .. .	2%
£15,000 .. .. .	2½%
£25,000 .. .. .	3%
£50,000 .. .. .	3½%
£75,000 .. .. .	4%
£100,000 .. .. .	5%

(c) An instrument made by way of completion or confirmation of title, £1; (d) A conveyance following upon a decree or order for foreclosure, £1; (e) A conveyance by the apparent purchaser of property to the real purchaser thereof, £1; (f) Upon every conveyance where *ad valorem* duty has been paid, 5s.

Declaration of Trust, £1. Deed of any kind whatever, £1. Duplicate or Counterpart of any instrument chargeable with any duty—Where such duty does not amount to 2s. 6d.; the same duty as the original instrument; in any other case, 2s. 6d. Exchange of any property: the same duty as on a conveyance on sale. In any other case, £1. Foreclosure Order.—The same duty as a conveyance. Guarantee—Under hand, 1s.; under seal, £1. Hire Purchase Agreements.—Where periodical payments do not exceed £10 in all, nil. Above £10, under hand, 2s.; under seal, £1.

Lease of any property not being a ship or vessel—(1) Where such rent does not exceed £50, 2s. 6d.; and for every additional £50 or part of £50, 2s. 6d.; (2) The sum of money by way of premium, fine or foregift without rent, as on a conveyance; (3) The sum of money by way of premium, fine or foregift, and also of a yearly rent, as on a conveyance; and on the yearly rent: the same duty as on a lease; (4) Where the consideration is nominal, or where there is no consideration: as on a conveyance; (5) Where the consideration or any part of the consideration is an indeterminate amount, £1; (6) Any other kind, £1; (7) A lease made subsequently to and in conformity with a contract or agreement to grant such lease duly stamped, 2s. 6d.; (8) Agreement for hire of meter for electricity, gas or water, 1s.; (9) Agreement to hire motion picture film, 1s. for each £25 up to £1,000, and £1 for each additional £1,000 or part. Letter of Allotment or Renunciation—Of any stocks or shares, 6d. Letter or Power of Attorney—(1) For receipt of dividends or interest of any

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stock, for one payment only, 1s.; in any other case, 5s.; (2) For the receipt of any other sum of money, bill of exchange or promissory note not exceeding £20, or any periodical payments not exceeding the annual sum of £10 (not being hereinbefore charged), 5s.; (3) Of any other kind whatsoever, including the appointment of a receiver by a mortgagee, £1.

Partition.—(1) For any partition of any property, upon any consideration paid by way of equality or on the difference in value, the same duty as on a conveyance and a fixed duty of £1 (2) In any other case, £1; Policies of Insurance.—(a) Fire or hail—for every £100 or part of £100, 4d.; on every renewal for every £100 or part of £100, 4d.; (b) Marine.—for every £100 or part of £100, 4d.; on every renewal for every £100 or part of £100, 4d. (c) Not otherwise specified—for every £100 or part of £100, 1s. (See Schedule to Act 1920-1933). (2) Upon every transfer or assignment of a policy, 2s. 6d. Upon transfer or assignment of a Life Policy otherwise than by way of a mortgage etc.: the same duty as on a conveyance. Exemptions—Life insurance, fire insurance on public hospitals, fire insurance on workman's personal tools of trade, and on behalf of any charitable institution, the Red Cross Society and Ambulance Transport Board.

Real Property Act, 1900.—(1) Application to bring land under the Act or to be registered under the Act, £1; (2) Nomination.—Application to bring land under the Act, and the applicant nominates any other person as the person to whom the certificate is to issue; the same duty as on a conveyance; (3) Memorandum of Transfer.—On a sale of property therein, the same duty as on a conveyance on sale. Otherwise than on sale, or by way of exchange, the same duty as on a conveyance. By way of exchange, the same duty as on an exchange. By way of partition or division, the same duty as on a partition. Agreement in writing for any such transfer: the same duty as on the transfer. Transfer made in conformity with an agreement on which duty has been paid, 5s.; (4) Foreclosure order: the same duty as on a foreclosure herein. (5) Memorandum of lease or promise of or agreement therefor, the same duty as on a lease. On an exchange of property or estate therein: the same duty as on an exchange. On a partition or division: the same duty as on a partition. (9) Consent by an executor or administrator to a transmission application by a devisee or person entitled on intestacy, £1. (10) Application by tenant in tail for entry of title in fee simple, £1. (11) Release or disclaimer of power, £1. (12) Application for discharge or modification of restrictive covenant, £1. (13) Application for entry of an estate in fee simple in enlargement of a long term under section 134 of the Conveyancing Act, 1919, £1. (14) Application to cancel notifications of leases or under leases as upon merger, £1. (15) Transmission Application, £1. Exemptions.—(a) The same as in the case of conveyances and agreement, under the Real Property Acts, 1900.

Receipt for £2 and upwards, 2d. Exemptions.—(a) Receipts for refunds by the Government of New South Wales; (b) Receipt for money deposited with a broker or agent for purchase of stock or marketable securities; (c) Receipt for the payment of money to or for the use of His Majesty; (d) Acknowledgment by any banker of the receipt of bill of exchange or promissory note for acceptance or payment; (e) Acknowledgment or receipt for any salary or wages, benefit, pension, gratuity or the like; (f) Acknowledgment of the receipt of a bill of exchange or promissory note payable otherwise than on demand duly stamped; (g) Receipt indorsed or written upon any instrument liable to stamp duty and duly stamped acknowledging the receipt of the consideration money therein expressed; (h) Receipt given by depositors on receiving deposits from the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales; (i) Acknowledgment given for money deposited in any bank to be accounted for; (k) Receipt given in anticipation of a Bill of Lading and not to be used in lieu thereof; (l) Receipts for the payment of any interest on debentures, stock, or Treasury Bills of the Government of New South Wales; (m) All receipts given to His Majesty or his representative for any pension, superannuation or retiring allowance payable by the Imperial or Indian Governments; (n) Receipt for the payment of money for the use of any Public Hospital; (o) Receipt for payment under Workmen's Compensation Act; (p) Receipt for moneys paid under Pastures Protection Act; (q) Or for maintenance under Child Welfare Act or Deserted Wives and Children's Act; (r) Or on behalf of charitable or patriotic objects; (s) Any cash sale dockets issued for goods by a salesman in any retail establishment, immediately the goods are purchased; (t) Receipt for money paid to Royal Life Saving Society or Surf Life Saving Association, etc.; (u) Upon payment of money by way of grant to any Municipal or Shire Council by Government of N.S.W.; (v) Upon payment of calls in respect of shares in Mining Co.'s as defined by Section 3 of this Act.

Transfer of Shares.—In any company incorporated in New South Wales, or has a share register in New South Wales. For every £10 of part, 6d. Where a transfer of shares includes a right to shares and the transfer is duly stamped, 2s. 6d. Upon transfer of shares from administrator or trustee to beneficial owner, £1, or *ad valorem* duty of 6d. for every £10 or part, whichever is the lower. Transfer Shares, without consideration: the same duty as on conveyance without consideration. Exemption.—Any transfer on sale of

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stock, debentures, or treasury bills of the Government of New South Wales or of the Commonwealth of Australia; Any transfer on sale of shares in mining companies as defined in section 3 of Stamp Duties Act.

DEATH DUTIES.

Not exceeding £500, exempt, and up to £1,000 where estate passes to widow or children under 21 years.

Half rates for a widow or children under 21 years upon estates exceeding £1,000 up to £5,000, when deceased at the time of his death was domiciled in N.S.W.

Amount	%	Amount	%
£500 to £1,000	2	£5,000 to £6,000	3½
£1,000 ,, 2,000	2½	6,000 ,, 7,000	3½
2,000 ,, 3,000	2½	7,000 ,, 8,000	3½
3,000 ,, 4,000	2½	8,000 ,, 9,000	4
4,000 ,, 5,000	3	9,000 ,, 10,000	4½

increasing by ½% per £1,000 up to £61,000, when it is 17%.

£61,000 to £62,000 .. .. . 17 1/5%

increasing by one-fifth% per £1,000 up to £100,000 when it is twenty-four and four-fifths %; exceeding £100,000, 25%.

Estates of deceased persons domiciled outside N.S.W.

Amount	%	Amount	%
Not exceeding £500	3	£3,000 to £4,000	4½
£500 to £1,000	3½	4,000 ,, 5,000	4½
1,000 ,, 2,000	3½	5,000 ,, 6,000	5
2,000 ,, 3,000	4		

increasing by one-third % per £1,000 up to £51,000, when it is 20% £51,000 to £52,000, 20 1/5%.

increasing by one-fifth% per £1,000 up to £75,000, when it is twenty-four and four-fifths %; exceeding £75,000, 25%.

VICTORIA.—STAMP DUTIES.

Bill of Lading, 6d.; Bills of Exchange payable on demand (cheques, orders to pay money, etc.), 2d.; Promissory Notes not exceeding £25, 6d.; £25 to £50, 1s.; £50 to £75, 1s. 6d.; £75 to £100, 2s.; exceeding £100, 1s. for every £50 or fraction of £50. Transfer of marketable securities or rights in shares, allotment of shares, etc., for each £10 or part 6d.; Conveyance and Transfers of Land.—Where the amount of consideration for the sale exceeds £10, 8s. for every £50 or part of £50. Partition or division of any real or leasehold property where any consideration is given for equality; instruments for effecting the same: where the amount or value exceeds £10, for every £50 or part of £50, 10s. Exchange of any real property for other real property, or of real property for leasehold property, or for leasehold for leasehold, chargeable with *ad valorem* duty on the value of the real or leasehold property transferred. Lease, or agreement for a lease—for every £50 or part of £50 of the consideration thereof, 10s.; where consideration or any part is any rent exceeding £65 per annum—for every £50 or part of £50 per annum, 5s.; every counterpart, 1s.; transfer or assignment of lease, chargeable as on a transfer on sale of any real property. Exemptions.—Any mining lease or any transfer or assignment thereof or any agreement for the right to enter upon or occupy and use any land for mining purposes Annual Licence for any Assurance or Insurance Company (not Life), 40s. per £100 of premium received; Minimum Licence Fee, £100: (N.B.—Only Fire, Marine and Fidelity Guarantee require to be licensed, not Burglar, Plate-glass Insurance, etc.). Receipts for £2 and up to £25, 2d.; Receipts for £25 and upwards, 3d.; Certificate, Receipt, or Acknowledgment for Goods Stored, 1d.; Settlement or Gift (not a Will or Codicil), up to £1,000, 20s. per cent.; £5,000, 30s. per cent.; £10,000, 2 per cent.; £25,000, 2½ per cent.; £50,000, 3 per cent.; £100,000, 4 per cent. over £100,000, 5 per cent.

PROBATE DUTIES.

Up to £200	Nil
£200 to £300	one and a half per cent.
300 ,, 400	two per cent.
400 ,, 500	two and a half per cent.
500 ,, 600	three per cent.
600 ,, 800	three and one-third per cent.
800 ,, 1000	three and two-thirds per cent.
1000 ,, 1500	four per cent.

Then increasing ½ per cent. for each £500 up to £5,000, and for the next £1,000 up to £6,000; then increasing one-fifth per cent. for each £1,000 up to £10,000; over £10,000 at 7 one-fifth per cent. increases by one-fifth per cent. for every £1,000 up to £14,000; over, at 8 one-fifth per cent., by one-fifth per cent., every £1,000 up to £19,000, over £19,000 up to £20,000, 9½ per cent. over £20,000, 10 per cent. The rates of duty as shown above also apply to all settlements of Property, both real and personal, where the person taking the property is a brother or sister, or descendant of brother or sister, or by any other person in any other degree of collateral consanguinity to the settler. Widows, children or grand-children pay:—Up to £500, nil; no exemption when the estate exceeds £500; £500 to £1,000, 2 per cent.; £1,000 to £2,000, 3 per cent. (provided that when the total value of the estate when the widow or children only are interested, or the value of the share of the widow and children, when they are not the persons only interested, does not exceed £2,000, one-half the above rates); then increasing one-third per cent. for each,

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£1,000 up to £4,000; and by one-quarter per cent. each £1,000 up to £8,000; £8,000 to £10,000, 5 per cent. increasing then by one-fifth per cent. for each £2,000 up to £20,000, for each £4,000 up to £80,000, and for each £5,000 up to £100,000. The last group, £95,000 to £100,000, being subject to nine and four-fifths per cent.; over £100,000, 10 per cent.

These rates apply also to all settlements of property, both real and personal, where the person taking the property is a widow, widower or descendant or ancestor of the settler. Duty is payable at the rate of 10 per cent. on the value of the property taken by a stranger-in-blood to the settler or donor. All duties are subject to a super tax of 10 per cent., and also a further 10 per cent. on all duty otherwise payable.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—STAMP DUTIES.

Affidavit or Declaration, 1s.  
 Agreement not under seal, 1s.  
 Insurance Trading License, 25s. per cent. of Annual Premiums; minimum fee, £25. Life and personal accident, 10s. per cent.; Bank Notes, 10s. for every £100 of quarterly circulation. Bill of Exchange, cheque, Order payable on demand, coupon or Interest warrant:—under £2, 1d., £2 or over 2d. Exemptions, Coupons or Interest Warrants in connection with S.A. Government Securities.

Bill of Exchange, any other kind (not Bills payable beyond the Commonwealth) for every £100 or part, 1s. Bill of Exchange or promissory note payable in South Australia, every £25 or part, 6d.

Bill of Lading, 6d.; Contract Note for sale or purchase of shares or marketable security—for every £50 or part of face value, 1s.; contract note in pursuance of option, under contract duly stamped for every £50 or part, of face value, 6d.

Contract giving or taking option as above, for every £50 or part, of face value, 6d.; Conveyance or Transfer on sale or any property (not otherwise charged), including contract or agreement for sale—(includes Foreclosure application)—(a) In the case of any marketable security of any amount or value—Up to £50, 5/-; exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100, 10/-; exceeds £100 for every £100, or fractional part of £100, of such amount or value, 10/-; (b) In any other case—Up to £50, 10/-; exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100, £1; exceeds £100, for every £100, or fractional part of £100, such amount or value, £1.

Conveyance operating as a voluntary disposition *inter vivos*, of any property—for every £100 or fractional part of £100 of the value of the property conveyed, £1.

Conveyance, any other kind, 20/-; Documents for securing periodical payments, maximum duty, 10/-, when provided for by separate conveyance chargeable with *ad valorem* Duty.

Deed, except as otherwise provided, up to £100, 5/-; £100 to £200, 10/-; £200 to £300, 15/-; £300 and over, 20/-. Any other kind, 20/-. Lease.—Rent up to £50 per annum, 2/6; £50 to £100, 5/-; over £100, for every £50, 5/-. Any other kind 20/-. Lease made subsequent to duly stamped agreement, 2/6. Exemption—where Annual Rent does not exceed £26 for term not exceeding one year, charged as an agreement, 1s.

Letter of Allotment or Scrip Certificate, 1d.

Mortgage, Bond, Debenture, Covenant, Warrant of Attorney to confess and enter up judgment, for every £100 or part, 2/6. Exemptions—Collateral, auxiliary, additional or substituted security when principal is duly stamped.

Power of Attorney, not under seal, 10/-, under seal 20/-. Exemptions—Proxy to vote at meetings, order for receipt of wages, order for receipt of dividends or interest, one payment only.

Receipt 40/- or upwards, 2d. Exemptions—Receipt for Municipal Council Rates, Receipt for Consideration money upon any instrument duly stamped. Receipt for money deposited in bank in current account, not fixed deposit. Receipt for money paid to charitable institutions; Registered Building Societies; Friendly Societies subscriptions. Insurance premiums or Savings Bank Deposits or withdrawals. Receipt for wages paid to any seaman, laborer, or menial servant. Receipt for payment of Friendly Society sick pay. Receipt for less than £5 paid to any person as gratuity or gift. Amusements, admissions up to 1s. exempt: above 1s. 1d. for every 6d. or part. Members' or Season tickets, 1d. for every sixpence or part of the price of such ticket.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

If derived by Widow, Widower, Descendant or Ancestor from a deceased person under a will or intestacy, or under settlement or deed of gift:—

Amount	%	Amount	%
Up to £500	Nil		
£500 to £700	1½	£15,000 to £30,000	9
700 ,, 1,000	2	30,000 ,, 50,000	10
1,000 ,, 2,000	3	50,000 ,, 75,000	11
2,000 ,, 3,000	4	75,000 ,, 100,000	12
3,000 ,, 5,000	4½	100,000 ,, 150,000	13
5,000 ,, 7,000	5	150,000 ,, 200,000	15
7,000 ,, 10,000	6½	Over £200,000	17½
10,000 ,, 15,000	7½		

Half duty for children under 21 years or for widows when estate is under £2,000.

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If to brother or sister or descendant of brother or sister or blood relation of other degree:—

Under £200 .. .. %	£3,000 to £5,000 .. .. %
£200 to £300 .. 1½	5,000 .. 10,000 .. 9
300 .. 400 .. 2	10,000 .. 15,000 .. 10
400 .. 700 .. 3	15,000 .. 25,000 .. 12
700 .. 1,000 .. 4	25,000 .. 50,000 .. 14
1,000 .. 2,000 .. 5	Over £50,000 .. .. 17½
2,000 .. 3,000 .. 6½	

All property to Stranger-in-blood:—

Under £10,000 .. ..	ten per cent.
£10,000 and under 20,000 .. ..	fifteen
20,000 and upwards .. .. .	twenty

Under Section 42 of Act 1898 of 1929, the amount of succession duty payable is increased by 25 per cent.; provided that this increase shall not apply to any duty becoming chargeable after 30th June, 1935. Where duty becomes chargeable on any property between 30th June, 1935 and 30th June, 1937, the amount of duty is increased by 15 per cent.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—STAMP DUTIES

Affidavits, 1s.; Agreements value of £5 and upwards, 2s. 6d.; under seal, 10s.; appraisements, 5s. to £1; Awards, 10s. to £2 10s.; Legal Practitioner, admission of, £10; Bills of Exchange on demand and cheques, 2d.; P.N.'s, £50, 1s.; £100, 2s.; each additional £50, 1s.; Bill of Lading, 1s.; coastwise, half-ton or under, 3d.; over half-ton, 6d.; over one ton, 1s.; Company-Memorandum, £1; Articles, £1; Conveyance or Transfer of Property and Land Transfers, 5s. for each £25 or part thereof; Conveyance (any other), 10s.; Conveyance on sale or transfer of mining scrip, 1d.; Copy attested or authenticated, of an instrument:— (a) When the instrument is chargeable with the same duty less than 1s., as on the same instrument; (b) In any other case, 1s.; Duplicate of a dutiable instrument (same duty as original), but maximum, 5s.; Declaration of Trust of any property (other than a will), 10s.; Bonds for administration of deceased estate, 10s. (except where bond does not exceed £100); Charter party, 2s. 6d.; Deeds, 10s.; Deed of Assignment under the Bankruptcy Act, £1; Guarantee, same as Mortgage; Leases, for every £50 or part of £50 of average annual rental (a) for 1 year or under, 2s. 6d.; (b) exceeding 1 year to 3 years, 5s.; (c) exceeding 3 years, 7s. 6d.; (d) for indefinite term, 5s.; Lease, any other, 10s.; Transfer of Lease, same as Conveyance; Letters of Allotment, 1d.; Contract Note, 3d. to 2s.; Notarial Act, 2s. 6d.; noting Bill of Exchange, 1s.; Protesting, 1s.; Mortgage, 1s. 3d. for each £50 up to £300, then 2s. 6d. for each £100 or fraction thereof; being a collateral, or auxiliary, or additional; or for every £100, 6d.; Transfer and Re-conveyance, 1s. for every £100; Receipt given for payment of money:—One pound and under twenty-five pounds, 1d.; twenty-five pounds to fifty pounds, 2d.; fifty pounds to one hundred pounds, 3d.; and 3d. for each additional one

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hundred pounds or part over one hundred pounds; Receipt given to or by a Building Society for £1 and upwards, 1d.; Policies, Fire, per £100 not exceeding 1 year, 6d., each succeeding year, 3d.; Annual Renewals, 3d. per £100; Marine, where premium does not exceed 2s. 6d. per cent., 1d. for each £100; premiums above 2s. 6d. per cent., 3d. for each £100; exceeding 6 months, 6d. per £100; Personal Accident, 3d. for £100; Employers' Liability for every 10s. or premium, 1d., maximum, 1s.; Power of Attorney for receipt or payment of dividend of stock and shares, 1s. to 5s.; other Powers of Attorney, 20s.; Scrip Certificates, 1d.; Statutory Declaration, 1s.; Settlement Deed of or Deed of Gift, Conveyance Duty.

Bond granting Annuity:—

	DUTY
For definite period Mortgage duty.	
For term of life, for every £5 or part of £5 annually	2/6
Collateral for every £5 or part of £5 annually	6d.
For deferred Life Annuity, for every £5 or part of £5	6d.
Transfer of Scrip of War Munitions Supply Co. Ltd., or of a Building Society, minimum 1d.	1%
Transfer of Shares, for every £5 or part thereof	1/-

PROBATE DUTIES.

Up to £200 .. ..	nil.
200 .. .. 500 .. ..	one per cent.
500 .. .. 1,000 .. ..	two
1,000 .. .. 2,500 .. ..	three
2,500 .. .. 4,500 .. ..	four
4,500 .. .. 6,000 .. ..	five
6,000 .. .. 7,000 .. ..	six
7,000 .. .. 8,000 .. ..	six and two-fifths
8,000 .. .. 9,000 .. ..	six and three-fifths
9,000 .. .. 10,000 .. ..	six and four-fifths
10,000 .. .. 11,000 .. ..	seven and one-fifth
11,000 .. .. 12,000 .. ..	seven and two-fifths
12,000 .. .. 13,000 .. ..	seven and three-fifths
13,000 .. .. 14,000 .. ..	seven and four-fifths
14,000 .. .. 15,000 .. ..	eight and one-fifth
15,000 .. .. 16,000 .. ..	eight and two-fifths
16,000 .. .. 17,000 .. ..	eight and three-fifths
17,000 .. .. 18,000 .. ..	eight and four-fifths
18,000 .. .. 19,000 .. ..	nine
19,000 .. .. 20,000 .. ..	nine and one-half
Over 20,000 .. ..	ten

If to a parent, or children, resident in Western Australia, one-half of above rates.

TASMANIA.—STAMP DUTIES.

Articles of clerkship to barrister, etc., £5; Articles to complete articles partially served with another barrister, 10s.; every duplicate, 5s.; Award of £10 and upwards (with exemptions), 10s.; Bill of lading, goods to be carried beyond Tasmania, 6d.; for every copy thereof, 6d.; Bond or covenant (money) not exceeding £100, 2s. 6d.; for every additional £50 or part, 2s. 6d.; other bonds, 10s.; Deed (where not subject to *ad valorem* charge), 10s.; Certificate or other document of title under Real Property Act, 10s.;

[Tasmania Stamp Duties—continued.]

Drafts, including Cheques, 2d.; Conveyance not exceeding £100, 7s. 6d.; for every additional £50 or part thereof, 7s. 6d.; Exchange as on Conveyance; Denoting stamp or certificate, 5s.; Partition of Land, 10s., if consideration given for equality as on Conveyance; Inland Bill of Exchange and Promissory Note, up to £5, 3d.; not exceeding £25, 6d.; every additional £25 or part, 6d.; Bill of Exchange payable on demand, 2d.; Lease, rental not exceeding £50 per year, 5s.; for every additional £50 or part, 5s.; Lease (not by deed) or agreement, exceeding £78 to £100 per year, 2s. 6d.; for every additional £50 or part, 2s. 6d.; Letter or Power of Attorney, 10s.; Letter of Credit, 2d.; Lottery ticket, not exceeding 5s., 6d.; every additional 5s. or fraction, 6d.; Mortgage (or transfer or assignment of mortgage) of £100, 2s. 6d.; for every additional £50 or fraction, 2s. 6d. *Exemption*—Transfer of securities held by Friendly Societies. Reconveyance, release, discharge, or certificate of satisfaction of mortgage, if the Mortgage does not exceed £100, 2s. 6d.; exceeding £100 and under £250, 5s.; £250 and under £500, 7s. 6d.; £500 and under £1,000, 10s.; £1,000 and upwards, £1; Policy of Marine Insurance not over £35, 1d.; £70, 2d.; £100, 3d.; other than Marine, for every £100 or part of £100, 3d.; of unlimited sum, 2s.; Transfer or assignment otherwise than by way of mortgage, as on Conveyance or discharge of mortgage of a policy of life assurance or by way of mortgage, 2s. 6d.; Receipt of £2 to £5, 1d.; £5 to £15, 2d.; £15 to £25, 3d.; £25 to £50, 4d.; £50 to £100, 5d.; over £100 for the first £100, 5d.; for every additional £100 or part, 6d.; Receipt for fixed deposit exceeding £2, 2d.; Settlement or deed of gift, not being a will or codicil not exceeding £100, 7s. 6d.; for every additional £50 or part, 7s. 6d.; Transfer of shares (other than mining shares) for every £10 or part, 6d.; Transfer of shares not on actual sale, 10s.; Share Certificate, other than a Mining Company, 6d.

PROBATE DUTIES.

Where the aggregate value of the estate, after deducting all debts, is:—

	Per cent.
£500 up to £1,000 .. ..	three
1,000 .. .. 1,500 .. ..	three and a quarter
1,500 .. .. 2,000 .. ..	three and a half
2,000 .. .. 2,500 .. ..	three and three-quarters
2,500 .. .. 3,000 .. ..	four
3,000 .. .. 4,000 .. ..	four and a quarter
Increasing by ¼% for every £1,000 up to £36,000.	
Exceeds £36,000 .. ..	twelve and a half

Brother or sister or descendant of a brother or sister double the above rates, with a maximum of 15 per cent.

Strangers-in-blood, 15 per cent. When the net property, within or without Tasmania, which passes to the widow or widower, or widow or widower and children, or the children, is under £1,000, no duty payable. Over £1,000 and up to £2,000, half rates upon the portion exceeding £1,000.

Phases of the Moon, 1939.

	Full Moon.	Last Qtr.	New Moon.	First Qtr.
January .. .. .	6	12	20	29
February .. .. .	4	11	19	27
March .. .. .	6	13	21	28
April .. .. .	4	12	20	27
May .. .. .	4	11	19	26
June .. .. .	2	10	17	24
July .. .. .	2 & 31	10	17	23
August .. .. .	30	8	15	22
September .. .. .	29	7	13	20
October .. .. .	28	6	13	20
November .. .. .	27	4	11	19
December .. .. .	26	4	11	19

Eclipses, 1939.

During the year 1939 there will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I.—An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, 19th April; not visible in Australia.

II.—A Total Eclipse of the Moon, 3rd May, the beginning and ending visible generally in Australia and Western Pacific Ocean. Magnitude of Eclipse 1.82 (Moon's diameter 1.0).

III.—A Total Eclipse of the Sun, 13th October; visible at sunrise in the south-eastern portion of Australia only.

IV.—A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, 28th October; the ending visible generally in the eastern portion of Australia only.

THE SEASONS.

For Astronomical Purposes.

Spring commences .. .. .	Sept. 23rd
Summer .. .. .	Dec. 22nd
Autumn .. .. .	Mar. 21st
Winter .. .. .	June 22nd

For Meteorological and Agricultural Purposes.

Spring consists of .. .. .	Sept., Oct., Nov.
Summer .. .. .	Dec., Jan., Feb.
Autumn .. .. .	Mar., Apr., May
Winter .. .. .	June, July, Aug.

TABLES OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

LIQUID MEASURE.

60 minims .. .. .	= 1 drachm
8 drachms .. .. .	= 1 ounce
20 ounces .. .. .	= 1 pint
2 pints .. .. .	= 1 quart
4 quarts .. .. .	= 1 gallon
1 minim .. .. .	= 1 drop
1 drachm .. .. .	= 1 teaspoonful
2 drachms .. .. .	= 1 dessert "
4 drachms .. .. .	= 1 table "
2 ounces .. .. .	= 1 wineglassful
4 gills = 1 pint .. .. .	= 34.66 cubic inches
2 pints = 1 quart .. .. .	= 69.318 "
4 quarts = 1 gallon .. .. .	= 277.274 "
1 gallon pure water .. .. .	= 10 lbs.
1 pint of water weighs .. .. .	20 ozs.

OLD APOTHECARIES WEIGHT.

(SUPERSEDED IN 1864).

20 grains .. .. .	= 1 scruple
3 scruples .. .. .	= 1 drachm
8 drachms .. .. .	= 1 ounce
12 ounces .. .. .	= 1 pound

BEER, &c., MEASURE.

9 gallons .. .. .	= 1 firkin
18 gallons .. .. .	= 1 kilderkin
36 gallons .. .. .	= 1 barrel
54 gallons .. .. .	= 1 hogshead
72 gallons .. .. .	= 1 puncheon
108 gallons .. .. .	= 1 butt
216 gallons .. .. .	= 1 tun

DRY MEASURE.

2 pints .. .. .	= 1 quart
4 quarts .. .. .	= 1 gallon
2 gallons .. .. .	= 1 peck
4 pecks .. .. .	= 1 bushel
8 bushels .. .. .	= 1 quarter

Cereals are generally sold by weight.

A bushel of wheat = 60 lbs.; barley = 50 lbs.; oats = 40 lbs.; rye = 60 lbs.; maize = 56 lbs.

WINE MEASURE.

42 gallons .. .. .	= 1 tierce
63 gallons .. .. .	= 1 hogshead
84 gallons, or two tierces .. .. .	= 1 puncheon
2 hogsheads, or 126 gallons .. .. .	= 1 pipe or butt
2 pipes or 252 gallons .. .. .	= 1 tun

A hogshead = ½ a pipe or butt, or 2 quarter casks, about 52½ gallons.

A pipe of Port = 115 gallons, or about 56 dozen bottles.

A butt of sherry = 108 gallons, or about 52 dozen bottles.

A hogshead of French wine = 46 gallons, or about 22 dozen bottles.

An aum, of Rhenish = 30 gallons, or about 15 dozen bottles.

CUBIC OR SOLID MEASURE.

1728 cubic inches (12 x 12 x 12) .. .. .	= 1 cubic foot
27 cubic feet (3 x 3 x 3) .. .. .	= 1 cubic yard
40 cubic feet .. .. .	= 1 shipping ton

MEASURES OF LENGTH.

12 inches .. .. .	= 1 foot
18 inches .. .. .	= 1 cubit
3 feet .. .. .	= 1 yard
6 feet .. .. .	= 1 fathom
16½ feet .. .. .	= 1 pole
5½ yards .. .. .	= 1 rod, pole or perch
4 poles .. .. .	= 1 chain
100 links .. .. .	= 1 chain
66 feet .. .. .	= 1 chain
22 yards .. .. .	= 1 chain
220 yards .. .. .	= 1 furlong
40 poles .. .. .	= 1 furlong
8 furlongs .. .. .	= 1 statute mile
1,760 yards .. .. .	= 1 statute mile
5,280 feet .. .. .	= 1 statute mile
6,080 feet .. .. .	= 1 nautical mile or knot
1 cable's length .. .. .	= 100 fathoms
7.92 inches .. .. .	= 1 link
3 miles .. .. .	= 1 league
60 nautical miles .. .. .	= 1 degree
69½ geographical miles .. .. .	= 1 degree
The English mile is .. .. .	= 1,760 yards
„ Scotch .. .. .	= 1,984 "
„ Irish .. .. .	= 2,240 "

Operational Log - Mubo Force.

Operation Order issued conference H.Q. Kanga Force 5 Jan.

7. Thursday.

2/7 Amst. Ind. Coy moved from WAW 0800-0900 hrs - arrived BALANIS camp 1400 hrs. C.O. & Adjt. moved on SUMMIT, arrived summit 1700 hrs. Notified by telephone 1730 hrs that operation part failed. Concerned about this - badly need spare day SWINDENSI organize loads, check up thoroughly all officers. 2/3 Coy (under Capt. WINNING) now under command. Rang WINNING, warned him no spare day. Rang BALLONIS, arranged dump 75 boy loads rice (then lowering 1 mtds rice SWINDENSI by 30 bags) - boys to carry packs of my type, as average weight incl weapons so the track had no spare day to recover.

8. Friday.

Arrived SW. with Adjt 1200 hrs. Great confusion, natives & loads everywhere. Noise raised by all & sundry - stopped this. Sgt. White (N.C.V.R.) set off with H.M.G. & starter pistols A Coy. Checked B Pl, which has been SW. two weeks. Mostly in good condition. Camp unhygienic - no time adjust this. Reconciliation remainder of 2/3 all failed. 2/3 Coy have no nominal roll personnel, nor roll of personnel for various parties. Working very rushed, remainder mostly useless. All work arranged for tomorrow (spare day) must be done now. Arranged parties weapons, amm, boy loads C, D & E parties, supply gp to remain SW under command LORNAS. Parties as shown in Operation Order. All Op. Order handed LORNAS for destruction. Worked with LORNAS till 0200 hrs 9 Jan. All ~~1 January SUNDAY 1-364~~ arrangements made get 1948 New Year's Day, Sunday after Christmas  
 pty's away first, before manging about remainder. Had check with WINNING on rgs, times & likely action. Don't like this rush, natives will need watching, many loads unbalanced. No time check bulk food supply for approach - 3 day op. ration unsatisfactory. Return boys from army on line - paper won't last long.

9 Saturday

2 MONDAY 2-363

Obs. as New Year's Day,  
Pub. Hol. all States

Arrive 0630, Breakfast 0730. A & B pty due to move 0930 hrs. Last check with WINNING - neither of us can understand this mark. A & B pty away 0930, with 161 boys. Very amiable party. C pty to move to Hospital for tonight, leave SA 1100 hrs, D & E pty leave SA 1400 hrs, Camp Kananoodah unknown tonight. Shortage of 30 boys for those 3 pty - men carrying all possible gear - all Brens, maps, etc. C pty arrived Hospital 1730 hrs - These parties guided us up - Guards packed top & bottom tracks - most of pty in hut - those outside given hospital blankets. Lit fire after dark - good meal. WATSON very helpful, good man. Arranged patrol leave first light tomorrow under de Haynuk, occupy saddle and have track cut below it for the force. Main body to leave 0730, H.O. & pty to remain Hospital - boys left to rebuild tables etc. for R.A.P. - Medical orderlies to act as guards - no force in daylight tomorrow. All guns & maps placed in hut, all checked out & re-filled. Arranged guards light by fire under boiler 0430 for hot coffee. Spent 1 hour discussing ops with H.O., rest of time with my pty. Checked guards - Bed.

10 Sunday

3 TUESDAY 3-362

Add. Pub. Hol., Tasmania

Reveille 0605 - must cross saddle early in morning case of patrols. Coffee O.K. Leaving pty moved off 0630 hrs. Cleared area, found trees, checked loads with WATSON, moved off 0730. Crossed saddle O.K. moved up LACOBIA track. All ops very busy. Hot trail uphill - going good, cover good. Made very easy march to LACOBIA summit junction, made perimeter for meal. Capt. Finch, Lieut. de Haynuk, self & orderly moved down ridge towards B1701 after organizing pty as follows -

H.O. C.O. Finch, WATSON, Sgt. (H) I Sgt. Lieut. Shewan (photographer)  
Supt. 8 Brens, 1 Lewis and crews under command of both.

H.O. pty under command of Finch - his section ~~to~~  
found good place for the night, distributed pty into areas on arrival. Found good mill bank & de Haynuk found gun points etc. Very satisfactory. Normal activity 1100 - about 60 pty on CRONSON Hill - smoking roofs of huts, talking in pty - lovely targets. Had meal & slept about 500 yds from C.H. - nature went to B1701 for water. Remainder will move down first light, will meet them foot of track. Heavy rain now. Did not get soft contact WINNING 1600 hrs, my set O.K.

11 Monday

4 WEDNESDAY 4-361

0630. Little activity 1100 - odd guards etc. about. Moved back to meet main pty under command of GREEN - his pty already arrived. Will not plan them till 0810. 0810 WATSON arrived with nature, plus known tons of hot coffee. Great show - pty very thirsty - no water this ridge. WATSON carried it from BUISAUBA - all our water - bottles full. Allowed 3 bottles to be drunk by pty, WATSON collected empties, took away to refill. Moved into position, all pty occupied 0830, no dipping. All show opens - all pty's water have unbreaching tool. Still no contact meaning. 1100 hrs. Big nature line with plenty of cargo arriving along WATSON track - fingers itchy. Aircraft fly over towards KAN - live sea birds, many double back towards KAN, some high bank, some under bank of B1701 within 300 yds. Mosquito nets & gloves give no good camouflage 1200 hrs. Jap pty appears vicinity C-H. Can see 3 Japs top of Old Hill. WATSON arrives 1310 hrs to say contact established with WINNING. I ran back towards H.O., & may there, away she goes. Brens sound great - Jap bullets flying in plenty - mostly explosive. Arrive HQ, find FINCH had opened our gun when own was opened from 1100 hrs. Collected at least 20-30 enemy in our opening huts. Can see dead through glasses. Cannon still firing steadily, own mortar from 1100 hrs now bombing us. 7 or 8 new mices in area guns. Got contact off, direct mortar fire - first conviction held - left 15°, down 500. Three bombs hung us on, ordered 15 rts repair. Beautiful shooting, many Japs run from huts and holes on C.H. - see Brens collect most of them. Hooby shooting, EXHIBIT doing great job, sitting up in open like shag on rock. GREEN now in



11 Monday

~~12 THURSDAY 12-353~~

from VICKERS RIDGE, can hear his Bren. Wish I'd posted him there at outset, instead of rushing him in when show started, he'd have collected lots who'd died off G.H. into sand near BRIDGE. Heavy heavy mortar and .5 M.G. now at us, no casualties reported yet. Guns still giving support lower slopes east west & OBSERVATION Hill - have seen movement own top both places, but few shots heard except occasional bursts T.S.M.G. United CREEK 1730 hrs, Bren posn ident, but all overlooked by MAT MAT. Will have to risk this. Moved back HQ, passed WATSON, stacks all boys O.K., will bring coffee again in morning, and water tonight. Good work. Don't like right flank above gun posns, will post D pty there on arrival. Have guns awaiting DAY CREEK BED, but no activity. Rifle positions may vary as time.

1730 hrs? 2 rd flares reported east west. Cannot understand these. Have ordered more & mortar cease fire by rpt. No targets for them, and winning out of touch. Still maintaining some fire lower slopes east west & OBSERVATION. No movement with. Lowe and D pty arrive 1745, place them in posn on right flank & get them digging in & foots from igneous. All guns now dug in. 1850 hrs? Change from winning as follows: **13 FRIDAY 13-352** "1 killed, 4 wounded, have withdrawn guns & tps - tps completely exhausted". Try to contact winning 1855 hrs, station replies that it is closing down and moving. 1915 hrs. All my guns silent, few tps appear. G.H. ELTHAM waits for a burst, and gets three in a burst from one gun (MORRIS - good gunner). No further targets, order all guns silent till further orders. Lowe complete digging after dark, WATSON has brought more water-bottles. I decide to stick on ~~the~~ posn in case WATSON checks another posn on east west etc. If I leave now, will have to fight my back. Consider easier to hold. Dispositions now as under:-

Cpl. 2/2nd Coy (less one sec) under command LOWE, on right flank dig in.

HQ 2/2 " " LABOONIA RIDGE.

Gun 4/2 " " " " (ELTHAM)

6 Sec 2/2 " " (CREEK) VICKERS RIDGE.

" " " " (BUTCH) LABOONIA O.P. - TRAIL TUNE.

APL & Engr Sec 2/2nd Coy (E.P.S.) - SADDLE. (BOWEN)

**14 SATURDAY 14-351**

140B Parties (WINNING & RIDLEY) withdrawing.

2300 hrs. Hunt firing OBSERVATION Hill & MAT MAT - can recognize T.S.M.G., Bren, & own rifles, together with Jap weapons. Jap heavy mortar bombed at random over this ridge, & .5 M.G. fired most of the night. All our guns still silent.

12 Monday

~~15 SUNDAY 15-350~~

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

0100-0600. Japs still having war over the river. 0730 sunrise signal (1 green) fired from MAT MAT. Our guns still silent. 0930 hrs tps start to collect on GARRISON Hill. By 1030 hrs, at least 30 enemy on ~~at~~ GARRISON Hill in small tps. Ordered ELTHAM open fire, several collected. Heavy fire now opened on my posns. Still worried about Jap right flank between Cpl and LABOONIA O.P.

12 Monday  
16 MONDAY 16-349

Brought food a section from APL (SADDLE), but necessary use one sub-section to make current from 01701 (75 yds open ground under enemy opened each time), and other sub-section protect Brens at night. Report enemy will cross river tonight. 1400 hrs. Went out Capt FINCH and Sgt. KING. To make place DRY CREEK BED. They returned 1530 to report arrival 40 refets from HONISTON, who went up back track to OBS. Hill. Some firing opportunity targets odd bursts. Still no casualties own troops - digging apparently effective, as many new mines and mortar, explosive bullets quite hampered by troops behind any town. Ordered guns quiet again before dark. Jap mortar very active during night - heavy rain - rationes ruined by water.

13 Tuesday  
17 TUESDAY 17-348

0730 hrs. NARSON arrived with coffee, delivered it to food position. Allowed me his position heavily bombed during night, few natives left. My guns still quiet until troops again appeared GARRISON Hill probably to draw fire. Let them have it - got three. Sent message to NARSON for 3 inch mortar and bombs, plus M.W.S. Should have been asked this side all the time - opportunities as follows: Garrison Hill, most part, OBSERVATION HILL, DRY CREEK BED and HONISTON TRACK (to collect refets). Posted 2 Brens as far out on the ridge as safety allowed, midgeting through tunnels into clear patch, then digging. Not spotted, guns in by 1100 hrs. Posted ammunition watch M.W. track.

18 WEDNESDAY 18-347

1130 hrs. Report of refets from Hons. - total 120. Did not go up back track to OBS. Hill. Brens opened fire, collected not more than 6 nor less than 4. Could see them lying on track all day. Still no word from NARSON as to whether I should stay here, except original message "to withdraw to SADDLE if in danger."  
1400 hrs. Went 1400-1600 hrs. Heavily bombed by mortars. Wish we had 3 inch here. Sent Capt FINCH to SADDLE to get orders if possible.  
1600 hrs. Went out Capt LOWE and Sgt TUBB to investigate DRY CREEK BED and trace movement of refets. LOWE returned 1700 hrs, badly wounded in back, he told me that over 100 enemy moving in above my right flank, directed in movement by other in DRY CREEK BED. Other troops close in lower down had shot LOWE. TUBB missing, now believed killed. Immediately had LOWE evacuated by most of few boys left, and moved up to his pl post, collected refets, and started with them up hill towards SADDLE O.P. to lead them off. Left them under command TUBB, informed him would



15 Thursday  
23 MONDAY 23-342

Make plan defence SADDLE (see sketch and notes). Message HAWAN states jets arriving under Hapo Dome. No other particulars. Do not know if HAWAN wants SADDLE held or not. Very difficult. Digging proceeded all day - rations + tobacco arriving - clothing etc. following. No enemy activity observed. Ration + amn O.K. Expect enemy attack by LADOCIA TRAIL or MAIN TRAIL - have very strong posts here. LADE and Boppet's plys arrived SADDLE 1800hr. LADE had headed to far west and got bushed, Boppet heard and saw gaps in track between his post and mine and went by BOSSAVAK ROUTE. Very relieved see them both.

16 Friday  
24 TUESDAY 24-341

0630. Stand to

1200 Still no enemy activity, digging as much as possible with limited tools. Race completed of most tracks - hangcomb of them - enemy can also completely outland us by BOSSAVAK or NAIPAKI tracks. Cannot safely extend my posts beyond CADACASUA.

1920

Being opened on main HUBO TRAIL - McKenzie's post. Runner arrived 1940 asking for jets to completely close right flank. Took Davis & sec. along HAWANAKA to McKenzie's post - left him DAVIS and six men, detailed from men, carry out Capt. Bowen (wounded). He K'bebrage carried him out to SADDLE by 2030hr. BOWEN died on the way, shot through pelvis. Being now spasmodic. 2045. Fire re-opened in long bursts - Jap LMG + rifles - saw TSASH's, Bren + grenades. McKenzie had initially opened fire along track range 8 yds for 2 TSASH's + Bren at 30-40 yds with tracer. Eight definitely killed in opening bursts. at 1920. Stand to all night. Amn parties under GARRAM (C.S.O.) replenished McKenzie's supply.

25 WEDNESDAY 25-340

Fighting now LADOCIA TRAIL. Sent warning to SPL take over Bowen's load, as inadvisable to entrust McKenzie. Fighting all night McKenzie's area, all Jap patrols following same procedure of trying to outflank. McKenzie's post nearly perfect - no penetration whatever. Original patrol incl natives and Alsatian-type dog. Wounded heard moaning all night. McKenzie given order no man to move or leave post.

17. Saturday

0625. ~~Stand~~ Being firing McKenzie's sector and LADOCIA TRAIL post. Worked both places 0700 - both areas very active. No further casualties McKenzie's sector, Sgt Ross shot through head on LADOCIA TRAIL by tree sniper. All other sectors quiet.

0900. Fighting very heavy on main track. Shuttles observed coming out going on MAIN TRAIL out of range. Casualties must be heavy. Enemy has brought up heavy mortar to LADOCIA RIDGE - I have mortar but only 8 bombs - doubt not to use it. All Jap bombs going plus at least 800 yds. McKenzie still having hot time, but runner reports all O.K. + great show.

17 SATURDAY

26 THURSDAY 26-339

Anniversary Found. of Aust., 1788

1000. Further activity SADDLE TRACK. Japs have heavy mortar ranged nicely on SADDLE now - Japs not dug in with SADDLE yet. Japs bombing McKENZIE with light mortars at about 80 yds range - quite effective. Has also two 5 in. 6's at 150 yds and several 2 in. 8's. Japs observed grouped near Japs mortar - at least 60. Large para moving under cover off MAIN TRACK. Can spot them occasionally. Many mortar still accurately on SADDLE - have moved them to actual SADDLE centre. Large patrol with dogs observed across BUSHY area behind my post.

1030. Report from RIDLEY (CADDRENSUL) of enemy forces approaching below his post (i.e. between us) - reports in trees. Very spasmodic there. 27 FRIDAY 27-338 Fighting now very heavy McKENZIE area. Runner reports unable hold out much longer. Still no word from KAWA - cannot understand this. Don't know whether hold fire or get out. Reports cannot arrive before 19 Jan.

1100. Issue with sides withdrawn by main track to HOUSE BANANA - nearest Japs to clear SADDLE by 1245 hrs. Edward KAWA.

1147. All Japs now clear - McKENZIE reports two more killed, enemy casualties estimated at least 40 - probably upwards of 60. Rearguard Cpl. under cover myself evacuated SADDLE 1230. Mortar fire now intense. BOWEN buried on SADDLE with 5 min to spare. WATSON arrived with boys left in rear at 1210. Got away all gear and equipment. Remained at hospital with rearguard until 1630 hrs to get away remainder of stores - medical equipment, food, ammo, and other equipment. Got all away by 1600 hrs except 2 boxes 303 and 12 boxes grenades. Laid these before leaving. Still heavy firing & bombing on SADDLE.

28 SATURDAY 28-337

1700 hrs. My dump blazing and exploding - sounds like little war - Japs firing also. Arrived HOUSE BANANA 1900 hrs, all Japs fed and bedded down. May Jones 46 lbs at H.B. His Japs arrive SHINDENAI 18 Jan.

Decided leave BPL found on MAIN TRACK, remainder to move to SHINDENAI pending orders. <sup>Duddy, Fink</sup> FINCH (and BPL) to SHINDENAI, for information to medical board, left BYRNE acting O.C. Pl. with orders occupy ambulance pass HOUSE BANANA with mortar bank baby traps, and posts at HOUSE BANANA and HOUSE STAIRS.

29 SUNDAY 29-336

4th Sunday after Epiphany

30 MONDAY 30-335  
 Obs. as Australia (Anniv.) Day  
 Pub. Hol. all States

	per man & meal		$\frac{1}{10}$
Meat	$\frac{1}{4}$	42	9
Salmon	-	3	
Biscuits	-	plenty.	
Oatmeal	<sup>1 ounce</sup> <del>1 lb</del>	8	2
Bacon	-	9	1
Cheese	-	2	
Butter	$\frac{1}{33}$	5	1
Tea	-	<del>2</del>	
Coffee	-	-	
Sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$	14	$\frac{3}{16}$
Milk	$\frac{1}{55}$	3	$\frac{1}{12}$
Salt		$\frac{1}{26}$	
Jams	$\frac{1}{39}$	4	1
meat extract		5	
Flour		9	

31 TUESDAY 31-334

1 February WEDNESDAY 32-333

8 October.  
THURSDAY 33-332

- ✓ Lt Kerv.
- ✓ Cpl Bernard
- ✓ Handman
- ✓ English
- ✓ Archibald
- × Shields 9
- ✓ Kelwyn
- ✓ Michallo
- ✓ Montross
- ✓ Pappas
- ✓ Cameron
- ✓ MacLennan
- ✓ Schmitt
- marked in.

Breakfast 9  
Lunches 13  
Dinner 14  

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36

12 rations

Broken in hand balance 6

marked in. Margaret Belford Sabien  
9 3 FRIDAY 34-331 ~~Arthur Reid~~ Capt Lang 5.

Ration Strength # 15

Breakfast 15  
Lunch 12  
Dinner 17  

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but but that. Fruit etc. ~~not~~  
marking all. ~~Capt Lang~~ Archibald Shields (3) after breakfast.  
mess orderlies. Belford Margaret  
marked in Capt Shepherd Lt Col Dempsey Stunfellows.  
Capt Jones. Sgt English

15 ~~17~~ rations.

6 rations in hand balance 48 46

10 SATURDAY 35-330

mess orderlies Sabien Reid

Rations  
44  
+ 3  
~~43~~ 17

Bedie took yards to return letters to Bedie's.

5 SUNDAY 36-329  
Septuagesima Sunday

mess orderlies Belford Margaret

18 Sunday.

~~6~~ MONDAY 37-328

Force less B Coy 2/4 Aust. Inf. Coy moved off to SWINDENNI 0930 hrs. Sent Coy Jones found with WINNING for recce of area as far as HOUSE BANANA. Had conference with BYRNE, arranging for ops, patrols, and defensive power. Byrne to look after SADDLE, SANDANUOL, WAIPALI areas. Patrols to start 19 Jan. My task now to stop any penetration beyond HOUSE BANANA and maintain active patrolling. A Coy 2/6 Bn now under command, also A Coy 2/6 Bn (Brewer's). Total strength "HUSO PACS" now approx 500 incl 2/5 Coy. Intend getting this last unit withdrawn soon as possible. Other organization chaotic, badly in need of straightening out. Left HOUSE BANANA 1400 hrs. Spent for the unit at SWINDENNI. Total casualties 2/4 Aust Inf Coy in recent ops - Killed . . . Wounded . . . Total enemy casualties at least 100. Arrived SWINDENNI 1700 hrs. Rooms has all for billeted and meals arranged.

19 Monday.

~~7~~ TUESDAY 38-327

Evacuated 40 personnel 2/5 Coy WAW for dental treatment, sent WINNING. Collected WINNING report WANDA F.B. Many officers and men report theft of equipment, clothing and tobacco from packs. Padre boarded one 2/5 Coy officer boasting of now having complete equipment just here for months. Intend investigate soon as possible. Inspected camp - very poor sanitation and hygiene - kitchen vicinity filthy, latrines likewise. H.O. reports one clinical case dysentery. Afraid of epidemic, established dysentery camp 20 mins up main track towards SUMMIT. Discussed situation with TONES, Maj SHARLOTT and arranged patrols WANDUWA and top summit track. Ops making clothes and cleaning eqpt. Weapon inspection 1600 hrs. Had talk 2/6 Bn officers, discussing recent ops. Arranged for PRICE and EYTON (hunts) to move HOUSE BANANA tomorrow, move out on patrols when possible to gain knowledge of country.

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20 TUESDAY

~~8~~ WEDNESDAY 39-326

Enemy dispositions appear to be unchanged in this area. Own dispositions unchanged except B Coy 2/6 Bn at HOUSE STAIRS retaining SKIND. From Maj JONES and CO proceeding HOUSE BANANA tomorrow. A new training syllabus commencing tomorrow. The training will be sec deployment along jungle tracks and later pl. deployment. Urged KANGA/mao opum to withdraw 2/5 Aust Inf Coy and give them a chance to reorganize. Also asked for authority from AAJG to draw 28 days rations for new list of new operational rations, as present ration is unsatisfactory. It was later decided that Maj JONES would go out with a patrol to WIBAINING.

21 Wednesday

The CO left SKIND 1930 hrs for HOUSE BANANA arriving approx 1900 hrs. At approx 1600 hrs a phone message from SKIND to inform him that approx 50 enemy troops were observed near WIBAINING moving towards the BLACK CAT TRACK from BITOI RIVER also 15 enemy troops observed bathing in the BITOI near WIBAINING. This message was received by Capt LOMAS, who also reported that Maj JONES with the recce party would remain in observation. Instructions were immediately issued to Capt LOMAS that a fighting patrol under comd Lieut LADE to WIBAINING to contact recce party under Maj JONES. The strength of the patrol to be 55. They were to move at first light and act upon own initiative if W/T contact failed. They were to ascertain route taken and number of enemy force. This move of the enemy meant that an attempt could be made to attack WAW. It is possible to move from WIBAINING to the BLACK CAT in 4 hrs or less by tracks known to Syd WHITE (ANGAU). The C.O. also informed Capt LOMAS that he would be at SKIND by 1100 hrs 22 Jan. In a message to Capt Lieut LADE comd of patrol the C.O. instructed him to move at first light, contact Lieut DUNSHEA, who was to act as guide. Lieut DUNSHEA was with Maj JONES if the enemy returned by the same route, he was to be ambushed. The patrol was to take TWO 203 act and the best operators and natives to carry packs. This message was taken read to FLEAY FORCE. Our own dispositions remained unchanged except for the recce patrol to WIBAINING, the fighting patrol and a ONE man patrol to leave 1100 hrs for LABADIA RIDGE due to report back on 30 JAN. The operation at pack for 20 men one day was received yesterday and spent 16 days. Hoping too many small items, also dried fruit mealdy, in a cook house near SKIND it was necessary to issue extra rations.

22 THURSDAY

The CO returned to SKIND in the morning and the LADES fighting patrol left according to instructions received. He also received Lieut BYRNE report, which definitely stated that a large force estimated 150 occupied TOP WAIPALI. Instructions were received from FLEAY FORCE which said "Send your fighting patrol in WAW WIBAINING area to BLACK CAT TRACK. They are to take up ambush points to prevent any further enemy movement along B.C. Track to WAW and secondly to ambush enemy patrol at present moving towards B.C. or to return." Also a message was received from FLEAY FORCE which stated, "Consider



2nd Month

# FEBRUARY 1939

28 Days

16100 hrs OPV.  
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 1100 " " "  
 1515 " " "  
 10617 " MAC catch  
 1900 " after noon.  
 1030 " after M.  
 1500 " w/parent.  
 1610 " memo for rank etc.

17 FEB.  
 F.O.O. 13 MONDAY 44-321  
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14 TUESDAY 45-320

0900 NE night of CAU  
 0920 " " "  
 1515 " " "  
 night fire  
 F.O.O.  
 1630 Charleston  
 after successful return 1500-2000  
 A.P. preparing carbuck  
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 0830 " 17  
 1200 " 17

16 THURSDAY 47-318

enemy in B.C. area maybe making an encircling move around your horns at SKIND. Advise you take all precautions & WINNING and face moving B.C. area. It was estimated that also 100 enemy camped at WIBAINING night 20/21 JAN.

23 JAN. FRI

The C.O. considered that probably the B.C. FORCE of enemy were too close to allow him and his force to escape into WAU. He also thought it likely that another force coming via the BUISAVAL could push in between BALLAMS and SUMMIT while climbing from SADDLE. The C.O. was also worried by the fact that there were NOT any reserves of food. He warned Col FLEAY that the telephone line from WAU could easily be tapped. It was definitely est. by Lieut BYRNE that the track WAIPALI-LALIBU was being used by the enemy. Lieut LADE at WIBAINING reported at 13.15 hrs that 8 more enemy were observed moving towards B.C. at approx 11.55 hrs. They were suspected as coming via LALIBU track. Recce patrol reported that enemy force left WAIPALI night 20/21 and had rest period only at WIBAINING morning 21 JAN after ONE hrs march from WAIPALI enemy force minimum 100 carrying by packs. LADE still in horn WIBAINING C.O. proposed sending Pt 2/6 Bn and JONES to make certain of the trap. WATSON and MCLEOD arrived 1600 hrs. It is essential also to increase the number of natives in this area. Capt McCracken HQ 2/7 Ind Coy received from Capt MARSDEN, WAU, informing him that he was in charge of the fund. Med. Services. He was also informed that Bde directed all 2/7 Ind Coy med. gear be absorbed in base store. They said these stores will NOT be used except in case of emergency. A patrol returned 17.15 hrs reported camp of JAPS on BITOI, had NOT until that time located track leading to their camp. Patrol comd considered it impossible for large party to reach them without being seen.

17 FRIDAY 48-31724 JAN SAT

FLEAY force was informed that it was impossible to maintain patrols and evacuate casualties without more natives also some WAIPALI natives were required to operate as scouts. An enemy party of 13 were observed building a hut near WIBAINING strength at 1000 hrs 2/7 Ind Coy 15 offrs 207 ors. 2/5 Ind Coy 4 offrs 51 ors 2/6 Bn B Coy 5 offrs 75 ors KANGA 3 ors. ANGAN 1 offr 1 or. A.A.S.C. 2 ors total 364 all ranks. Dispositions - WIBAINING ambush 2/7 Ind Coy 4 offrs 48 ors 2/5 Ind Coy 1 offr total 53 all ranks. Dispensary camp KANGA 2 ors orderlies 2/7 Ind Coy 2 ors total 4 BANANA 2/7 Ind Coy 4 offrs 25 ors STAIRS 2/7 Ind Coy 11 ors. Ambush MAMBU 2/7 Ind Coy 14 ors. Long range recce 2/7 Ind Coy 1 or. SKIND 2/7 Ind Coy 8 offrs 104 ors 2/6 Bn B Coy 5 offrs 75 ors 2/5 Ind Coy 4 offrs 51 ors A.A.S.C. 2 ors ANGAN 1 offr 1 or. KANGA 1 or.

18 SATURDAY 49-31625 JAN SUN

KANGA advised that Capt WYNNIN's 2/5 Ind Coy, fund patrols vicinity of HOUSE COPPER, report that a large body of Japs and natives (carriers) moving along track leading from HOUSE COPPER, TOP TRACK. They may swing back to B.C. or proceed to WANDUMI. ONE pl being sent from BALLAMS to WANDUMI. BALLAMS will be immediately reinforced by ONE Coy 2/6 Bn. JAN 23 ONE Pl 2/6 Bn leaving WAU to reinforce WYNNIN at B.C. 0600 hrs 25 JAN. Also a notification of the despatch of 30 carriers in response to the request for more carriers. A message from Lieut LADE stated 160 enemy Japs observed moving up B.C. TRACK. This will make a total of nearly 100 of the operating in this area. This 160 were not observed until they were ONE ml past from towards B.C. LADE and RIDLEY are certain that this second force has been camped on the B.C. side of WIBAINING for at least THREE days. Enemy moved today in gps of 30 at approx 10 min intervals. If this method of movement continues LADE will NOT be able to effectively deal with more than the first party. LADE is NOT in good, but in best possible post and is over looked from WAIPALI RIDGE. FOUR JAPS are camped within half a mile of LADE. They are thought to be LofC Japs for comm. These can be easily captured and it will be arranged to move. The CO intends taking ONE Pl 2/6 Bn to WAIPALI tomorrow; to deal with gps coming from MIBO. It is NOT possible to maintain a much larger force in the WIBAINING - WAIPALI area and it is NOT advisable to weaken force on MAIN TRACK owing to possible push by enemy up MAIN TRACK. Also LADE struck in that area, the enemy would occupy the area in force. The Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday lack of information as to the intentions of Lieut Col. FLEAY made it very difficult to make decisions regarding gps in this case. A recce patrol was sent out with comm to LADE. The following were brought to KANGAS notice HQ 32 sent 21.15 hrs 25 JAN. (1) Enemy knows that our Japs are still occupying the area. (2) Enemy left WAIPALI night 20/21 JAN, yet morning 21 JAN at WIBAINING only 1 1/2 hrs from WAIPALI made mess of area with post cards, envelopes, rope, cigarettes and other equipment. Also it appeared as though NO attempt was being made to conceal the B.C. march. (3) attempt to capture SADDLE recce party. Other patrols out over CADUAGASAL area which left with LUKI (head man of a village) to find area for over looking the SADDLE. Daily patrol BUISAVAL RIVER area and left flank HOUSE MAMBU.

19 SUNDAY 50-315

Quinquagesima (Shrove) Sunday

20 MONDAY 51-314

26 JAN MON.

A report from Lt/col FLEAY reported that Capt WINNING reported that enemy patrol seen in scattered gps in B.C. area at 1200 hrs 26 JAN. WINNING in ambush post fight expected. Our ambush party was to be warned (party on B.C. TRACK) to stand by and make every endeavor to prevent survivors getting back to MUBO. He added that he would keep us informed as to latest moves of enemy and every effort was to be made to prevent any further penetration along the B.C. Track to WAU

21 TUESDAY 52-313

Later he sent the following message - Original as No 932 - Cancel my 9300 WARNING ORDER. Maj JONES's Coy plus guides supplied by you stand by ready move on receipt order. Lieut LADE with fighting patrol take up post near area WAIPALI, prevent any further movement along B.C. Track.

A message from LADE received 1200 hrs 26 JAN read: ext comm with DYANE by lamp 0300 hrs reports 15 JAPS appear take resting WAIPALI on B.C. Track. A further message from LADE 1300/26 read - "JAPS moving towards our post awaiting developments." At 1900 hrs reception by for CADAGASAL - NEW BUISAVAL. O.P. reported that they witnessed bombing of MUBO. 25 mins duration @ 1900 enemy movement SADDLE area @ O.R. distance to MUBO for break for good observation. The 932 was sent by runner OUGHO to MACADIE who was at LADES post, having left SKIND. with Maj Jones 2/6 BN taking the arrival of 932. 208 W/T comm impossible before 0800 hrs 27 JAN. Mean while 520rs 2/6 BN 13 Coy in readiness at SKIND. At LADES post the C.O. found it quiet impossible to move the party by night as KANAKA would have liked him to. He decided to leave Maj JONES in comd the area with Pl 2/6 BN and LADES less party, less patrol of PS under comd. with orders to ambush any force from MUBO. Mean while Capt LOMAS at SKIND received O.C. No 3 from KANAKA at approx - 2200 hrs and the C.O. received it next morning. Track of order - Infmm @ Minimum um 200 JAPS moved past HOUSE COPPER, then via NEW CUT TRACK and were sighted @ 245/26 on Hill approx 130° from B.C. @ Total enemy force B.C. estimated 300 @ Intentions @ Destroy JAPS between B.C. and HOUSE COPPER @ Method @ All 2/6 BN personnel now in WAU 15 W.N. less N/A party concentrated B.C. 1200 hrs JAN 27 where WOOD 27 @ JONES B Coy 2/6 BN moves assumes comd WANDUMI earliest JAN B.C. Track WEST of HOUSE COPPER arrive P.M. JAN 27 @ LADE blocks track MUBO - HOUSE COPPER steal thly with guide from MACADIE to at WAIPALI to prevent further JAP reinforcement @ On JAN 27 WINNING and SHERLOCK maintain strong fighting patrol action and gain maximum infmm @ Earliest JAN 28 WOODS attacks from B.C. direction HOUSE COPPER and is responsible patrol NORTH contact WOODS during adv @ JONES attacks toward B.C. Enemy near @ WOODS comd SHERLOCK and JONES when he contacts them @ all informed.

22 WEDNESDAY 53-312

Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

27 JAN TUES

23 THURSDAY 54-311

A message received from KANGA AGRY Admin Instruction in connection with O.C.B. - 1st Co supplies ammo wood  
 supplies amm and 40 native carriers est B.C. SADDLE SHERLOCK comd supply amm and 20 native  
 carriers WANDUMI JONES as runner SKIND OR 2nd Co Med O A.D.S. est B.C. SADDLE also surgical team on arrival  
 evacuates WANDUMI O.T. SHERLOCK med. det. O.B. vacuates WANDUMI to CRYSTAL CREEK on demand O  
 3rd Co JONES and SHERLOCK contact WOOD each comes under column arrangements B.C.  
 At 1215 a message was received T.O. O. 0131 which stated - On arrival B. Coy 2/5 Bn moves to BALLAMS where it stays  
 night 27/28 JAN O ROWAN concentrates BALLAMS JAN 28 O STARR assumes comd all Co MUBO TRACK 0001 hrs  
 JAN 28 O Adv HQ party 2/5 Bn and 2 det 3" mortar accompany B. to BALLAMS where STARR will  
 leave instructions subsequent movements.  
 Another message from Lt Col FLEAY-Hughes LADE and RIDLEY to take strong fighting patrol to move along B.C. TRACK O Bnd clear to strike enemy  
 near O Bnd clear start move patrol under cover of darkness night 26 JAN  
 Maj MACADIE from LAPRS com arranged by 200 hrs for B. Coy 2/5 Bn with guides to stand by and instructed Capt LOMAS to inform FLEAY  
 of the sit. The CO was also informed of Lt Col STARR's order party arrival at BALLAMS and WATERSONS movement approx 1500 hrs  
 STAPLETON who was on a long range recon, reported the failure of his mission, having got hopelessly pushed. Also in line from KANGA  
 for LADE and RIDLEY to move along B.C. TRACK cancelled and Maj JONES party 1200 instead. PRICE who had been holding track near  
 in rear of LADES party was relieved by TOOLE with 9 men and moved down to join Maj JONES together with the remainder of the force who had  
 arrived at SKIND from SKIND 1700 hrs. The whole force cleared Maj LADES from 1830 hrs, after a hot drink and a meal of tinny meat and biscuits. They  
 were very fatigued when they left.

24 FRIDAY 55-310

28 JAN THUR

The CO intended to bring a small patrol from LADES down to do over the THREE or FOUR enemy camped near the water, but in response to  
 a request to return from Capt LOMAS at SKIND. So he left Capt LESTER with 12 to carry out the patrol, but when the patrol of FOUR men went down they found  
 at about 1500 hrs. that in woods scattered 6 ps. The patrol withdrew. A boy from the line was caught in a garden near LADES post, hurt slightly  
 but killed or seriously wounded one JAP who escaped without giving any info. The CO with HEWISH and STAPLETON reached SKIND approx  
 1800 hrs. Meeting near the tracks a patrol from HOUSE BANANA under Sgt MACHWIN who was taking a route to the line was LADES from BANANA where  
 met by Co STARR left SKIND for BALLAMS at 0915. Maj JONES struck opposition at the BITOI RIVER side of HOUSE COPPER. The enemy strength was  
 unknown. Before withdrawing our casualties O.N.A. KILLED SIX wounded enemy TEN. Maj JONES's new plan to leave ONE Pt on KIVVA  
 small attack HOUSE COPPER with TWO Pts. He also said the TWO men seriously wounded casualties. Maj MACADIE ordered LADE to  
 hold his post on falling that the tracks must be held until Maj JONES party passed through. Maj MACADIE also proposed to send a  
 sec to Capt BIG WATSON approximately 1 hr from SKIND on the track SKIND to WIDAMING. RAY WATSON stayed out with LADE. The following message  
 was received from KANGA. Our 1st possibly holding WANDUMI O Bnd clear of enemy infiltrated VALU.

25 SATURDAY 56-309

29 JAN THUR

26 SUNDAY 57-308

1st Sunday in Lent

Lt Col STARR had returned to A.C. at 1200 hrs the WAIPALI O.P. was cleared out by JAPS. Report from BALLAMS stated that 100 lbs presumably  
 enemy moving from TRACK WANDUMI area towards CRYSTAL CREEK, they appeared to be carrying supplies, equipment and possibly  
 sheltering, traffic was both sides. A message from LADE stated - JONES party clear my post 1530 hrs. O WAIPALI O.P. cleared out 1200 hrs. O JONES  
 party clear of JUNE 1730 hrs. O SEC light for your advs. - At this time LADES strength 75 incl 45 all ranks 2/5 Ind. Coy and he had 90 lbs  
 food, amm and amm. A report from LADE by runner stated that Lieut BYRNE had left his area and inquiring for news. He also asked  
 by W/T if he could be relieved as his men were fatigued. He was informed on the 20 JAN that this was impossible.

27 MONDAY 58-307

30 JAN. FRI.

At 1000 hrs Lieut MCKENZIE left with Sgt MONTGOMERIES Sec to meet and prepare ambush near at approx 15 mms from SKIND on track to SUMMIT as part of local defences. At 1100 hrs Lieut MCKENZIE enor Ht moved to BALLAMS to watch and defend tracks to BLAKES, KAISENIK, WANDUMI also to observe WANDUMI area and CRYSTAL CREEK. To send food and amm. If isolated ops of JAPS seen, to do them over. If attached and forced to withdraw, either go to BLAKES or preferably back here. 1230 hrs BALLAMS reported native activities moving in WANDUMI area. First observed just after daylight in small parties. At least 30000 lbs moving up and down. Sigs SCOTT and AIKIN returned to BALLAMS. They were cut off by the enemy on the 29 JAN. At 1500 hrs cc held a conference to consider measures taken to deal with the food supply shortage due to the cutting of our supply by the JAPS at CRYSTAL CREEK.

28 TUESDAY 59-306

At 1541 a top of mail arrived from KAISENIK. BALLAMS reported on 6 for in WAU area. Apparently some of the A/C collected landing on WAU shown had carried on. The ops appeared to be ranging. 26 mules were made available to carry stores from BLAKES to SUMMIT from where to be kept by baggage. A message from KANGA 1525 hrs stated that force will disperse SKIND JAN 31 NOT before 1100 hrs NOT after 1400 hrs. On identification of one plane you will light a large fire in form of signals with SKIND as central pt. 30000 lbs of stores will drop on line running NORTH and SOUTH. At 1600 hrs Maj MACADIE sent following message to KANGA - JONES Coy arriving SKIND 1400 hrs. CHADIE's strength now 75 all ranks. Have advised him attack any enemy parties in his area and to take fighting patrol WAIPALI 1200 hrs. 290 enemy casualties. 700 own NIL. 1500 all ranks. 2/7th Coy moved from SKIND will occupy BALLAMS 1500 hrs. 30 JAN 0900 natives described BALLAMS night 29/30 JAN and NO further food supplies can be brought forward at present. All types now issued with two day operations ration. Food stocks low, have reduced rations scale to maintain troops until FEB 2 excellent operational ration. At 1600 hrs the cc warned KANGA that the suspension of between KAISENIK and CRYSTAL CREEK was being stopped and guarded by our troops. This info came from one of the two aigs who were cut off. The cc sent the following message M.O. 55 at 2200 hrs to KANGA (A) Present strength BALLAMS 25 all ranks. 03 are sending WATERSON 2/6 Bn with 10 on to arrive BALLAMS 1500 hrs 31 JAN with ONE 3 inch mortar and TWO M.M.G.s. Have no info on their weapons in this area and suggest necessity of holding BALLAMS and harassing enemy movement WANDUMI - WAU. If then followed a list of particulars 2/6 Bn, B.C TRACK SIX in all and Lieut DUKSHEA who remained on duty. 27 casualties inflicted WAIPALI area 29 JAN. BALLAMS report 12 ft shots heard vicinity WINDY 1500 hrs 30 JAN. 0800 hrs arranged fires for sub plane, but expected difficult due to present dispositions MAMBU 8 - BANAVA 24 - STAIRS 15 - SKIND 202 - JUNE WINDY 9 NEELS CREEK TRACKS 20 - WAIPALI area 72 - BALLAMS 12 also PROSSERS party of this is all.

1 March WEDNESDAY 60-305

31 JAN SAT

0716 KANGA informed us that supplies would arrive and he dropped at 1200 hrs 31 JAN and also gave some news of the sit in the valley. 0915 The following was sent to LADE. Enemy believed with drawing. Keep good watch and be prepared to attack them. There may be sent for MUC (to clean the way for with charcoal. 1000 hrs Capt LONAS arrived to have conference to SKIND from BALLAMS in following priority: 1. Take 2000 lbs of meat of fat (preferably meat) - blanket 30 - Bren mag. C.C. - signalised patrol 0300 hrs and MCKENZIE to go to find out of observation on the GUADAGAL side and whether it could be placed with safety. The party of 2/6 Bn and 2/3 Dn who had been cut off by the enemy and had arrived at BLAKES were instructed to proceed to BALLAMS. Mr MACLAREN was instructed to keep TWO of the mules from the line at BALLAMS. 1270 hrs our only shelled B.M. 1100 hrs late 1535 hrs plane circled SKIND but did not locate us, so no food dropped. RIDLEY reported that FIVE JAPS were seen to leave DOG BAY 1400 hrs and SIX JAPS moving towards B.C. 1600 hrs. The following message M.O. 59 was sent at 1930 hrs to KANGA - No food supplies dropped today, have arranged 20 mules bring food from BLAKES to arrive SUMMIT 1 FEB. 0. All open natives about further buildings SKIND 1 FEB. 10 incense accommodation. Following supplies being urgently required, suggest dropping from A/C. food, tobacco, matches, ornaments and rice and tobacco for natives. Following supplies as left open by cable, valves for 200 sets, batteries for 200 sets and M.M.G.s. Lucas lamps and 10000 petrol lamp for C.C. 5 ft oil for battery charger forms and paper, writing paper, rum and clothing. 0 am a late SKIND approach same as last return. 2900 hrs message to KANGA M.O. 60. BALLAMS report party presumed enemy moving WANDUMI 1 FEB 1900 hrs. Our dispositions unchanged. Expect fighting patrol WAIPALI contact enemy 1 FEB. 0. 2000 hrs fighting patrol 13 SADDLE 2 FEB. 0. Will set up GUADRIDGE by 1200 hrs 1 FEB. Have ordered 20 personnel 2/5 and 2/6 Bns to what BALLAMS 1 FEB. to come under WATERSON. Propose ranging WANDUMI area with M.M.G.s and mortar from BALLAMS 1 FEB. 0. Please advise sit up and probable arrival of STARR at BALLAMS. Suggest alternate comm BALLAMS - WAU by LUCAS LAMP. A message to LADE at 1700 hrs said - Aggressive action now essential. The fighting patrols and top in as soon as possible. RIDLEY under your command.

2 THURSDAY 61-304

1 FEB SUN

3 FRIDAY 62-303

Unsuccessful night. 0900 hrs a message from LADE. Sent SAM and sec also am and some boys, 1 day 50N (spirit mist) cough mixture and bandage. In response to this message LADE sent 2nd command to WAIBAINING at 0907 hrs and expected to arrive 1600 hrs. With him were carried two days rations. LADE reported that the enemy were building fixed defenses in his area and he considered it inadvisable to attack. At 1000 hrs were were informed by cryptanal that our code name was to be HANA. Message 1700 hrs to KAKA 2300 hrs - LADE reports, has located several enemy posts BUIBAINING area. With 1st PLI area and will attack them simultaneously morning 2 FEB. Estimated enemy strength 20-30, but suspect more in BITOI area. THREE enemy observed moving along B.C. TRACK towards M400 1630/10. Party of enemy observed high up B.C. TRACK (25) 1730/1. NO other enemy movements reported. Recce for best route for fighting patrol BUIBAINING today unsuccessful. BYRNE and GREER leave HOUSE BANANA 0630/2 for further recce SADDLE with report back 1800/3. DAVIS and sec left SKIND for BUIBAINING 1000/1 to reinforce LADE. LADE's strength now 90 plus 21 natives. Report HOUSE COPPER. Ops B Coy reached BUIBAINING 1700 hrs 27 JAN. Began adv at 1830 hrs, contacted enemy and located ONE PL about 2 hrs EAST of HOUSE COPPER at 1700 hrs 28 JAN. Enemy had withdrawn and area searched by afternoon. Decided to withdraw owing to advice on nature of country ahead and enemy behavior. Me and SM. PL WEST of HOUSE COPPER. Ops already exhausted by 12 hrs march over very bad country over very bad country. NO food or water. NO means of evacuating stretch cases other than by ops. Our total casualties 3 killed 4 wounded. Enemy casualties at least 20 nearly all believed to be killed. Ops now SM. PL with PATTERSON and 10 ops at BALLAMS-WATKINSON. comd. complete force at BALLAMS. Detailed report following as soon as possible. Please address HQ. 2/16 BZ. CNO A/C, nighted area today. Only food supplies now biscuits, dehydrated potatoes and dried apples. Ordered BALLAMS send 20 mules load food BALLAMS today. Mules will arrive SUMMIT 1300/2, will have no water here bring supplies to SKIND by 1800 hrs 28. How did 2/16 BZ conclusion from Ops. Request frequent Sit Reps. Ops received TWO through out ops HANA area. A line of carriers arrived from SUMMIT and Ops were able to have one feed of meat. - Very small.

4 SATURDAY 63-302

2 FEB MON

At 0900 hrs two of the planes dropped rations - large proportion falling vicinity camp and camp area. Messages were immediate, sent to ops out post, who were to receive rations 2 FEB, that their lines would be late as they would be delayed until the stores dropped could be collected and despatched. LADE reported NO movement in his area but ops indicated large parties in the area, building fixed defenses and that he considered it inadvisable to attack. He was instructed to continue recce and give enemy strength as accurately as possible. He was also informed that this enemy was more important than enemy retreating from B.C. and to use his ops to attack instead of ambush. Also that it was vital to attack as soon as possible. Ops carriers and supply lines would be held in readiness at SKIND to assist him. A message from KAKA stated - Arrival STARR at BALLAMS deferred until Sit clarified. Ops will assume comd all ops BALLAMS incl 2/5 and 2/6 BZ. A Sit Rep was received from

5 SUNDAY 64-301  
2nd Sunday in Lent

reinforce patrol JUNG NEW JAP track, latter track B.C. WANDUMI 01653 hrs 1/20 attached JAPS this area 50/60 enemy killed our casualties killed 4 wounded 2. Ops returned B.C. area. Estimated 2/300 enemy in area between JUNG JAP TRACK and WANDUMI controlling all tracks. Ops successfully dealt with party WANDUMI VILLAGE 2 FEB. W.A.U. came quiet. Ops neutralized small cop north of NATIVE COMPOUND. 1 PL 2/3 1st Coy. O. S. A. HALL. Ops reported JAPS cutting palm along beach between McDonalds JUNG and DROME Rd. The enemy phony transmission code appearing was poor in this message and NOT very clean. 1530 hrs Mr LADE was attached just before his force attacked the enemy, actually the two attacking forces passed each other. Maj JONES left immediately to LADE's post to assume comd. Mr REDDISH left for LADE's post at 1600 hrs with his sec. Mr MACKENZIE left SKIND with his party 1615 hrs to join Mr LADE.

6 MONDAY 65-300

3 FEB TUES

7 TUESDAY 66-299

Report from LADE 1639/3 indicates enemy attacked LADES holding force 10 mins before LADES starting force was to attack enemy posn. LADES still holding. JONES and party 35 left SKIND for WUBAINING 1610<sup>1/2</sup>, with instructions to attack LADE as early as possible. JONES to come comd on arrival WUBAINING. Expect message from JONES 0200<sup>1/2</sup>. Have constant w/T contact with JONES day light only. LADE reports two casualties capt. One enemy. PILOT 2/5 Ind Coy returned from WUBAINING 1700<sup>1/2</sup>. He will report WUBAINING on return. as Lef C open with report for you. No longer required. Ordered WATKINSON send fighting patrol for BALLANS to capture SUMMIT by 2000<sup>1/2</sup>, to prevent enemy move from WANDUMI to SKIN by main track. This patrol on comd. enemy patrol strength unknown between BALLANS and SUMMIT expect enemy small party only, own patrol should capture SUMMIT by 2200<sup>1/2</sup>. NO enemy between BALLANS and WANDUMI. WANDUMI natives still in occupation of gardens. Will retain force in occupation. SUMMIT strength 20. Enemy captured LULUAI of WAIPALI near WANDUMI 27 JAN. Important JONES capture WAIPALI. Enemy can move WAIPALI to MAIN TRACK on SKIND side of HOUSE BANANA in 3 hrs. Have constant patrol main track pending capture of WAIPALI. A/C chopped urgent supplies BALLANS 1700<sup>1/2</sup> incl letter for me. This letter should arrive SKIND by 2330/3. Patrol carrying letter also met enemy on track but escaped capture. SADDLE patrol due BANANA 2000<sup>1/2</sup> arrived 2320 hrs. report to follow message. At 2300 hrs BANANA says SKIND to inform that he was being attacked by JAPS. At 2320 hrs a plane message arrived from BUTFET said that the BANANA alarm was a false alarm, it was only BYRNE and GREER returning from the SADDLE patrol, which was over due, actually they broke in the dark, the trip was of an alarm trap, which did not explode. Mr. KENZIE sent back under open arrest ONE man from his party. Capt. LOMAS went to BALLANS for the day. At 2015 hrs the CO held a conference of all offrs in SKIN. Capt. LOMAS returned during conference. A check up of all rations in SKIND was held during the conference which showed fighting strength as 115-120 men, the CO briefed the offrs of the sit and gave an appreciation from both our and the enemy's pt of view, and out lined his immediate intentions. Plane dropped at BALLANS, both supplies to be acco.

8 WEDNESDAY 67-298

4 FEB WED

at 1100 hrs Capt BYRNE reported on his return of SADDLE 3<sup>1/2</sup> in person to the CO. He stated that he had found a good P over looking the SADDLE and up from BALLANS stated that a observation dip was seen near SUMMIT. A message MO 62 at 1500 hrs to KANGA stated -15 enemy casualties on attack WUBAINING FEB 3. Our casualties 3 NOT 2 as reported MO 67. Enemy strength WUBAINING-WAIPALI area approx 150. Impossible attack enemy except through WAIPALI and then up B.C. Tck. This maybe expensive, but consider necessary to secure defense of this area and effective means of main Lef posns. Defense posns now being prepared at JUNE WAIPALI-WUBAINING TRACKS as base for attacks and later patrols. Impossible to hold fwd in WAIPALI. WUBAINING with present strength. Saddle patrol returned 2300<sup>1/2</sup>. SADDLE quiet ONE MSG opened fire - ONE burst on NE morning 3 FEB. Many fires observed in bush between SADDLE and MUBO. Indicated enemy vacated MUBO to advance by bombing roads. ONE fire seen top of OBSERVATION HILL, smoke of fire visible only for short time period early morning. Suggest sending my account with B. 12 indicate targets. Urgently need OP on ridge between BUISAVL and BUIYAWIN RIVERS to observe SADDLE-MUBO area. Will est O.P. when wireless stores received. Am still without operational ration and rationing of patrols difficult. Request supp. of chocolate which is NOT included in new ration. Message ends. A2 referred to in above message was a request to have wireless valves dropped by parachute despatched 1445<sup>1/2</sup>.

9 THURSDAY 68-297

## 5 FEBRUARY

Maj JONES informed CC at 1243 hrs that LADE left for SKIND at 1230 hrs. MACKENZIE taking over LADES post. A sit up was received from KANGA The CO. despatched message KANGA NO 69 - Our bombing of WAKI WURI 1500/3 wounded at least 3 natives. NO enemy has been seen in this area. O'Hara withdrawn 2/5 hrs by personnel from WUBAINING leaving 47 all ranks under comd MCKENZIE O'A pl 2/2 Ind Coy in a defensive position WUBAINING-WAIPALI to the O'Enemy. **10 - FRIDAY 69-296** strength in this area estimated probably 100 widely distributed in small camps some of which have been located. Consider attack this area very expensive and inadvisable, when my role to hold MAIN TRACK O'Enemy of no lives to maintain L/C makes evacuation of wounded almost impossible. O'CP report enemy strength so cutting cane WAIPALI 1700/5. Please advise possible date when L/C WAIPALI SKIND open. O'Advisable evacuate some wounded as soon as possible. JONES now at SKIND. Tobacco conveyers not received. Please advise if food being dropped. 6 FEB. Also a urgent request for 200 batteries and valves to be dropped by parachute was sent KANGA. Maj JONES returned 1640 hrs with Mr LADE and his party.

## 6 FEBRUARY

11 SATURDAY 70-295

Report from CP 1610 hrs enemy entered WAIPALI from direction BUIBAINING. NO fire seen for two nights. O'1004 hrs by enemy entered WAIPALI from BUIBAINING direction, THREE with rifle 3 with jungle knives with entrenching tool. 6 of the seven carried empty bags and gathered corn and KAU KAU. 1100 hrs A/C appeared overhead and the 7 enemy took cover in the cane. The raid on MUISO and KOMIATUM lasted 20 mins. 5 mins after he disappeared the 7 NIPS left heading towards BUIBAINING with full bags. O'1515 THREE unarmoured and ONE armed entered from BUIBAINING direction gathered cane and left BUIBAINING direction again at 1515. I was points, posts and signals. It is believed that they are camped only a short distance from the cane patch, probably fairly close to TOP WAIPALI or BUIBAINING. A small patrol under MACLAREN went to a post near WANDUMI, then he and CHRISTSON went to the hut where they found 3 NIPS who they shot up, before withdrawing with 1 captured rifle, 50 rounds amm, respirator, 4 JAP grenades. They also noted that a large E/force was behind the ridge 400x above WANDUMI. Also a stretch of bushes in scrub near WANDUMI was noticed by the patrol. The native carriers and of his party which according to inform from KANGA left WAIPALI early on the morning had NOT arrived BAINING 1900/6. The C.O. gave a talk to C.P. who returned SKIND 5 FEB, in which he outlined the sit up to date as far as he was able, and also his future intentions. Mr RIDLEY reported to the CC. personally on his return of facts from TRACK JUNG where the LADE was camped to HOUSE BANANA. His travelling time 1 hr 30 mins and he hit the MAIN TRACK 3 mins on HAMBUI side BANANA. O'At 1300 hrs NO 11 set out on account of lack of batteries due to the lack of oil for charger, which as sig. O. said will NOT work on a new line of gear and H<sub>2</sub>O. An attempt was made to continue com via KUDJERU which involved **12 SUNDAY 71-294** THREE telephone transmissions, causing a great time lag with cryptor messages. A message from KANGA **3rd Sunday in Lent** stated - Intend bombing and stuffing QUAD SADDLE - MUISO - KOMIATUM from 1500 hrs to 1530 hrs 4 FEB. O'Name your patrol clear this area by noon, and that patrol reoccupy vacated area following send back NO food dropped SKIND.





16 THURSDAY 75-290

Shell to KANGA FORCE. Crossed at SHINDENNI

9 FEB MON

Work was recommenced by the boys on new construction of accommodation @ 1100hr a tac R report was received from KANGA @ 0930-1130 more than 200 E/Tps passed through WAND. VILLAGE from CRY CK. or by asked to ~~shoot~~ them - message sent in charge 1200-1220/ord was dropped by ONE plane @ 0845 1/9 178 E/Tps seen leaving WAND, went to ground when AC appeared @ 1000hr to extend WAND 1030 1/9. All tps apparently weapons carrying by packs @ 500 hrs McLAREN and party left BALLAMS to occupy ambush post between WAND - CRY CK to ambush any further parties moving up from that area. He is to return BALLAMS by 1800 hrs 1/10. Recce patrol returned from CRY CK report main tek clear from KAISENIK to SUSPN Br. Telephone line intact @ Route used by enemy from WAND strikes MAIN Tek at SUSPN Br. ~~17~~ 17 FRIDAY 76-289 br. and heads up the left bank. Recce patrol combated along the SOUTH bank to within 500' of CRY CK where they encountered fire and enemy party strength unknown in by scrub @ Snipers party active from 0830 to 1300 approx 1630 1/9 shots were heard above WAND @ 2045 hrs L of C open B Coy 2/5 Bn ~~arrived~~ KAISENIK 2045 1/9 carrier pl following C.O. still at BALLAMS

10 FEB TUES  
18 SATURDAY 77-288

A message from KANGA 0824 solid PI 2/3 Ind Coy at pt 1000' WEST of WAN. to adv through WAN. chance along NEW JAP. TRACK to 712 W/Lt H COPPER 2/3 Ind Coy less TWO PIs will now attack B.C. Then ONE PI will move along MAIN TEK to meet up with 1st Coy PI at H. COPPER @ 11 FEB 2/3 Ind Coy less ONE PI base itself on B.C. with ONE pl fwd from H. COPPER to effect contact with det. 2/7 Ind Coy WAIP @ 2/6 Bn less GULLET'S COY to return WAND. As soon as 2/3 Ind Coy - B.C. GULLET'S COY to come under comd 2/3 Ind Coy temporarily and to return WAND as soon as 2/7 Ind Coy brown ground back @ All informed. Also a demand for an explanation as to why we need clear to contact out @ Also KANGA infmd us that an F.O.O. had arrived BALLAMS and was registering targets @ TWO Cpt Planes flew over the area, then one returned and dropped supplies, approx 50% recovered @ At 0930 1/10 a party of unidentified tps seen on ridge below WAND. also unidentified party moving from Trig A down towards village, approx 50. Kanga was informed that we have NOT a det in WAIPALI and a party of THREE were sent to meet the 2/3 Ind Coy pl coming to contact them. This party will await their arrival along the tracks, also that there was a <sup>small</sup> party of E/Tps in BUIB. - WAIP. area split into small parties, these were actually between ~~independent~~ This party is approx 100 strong @ A message M.O. 87 to KANGA 1950 hrs states - You @ 831, received 1530 1/10 @ Dis positions unchanged FEB 10 @ NOTHING to report BUIBS. - WAIPALI area @ MANDU @ GUAD. OP @ BALLAMS report 1830 1/10 above firing type M.G. heard, believed to be E/Tps weapon @ 1845 1/10 considerable movement on TRIS PL

19 SUNDAY 78-287  
4th Sunday in Lent

unidentified tps moving down into timber @ 1900-1930 1/10 further parties seen moving on spur below WAND towards CRY CK total N. seen approx 100, some appear to be carrying supplies @ CAMERON 2/5 Bn reports 2/5 Bn NOT yet arrived KAISENIK @ CAMERON sending ONE sec and sig along telephone line KAISENIK - SUSPN. Bn carrying KAISENIK 0800 1/11 @ Approx LIO AUST. tps, with unknown reported seen in KAISENIK native village @ 815 1/10. These tps later seen on KAISENIK - WAND. tracks @ Snipers returned BALLAMS 1830 1/10 with captured equipment and reported having killed 2 enemy @ 1 unidentified tents observed morning 6 FEB N.E. of KIANDI. BUIBAINING OP re-est.

the two Indep. Coys

-20 MONDAY 79-286

11 FEB WED

21 TUESDAY 80-285

exhausted

BALLAMS reported 0930<sup>h</sup>/11 unidentified party, which appeared to be carrying stretchers moved through WAND. 1020<sup>h</sup>/11 another moved towards CRV ck and another party also unidentified appeared from timber above WAND. 1030<sup>h</sup>/11 and moved towards TRIG Pt 6 of this party appeared to be carrying stretchers. At 1100 - 1150<sup>h</sup>/11 at least 100 unidentified troops moved across TRIG Pt in direction WAND, they ran for cover on appearance of our A/C. At 1218, 60-70 troops crossed TRIG Pt near KUNAI patch and moved in direction BALLAMS also went to ground on appearance of our A/C then at 1220<sup>h</sup>/11 began moving down re-cultant. 1330 hrs 12 unidentified troops with cut equipment or packs moved from timber above WAND to BANIS above village. QUAD OP: 9 reports 1000<sup>h</sup>/11 4 enemy appeared from BUIB, passed through WAIP towards MUBO, 1st JAP using stick, 3 carrying by packs all with rifles slung, all appeared ~~at~~ at 1600-1700<sup>h</sup>/11 28 enemy moved from from BUIB to WAIP, 8 of these were with cut packs or rifles. Further 3 walking wounded. NO rations were dropped by A/C, so only sufficient rations until 12 FEB and sufficient rice for natives until FEB 13. Natives have been out of tobacco for some days. BUIB-WAIP receive 2 packs enemy still occupying from right of BUIB village. O.P. on BUIB. reports NO movement B.C. Track on DOG DOYS HUT. The C.O. went to WAIP while the M.O. stayed at BALLAMS.

22 WEDNESDAY 81-284

12 FEB THU

The following message was received from KANGA ~~at 1000<sup>h</sup>/11~~ <sup>2/5 Bn</sup> moving AM 12 FEB from 491 658 along Buck line to open up 670 to clear out enemy from wooded area and return BAH1 advise your A.P.I. (area near KAINDI) also another message to WOOD 26th MAKA - Anticipate enemy remaining WAND area one fairly small parties cut off from general with charcoal @ Enson that you push at Korp fighting patrol up NW W.J. TRACK immediately as far as THE COPPER to destroy any E/p parties in this area and clear track @ On completion this track move strong patrol to contact 2/7 Ind Coy WAPP, and arrange ensure your supplies and arrangements adequate these positions. ack. The C.O. returned to BALLAMS and the M.O. arrived

SKIND approx 1500 hrs. Also a line of 35 boys ~~under the~~ (mail and a few parcels  
arrived from 2/7 Ind Coy only. Out of sig comm with Lieut MCKENZIE. Telephonic comm resumed with WAI  
The extra accommodation for Tps, that was under construction is now ready as soon as a few poles  
arrive ~~from~~

13 FEB SAT

- 0920 hrs Lieut PRICE left SKIND with 20 men to take up an ambush post near the Doc Boy HUT  
0940 " FOUR stretcher cases evacuated to WAI.  
1220 " THREE A/C dropped supplies a proportion of dropping recovered  
1200 " @ 1220 hrs 40 enemy arrived WAIWAI from direction BUIBAINING 2 unarm'd 2 walking wound-  
ed, 30 with full packs, all moving hurriedly. This was reported by GUADAGASAL O.P. through  
Lieut BUFFETT received 1850 hrs SKIND.  
1220 " @ 1400 hr (GUADAGASAL O.P.) 98 enemy proceeding towards BITOI along B.C TRACK  
report received 1800 hrs  
1910 " Message from KANGA - Lieut <sup>de Deyrick</sup> ~~to report~~ to report WAI immediately for onward movement to  
AUSTRALIA as instructed O.T.U.  
1930 - Maj MACADIE returned from BALLANS, accompanied by Lieut MCLAREN engr. offr.

14 FEB. SUN.

0925 hrs a runner reported fire from direction of BANANA on MAIN TRACK. Immediate stand to, in  
SKIND LADES pl went to investigate, false alarm, but the stand to was very satisfactory  
1028 hrs 3 walking ~~wounded~~ wounded left for WAI. ONE sick also went. THREE of these from 2/7 Ind Coy  
1030 hrs Lieut DEYRICK left for WAI, enroute for AUSTRALIA to become an instructor at an O.T.S.  
The engr sec at BALLANS commenced to receive track BALLANS-SUMT and to cut and prepare timber  
for hrs and culverts. Intense air activity across area WAI to NUBO. Tps continued cleaning  
up camp area and maintenance. Rained most of the afternoon

15 FEB. MON.

1000 hrs the GUAD. O.P. observed 61 E/Tps moving towards WAIP from B.C. BUISAVAL O.P.  
reports reports enemy movement SADDLE 12 JAPS seen cutting scrub TWO M.G. posts located  
SADDLE w/A/T. N° 62-FBRZ6 - F4R24 - F5124. A request for air stripping was despatched  
1600 ed 16 FEB. on 16 FEB. Firing was heard by the GUAD O.P. from Direction BUIB. expect our  
own tps in action but wait longer before 16 FEB 0830 hrs 0 Total N° E/Tps Observed in the  
BUIB - WAIP area 167. Our tps unable to ambush because of strong enemy force on  
WAIP. CSM CANNAM went fwd to MCKENZIES Posn; due back SKIND. PM 1/15  
failed to return.

KANGA

16 FEB TUES

0900 No sign of Cook or CANNAM, a patrol sent to look for them under comd MR DAVIS  
0920 Guad. O.P. reports 153 E/Tps moved through WAIP towards MUBO on B.C.T. 0920 hrs and 1515 hrs  
Mostly in large <sup>parties</sup> moving close together some unarmed many without packs & walking  
unarmed, 9 carrying SM.93 O.P. also reports fires on GUAD ridge and in TOP. WAIP  
village night 15/16 FEB MCKENZIE reports impossible operate offensively BUIB-WAIP  
area. Enemy strongly est in WAIP and in creek between WAIP and BUIB. Spurs and  
in staging camps on BITOI. Scout party sent through bush to strike B.C.T. WEST  
of staging camp located another camp on the track. Were seen by sentries, but escaped  
impossible get scout party WEST of E. Life posse to gain contact party 2/3 Ind Coy  
before they strike E/posn. Estimated 100 at least 150 E. camped between 2/7 Ind Coy posn  
and H. COPPER. Posn of GUAD O.P. now dangerous but intend maintaining it. Since offensive  
action inadvisable with present forces, 40 PI <sup>2/6 Coy</sup> return SKIND by 1500 1/17 O movement  
pl. LTI to BUIB - WAIP area now cancelled MCKENZIE now continues original  
role, prevent enemy penetration by this track 12 SKIND OBECKLEY (only 600) to recce  
suggested suggested only O.P. BUIB spur 17 FEB. 10th 2/7 Ind Coy on recce SADDLE area to  
locate further E/posns Will report SKIND by 1800 1/200 CH CHRISTIAN 2/11 Ind Coy captured  
arrived CRYER with a JAP PW O JONES will arrive DALLAMS by 1610 1/17. Remainder  
PI DEVI will leave SKIND 0900 1/17 after disposals uncharged

The following SIT REP was received, Dispersions of 2/7 Ind Coy as follows 1 sec CPL  
Total 17 men at June B.C. JAP track. CPL less 1 sec total approx 25 men left B.C. AN 1/17  
to move up B.C. TRACK to join sec at June BC JAP tracks. A PI total 15 men left  
June JAP WAND track A.M. 16 FEB to move up N. JAP track towards H. COPPER  
2 sec B PI moving from B.C. via WAND to SUMT AN 1/16 O B PI less 2 sec at SUMT O  
carrier PI 2/B Buin area GULLET'S track and JUNE WAND - JAP tracks O HQ 2/7  
Ind Coy B.C. O E. holding H. COPPER in some strength with a patrol original strength  
20 men moving down JAP TRACK towards WAND. This patrol has been engaged  
twice by our forces and has suffered at least 16 killed and was reported approx  
5 hrs march from WAND - JAP track June at 1000 hrs 16 FEB A PI is preparing

23 THURSDAY 82-283

ambush of essential E. to destroyed H. COPPER - WAIP. was without delay and that JAP is denied freedom of movement in area SOUTH of BITOI RIVER. GUARD SADDLE. Please report on feasibility of this proposal using Ops under your comd. and give brief outline plan urgently to 2/3rd Coy with co-ordinate their O.P.s enclosed by you. received 2300hrs, To LIT 2ptd BAH. MARKA, O/N: 0/90/16

17 FEB WED.

24 FRIDAY 83-282

of all points of traps - all traps "declassified"

- 0930 hrs Maj MACADIE left for a conference with Lt Col STARR, accompanied by S/C GORMAN. Also Maj JONES moved with him. B. Coy 2/6 Bn left 10 AM moved out on its way to WAIP on afternoon at 1000 hrs.
- 1100 HOUSE RED DISM reported the arrival of C. S. H. CANNON with sig cook. They had got lost. Lieut EUENS returned.
- 2200 ONE off killed and ONE or wounded of the 2/3rd Coy by a booby trap, ~~with some green's party~~. This trap was NOT our trap, also Mr Green stated that Lieut KENT of 2/6 Bn and Capt WINNING 2/5th Coy were notified by Mr GREEN when they went into the area. A message was despatched immediately on receipt of the report for BITO 2ptd 2/3rd Coy.
- 1515 GUAD. O.P. reports 20 E fully equipped moved from WAIP towards BUIB. (A message was sent warning BUIB area patrol.) 5 enemy repairing kanaka hut WEST side GUAD. RIDGE about O.P. This probably living quarters for E/garrison. BUIBAVAL O.P. reports as follows - 51 E. moved across SADDLE from 1430/15 direction GUAD, 12 without arms all with hypacks. P.M. 715 enemy camouflaged from on SADDLE.
- 0700/16 enemy party dragging brush for camouflg. on SADDLE for direction JUNC MAIN MIUBO Tck LABODIATK.
- 0830/16 E. mess parade nearly F 5324 A/P N° 620
- 0715 - 1200/16 25 E moved across SADDLE in small gpo from direction GUAD. i
- 1200/16 - 1600/16 - 3 E. same route 6 without arms
- 1800/16 - 19 E moved from SADDLE up GUAD ridge 8 of those without arms. This party returned to the SADDLE at 0730/170 Route used coming and going was for 200' along main track towards SKIND, then turned right up the ridge. Final post approx F 4724 25 SATURDAY 84-281 At 11 where these parties leave MAIN Tck are TWO weapon pits and 1 to 3 sentry left in this post all day.
- 1330 The C.O. arrived SUMT to meet Lt Col STARR. Maj MACADIE gave Lt Col STARR detailed top inform, illustrated by A/P's and complete record of our dispositions, an account of our dispositions, patrol reports and O.P. observations. The possibilities of attacking WAIP - BUIB area were discussed. It was decided that it was useless without large body to hold post. A discussion was held on what the enemy could do, without us attacking him and if we did attack him. A suggestion that we should harass the E. on his march was discussed, object to get E. moral. The rationing of patrol was also discussed, also LITTLE WATER and future dispositions and postings for defence of SKIND, accommodation SKIND was discussed and the arrival of extra troops for reforms was arranged for.

26 SUNDAY 85-280

5th Sunday in Lent

27 MONDAY 86-279

## 18 FEB THURS

- 1100 hrs Report from MCKENZIE that he was going ahead with the ambush.  
 1200 " A sketch map showing E/posns plus topographical detail and a written report arrived by runner from MCKENZIE. GUAD. OP. reports E/movements @ BUIB-WAIP.-  
 1300 " 18 FEB. - 6 E with packs. NO arms  
 1410 " 18 " 11 E " " TWO armed.  
 1545 " 18 " 4 E " " all "  
 1600 " 18 " From WAIP to BUID. 20 E / fully equipt  
 1700 " 18 " Mist lifted revealing 100 fully equipt E. camped WAIP. Did NOT come from B.C. may have come from MUBO.  
 BUISVAL OP. reports NOTHING of importance SADDLE area.  
 P.M. " 18 " C.O. discussed Movement order for coming O.P. with the 2/3C, Adj, M.O.

28 TUESDAY 87-278

## 19 FEB FRI

29 WEDNESDAY 88-277

- Preparation for forthcoming attack BUIBAINING AREA to take place 22 FEB. GUAD. OP. reports the following E/movements <sup>from</sup> BUIB to WAIP.  
 1800 hrs Lt Col STARR, 2/5 Bn with the RMO and 10 <sup>O.P.'s</sup> arrived.  
 During the evening it was decided that Maj MACADIE should leave for the BUIB-WAIP area next morning & a Coy of the 2/5 Bn should move up with a party of the 2/7th Coy.  
 During the day a larger number of E/TM were reported in the BUIB-WAIP area than usual.  
 2300 " KANGA reported 572 JAPS moving from B.C. area into BUIB-WAIP area.  
 Also informed by KANGA that the A/FORCE would be bombing and stepping E/posns in the SADDLE, GUAD, BUID and WAIP areas every two hrs. thro-out the day.

20 FEB SAT

0930 hrs. S/C O. delayed his departure as long as he could hoping to receive instructions from KANGA in reply to his message 17 FEB, with the O.P. reports of the enemy NO<sup>5</sup> in the BUUB-WAIP area. He left at 0930 hrs.

1315 " Arrived at Track June BUUB-WAIP.

1430 " A message from KANGA was received by runner, postponing the attack. The remainder of the day was spent by the C.O. in arranging the defence of the area and the comfort of the area.

21 FEB SUN

During the morning the C.O. discussed promotions, comfortable accommodation with Lieut MCKENZIE. During the afternoon he gave a talk to A.P.L. He gave them a review of the sit. from the commencement of the WAIP show. He informed them of likely future movements of the P.I. He warned them of the dangers of dependency, and ~~of the danger of being dependent on the P.I. for supplies, and~~ congratulated them on what they had done.

1730 hrs. 3 bursts T.H.G., 2 grenade, and 6 rpl. shot, per direction of O.P. over looking PISSEK area. at first thought to be an attack on the O.P. but later when O.P. reported NOTHING. Considered to be JAPS mucking around near their camp. The air force bombed and strafed at frequent intervals all day. S/C 15851 S/OCKE was accidentally killed in a ~~SMALL~~ - shot.

22 FEB MON

101600 hrs  
0 hrs. GUARD CP observed 3 UB E/Tps moving from BUUB through WAIP to SADDLE area. of this one party 1600 hrs appeared into limber MUUBO to back 1400 hrs. co. incidental with arrival on A/C. They were accidentally bombed. Our A/C were over the area at frequent intervals all day. The CO. returned to SKIND. During the evening the C.O. held a conference at Coy HQ.



23 FEB TUES.

Lt Col GORDON L.O. 178do reported

1150 hrs following report message sent to KANGA, Lt Col 201 refused to attack on BUIB area with view to holding would be impractical. I'm satisfied that by raid would succeed in inflicting by casualties. Probably date 26 FEB. Present resources adequate. Obstacles from air not essential. Will advise KANGA re. co-operation with 2/3 1. Coy. Raid would be valuable in discovering E/ intentions SADDLE area. Air support would be of advantage for attack WAIT - BUIB PISSEER area immediately before and after raid; but essential that GUAD. RIDGE and SADDLE be staffed to prevent arrival of reinforcements. This was communicated to KANGA.

1200 The Paramount Lutuca BIANGI natives stated that the natives seen by the BUISAWAL O.P. left WANGI on arrival of JAPS and moved towards WANGI WURI along BUISAWAL - BUIAWIN RIDGE to BUIAWIN (Little GUAD) where now resident. CO intends sending W.O. WATSON to collect them immediately after raid. The route these natives followed is a potential E/ route towards WAI. WANGA was informed. The C.O. spent most of today in preparing the administrative arrangements for the coming raid. During the evening the C.O. issued verbally his orders and discussed his plans.

24 FEB WED

0900 hrs Maj MACADIE, MC. 2/5 BN - MC. 2/7 1. Coy, Capt BENNET, B Coy 2/5 BN Lt Col GREER 2/6 BN 2/7 1. Coy IKAHNER 2/5 BN - two mortar sibs 2/4 BN 1" cpl 2/7 1. Coy ONE orderly.

0930 " B Coy 2/5 BN left SHAND.

1030 " B Pl, 2/7 1. Coy "

All the parties arrived BUIB - WAIT TRACK SUN. P.M. 24 FEB.  
 The CO received the BUIB - WAIT area during the afternoon.  
 The CO's orders for the attack morning 26 FEB were issued during the evening.

25 FEB Thurs

30 THURSDAY 89-276

GUAD CP was advised by runner of the heading of track and support, and was ordered to immediately inform BU1B once clearing was complete towards BU1B area especially if most prevent support. This message was sent by the C.O. <sup>from</sup> LADES KAMUWA. The mortar crew prepared mortar perry. Sgt MONTGOMERY took a patrol to H. D. BOY which reported movement of E in H. KIAP area of Shallow patrol on track found horse trap at 1400 hrs. During the afternoon Maj MACADIE contacted Maj WARFE 2/3rd Coy near the June BU1B-B.C. TRACKS. Maj WARFE reported JUNE BU1B-B.C. TRACKS JUNE clear of enemy. Maj MACADIE moved along the B.C.T towards PISSEK to locate E/OUTPOSTS. He moved right along the B.C.T to June with H. KIAP back, then H. KIAP-DOC. D. HUT returning to TRACK JUNE. BU1B-WAIP early next morning. He observed a number of E/dead in the PISSEK and B.C.T areas, some died of disease and other apparently shrapnel. Also large huts and hutment areas. These would accommodate up to and perhaps more than 1000 men. The camps were in a filthy state. From foot tracks it was evident that last of enemy had moved out that day. He returned too late to cancel A/support.

31 FRIDAY 90-275

over 400 moved from house both spans and took up defensive position. Patrols sent out to clear PISSEK area. Black cat track - no enemy encountered.

26 FEB FRI

Immediately after the A/skipping ~~of~~ was completed, a patrol was sent to locate BU1B and south from BU1B track through PISSEK. NO enemy were encountered or observed. Lt Col STARR, and party moved to H. BANANA. Maj WARFE arrived Tracks JUNE during the afternoon. THREE enemy and a big colon of 1 April SATURDAY 91-274 smoke was observed rising in the SADDLE area.

27 FEB SAT

2 SUNDAY 92-273

Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday

2/7 Ind Coy personnel excl two engns, C.O., NO. 1. Sgt 1 cpl, batman Lieut REDDISH and 2 acc and SJEANGUS who was sick. The C.O. arranged with Capt BENNET B Coy 2/5th on the defence of the area. In the afternoon Capt TANKRED and STREET 2/3 Ind Coy arrived at Tek June. V.X. 70523 A/C S.M. CANNAM was accidentally killed by a box of amm, falling from a A/Lt. The area SOUTH of BU1B now clear of E/1/2 except for GUAD RIDGE and SADDLE area. Coy dispositions, B. Coy 2/5th, with ONE acc 2/7 Ind Coy under comd. holding in depth H. KIAP H. DOC BOY, on WAIP. SPUR - BU1B VILLAGE and Tek JUNE with 4/T comd between all posns O.P. in WAIP. ambush on B.C.T @ CPL 2/7. 1st Coy MANBU, BANANA, STARR @ P.M. at H. REDDISH. 2/31 Coy on BANGO KNOLL WEST of BU1B SPUR in 4/T comd with 2/7 Ind Coy. 2/7 E/dead counted B.C.T - PISSEK area @ LALIBU patrol did NOT



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3 MAR WED

BUISAVAL OP NOTHING to report.

1200 hrs JAP w/T land B 4 at SKIND and at BUIB Tek JUNE practically all over the dist.

0930 " Fighting patrol left BANANA for SADDLE. Task to ascend town E for strength and dispersal.

1200 " above patrol reported having killed 2 E on track QUAD-SADDLE also encountered by mortar fire from below and <sup>and H.M.G. fire</sup> unable to move further up to or deal with fire.

A patrol from BUIB-WAIT area B Coy 2/5 Bns. discovered E/camp capable of accommodating approx 100 men, also evidence of occupation up to 2 MAR 42.

1900 " Maj O'HARE left SKIND and proceeded to BANANA. Lieut GORTON L.O. 17 Bde arrived SKIND 1730 hrs.

4 MAR THUR

0930 hrs Lieut LADE left SKIND BANANA with fighting patrol to clear QUAD.

0900 " a patrol from B Coy left THOSE DOC BOY, under Lieut TOLLAND to move towards QUAD. To co-ordinate attack with LADE.

0800 " A recon patrol two men moved from SKIND to vicinity OLD HUBB GARDENS. To return 9 or 10 MAR.

1030 " Capt LOMAS moved forward with Lieut GORTON to H. BANANA. Capt LOMAS to supervise in absence of Lieut MCLBOY who returned to SKIND to look after natives in absence of Mr. WATSON who was proceeding on long range patrol.

1900 " Lieut ELNHAM and WO WATSON left on long range patrol to stream BUIBO and LABADIA RIDGE.

1115 " Lieut MCLEOD (ANGAM) returned SKIND from BANANA.

1100 " TOLLAND 2/5 Bn encountered E at QUAD. Killed ONE JAP. fired upon by mortars and H.M.G. E took up prepared positions.

1130 Lieut TOLLAND renewed attack, killed ONE more E. with down with NO casualties.

Both parties reported the enemy well dug in with pill boxes, H.M.G.s. and mortars.

5 MAR FRI

Enemy still in occupation QUADAGALAL RIDGE

BUISAVAL OP w/T out of a dist.

0830 hrs Two man patrol to QUAD

APRIL 1942

6 MAR SAT

Sit unchanged.

Sgt REZURE returned from BUISAVAC OP with wireless to be repaired

6 MAR SAT

1600 RUNNE R from Lieut REEVES 2/5 km reported that the patrol had moved across HILL. To MAT MAT which was clear of the enemy. The patrol could NOT observe enemy on OBSERVATION HILL. The patrol then moved along 2701 to site of Old KIYAI BR where they encountered an enemy standing patrol, strength FOUR. Killed FOUR with our casualties to themselves. Moved up LABIA feature, followed LABABIA LOOKOUT TRACK towards SADDLE until meeting JAIL FISH TRAP TRACK. Followed this track to BUISAVAC RIVER then followed river until below trap, climbed up to TRAP TRACK, then to HOUSE BAVANA.

1200 GUADAGAZAL TWO MAN patrol returned.

1800 Lieut ELKAM and W.G. WATSON returned. reported enemy still in occupation LABABIA feature near SADDLE

7 MAR SUN

0930 C.O. moved fwd.

0830 TWO man patrol to LABABIA - SADDLE area.

8 MAR MON

Lieut BURKIT (B.M.) moved from BUIBAINING to LALIBU. Lieut GREEN moved his sec from HOUSE DOCTOR BOY and HOUSE KIAMP to LALIBU. Both left R.V. with Lieut GREEN and LADE who was already at LALIBU.

LEES and HAWKER reached GARRISON HILL (MUBO) MAT MAT. HILL clear of enemy the and could NOT observe movement on OBSERVATION HILL. They could find no signs for OBSERVATION HILL by fixing their weapons on GARRISON HILL.

~~6 THURSDAY 96-269~~9 MAR TUES

Lieut GREER with B. Pt. moved from LALIBU to HOUSE KARPIAK and camped. GREER and MACLAREN moved fwd to MAT MAT area and observed the E/Ts in the DRY CREEK BED.

~~7 FRIDAY 97-268~~

Good Friday

~~8 SATURDAY 98-267~~

Easter Saturday (Easter Eve)

10 MAR WED

Lieut MACLAREN and GREEN'S etc at HOUSE KARPIAK and go above MAT MAT. 4 etc camped at OBSERVATION HILL and TRACK JUNC - HOUSE KARPIAK - MAT MAT - OBSERVATION HILL

~~9 SUNDAY 99-266~~

Easter Sunday (Easter Day)

~~11 MAR THUR~~  
 10 MONDAY 100-265  
 Easter Monday

Lieut GREER moved with a patrol from TRACK JUNG up OBSERVATION HILL. During the morning he found Pte BUTLER, C.P.I. who had been posted missing during our first MUBO attack. He was alive but very weak.

~~12 MAR FRI~~  
 11 TUESDAY 101-264  
 Add. Pub. Hol., V., W.A., Tas.

C.O. party left HOUSE DOCTOR 207 for LALIBU. Lieut GREER returned to TRACK JUNG from OBSERVATION HILL, after encountering E/Patrol. C.O. camped on LALIBU feeding with Ptes LEES and HAWKER.  
 1600 LADABIA patrol FEATURE patrol returned to SKINDEWAI Enemy still in occupation  
 SADDLE AREA

~~13 MAR SAT~~  
 12 WEDNESDAY 102-263

C. CO. Ptes LEES and HAWKER moved to HOUSE HOUSE KAIPIAK where they contacted Lieut GREER during the afternoon, and camped night at KAIPIAK. The C.O. received instructions to meet Lt Col. STARR at HOUSE KIAP. Recce party B Coy 7 M.G. Bn reached LALIBU.

~~14 MAR SUN~~  
 The C.O. with Pte HAWKER moved to HOUSE KIAP and met Lt Col. STARR 2/5 Bn. Pte LEES guided TWO Secs of B Pl to HILL 4, leaving ONE Pl at HOUSE KAIPIAK. Lieut GREER moved to HILL 7.  
 Recce party B Coy 7 M.G. Bn reached HOUSE KAIPIAK

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15 MAR MON

C.O. stayed at HOUSE KIUP for the day. Lt Col STARR moved from KIUP to QUADAGASAL  
TRILLES via the SADDLE QUADAGASAL area, then joined the C.O. at HOUSE KIUP.

Lieut GREEN at HILL 7

Two companies of SUP from TAP at SKINDEWAI. Tps at SKINDEWAI building addition accommodation  
BY HORRIDA. Lt STAPLETON moved from SKINDEWAI and joined the C.O. at HOUSE KIUP.

ALL N.E. B. Coy 7 M.G. Bn and were party arrived HILL 7 and came under command

16 MAR TUES

C.O. with STAPLETON moved to HOUSE NAIPAK etc. via DMI where they met TRILLES and  
Lieut GREENS party at midday.

During the afternoon the party met B.P. party moved to MAT MAT arriving approx 1900 hrs.  
Lieut GREEN with party moved to Green Hill, where 2/7 Ind Coy's old pits clear, on VICKERS  
RIDGE. Lieut GREEN moved to clear GARRISON HILL, found it clear, moved to DRY CREEK  
BED was found upon from OBSERVATION HILL, and with draw. Lieut MACLAREN moved up OBSERVATION  
HILL and encountered an enemy ambush at almost the same time as Lieut GREEN'S party were  
fired upon. The Sec. moved from Track JUNE to MAT MAT. Lieut RUFFIT with a party remained at the  
TRACK JUNE.

17 MAR WED

Lieut GREEN and EIGHT men with STAPLETON left to recon GREEN'S HILL

Lieut GREEN attacked rear of E/party on OBSERVATION HILL, was ambushed, one man killed, 10  
missing.

C.O. left on VICKERS RIDGE.



APRIL 1939

18 MAR THURS.

Mountain Bty. of 4/7 line back and HQ's commenced registration  
Gar. in pl. 2/5 Bt. arrived at MAT MAT  
Mortar det. opened fire on opportunity target  
GREEN and Cpl STAPLETON returned from patrol. 3 E/Tps killed on GREENS HILL, EIGHT new  
weapons observed on crest of GREENS HILL  
M.G. sec. opened fire on an opportunity target vicinity DRY CREEK BED.

19 MAR FRI.

102 Bty/C. bombed and staffed DRY CREEK BED.  
1st Mountain Btys fired on targets DRY CREEK BED.  
Ptes LEES and HAWKER moved out on a ridge of the BUI GAD area  
Licut GREER and Cpl STAPLETON reced VICKERS RIDGE.  
Cpl BOYDE and TWO GRS moved from A.P. HQ on LABABIA TRACK, to recce coast near  
LABABIA island and MOUTH of BITON.

20 MAR SAT.

Lt Col STARR and Lieut MACBRIDE, accompanied by TWO American Gts and returned same day.  
The AMERICANS came to judge advisability of the MUBS L.G. for use by A/C. and offering  
The L.G. is unsuitable for either purpose.  
ONE day patrol by Lieut MACKENZIE and sub sec on LABABIA feature. NO E/Tps in this area  
4 offrs 2 S/Lt 3 Div. arrived at MAT MAT to obtain post line experience.

21 MAR SUN.

1100 hrs Lieut MACKENZIE moved out from LABABIA TRACK CAMP to est contact with enemy on GREENS HILL  
but could NOT locate them  
A.M. The following offrs arrived, and returned to the SADDLE during the afternoon - Maj GORRILL  
and Capt WILLS 2/5 Bt. Capt MACBRIDE S.C. 17 Bde. Maj WILSON, CAPT LOMAS, who returned  
to WINDSWAY.  
P.M. LEES and HAWKER returned from recce, the recce was successful. They moved right through  
E/Tps and returned with complete sketch of E/posn. They shot one E/plunier behind the

enemys ambush posn.

13 THURSDAY 103-262

The BITOI was unfordable owing to floods caused by heavy rain over night

SKETCH OF LEES and HAWKER'S PAINT AREA.



RR MAR MOD  
 Lieut MACKENZIE returned from recon. and sent forward his report to the CO.  
 Lieut DALEY and DANN arrived from SKINDEWAI  
 Infantry party on VICKERS RIDGE avoid ONE enemy.

14 FRIDAY 104-261

23 MAR TUES

1013 hrs A/C bombed and strafed E/posns in DRY CREEK BED. CAPT BENNET and Lieut TOLLAND arrived in time to observe air strike then returned to the SADDLE  
 1115 " Lieut MACKENZIE reported in person to the CO, they discussed recent patrol, C.P. reports, and a projected fighting patrol into the BUIGAP area, with LEES and HAWKER as scouts and guides  
 1245 " Lieut MACKENZIE returned to LABADIA RIDGE.  
 1500 " LEES and HAWKER, with SEPL and THREE other boys left to go to LABADIA RIDGE CAMP to join Lieut MACKENZIE.

15 SATURDAY 105-260

24 MAR WED

1000 hrs Maj O'HEIR arrived from SADDLE.  
 0930 " Cpl WILSON and the RANGE TAKER from the 4th M.G. Bn moved to LABADIA LOOKOUT to sketch the area  
 1015 " STAPLETON and FARREL (2/5 M) moved to map track to camp at FOUR WAYS JUNC. a ONE day task  
 1026 " M.P. 9. find an opportunity target. results unknown.  
 1034 " B. Pl. moved back to SADDLE enroute for SKINDEWAI to be notified. They were relieved by C. Pl.  
 1200 hrs Lieut BUFFETS acc at FOUR WAYS JUNC CAMP relieved by carrier pl. 2/5 M guides were left by BUFFETS (Bn att. to carrier pl.)  
 LEES and HAWKER with PRENTVILLE as runner moved from LABADIA JUNC. camp to

16 SUNDAY 106-259  
 1st Sunday after Easter

to scout enemy positions on GREENS HILL  
 11:30 AM ...  
 12:00 ...  
 12:30 ...  
 1:00 ...  
 1:30 ...  
 2:00 ...

17 MONDAY 107-258

25 MAR THU

0830 hrs Ptes LEES and HAWKER located the enemy and sent Pte PRETEVILLE to guide Lieut MACKENZIE from CAMP on LABABIA TRACK to E/posns. The guide exchanged shots with ONE enemy on route.

1300 hrs PRETEVILLE reached Lieut MACKENZIE

1600 hrs MACKENZIE moved fwd. 18 TUESDAY 108-257

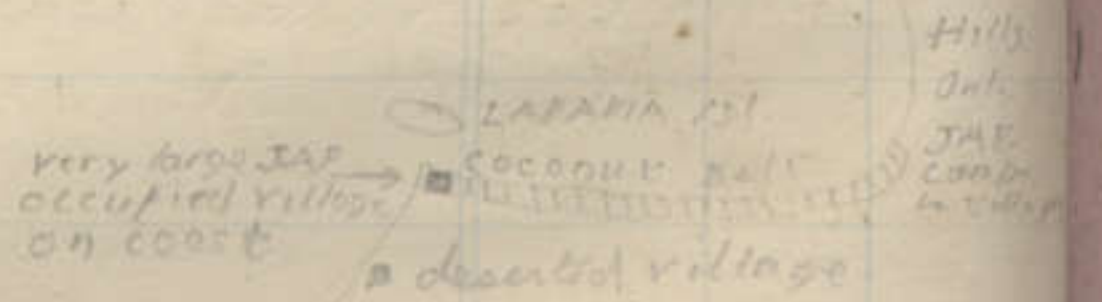
1600 hrs LABABIA COAST patrol reached CAMP on TOP LABABIA RIDGE TRACK

1630 hrs LEES and HAWKER contacted the enemy, ONE native (SEPIK) wounded, ONE enemy shot by HAWKER. LEES T.M.G. jammed. They did NOT contact Lieut MACKENZIE. Wounded native made his way to VICKERS RIDGE and saw small E/patrol on BANK of stream on the LABABIA RIDGE feature NORTH of VICKERS RIDGE.

1800 hrs LEES and HAWKER returned and Cpl BOYDE arrived MAT MAT to report LABABIA coast patrol. Time of patrol 4 days. Train of small E/staging camps between LABABIA LOOK OUT and the sea. Enemy, apparently a large force on coast from the MOUTH of the BITOI for distance of at least FOUR miles SOUTH of BITOI. Motor rd in good condition, through coastal villages towards the SOUTH. The enemy appear to be in large camps each about ONE mile apart. 4 T line runs parallel with the rd. DUALI village occupied. Natives both sexes laughing and singing. Enemy move about frequently in small parties unarmed, definitely NOT S.M.P. or marines. NO fortifications visible, at least in their rear or landward side. Patrol unable to cross BITOI, unable to discover whether motor rd continues to SALAMAUVA or any place NORTH of the mouth of the BITOI. NO sign of the mining airman.

Cpl. BOYDE'S PATROL (SKETCH)

19 WEDNESDAY 109-256



26 MAR FRI

0900 hrs fighting patrol left MAT MAT with guide to deal with enemy posns at GREENS HILL. Barr on pt. patrol reported E/posns and ambushes on OBSERVATION HILL appear to be abandoned. 1000 hrs 2000 patrol strength FOUR moved from MAT MAT to ambush at PAUVA plantation on OBSERVATION HILL, to move in under cover of A/C.

1140 - 1220 hrs. APC ambushed and staffed KITCHEN CR  
1320 hrs. human waste patrol contacted in evening

R 7 MAR SAT

Patrol on MAIN TRACK strength 12 fired upon by E. machine gun 200 x SOUTH of BANAVA PLANTATION. E on steep slope above track, difficult to get at. ONE E shot, ONE killed by fl bomb. Enemy reinforcements moving up track to find ambush to ambush. E fired on by BREN and sniper posted on VICKERS RIDGE. THREE E killed. One casualty, ONE slightly wounded. Patrol withdrew to MAT MAT. Car on PL 2/5 in front of ambush on OBSERVATION HILL, moved EAST to BITOI VALLEY. was fired on by E. which withdrew when damaged by grenades. carriers moved further EAST. could find NO TRACK to back of OBSERVATION HILL, but located good well used track toward KITCHEN CR. PL withdrew and sent recon patrol along nearby local track. BUNGAR patrol located along E/post on GREENS HILL. They seem hard to attack as it is on high ground (peak of hill) dominating surrounding ground.

← observe post

28 MAR SUN

0600 hrs. A reinforcing order was received from 2/5 Bn. ONE PI. DORI to prepare to move to OBSERVATION HILL 29 MAR. strength 1 off 30 obs. Take out from OBSERVATION HILL main taping daily fighting patrol to KITCHEN creek area. PI will be under direct control. This H.Q. Pl. comdr. will advise with 2/5 Bn. G. Will advise food movement to OBSERVATION HILL (LIEUT REEVES and pl.)  
1600 hrs. E/LMG and aft fire heard from OBSERVATION HILL, on earlier pl. patrol area. E located in ambush post on MAIN TRACK OBSERVATION HILL, with TWO LMGs and aft mty.  
1530 " firing from area DRY CREEK BED. LMG, TSMG, and grenades.  
1520-1530 hrs. E/mort firing in vicinity DRY CREEK BED, 3 inch or larger. bombed our posts MAT MAT with 12 bombs. NO casualties.  
1630 " Considerable firing heard vicinity BANAVA ambush, OBSERVATION HILL, enemy M.G. comd TSMG and aft grenades.  
Carriers II unable to carry out recce owing to occupation of MAIN TRACK ambush.  
1900 " Fighting patrol to OBSERVATION HILL returned to MAT MAT met by opposition at BANAVA ambush casualties - ONE seriously wounded, missing - EIGHT wounded, patrol met by MG fire, mortar fire. bodies probably land mine.

Patrol to WOODY ISLAND reported island evacuated approx one week ago.  
 Fighting patrol down MAIN TRACK on mountain small E/party vicinity BANANA GROVE  
 1700hrs considerable firing heard vicinity KOMIATUM TRACK.  
 1915 " My firing heard vicinity A. Coy OBJECTIVE. This firing was from an ambush set by enemy  
 MACKENZIE. 15 enemy killed our casualties TWO, and ONE missing

677-523

29 MAR. MON.

- 0745 hrs Fire heard from OBSERVATION HILL
- 1030 " Considerable firing heard from vicinity KOMIATUM TRACK vicinity LABARIA RIDGE  
 presumed Lt Col MACKENZIE'S party.
- 1035 " Wounded evacuated by native carriers. Two men remaining from OBSERVATION  
 HILL patrol 28 MAR. returned
- 1300 " Patrol from MAIN TRACK which moved out 28 MAR (Comd. Lt Col DANN) returned  
 captured both air bushes and found a cut path on MAIN TRACK, killed 5 captured  
 one rifle and one small mortar. The patrol left a covering party on the MAIN TRACK  
 and moved up spur of OBSERVATION HILL, guided by E/firing on our BANANA GROVE  
 patrol, struck track on TOP of OBSERVATION HILL, presumed KITCHEN CRACK  
 track, proceed 20° NORTH along this track, fired upon by 2 M.G. Two men attacked  
 on, were fired upon by a third M.G., patrol unable to proceed, returned to MAIN TRACK  
 killed THREE men enemy, returned to MAT MAT over casualties MIL. Patrol repulsed  
 tracks on OBSERVATION HILL held very strongly and in depth.
- 1530 " Reco patrol sent to OBSERVATION HILL to retrieve dud shell from E/mountain gr.  
 considerable firing MACKENZIE'S patrol area.
- 1700 " PATROL REPORT from carrier Pt. received. —  
 1130 hrs carrier reached top of OBSERVATION HILL, met by fire from at least FOUR L.M.G.s. and  
 several rifles. ONE man wounded by first rifle shot. E/fire extremely accurate, patrol  
 returned fire from grenade dischargers, L.M.G. and T.S.M.G. Grenades caused E/casualties  
 number unknown. patrol with draw owing to shortage amm. own casualties  
 ONE KILLED ONE wounded. OBSERVATION HILL now strongly held.
- 1800 " Lt Col MACKENZIE returned patrol returned and reported by fire opposition, position  
 held by 25 to 30 enemy. MACKENZIE attacked this position 1430 hrs, after placing an  
 ambush on track to BITOI to prevent E. reinforcement or escape. He attacked with  
 25 men supported by rifle bombers. THREE E. killed. Patrol repulsed our casualties  
 ONE killed ONE missing. Ambush party killed FOUR. Patrol with draw.  
 No further report from WOODY ISL. patrol. M  
 MACKENZIE'S disposition ONE on VICKERS RIDGE ONE on coming TRACK  
 for BITOI on LABARIA TRACK TWO patrols coast. Small standing patrol  
 JUN. BITOI and LABARIA RIDGE
- 1900 " Enemy position on hill A. assumed to be BITOI, valley towards SARTRE. My  
 firing from area immediately NORTH of OBSERVATION HILL vicinity KOMIATUM TRACK

20 THURSDAY 110-255

30 MAR TUES

Dueing to expectation of AIR strike NO patrols were sent out.

2000 hrs  
1935 ..

OP VICKERS RIDGE reports more E activity than usual on KOMIATUM TRACK during the day. E/Mountain gun fired SEVEN rds [THREE between MAT MAT and VICKERS RIDGE SADDLE. FOUR on VICKERS RIDGE immediately opposite MAT MAT. FIVE on [unclear] and BREV guns operating NORTH of VICKERS RIDGE. 3" mortar off has instructions to watch for targets. FOUR US ARMY personnel att. for post here experience. (1 Col. 1 Capt. 2) Lt. Maj. O'HEIR Mountain Bty was up for the day. 3 DIV party left MAT MAT enroute WAU.

31 MAR WED

NO air strike. Dueing to promised air strike NO patrols went out. Order issued for relief of 2/7 Ind Coy by 28 Coy 2/5 BN. 28 Coy 2/7 Ind take relief by C Pl. 2/7 Ind Coy on LABADIA TRACK JUNG. 22 SATURDAY 112-253

19

1 APR THU

Snipers reported normal activity on KOMIATUM TRACK except movement now confined to track between BANANA GROVE and fwd ambush posn approx 40 E. based on BANANA GROVE during daylight hrs. Movement between

23 SUNDAY 113-252

2nd Sunday after Easter

between BANANA GROVE and KITCHEN CREEK

0700 hrs Snipers fire returned by E/LMG and MMG fire

Both coastal patrols returned. Both patrols unable to carry out their tasks

A.M. C Pl. moved to LABADIA relative to below A. Pl.

P.M. C Pl. and Coy H.Q. relieved by B Coy 2/5 BN. H.Q. set at SADDLE. A. Pl. set at SADDLE.

24 MONDAY 114-251  
Labour Day, Vic., Hol. obs. acc.  
to Government Proclamation

*Handwritten notes, possibly "C.O. received reports..."*

*Handwritten notes, possibly "B.P.L. at SKINDEWAI..."*

2 APR. Fri

C.O. received reports! to make themselves comfortable.

C.P. H.Q. messed with A.P.I.

B.P.L. at SKINDEWAI all day

25 TUESDAY 115-250  
Anzac Day, Pub. Hol. all States

A.P.I. and C.P. H.Q. at the

Construction of Hill 7 camp near MAT MAT

*Handwritten notes, possibly "Anzac Day"*

*Handwritten notes, possibly "B.P.L. at SKINDEWAI"*

3 APR (SAT)  
26 WEDNESDAY 116-249

Furber received the area by the C.O. Officers received their sub-unit areas.

STAPLETON moved to W.N.P. all to traverse at the night camp and MAT MAT

B.P.L. at SKINDEWAI

4 APR. SUN.

Disposition of the 2/7 Ind Coy finally decided upon.

Construction of HILL 7 CAMP proceeding satisfactorily

STAPLETON returned. Co moved to camp near hosp.

A.P.I. digging down.

APRIL 1939

5 APR MON

Fire plan, dispositions and fire lanes map prepared and handed to I.C. 2/5 BN  
Remainder of HQ moved to camp near HOSP.  
LABADIA C.P. reports ONE double sail sampson, oriental type heading SOUTH from LABADIA KI.  
ONE set of 3" VICKERS RIDGE fired on enemy working party, in the vicinity of the MIBO L.S.

6 APR TUE

Capt LEHAR and Lt Col SWIBET <sup>NAMES</sup> visited MILL 7. construction of camp nearly complete.  
Digging at <sup>location</sup> on SADDLE

7 APR WED

Digging continuing on SADDLE



8 APR THU

Lieut MACLAREN and a AMERICAN AIR Int. Offr (capt) arrived camp from SKINDIEVAI

9 APR FRI

WARNING order received by C.O. by the natives to move to KJANDI  
LEES and HAWKER moved to reconnoitre overlooking KITCHEN CREEK and from  
LABABIA feature.  
C.O. took up residence in KIUP'S quarters.  
Stores packing commenced and some sent back to SKINDIEVAI. All post mail movements.  
A patrol of C.P. on LABABIA feature estimated enemy in the N.E. LAABIA pool, top between 35 and 40.  
They are preparing fire lines.

10 APR SAT

LEE and HAWKER returned, reconnoitre successful. Took had been selection of an O.P. over  
looking KITCHEN CR. from the LABABIA feature.

27 THURSDAY 117-248

11 APR SUN  
 CH LTB moved to LABAEJA  
 adv. elements 2/7 Bn arrived to relieve 2/7 Ind. Coy

28 FRIDAY 118-247

12 APR MON.  
 A. Pl. left GUAD. stayed at SKINDEWAI after being relieved by 2/7 AUST INF BN

29 SATURDAY 119-246

13 APR TUE

Coy HQ excl CAPT LOMAS moved from GUAD to SKIND.  
 A. Pl. moved from SKINDEWAI stayed night 13/14 at SUMMIT.  
 B. Pl. and C. Pl. less ONE det. left GUADAGASAL, stayed night 13/14 at SKINDEWAI.  
 C.O. who had malaria stayed night at HOUSE BANANA

30 SUNDAY 120-245  
 3rd Sunday after Easter

~~14 APR WED.~~

~~1 May MONDAY 121-244~~  
 Labour Day, Pub. Hol. Brisbane  
 and Perth

C.O. arrived and staged night 14/15 at SKINDEWAI.

A.P.L. camped at KAISENTA.

Band C.P.L. less one det. arrived and staged night 14/15 APR at BALLAMS.

Rear det C.P.L. left LABABIA camp, staged night 14/15 at SKIND.

~~15 APR THU.~~

~~2 TUESDAY 122-243~~

C.O. stayed at BALLAMS.

A.P.L. arrived WAU.

Band C.P.L. arrived WAU.

Rear det C.P.L. left SKINDEWAI staged night 15/16 at BALLAMS.

~~16 APR FRI~~

~~3 WEDNESDAY 123-242~~

C.O., Capt LOMAS and the C.S.M. arrived WAU.

det C.P.L. arrived WAU.

~~17 APR SAT~~

P.M. Engr. Offr was warned to proceed with the engr. pl. on 18 APR to prepare a camp for the Coy.

18 APR. SUN.

All 2/7 Inf Coy, class of GUADAGASAL - SKINDIEWAI - KAISENIK area

A.M. Engrs pl. moved to KOLOLO

1030 hrs The C.O. paraded and inspected the Coy, after which he addressed them, he conveyed the Brig's orders and outlined plans for immediate future movements.

1400 hrs. The C.O. added the reinforcements

P.M. The M.C. held a health inspection. BERU - BERU prevalent.

19 APR. MON.

The morning

13 more casualties belonging to the Coy, were evacuated from the WAU hosp to MURSEBY

During the evening the C.O. held an off's conference.

Engrs constructing camp at KOLOLO

20 APR. TUE

1030 hrs The C.O. interviewed and allotted the reinforcements to their sec's.

The morning

Engrs constructing camp at KOLOLO

21 APR WED.  
Pl's deficiencies in equipment remedied. weapons re-allocated  
engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

22 APR THUR.  
Needles given to Tps suffering from BERRI-FERRI. The needles were given outside C of HQ.  
Tps resting and doing routine duties.  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

23 APR FRI  
Tps resting and camp duties.  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

24 APR SAT  
Tps resting and routine fatigues  
Engrs constructing camp at ~~KULOLO~~ KULOLO

25 APR SUN.  
Tps resting and routine fatigues.  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

~~26 APR. MON.~~  
4 THURSDAY 124-241

Routine fatigues and Gps resting  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

~~27 APR. TUES.~~

Routine fatigues and Gps resting  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

~~28 APR. WED.~~  
5 FRIDAY 125-240

0700 hrs E. Pl. breakfast  
0800 " C " more KULOLO  
Other Gps routine fatigues and resting  
Engrs constructing camp at KULOLO

~~29 APR. THUR.~~

E. Pl. and engr. constructing camp at KULOLO  
Other Gps routine fatigues and resting.

~~30 APR. FRI.~~  
6 SATURDAY 126-239

Engr. Pl. and C. Pl. constructing camp at KULOLO  
Other Gps routine fatigues and resting.

~~1 MAY SAT.~~

C. and Engr. Pls. constructing camp at KULOLO.  
Other Gps - routine fatigues and resting.

~~2 MAY SUN.~~

7 SUNDAY 127-238  
4th Sunday after Easter

Camp Engr. Pls. constructing camp at KULOLO  
Other Gps routine fatigues and resting.

~~3 MAY MON.~~

~~8 MONDAY 128-237~~

to KULOLO

A.P.L. less 2 sec moved  
2 sec. cleaning up old camp.  
remainder B.P.L. 2 sec moved KULOLO.  
2000 hrs Capt LOMAS called spts together for a talk.

~~4 MAY TUES.~~

1600 hrs route duties and construction of camp.  
C.O. held off arrived KULOLO.

~~5 MAY WED.~~

~~9 TUESDAY 129-236~~

B camp duties and construction work in the camp

~~MAY~~

~~6 THUR.~~

The commenced working on the Eng. syllabus  
Sig Eng school commenced.

~~7 MAY FRI.~~

~~10 WEDNESDAY 130-235~~

N.C.O.'s cadre commenced.

~~8 MAY SAT.~~

Routine duties, schools and log.

~~9 MAY SUN.~~

For resting and routine duties

10 MAY MON  
Routine duties, school, and msg.

11 MAY TUES

11 MAY TUES.

Maj Gen SAVAGE G.O.C. 3 Div. inspected camp

1100 hrs Maj Gen SAVAGE inspected and advised the Coy.

17 all samples sent to hospital to be analysed, some under command 2/6 Bu.

Two routine duties and msg. reports.

Decline to offer and site of action by DAAD & M G

12 MAY WED

Routine fatigue, msg, school.

13 MAY THUR.

C.S.M. moved from W.M. to O.H. 600

Two routine duties, msg, and school.

14 MAY FRI

Co. 4 pm. Re church parade.

1000 hrs. Routine Coy parade.

1.15 hrs. Two schools, duties.

15 MAY SAT

16 MAY SUN.

Two resting and routine duties.



MON. 17 MAY

The routine duties schools, Eng.  
1730 hrs to 1800 hrs to office.

18 MAY TUE

The routine duties, schools, and Eng.  
1800 hrs to 1830 hrs to office.

19 MAY WED

Routine duties, training, and schools.  
19 15 hrs, lecture to office, 5/15 and Int Sec. Subject letter Military Letter Writing

20 MAY THUR

Routine duties, Eng. and schools.  
Med inspection  
Int School finished

21 MAY FRI

Routine duties, Eng and Schools.

22 MAY SAT

Routine duties, Eng, and Schools.

23 MAY SUN

The rest day and routine duties  
Orders required to move to 24th WA - sent local defence and reserve to 1/3  
Inspection by 1/3 1/3 1/3 area

31 Days

MAY 1939

5th Month

~~24 MAY MON.~~  
~~11 THURSDAY 131-234~~

Movement of Coy 13 BULLY A cancelled.  
Troop standing by and routine camp duties.

18. Middle of the day...  
M.V. ...

~~25 MAY TUES.~~  
Troop standing by and camp duties.

1500hrs Received instruction for movement of Coy 13 PORT MORSEBY 26 MAY.

~~12 FRIDAY 132-233~~  
Coronation King George VI., 1937

~~26 MAY WED.~~  
Coy moved from

~~13 SATURDAY 133-232~~

~~14 SUNDAY 134-231~~  
Rogation Sunday

5th Month

MAY 1939

31 Days

15 MONDAY 135-230  
Observed as Coronation Day  
Bank Hol., W.A.

16 TUESDAY 136-229

17 WEDNESDAY 137-228

Pte Jones No. Section

Remained in action with his section from 19.30 16.1.43 to 25.17.1.43. During the withdrawal while endeavouring to assist Pte Huron (Tx 8111) <sup>who had been wounded in the shoulder, they</sup> from the pit which they had occupied, <sup>thus exposing himself to fire</sup> he was hit by a burst from a machine gun. Seconds later a grenade rolled into & exploded in their pit.

Pte L. Estrange      C. Matson

Three men were endeavouring to carry Capt Bowen who had been seriously wounded from the area. L. Estrange took charge, lifted Capt Bowen onto his shoulder and carried him onto the main track, which was under enemy fire, and thence out of the area.

JUNE 1939 *In the Field,*

THURSDAY 1939

6th Month

JUNE 1939

30 Days

12 MONDAY 163-202  
Obs. as King's Birthday, Pub. Hol. Q.  
(N.S.W., Vic., S.A., Tas. uncertain)

13 TUESDAY 164-201

14 WEDNESDAY 165-200

*Danko returns Koranga 15.-.*

30 Days

JUNE 1939

6th Month

15 THURSDAY 166-199

16 FRIDAY 167-198

*Sumatra to Karangan*

17 SATURDAY 168-197

18 SUNDAY 169-196  
2nd Sunday after Trinity

2/7 Aust. Ind. Coy,  
In the Field,  
31 Jan 42.

Officer Commanding,  
KAWGA FORCE,  
N.G.F.

Recommendation for Awards - 2/7 Aust. Ind. Coy.

1. I recommend that the undermentioned personnel  
of this unit



6th Month

JUNE 1939

30 Days

26 MONDAY 177-188

27 TUESDAY 178-187

28 WEDNESDAY 179-186

*QX 24450 . N.B.*

29 THURSDAY 180-185

30 FRIDAY 181-184

PAGITA brought in

1 July SATURDAY 182-183

ARRISSA - Molomei discharged from gaol

2 SUNDAY 183-182  
4th Sunday after Trinity

3 MONDAY 184-181

4 TUESDAY 185-180

*L. B. W. to have unpacked coffee machinery*

5 WEDNESDAY 186-179

31 Days

JULY 1939

7th Month

6 THURSDAY 187-178

*C. H. P. V. returns from sea*

7 FRIDAY 188-177

8 SATURDAY 189-176

9 SUNDAY 190-175  
5th Sunday after Trinity

7th Month

JULY 1939

31 Days

10 MONDAY 191-174

11 TUESDAY 192-173

*N 3842. L'bot. 8M  
WX 17600 Jones A.S.*

12 WEDNESDAY 193-172

17 MONDAY 198-167

Descriptions  
O.p. Lad.

Buttons  
Tobacco  
Rice  
Tobacco natives RUM  
" tps  
Writing paper  
Tight paper  
" " wrapped  
" " wrapped

18 TUESDAY 199-166

Hand form  
Kai from Russia  
208 days  
Pole  
Bones as in last return  
2/5  
Socks  
Socks & Suspenders  
Pole lamp

19 WEDNESDAY 200-165

28 THURSDAY 271-94  
Agric. Show Day, Pub. Hol., Melb.

29 FRIDAY 272-93

30 SATURDAY 273-92  
Order Your Diary for 1940

*THURS*  
1 October SUNDAY 274-91  
17th Sunday after Trinity

*Unit preparing to move to Townsville  
Store personnel*

*FRI*  
 2 MONDAY 275-90  
 Labour Day, Pub. Hol., Sydney

0200 trucks move to coast leave  
 office personnel + stores

*SAT*  
 3 TUESDAY 276-89

2330 personnel <sup>stores</sup> arrive Townsville

*SUN*  
 4 WEDNESDAY 277-88

0200 personnel leave Townsville again flying to  
 Frankfurt

arrive Ruperby

Unit billeted at bus stop Reception  
 during day in P.M.



<sup>MON</sup>  
5 THURSDAY 278-87

Remainder of personnel leave since arrival  
Hobbesby

Lacadie Logans visit HQ  
WAO

TUES  
6 FRIDAY 279-86

preparations re move  
re issue and plane loads etc

Lacadie interviews BGS and G.O.C.  
Big Topkins Gennie Livi  
James Henry

WED  
7 SATURDAY 280-85

Still repairing

plane loads arranged with G.  
and air transport

THURS  
8 SUNDAY 281-84  
18th Sunday after Trinity

Personnel weighed for move

Just  
fault

Lemons contacted West CP. <sup>Sun</sup> 9 MONDAY 282-83 and N.O.S men etc  
<sup>left PM</sup> remainder owing to conditions suitable land A  
 11 plane loads French arrive at WAU. Occupied HOSPITAL. JAIL  
 BROWNS Place almost totally destroyed. Bank vault broken, marks  
 in frightful mess. Camp construction commences. State of preparedness  
 undertaken. Rain & fog late afternoon  
 Copper & vegetables in abundance. Prices reasonable

<sup>Sat</sup>  
 10 TUESDAY 283-82

Leave PM.  
 Balance of units arrive Macadie. Camp construction continues  
 Magazines made. ENG. CARPENTERS - SIGS HOSPITAL. - CHQ BROWNS.  
 Macadie left for BLAKES - Lt. PLEAY.

<sup>Sun</sup>  
 11 WEDNESDAY 284-81  
 Agric. Show Day, Pub. Hol., Perth  
 Labour Day, Adelaide

Macadie left for BLAKES - (Lt. G. PLEAY) with CP WEST.  
 A+B had patrols out. A. BULOLO. B. BLAKES direction.  
 Rain heavy during night.

31 Days  
AUSTRALIAN  
MILITARY FORGES  
PASSED BY CENSOR  
1028

OCTOBER 1939

(Letters to <sup>Henry</sup> <sup>mother</sup> <sup>brother</sup>!)  
10th Month

MON.  
12 THURSDAY 285-80

Letters to. Mr Wilson FOSTER. by APPS and Ballant YARIDINA.  
" to K. Toole re AIRMAIL CARDS. Inkel Sect HQ, NC, re remit Censor Stamp.

Wireless sets in operation. Fog heavy during early am from 1000.  
Telephone connected to HQ.  
News bulletins received. ~~A/B~~ Patrols from each Pl in rep areas

TUES  
13 FRIDAY 286-79

4 Lockheed KIA and half 0909 on Landing Strip.  
Col Deary + C.O. arrived back 1345. Engineer Sect.  
Patrolled to Ballans Tann. A. Patrols Bulolo Rd. Ballans  
Black Cat direction. B Patrols Bulolo, Eddie Creek, Plateau direct  
Ship testing equipment, general maintenance of areas.  
Col Deary + C.O. + 2/1p inspected area. Conference @ 1700.

WED  
14 SATURDAY 287-78

Coy Pde inspected by Col Deary 0915 hours. Comments good.  
all platoons + spec Sec's had out piece patrol of area.  
Dinner mess. 1830. (Moonshine + Whiskey!). Test alarm at 2200.  
all Coy ready at HQ 2235 hours (quite satisfied).

THURS  
15 SUNDAY 288-77  
19th Sunday after Trinity

Col Deary returned to HQ 0915 hours. Inaps included  
Ingen Low leave for base MUBO area via Gace and 0930 with  
of carriers. Humphrey ANGAU and Major Edwards called.

*Tue*  
16 MONDAY 289-76

Patrols out. OP's parties out for 2 days A+B platoons  
Black Cat OP. all quiet.

Leitch Marsh (Sigs) McKenzie (Cyber) visit 7<sup>th</sup> Lulay. No 11 set  
installed Comm to BRACKS (Major Edwards Towns Major  
Capt Wall ANGAU). (4 transport planes in with KIA - 0830).  
(Martin Saunders over.) *Wau* *9 minutes on drone*

*Tue*  
17 TUESDAY 290-75

Received notice of A/C in bringing BGS Sunday.  
Lt Col Stealy Capt West in - List of arms & Amm etc prepared for  
Lt Col Stealy for BGS. Rec'd Int Summary from KANGA.  
(2nd Edition of Wau Good Oil)

*Wed*  
18 WEDNESDAY 291-74

1000 Sgt Hopkins BGS and Lt Col Logan Cavalry arrive WAO. Conference with Lt Col Stealy  
Capt West. Plane (Auro anson) took off 1130 returned 1545. bad flying conditions  
Pilot Officer Craig + Sgt Pypor Capt Marden <sup>at (no)</sup> Lake by road spend night with  
(McCracken Thomas) Sheridan collected tools V8 3 tow tip trucks from Redie bk  
preparatory bridge repairing in Valley. Receive information Machine  
Low Mechan away indefinitely probably 4 or 5 days more.  
Swimming pool opened. Thanks to Engineers  
(all quiet Black Cat)

<sup>Mon</sup>  
19 THURSDAY 292-73

Electricians start clearing power lines. Engineers Bridge repairs  
KULOLO Bridge OK 1500. BGS and party leave 1030 after a spot of  
engine trouble. (transport under control of Major Edwards)  
Fresh meat in.

<sup>Tues</sup>  
20 FRIDAY 293-72

Herndon Engineer left for (BOLWA) COAST BRIDGES 0730 Capt McCracken left  
for BLUES 0845 with safe hand. Macdonald McQueen return 1230  
1000 Major General Tacey Lt Budget Capt Marshall arrive. Auro  
to bring pilot (hand) Lint Skin - navigator. Stayed with HQ 7<sup>th</sup>

<sup>wed</sup>  
21 SATURDAY 294-71

1000 Auro departs. 1030-1040 Transport's Lochhead/Anderson  
escort 18 Kittip Kiv etc. Pader Graydon returned PM on 1040  
Transport left Love shipping arrive WILDAYS. Advance  
party 7 DIV CAVALRY arrive WAU. Skinston arrives -  
faints out Red + takes off for upper valley. Miss Marie in

<sup>Thurs</sup>  
22 SUNDAY 295-70  
20th Sunday after Trinity

(Detachment of ...) Major Macdonald goes to BOLWA returns in 8/40 MORRIS  
MORTAR + BRIGAD Shoot. Major

*Mon*  
23 MONDAY 296-69

Major Mac receives intel from KANGA re MURSO show.

*Tue*  
24 TUESDAY 297-68

Green ISMS and Grenad  
BOLWA. Banfield Cur  
Noel recce.

Lemas Incursion to  
won by ? Maj &

*Wed*  
25 WEDNESDAY 298-67

Stinson recce. Swain reports.

Mon

26 THURSDAY 299-66

Capt Lomas flies to Moresby. Five DC3 land with food + ammo. 7 Coy Sigs wire telephone in valley + install switchboard. Capt Marshall AMH NGF on special duties arrived collected with 7 Coy.

Tues

27 FRIDAY 300-65

Nothing of note. Bunting was started. Arrange with Q to move 50 personnel and stores across by AIR. Return excess to Ordnance.

Wed

28 SATURDAY 301-64

Log in WAU  
Plane loads being prepared

Thurs

29 SUNDAY 302-63  
21st Sunday after Trinity

Log in WAU  
Plane loads at WAKES done

*Fri*  
30 MONDAY 303-62

arrival at WAV of personnel and stores  
to plane load DC 3

*Sat*  
31 TUESDAY 304-61

arrival of stores and Eltham  
to plane load DC 3.

*Sun*  
1 November WEDNESDAY 305-60

Back store etc started.  
new magazine commenced  
stores sorted out



DEC 18 NOV 1945

Garden  
Teluk  
67 planes

4 Jap  
TIMOR

GERMAN  
TUMING

STOMES  
DROMES 3

F.F. N. A

TSMG

HILL FIVE  
PASS

with no DKKIN  
30

N. Z. BAK  
600 planes  
100 miles  
today

Japko advancing  
Japko Mountain Guns -  
across 2 places  
BUNA + MP  
Horse  
Equipment

*mon*  
2 THURSDAY 306-59

Engineers return from brides  
excellent job -  
Classification shown on R.O.

*tues*  
3 FRIDAY 307-58

R.O.'s published  
Nothing of importance  
Magazine installed near bay R.O.

*wed*  
4 SATURDAY 308-57

bay do. from things (shoot etc)  
MIL

*Sun*  
5 SUNDAY 309-56  
22nd Sunday after Trinity

MIL

*Wed Dried*

6 MONDAY 310-55  
Bank Holiday, Tasmania

*NILW*

*Thurs Sat*

7 TUESDAY 311-54  
Cup Day, Pub. Hol., Melbourne

*NILW*

*Fri's Sun*

8 WEDNESDAY 312-53

*Varita ret'd from post &  
sent to Mrs Ganke*

*NILW*

NOVEMBER 1939

~~2/1 AUGUST 11th COY~~

~~Sat~~ Mon  
9 THURSDAY 313-52

of Sheridan receives task on Drome from Hol  
Beary.

~~Sat~~ Tues  
10 FRIDAY 314-51

Engineers commence Drome installations  
Hangers etc. bag mac full of Hewish move  
off to KOMIATUM task

~~Sat~~ Wed  
11 SATURDAY 315-50  
Armistice Day, 1918

3 D.C. 3 in. Kia etc.

~~Tues~~ Thurs  
12 SUNDAY 316-49  
23rd Sunday after Trinity

C. platoon move out over to BLACKCAT. 1 days later  
remained in VALLEY. Nations specific  
Mail arrived via BULLDOG trail

~~Wed~~ Sun

13 MONDAY 317-48  
Observed as King's Birthday,  
Pub. Hol. W.A. only.

Black Friday. Rec supply - 1st Col Heavy Stops.  
great battle over lights.

1st platoon Black CAT. remainder in WAU

~~Mon~~ Tue

14 TUESDAY 318-47

from C.S.O. P.M. Maresby  
advice received, retain 208's wireless

2nd platoon Concord.

R.D.'s

~~Wed~~ Thu

15 WEDNESDAY 319-46

2nd platoon move out to Black CAT

Sheridan completes hangars and Drome.  
Housing.

*Mon*

16 THURSDAY 320-45

Meridan Commences 2 Bridges 172/D122

*Tue*

17 FRIDAY 321-44

~~Hand planted old mill Pt.~~

Major returns. Slight Case Pumping.

*Wed*

18 SATURDAY 322-43

1st platoon in 1600 from 1 day back  
Meridan 172/D122 Bridges (2)  
Complete

*Thurs*

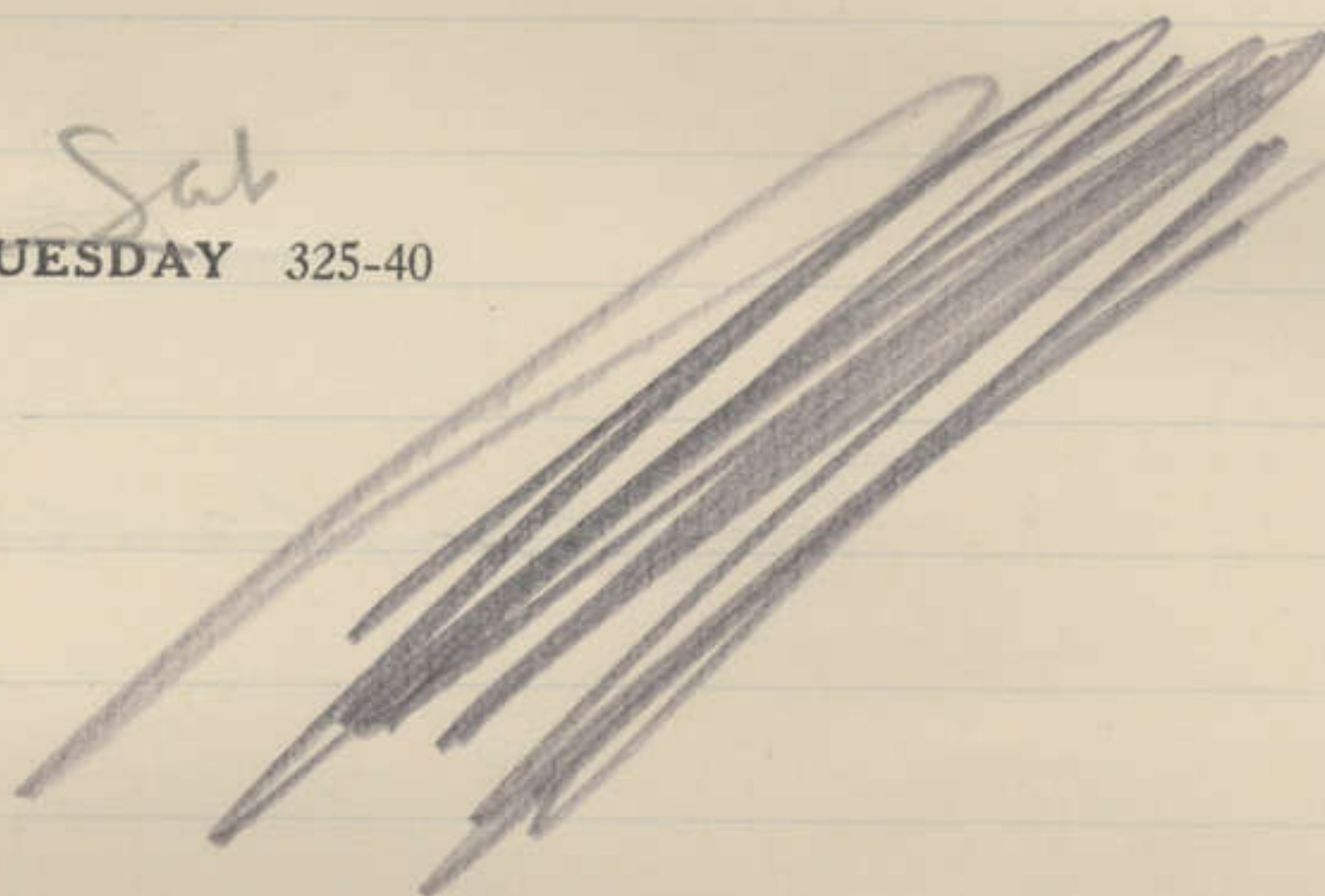
19 SUNDAY 323-42  
24th Sunday after Trinity

Eng Commence M8lop

*Wed*  
20 MONDAY 324-41

Reing Workshop Completed

*Sat*  
21 TUESDAY 325-40



By station return hullcup

*Sun*  
22 WEDNESDAY 326-39

Thomas to Skender



*MON*

23 THURSDAY 327-38

~~ARRISA returns to work~~

Lomas at Skerri

*TUES*

24 FRIDAY 328-37

Skerri

*WED*

25 SATURDAY 329-36

~~Help Kensi & Bob Kampus plants~~

return from Skerri

*THURS*

26 SUNDAY 330-35  
25th Sunday after Trinity

*27/6*

FRI

27 MONDAY 331-34

Niv

SAT

28 TUESDAY 332-33

Niv

SUN

29 WEDNESDAY 333-32

alc in

Niv

promotion of accounts in air  
as per TB

30 THURSDAY 334-31

*N.H.*

1 December FRIDAY 335-30

~~plow Kansen black~~

~~Copper clear black. to be used Kansen work~~

2 SATURDAY 336-29

3 SUNDAY 337-28  
Advent Sunday

4 MONDAY 338-27

*Christmas 7.5.*

*16 Jul 46*

5 TUESDAY 339-26

*15 Aug 46*

*17 Oct*

6 WEDNESDAY 340-25

7 THURSDAY 341-24

Finished cleaning H.S. at Sixacre

to Potloden & Cook Meadows

8 FRIDAY 342-23

9 SATURDAY 343-22

10 SUNDAY 344-21  
2nd Sunday in Advent

NX 8/11/39

Larry Horace  
Scott Holland

Box 9. 11 Dec.

of the fuse of a  
3rd mortar bomb  
causing the fuse  
to explode  
Death caused  
by carelessness of  
the party of Pte SH and  
striking the blunder

31 Days

# DECEMBER 1939

12th Month

14 THURSDAY 348-17  
Birth King George VI., 1895

15 FRIDAY 349-16

16 SATURDAY 350-15

OK 29556 Gernicks Kevin Patrick  
accidental death on duty.  
post. 19. Dec.

17 SUNDAY 351-14  
3rd Sunday in Advent

25 MONDAY 359-6  
Christmas Day

26 TUESDAY 360-5  
Boxing Day, Pub. Hol. all States  
except S.A.

VX30611

Robinson

W.E.

fractured leg.

lost.

27 WEDNESDAY 361-4  
Add. Pub. Hol., Vic. and W.A.

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