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WAR DIARY

37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn

From 1 Aug 45. To

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
Open Bay	1 Aug 45	1930	<p>For the past month this unit has been using the 1/25000 series maps which are much more accurate than the OPEN BAY one inch series. As copies are now available for the War Diary all references will be quoted will, until further notice, be taken from the 1/25000 series. A copy each of 3116 POWELL HARBOUR, 3116 SAI RIVER EAST and 4692 SAI RIVER WEST are attached.</p> <p>At 0600 2/2 Lavo Lado Sqn patrol left SAI three for Ldo centre post at 470550.</p> <p>At 1215 hrs 8 pl A Coy moved from WATU to SAI one for escort and carrying duties and to strengthen the force in that area. This change in our dispositions will last for five days after which 13 pl C Coy will return to the SAI river outpost.</p> <p>At 0630 hrs 10 pl NGIB moved from the patrol base at 310608 and established a firm base at 290621 (approx 300 yds from the beach at the NORTH end of COOPERS CLEARING). A recon patrol to the lagoon area (287646) heard talking and sounds of movement estimating approx twelve enemy in that area. The patrol then moved to the beach and surprised 5 Japs near the wrecked barge, three of whom were killed. The patrol wasted little time in withdrawal as it was thought the enemy near the lagoon might attempt to ambush them and returned to the patrol base at 310608. The whole party then moved SE. then WEST to the south end of Coopers Clearing where four Japs (who had been observed by our outpost at POTAITI R. to move along the coast and enter Coopers Clearing) were encountered and killed. After this encounter the patrol returned to SAI two via SPICERS track. This patrol had killed 7 Japs and believed two more were seriously wounded without themselves suffering any casualties.</p>	

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From 1 Aug 45 To 2 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
Open Bay	2 Aug 45	1930	<p>A conference between Capt Searle (A.I.B. fd party) Capt Palmer (p.c. D boy) and Sgt Short (acting O.C. 11 pl INGIB) was held at SAI three outpost today. A.I.B. patrol responsibilities and limits to which N.G.I.B. should patrol were discussed.</p> <p>At 1115 hrs the C.O (Lt-Col K.S. Busworth) O.C. A Pl 2/14 Fd Regt (Capt Jones) and I.O. 37/52 Bn (Lt J. A. V. Kugman) moved to KALUKAL Pt where positions for the artillery guns were reconnoitred. The task completed, the party returned to WATU at 1230 hrs.</p> <p>Heavy rain continued during the day.</p> <p>10 pl INGIB (Lt Gordon) returned to MAVELU at 1230 hrs after leaving SAI two outpost at 0830 hrs. 11 pl INGIB remained at SAI two and established a new position at 298562. On 4 Aug this pl will commence a three day recon of areas North of SAI two.</p> <p>16 pl D boy (Lt K.P. Church) moved from SAI two to locate an area on the POTAITI river suitable for a pl position. The patrol passed through POTAITI one outpost moved along Powney's track for approx 1100 yds and then due North to the POTAITI river. Continuing along the river bank the patrol reached ref 281591 before turning South to Powney's track. Lt Church reports the area is fairly open and presents easy going particularly along the river bank. A suitable position was found at 283593 in the bend of the river. No movement or signs of enemy were seen.</p> <p>Although overcast in the afternoon, no rain fell during the day. The construction of a native-type office for the C.O. and one for the 'A' office was commenced today.</p>	<p>Remarks</p>

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From 3 Aug 45

To 4 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
Open Bay	3 Aug 45	1930	<p>A small patrol from 2/2 bar bdo lgn centre post reached our SAI three outpost at 0900 hrs this morning.</p> <p>Local patrols in the SAI, POTAITI and WIATU areas reported no movement or signs of enemy seen during the day.</p> <p>Our unit War Artist (Plt & Milan) has for the past few days been busily employed painting the C.O.'s (Lt-Col²³ Busworth) portrait. This has been extremely interesting not only to the artist and subject but also to a number of troops who have found excuses to appear in Bn HQ to catch a glimpse of artist and sitter at work.</p> <p>Mail, which usually arrives on Tuesdays, has been delayed this week. First the barge on the HOSKINS-NANTAMBU run broke down and when repaired struck a reef and was stranded for twelve hours. Delayed plane services from Jacquinot, mainly because of bad weather and the requisition of Catalina aircraft for ops have also contributed to the delay. It is hoped to receive a small batch of mail tomorrow.</p> <p>Heavy rain again today.</p>	
Open Bay	4 Aug 45	1930	<p>11 p.l.^{b. bay} PL NGIB departed from SAI two at 0730 hrs and established a patrol base at ref 316413 by 1400 hrs today. At 1430 hrs section patrols were sent out 500 yds East and West of the position returning at 1610 hrs reporting no movement seen.</p> <p>The 2/2 bar bdo lgn patrol departed SAI three at 0900 hrs this morning. At 1510 hrs an Angau train observed three natives on Whelan's track at ref 283543. The natives believe that these were</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>

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Molokkolo. Later a patrol investigated and recovered a quantity of sago, taro, and betel nut. No other traces were found and it is thought that the party were on their way to the coast to obtain salt.

It is expected that Lt-Col. D. D. Pitt and Maj R. McPherson (B.M. 4 Bde) will arrive by batavia at Nantambu tomorrow. Lt-Col Pitt will assume comd 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Lt. Battersby rejoined the unit at Nantambu from HQ 4 Aust. Inf Bde. Lt Gladstone also rejoined from hospital. Both officers were posted to B. Coy.

A small amount of mail was received at WATU today. It is expected that more will arrive on 6 Aug.

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Open Bay 5 Aug 45 1930.


Lt-Col D. D. Pitt (C.O. 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn) and Maj R. McPherson (B.M. 4 Bde) arrived at WATU at 1240 hrs. The two officers left Jacquinot Bay at 0815 hrs reaching Nantambu by batavia at 0900 hrs and moving thence by courier barge at 1040 hrs. During the afternoon Lt-Col K. R. Busworth gave details of the task and dispositions of the unit and accompanied Lt-Col Pitt on an inspection of WATU area. In the evening Lt-Col Pitt met all officers stationed at WATU.

11 pl INGIB moved from the patrol base at 316613 at 0730 hrs following the foothills to the south bank of the MATALAIKI river. The patrol reports the area is extremely rugged but no movement or signs of the enemy were seen. The patrol returned to the base at 1430 hrs.

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From 5 Aug 45 To 6 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
			<p>Strong winds over Open Bay (amounting almost to a gale at Nantambu) have caused high seas, with consequent difficulty to the barges at the landing beaches. Today our barge was unable to drop supplies at SAI one owing to 10 feet breakers on that part of the coast, but was able to drop the cargo at ANGAU. from whence it will be carried.</p> <p>Although no official word has been received it is understood that Maj-Gen H. G. Robertson (G.O.C 11th Aust Div) has left this formation to assume command of 6 Aust Div (WEWAK area). This evening it was announced through Australian Radio stations that Maj-Gen Robertson and Maj-Gen Stevens were involved in an air-craft accident near Wewak. Both Generals however were rescued by an American bomber. Maj-Gen Eather has assumed command 11th Aust Div.</p>	
Open Bay	6 Aug 45	1930	<p>Active patrolling was continued today. A patrol supplied by 16 pl D Coy moved from SAI two along SPICERS and POWNEY'S tracks to ref 279580 then moved North to the POTAITI river and followed upstream to Spiers track. The patrol did not contact enemy or find signs of enemy movement and returned to SAI two. The patrol bond reports that the POTAITI river as shown on the map is most inaccurate.</p> <p>11 pl INGB returned to SAI two at 1100 hrs this morning and were relieved by 9 pl who had moved up from Mavelu. 11 pl then moved to Mavelu and joined C. Coy NGIB.</p>	

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From 6 Aug 45 To 7 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks.
			<p>The C.O. (Lt-col D.D. Pitt) held a conference at Bn HQ at 1015 this morning. The C.O. directed that reces for several new areas be carried out so that outposts now occupied by platoons can be withdrawn to their respective log areas. A new site for Bn HQ is included in the prospective reconnaissance.</p> <p>Lt-col Burnworth and Maj R. McPherson returned to Santambu; the B.M. taking details of the proposed moves to the board of Aust. Inf. Bde.</p> <p>Our O.P.'s at WATU and POTAITI had excellent observations of a bombing raid by two Corsairs over TORU. Small puffs of smoke were observed in the LAUKI area during the action.</p> <p>Ten members of the Bn group (6 from the Bn) moved out on A.R.L. and compassionate leave on August 4th. The Unit R.S.M. (W.I. Dring) was included in the party.</p>	
Open Bay	7 Aug 45	1930	<p>Local patrolling only was carried out today.</p> <p>A section patrol from SAI bus, moving off the track recovered a flat improvised land mine; believed to have been discarded by the enemy troops who attacked our POTAITI one outpost on 29 Jul. The mine was found approx 300 yds North of POTAITI one outpost near Spencer's track.</p> <p>Lt Powney (B Coy) returned to Santambu from 4 Bde 3rd Home Throwing School at Macquist Bay. Lt Wyatt (INGIB) assumed the administration of the board of C. Coy INGIB today.</p>	

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The C.O. (Lt-col D.D. Pitt) moved to Pali this morning and discussed the work of NGIB troops in this area with Capt Bernard (O.C. D. Coy NGIB). Later the C.O. reconnoitred a position suitable for occupation by Bn HQ and on his return to WATU directed that a recon and working party of Bn HQ Offrs and personnel be sent to that area on the next day.

An unusual number of enemy smoke signals were observed today. This is usually the case after an air strike along the North coast or after unusual barge traffic on our part. As many as six signals were reported in a short time.

Local patrols only were active today. All patrols reported no movement seen.

At 0900 hrs the C.O. (Lt-col D. D. Pitt) i.o. (Lt J. A. V. Kingman) Sig Offr (Lt C. A. Hansen) Mortar Offr (Lt Pyffe) and R.M.O. (Capt Hamill) moved to PALI area to site a new position for Bn HQ. The C.O. and Capt Jones (ATF 2/14 3rd Regt) then moved to KALUKAL PT to inspect the gun posns. As this was the first opportunity the C.O. had had to see that area he decided that in view of the better ground at KALUKAL PT and a more suitable barge pt that Bn HQ should occupy it and sent word through D. Coy NGIB that the recon in Pali area was to be abandoned and the party to move to KALUKAL PT. The party reached there at 1230 hrs and concluded the recon at 1400 hrs. They moved by barge to WATU.

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			<p>In the meantime the C.O. had moved to SAI one to contact Capt Blapperton (O.C. L. Coy.) and on returning picked up the recon party at KALUKAL PT.</p> <p>Since the announcement of the first Atomic Bomb Raid on Japan exceptional interest in the Wireless News Bulletin has been apparent. At Watu, the sig office, where the most central wireless is stationed is surrounded at 1900 hrs each evening.</p> <p>At 1600 hrs Maj. G. W. MacFarlane (M.C) and Maj R. Curtis moved to Nantambu. Maj G. W. MacFarlane is leaving the unit after nearly two years service with this unit to assume and duties with 4. G.I. Bn. Maj R. Curtis (A.I.C) has concluded his Court of Enquiry of the accidental death of Pte Forbes at Sanga outpost on 3 July.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs 3 Aug at Nantambu the three members of the crew of barge A.B. 1238 were engaged in maintenance duties in preparation for the mail run to Hoshino on the following day. The maintenance was completed and the barge ready to move to B.I.P.O.D. to collect petrol for the journey and the Coxswain (Sgt Clarke) gave the order to the engineer (Sgt Braggins) to start up. As Sgt Braggins pressed the starter button a flash of flames came from the petrol tank area severely burning Sgt Clark who was standing near the steps to the wheel-house. Sgt Braggins was only slightly burned and the third member of the crew (Sgt the Bianchi) who was winding up the door escaped</p>	

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To 9 AUG 45

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Open Bay	9 Aug 45	1930	<p align="center">INFORM.</p> <p>by diving through one of the port-holes. Sgt Clarke was evacuated to 4th Amb immediately where he was given treatment for severe burns. The patient was kept under observation and appeared to be in reasonable condition but delayed shock occurred and Sgt Clarke passed away on 5 Aug.</p> <p>Pending approval by HQ 4 Bde of the C.O. (Lt-Col DD Pitt) plan for future operations, no further construction in KALUKAL Pt area will be carried out apart from the preparation of arty gun positions. A pl of A Coy however moved to that area to prepare an area for occupation by A Coy tomorrow.</p> <p>A party of ¹⁵ANGAU natives escorted by NGIB personnel moved from Open Bay to Wide Bay today.</p> <p>Maj. R. McPherson who had remained at Santambu because no batavia was available, paid a hurried visit to WATU this evening arriving here at 1945 hrs. Unfortunately the barge was held up on the reef and after some time the B.M. was brought ashore in Lt Morrison's labitor. The B.M. stayed overnight, leaving for Santambu at 0500 hrs the next morning, but the batavia which he intended to take for Jacquinet Bay did not arrive.</p> <p>The C.O. (Lt-Col Pitt) spent the morning with Capt Bernard at PALI and discussed areas of responsibility and the patrol policy with the NGIB commander.</p>	<p align="right">S</p> <p align="right">S</p>

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FROM 10 AUG 45

TO AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFORM.	REMARKS
Open Bay	10 Aug 45	1930	<p>Patrolling continued today, a pl patrol left SAI two at 0600 hrs and moved along Speiers track to boopers b leaving. The patrol saw no signs of recent enemy movement but discovered two native footprints near the edge of boopers b leaving but could not determine their age. The patrol proceeded along MAC's track to the coast where they discovered the coastal track had been used but not south of Chac's track. The patrol then moved along the coast to POTAITI two outpost reaching there at 1200 hrs. In the afternoon the patrol returned to base at SAI two.</p> <p>9 PLINGIB has moved from SAI two and followed Speiers track to ref 299588 then struck across country to 307602 where a patrol base was established at 0945 hrs. A small patrol then moved (at 1015 hrs) to 308614 where the sounds of chopping were heard near the bank of the creek. Our patrol however must have been noticed or heard for the chopping ceased and on investigation our patrol found only footprints of one Gab and one Kembi but were unable to follow them.</p> <p>A boy KA and 2 pl departed WATU at 1130 hrs and established a position at Kalubal Pt. This outpost will revert to its original name of MAVELU.</p> <p>Light showers fell during the 10th day.</p>	

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From. 11 AUG 45

To AUG 45.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS
Open Bay	11 Aug 45	1930	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INFORM.</u></p> <p>Lt-Col Pitt (C.O. 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn) moved from WATU to PALI at 0800 hrs and after a short time moved on to the Chavche position. From there the C.O. was taken by barge to SAI river outpost where a protection party was arranged to take the C.O. forward to SAI two at 1600 hrs and will spend the night in that area.</p> <p>As A Bde did not approve the C.O.'s plan to move Bn HQ to Chavche, no occupation of that area will be undertaken except for a boy who will remain there. The Artillery guns will not now be moved forward but will remain at WATU.</p> <p>An important message from A Bde marked "personal for Lt-Col Pitt" was received at 1555 hrs today.</p> <p>9 pl NGIB (at 307602) reconnoitred the area in square 2960 before returning to SAI two area at 1645 hrs today. No movement was seen during the days reconnaissance.</p> <p>Lt-Col L.S. Busworth (29/46 Bn) Maj R. McPherson (B.M. 4 Bde) Capt Wilson (1st Aust Army) and Lt Winter (13th Coy sig section) returned to Jacquinet Bay from Nantambu today.</p> <p>Maj. G.W. MacFarlane (M.C.) left Nantambu for Lae to join 4 NGIB. Lt Longworth (2/14th Regt) moved out to attend R.A.A.F. school of air co-operation (Canberra) and Lt Phillips (21 AMCU) moved out on home leave.</p>	<p>See msg 60323 in appendix</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>

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37/52 Coast Inf Bn.

FROM 12 AUG 45

To. Aug 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
Open Bay	12 Aug 45	1930	<p>A small patrol consisting of 1 offr and 10 O.R.'s from Co. Coy departed SAI one at 0900 hrs via the coastal track North to Potaiti river mouth. Patrol returned to 265588 and investigated Powney's track for distance of 1000 yards. Patrol returned to SAI one at 1230 hrs and reported N.M.S.</p> <p>All other local patrols reported N.M.S during the day.</p> <p>An A.I.B patrol which left Capt Lecker's base at on the 9 Aug to investigate enemy activity in the coastal sector between the MATA LAI LI river and LAULI area returned to base this morning. The patrol reached the coastal track approx 500 yds North of the MATA LAI LI river and reported that only one track exists between the river and LAULI. This track is about 2 feet wide and follows the coast approx 20 yds in from the beach. This track showed little signs of use and definitely had not been used recently by a large number of troops. Patrols also reported no tracks lead off inland and no movement was seen during patrol.</p> <p>Our outposts at Potaiti one and SAI three were with drawn this morning and 17 and 18 pl's D Coy have now rejoined the Coy at SAI two which is now complete in that area.</p> <p>As the normal 2/2 Coy Lds patrol was due to contact our SAI three outpost today, one section of the 18 pl maintained the outpost until 1700 hrs. The 2/2 Lds patrol did not arrive however and the section plus the two 2/2 Lds signal personnel was with drawn to SAI two, arriving at approx 1800 hrs.</p>	

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FROM 12 Aug 45

To 13 Aug 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFORM.	REMARKS
			<p>The C.O (Lt-Col D.D. Pitt) returned from D boy area on the S.D.S barge arriving at WATU approx 1500 hrs. The C.O. inspected boy defences at both C & D Coy during his visit.</p> <p>Vessel T.P.T 242, laden with supplies of fresh rations arrived at Nantambu at 12'00 hrs today. Barge will be unloaded tomorrow and it is anticipated T.P.T. 242 will leave on the return voyage at 0600 hrs on Tuesday.</p> <p>A football Team from our troops at Nantambu represented the unit in two matches played in that area today. In a slow scoring game against 8 pl 13th Id boy Engineers our team was defeated by 13 points. The scores being Eng's 5 goals 5 behinds to 37/52 Bn 3 goals 4 behinds. A further match played in the afternoon against A boy 4th Id Amb resulted in a win for 4th Id Amb by 16 pts. scores 6 goals 5 behinds to 4 goals 1 behind.</p> <p>O.P.D. and R.C. Church parade ^{services} were conducted by Padre Bate and Sobbe in the WATU area Nantambu areas today.</p>	
Open Bay	13 Aug 45	1930	<p>The 2/2 lds patrol which was due to contact outpost at SAI three yesterday did not arrive until 0620 hrs this morning. The patrol moved via a new route from its base, at 470554, and found the going much more difficult than the normal route taken by previous patrols.</p> <p>A section patrol from D boy made contact with the lds patrol at 0930 hrs, and returned to Coy base at 1200 K.N.M.S. The lds patrol commenced its return trip to base at 1015K.</p>	D.

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FROM 13 AUG 45 TO AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	I N E M.	REMARKS.
			<p>At 1335 hrs a small column of smoke was seen rising from the vicinity of Capt Seale's A.I.B. base.</p> <p>The C.O. (Lt-Col D.D. Pitt) moved to Mentambay on the S.D.S. barge at 1500 hrs. Shortly after his arrival at 1710 hrs Maj Curtis (21.C.) accompanied the C.O. on an inspection of sub-unit areas.</p> <p>At 1530 hrs the normal weekly barge arrived from Hoskins. On board were 26 personnel who returned to the unit from schools, hospital etc. Also included were 4 personnel of the 9 Light Wireless Section which is now attached to the Bu group for operations in this sector.</p> <p>All local patrols during the day reported N.M.S.</p> <p>Advice was received from A.I.B. HQ. N.G. through Lieut P.J. Morrison R.A.N.V.R. (O.I.C. A.I.B. WATU) that no further operations are to be undertaken by A.I.B. field parties without prior approval from A.I.B. HQ. It was pointed out that this instruction applies particularly from the time of Cessation of hostilities.</p> <p>Lieut Morrison also advised that all offensive air operations against Rabaul and other targets will cease for the time being. Air patrols only will be maintained.</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>

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From 14 AUG 45 To

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFORM.	REMARKS.
Open Bay	14 Aug 45	1930	<p>INFORM.</p> <p>Capt Beale (M.C) (AIB Field Party OPEN BAY) reports that a patrol which left his base on the 9th Aug returned yesterday after an investigation of the LAULI area. The patrol reported the village un-occupied but the tracks in that area were well used by small parties. An enemy camp of seven huts was located at square 3167 (one inch series).</p> <p>11 pl IN 618 left C Coy HQ at MANELU at 0845K hrs to establish a new camp site at the old SAI two position (ref 293543).</p> <p>At Nantambu the C.O (Lt-Col D.D. Pitt) inspected a parade of all 37/52 Bn personnel on the air strip at 1400 hrs. The C.O expressed satisfaction with the appearance and drill of the troops and stated that the main reason of the parade was so that the C.O might get a good look at the troops and vice versa. Both parties did so.</p> <p>Lt. G. Zylfe (N°3 pl HQ Coy) moved from Nantambu today to attend Unit A.M. School (NG. Tag School) YALU. This officer was substituted for Lt. E. A. Withington.</p> <p>The vessel TPT 242 sailed from Nantambu for Hoshino at 0600 hrs today.</p> <p>Local patrols reported no movement or signs of enemy during the day. O.P's also had little to report.</p>	

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From: 15 Aug TO:

PLACE.	DATE	TIME.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY	15 AUG.	1930.	<p>at 0915 hrs today news of the surrender of the Japanese Government was received over the A.B.C. wireless stations. There was no wild demonstration, but cheering, laughter and loud talking became noticeable and many wise cracks were passed. Shortly after the news was heard the C.O. arrived from Kantambu and ordered that all work cease for the day, but this order had already been acted upon by the troops themselves. As most troops at WATU were busy moving their tents etc. this order had to be disregarded, but generally a holiday was spent by all. In the afternoon sports competitions were held and in the evening a concert by the band and sing song for the troops was conducted on the beach. The well lit area was distinctly different from the usual dark shore line where all lights are screened and black-out precautions practiced. The forward coys heard the news at the same time as HQ at WATU as the broadcast was plugged into the sig lines and coys warned to listen. However, normal security measures were maintained in the forward areas.</p> <p>Many bets placed among officers and men of the unit were paid yesterday after the news was received. Most of these were made last Saturday. The C.O. tipped the right day among the offs and is now regarded as somewhat of an oracle. An amusing story concerns Sgt M.J. Fujikawa</p>	

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FROM - 15 Aug

TO - 16 AUG.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INF M.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	16 Aug.	1930.	<p>(Interpreter with 37/52 Bn.) who is known to most people as "moose" or "Sgt moose". moose had not had a great deal of work since his arrival and is now an accomplished "spine basher" as the news was heard moose became somewhat dejected and sorrowfully murmured "Hell this peace business sure is alright for you guys but think how busy I'm gonna be!" However that may be, it was not long before moose found in the general hilarity. In the afternoon a request from Public Relations II Div. to report the reaction among the troops was complied with.</p> <p>a batavia which arrived at NANTAMBU at 1030 hrs brought Major Tolmer and Lt Douglas (HQ. I NGIB) and Mr Wilkinson (S.A. representative) 9 and 11 pls C Coy NGIB. moved to the new Coy post at 293543 at 0800 hrs today.</p> <p>a security patrol from D Coy found footprints of a number of gaps and humbs on SAICER'S tracks approx 50 yds north of the old POTAITI one position. all other patrols reported no movement or signs of enemy.</p> <p>In accordance with G0189 II Div. 15 Aug local patrols were continued today but no offensive action was undertaken. a section patrol from D Coy at SA12 contacted a 2/2 bat bdo sqn patrol from their center post at SA1 three. Both patrols returned to their respective bases at 1330 hrs. no movement was seen by either patrol.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">②</p>

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FROM: 16 Aug. TO.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFNT.	REMARKS.
			<p>at 1630 hrs an important message was received from 4 bde (G.O. 335) the unit is to concentrate at NANTAMBU less one rifle coy which will remain at WATU. Immediately on receipt of this message a special barge was ordered and part of HQ coy and part of Bn HQ plus all stores were sent to Nantambu leaving WATU Pt. at 2015 hrs. at 1950 hrs a warning order (G.O. 337) was received and it was then learnt that on arrival at Nantambu the unit is to prepare for movement to Jacquot Bay by 0600 hrs not before 19 Aug. as all Coy bands had been called to Bn HQ earlier in the day the C.O. held a conference at 1800 hrs and issued orders for the movement of the unit. Lt Barnard (D Coy NG 13) was also present and was ordered to maintain patrols in the SAM area and will commence this task tomorrow.</p> <p>at 2100 hrs. after a discussion in the CO's office Lt Jones (A.P. 3/14 7d Regt) was given permission to fire a Royal Salute. using tracer ^{21 rounds}. Lt. Murphy (IK/A. offr.) decided that his "heavy guns" were not to be left out and a c. in c's salute using tracer ammunition was fired immediately after the Royal Salute. Many troops made their way to the beach and the guns area and watched the shoot. Troops on our barge which was well out to sea thought the war "was on" again and much discussion and conjecture (of a wild</p>	<p>see offc.</p> <p>see offc.</p>

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FROM: 17 Aug

TO:

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	17 Aug.	1930.	<p>matone) broke out.</p> <p>Packing of stores and equipment was commenced this evening as troops will be lifted as soon as barges become available.</p> <p>The C.O. (Lt. Col. S.D. Pitt) and I.O. (Lt. Gen. Kugman) on HQ, remainder of HQ Coy less rear party departed NATV at 1130 hrs and arrived at NANTAMBU at 1400 hrs. D Coy moved from SAI two to ANGAU area embarking there at 1330 hrs and arriving at Kantambur at 1600 hrs. A Coy moved from travelo to water Pt. and were established there at 1400 hrs.</p> <p>C Coy NGIB. moved from their position near SAI two and bivouaced the night at ANGAU. Tomorrow this Coy will take over SAI one area and patrol NORTH and EAST from there. D Coy NGIB. will remain in reserve at SAI and patrol up to the SAI river.</p> <p>For many of the troops Kantambur at first sight presented the appearance of a well developed base area. The excellent roads and drains, the large number of well built native huts, the neat layout of the area and the barges lined up at the barge point were totally different to water and Sai areas where roads were bad and vehicles practically non-existent. As the troops arrived they were fostered into their areas where huts were already erected for them. On HQ + HQ Coy were placed on the Kantambur</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">D.</p>

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37/52 Aust. Inf Bn.

FROM: 17 AUG 45 TO 18 AUG 45

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFMT.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	18 AUG.	1930.	<p>break approx 200 yds from hut HQ. adms officers and D Coy were placed in the vicinity of the Kantambu airstrip.</p> <p>a message received late this evening states that after arrival at Jacquinot Bay the unit is to prepare for sea voyage to NABASL.</p> <p>A Lt 2/14 Fd Regt, portion C Coy, remainder of HQ Coy arrived at Kantambu at 1500 hrs. The arrival of the remainder of C Coy was delayed owing to a barge break-down. For those troops who arrived at NANTAMBU on 17 Aug. the day was one of rest subject to working parties. These working parties however did not prove arduous and boating, swimming, volleyball and football proved very popular during the afternoon.</p> <p>A concert arranged by Sgt Gaudin (4th Ammunition) for the evening was abandoned because of heavy rain which commenced at 1700 hrs and continued for three hours. approx. 3 inches were recorded.</p> <p>Advice as to the times of arrival and times of journeys of the Catalina aircraft were received at 1830 hrs.</p> <p>The interpreter attached to this unit. (see 4 try. Tujikawa) is to be assured passage by Catalina to Jacquinot Bay.</p> <p>C Coy HQ 13. took over C Coy 37/52 Bn area at 5 AM one during the day. Our C Coy therefore bivouaced near the old</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">D.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">see msg #8247.</p>

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FROM 19 AUG 45 TO AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFORM.	REMARKS
OPEN BAY.	19 Aug.	1930.	<p>A coy posn and will move to Kantamban tomorrow.</p> <p>The G.M. (Capt. Stewart) held a conference at Buttg. at 0800hrs at which orders for the forthcoming move were given and allotments of personnel and stores made. all coy bands, I.O. R.S.M., and certain NCO's. The order of movement will be: B coy, HQ coy, D coy, C coy, A coy, Buttg. personnel will be included in the first three coy groups. Personnel gear including stretchers, light cooking gear, controlled stores, weapons, but no ammo, are to be carried on the man. Tools (wrapped in bessen) lanterns etc will also be carried by the men. Tents will be struck and rolled correctly for shipment by sea.</p> <p>Maj. Tolman M.C. (NG18.) advises that C and D coys of his unit have received orders to concentrate with their Battalion at 502. The AIB party under Capt. Seale who were ordered to withdraw yesterday will remain in position until further orders. A.I.B. WATU has now transferred to Kantamban.</p> <p>Encouraging news of the Japanese Garrison in Rabaul was learnt today on receipt of 4 bde REVSIT (G.I.P.).</p> <p>Recent discussion of the possible attitude of the Japanese on this has been heard ever since the news of the Japanese</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>waffe.</p>

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37/52 Aust Inf Bn


FROM 19 AUG 45 TO 20 AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFM.	REMARKS.
			<p>surrender so that when our information was passed to the troops a great deal of satisfaction was expressed. a patrol from C Coy NG 18 (Sui 1) to the POTAITI River saw no movement but observed many small fires in the MATANA-RUNEI Bay area. a second patrol of this sub-unit contacted a 2/2 bev bdo. 4/2nd patrol at SAM three. It is anticipated that this will be the last overland contact made. By 1600 hrs today A/C Coys had arrived and settled in at Kantambur so that the unit is now complete in this area.</p>	
OPEN BAY	20 AUG.	1930.	<p>at 0635 hrs the first batelina aircraft arrived at Kantambur and movement of the bn to Jacquinet Bay was commenced. at 1030 hrs food bnHQ had been established at WUNUNG in the original HQ area of the bn during our previous occupation in March and April. also at this time the C.O. (Lt. Col. D. D. Pitt) who travelled on the third plane of the schedule arrived at bnHQ. having visited Brig. G. H. V. Edgar D.S.O. at 4 bde HQ, and having learnt details of the units possible future role in New Britain. 4/7 courts were established with 4 bde HQ. meals were provided</p>	

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37/52 Amal Coy Bn

FROM 20 AUG 45 TO 21 AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	INFM.	REMARKS.
WUNUNG.	21 AUG.	1930.	<p>by 29/46 Bn who fastened the unit into the new camp area at WUNUNG.</p> <p>During the day 7 plane loads were lifted from Nantambu enabling food Bn HQ, portion HQ Coy and B. Coy complete to be established on the south coast of the island.</p> <p>Troops remaining at Nantambu were entertained at a dining and honey night arranged by Sgt Gaudin.</p> <p>It is anticipated that 4 Bde and units will move to LABAU within the next few weeks. For the present the role of the Bn will be training (dismounted drill & musketry) during the morning and sport during the afternoon.</p> <p>Eight plane loads of troops and stores were lifted from NANTAMBU during the day. The final load arrived at WUNUNG at approx 1600hrs, so that concentrated at WUNUNG now are HQ Coy, Bn HQ, B. Coy and one pl. D. Coy.</p> <p>The unit has been particularly lucky in that the weather has remained good and there has been no interruption to the schedule. It is expected that if conditions remain suitable the movement will be completed by 23 Aug.</p> <p>The 29/46 Bn Dance Band came to the unit area this evening and played popular and light classical music.</p>	<p>REMARKS.</p> 

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37/52 Amal Inf Bn

FROM 21 AUG 45 TO 22 AUG 45


PLACE	DATE	HOUR	IN FM	REMARKS.
			<p>which was greatly appreciated. Considerable time is being spent making the area comfortable although more buildings than those available are necessary it is intended to use tentage as far as possible so that a maximum of time can be spent in training & recreation water presents no problem as the Wunung River is within easy distance of all troops. When the unit is finally concentrated it is hoped that time will permit a vigorous amenities programme.</p>	
WUNUNG.	22 Aug.	1930.	<p>Eight plane loads were again lifted today making D and C. Coys complete on the south side of the island. The final plane load arrived at WUNUNG at 1745hrs, the delay having been caused by unfavorable weather during the afternoon. Working parties erected tents, shifted stores and provided labour for maintenance parties during the day. Maj E.G. Brew (2/c) contacted A.P.C.S. Jacquinet Bay and arranged for a quantity of canteen goods to be purchased for the unit. Beer and cigarette rations were issued during the morning. In the evening most troops visited 29/46 bar area for the screening of "Woman in the Window" starring Joan Bennett & G. Robinson. For most of us this was the first film seen for over three</p>	

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37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FROM: 23 Aug

TO: 24 AUG.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFMT.	REMARKS.
NUNUNG.	23 Aug.	1930	<p>as from 0900 hrs today all troops remaining in the OPEN BAY area will come under command of Aust. Div. Capt W. S. Rowley is appointed Kantambun area commandant and the force there will be known as ROWLEY force.</p> <p>With the arrival of all key personnel at Nunung today the movement from OPEN BAY was completed and 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn. less rear party is now concentrated at Jacquinet Bay. The unit has established something of a record in that this is the first Infantry Battalion to be moved completely by sea plane. Throughout the movement co-ordination was almost perfect and no serious hitches or delays occurred.</p> <p>During the morning the IO. and Pioneer Spt and 2 OH's reconnoitred areas suitable for miniature ranges. An area to the north of the Kunung River was finally chosen as this permitted one 100+ range and four 30+ ranges.</p> <p>A key bonds conference was held at 1900 hrs to discuss the future training policy of the unit. This will consist mainly of dismounted drill, duties of guards and sentries and range practices.</p>	
NUNUNG.	24 Aug.	1930.	<p>Training commenced this morning. This was mainly squad drill without arms and P. & H.T. at 1130 hrs the C.O. addressed a parade of all NCO's and officers of the unit, setting them of the responsibilities that will fall</p>	

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37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn

From 24. Aug 45

To 25. Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks.
WUNUNG.	25 Aug	1930.	<p>on each individual in the unit during our period of occupation in HABAUL. As the C.O. had spent some time in that area prior to the war he was able to give many helpful hints as to the country and some of the difficulties of service there. Pleasure with the work as it is being carried out in the unit was expressed by the C.O., who gave helpful advice on incidents he had noticed during the morning's training.</p> <p>Organized sports were held during the afternoon. Heavy rain fell during the evening.</p> <p>Training similar to that carried out yesterday was continued today. At 1030 hrs the C.O. (Lt Col D.D. Pitt) addressed the bn parade formed up on the level ground near the R.A.P. and took the opportunity to introduce himself to the troops as this was the first opportunity the bn had to parade together. The C.O. spoke of the job that lies ahead and warned of the necessity for caution in dealing with the Japanese and of remaining sharp and efficient no matter what tasks a soldier is ordered to perform.</p> <p>The C.O. complimented the men on their bearing, discipline, and appearance and spoke of the good impression he received during the period of movement from forward areas to Han Tanbu and from Han Tanbu to Jaquinet.</p> <p>The C.O. then outlined the syllabus of training and</p>	<p>Heavy D</p>

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3752 Aust. Inf. Bn.

From 25 Aug 45

To 26 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks.
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indicated the standard to which the Bn as a whole must conform.
 Issue of clothing and equipment which was commenced yesterday continued today. There appears to be no shortage of most articles but small sizes of clothing are difficult to obtain. A big percentage of the clothing is of a grey material which makes a very effective uniform and has a very smart appearance.

Shortly before 1000 hrs the C.O. (Lt Col Pitt) visited Lt Col Barrett at 22th H.Q. and said "goodbye" to Lt Col Barrett who is leaving the army after many years service. At 1115 hrs Brig G.H. Edgar D.S.O. accompanied by the B.M. Maj. R. McPherson, visited the area and after an informal talk with the C.O. returned to 4 Bde H.Q.

Sports features, mainly scratch matches between coys formed the basis of the afternoon's "work" and football matches between A+B and C+D coys drew a large crowd of spectators to the oval in the old D coy area. The film "Roaring Twenties" featuring James Cagney was screened in the 24/46 Bn area this evening.

Church services for all denominations were held during the morning. Rest periods were ordered for the remainder of the day and sporting activities were carried on during the latter part of the morning and afternoon.

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WUNUNGA

26 Aug 1930.

WAR DIARY

37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn

From 26 Aug 45

To 28 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
WUNUNG.	27 AUG.	1930.	<p>a football match between 2 Aust Div Regt and 22 Inf Bn on the latter's oval drew many interested spectators from this unit. a small percentage of troops was granted permission to visit friends in other units.</p> <p>Training continued today in the allotted training areas. A+B coys have been given portions of the training strips as their areas, while C D and HQ coys train in areas adjacent to their respective coy lines. Training consisted of squad drill, small arms train & marching as more sports goods are obtained the number of sporting fixtures and personnel engaged in competitions increases and great interest is being sustained in the the sporting arrangements. Until a suitable area can be found and a "diamond" built softball (for which game the unit holds a quantity of material) will not be played.</p> <p>at 1700 hrs Brig C.A.V. Edgar accompanied by Capt W. Curtis (I.C. & bde) arrived at Bn HQ. The two officers were guests of the Officer's Mess at dinner.</p> <p>WO II Barne (C.S.M. Coy) and Lt A. Richards (IO) returned to the unit from schools on the mainland</p>	D
WUNUNG.	28 Aug.	1930	<p>after the normal adun parades this morning, all coys formed up on the camp road and marched to</p>	D

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37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn

From 28 Aug 45

To 29 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INEM	Remarks.
WUNNONG.	29 Aug.	1930.	<p>wunung bridge. a quarter hour break was permitted before the coys moved off to WUNNONG airstrip where a Battalion Parade was held commencing at 1115 hrs on conclusion of the ceremony all troops returned to the camp area.</p> <p>during the afternoon the sports features were continued although these were somewhat hampered by fairly heavy rain which commenced at approx 1500 hrs. The rain continued late into the night, easing slightly at 2000 hrs.</p> <p>Heavy rain which commenced at 0815 hrs caused a wet weather syllabus to be substituted for that which had been laid down. The CO who has spent some time in the NABOUL area provided lectures on that area to the various companies. The A.M.O. (Capt Hammill) conducted a skin instruction. The rain eased off shortly before 1100 hrs and at 1140 hrs the companies were assembled and marched to WUNNONG airstrip where a Coy Parade was held in preparation for the Bde Parade to be held there tomorrow. Ten jeeps and two trailers were taken on strength of the unit at 1030 hrs today. These vehicles will</p>	<p></p>

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37/52 Aust Inf. Bn.

From 29 Aug 45

To 30 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
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considerably lessens the strain on the present vehicles employed by the unit.

Capt W. W. Curtis & Capt J. Wilson (A.D.C.) visited the Bn area at 1130 hrs.

A football match (Aust. Rules) between 22 Bn and 37/52 Bn was played on the oval adjoining Wunung airstrip road at 1415 hrs this afternoon. The teams were well matched but faster play by 22 Bn team in the last quarter resulted in a win for that team. Scores were 22 Bn 12:14 37/52 Bn 8:13.

The film "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" screened in 29/46 Bn area was well attended, probably because heavy rain last night prevented troops attending this show at the gravel pit area.

Light rain commenced during the afternoon but eased off before 1600 hrs. Light showers fell during the evening and between 2100 and 2200 hrs.

WUNUNG.

30 Aug

1930.

Owing to heavy rain during the early part of the morning Band 4 Aust Inf Bde decided to postpone rehearsal for the Ball Parade and March Past scheduled for today until 1400 hrs this afternoon. The rain continued however and at 1230 hrs

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37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn

From 30 Aug 45 3 To 31 Aug 45

Place	Date	Time	INFM	Remarks
WUNUNG	31 Aug.	1930	<p>Advice was received further postponing the ceremony until 0930 hrs 31 Aug.</p> <p>at 1100hrs the C.O. held a conference of all Coy bands at 1100hrs to discuss some matters of Coy administration and the preparedness of the coys for the forthcoming movement.</p> <p>Sid selected offrs were today given the task of preparing plans for the model lay-out of an Infantry Battalion standing camp. The plans are to be based on the burning area and will include space for recreation rooms, canteen buildings, drying rooms, catchment areas in addition to the usual Admin buildings. a football oval, basketball & volleyball courts and cinema area are also included. These plans are being designed so that on occupation of our allocated area in HABAU some definite scheme of construction can be followed.</p> <p>Bad weather hampered the sports programme today but several scratch matches were played. The rain continued in the evening.</p> <p>Brig L.M. Edgar D.S.O. inspected a parade of 4 bde units on WUNUNG airstrip at 1000 hrs this morning.</p>	<p></p>

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37/52 Aust Inf. Bn.

FROM 31 Aug 45.

TO:

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DATE

HOUR

INFORM.

REMARKS

after the inspection the band spoke of some of the difficulties the troops are likely to encounter during the occupation of the NABAU area. The parade then marched past while the band took the salute from the saluting base on the burning airstrip road. a very hot sunny day made conditions somewhat tiring.

The fine weather continued during the afternoon and numerous sporting events were held. Chief of these events was a football match between Bn. no. 1 and Bn. no. 2 teams. Some fine play was evident in a rather slow but scientific game.

Heavy rain commenced shortly after 2200 hrs and continued for over two hours.

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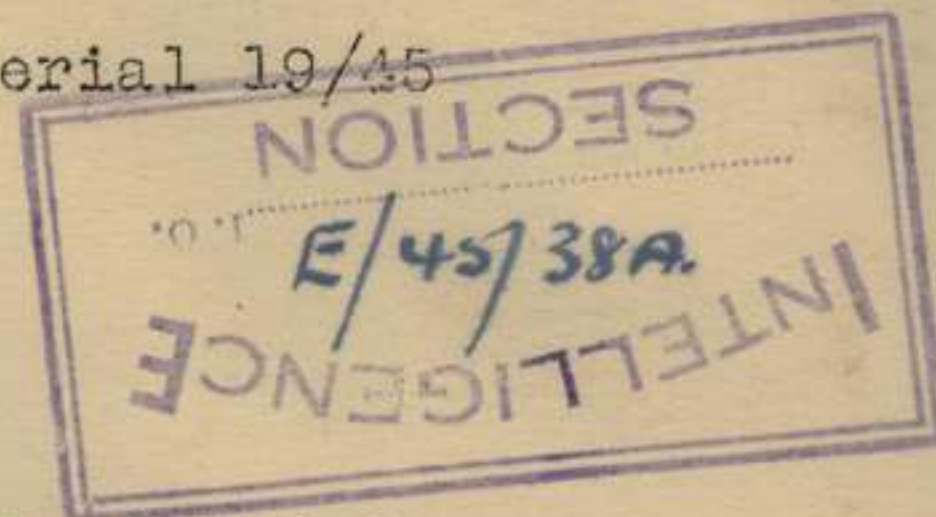
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by
Lt-Col K.S. CUSWORTH - Adm Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Group

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Gp.
Nos 108- 112
1 Aug 45.



108. PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE TO PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON LEAVE.

1. Attention is invited to the provisions of GRO 105/1945 and particularly to the following extract from para 2 thereof:

"The subsistence allowance credit roll will be prepared and the entry in the member's paybook will be made, prior to the members departure from his unit on leave."
2. It is advised that the necessary credit entries can only be made in the unit which marches the member out on leave, and that LTD's have no authority to make the entries.
3. A number of instances has occurred in which members have marched into LTD's for release on leave without the necessary credit entries having been made in their paybooks for the subsistence allowance to which they are entitled.
4. This has prevented the members concerned from drawing subsistence during the period during which they remained on leave, and has resulted in some hardship to those members whose drawing rate is low.
5. In order to obviate unnecessary hardship to individuals in cases where for any reason a member has not had a credit entry for subsistence entered in his paybook before his departure from his unit on leave, authority is given for the LTD which releases the member on leave to permit him to overdraw on his paybook to the extent of the amount of subsistence due for the period of leave.
6. In such cases the necessary adjustments will be made to the member's paybook when he returns to his unit.
7. It is emphasised, however, that this does not relieve units of ensuring that the provisions of GRO 105/45 are complied with.
8. The attention of all units under command is accordingly directed to the provisions of GRO 105/45 and action will be taken to ensure that its provisions are strictly complied with in future.

109. WEARING OF DISCS IDENTITY.

1. Commanders are responsible for ensuring that all members under command wear discs in the authorised manner at all times.
2. A member (of any rank) will NOT be moved from 11 Aust Div Area unless wearing disc identity.

110. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR MOVEMENT EX LL AUST DIV AREA

1. With effect forthwith, all personnel proceeding from 11 Aust Div area to NEW GUINEA or other destination will be in possession of a certificate in duplicate reading as follows:-

"This is to certify that (Number) (Rank)
(Name) (Unit) does comply with ND
circular number 276 dated 1 Nov 43 and
AAF 2361/3 dated 9 Aug 44 which requires
personnel to be free from communicable
diseases and meets the War and Navy
Departments immunisation requirements".

2. Such certificates will be signed by unit MO (or by the MO responsible for sick parades if no unit MO exists).

3. Unless specific written authority is issued by 11 Aust Div, such certificates will invariably be held by all ranks moving outside the area.

4. Units will be responsible for ensuring that personnel hold such certificates when proceeding to another area. Therefore as soon as a movement authority is issued respecting such journey, the unit will at once make arrangements for certification of member to be moved.

111. SPEED LIMITS

1. The following speed limits will be enforced throughout NANTAMBU area.

Jeeps - 15 mph; 15 cwt and 3 ton vehicles - 10 mph

Units will ensure that all drivers are instructed that disregard of these limits will result in disciplinary action.

2. Damage to road drains is still being caused by vehicles turning and passing. Drivers will again be instructed that all care must be taken to avoid drains at all times.

112. DRESS

1. Attention is drawn to all ranks that personnel NOT engaged on working parties will be correctly dressed. Shorts or cut down trousers will NOT be worn except when engaged in playing sport.

H. Whitaker Lt
Adjnt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

NOTICES

SPORT. Sport committee is now operating in NANTAMBU area with the object of catering for all classes of sport. As yet only one football fixture has been arranged. Teams will be comprised from the following:-

B Ech - B Coy - 2 Aust Sup Dep
13 Fd Coy - 4 Fd Amb - 53 Port Craft Coy.

Secretary:- Cpl. ARKELIS - 4 Aust Fd Amb.

DENTAL PARADE. Dental sick parade will be held at 0800 hrs daily.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION
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MEMO NO 2 - 37/52 AUST INF BN(GP)
WATCHES - CANTEEN PURCHASE

37/52 Aust Inf Bn(GP)
A4/45/14
6 Aug 45.

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1. Eighteen watches, supplied through Aust Army Canteen Service, have been allotted for sale in this area.
2. No information is available as to the type or make of watches. The price is £3.10/- each less 5% discount.
3. Owing to the small number allotted, it is intended that they will be only be made available to personnel who are NOT at present in possession of a watch.
4. Units will advise this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Aug the number of personnel who are desirous of purchasing one of the above in order that an equitable allotment can be made.

H. W. W. W. Lt.
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn(GP)

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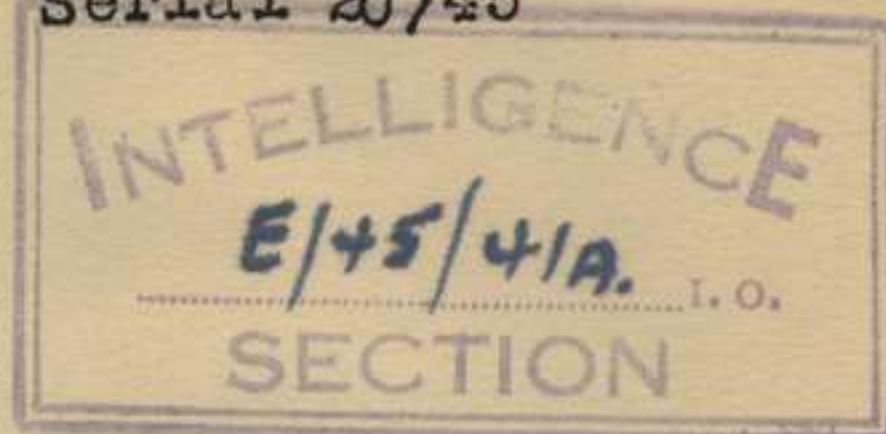
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col D.D. PITT - Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Group



37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Gp
Nos 113 - 120
11 Aug 45.

113. AIR MAIL

1. It is advised that owing to unsatisfactory Air Service, irregularity in receipt and despatch of mail may be anticipated for some time. At present mails are arriving from the mainland at MORESBY, LAE, FINSCHHAFEN and MADANG, regardless of sequence or destination.
2. Action is being taken by First Aust Army to have this matter rectified, and it is anticipated that when weather conditions improve a more regular service will operate.

114. AIRGRAPH SERVICES, DISCONTINUANCE OF

1. In consequence of the falling off in the airgraph traffic coupled with the increased aircraft accomodation now becoming available for the carriage of overseas mails, it has been decided to discontinue the airgraph services.
2. BY arrangements with the British Authorities all countries participating in the airgraph scheme will discontinue the acceptance of airgraphs after 31 Jul 45.
3. Units will ensure that all personnel are advised accordingly and that unit postal orderlies are instructed to promptly return to the sender any airgraph letter lodged for transmission after 31 Jul 45.
4. All previous instructions issued regarding airgraphs are cancelled, including para 79 of Instructions for the Guidance of Postal Orderlies. Notification in Serial Amendment form will follow in due course.

115. SECURITY - VEHICLE MARKINGS

1. Numerous vehicles have been observed in this area bearing War Office serial numbers and colour bars in addition to unit identification signs. War Office serial numbers are secret and are not permitted to be used with any other unit identification.
2. Units will carry out an immediate check of all vehicles on charge and remove War Office serial numbers and colour bars where necessary. A certificate will be submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs 12 Aug that this instruction has been complied with.

116. REGISTRATION OF OUTWARD MAIL

It must be impressed on troops that all articles sent in for registration must bear the senders Army No, Rank and Name, in order that a receipt can be issued to them.

117. MID-YEAR HAMPERS

Mid-year hampers were received from ACF on 14 Jul 45 and were distributed to all ranks. The contents were much appreciated by all.

118. DRESS

1. All units are again referred to this HQ RO 77 of 9 Jun 45 and the following amendment thereto as follows :-

In para 6 (a) after the words "riding in such vehicles" insert the following :-

"Commanding Officers may in addition give permission for personnel e.g. welders, blacksmiths etc who are under cover but whose duties entail their being in close proximity to artificial heat, and personnel engaged in sawmilling operations, NOT to wear shirts between the hours of 0600K and 1730K. Permission may also be given for kitchen staffs to wear singlets instead of shirts but kitchen staffs must wear one or other and will wear shirts between the hours of 1730K and 0600K."

2. It is again pointed out that the cutting down of issue trousers is prohibited and units will ensure that personnel at present in possession of same dispose of them immediately.

3. The above instructions will be promulgated to all troops and they will be informed that disciplinary action will be taken in any further breaches detected.

119. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Several instances have recently occurred of persons damaging and cutting sig lines. Such actions seriously interfere with the comms system and cause considerable delay in the transmission of messages.

2. NO member will without authority, destroy, remove or otherwise interfere with, (whether by cutting, discharging firearms at, or otherwise) any insulators or sig cable. Application will be made for the trial of offenders by Court Martial.

120. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES FOR MOVEMENTS EX 11 AUST DIV AREA

Only in the following cases may personnel move from 11 Aust Div area without certificate :-

- (a) personnel moving direct to LAE and no further - i.e. with LAE as ultimate destination;
- (b) personnel moving direct to 2 Aust Corps area and no further;
- (c) personnel moving direct to the mainland by sea - i.e. proceeding the whole way to AUSTRALIA in the one vessel.

A. Whiteaker Lt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

WAR DIARY

ORDER OF THE DAY

by

SIR THOMAS BLAMEY CBE KCB CMGED

LANDOPS BORNEO
15 AUG 45.

The JAPS have surrendered. Our long and arduous struggle has ended in complete victory. The climax has come at the time when all six divisions are fighting strenuously on their own area in far flung battle lines. No division among the Allies has contributed more to the downfall of our enemies than ours. Our general officers and commanders of all grades, our regimental officers and warrant and NCOs have led you unfalteringly to victory. Under their guidance the troops have formed into a magnificent army to the pride and glory of AUSTRALIA. We have fought through the burning days and freezing nights of the desert and we have fought through the oozeing and sweat of the tropics. We have defeated the ITALIANS and the GERMANS and we would soon have destroyed completely the JAPS before us. We are now planning to go to our homes having done our part in ensuring freedom for all people but we will NOT forget this freedom for which we have fought so long and successfully and so let us join together in future years to ensure it remains the crowning heritage of AUSTRALIAN people. And above all we give thanks to the ALMIGHTY for his greatest and crowning mercy that marks for all people the total downfall of tyranny.



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19 Aug 45.

INFM

1. 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) is to concentrate at JACQUINOT BAY.

INTENTION

2. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move by air to JACQUINOT BAY.

METHOD

3. Personnel and Stores

- (a) Personnel and stores will be transported by CATALINA commencing 0700 hrs 20 Aug 45.
- (b) Personnel and stores will be arranged in plane loads on the basis of 25 personnel weighing 250 lbs each.
- (c) Plane loads will NOT exceed this total weight for safety reasons.
- (d) Stores will be crated to enable loading through CATALINA BLISTER.

4. Move to CATALINA

Emplaning offr will arrange movement of personnel and stores to BARGE PT and CATALINA.

5. Time Table

- (a) Emplaning offr will ensure movement of personnel and stores from coy lines to BARGE PT at least 30 minutes prior to ETA air-craft.
- (b) ETA first air-craft - 0700 hrs.
ETA second air-craft - 0730 hrs.
- (c) Estimated time of loading to loading 2 hrs.

6. Control

- (a) Capt of air-craft in complete control during flights.
- (b) Emplaning offr - Lt URQUHART A.C.
- (c) Deplaning offr - Lt BATTERSEY R.H.
- (d) OC transport NANTAMBU - Lt SHEPHERD G.B.C.
- (e) Coys will appoint OC each plane load.
- (f) 11 Div pro responsible for traffic control between Bn HQ and BARGE PT.

7. OC Plane Load

OC plane load will be responsible for :-

- (a) Checking of personnel and stores against plane load roll.
- (b) Removal of boots before emplaning and during flight - boots will NOT be put on until after deplaning.
- (c) NO smoking in or near air-craft.
- (d) Discipline of plane load.
- (e) Personnel and stores prepared to move immediately on call from Emplaning offr.
- (f) Loading and unloading stores.

ADM

8. Rations

Personnel will carry unexpended portion of days ration.

9. Arms

Personal arms and equipment will be carried.

10. Amn

Amn will NOT be carried. Coys will ensure all amn withdrawn.

11. Documentation

Emplaning tables will be distributed as follows :-

- 1 copy to Capt of air-craft;
- 1 copy to Movement Control;
- 2 copies to OG plane load - to be handed to 4 Aust Inf Bde IO on arrival JACQUINOT BAY;
- 1 copy retained 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.

12. Coy Rolls

Coy rolls will be forwarded to Bn HQ with plane load lists for checking.

INTERCOMN

13. Sig Watch

Sig offr will ensure sig watch maintained 0600 to 1800 hrs daily on frequency 4475.

ACK

signed at K

Paulson Lt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Issued by

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REF. MAPS. LETTER. PREFIX.
 Cape D'Orchamps 1:63360. C.D.
 Open Bay " O.B.
 Anavelo " MEV

31/52 Aust Inf Bn Location Statement
 as at 2359 hrs 21 ~~MAY~~ JUN 45

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INTELLIGENCE
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 SECTION

SERIAL NO.	ARM OR SERVICE	UNIT.	LOCATION	MHP REF	REMARKS
1	R.A.E.	8 pl 13 Fd Coy	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	U/C 31/52 bn
2		2 mch 69/14 PC 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy	UBILI	C.D. 860532	mch 31/52 bn
3		A Det 53 Aust Port Const Coy (AIF)	NANTAMBU	CD 957592	A 14 31/52 bn
4	SIGS	Det. 4. Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	"	U/C "
5		One w/t Det 2 Aust Div (AIF)	WATU	O.B. 171542	" "
6		Det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	"	"	" "
7		"E" Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	"	"	" "
8	ARTY	A Tn 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	"	O.B. 170542	" "
9	INF.	31/52 Aust Inf Bn HQ.	WATU	O.B. 171542	
10.		B. 6 below	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	
11		A Coy	SAI R.	O.B. 250568	
12		B Coy less 11 and 12 pls	"	"	
13		11 pl B Coy	POTAITI R.	O.B. 265595	Comerch 264593
14		12 pl B Coy	SAI R.	O.B. 297547	
15.		C. Coy	WATU.	O.B. 169540	
16		D Coy less 17 and 18 pls	"	O.B. 169535	
17		17 pl D Coy	SAI R.	MEV. 342554	ETR WATU 24 JUN
18		18 pl D Coy	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	

SERIAL NO	ARM. OR SERVICE	UNIT.	LOCATION	MAP REF	REMARKS
19.	INF.	HQ Coy less 2 pl	WATU.	DB. 169542	
20		2 pl HQ Coy	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	
21	NGIB.	D Coy	PALI. R.	O.B. 194534	To be relieved by C Coy approx 23 Dec U/C 31/52 ✓
22	INT.	Det 33. Aust F.S. Sec.	WATU	O.B. 171542	"
23		Unit 5 Aust Div Lang Det.	"	"	"
24.	A.A.S.C.	2. Aust Sup. Dep. Pl.	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	"
25		Sec 88 Aust Tpt. Pl.	"	"	"
26.	A.A.M.C.	A Coy, Det B Coy 4 Aust Fd. Amb plus Surgical Det 105 CCS.	"	"	"
27.		Det. 1. A.M.C. V.	"	"	"
28.	DENTAL.	F Sec 83 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	"	"	"
29.	A.A.O.C.	Det. 17. Aust. A.A.D. (AIF).	"	"	"
30.	A.E.M.E.	Det. 130. Aust Bde Ord Fd. Park	"	"	"
31.	A.E.M.E.	Det. 130 Aust Bde Workshop	"	"	"
32.		Det. 264. Aust L.A.D. (Type J).	"	"	"
33.	A.A.P.C.	Sub Depot A 1 Aust Army Fd. Cash Office	"	"	"
34	PRO.	1. Det. 11. Aust Div Pro. Coy	"	"	"

SERIAL NO	ARM. OR SERVICE	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF.	REMARKS
35	POSTAL	One Det. 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	NANTAMBU	C.D. 957592	V/C 37/52 bn
36	CANTEENS	One Det. N.G. Sec. A.A.C.S	"	"	"
37	L.H.Q. 1/2	Det. 8. Aust. M.C. Group (Type E)	"	"	Att. 37/52 bn
38		Det. 1. Aust Forest Serv boy	"	"	Att. 37/52 bn local admin only
39	ANGAU	Det. ANGAU (native labour)	"	"	Att. 37/52 bn
40		" " " "	SAI. R.	O.B. 244557	"



To The Officer Commanding
37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

From The Officer in Charge
AIB Intercept Station
WATU POINT

SUBMITTED: A memorandum on (1) Condition of WATU POINT area during north-west monsoon.
(2) Condition of SAI River basin during north-west monsoon.

1. The 36 Aust Inf Bn moved onto WATU POINT on Feb 7 1945. An unoccupied enemy defense position was found on the western end of the ridge, together with a roughly constructed hut used as sleeping quarters. During the wet months of MARCH and APRIL the personnel at WATU POINT lived in six-man tents and defended the approaches from dug-in positions.

Very little timber was cut at that time, so that after rain the area took some days to dry out.

Although the sea was somewhat piled up on this coast during the north-west monsoon by prevailing winds, it did not encroach on WATU POINT.

After three or four inches of rain a stream of water about six inches deep would run from the eastern end of the ridge along its foot on the seaward side and empty into PULA PULA BAY at the barge point. This was only a temporary inconvenience, as in a few hours, the water either had flowed away or sunk into the porous ground on this part of WATU POINT. This happened about four times.

The large area on the inland side of the ridge, where the companies defending the perimeter were sited was of a different nature. Here the ground is mainly clay which did not absorb water very well. The company areas soon became very churned up and it was necessary to lay corduroy paths between all the tents. MF would soon have been immobilized if a corduroy road had not been laid down. Defence trenches and fox-holes had to be bailed out after every fall of rain. On two occasions the USA USA Ck overflowed its banks slightly and four inches of water flowed into one of the company areas (then just beyond the basket ball field). Conditions were very miserable for the troops situated in this area during the wet season.

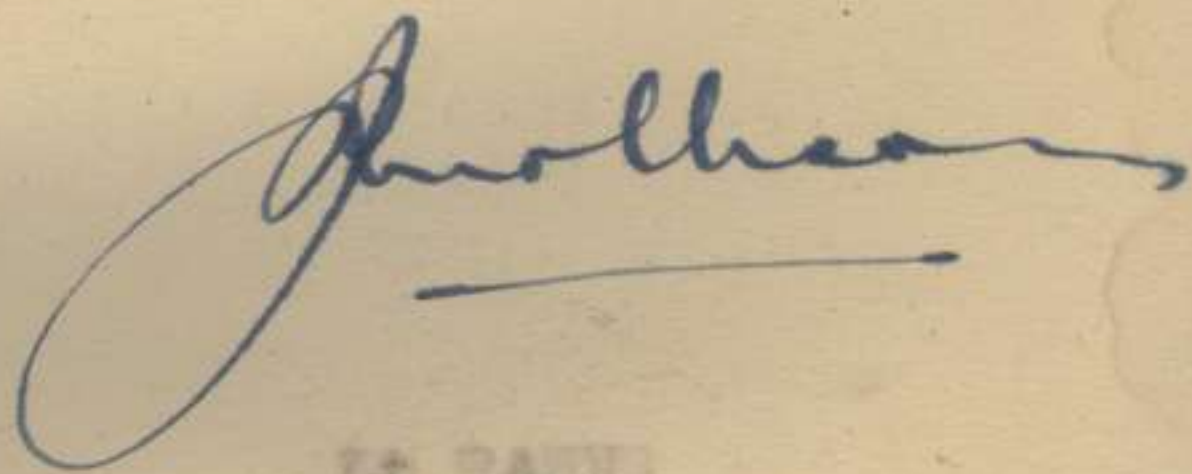
However certain improvements have been carried out since which would mitigate to some extent against such conditions. The area has been considerably opened up by timber felling so that the ground would dry out quicker. Native material messing and community houses have been built which the former troops did not have.

2. Condition of SAI River basin during the north-west monsoon:

During the last wet season only for short periods was this area impassable to determined troops and this was due to the SAI River or the NEVELO River being dangerously high and rapid after continuous rain. It is recognized

that this year the wet season was a mild one. The inland area between the NEVELO and the SAI is certainly very unpleasant to cross for weeks at a time, as troops would be walking for hours in up to two feet of water. Some troops got bad feet from patrolling over this area. One company returned and 70 men had to receive medical treatment for skinned and swollen feet. It is easy to march between the two rivers along the coast at any time. In order to patrol forward of the SAI, patrols were on occasions landed by barge beyond that river and if necessary taken off in a like manner. The Japanese, Kambias and NGIB patrols penetrated the swampy areas without great difficulty, although it is tiring and unpleasant for any troops.

The two rivers, SAI and NEVELO when impassable in their lower reaches may be crossed sometimes further upstream where they are narrower. The 36 Aust Inf Bn Commander kept regular patrols going up as far as the POTAITI River and out along the WIDE BAY track throughout the north west season either via his FDL on the NEVELO River or by barge landing when practicable.



Lt RANV

INTELLIGENCE

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SECTION

AUG 45

To: The Officer Commanding
37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

From: The Officer in Charge
AIB Intercept Station,
WATU POINT

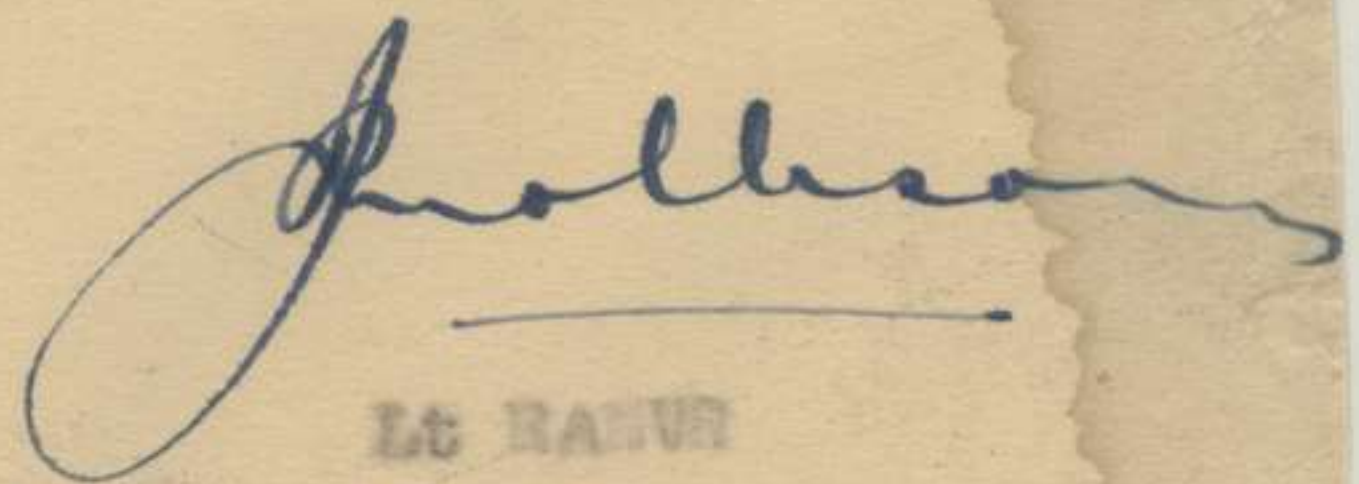
SUBMITTED:- A Memorandum on the difficulties of supplying forward positions by sea in the OPEN BAY during the NORTH WEST Monsoon.

Periods of bad weather and high seas can be expected at any time between December 1st and April 30th. The only safe all weather barge landing points between HANTAMBU and POWELL HARB are PULA PULA Bay and in the lee of KALUKAL POINT near the mouth of the NEVELO River.

The Australian type 20 ton landing craft are not equipped with the powerful engines possessed by the American LCM and might not, due to heavy surf and high seas, be able to land supplies at any other unloading points, e.g. the SAI perimeter, for days at a time except at great risk to themselves.

The consensus of competent opinion in the area considers that the last north west monsoon season was a mild one. The only continuous bad weather experienced was during the month of MARCH and the first half of APRIL. During this period the American barges were at no time prevented from making their daily run to WATU POINT from HANTAMBU, but on three occasions their barges were forced high and dry on to the beach by heavy surf at points farther on, and on other occasions had to return to WATU POINT without unloading.

Heavy surf breaks all along the beach in front of the SUIE airstrip during periods of the north west monsoon season.


LT RANVIR

PATROL REPORT

To: 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

From: 10 pl NGIB

1. REF MAP: SAI River WEST 1:25,000
2. PATROL SUPPLIED BY: 10 pl "C" Coy NGIB 29 Jul 45
3. STRENGTH 1 offr 32 ORs Patrol Comd Lt F.H. Gordon.
4. DEPARTED MAVELU PTN 1230 hrs 29 Jul 45
5. RETURNED MAVELU PTN 1230 hrs 2 Aug 45

6. TYPE OF PATROL Recce

7. OBJECT To patrol area between SANGANMAGAIR Ck and MATALAILI River for signs of enemy activity and to inflict cas where possible, without becoming engaged in large scale fight.

8. ROUTE TAKEN From MAVELU 29 Jul to SAI Two (299563) via overland track, staged night 29/30 Jul - Departed SA I Two 300715K, moved NORTH across country to 308605, NE to 310605 for night 30/31 Jul and night 31 Jul/ 1 Aug.

31 Jul - Patrols sent through squares 3159, 3160, 3259, 3260.

1 Aug - Patrol moved from 310605 WEST to 300606 NORTH to 300612, NW to 290622 to LAGOON area 288626, SOUTH to coast 287623, NORTH to 286626, returned to 290622 then SE to 295610, WEST to 288609 then via SPICER's Track to SAI Two (299563).

Staged night 1/2 Aug. Returned via overland track to MAVELU. Arrived 021230K.

9. REPORT

Enemy Contact: At 011130K patrol fired on party of 5 enemy on beach at 286626 with LMG and rifles. Enemy did not return fire.

Enemy cas 5 killed
Own cas NIL

At 011530K patrol contacted party of 4 enemy on edge of KUNAI at 287609. Patrol engaged with LMGs and rifles. Enemy returned fire with rifles and grenades, which was ineffective.

Enemy cas 4 killed
Own cas NIL

10.

SIGNS OF ENEMY

On 1 Aug, footprints approx 5 days old were found along track from 299588 to 300612.

At 299608 patrol found area where a party of enemy had partaken of a meal approx 5 days previously.

At 011230K patrol heard movement and talking vicinity of LAGOON - beach area, 288624 where a section outpost is believed to exist - as two sentries were seen.

Footprints of numerous Japs and Kembies were observed along SPICER's Track, varying in age, and difficult to estimate the age of.

Two distinct Kambi footprints approx 4 hours old were seen, area 298588.

11.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) Tracks: Old footpad was found from approx 308610 to 309616 where 2 old huts are located.

Patrol kept clear of known tracks and moved cross-country. No other tracks were located.

(b) Vegetation: High ground in general area 310610 contains tall timber and sparse undergrowth. Visibility 50 yds. Country is very rugged with numerous watercourses.

Area at 295615 is marshy with thick undergrowth. Visibility 10 yds.

(c) Observation Posts: High ground at 316613 presents good observation of coastline from SAI River mouth to LAULI area. Would make excellent arty O.P.

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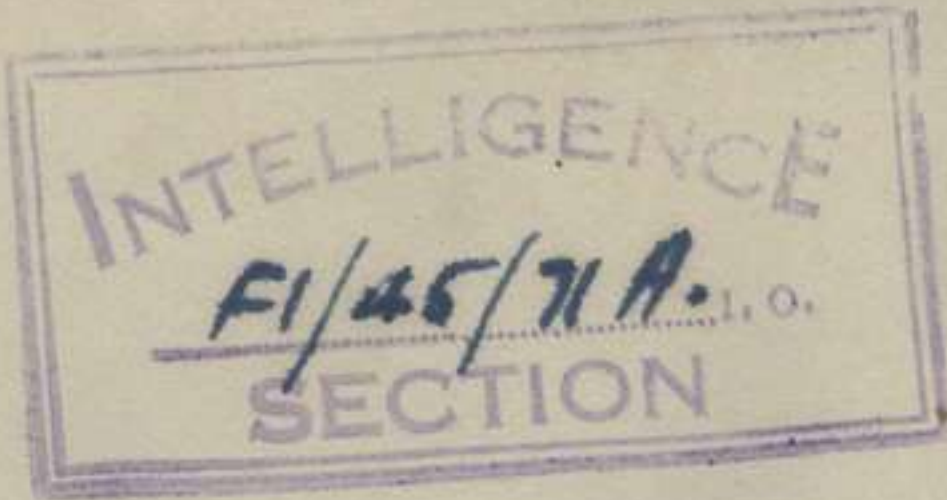
See attached overlay for route etc.

J. H. Gordon

Lt

O.C. 10 pl "C" Coy 1 NGIB Bn

37/52 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 5



37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
G3/45/5
24 Aug 45.

GENERAL

1. Trg as outlined below will become effective as from Mon 27 Aug 45.

TRG DAYS

- 2. (a) general trg ~ Each day except Wed, Sat and Sun.
- (b) ceremonial Trg ~ Wed and Sat mornings.

TRG TIMES

3. ~~0830~~⁰⁸¹⁵ to ~~1200~~¹²¹⁵ hrs daily except as laid down for range practices.

SCOPE OF TRG

- 4. (a) Rifle Coys ~ Range practices ~ 1 complete day per week
 Squad drill with arms
 Armed sentry drill
 Guards and sentries
 Coy ceremonial drill
 Compliments
 Physical trg
 Weapon trg (1 hr per day) } 3 x 1/2 days per week
- (b) HQ COY ~ Range practices 30 yds ~ Rifle, SMG ~ 4 x 1/2 days
 Range practices 100 yds ~ LMG, MMG ~ 1 x 1/2 days

Note. 1/4 COY on range practices, remainder 3 x 1/2 days as for Rifle Coys.

WEAPON TRG

- 5. (a) In order to maintain interest, coys will include exercises in for trained soldiers in SMG, LMG and MMG trg.
- (b) T&QET will be carried out during trg.

ALLOTMENT OF RANGES

- 6. (a) 30 yds ranges ~ Range No 1 ~ HQ COY
 Ranges NO 2-4 ~ Rifle coys
 Range No 5 ~ 100 yds ~ LMG, MMG only.
- (b) 100 yds ranges ~ Rifle coys ~ Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
 HQ COY ~ Wed afternoon.
- (c) Mon ~ D COY ; Tue ~ C COY ; Thu ~ B COY ; Fri ~ A COY.
- (d) HQ COY ~ 1 30 yds range daily
 1 100 yds range Wed afternoon.

RANGE PRACTICES

- 7. (a) As SAT Vol 1 Pam 14.
- (b) Rifle coys will each use ranges for 1 complete day.

CEREMONIAL

8. (a) Coys will conduct coy parades, paying particular attention to:
- (i) fitting of equipment;
 - (ii) dress;
 - (iii) smartness of movements;
 - (iv) steadiness.
- (b) Bn parades will be held as follows:
- (i) Wed - 1000 to 1200 hrs
 - (ii) Sat - 0800 to 1000 hrs.

CAB

9. Coys will conduct CAB discussions at least once each week. Reports will be submitted as pro-forma distributed to coys.

ORGANISED SPORT

10. Sport will be controlled to allow maximum benefit for complete coy.

Newton ^{LT} Capt
Adj't 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

All Coys
Int Sec
War Diary (2)
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SECTION

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col. D.D. PITT - Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Nos 121 - 123
27 Aug 45.

121. DAILY ROUTINE

Reveille	-	0630 hrs
Roll Call	-	0635
Coy Sick Parade	-	0640
Breakfast	-	0715
Bn Sick Parade	-	0745
Atebrin Parade	-	0815
First Training Parade	-	0815 - 1215
Lunch	-	1230
Sports	-	1330 - 1600
Evening Meal	-	1715
Retreat	-	1800
Lights Out	-	2215

122. DUTY COYS

Duty Coys will be notified by signal daily.

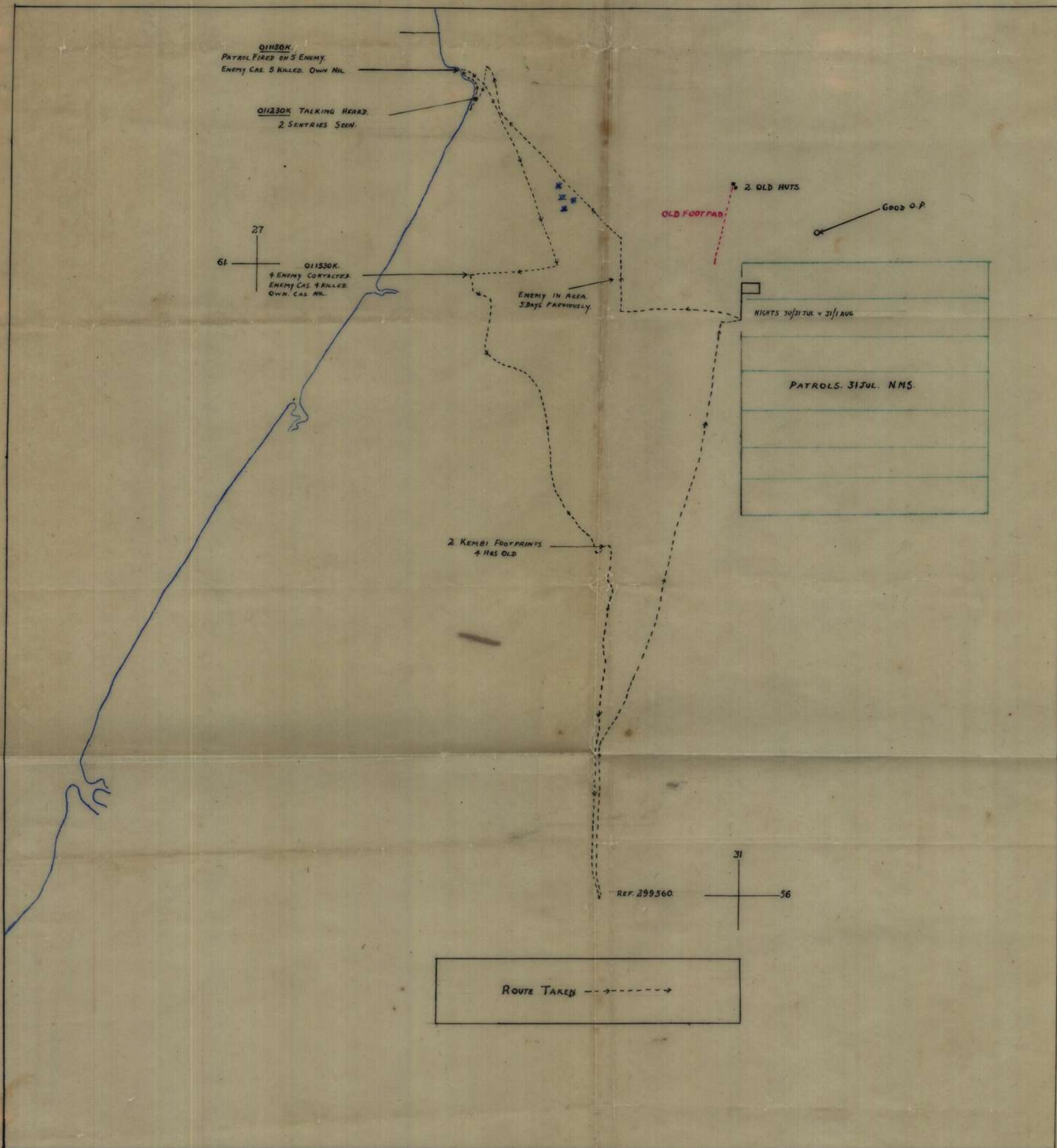
123. DISCHARGES ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUNDS

1. An amendment to GRO 206/45 may be anticipated to provide that all members of the AMF are eligible for discharge on occupational grounds irrespective of age, medical classification, length of service or area of service.
2. The restrictions on approval contained in GRO 206/45 para 2 will still apply.
3. Until further advised applications will only be accepted from personnel employed in the following industries -
 - (a) Building materials and fittings
 - (b) Housing
 - (c) Industrial chemicals and fertilisers
 - (d) Railway, Tramways and Omnibus Services
 - (e) Rubber manufacture and tyre retreading
 - (f) Sleeper cutting, timber getting, saw milling
 - (g) Water supply and sewerage
 - (h) Gas and electricity
 - (i) Wet batteries.
4. The DDGMP will also initiate a limited number of recommendations for discharge to other industries from applications already submitted, but it is not desired that applications for discharge to such industries be submitted from individual army personnel.

Lawson Lt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

NG.I.B. PL. PATROL ROUTE

REF MAP - SAI RIVER WEST 1:25000



PATROL REPORT

To 37 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
From 9 Pl C Coy 1 NG Inf Bn.

1. Ref map SAI R WEST 1:25000
2. Patrol supplied by 9 pl C Coy 1 NG Inf Bn 10 Aug 45.
3. Strength 4 Sgts 28 OR's Patrol comd Sgt A PARKES
4. Departed SAI 2 298565 0630 hrs 10 Aug 45
5. Returned MAVELU PTN 1645 hrs 11 Aug 45.
6. Type of patrol Recce
7. Object : To patrol sqs 2960, 2961, 3060, 3160 for signs of enemy activity and to inflict casualties where possible, without becoming engaged in large scale fight.
8. Route taken. From 298565 along SPICERS track to 299588 then cross country to 297602 where night perimeter was established. Recce patrol 2 Sgts 18 OR's departed 1015K to 308614 to 287614 and return to 307602.

11 Aug. Patrolled to 293607 then cross country to 298588 then via SPICERS track to SAI 2 and return to coy at MAVELU PTN along overland track.

9. REPORT

Signs of enemy. Chopping was heard vicinity 398614 but on investigation ceased and area could NOT be located. At 287614 recent tracks one JAP one KEMBI were followed NORTH along track for approx 100 yds.

10 TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Tracks. Patrol moved cross country at all times and no further tracks were located.
- (b) Vegetation. Fairly thick along foothills - visibility 25 yds. Low lying country is sparse undergrowth and visibility 100 yds.
- (c) Foothills as indicated on map are much higher and in some areas would be 75 ft and are very rugged.
- (d) Observation Posts. Nil.

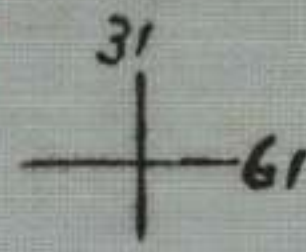
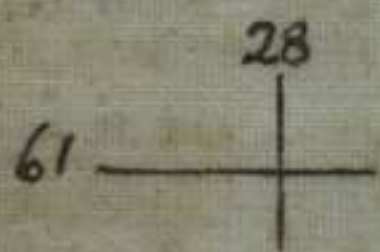
11. See attached overlay for route.

A. Parkes
.....Sgt.
A/O.C. 9 Pl C Coy 1 NG Inf Bn.

OVERLAY

SAI R. WEST

1:25000.



FOOTPRINTS
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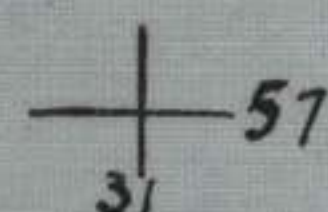
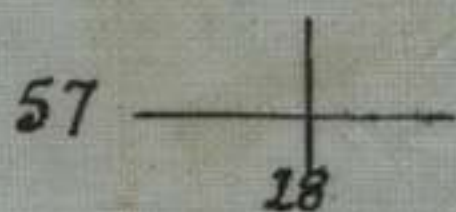
Chopping
Heard.

IN 101330K

OUT 101015K

OUT 110630K

10/11 BANG.



LEGEND.

- - - PATROL ROUTE
- PATROL BASE

OUT 100630K
IN 11115K.
○ PATROL BASE

W. Long Sgt
C. Coy 1 NGIB
13 AUG 45.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
(Serial No.)

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 31 45

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/8/1945 (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 / 3 OFFRS 32 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.												
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.								
1	NR	1	-	*													
3	1	1	2	*													
8	NR	2	6	Lieut.-Colonels													
20			20	Majors	AAMC	1 X			1								
1			1	Captains													
				Lieutenants													
				Quarter-masters													
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.													
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.													
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				DETAIL	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"	"G"	"H"	"I"	"J"	**	TOTAL.	
				A.	30												30
				E.(1)													
				E.(2)													

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX147895	Lt	GLADSTONE J.H.	2/7 A.G.H.	3.7.45	TOS from X List
VX102553	"	BATTERSBY R.H.	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	3.7.45	TOS Resumes Regtl. Duties

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX27291	Lt.	GRIFFIN L.T.	NGDD Finsehafen	25.7.45	M/O 2 Aust Army Trg Bps Staff Instructor Tid to X List

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/8/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major	QX 6259	GREEN E.G.					
	VX 5545	MACHARLANE	C.N.	Coy Comd			
Capt	VX100255	SANTORI	J.S.	"			
	VX100255	CLAPHAM	G.T.	"			
	VX100255	ROWLEY	H.S.	3rd Coy			
	VX 30715	WEST	G.R.S.	"			
	VX 4613	PALMER	A.H.	Coy Comd			
	VX 4916	FURSTON	F.A.	2nd Coy			
	VX100255	STEWART	J.F.	C.M.			
Lt	VX100400	WHISLAN	D.J.	Pl Comd			
	VX101972	WILLIAMS	E.A.	2nd Coy			
	VX100250	KINGHAM	J.A.V.	A/CO			
	VX 10300	SCOTT	A.T.	Pl Comd			
	VX 20005	POWNEY	T.S.	Pl Comd	NO	Attend 4 Bde Plans (School)	
	VX 45710	URQUHART	A.G.	T.O.	YES		
	VX 49461	FOULSON	R.W.	ADJT			
	VX100255	PRITCHARD	W.R.	Asst/Adjt			
	VX 83142	BROWN	D.G.	Pl Comd			
	VX101670	SHISHARD	G.B.C.	"			
	VX104555	MURPHY	R.J.H.	TS A OFF			
	VX100255	EPSTE	J.L.	MP OFF			
	VX100197	GARNAWAY	F.C.	Pl Comd			
	VX107005	GLADSTONE	J.H.	"			
	VX100255	BATESBY	R.H.	"			
	VX 20402	SINCLAIR	R.C.	"			
	VX 20535	CHURCH	K.P.	"			
	VX121120	HANSEN	C.H.	Sig OFF			
	VX 4737	COOPER	J.	Pl Comd			
	VX100255	ROBERTS	H.S.	"			
Capt	SX 13024	HABILL	R.D.	RD	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt-Col	VX 14046	CURNORTH E.S.	29/46 Inf	24.7.45	Adm Command.
Major	VX 30917	CURTIS R.L.	22 Inf	16.7.45	Attached for duties as BIC
Lt	VX135250	WILTAKER A.F.	4 Bde	1.5.45	Staff Captain Learner
Chap 4 to Class	QX48200	RALE A.A.	"	10.3.44	Padre
	VX150037	SOBB A.J.A.A.	CH	2.5.45	Padre

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Date of Despatch

Adm Comd 37/52 Inf Bn Lt-Col
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 32 / 45 (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels										
3	1	1	2	Majors										
8	NR	2	6	Captains	AAMC	1			1					
20			20	Lieutenants										
1			1	Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
33	1	3	30			1			1					
DETAIL				A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A	31									31
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX164672	Lt-Col	PITT D.D.	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	6.8.45	To Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn vice Lt-Col Embrey F.J.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

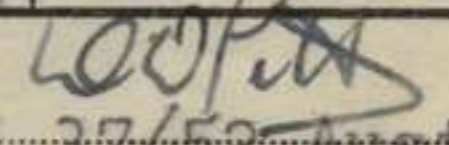
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	NX164672	PITT	D.D.	C.O.	YES		
Maj	QX 6239	GREEN	E.G.	Coy Comd	"		
"	VX 5545	MACFARLANE	C.W.	"	"		
Capt	VX108253	SARTORI	J.S.	"	"		
"	VX108223	CLAPPERTON	G.T.	"	"		
"	VX108228	ROWLEY	N.S.	2 IC	Coy	"	
"	VX 39715	WEST	G.R.S.	"	"		
"	VX 4613	PALMER	A.N.	Coy Comd	"		
"	VX 4916	FUNSTON	F.G.	2IC	Coy	"	
XX	VX108255	STEWART	J.F.	Q.M.	"		
Lt.	VX108400	WHELAN	D.J.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX101971	WITHINGTON	A.E.	2IC	Coy	"	
"	VX108230	KINGMAN	J.A.V.	A/IO	"		
"	VX 50359	SCOTT	A.T.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX 28505	POWNEY	T.S.	"	"		
"	VX 45710	URQUHART	A.C.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 48461	POULTON	R.W.	ADJT.	"		
"	VX112123	PRITCHARD	W.R.	Asst/Adj	"		
"	VX 88142	BROWN	D.G.	Pl Comd	"		
"	NX101078	SHEPHERD	G.B.C.	"	"		
"	VX104385	MURPHY	R.J.B.	Tk A	Offr	"	
"	VX133189	FYFFE	J.L.	Mor	Offr	"	
"	VX109197	GARRAWAY	F.C.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX147895	GLADSTONE	J.H.	"	"		
"	VX102553	BATTERSBY	R.H.	"	"		
"	VX 89402	SINCLAIR	R.C.	"	"		
"	WX 26535	CHURCH	K.P.	"	"		
"	NX121120	HANSEN	C.H.	Sig	Offr	"	
"	WX 4737	COOPER	J.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX115928	McKENZIE	M.S.	"	"		
Capt	SX 12024	HAMMILL	R.D.	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt-Col	VX 14046	CUSWORTH K.S.	29/46 Inf Bn	24.7.45	
Maj	WX 30917	CURTIS R.L.	22 Inf Bn	16.7.45	Attached for duties as 2IC
Lt	VX133250	WHITAKER A.F.	HQ @ Bdel.	5.45	Staff Captain Learner
Chap 4th Class	QX 48260	BALE A.A.	" "	10.2.44	Padre
"	NX158037	SOBB A.J.	A.A. Ch	2.5.45	Padre

11 Aug 45
Date of Despatch


 Lt-Col.
 Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
 Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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37/52 ADST INF Bn (AIF) 33/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/8/1945 (Unit)

W.E. 11/1293 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1	*										
			1	*										
2	2		2	Lieut.-Colonels										
3	2		2	Majors										
8	2		6	Captains	AAMC	1			1					
20			20	Lieutenants										
1			1	Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
2	4		29			1			1					
				DETAIL	AIF	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	30									30
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 5545	MAJ	MACFARLANE	HQ 4 N.G.I.B.	12.8.45	Ttd for duty

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/8/1945. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Capt	VX164678	PITT	D.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	EX 6233	GIBSON	H.C.	Coy Comd			
Capt	VX100253	SANTORI	J.S.	"			
"	VX100223	CLAPPERTON	G.T.	"			
"	VX100220	ROWLEY	H.S.	2 IC Coy			
"	VX 39713	WEST	G.A.D.	Coy Comd			
"	VX 4013	PALMER	A.H.	"			
"	VX 4210	FUNCTION	J.S.	2 IC Coy			
"	VX100252	STEWART	J.S.	"			
Lt	VX100251	SULLIVAN	D.J.	Pl Comd			
"	VX100250	WILKINSON	A.S.	2 IC Coy			
"	VX100249	WILSON	J.A.W.	1/10			
"	VX 50352	SCOTT	A.S.	Pl Comd			
"	VX 20501	POWNEY	T.C.	"			
"	VX 45711	DEQUART	A.C.	"			
"	VX 48401	POULTON	R.W.	ADJ			
"	VX100248	PRITCHARD	W.N.	Asst/Adj			
"	VX 60113	BROWN	D.S.	Pl Comd			
"	VX100247	SHERRIN	G.S.D.	"			
"	VX104308	MURPHY	R.J.R.	Tk/A Offr			
"	VX133120	MYER	J.L.	Offr			
"	VX100246	GARDWAY	P.C.	Pl Comd			
"	VX147806	GLADSTONE	J.H.	"			
"	VX100245	BATHURST	R.H.	"			
"	VX 89402	SINCLAIR	R.C.	"			
"	VX 20530	CHURCH	H.D.	"			
"	VX12118	HANSEN	C.H.	SIG OFFR			
"	VX 4737	COOPER	J.	Pl Comd			
"	VX115920	McKENZIE	H.S.	"			
Capt	EX 12024	HANNILL	R.D.	WMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Maj	VX 30917	CURTIS	R.I. 22 Inf Bn	16.7.45	Attached for duties as 2 I/C
Lt Chap 4th Class	VX13325	WHITAKER A.F.	4 Bde	1.5.45	Staff Captain Learner
"	EX 48260	BALE A.A.	"	10.2.44	Padre
"	VX150037	BOBB A.J.	A.A.Ch.D	2.5.45	Padre

18 Aug 45

Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1945 (Unit) 37/53 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 34 33 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 5 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
A.	30	30	30	30						30
E. (1)										
E. (2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/8/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	NY164672	PIEY	D.D.	C.O.	YES		
Major	OX 6239	GREEN	E.G.	SIC	Y		
Capt	VX106253	SARTORI	J.S.	Coy Comd			
"	VX108223	CLAPPERTON	J.E.	"			
"	VX108228	BOWLEY	H.S.	SIC Coy			
"	VX 39715	WESY	G.R.S.	Coy Comd			
"	VX 4613	PALMER	A.H.	"			
"	VX 4613	FURSTON	F.C.	"			
"	VX108255	SUMMART	J.E.	C.M.			
Lt	VX108400	WHELAN	D.J.	Pl Comd			
"	VX101971	WIRLINGTON	B.A.	Asst QM			
"	VX108230	KINGMAN	J.A.V.	A/IO			
"	VX 50559	SCOTT	A.T.	Pl Comd			
"	VX 22505	ROWNEY	T.S.	Not offe			
"	VX 45710	URQUHART	A.S.	T.O.			
"	VX 43461	FOULTON	R.H.	Adjt			
"	VX112123	PRITCHARD	W.H.	Pl Comd			
"	VX 88142	BROWN	D.J.	S IC Coy			
"	HX101078	SHEPHERD	G.B.C.	Pl Comd			
"	VX104385	MURPHY	R.J.R.	T/A offe			
"	VX135180	BYRNE	J.J.	MSG offe	no	Attending RQM CRSE YALU	
"	VX109197	GARRAWAY	P.O.	Pl Comd	yes		
"	VX147895	GLADSTONE	J.H.	"			
"	VX102553	BATTERSEY	R.J.	"			
"	VX 83603	SINCLAIR	R.J.	"			
"	HX 86535	CHURCH	K.P.	"			
"	HX121120	HANSEN	C.H.	Sig offe			
"	HX 4737	COOPER	J.	Pl Comd			
"	VX115928	MCKENZIE	H.S.	"			
Capt	SX 12024	HAMILL	R.D.	RID	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap 4th Class	OX 42860	BALE A.A.	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	10.2.44	padre
"	NY159037	SORBE A.J.	A.A.Ch.D.	2.5.45	padre

25 Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

100 R.A.
Signature of Commander
Comd 37/52 Aust Inf

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 34⁸ / 8 / 1945 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5				6		7		8		9		10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				A.A.A.A.A.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
WE	Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, etc.	Civilians counting as O.R.	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				
				1													
6				6												1	NR
5				5													
32			4	36					2	1 1 4	8				1	NR	9
67	7	14		53					1 1	1 5	8						8
658	104	101		557					1	14	15	1					14
769	111 *	115	4	658 *					1	1 2 23	31 *	1	2				*32

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	543	146							689
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
4	264 LAD		
1	LHQ Pool AAS		
	FSS Det		
2	33 FS Sec		
1	4 Aust Inf Bde		
7	4 Bde Sig Sec		
6	Sigs 2 Aust Div		
3	3 Div Postal		
2	9 Aust Pigeon Sec		
1	48 Aust Cipher Sec		
1	FAA Cash Office		
1	5 Div Languages		
7	11 Div Provost		
1	29/46 Inf Bn		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	D.R.O.		
1	NGF Trg Sch		
	Mobile Team		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .**

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

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43 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Adm Comd Signature of Commander Bn Lt-Col

Date: 4.8.45

Serial No: 31/45

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Required.
<u>Trade Group 1.</u>						
Blacksmiths	Pte	1	1			
<u>Trade Group 2.</u>						
Carpenters	Pte	6	2		4	NR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	Cp 1	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	22	29	7		
Dvr Operator	"	1	1	1		
Gun Operator	"	1	1	1		
Mech MT	"	1	1	1		
Cook (Unpaid)	"	1	9	9		
<u>Trade Group 3.</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
	Cpl	6	5		1	NR
	Pte	4	5	1		
Ept Repairer	Pte	1	2	1		
Rangetaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	-		1	NR
Funlayer	Pte	8	2		6	NR
Driver Mech	Pte	1	17	17		
Driver HT	Pte	1	2	2		
<u>Non-specialists</u>						
RSM	WO I	1	1			
OSM	WO II	5	5			
RQMS	WO II	1	1			
CQMS	S.Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgt	Sgt	25	29	4		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvr MT	Cpl	1	1			
	Pte	11	11			
General Duties	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG & Rfn	Cpl	36	30		6	6
	Pte	361	229		132	97
Mor Nos.	Cpl	5	4		1	NR
	Pte	68	68			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	20	20			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneer Duties	Cp 1	4	3		1	1
	Pte	28	22		6	6
Provost Sgt	Sgt	1	1			
Regtl Police	L/Cpl	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	18	17		1	1
TrkA Nos	Cpl	4	3		1	NR
	Pte	7	15	8		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
		769	658	52	163	111

ATTACHED WE

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Date 34 August

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Require
AAMC						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hygiene Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	1	1			
AAOC						
Bootmaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPS						
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1			
AAPC						
Pay Clerks	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1			
AAOG						
Caterer	WOII	1	-		1	NR
	Sgt	5	4		1	NR
	Cpl	5	5			
	Pte	13	14	1		
		32	31	1	2	

DEFICIENCIES

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Rfts Reqd</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Pte	1	Stretcher Bearer	1	Stretcher bearer trained as bandsman

coal train

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan. 1945)
32 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **11/8/1945** **37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)** (Unit)

W.E. **11/120/3** OFFRS. **33** O.R.'s. **769** + OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **52** ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5						6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.						Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
					A.A.A.A.A.A.									
					A.A.A.A.A.A.									
					M.O.P.P.C.									
					C.C.S.C.C.									
			1	W.Os. Class I.										
			6	W.Os. Class II.									1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
			5	Staff Sergeants										
			36	Sergeants	2	1	1	4	8				1	NR
67	7	15	52	Corporals	1	1	1	5	8					8
653	99	95	563	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1			15	16	2				14
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
769	106	110	663	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	4	1	1	2	24	32*	2		2	*32

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	547	148								695
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	33 IS Sec			1	DRO		
1	4 Aust Inf Bde			1	NGF Trg Sch		
1	48 Aust Cipher Sec				Mobile Team.		
7	4 Bde Sig Sec						
6	2 Aust Div Sigs						
3	3 Div postal						
4	264 LAD						
2	9 Aust Pigeon Sec						
1	IHQ Pool AAAS SS Det.						
8	11 Div Provost						
1	MAA Cash office						
1	29/46 Inf Bn						
1	5 Div Languages						
3	103 Mobile Bath Det.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested.//...../194.....

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945.

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

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11 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

10014
Lt-Col
Comd 33rd Aust Inf Bn
Commander

Date: 11.8.45

Serial No 52/45

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Required.
<u>Trade Group 1.</u>						
Blacksmiths	Pte	1	1			
<u>Trade Group 2.</u>						
Carpenters	Pte	6	2		4	NR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	Cp 1	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	22	29	7		
Dvr Operator	"	"	1	1		
Gun Operator	"	"	1	1		
Mech MT	"	"	1	1		
Cook (Unpaid)	"	"	10	10		
<u>Trade Group 3.</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2 x 1	2			
	Cpl	6	5		1	NR
	Pte	4	5	1		
Ept Repairer	Pte	1	2	1		
Rangotaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1		1	NR
Funlayer	Pte	8	2		6	NR
Driver Mech	Pte	"	17	17		
Driver HT	Pte	"	2	2		
<u>Non-specialists</u>						
RSM	WO I	1	1			
OSM	WO II	5	5			
RQMS	WO II	1	1			
QMS	S.Sgt	5	5			
Pl. Sgt	Sgt	25	29	4		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvr MT	Cpl	1	1			
	Pte	11	11			
General Duties	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
IMG & Rfn	Cpl	36	29		7	6
	Pte	361	234		127	92
Mor Nos.	Cpl	5	4		1	NR
	Pte	68	68			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	20	20			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneer Duties	Cp 1	4	3		1	1
	Pte	28	22		6	6
Provost Sgt	Sgt	1	1			
Regtl Police	L/Cpl	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	18	17		1	1
TkA Nos	Cpl	4	3		1	NR
	Pte	7	15	8		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
			769	663	53	159
						106

ATTACHED WE

Serial 32/45

Date: 11.8.45

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Req'd
AAMG						
Chiropedist	Cpl	1	1			
Hygiene Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Medical orderly	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	1	1			
AAGG						
Bookmaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPS						
Postal Duties	sgt	1	1			
AAPG						
Pay Clerks	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1			
AAGU						
Caterer	WOII	1			1	NR
	Sgt	5	4		1	NR
	Cpl	5	5			
	Pte	13	15	2		
		32	32	2	2	

DEFICIENCIES

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Reinfts Req'd</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Pte	1	Stretcher bearer	1	Stretcher bearer trained as bandman

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

33 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 8 / 1943 (Unit)

W.E. 120 / 3 OFFRS 35 O.R's 700 + OFFRS 2 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
				W.Os. Class I.						
				W.Os. Class II.						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
				Sergeants						
				Corporals						
				Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						
700	96	93	675						38	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	Detail	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years								19 Years and over.
			154								
		A									
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
9	33 AU Sec			1	DRO		
1	4 Aust Inf Bde			1	HQ mobile team		
2	49 Aust Cpt Coy Sec						
7	4 Bde Sig Sec						
6	2 Aust Div Sigs						
2	5 Div Postal						
4	204 LAD						
2	9 Aust Pigeon Sec						
1	HQ Pool AAAG HQ Det.						
3	11 Div Provost						
1	MA Cash Office						
1	5 Div Languages						
2	103 mobile Path Det						
4	3 Det 9 Lt wireless sec						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/ 8 /194 5.

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

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18 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

Date: 18.8.45

Serial No:

33/45

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Required
Trade Group 1.						
Blacksmiths	Pte	1	1			
Trade Group 2.						
Carpenters	Pte	6	2			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1		4	NR
	Cpl	2	1			
	Pte	7	7		1	NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	22	29	7		
Dvr Operator	"	-	1	1		
Gun Operator	"	-	1	1		
Mechanic M.T.	"	-	1	1		
Cocks (unpaid)	"	-	10	10		
Trade Group 3.						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
	Cpl	6	5		1	NR
	Pte	4	5	1		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	2	1		
Range Takers	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1			
Gun Layers	Pte	8	8		1	NR
Dvr Mech	Pte	-	17	17	6	NR
Dvr H/T.	"	-	2	2		
Non-Specialists						
RSM	WOI	1	1			
CSM	WOII	5	5			
RCMS	"	1	1			
COMS	s/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	27	2		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvr M.T.	Cpl	1	1			
	Pte	11	11			
General Duties	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene "	Pte	4	4			
LMG & Rfn	Cpl	36	34	2	2	2
	Pte	361	242		119	86
Mor No s.	Cpl	5	4		1	NR
	Pte	68	68			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	20	20			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneer Duties	Cpl	4	2		2	1
	Pte	28	22		6	6
Provost	Sgt	1	1			
Regtl Police	I/Cpl	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearer	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	2	1		1	NR
	Pte	18	17		1	NR
Tk/A Nos	Cpl	4	3		1	NR
	Pte	7	15	8		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total		769	673	51	147	96

ATTACHED WE

Serial 35/45

Date: 18.8.45

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Required
AAMC.						
Chiroprapist	Cpl	1	1			
Hygiene Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Medical orderly	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	1	1			
AAOG						
Bootsmaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPS						
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1			
AAPG						
Pay Clerks	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1			
AAGC						
Caterer	WOII	1	-		1	NR
	Sgt	5	4		1	NR
	Cpl	5	5			
	Pte	13	15	2		
			32	32	2	2

REINFORCEMENTS

DEFICIENCIES

Rank	No.	Trade	Reinfts Req'd	Qualifications
Pte	1	Stretcher Bearer	1	Stretcher bearer trained as bandsman

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/8/43 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 123 5 OFFRS 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				2 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
2	2		2	W.Os. Class II.					1	1
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
			5	Staff Sergeants						
		2	34	Sergeants		2 1 2 4	8		1	9
5	30		57	Corporals		1 1 5	7		1	8
58	85		573	Troopers, Privates, etc.		15	16	2		14
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
769	95 *	97	674 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		1 3 24	31 *	2	3	38

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	350	153								705
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	Aust Div Sign			1	DRO		
1	43 Aust cipher Sec			1	MGF mobile team		
4	264 LAD						
2	9 Aust Signal Sec						
8	11 Div Provost						
1	RMA Cash office						
5	105 Mobile Bath Det						
4	B Det 9 Lt wireless Sec						
2	LIQ poolmaster's Sec						
2	3 Div Postal						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/8/1943

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

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

25 Aug 43
Date of Despatch

400/20
Comd 37
Signature of Commander

Date:

Serial No:

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Required
<u>Trade Group 1.</u>						
Blacksmiths	Pte	1	1			
<u>Trade Group 2.</u>						
Carpenters	Pte	6	6		6	MR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	2	2		1	MR
	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	22	22			
Dvr Operator	"	-				
Gun Operator	"	-				
Mechanic M.T.	"	-				
Cooks (unpaid)	"	-				
<u>Trade Group 3.</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
	Cpl	6	6		1	MR
	Pte	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1	1		
Range Takers	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	1	1		1	MR
Gun Layers	Pte	8	8		6	MR
Dvr Mech	Pte	-		17		MR
Dvr H/T.	"	-		2		
<u>Non-Specialists</u>						
RSM	WOI	1	1			
CSM	WOII	5	5		1	MR
RQMS	"	1	1		1	MR
CQMS	s/Sgt	5	5		1	MR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25	2		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Dvr M.T.	Cpl	1	1			
	Pte	11	11			
General Duties	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene "	Pte	4	4			
LMG & Rfn	Cpl	36	36		4	MR
	Pte	361	361		116	MR
Mor No s.	Cpl	5	5		1	MR
	Pte	68	68			
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
	Pte	20	20			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneer Duties	Cpl	4	4		1	MR
	Pte	28	28		6	MR
Provost	Sgt	1	1			
Regtl Police	I/Cpl	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher Bearer	Sgt	1	1			
	Cpl	2	2			
	Pte	18	18		1	MR
Tk/A Nos	Cpl	4	4		1	MR
	Pte	7	7	3		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Total		789	674	80	145	66

ATTACHED WE

serial 54/45

Date 25.9.45

grade	Rank	WE	Posted strength	surplus	deficient	Reinfts Required.
AACD						
chiropract	cpl		1		1	
hygiene inspector	sgt		1		1	
medical orderly	"		1		1	
	pte		2		1	
AACG						
bootmaker	cpl		1		1	NR
AAPF						
postal duties	sgt		1		1	
AAPG						
pay clerks	sgt		2		1	
	cpl		2		1	
AACU						
caterer	WOII		1		1	NR
	sgt		3		4	NR
	cpl		5		5	
	pte		13		15	
				2		
			33		31	
				2		
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<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Reinfts req'd</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
pte	1	stretcher bearer	1	stretcher bearer trained as bandman.

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

37 br

04 1540K

For Action

TO

37 br man

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

11381 SECRET 0 4 br GO 311 of 04 1430K reads
quote PITT and MCPHERSON arriving CATALINA
5 Aug 0 both will proceed WATU meet
CO Surgeon 0 please arrange SOS

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Wireless

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AIB NANTAMBU.

20/22/42

For Action

TO

CO 37/52 km

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

many gap barges each loaded with
approx 40 armed gaps site vicinity EBER BAY
PUT PUT HBR. Sum Sum by RNZAF this morning
Gaps waved to our planes and waved white
flags G barges were also observed leaving DUKE
of YORK IS for RABAU.

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(A)

AIB WATU

For Action

TO

Co 37/52nd Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)



ORIGINATOR'S No.

AIB south coast report that an AIB patrol to
GOTIKA returned. Indistinct indications enemy movement
about August 1st at BUAK 556781, GOTIKA and approx
565720. Patrol did not reach AILIVEIGI.
No further signs seen.

= 140430

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..... } Wireless

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FROM: [Handwritten: 10/10/45, 10/10/45]

ORIGINATOR'S No. [Handwritten: 10/10/45]

(a) For Information (INFO)

TO

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For Action

Message Instructions

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TO Co 37/52 nd Bn	For Action	INTELLIGENCE 13163514 SECTION	Message Instructions
(w) For Information (INFO.)	GR		

ORIGINATOR'S No. AIB Jacquot Bay advise that the RNZAF Jacquot Bay have now been instructed that until further notice all offensive ~~actions~~ operations against RABAU and other targets are to cease. ^{Air} Patrols will be maintained.

= 130325Z

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ORIGINATOR'S NO.

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(a) For Information (INFO)

TO CO 31/25 - B

For Action

Message Instructions

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FROM (A) UTAW BIA

Originator

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TO Co 37/52nd Bn	For Action (w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
	(1 inch = 1 mile)		GR



ORIGINATOR'S No. Capt Seale reports that his patrol to LAUKI area has returned. Enemy camp of 7 houses in square 3167. Another camp at 293694 on small creek. Much small arms firing this area. All tracks well used by small numbers. No enemy camp at LAUKI village.

= 132230 Z 140830K

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TO Co 37/52nd Bn
For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

INTELLIGENCE SECTION
 121635K
 Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

This station has been instructed by AIB Hq New Guinea that no further operations are to be undertaken by AIB field parties or personnel without prior approval from AIB Hq. This applies particularly from time of cessation of hostilities when AIB operational role will normally have been completed.

= 130237Z

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TO Co 37/52 nd Bn Gp <i>For Action</i>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> INTELLIGENCE 081020K SECTION Message Instructions GR </div>
<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		

ORIGINATOR'S No. In accordance with desire of Co 37/52nd Bn Gp, Captain Seale is sending patrols tomorrow August 9th (1) To attempt to reach and recce coast between MATAKAIKI river and LAUKI to see what movement etc is taking place by enemy forces (2) To attempt to recce LAUKI area to gain information on enemy strength and dispositions etc in that area. Captain Seale states patrol (1) "will have to pass through

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TO An Liaison Officer - per 37/52 Bu Hq	For Action		
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR

INTELLIGENCE
08/10/2014
SECTION

ORIGINATOR'S No.

It is requested that no air strikes are ~~permitted~~ made between MATAKALI river and POWELL HARBOUR ^{area} inclusive as from August 9th as AIB patrols will be operating in this area until further notice.

W.P. 9 Aug

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION

121510K

Message Instructions **GR**

TO	For Action
CO 37/52 nd Bn	
	(w) For Information (INFO.) (map ref. 1 in = 1 mile)

ORIGINATOR'S No. Captain Searle's patrol to the coast between LAUKI and MATAKAIKI river mouth has returned. The patrol reached the coast at map ref 285655 and reported that one (road) track only about 2 feet wide and 20 yards from the beach runs between LAUKI and MATAKAIKI. It has not been used by large numbers of troops. No roads run inland. NMS by patrol en route.

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Signed *W.P. 1203*

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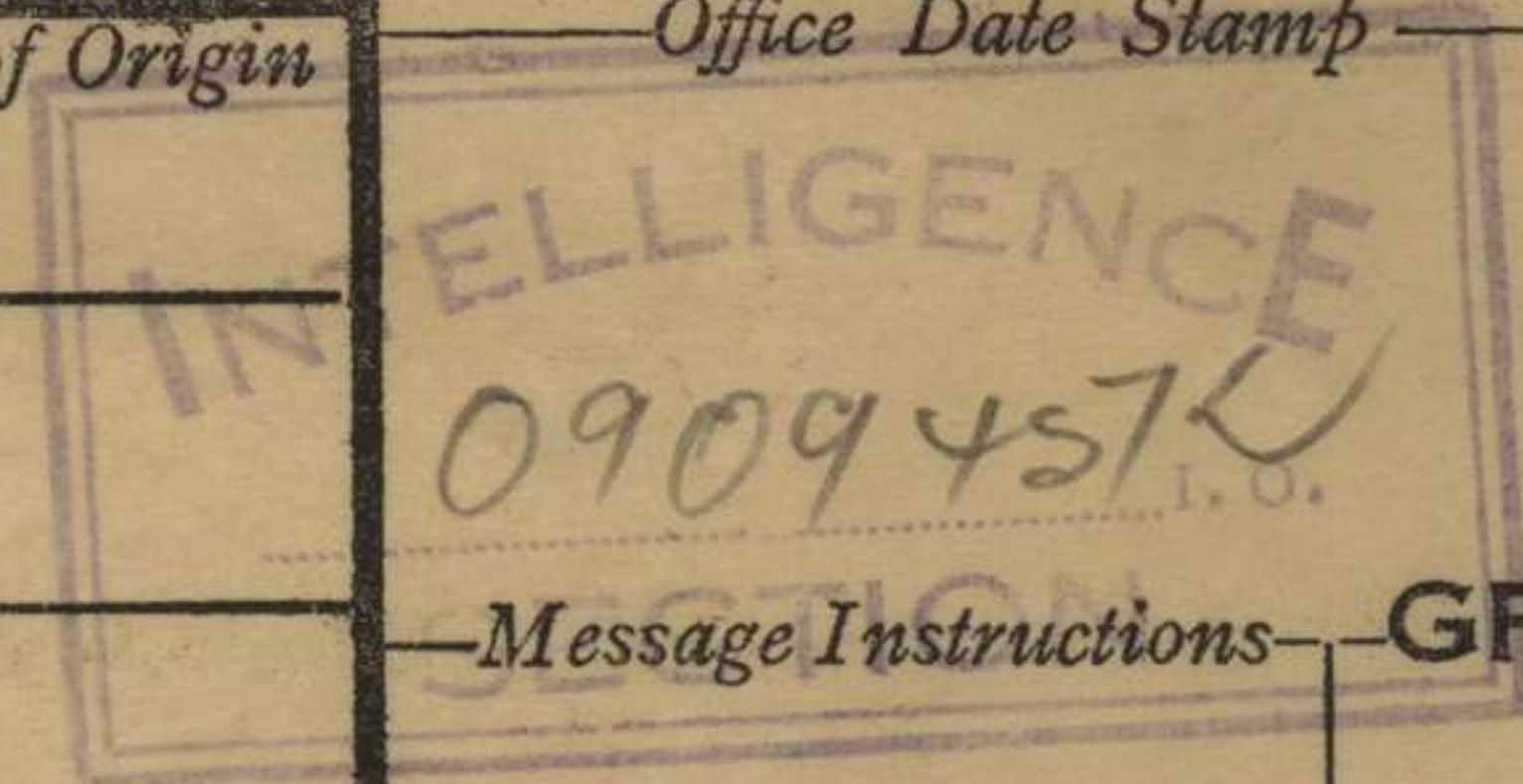
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TO Co 37/52nd Bn

For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

ORIGINATOR'S No. AIB south coast reports further on AIB guided Car Con patrol to Upper Mevelo. 3 kanakas (see natives) shot at 467706 by 5 barefooted gyps without shells. Natives report gyps with Kumbies often come from north to this area and take native foods and plants.

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TO	For Action		
	CO 37/52 nd Bn		
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
			GR

Red 071400
SECTION

ORIGINATOR'S No. AIB south coast party report that the AIB guides with the 2/2 Cav Commando patrol to the Upper MEVELO river area (south coast MEVELO) reported a very recent Jap camp of approx. 6 Japanese and 15 natives in square 4773. The patrol sighted the bodies of 3 natives killed by Japanese in mid July. The patrol has returned to Wide Bay

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	For Action		
TO	(re) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	
			GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

NGIB area NW from here (his base camp) and asks
is that in order.

= 072212Z

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FROM
(A)

Originator
37/52 bw

Date—Time of Origin
082140K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

4 bde
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

Rear 37/52

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 78 secret @ projected moves @ ref
one inch series @ 9 AUG @ one pl ACoy from
WATU to MAVELU 218522 to prepare position
for BN HQ @ 10 AUG @ pl ACoy from SAI one
to WATU @ remainder A Coy WATU to MAVELU
218522 @ 13 and 15 pl CCoy from outpost
posts to regroup Coy SAI one @ 11 AUG @ BN HQ
WATU and NANTAMBU to MAVELU 217522 @ C Coy NGIB less
one pl to vicinity CAMP one @ 301532 @
12 Aug @ outposts POTAITI one and SAI three
to join D Coy SAI two @ 13 Aug @ B Bch
NANTAMBU to WATU @ A 4W 2/14 1d regt
WATU to MAVELU 216522

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FROM (A) Originator *37 bn* Date—Time of Origin *10 0925K*

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO *H Bde*
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

37 bn near BM

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G O B O SECRET *1* proposed move to HQ
A *MAVELU* *1* *FIRST* *1* consider desirable following
reasons *1* *A* *1* well suited for supervision camp and
personal control possible *1* *OFS* *1* *B* *1* camp and
living conditions far superior *1* *WATU* also
suitable during flood conditions *1* adequate
space for art *1* *bn HQ* and rifle Coy *1* *C* *1*
suitable barge head and anchorage during
greater part NW season *1* *D* *1* alternative *1* of
C available along coast track for combination
jeep and carriers all seasons *1* *E* *1* *Comd*
Party and *1* *RAIR* close at hand *1* *F* *1* reduction
no pers and officers *1* *WATU* permits comfortable
occupation limited all weather area *1* *WATU* *1* *PT*
and reduces defence liability there *1* *2* *second* *1*
original building programme *1* *WATU* not to be
interrupted and all buildings still required *1*
Proposed HQ camp to be tented *1* *THIRD* *1*
understand *1* *COSWORTH* *1* *proposes* *1* *use* *1* *WATU* *1* *as* *1* *HQ*
but my proposed move will

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

37 Bn

101930K

C 5163

For Action

TO

4 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

Fwd

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A 9490 RESTRICTED @ your A 9806
of 10 AUGUST NX 164672 LT/Col PITT. D. D.
assumed command 6 AUGUST 45

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INTELLIGENCE 23

102100K

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

not prejudice adoption his plans on his taking
over (4) FOURTH (3) request permission proceed with
name for HQ. MAVERO

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by any means { except

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enemy hands, this message must be
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No.

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

(A)

A B D E

111050K

For Action

TO

37/52 B W

111150K

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Gosin

you GO 80 move by HQ and
guns NOT approved to remain present position

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by any means { except }

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Wireless

Signed

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

37 bn

11 12 45 K

For Action

TO

37 bn rear

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A411 CONFIDENTIAL for maj. CURTIS O No
move for present request permission
retain special badge until 12 Aug

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by any means { except

Wireless

Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Secretary

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
<u>4</u>	<u>BDE</u>	<u>111300K</u>	

For Action

TO		Message Instructions	GR
<u>37/52 BN</u>			
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

CIPHER
INTELLIGENCE
111555K
SECTION
War Diary

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 323

SECRET

Personal

for

It cal PITT O in view probability
early cessation hostilities operations in
NEW BRITAIN until further notice will
be confined to those necessary
for maintenance of present main
pts and every effort will be
made to avoid further AUST
casualties

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Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
11	DIV	151155R

Office Date Stamp
0778

TO 13 BDE 37/52 BIN
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

34 PR 392 RESTRICTED @ for int office @
public relations this HQ request urgently
50 word story by sig telling reaction
the yaw area to surrender
announcement

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by any means { except } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Signed *[Signature]*

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Call

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

Bn HQ

157045H

For Action

TO

All Coys.

2nd Ltuty
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Rear Bn HQ

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 517 RESTRICTED due to surveillance of Japan and SO has instructed that AM work will cease for 15 H. 14.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except }

{ _____ } Wireless

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Signed

[Signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. IN 16

Call <u>GR6</u>	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A)	Originator <u>A Coy 4 Field Amb</u>	Date—Time of Origin <u>141345K</u>	Office Date Stamp <u>CS189</u> <u>ORIRSE</u>
TO	For Action <u>37 Bn Field</u>	Message Instructions <u>5141840</u>	<u>GR</u>
(w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AD 267 Restricted © ref medical
BOARDINGS Capt. HANRAHAN will arrive
15 August to relieve Capt. HAMMILL

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 by any means { except } Wireless

Signed

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 enemy hands, this message must be
 sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

37 bw

13 0900K

For Action

TO

37 bw man

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A 415 CONFIDENTIAL @ for Lt ~~WHITIKAR~~ WHITIKAR
 @ A staff less Sgt HENSHALL and 1 clerk
 move to WATS 805 14 aug @ CO will
 arrive MANTAMBU 13 aug

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by any means { except

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enemy hands, this message must be
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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

37/52 *am*

151430K

For Action

TO

11 Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI 446 restricted @ for public relations @ your PR 392 @ as word passed from reg office chewing loud talking laughter broke out @ SA rep cpl PHOIR played national anthem patriotic songs loudspeaker @ CO ordered cease work but it had @ wireless plugged in to reg line fwd says heard speeches @ lts played since Saturday winners cheered @ CO tipped right day among offs @ native traps say peach no good want catch plenty JAP

log 710

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7779 Register No. 26

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

4 BDE

151530K

For Action

TO

3752 INF BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

CIPHER

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G0332 SECRETO from comd personal for Lt col PITTO left out rations WATU probably will dispose on two caps WATU remainder NANTAMBUO take no action at present

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Wireless

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

4

BDE

150930K

D 774

For Action

TO

37/52

BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 822

CONFIDENTIAL

re

WHELAN

No further action to be taken. This off to resume normal duties and to be removed from suspension or released from arrest if any.

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..... } Wireless

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[Signature]

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
4	BDE	162032K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)
13 BDE	
11 DIV 37/52 BN	

Message Instructions	GR
162145K	



ORIGINATOR'S No. GO 338 SECRET @ 37/52 low concentrated

NATAMBU unable make contact 2/2
 can cdo pgn after 16 aug
 WPT 17 Aug

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FROM (A) 11 DIV	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 151945K
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For Action

TO 13 BDE 3752 BIN	
(w) For Information (INFO.)	

CIPHER

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Message Instructions GR

152135

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G 0187 SECRET © Negotiations are in progress with JAP Government for cessation of all hostilities © while preserving safety of your comd you will discontinue further offensive action against JAP forces in your respective areas of responsibility © This order will NOT be construed to prohibit all necessary security measures including recce by a/c © ack all info

W.D. Welling

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FROM (A) 11 DIV	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 161310K
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Office Date Stamp
Recd 161620K

TO 3752 INF BN 13 BDE	For Action
(w) For Information (INFO.)	

CIPHER
[Signature]
Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

QS664 RESTRICTED first army advises
to mark the occasion successful conclusion
war with JAPS C in C has authorized
free issue one bottle beer per man
in addition to normal weeks ration
to all troops first army area on official
announcement from this HQ of JAP surrender
costs to be charged against amenities
fund unit CO's will submit to
issuing point certificate of ration
strength together with authority to
draw original voucher will be
retained by center to support
payment by amenities details time and
date for drawing will be advised
by this HQ

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TO <i>37/52 bn</i>	For Action
<i>11 Div</i>	(i) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

60 335 SECRET

concentrate bn less one rifle coy at NANTAMBU by 181800K @ one rifle coy remain WATU and return NANTAMBU 19 Aug @ patrols general line SAI one depot and SAI two to be maintained by NG-1 B @ return all accen stores and tentage to NANTAMBU @ ack.

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FROM
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Originator

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4/60

200930K

For Action

TO

27/52

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI743 SECRETO REVSIT 228 to 192000K

*Can ops 0 further report 18 Aug 2 CORSAIRS
RABAU PATROL 1415K to 1615K report KAKUNA
fires still burning @ 19 Aug @ Ventura
escorted by 4 CORSAIRS dropped leaflets @
day report indicates general decrease
activity compared 18 Aug many trucks sighted
throughout RABAU area @ barges seen
DUKE of YORK SIMPSONS hbr BLANCHE bay @
VENTURA dropped 84000 leaflets incl special
pinpointing of coord near TUNNEL HILL 790370
and 17 dw HQ .770352 other types widely
distributed throughout excellent coverage @
NEW IRELAND possible flashes near NAMATANAI
and LIGUAN bay apparently NOT directed at op
NO white flags or unusual fires activity or
white strips seen at BANDOP or NAMATANAI
@ bridges between strips now prepared @ all
enjoy.*

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FROM (A) H bdl Originator	Date—Time of Origin 190900 K.	Office Date Stamp
For Action		Message Instructions
TO 37/52 New (w) For Information (INFO.)		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI741 secret report 227 to 182000 K OPEN
 BAY of CLOY NGIB moved to 256568 WIDE bay NO
 change Cur ops 8 Corsairs patrolled RABAU from
 0740 K to last light reports throughout day very
 large number vhs all types laden the supplies seen
 on roads throughout area general trend RABAU
 some convoys seen over 100 vhs run at one
 time much activity main street RABAU M.T did
 NOT take cover on approach of a/c hundreds
 small fires seen NORTH of line TOBERA KERAUAT
 large fire seen vicinity CAPE GAZELLE intense smoke
 SOUTH slope MOTHER dying stages SOUTH of TUBNELL
 hill rd large fire white smoke NW end WAKUNAI
 strip much barge traffic SIMPSON RIVER KERAUAT TAVUI
 many oil slicks and swimmers NO hostile actions
 appeared hand waves to a/c seaplane base jetties
 and roads appear serviceable No signs destruction
 KERAUAT area mirror like flashes seen VALLIER R
 NO activity KERAUAT strip fires TOBERA strip
 TALILI bay four smoke puffs observed

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TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

many splashes seen in water but NO
fire directed at aft @ 2 VENTURAS escorted by 4
Corsairs dropped 140,000 leaflets 1330 hrs to
1445 hrs in area being recon around RABAU
and all of same @ excellent coverage @ all infm

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FROM (A) <i>Hpd</i> Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin <i>181550 K.</i>	Office Date Stamp
TO <i>37/52 hr</i> (w) For Information (INFO.) <i>copy</i>	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*AQ247 secret @ my GO 337 of 16 Aug @
now commence 20 Aug est require four to five days
@ 2 a/c available continuously @ ETA WANTAMBU first
a/c 200700 K ETA second a/c 200730 K est time of
flight each way 45 mins @ pay load 25 pers each
weighing 250 lbs @ will NOT be exceeded for safety
reasons flight WATU one. @ OC will be appointed
each draft responsible for discipline during flight
and removal all stores on disembarkation @ two
@ tps to be afloat ready embark at ETA a/c quick
turn round essential @ three @ boats removed
prior embarkation @ four @ no smoking on or
in vicinity a/c @ five @ capt of a/c complete
control all matters relating to a/c @ documentation
emplaning table each plane @ one copy pilot
two copies OC draft to be handed both @ on dis-
embarkation one copy retained 37 hr @ 37 hr will
maintain sig watch 0600 K to 1800 K daily prep
H475 @ ack.*

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FROM (A) <u>4 BDE</u>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <u>16 1730 K</u>	Office Date Stamp <u>C S 214</u> <u>ROSMA</u>
For Action			
TO <u>37 BN</u>	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. HQ 246 Secret 0 First 0 Personnel 37 BN
 will be equipped PRIOR to move with all CLOTHING held 0 Make up to 3 sets good CLOTHING 2 PAIRS good BOOTS and all necessities INDENT ^{shortages for} for 37 BN
 Jwd change HQ first SDS 0 Two 0 DID WATU will move NANTAMBU earliest after 19 Aug 0
 Estimate maintenance rationing NGIB required short period only 0 REPLENISH from NANTAMBU 0
Three 0 Accommodation, stores, TENTAGE, vehicles, will be MADE available this area on arrival

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
V	RDE	161700K	INTELLIGENCE SECTION D729 161950 K. O.
For Action			Message Instructions
TO 37/52 BN.			GR
(w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

60 337 SECRET warning order O 37/52 bn will prepare mov NANTAMBU to JALQUINOT by catamaran NOT before 19 aug O mov with personal arms and eqpt. sig stores less cables all weapons except the attack guns O mil ammo mil vehs mil accor. stores except hydra burners and all portable cooking eqpt. excluding POWERS and SAWYER stores O all packages will be loaded through BLISTER container size accordingly O accor stores and first line amm remaining NANTAMBU will be crated and marked for sea voyage O rear party NANTAMBU will comprise capt ROWLEY and comdr one clerk one O NCO 2 dms MT and one offr 10 OR th 1A pl O plane loads will be calculated on basis 250 lbs per man which incl WE and stores carried on man O all weights will be carefully checked O capacity plane man load will be advised

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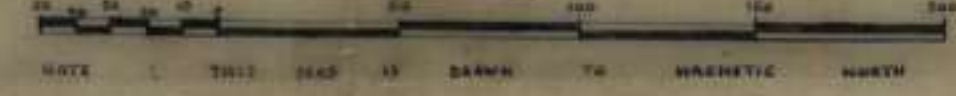
IMMEDIATE

NAMTAMBU AREA

REF. MAP : CAPE DESCHAMP 1 INCH TO 1 MILE



Scale : 1 inch to 50 yds.



LEGEND	
	Perennial Stream
	Non-perennial Stream
	Swamp
	Trench
	Wire
	Machine gun position
	Mortar position
	Deep road
	Road under construction
	Road
	Bridge
	Cemetery
	Tent

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PATROL ROUTES PERIOD 18 JUL TO 2 AUG

REF MAPS ONE INCH SERIES OPEN BAY MAVELO

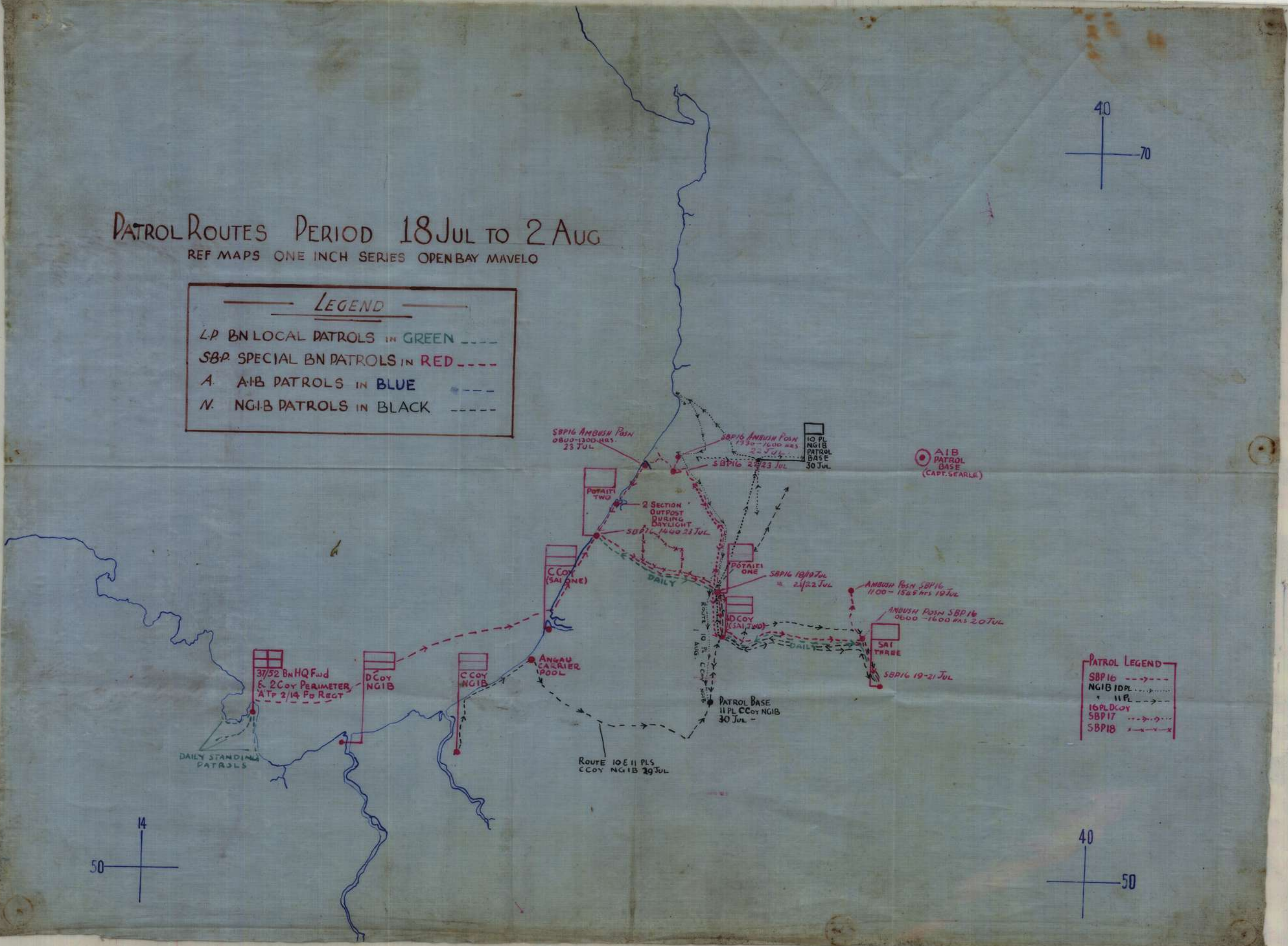
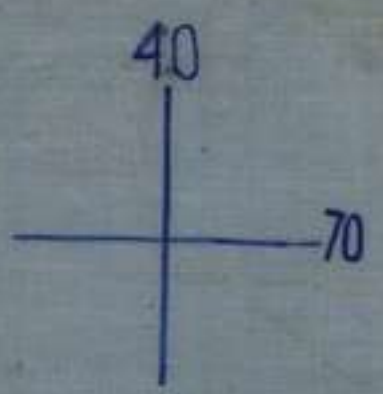
LEGEND

L.P. BN LOCAL PATROLS IN GREEN - - - -

SBP SPECIAL BN PATROLS IN RED - - - -

A. AIB PATROLS IN BLUE - - - -

N. NGIB PATROLS IN BLACK - - - -



PATROL LEGEND

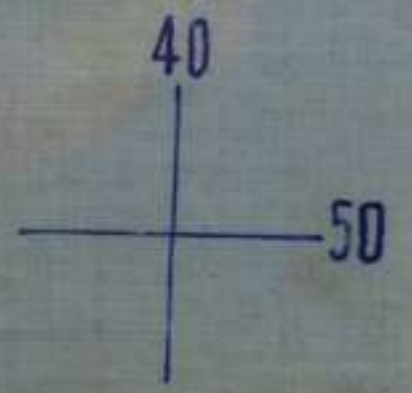
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WAR DIARY

TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 1 SEP 45

37/52 AUST INF BN

INTELLIGENCE
D/45/13. I.O.
SECTION

Serial	Period	Mon D 1	Tue D 2	Wed D 3	Thu D 4	Fri D 5	Sat D			
1.	0815 - 0900	Coy Parade - Inspection - Atebrin Parade - Coy Drill						Bn		
2	0910 - 0955	Weapon Trg - Exercising the trained soldier	Range practices	Bn	parade	Weapon Trg - Exercising the trained soldier	Weapon Trg - Exercising the trained soldier.	Parad		
3	1005 - 1050	Armed sentry drill				Guards and sentries	Guards and sentries		Coy	
4	1100 - 1145	CAB discussion				Range	Bn	COY	Armed sentry drill	Adm
5	1145 - 1215	Compliments				practices	Parade	Ceremonial	Lecture	

- NOTE: (a) HQ COY: 100 yds range available LMG and MMG Wed afternoon.
 1/2 Coy on 50 yds range each day. Remainder of Coy as rifle Coys.
 (b) Afternoons: Organised sport - all troops to take part.

Lawton Lt
Adj 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

TRAINING CODE

Coy	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A	1	4	3	5	2	6
B	1	5	3	2	4	6
C	1	2	3	4	5	6
D	2	1	3	5	4	6