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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From...010900L.....To...021330L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU	1 Jan	0900	Bn parade. Led by the C.O., Lt-Col P.D. Starr, the bn marched to the to the Bde Sports Ground.	
		1000	15 Bde Military Gymkhana commenced	Appendix A
			Lt-General Sir Leslie Morshead KCB KBE CMG DSO ED attended and during the morning spoke to members of the unit who have received awards. The sporting events were keenly contested and this bn gained second place. In inter-unit competition this bn either won or tied for the THOMAS splint, the field sketch and the MMG contests.	
		1200	Buffet lunch was served to officers and tps entertaining Sisters and Nurses and a picnic lunch to the remainder.	
		1440	Gymkhana concluded.	
		1815	The C.O., Lt-Col P.D. Starr, the 2i/c Maj C.E. Newman MC and the Adj. Lt. Bethune ^{MC} were invited to the opening of the Sgts Mess, when Sisters and Nurses were entertained.	
		2000	Films were shown at DONADABU Open Air Theatre.	
		2300	Message from 15 Aust Bde placed this bn on 48 hrs notice for a movement.	Appendix B
	2 Jan	0030	The 2 i/c Maj C.E. Newman MC left to join the Bde advance party moving to RAMU VALLEY	
		0700	Reveille. Duty Coy D.	
		0900	Church Parade	
		0930	All officers attended TEWT at Bde.	Appendix C
		1030	RC Church Parade.	
		1300	Lieut A.J. O'Rourke left to join the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
		1330	Lieuts R. Lane and J. Roe left for MORESBY to observe empla ning of 18 Aust Inf Bde.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU	2 Jan	1400	Lieut J ^{Pym} transferred from 57/60 Aust Inf Bn arrived. Posted to B Coy.	
		1500	Bde Comd conferred with C.O.'s. Adm arrangements for the move were discussed.	
	3 Jan	2000	A concert was held at DONADABU Open Air Theatre.	Appendix D
		0900	Coy Comds conference discussed adm arrangements for the move	
		1400	All Coys were engaged in adm preparations for the move. Offrs and Senior NCO's attended lecture at Bde given by Lt-Col Ford. Subject: Mala ria and Scrub Tyhus.	
	4 Jan	1530	I.O., Lieut R.L. Matthews delivered lectures to HQ and B Coys on ops in NEW GUINEA and NEW BRITIAN.	APPX DD
		0900	Duty Coy B. All coys engaged in adm	
		1500	I.O. continued lectures on ops to A C and D Coys.	
		1900	FSS visited the area to advise on security measures for the move.	
			Coy Comds conference discussed movement order and final adm arrangements.	Appendix E
MORESBY	5 Jan	0700	Duty Coy C	
		1245	Reveille - final preparations for move. Bn HQ A B Coys 500 offr and 79 O/Rs left DONADABU for MORESBY	
		1635	Arr Marshalling Area vicinity JACKSONS DROME. Lieuts R.Lane and J.Roe rejoined bn.	
MORESBY	6 Jan	0700	Reveille	
DONADABU		1245	Bn HQ A B remainder of HQ Coy spent day in Marshalling Area. C D remainder HQ Coy left DONADABU arr Marshalling Area 1630 hrs. Bn rear details comprising Capt A.R. Bateman and 7 O/Rs remaind DONADABU.	
			UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN all future map ref will be taken from the following sheets :- DUMPU 1"; MT OTTO 1"; URIGINA 1"; MT KUBARI 1"	

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Date and Time.—From...07.0230L.....To...08.1200L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MORESBY	7 Jan	0230	Reveille for Bn HQ A B Coys including Sig Offr Lieut H.J. Shrosbee	
		0445	Embussed for JACKSONS DROME.	
		0510	Arr JACKSONS DROME	
		0630	Planes (Douglas DC3) left JACKSONS DROME for DUMPU. Journey uneventful	
DUMPU		0810	Arr DUMPU. Met by 2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC. C.O.'s. party comprising C.O., 2 i/c, A Coy Comdr, Sig Offr, I.O., left by jeep for 589596 where bn was to relieve 2/14 Aust Inf Bn. XXXX Bn HQ A B Coys commenced march to bn area, arr 1130 hrs. A Coy given operational role with pls disposed on features 608607 (7pl), 592617 (8pl), 615602 (9pl). B Coy took up bivouac posn 588599	
MORESBY	8 Jan	1800	Relief of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn completed.	
		0230	Reveille for HQ (less two plane loads) C D Coys at Marshalling Area JACKSONS DROME.	
DUMPU		0615	Planes left JACKSONS and WARDS DROMES and arr DUMPU 0800 hrs. to 0900 hrs.	
		0830	Lieut E.Zerner allotted for temporary duty at DUMPU DROME.	
		0900	Representatives from Bn HQ, A B Coys attended lecture bn HQ area by Capt McCulloch of 7 Div HQ. Subject; Malaria and Serub Typhus, use of mesquite repellent and application of mokka lotion to clothing.	
		0930	HQ C D Coys marched from DUMPU to bn area 589596 arr 1130 hrs.	
		1100	C.O., Lt-Col P.D.Starr, 2 i/c., Maj C.E.Newman MC and XXXX I.O. Lieut R.L.Mathews visited 9 pl area on THOMPSONS feature 615602. <i>SCHWIND'S</i>	
		1130	ADMS Col Beare visited area.	
		1200	HQ C D Coys took up bivouac posn, HQ Coy 589596, C Coy 585598 and D Coy 586596.	

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Date and Time.—From..... 081400L.....

To..... 092300L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	8 Jan	1400	Capt McCulloch repeated lectures on malaria and scrub typhus to all 10% of all coys.	Appendix # 6
		1400	C.O. Lt-Col P.D.P. Starr, accompanied by GOC NGF Lt-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead KCB KBE CMG DSO ED, GOC 7 Div Maj-Gen G.A. Vasey CB CBE DSO, CO 21 Aust Inf Bde, Brig I.M. Dougherty, CO 15 Aust Inf Bde, Brig H.H. Hammer DSO, CO 24 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col G. Smith, CO 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col R.R. Marston on tour of posns vicinity EVAPIA RIVER ref 5462.	
		1500	Coy Comds QM RMO RSM attended conference at Bn HQ on general adm for bn.	
	9 Jan	1830	Malaria parade. All tps applied mokka mite repellent to clothing.	
		0700	Reveille - Duty Coy C. Int sec commenced sketches of bn area, 7 8 and 9 pls def posns and panoramas from 7 8 and 9 pls posns.	
		0855	RED WARNING	
		0907	All clear. No A/C seen.	
		0900	C.O., 2 i/c., coy comds, adjt, sig offr, I.O., attended ^{bde} TEWT 57/60 Aust Inf Bn area. Brig H.H. Hammer DSO outlined bde role in future ops.	
		1400	TEWT continued on THOMPSONS HILL 592617. Subject; bde and bn def posns to fulfil the task.	
		1430	Lieuts R. Rolfe, A.B. Wheeler, R.C. Balzer joined bn from Gen Reinfts (Inf). Posted to B D A Coys respectively.	
		1815	RC Church Parade.	
		1900	OPD Church Parade.	
		1902	Sitrep No 5 to 15 Aust Inf Bde advised of routine patrols fwd of 7 8 9 pls posns.	
		2030	Patrol 3 O/Rs from Don Coy left to investigate fire reported by 24 Aust Inf Bn on mudbank 554598.	
		2300	Patrol returned. Could NOT locate fire.	

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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn..... Date and Time.—From.....100543L.....To.....101500 L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	10 Jan	0543	RED WARNING		
		0548	All Clear. No A/C seen.		
		0700	REveille. Duty Coy D.		
				Day devoted to camp duties. Pay sgt commenced to prepare credit slips to enable personnel to buy from the unit canteen without cash. Canteen sgt prepared to open canteen.	
		0900	Y.M.C.A. Welfare Hut, containing magazines, games and wireless and providing refreshments opened.		
		0900	3 cooks, detached to Fd Bakery Unit left bn area.		
		0930	C.O. Lt-Col P.D.Starr, and 2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC reconnoitred bn def posn on Schwinds Hill 615602 with 2 i/c 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Maj Cudden. Tentative inter-bn bdy fixed returned 1230 hrs.		
		0930	QM, Lieut N.A.Dempster, drew 11 Aust tents, 29 tent-flys, 2 U.S. pyramid tents from 24 Aust Inf Bn.		
		1030	Capt H.G.Sweet and 31 O/Rs arrived bn area (part of D Coy on 2 planes unable to get through 8 Jan).		
		1100	Catering Offr 7 Div, Lieut Schultz, visited area and arranged trg of cooks.		
		1330	9 sigs departed for 15 Aust Inf Bde W/T School.		
		1400	CO, Lt-Col D.P.Starr accompanied by MMG offr, Lieut L.S. Preby MC, left to recce left flank of bn def posn. Returned 1700 hrs.		
		1430	Majs. English, Exton and Shannon, malarial control experts visited area.		
1500	Adj. Lieut J.F.Bethune MC, commenced drafting adm instrn covering camp routine and hygiene precautions. Rang 15 Aust Inf Bde SC, Lieut L. Talbot and asked him to issue bde instrn as soon as possible so that this unit's instrn could follow.				

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Date and Time.—From.....101600L.....To.....111400L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	10 Jan	1600	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC made further request for to BM Maj Travers for the amenities grant of £50 promised by Bde as prizes for bn sports which it had been promised to hold on Xmas Day.	
		1715	Patrol of 4 O/Rs with native carriers arrived bn HQ area from A B Tps of 2/6 Cav Sqn ref 636640 and 599645 en route to Sqn HQ 627583. Refuse Reported no movement seen. Square 6564.	
		2000	Int Sec issued first of daily summaries of wireless news to all coys	
	11 Jan	0700	Reveille - Duty Coy B.	
		0705	Sitrep to bde - sitnor.	
		0900	Patrol comprising Lieut R.G.Lane and 5 O/Rs left 7 pl area on JERRY'S HILL 608607 to investigate fires seen 625619.	
			Bn library opened	
			3 O/Rs from each coy appointed as malarial squad. Commenced instruction under Malarial Control Cpl.	
			Int Sec commenced preparation of Sand Table of bde def area.	
			Pioneer pl engaged in preparing entrance rd to bn area and a Mess for bn HQ offrs.	
	1000	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC rang Bde Hyg Offr Capt Leffers asking for rat poison and was told that supplies were available from DID. Hyg offr has arranged to attach 1 NCO and 2 extra REGA sprays to the unit to carry out malarial precautions.		
	1015	2 i/c rang Bde SC Lieut L.Talbot asking for sump oil for screening of latrines.		
	1030	Pioneer offr Lieut T.S.Simmonds left to recce bn def posn for jeep tracks up to B Ech posn.		
	1400	20 natives previously allotted to this bn as boy-line were withdrawn by ANGAU for work fwd of jeep head.		
	1400	QM prepared Census of Warlike Stores which 7 Aust Div had requested 7 days before usual time.		

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Date and Time.—From...111400L.....To...120900L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
DUMPU	11 Jan	1400	MMG offr Lieut Proby, reconnoitred for def tasks in bn def posn.			
		1430	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman discussed Fd Security measures with in the bn with the FSS Cpl attached to this unit and arranged for visit of S/Sgt Perversi, FSS, to give lectures to all tps.			
		1500	7 Div Legal Offr Maj Nash visited Adj, Lieut J.F.Bethune MC to discuss unit trust funds.			
		1630	Adj left for HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to discuss Regtl Funds with SC Lieut L.Talbot. Returned 1800 hrs.			
		1630	Bde I.O., Capt.S.Hedley visited Int Sec to discuss plans for large scale mapping of area.			
		1815	Lieut Lanes patrol to 625619 returned. Fires caused by six natives who were weak from hunger and disease and who could NOT speak Pidgin. I.O. advised Bde ANGAU Sgt.			
		2249	RED WARNING			
		2306	All clear. No A/C seener heard.			

					Increasing interest of current affairs has been most noticeable during the past few weeks, and to maintain and foster this, the Int Sec issues daily int reports on local ops(") and daily wireless news summaries. Maps of all world fronts are displayed by Int Sec and are continuously referred to by the tps. Current affairs generally are covered by "Guinea Gold", "Salt" and CAB discussions and the unit library contains a varied selection of books on current affairs.	←(") Appendix H
	12 Jan.	0700	Reveille - Duty Coy C. Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor. Bn occupied in camp construction. HQ Coy erected stage for concert.			
		0900	2 i/c Maj. C.E.Newman MC and B C D Coys Comds, Capt C.C.Cuthbertson, Lieut E.M.Griff, Capt H.H.Hilbert visited bn def posn.			

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Date and Time.—From 121030L.....To 122100L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	12 Jan	1030	C.O., Lt-Col P.D.Starr attended conference at 15 Aust Inf Bde where Bde Op Order was issued.		
		1100	Bde Educ Sgt visited bn. Arranged for weekly weekly talks on current affairs, more books for unit library, film strips to illustrate talks.		
		1320	8 pl relieved at 608607 by B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn, returned to A Coy bivouac area posn 590598 at 1350 hrs.		
		1330	1 jeep taken on strength.		
		1400	C.O., Lt-Col P.D.Starr moved with A Coy Comd Capt A.C.Jackson to indicate A Coy def posns. Capt Jackson then reconnoitred posn.		
				QM, Lieut N.Dempster attended Q conference at 15 Aust Inf Bde to discuss supply. Advised that supplies generally in this area are good	
		1500	5 Primus stoves received from Bde Amenties Offr, Lieut D.White for use by fwd pls only.		
		1500	Bearings were taken by OPs at JERRY'S HILL 608607 and SCHWINDS 615602 on 2" mortar flares illuminating. Could NOT reconcile it with posns on map, which Int Sec are checking by resectioning. Great difficulty is being experienced in reconciling existing maps with the ground.		
		1930	7 Div Concert Party under Lieut Steen gave a performance at bn HQ area to large audience. The concert was a particularly good one especially in view of the limited props available.		
		2100	More flares observed from 15 Aust Inf Bde area.		
				CANTEEN :- arrangements have been completed for tps to draw acquittances against pay to cover canteen purchases; credit will be paid into canteen and debits made against each each purchase until credit is expended.	

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Unit.....58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From.....130700L.....To.....131430L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	13 Jan	0700	Reveille - Duty Coy D. Sitrep 12 to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor	
		0830	CO, Lt-Col P.D.Starr called conference with 'O' comprising 2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC, HQ Coy Comd Capt H.S.Sweet, A Coy Coy Comd Capt A.C.Jackson, B Coy Comd Capt C.C.Cuthbertson, C Coy Comd Capt E.Griff, D Coy Comd Capt H.H.Hilbert, RMO Capt Middleton, QM Lieut N.Dempster, Adjt Lieut J.F.Bethune MC, I.O., Lieut R.L.Mathews, Sig Offr Lieut H.J.Shrosbree, MMG Offr Lieut L.Proby, MC, Mortar pl comd Sgt S.Lucas, Tk/A pl comd Sgt C. Hanna, Pioneer Offr Lieut S.Simmonds, RP Sgt Sgt Davis.	
			Bn will prepare def posns on IOGE FEATURE 6060-5959. Bn will remain in present bivouac posns during construction of bn def posn. Coy tasks indicated on ground 12 Jan were confirmed and priority of work allotted. 2 i/c/ discussed general adm and intercomm.	
		1200	9 O/Rs evacuated to MDS, 7 suffering from suspected dengue, 2 from skin diseases.	
		1400	Sig Offr Lieut H.J.Shrosbree and Pioneer Offr S.Simmonds reconnoitred for bn HQ site in def posns. Returned 1700 hrs. A B C D Coy Comds with Coy R Groups reconnoitred coy def posns on IOGE FEATURE. HQ Coy Comd and Comds 2 3 4 pls reconnoitred for sites of support weapons and commenced preparation of bn support fire plan.	
		1430	15 Aust Inf Bde Comd Brig H.H.Hammer DSO and staff inspected bn def posn on IOGE FEATURE with CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr and and Adjt Lieut J.P.Bethune MC. Adjt was instructed to remove the following offr from the return of Offrs 3008;- Capt E.F. Sargood Capt A. Bateman Lieut E.A.Davey Lieut D.A.Hogan Lieut H.J.Walker	

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Date and Time.—From.....131430L.....

To.....141100L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	13 Jan	1430	Unit R.O's. Nos 3-7 issued	APPX H
		1500	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman rang 15 Aust Inf Bde SC to ask for tanks W.P. for bn def posn.	
		1700	Sitrep No 13 to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor.	
		2135	Message to all coys;- Commencing 15 Jan excluding 16 Jan and from 17 Jan to 21 Jan A B C coys will supply 2 NCO's, 25 O/Rs each, D Coy 1 NCO and 18 O/Rs for road work. Parties to report picture theatre area 0815 each morning.	
	14 Jan	0700	Reveille - Duty Coy B. LOCSTAT at 132400L . HQ and HQ Coy less one det mortars one sub-section MMG 549596. A Coy HQ 8 pl 590598; 7 pl amended posn 594607; 9 pl with under comd one det mortars one sub-sec MMG amended posn 601594. B Coy 588599. C Coy 585598. D Coy 586596.	
		0732	LOCSTAT submitted to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
		0800	Canteen opened.	
		0830	All coys and pioneer pl supplied men for road construction.	
			Remaining personnel were engaged in preparation of def posn on IOGE feature.	
			Int Sec continued preparation of sketches of bn def posn for op order and bn and coy fire plans.	
			DID rang QM Lieut N.Dempster and asked asked bn to accept canned fruit and cake on this weeks rations in lieu of fruit juice which is in short supply.	
		1030	QM rang 15 Aust Inf Bde BASCO Capt Linton and ordered petrol and oil which is to be held by bn in bulk.	
		1100	7 pl returned to A Coy area 590598 keaving O P on JERRY'S HILL 590607. 9 pl releived on SCHWIND'S HILL 601594 by composite pl of 1 effr and 31 O/Rs D Coy. 9 pl also returned to 590598.	
		1100	OC 266 LAD Capt J.Brenchley visited QM and discussed need for bn armourer's assistant. 1 O/R will be trained in this	

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Date and Time.—From.....141100L.....To.....150725L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	14 Jan	1100	capacity. M.T. cpl will carry out minor repairs on bn jeep.	
		1300	13 evacuations to hospital. Suspected dengue.	
		1330	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC conferred with Adjut Lieut J.F.Bethune MC and IO Lieut R.L.Mathews to discuss Op Order.	
		1440	All coys occupied bn def posn with skeleton force. CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr, HQ Coy Comd Capt H.Sweet, QM Lieut N.Dempster, Sig Offr Lieut H.J.Shrosbree, IO Lieut R.L.Mathews inspected bn def posn. At 1550 joined by CO 24 Aust InfBn Lt-Col G.Smith and 24 bn coy comds. Party then moved to 24 Bn HQ where CO conferred with Lt-Col Smith.	
		1430	2 i/c Math Maj C.E.Newman MC inspected A and B Coy def posns.	
		1500	15 O/Rs evacuated with suspected dengue.	
		1530	All tps were issued with tobacco and razor blades.	
		1600	Adjut Lieut J.F.Bethune MC, rang B.M., Maj B.Travers and arranged for return to unit of Lieut R.W. Travers FRASER	
		1630	Further stocks of canteen goods arrived.	
		1630	ACF Wireless set less battery was received from 24 Aust Inf Bn. Sump oil for use on latrines arrived.	
		1830	QM Lieut N.Dempster was advised by Bde that hydro-burner would be withdrawn from this bn for use by 18 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1930	Films were shown in Bn HQ area. Indicative of the tps desire for more entertainment was the fact that although heavy rain fell throughout the show nearly all personnel remained until the end.	
		1930	Bn Adm Instn No 3 issued.	Appendix <i>I</i>
15 Jan	0715	Reveille - duty coy C.		
	0724	Sounds of ack-ack fire heard direction DUMPU.		
	0725	3 planes strafed bde area from 500 ft. Although planes, which were thought to be ME's 109F and had in-line engines, flew over bn area NO shots were fired. Later reports from 24 Aust Inf Bn gave 24 bn cas. one killed one wounded.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	15 Jan	0830	All coys supplied men for road construction. D Coy supplied 4 NCO's and 71 O/Rs for work at 15 Fd Amb. All parties returned 1630 hrs. Coy axemen and gardeners reported to WO Pigot for instns.	
		0905	58/59 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 4 issued to Coys(a) together with list of passwords(b) and security instr re PW's(c).	(a) Appendix M (b) Appendix N (c) Appendix O
		1000	Bde Hyg Offr Capt H. Leffers visited bn area. 2 i/c Maj C.E. Newman asked him to secure rat poison for the unit as our efforts unsuccessful.	
		1030	BOWO WO 11 Marks delivered three stands for inf rangefinders, which are still to be delivered. Discussed with QM Lieut N. Dempster, question of supplying canvas water bags to bn. QM ordered his supply of clothing.	
		1030	A 33 - were submitted to 15 Aust Inf Bde in respect of the following offrs:- Lieut N. Dempster. T/capt C. Cuthbertson Lieut L. Franklin M.C. Lieut J.F. Bethune MC	
		1130	2 offrs, Lieut E. Griff and Lieut J. Pimm and 15 O/Rs evacuated with suspected dengue	See RMO's report, Appendix P
		1143	Message to all coys - each coy will mount one AA LMG in coy area. guns to be manned continuously during daylight with particular attention to first light and last light. fire must be controlled by an offr.	
		1145	Adjt Lieut J.F. Bethune MC arranged for AA LMG to be mounted on SCHWIND'S O.P. 601594. Same orders as above.	
		1600	Unit Educ Offr Lieut R.L. Mathews gave talk to six pl comds on CAB dealing with the BEVERIDGE PLAN. Pl comds are to lecture to own pls.	
		1710	Message to all coys - Hostile A/C will be engaged at coy comd's	

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Date and Time.—From.....15.17.10L.....To.....17.07.15L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	15 Jan	1710	direction. Directly attacking A/C will be engaged.	
		1715	QM received one day's bn res of new FOR	
		1900	58/59 Aust Inf Bn Op Order No 1. issued.	Appendix PP
	16 Jan	0310	Earth tremor lasting three minutes. During the night from 0130 to 0530 heavy rain storm occurred.	
		0715	Reveille - Duty Coy D. Rest day for bn.	
		1000	RC Church Parade. Protestant church parade was attended by GOC 7 Div, Maj-Gen G.A.Vasey CB CBE DSO, Brig. H.H.Hammer DSO and staffs	
		1040	GOC talked to a ll bn offrs.	
		1100	HQ Coy commenced dispersing of tents. Completed 1500 hrs.	
		1200	Lieut J.Simmonds and 13 O/Rs were evacuated to MDS, suspected of having dengue fever.	
		1400	570 lbs fresh pineapples arrived with rations.	
		1400	1 Sgt 2 Cpls and 22 O/Rs from Pnr Pl left as working party on road fwd of jeep-head, 553613. Will remain indefinitely and a re controlled by Bde Tpt Offr Capt J.Blackshaw. QM moved to jeep-head to discuss supply of rations for Pnr Pl.	
		1430	A Coy experimented on 30 yd range with three 100-rdAA LMG magazines. These did NOT function but armourer sgt repaired two which are now in working order.	
		1500	Unit auditors, Lieuts A.Ball and R.Lane commenced monthly audit of unit trust funds.	
		1545	BOOMERANG plane flew over bn area and dropped parcel of GUINEA GOLDS in C Coy area. Search by C Coy failed to locate.	
		1545	Bde Comd Brig H.H.Hammer DSO visited bn area.	
		1730	Song Service in YMCA Hut.	
		1730	4 oz chocla te per man (Ration D) distributed.	
	17 Jan	0620	RED WARNING	
		0650	All clear - NO planes seen or heard.	
		0715	Reveille - Duty Coy B;	

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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn... Date and Time.—From.....170830L.....To.....181400L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	17 Jan	0830	Approx 200 xxx O/Rs from all coys left camp for road construction. Returned 1630 hrs. During day sigs laid lines in bn def area.		
		1000	Nine sigs returned to unit from 15 Aust Inf Bde Sig School.		
		1000	Lieut Austin, 8 Fd Bty, discussed a rty fire tasks in bn def area with CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr.		
		1100	Six LMG tripods were received for A/A use.		
		1105	SCHWIND'S O P reported bombing and strafing of SHAGGY RIDGE by Allied bombers. Throughout the day there was considerable Allied air activity.		
		1200	XXXXXX Composite pl D Coy returned to bn def area from SCHWIND'S HILL leaving O P and A/A post on feature.		
		1400	58/59 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 5 issued	Appendix 4	
		1632	58/59 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Report sent to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	Appendix 2	
		1700	Fresh oranges and more pineapples arrived with rations.		
		1700	Native without ANGAU disc intercepted in bn area; taken by R.P. to ANGAU representative who established identity.		
		1800	58/59 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 6 issued	Appendix 5	
		1800	40 new books were received from Bde Educ Offr Lieut J.Lesh for inclusion in unit library.		
		18 Jan	0225	RED WARNING. U/I A/C height unknown flew SE over bn area.	
			0315	All clear. NO bombing heard.	
0715	Reveille - Duty Coy C.				
0830	180 men from all coys left for road construction. Returned 1630 hrs. Int Sec continued work on fire plans of bn def area.				
1130	2 i/c 24 Aust Inf Bn Maj N.Fleay visited CO Lt-Col D.P.Starr.				
1130	Another six LMG tripods were received for A/A purposes.				
1145	"Salt" of 3 Jan issued to all xxxx tps.				
1200	2 i/c Maj C.E.Newman MC, MMG Offr Lieut L.S.Proby MC and 14 O/Rs evacuated to MDS suffering from suspected dengue.				
	1400	Bn HQ personnel tested new LMG's and AUSTEN guns on 30 yd.range.			

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Unit..... 58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From..... 181400L..... To..... 19 1400L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	18 Jan	1400	7 Div Salvage Offr Lieut Jacques visited QM Lieut N.A.Dempster WO WO Il Rush, Ordnance AMM Examiner inspected bn amm and reported ot to be in good condition, with the exception of Mortar Fuses 152, which have now been withdrawn.	
		1500	FSS Offr Lieut Schultz visited area and arranged for visit of FSS Sgt to talk to all tps on security in battle.	
		1515	Lieut R.Fraser returned to bn from 2/1 Aust Gd Bn and was posted to C Coy as acting OC.	
		1800	Maj Gudden, 2 l/c 57/60 Aust Inf Bn, visited CO Lt-Col D.P.Starr and departed 1930	
		2100	CO 24 Aust Inf Bn, Lt-Col G.Smith visited CO Lt-Col D.P.Starr. Departed 2245.	
		19 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy D.
	0830		All available personnel from coys left for rd construction. Sig Pl, MMG Pl, and Mortar Pl carried out maintenance on stores and weapons.	
	0900		ANGAU rep. Lieut Elliot visited I.O. Lieut R.L.Mathews and discussed handling of natives intercepted in bn area.	
	0915		Considerable Allied air activity. O P's on SCHWINDS and JERRY'S reported approx 50 Mitchells bombing SHAGGY RIDGE and in second run straffing. 12 Vultee Vengeance Dive-bombers made two runs on target, which was indicated by red Verey lights fired by tps on 18 Bde fwd tpa posns.	
	1000		Approx 50 Liberators passed over area escorted by 60 Thunderbolts and Lightnings, flying in direction of BOGADJIM.	Appendix 7
	1130		WO Caterer Woll Sparks arrived to instruct bn cooks.	
	1200		Lieuts F.Smith and Balzer and 25 O/RS evacuated to MDS suffering from dengue.	
	1400		Int Sec continued construction of sand model of bn def posn.	
	1400	Malaria survey completed and sketch forwarded to Malarial Control Offr.		

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Unit..... 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From..... 191545L..... To..... 20 1830 L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	19 Jan	1545	One O/R left SCHWINDS to interrogate natives seen moving forward of OP. When did NOT return by 1800 hrs, D Coy patrol of 1 Offr 2 O/Rs and RMO went out to investigate, and found O/R who had lost his way. He reported that natives had been moving to village in vicinity 2/6 Cav Sqn HQ.	
		1600	Int Summary No 7 issued	Appendix ✓
		1800 2000	Bn fire plans completed, copies forwarded to 15 Aust Inf Bde. Bde Educ Offr Lieut Lesh delivered lecture on "A Journey Through America" illustrated by film-projected slides. Parcel of "Penguin" books arrived for inclusion in unit library.	
	20 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy A.	
		0830	All available personnel from coys left for rd construction work. HQ Coy Pls carried out maintenance on stores and equipment.	
		0945	SCHWINDS OP and JERRYS OP reported that large forces of Allied planes were again bombing and strafing vicinity SHAGGY RIDGE.	Appendix ✓
		1100	Maj W.Cudden 2 i/c 57/60 Aust Inf Bn arrived to administer command of this bn when the CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr leaves to take up a new appointment in Second Aust Army.	
		1100	Two tins of rat poison were received to counterast the increasing number of rats in the area.	
		1200	Lieut Rolfe and 10 O/Rs were evacuated to MDS suffering from dengue.	
		1400	RMO Capt L.W.Middleton conferred with Bde Comd Brig H.H.Hammer DSO on the subject of increasing dengue rate. It was decided that it would be necessary to move to a new camp site.	
		1600	Quantity of 2" and 3" mortar smoke bombs were withdrawn from bn for use by 18 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1700	Woll Hogarth arrived to give security talks to bn.	
		1830	Bn parade was called and CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr addressed the bn on the occassion of his departure. The CO thanked the bn for its co-operation and said that the confidence he had when he	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	20 Jan	1830	when he first took over command was more than justified during the SALAMUA operations.	
		1850	Sporting equipment was issued to all coys, comprising softballs materials, footballs, circlos nets and rings, volleyballs and indoor games.	
		1900	Woll Hogarth talked to HQ Coy on security.	
		2200	SC Capt Linton rang I.O. Lieut R.L.Mathews and said that move of bn to new area must be carried out as quickly as possible.	
	21 Jan	XXXX 0530	CO Lt-Col P.D.Starr left for DUMPU strip and Maj W.S.Cudden became Adm Comd of the unit. Maj Cudden, Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G. Sweet and Adjt Lieut J.F.Bethune MC accompanied Lt-Col P.D.Starr to the strip returning 0830 hrs.	
		0715	Reveille - Duty Coy A.	
			Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor.	
		0830	All available personnel from all coys moved out on rd construction work. Returned 1630 hrs.	
		1000	Library books recalled from coys and will now be held in unit library. Int Sec engaged during morning in erecting bookshelves and cataloguing.	
		1000	Adm Comd Maj W.S.Cudden, Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G.Sweet, OC A Coy Capt A.C.Jackson, OC B Coy Capt C.C.Cuthbertson, OC C Coy Lieut R.J.W.Fraser, OC D Coy Capt H.H.Hilbert, Adjt J.F.Bethune MC, QM Lieut N.A.Dempster, Sig Offr Lieut H.J.Shrosbree, I.O. Lieut R.L.Mathews, visited new bn bivouac area sq. 5959. Coy	
			posns were allotted.	
		1130	Int Summary No 8 issued.	Appendix Y
		1200	19 O/Rs evacuated to MDS, suffering from dengue.	
		1400	Sig Pl and Int Sec commenced preparing sites in new bn bivouac area. Sig Pl laid cable to all coy posns.	
		1430	Adm Comd Maj W.S.Cudden and Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G.Sweet visited bn def posns on SCHWIND'S feature. Returned 1600 hrs.	<i>Rm</i>

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Date and Time.—From...211500L.....To...221500L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	21 Jan	1500	QM Lieut N.A.Dempster received 1 Armourer's chest and 15 Owen SMG's to replace Austen SMG's now being held by the unit. Unit now holds $\frac{1}{2}$ Scale A Amm.	
		1500	Bde Comd Brig H.H.Hammer DSO, visited area and spoke to Adjut Lieut J.F.Bethune MC in regard to the mvt of the bn to the new camp site.	
		1630	Tractor and lawn mower commenced mowing grass in new camp site.	
		1630	Woll Hogarth talked to A Coy on the subject of fd security	
		1830	Woll Hogarth repeated lectures to C D Coys.	
		1900	OP on JERRY'S 594607 withdrawn. Personnel returned to A Coy.	
		1930	Films were shown in Bn HQ area, "Jitterbugs" being the main attraction.	
		2110	RED WARNING. Films ceased. Explosions and flashes observed far to the EAST. SCHWIND'S OP reported two red flares in direction DUMPU strip. All clear. NO A/C seen or heard. Films continued.	
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		22 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy B. Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor.
	0830		A B Coys commenced moving to new camp site, assisted by bn jeep. Completed move 1400 hrs. HQ & D Coys prepared sites for occupation.	
	0900		Woll Hogarth FSS returned to 7 Aust Div HQ.	
	1130		Lieuts Biggs FSS 7 Aust Div and O'Neill FSS 11 Div visited area.	
		1130	LO 15 Aust Inf Bde Lieut M.Irving visited Adjut Lieut J.F.Bethune MC, regarding promotion of offr.	
	1200	12 O/Rs evacuated to MDS suffering from dengue.		
	1200	Sig Offr Lieut H.J.Shrosbree visited Bde Sig Sec. Returned 1400 hrs.		
	1330	LOCSTAT to 15 Aust Inf Bde, as at 1200 hrs. Ref Map Arty Plan 1/25000. Bn HQ and HQ Coy 573584, A Coy 582575, B Coy 578577, C Coy 569584, D Coy 572583, SCHWIND'S OP 582580.		
	1500	190 Mosquito Nets arrived to replace Stockingette type which		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	22 Jan		<p><u>NOTE:-</u></p> <p>Unless otherwise shown all future map refs will be quoted from 1/25000 series, which owing to inaccuracies in the grids of adjoining sheets will be set up in two series-- KOBEN - BOKU RIVER - AMUBA - ARTY PLAN forming one, remaining 1/25000 sheets the other.</p>	

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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn..... Date and Time.—From.....221500L.....To.....231830L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	22 Jan	1500	are unsatisfactory.	
		1500	Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G.Sweet visited patients at MDS and distributed parcel of 50 "Penguin" books from unit library.	
			Returned 1800 hrs.	
		1500	Weekly issue of soap, razor blades, matches made.	
		1845	Lieuts J.G.McIntosh, E.O.McCutchan, N.H.Kelly, J.Forster arrived, having been transferred to bn from General Reinfts.	
	23 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy C.	
		0830	Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor. C D Coys commenced movement to new camp site, C Coy moving to 577578, D Coy to 582577, Movement completed 1400 hrs. Bn HQ and HQ Coy prepared for movement and A B Coys improved new sites.	
		0930	Lieuts J.G.McIntosh, E.O.McCutchan, N.H.Kelly, J.Forster posted temporarily to D Coy, B Coy, B Coy, C Coy respectively.	
		1015	Fire plans for A B C D Coys def posns forwarded to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	Appendix Z
		1100	BM Maj B.H.Travers visited Adm Comd Maj W.S.Cudden.	
		1200	9 O/Rs evacuated to MDS suffering from suspected dengue.	
		1200	Jeep-spring broken, taken to 266 LAD for repair. Returned 1430 hrs.	
		1400	Adm Comd Maj W.S.Cudden, Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G.Sweet, RMO Capt L.W.Middleton, Adjut Lieut J.F.Bethune MC visited MDS and later inspected progress at new camp site. Returned 1630 hrs. A Coy moved to MENE RIVER to dam stream and make ford. Returned 1630 hrs.	
		1500	Parade held by all coys to apply mokka mite repellent to clothing.	
		1800	Jeep taken by 15 Aust Inf Bde for carrying stores to jeep-head.	
		1830	Int Summary No 9 issued.	Appendix A1

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Date and Time.—From....240715L.....To...250830L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	24 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy A		
		0830	Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor. Two officers and 50 O/Rs moved out on rd construction. Returned 1630 hrs.		
				Bn HQ, HQ Coy less 5 6 pls commenced move to new site, Bn HQ to 581575, HQ Coy to 579576. During the day all coys continued with work on new site. The movement of Bn HQ was hampered owing to the jeep breaking down whilst carrying amm for 15 Aust Inf Bde, and nearly all stores had to be transported by jungle hand-carts. By 1800 only 6 pl and rear parties from each coy remained on the old site.	
		1000	Capt CHILDS, 7 Aust Div Postal Unit, and Lieut SCHULTZ, Catering Offr 7 Aust Div, visited Adjut Lieut J.F.BETHUNE MC.		
		1200	9 O/Rs evacuated to MDS, one suffering from suspected malaria and eight from suspected dengue.		
		1500	Bn HQ closed 573584 and opened 581575.		
		1515	Lieut E.GRIFF returned to unit from MDS and re-assumed comd of C Coy. Lieut R.J.W.FRASER became 2 i/c of C Coy.		
		1620	Int Summary No 10 issued	Appendix B1	
		1800	Part of monthly issue of comforts was received by QM.		
		1900	Jeep borrowed from 15 Aust Inf Bde for carrying stores. Jeep worked throughout night 24/25 Jan transferring stores from old site to new site.		
				During 24 Jan Lieut H.J.C.WALKER marched in to LOB at MORSEBY from General Reinfts.	
			25 Jan	0715	Reveille - Duty Coy B
		0830	Two offrs and 50 O/Rs moved out on rd construction. Jeep continued transportation of stores to new site and by nightfall only portion of 'Q' and Sig stores and security guard remained at old site. Remainder of bn were occupied in improving new site.		

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Unit.....58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From.....250900L.....To.....260715L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	25 Jan	0900	Adm Comd Maj W.S.CUDDEN called coy comd conference. Maj CUDDEN, Acting 2 i/c Capt H.G.SWEET; A Coy Comd Capt A.C.JACKSON, B Coy Comd Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, C Coy Comd Lieut E.GRIFF, D Coy Comd Capt H.H.HILBERT, QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER, RMO Capt L.W.MIDDLETON, Adjt Lieut J.F.BETHUNE MC, I.O. Lieut R.L.MATH- ews attended. 15 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instrn No 4 xxxxxx was discussed and instns given for control of malaria and dengue and general hygiene. Malaria parades are to be held at 0715, 1830 and 2030 hrs daily, repellent to be applied every hour during day-light and every two hours at night. I.O. gave resume of 18 Aust Inf Bde Ops on SHAGGY RIDGE during the past week and details of 24 Aust Inf Bn's attack on CAMERON'S KNOLL 567707 during 24 Jan.	
		1200	Eight O/Rs evacuated to MDS suffering from suspected dengue. Personnel evacuated at beginning of epidemic are now returning to unit.	
		1400	All inferior mosquito nets were withdrawn for use by natives and replaced by new ones.	
		1600	Comforts issue of tobacco, soap and chewing gum was made to all tps.	
		1820	Unit library opened in Int Office.	
		1830	1/25000 maps EVAPIA RIVER received from 15 Aust Inf Bde. These will replace arty maps in series BOKU RIVER, KOBEN, AMUBA, EVAPIA RIVER.	
		1940	RED WARNING.	
		2009	All clear. NO A/C seen or heard.	
		2030	Int Summary No 11 issued. Jeep continued carrying stores from old site throughout night 25/26 Jan.	Appendix.C1
	26 Jan	0530 0715	Two O/Rs 1 Pl left for NGF Sig School MORESBY. Reveille - Duty Coy C.	<i>R</i>

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Date and Time.—From..260715L.....To..262000L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	26 Jan	0715	Transportation of stores from old site by jeep continued during day.		
		0830	Two offrs 50 O/Rs moved out on rd construction during day. Returned 1630 hrs. Bn engaged during day in improving new camp site.		
		0900	Lieuts MORGAN, LEWIS, (RAE) visited Adjut J.F.BETHUNE MC, in regard to work parties unit is supplying for rd construction.		
		0930	Adm Comd Maj W.S.CUDDEN called conference with Coy Comds. Capt H.G.SWEET Acting 2 i/c, Capt A.C.JACKSON(A Coy), Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON(B Coy), Lieut E.GRIFF(C Coy), Capt H.H.HILBERT (D Coy), Lieut J.F.BETHUNE MC(Adjut), and Lieut R.L.MATHEWS(10) attended. Orders were issued for march to EVAPIA RIVER on 27 Jan. Object of march to test physical fitness of unit prior to RMO's inspection on 28 Jan.		
		1200	RQMS received 160 sets of the new light mess tins and 114 U.S. hammocks. QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER rang SC Lieut L.TALBOT in regard to personnel returning to unit from MDS, who left unit fully equipped and did NOT receive all equipment back on leaving. Austen SMG's held by Bn HQ and HQ Coy personnel were replaced by Owen SMG's.		
		1200	Nine O/Rs evacuated to MDS, fifteen O/Rs RTU from MDS.		
		1400	YMCA Rep Mr. C.WRENCH moved to EVAPIA RIVER to set up coffee stalls along route of march, 27 Jan. Returned 1800 hrs.		
		1500	Two inf range-finders arrived, one of which was issued to HQ Coy, one was returned for repair repair.		
		1800	Only stores remaining in old camp site are amn res.		
		2000	15 Aust Inf Bde advised that Adm Comd Maj W.S.CUDDEN was to return to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn to assume comd consequent on illness of illness of Lt-Col R.MARSTON. Capt H.G.SWEET was appointed to Adm Comd of this unit.		
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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From.....27.07.15L.....To.....28.1000 L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	27 Jan	AM	During the early hours of the morning there was a torrential downpour of rain.	
		0715	Reveille.	
		0830	The bn, less a security guard left in camp, left on a march to DID approx 542595, the object of which was to test the physical fitness of the tps. Packs were dumped at DID and rations were picked up and carried to the EVAPIA RIVER. The crossing of the EVAPIA RIVER was some-what difficult owing to the flood waters caused by the early morning rain. Coffee stalls were set up by the YMCA Rep Mr.C.Wrench, at DID and the EVAPIA RIVER; and cut lunches were carried by tps.	
		0830	Adm Comd Maj W.S.CUDDEN left to assume comd 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at KETOBA. Capt H.G.SWEET became Adm Comd of this unit.	
		1200	QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER received advice that the unit would in future be limited to 5 gallons of kerosene per week. Four 44 gallon drums were received for water containers.	
	1630	Bn returned to camp area from march.		
	2000	Films were shown in bn area, "River's End" being the main attraction.		
	28 Jan	0715	During the day eight O/Rs were evacuated to MDS suffering from dengue, whilst 14 O/Rs returned to the unit from MDS. Reveille	
		0830	Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - gitnor. Working parties left for rd construction, two offrs 50 O/Rs working on rd to DID, one offr 35 O/Rs on rd DID - EVAPIA RIVER. Returned 1630 hrs. B Coy moved to 30 yd range 560600	
		1000	For rifle and LMG practice. Returned 1630 hrs.	
1000		7 Div Catering Offr Lieut SCHULTZ visited area and after conferring with Adjut Lieut J.F.BETHUNE MC, and QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER, he inspected the school being conducted for cooks by Woll SPARKS. Lieut SCHULTZ remarked on the high standard of		

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Unit.....58/59 Aust Inf Bn..... Date and Time.—From 281000L.....To 281800L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	28 Jan	100 0	cooking in this unit. 7 Div Postal Offr Capt CHILDS also visited area.	
		1030	RMO Capt L.W.MIDDLETON commenced examination of all unit personnel to determine the extent of Vitamin B deficiency and general physique. 6 Pl was examined during the morning and Bn HQ during the afternoon.	
		1100	Binoculars were withdrawn and passed to 266 LAD for periodical inspection. All except two which were found to be US, were later withdrawn. <i>RETURNED</i>	
			Hammocks were issued on the basis of 17 to rifle coys, 5 to Bn HQ, 42 to HQ Coy. The new mess tins were also issued and are very popular with the tps.	
		1200	5 O/Rs were evacuated to MDS and 12 O/Rs were returned to unit from MDS.	
		1400	Lieuts H.D.J.BREWSTER and F.J.NORRIE joined the unit from General Reinfts and were posted to A B Coys respectively.	
		1500	U.E.O., Lieut R.L.MATHEWS delivered talk to pl comds on CAB, "Social Security in America" being the subject.	
		1600	The following changes were made in the posting of offr:- Lieut R.L.McDONALD transferred to C Coy as 2 i/c. Lieut R.J.W.FRAZER transferred to A Coy as 2 l/c. Lieut BIDGOOD transferred to HQ Coy as OC Mortar Pl. Lieut A.BALL to act as Asst Adjt.	
		1800	2nd. Edition maps received in respect of the following sheets of the 1/25000 series:- DUMPU KUMBARUM PAIPA AMUSON	

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Date and Time.—From.....29.0715L.....To.....29.2000L.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
DUMPU	29 Jan	0715	Reveille - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor			
		0830	3 offrs 80 O/Rs left for road construction, 2 offrs 50 O/Rs working on road to DID and 1 offr 30 O/Rs working from DID to EVAPIA RIVER			
		1000	21 O/Rs reported on sick parade with diarrhoea, 19 being from D Coy. A Coy moved to 30 yd range 560600 for rifle and LMG practise. Returned 1500 hrs. Armourer Sgt inspected all HQ Coy LMG's.			
		1200	Fresh meat and ham arrived with rations. 23 O/Rs returned to unit from MDS, 10 O/Rs evacuated suffering from dengue.			
		1400	RMO Capt L.W.Middleton continued medical examination of unit. During the afternoon all D Coy personnel were examined.			
		1500	BM 15 Aust Inf Bde XXXX Maj B.H.TRAVERS and Bde I.O. Capt S.HEDLEY visited Adjt and I.O. respectively.			
		1538	Acting OC HQ Coy Lieut H.J.SHRDSBREE and OC 3 pl Lieut N.BIDGOOD inspected bn def posns and sites for mortar dets. Returned 1630. LOCSTAT as at 291200L sent to 15 Aust Inf Bde:- Bn HQ 577574. HQ Coy less 5 pl 576575. 5 pl 527607. A Coy 577573. B Coy 575576. C Coy 574576. D Coy 580576. SCHWIND'S OP 580580.			
		2000	Int Summary No 14 issued Int Report No 2 forwarded to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	(Appendix F1 (Appendix G1		
						

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Date and Time.—From..... 300715L To..... 310715L

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	30 Jan	0715	Reveille - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor.	
		0830	2 offrs 40 ORs left for road construction at EVAPIA RIVER.	
		0915	Protestant Church Parade was held by Cha plain J.J.BLAKEMORE. <i>UNIT CHAPLAIN</i>	
		1000	Additional 20 U.S. hammocks were received by unit, making total now 134. Fresh meat and butter arrived with rations.	
		1118	RED WARNING.	
		1200	7 ORs returned to unit from MDS. Lieut P.GRAHAM and 13 ORs evacuated to MDS, 5 of whom were dengue cases, remainder other ailments.	
		1214	All Clear - No enemy A/C seen.	
		1400	R.M.O., Capt L.W.MIDDLETON continued medical examination of unit. B Coy with the exception of 10 men, and remainder of D Coy were examined.	
		1500	HQ Coy moved amn from old camp site to amn dump at new site.	
		1500	Bde I.O. Capt S.HEDLEY visited I.O.	
		1530	Int Summary No 15 issued.	Appendix M 1.
		1600	Lieut H.J.C.WALKER marched into unit from 24 Aust Inf Bn and was posted to A Coy.	
		1630	Bn Educ Offr Lieut R.L.MATHEWS submitted report on educational activities during month to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1930	Church service held by Unit Chaplain, Chaplain J.J.BLAKEMORE. Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET held conference with Adjt Lieut J.F. BETHUNE MC and Coy Comds. Lieut H.J.SHROSBREE Acting OC HQ Coy, Capt A.C.JACKSON OC A Coy, Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON OC B Coy, Lieut E.M.GRIFF OC C Coy, Capt H.H.HILBERT OC D Coy. Proficiency pay and building up of morale of tps were discussed.	Appendix J 1.
31 Jan	0700	I.O. Lieut R.L.MATHEWS and 1 OR from Int Sec left to attend NGF Air Photo Interpretation School.		
	0715	Lieut J.R.ROE took over duties of I.O. temporarily. Reveille - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor.		

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 310830L To 311700L

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	31 Jan	0830	4 offrs 100 ORs left for road work at MENE RIVER and IOGE RIVER	
		0900	C and HQ Coys carried out tests for Proficiency pay during day. R.M.O. Capt L.W.MIDDLETON continued examination of unit. Half A and C Coys and remainder of D Coy were examined. OC C Coy Lieut E.M.GRIFF held TEWT of defence with Pl Comds.	
		0930	1 offr 2 ORs carried out repair work on 30 yd range.	
		1000	7 Aust Inf Div Salvage Offr Lieut JAKE visited Adjut Lieut J.F.	
		1030	BETHUNE MC All Austen SMG's were returned to 15 Aust Inf Bde. 15 Aust Inf Bde Hygiene Offr Capt B.LEFFERS visited RMO and inspected Bn a rea.	
		1200	YMCA Rep. Mr C.WRENCH, Lieut E.O.McCUTCHEON, 12 ORs were evacuated to MDS with dengue. 1 OR returned to unit from MDS.	
		1400	OC A Coy Capt A.C.JACKSON and 8 ORs moved to JERRY'S OP and carried stores which had been left there when Bn moved from previous site, back to new Bn area.	
		1700	Int Summary No 16 issued.	Appendix N 1.

A. C. Jackson
Capt.
ADM COMD 58/59 AUST INF BN

15 AUST INF BDE SPORTS 1 JAN 44

Appx A
HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bde
29 Dec 43

1. GENERAL

58/59 Aust Inf Bn will take part in the Brigade Sports on New Years Day 1944 at 15 Bde Sports Ground, Donnadabu. A pennant and cup are being awarded for champion units. It is expected that all ranks will do their utmost to encourage our competitors during running of events.

2. DRESS

(a) All ranks will wear greens, hat, waistbelt, gaiters and boots. Boots will be polished, clothes and webbing clean. Hair will be neatly cut and shaves will be enforced. Sleeves will be rolled up.

(b) Application has been made for permission for competitors to wear shorts. Ruling will be issued later.

(c) Coy inspections will be particularly strict.

3. PARADE

Bn Parade 0915 hrs. Unit marches to Sports Ground 0930 hrs. Adjt will apply for 24 Bn band.

4. SECURITY GUARD

Security Guard of Light and No Duties personnel under Orderly Sgt and Cpl will remain in unit lines. If necessary others will be detailed to bring number up to total of 20. Adjt responsible.

5. UNIT AREA

58/59 Bn spectators will remain at west end of Sports Ground including theatre area. No one will move through 15 Fd Amb lines.

6. MEALS

Buffet lunch will be served between 1200 and 1330 hrs on Theatre Stage or in marquee for officers, Sgts and any O R's who are escorting females.

All O R's will take msg to Sports and will be served picnic lunch at 1230 hrs. QM will co-ordinate arrangements for all meals including detailing of duties.

200 gal water-tank will be filled and water-cart standing by in unit area by 0900, hrs. QM to arrange.

7. INTERCOMB

Sig Officer will arrange I/T to luncheon marquee including manning of phone.

8. TRAFFIC CONTROL

(a) IEM will detail 1 Cpl and 4 O R's to act as guides between entrance to Sports Ground and unit area.

(b) Capt Bateman will arrange for pioneers to paint and erect signs as detailed by Bn 2 i/c.

(c) Unit R Ps may be called on by Bde HQ for traffic control.

9. OFFICIALS

Officials as detailed in Appx A will assemble on road outside Officers lines at 1535 hrs Wed 29 Dec ready to march to Sports Ground for instructions.

10. TRANSPORT

Unit Transport will be used for transport of visitors on Sports Day as co-ordinated by Bde Sports Officer. Transport will be maintained and cleaned inside and out on preceding day.

11. VISITORS

All ranks are encouraged to invite visitors male or female. Names of ORs wishing to escort visiting AMWAS should be handed to Coy Comds. Adjt will arrange to invite AMWAS and will co-ordinate transport and meeting points.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy.

CO	1
Each Officer	1
RSM	1
R P Sgt	1
Pmr Sgt	1
Each Coy notice-board	1

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stores Required</u>
Protest Committee	Maj C E Newman MC	
Announcer	Lieut N Dempster	
100 yds Heats & Final	Lieut N Bidgood & batman Lieut F Smith Sgt A Anderson	Tape and Stopwatch.
220 yds Heat & Finals	Lieut A Ball & batman Lieut E Zerner Sgt M Hicks	"
440 yds Heat & Finals	Lieut D Beale & batman Lieut G Lane Sgt J Davey	"
Platoon Drill	Capt H Sweet	
Thomas Splint	Capt L Middleton	
Mortar Shoot	Capt H Sweet	
MMG Shoot	Capt H Sweet	Targets
Sig Competition	Lieut H Shrosbee	
Road Race	Lieut R MacDonald & batman Lieut J Roe Sgt R Farrelly	Tape, stopwatch and gun.
Field Sketch	Lieut R Matthews	
Marshals for Unit Competitors	WO I K Anderson Sgt D Robinson Sgt C Hanna	

1. O.
58/59

15, AUST INF BDE MILITARY GYMKHANA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, TIMES AND JUDGES

No.	Event	Time	Judges	Unit
1.	100 yds Heats	1000	Lieut BIDGOOD Lieut SMITH Sgt ANDERSON	58/59 Bn " "
2.	Kicking football	1015	Capt ROSS Lieut SINCLAIR	57/60 Bn "
3.	Field Sketch	1015	Bde & Bn IOs	
4.	Wheelbarrow Race	1020	Lieut McDONALD " ROE Sgt FARRELLY	58/59 Bn " "
5.	220 yds Heats	1030	Lieut BALL " ZERNER " HICKS	58/59 Bn " "
6.	Tug of War Heat	1045	Lieut SMITH	58/59 Bn
7.	440 yds Heats	1100	Lieut BEALE " LANE Sgt DAVEY	58/59 Bn " "
8.	Band			
9.	Throwing Cricket Ball	1100	Capt LE NOURY Lieut ATKINSON	57/60 Bn "
10.	Thomas Splint	1115	Unit MCs	
11.	Broad Jump	1115	Capt JEFFREY Lieut MADDER	15 Fd Amb "
12.	Tossing Caber	1120	Capt WOODS Lieut BERMAN	57/60 Bn "
13.	Mortar Shoot	1120	Major CONNELL Capt SWEET	57/60 Bn 58/59 Bn
14.	Grenade Throw	1130	Lieut IRVING WO.II ADAMS	Bde HQ " "
15.	440 yds Relay	1145	Lieut BEALE " LANE Sgt DAVEY	58/59 Bn " "
16.	MMG Comp	1315	Capt LE NOURY Lieut PROBY	57/60 Bn 58/59 Bn
17.	Platoon Drill	1315	Major CONNELL Capt SWEET	57/60 Bn 58/59 Bn
18.	Tug of War	1315	Lieut SMITH	58/59 Bn
19.	Hop, Step & Jump	1330	Capt JEFFREY Lieut MADDER	15 Fd Amb " "
20.	Obstacle Race	1330	Lieut BALL " ZERNER Sgt HICKS	58/59 Bn " "
21.	Wood Chop	1345	Capt LEFFERS	Bde HQ
22.	Signal Comp	1400	Bde & Bn Sig Offrs	

<u>No.</u>	<u>Event.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>Unit</u>
23.	High Jump	1400	Capt JEFFERY Lieut MADDER	15 Fd AMB " "
24.	100 yds final	1410	Lieut BIDGOOD Lieut SMITH Sgt ANDERSON	58/59 Bn " "
25.	Military Teams Race	1415	Capt LE NOURY Capt ROSS Lieut JACKSON	57/60 Bn " "
26.	Siamese Race	1415	Lieut POWNALL WO HOWE Sgt STENNER	24 Bn 58/59 Bn "
27.	Road Race	1425	Lieut McDONALD Lieut ROE Sgt FARRELLY	58/59 Bn " "
28.	220 yds final	1430	Lieut BALL " ZERNER Sgt HICKS	58/59 Bn " "
29.	Tug Of War Final	1430	Lieut SMITH	58/59 Bn
30.	440 yds final	1440	Lieut BEALE " LANE Sgt DAVEY	58/59 Bn " "

CHIEF MARSHAL	Lieut WHITE	Bde HQ
SCORERS	Sgt ROPER Cpl TRUETT	" "
TIME KEEPER	Lieut TALBOT	"
ANNOUNCER	Lieut DEMPSTER	58/59 Bn
STARTER	Lieut WATT	57/60 Bn

STORES REQUIRED

Stop Watches	2	57/60 Bn, 58/59 Bn
Starting Gun		57/60 Bn
Footballs	4	Bde HQ
Measuring tapes	2	" "
Tug of War Rope		" "
Cricket balls	4	" "
Rakes	2	" "
Caber		58/59 Bn
Hand Grenades	6	Bde HQ
High jump Standards		57/60 Bn
Camouflage nets	4	58/59 Bn
Forms	6	Bde HQ
Ladders	2	57/60 Bn
Sacks	12	Bde HQ
Batons	6	" "
Finishing tape		" "
Logs for wood chop		58/59 Bn
Arm Bands		Bde HQ

58/59

Appx A

15 AUST INF BDE GYMEHAWA 1 JAN 44

CONDITIONS OF MHC COMPETITION

1. PERSONNEL

Sub section consisting of 1 NCO and 4 ORs.

2. DRESS

Full Order.

No rifles.

No.3 responsible for compass can and 1 belt box.

No.4 responsible for 2 belt boxes.

3. DRILL TO BE CARRIED OUT

All orders to be given by NCO

- (a) fall in,
- (b) number,
- (c) take post,
- (d) action,
- (e) simple fire order to engage target,
- (f) Judge indicates that rounds are falling short and to
to the left or right,
- (g) correction by NCO,
- (h) cease firing.

4. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

(a) Drill and Gunnery	50
(b) Fire control orders and correction	20
(c) Turnout	20
(d) Speed	10
	<u>100</u>
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

D. White Lieut
Amenities Officer 15 Aust Inf Bde

Appx A

15 AUST INF BDE SPORTS - 1 JAN 44

1. Further judges are appointed as follows for events at times shown:-

1020 hrs Wheelbarrow Race Lieut R MacDonald & batman
Lieut J Roe
Sgt R Farrelly

1145 hrs 440 yd Relay Lieut D Beale & Batman
Lieut G Lane
Sgt J Davey

1330 hrs Obstacle Race Lieut A Ball & batman
Lieut Zerner
Sgt Hicks

1415 hrs Siamese Race Lieut Pownell & Batman
WO II Howe
Sgt N Stenner

1315 hrs Tug of War Lieut F Smith

2. Adjt will arrange for mail to be distributed at Sports Ground.

3. Competitors for 100 yards race need not attend Bn Parade but will move independently to Sports Ground. All others not specially detailed will march with the unit. Commencing 0921 hrs. Bn Parade at 0900 hrs.

4. All competitors must be at Start Point 10 minutes before Start time.

5. No washing will be out on lines between 0600 hrs & 1600 hrs on 1 Jan 44.

6. The following will act as RP and guides around unit area on Sports Ground. Report to 2 i/c for instructions 0900 hrs 31 Dec : Cpl P Fimm, Cpl A J Dempster, Cpl W J Law, Cpl H C Bock.

7. Lieut Anderson will draw 3 new 12 x 14 tents from QM and erect same for RAP and dressing tents, also racks for clothes in dressing tents.

8. RMO will keep one man on duty at RAP from 1000 to 1530 hrs. RAP flag will be flown.

9. RSM will have Union Jack and red ensign flown by 0900 hrs 1 Jan 44.

10. On Fri 31 Dec Coys will clean their lines, renovate signposts, whitewash all posts and fences

[Handwritten Signature]

A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Lieut

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Appx A

CONDITIONS OF 3" MORTAR SHOOT

1. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

(a) Turn out of team	10
(b) Fall in, take post, prepare for action	20
(c) Action (speed to be consid)	20
(d) Drill during shoot	20
(e) Cease fire	20
(f) Fire orders	10
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2. DRESS

Long trousers, shirts, hats, American gaiters, drill order plus heversack containing groundsheet, 1/2 tent, waterbottle and mess gear.

3. LAYOUT OF STORES

FALL IN

TAKE POST

See SAT Vol 1 Pam 9

4. TARGET

To be indicated by judges.

5. FIRE ORDER

- (a) Designation of detachment,
- (b) Charge,
- (c) Range,
- (d) No of rounds,
- (e) Indication of target and base plate position,
- (f) Action.

6. ACTION

- (a) No 1 doubles forward with base plate to spot indicated by judges and aligns centre rib on target,
- (b) No.2 doubles forward with barrel, inserts breech piece in recess and assists No 3 in guiding cradle on to the barrel,
- (c) No 3 doubles forward with bipod. When cradle is on the barrel he, working on orders from No 1, moves the bipod left or right to align barrel on target. When No 1 is satisfied he orders "Stamp In" No 3 then moves to the rear of No 2.
- (d) No 4 brings up one empty bomb carrier containing one practice round and places himself in rear of No 3
- (e) When mortar is laid No 1 reports "on"
- (f) On the command "fire" No 1 removes muzzle cover, No 2 carries out the movement of placing a bomb in the barrel then No 1 replaces the muzzle cover and with the assist-on No 2 relays mortar and awaits further orders.

7. FALL OF ROUNDS

It is requested that one of the judges "paints a picture" for the fall of each round. By this means the Det Comd will be able to issue Fire Correction orders and the Det will be tested in its ability to carry out Controlled Corrections

8. CEASE FIRING IS ABOUT THE BEST DIRECTION FOR THE TROOP

On completing the shoot Det Comd will order "Cease Firing" Nos 1, 2, and 3 will dismount the mortar and return to original position. No 4 will carry the bomb carrier to this original position. Stores will be rechecked and reported. Det Comd will order "Fall out"

- (a) Turn out of team
- (b) Fall in, take post, prepare for action
- (c) Action (order to be considered)
- (d) Action
- (e) Action

[Signature]
Lieut
Amenities Officer 15 Aust Inf Bde

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100

GENERAL

Long trousers, shirts, hats, American gaiters, Drill order pipe
haversack containing provisions, 1/2 pint, water bottle and
mess kit.

LAYOUT OF STORES

See SAT Vol 1 Part 3

WALK IN
TAKE POST

TARGET

To be indicated by judges.

FIRE ORDER

- (a) designation of detachment
- (b) Charge
- (c) Range
- (d) No of rounds
- (e) Indication of target and base plate position
- (f) Action

ACTION

- (a) No 1 doubles forward with base plate to spot indicated by judges and slight course up on target.
- (b) No 2 doubles forward with barrel, leaves base plate in recess and carries No 3 in, sliding cradle on to the barrel.
- (c) No 3 doubles forward with tripod. When cradle is on the barrel No 2, working on orders from No 1, moves the tripod left or right to align barrel on target. When No 1 is satisfied he orders "Stand in" No 3 then moves to the rear of No 2.
- (d) No 4 brings up one empty bomb carrier containing one practice round and places it in rear of No 3. When order is laid No 1 reports "On".
- (e) On the command "Fire" No 1 removes cradle cover No 3 carries out the movement of placing a bomb in the barrel. When No 1 replaces the cradle cover and with the carrier on No 3 reports "Mortar and base further orders".

FALL OF ROUNDS

It is requested that one of the judges "prints a picture" for the fall of each round. By this means the Det Comd will be able to issue fire correction orders and the Det will be better in its ability to carry out controlled corrections.

Appx B

Appx B
2300
HH

MESSAGE FORM

To : 24 sust inf bn rear details, 57/60 sust inf bn. 58/59 sust inf bn,
15 sust fd coy, one pl 152 gen tpt coy, 182 sup dep pl, 186 sup
dep pl, 129 bde ord fd pk, 129 bde wkshops, 266 LAD, 15 sust fd amb

From : 15 sust inf bde 0 1720 1

SECRET (.) first (.) following units will come
under comd 15 sust inf bde as from receipt
this message (.) 15 sust fd coy (.) one pl 152
sust gen tpt coy and NDI (.) 182 and 186 sup
dep pls (.) 15 sust fd amb (.) 129 bde ord
fd pk (.) 129 bde ord wkshops (.) 266 LAD (.)
second (.) all ~~units~~ ^{addressees} are placed on / 48 hrs ^{warning} for
air movement (.) six copies of explaining tables
required (.) third (.) GOCs of all addressees will
report for bde conference at DONADABU at 1500 hrs
2 Jan 44 (.) ack all informed

This message must be sent in
cipher if liable to interception

*Immediate
B.H. Evans May.*

TOO 1810.

THI 1830

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1/72
30 Dec 43

1 OBJECT

To study methods of rapid reorganisation, consolidation and exploitation after an attack.

2 LESSONS

(a) "Reorganisation must be quick and good."

Gen MONTGOMERY

(b) "Consolidation has as its purpose to secure the objectives which have been reached, or other important localities which have been occupied against counter attack and as a base for further advance. The process includes the organisation of the position for defence; the reorganisation of the troops; the replenishment of ammunition, etc; the establishment of communication both to the rear and to the flanks; provision for observation and information; arrangements for supporting a further advance."

FSR Vol II Sec 59 (2)

(c) "There is often a period after a successful attack when ground beyond the allotted objective can be occupied with little or no resistance while the enemy is still surprised and disorganised." FSR Vol II Sec 59 (1)

(d) "The exploitation of a success depends mainly on the leadership of the subordinate Comds. When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from a reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive. Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate comds at this stage. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE."

FSR Vol II Sec 59 (1)

3 TOPOGRAPHY

Issued at sand model.

4 NARRATIVE 1

General picture is the same as for TEWTS Nos 2 and 3. Both forward Coys captured their objectives after a hard fight particularly in the case of the right Coy. Ammunition expenditure was heavy.

Right Forward Coy

The right forward platoon now just forward of CONE HILL had the Platoon Comd wounded, 1 sec comd and 3 ORs killed and 2 ORs wounded. The left forward Platoon just North of the PIMPLES had the Platoon Sjt and 2 sec comds wounded and 4 ORs killed. Reserve Platoon now just North of POTTERS COPSE had 4 wounded. The Coy was somewhat disorganised after its hard fight.

Left Forward Coy

Now just North of LONG HILL had a total of 10 casualties. They are mopping up a few isolated enemy.

Many enemy dead and wounded were lying about on the Battalion front and the remainder, much disorganised could be seen running in the direction of TURTLE Ck.

The success signals were fired and both forward Coys reported the enemy situation to the Bn Comd.

Up to this stage no tasks had been allotted to the reserve Coys. The time is now 1100 hrs.

5 PROBLEM 1

- (a) As OC right forward Coy write the message you would send to CO.
- (b) What communication means would you have available for the message. Describe the communication layout you would expect at this stage within the Battalion.
- (c) Where would you expect to find the CO at this stage.
- (d) What action would the CO take to exploit success.

Problem 2

- (a) As OC Coy what would Coy command be doing & thinking ahead about as he approached objective
- (b) What action as Sergeant would he take on objective whilst awaiting reply from CO.

ADM INSTRUCTION No 1.

SECRET

Copy No 19

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
3 Jan 43.

Confirmation of conference 3 Jan 44.

1. Vacation of Site

- (a) All essential cleaning up will be complete by 4 Jan 44 with the exception of necessary latrines and rubbish pits.
- (b) All foul ground to be marked in authorised manner.
- (c) Incinerators will be cleaned out and all tins buried.

2 AMMUN

- (a) 50 rounds per rifleman
120 " " Bren
120 " " Owen
10 " " Tk/A rifle
All 2" mortar flares
All pyrotechnics
All 38 pistol
- (b) All surplus arms will be returned to S.A.A.D. BOWO will authorise.

3 Rations

- (a) On the man - one S.W.P.. 2 emergency rations. Q.M. to arrange
- (b) Bivouac area - meal arranged.
- (c) No reserve.

4 Equipment and Clothing

- (a) On the man - marching order. One blanket, g/sheet, mosquito net, gas cape, one set greens, one towel, toilet gear, spare socks and underclothing, mess gear, 2 bottles mosquito repellent, one water sterilization outfit.
- (b) Coy Stores - spare greens, boots, towel, underclothing and socks will be wrapped in shelter half securely labelled. No rank Name Coy Unit kit No.
- (c) Surplus personnel gear may be left labelled as above. C to arrange dumping of this in Unit Rec hut by 1200 hrs 4 Jan.
- (d) Not to be taken - steel helmets, officers valises and stretchers.

5 Return of tentage

- (a) Tentage examiner will be in area 4 Jan.
- (b) Tents will be dropped 0800 hrs 5 Jan and stacked in area Q store by 0900 hrs for return to R.S.D.

6 Accomodation stores

- (a) Those not being taken to be returned to R.S.D.
- (b) BOWO will authorise.

7. Vehicles

- (a) Tpt responsible for preparation of G 52. Transference to be left blank
- (b) L.A.D. will arrange for AAF G 4 to be submitted
- (c) All relevant documents to be handed to Capt Bateman prior to move.

8 Unit Stores.

- (a) To be in boyloads where possible
- (b) Pioneer Pl will be available on call from Q.M. to pack.
- (c) Return of surplus stores to be handled by Capt Bateman
- (d) All signs to be taken.

9 Rear Details

- (a) Composition - CO Capt Incester, A Coy Ptes Macrae & Wyl
B Coy Cpl Ware W. C Coy Ptes Peulter & Pothergill,
D Coy Pte Hill HQ Coy Sgt Pollett Pte Boyden Pte Bull.

(b) Personnel report to Capt Esteman 1400 hrs 5 Jan. at 2 St.

10 Schools

- (a) Personnel attending Sig school, Air Photo interpretati. school to move with Unit
- (b) Personnel attending Weapon tng and Junior Leaders cour. to remain **with** rear details. Capt Esteman to arrange movement.

11 Canteen

- (a) Canteen will close 1400 hrs 4 Jan
- (b) Canteen will be open to Coys at the following times.
 - A Coy 0830 - 1030
 - B Coy 0930 1030
 - C Coy 1030 1130
 - D Coy 1230 1400
 BEQ personnel with HQ Coy.
- (c) Capt Sweet to arrange goods to be carried with Unit.
- (d) Duty Coy will supply 6 men as loading party for goods to be returned. Report to Sgt Chuck 1430 hrs 4 Jan.

12 Pay

- (a) No large sums will be carried. Will be paid into paybook by 1500 hrs 4 Jan.
- (b) AAPC personnel to move with Unit.

13 Postal

- (a) Postal Sgt to remain
- (b) Postal orderly to move with Unit.
- (c) Mail closes usual time 5 Jan.

14 Intercommunication

- (a) Lines to be in by 1300 hrs 5 Jan. Each Coy to send one runner to BEQ 1200 hrs 5 Jan.

15 Sanitary Precautions

- (a) 6 days strebrin to be carried
- (b) strict observance of unit orders during move. Offrs to check.

16 Security

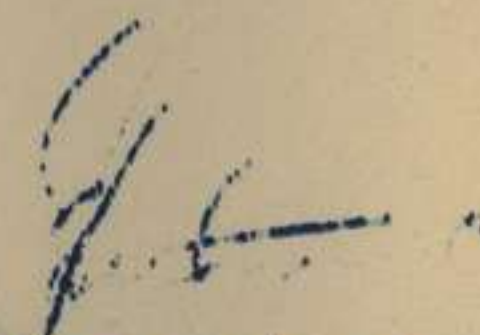
Offrs will check Coy lines for documents, envelopes, letters etc prior to move.

17 Plane Tables.

- (a) Can be commenced on receipt of Coy stores.
- (b) En HQ will allot plane serial. Nos.
- (c) Plane tables to be at BEQ by 1600 hrs not 1800 hrs.

18. Order of march.

A - BEQ - B - HQ - C - D.


 Lieut
 A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution.

A Coy	Copy No 1	Sig Offr	Copy No 11
B Coy	" " 2	I.O.	" " 12
C Coy	" " 3	OC Rear Details	" " 13
D Coy	" " 4	R.S.M.	" " 14
HQ Coy	" " 5	T.O.	" " 15
C.O.	" " 6	Canteen Sgt	" " 16
2 I/c	" " 7	File	" " 17,18
Adjt	" " 8	War Diary	" " 19,20.
Q.M.	" " 10		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No 1

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

3 Jan 44

Nos 1 - 2

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P D STARR

COMMANDING 58/59 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer to Retreat	4/1/44	Lieut	N C BIDGOOD
Next for Duty	"	"	P GRAHAM
" " "	"	"	D R BEALE
" " "	"	"	A BALL
Duty Company	to Retreat	4/1/44	B Coy
Next for duty	"	5/1/44	C Coy
" " "	"	6/1/44	D Coy
" " "	"	7/1/44	A Coy

2. BLEACHING OF EQUIPMENT

Chlorosmen will NOT be used for bleaching of equipment. Such use will cause equipment to rot and necessitate replacement.

Starr

Lieut
A/Adj 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

UNIT CANTEN AND RECIMENTAL FUND

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following statement:-

1. Since 13 Sep 43 free distributions to the men from Unit Canteen have amounted to approx £634 (including the Brass 5/- Canteen Order.) In addition £186 has been spent on supplementary rations, which were distributed to Coy kitchens.
2. Approximately £500 is kept invested in the canteen.
3. The price of all canteen goods is fixed by Canteen HQ. When purchasing, the unit is allowed 5% rebate, which has averaged £15 per week. This is supplemented by distributions from Canteen HQ profit which has also averaged £15 per week. These moneys are paid into Unit Regtl Fund. They are the unit's only source of income and will form the basis of future distributions and expenditure for unit welfare. At present the Unit Fund has only £81 in credit. It is proposed to build this up and no further distributions may be expected for at least six weeks.

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4. Stock is taken weekly and the books are audited monthly.
5. The Canteen is run for your benefit and suggestions for improving the service will be welcomed. Items not on the canteen shelves should be asked for and every effort will be made to obtain them for you.

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

J. H. [Name]

2 - 1 - 1918

RECEIVED BY THE [Name]

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1. GENERAL

- (a) En will move from Camp site to 15 Aust Inf Bde Report Centre at Pom Pom Valley.
- (b) En will bivouac overnight at report centre and move to marshalling area for emplaning.
- (c) Plane move will probably occupy two days.

2. ALLOTMENT OF VEHICLES

A Coy	6 X 3 ton.
B H Q	4 X 3 "
Q Store	3 X 3 "
B Coy	6 X 3 "
HQ Coy	13 X 3 "
D Coy	3 X 3 "

Total 45 X 3 ton trucks.

3. ARRIVAL OF VEHICLES

- (a) Vehicles report to camp site 1530 hrs.
- (b) One RP to meet convoy at camp entrance.
- (c) Coy guides report to RP Sgt at postal tent 1515 hrs 5 Jan to guide vehicles to Coys.

4. LOADING

- (a) Vehicles to be loaded in Coy areas on arrival.
- (b) Loads to correspond in the plane tables as far as possible.

5. MARSHALLING

- (a) Marshalling area will be from entrance to camp site along road to Rpt lines incl Br Parade ground.
- (b) Vehicles line up in order of march.
- (c) Marshall under control of Sgt Davies and Cpl Burlison.

6. STARTING POINT

Junction main road and entrance to camp.

7. START TIME

1415 hours 5 Jan 44.

8. MOVEMENT

- (a) CC Convoy - Capt H G SWEET.
- (b) Vehicles will move in Coy blocks.
- (c) Order of march :-

A Coy	} one block.
B H Q	
Q Store	
B Coy	
HQ Coy	
C Coy	
D Coy	

- (d) (i) V P M - 75 yds. M.I.H. 20
- (ii) between blocks 150 yds.
- (e) Normal march discipline will be observed.

9. ARRIVAL

- (a) Convoy will be met by 7 Aust Div guides at Quarry Hill and taken to 15 Aust Inf Bde Report Centre at Pom Pom Valley.
- (b) Coys will be allotted areas on arrival at Report Centre for bivouac.
- (c) Vehicles will be off-loaded and placed in plane lots at bivouac site. Lieut Roe will allot areas.

10. CONDUCT

Coy's will have stores in vehicle lots ready for immediate loading on arrival of vehicles to allow early move.

Coy Comds responsible for behaviour of tps and movement of vehicle blocks.

Section
A/Adjt 58/59 ^{Lieut} ^{IM} ^{EM}

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No

- A Coy 1
- B Coy 2
- C Coy 3
- D Coy 4
- HQ Coy 5
- CO 6
- 2 i/c 7
- Adjt 8
- Q 9
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War Diary

AUSTRALIAN ARMY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

APP- F

LIBRARY

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
11 Jan 44

1. A well stocked library of new novels and books of general interest is now available to battalion. To ensure fair distribution books will be parcelled out in Coy bundles, Coy holding books for two weeks.
2. Coy Offices will keep record of books distributed and are responsible for return within prescribed time.
3. If an efficient service is to be maintained all tps must co-operate in returning books quickly and handling them carefully.

V E O

Lieut

WEEK ENDING 7 JAN 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

10 Jan 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adult mosquitoes very plentiful. These make their appearance at 1900 hrs and are in abundance by 2200 hrs.

Larvae are also plentiful. In the camp area pools have been treated and malarial and larvae are few there; but the neighbouring swamps, pools and wheel tracks contain large numbers of larvae - anopheline larvae.

Personnel are observing malarial precautions regularly. Each man is taking 2 atabrin a day and using ample lotion. Tents are to be sprayed nightly.

General mosquito control under the present arrangement it will be impossible to effectively control the breeding. It may improve conditions if the area was sprayed with a mixture of Paris Green and road dust from an aeroplane. It would take $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 lb/acre. The mixture is made with one pint of Paris Green to 2 parts of road dust or slaked lime, so that it is comparatively cheap.

2. MITES

Every second man is able to display mite bites. The number of bites have decreased to a minimum since treating clothing with anti-mite fluid.

If the fluid had been issued at Moresby these bites would have been avoided.

3. HYGIENE

The general hygiene of the camp is poor. Latrines are too close to river bank and in many cases not fly proof. There are only 3 urinal in the Bn area.

Cookhouses were left in a very dirty condition. The area around one cookhouse was strewn with tins and containers, some half filled with foodstuffs or refuse. These were a great attraction to flies.

Water - All water is being super-chlorinated at present.

4. GENERAL : Sick parades have been small. This is mainly due to the days spent in movement.

R. M. O.

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

Appx 6

For Week Ending 2359 hrs Fri 7 / 1 / 44

UNIT 58/59 Aust Inf Bn LOCATION UBERI Map Ref. 177400

STRENGTH: Offrs. 28 OR's 551 TOTAL 579

REINFORCEMENTS * (a) From "X-List" 23 Physical standard Moderate

RECEIVED (b) Others Physical standard

	Total Attendances at RAP		Total Personnel Treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total NO Duties	
	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's
DYSENTRY												
DIARRHOEA		5		5		2				4		
URTI		12		12		4				1		4
PUO		13				11		10		1		
TINEA		44		42		1				1		
OTHER SKIN DISEASES		47		45		7				11		1
BATTLE CAS'TIES												
ACCIDENTS												
†												
OTHER DISEASES		63		62		10		4		20		
TOTAL		184		166		35		14		48		5

‡ AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATE Per Cent.: Offrs. OR's All Ranks

§ RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT—

General Physical Condition of Personnel Moderate

Severity of Work or Training Intermittently heavy

General All water is being superchlorinated at present

NOTES: * If reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area, RMO to state in Appendix "A."

† To be used only on instructions from DDMS or ADMS.

‡ To be computed in Offices of DDMS or ADMS.

§ Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B".)

(a) Medical:

Expendable **Good**Non Expendable **Good**

(b) EXPENSE STORES:

Ordnance **Satisfactory**A.A.S.C. **Satisfactory**

(c) MALARIA CONTROL STORES:

Ordnance **Good**A.A.S.C. **Satisfactory**

2. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair, or Bad).

Nets.....**Good**... Atebrin.....**Good** Clothes.....**Good**... Repellent.....**Much improved**(b) Larval Control **In present area bad**(c) Adult Destruction **Not effective**(d) General Comments **Under present conditions it will be impossible to eliminate anopheline mosquitoes.**3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO **Instruction in use of Thomas ~~Sixt~~ Splint.**
..... **General lectures.**4. RATIONS **During last 2 days poor**5. TRANSPORT **Poor**6. HYGIENE **At present most unsatisfactory**(Signed) *[Signature]*Unit **58/59 Aust Inf Bn**

NOTE: * Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

BHQ
Appx 6

PROTECTION AGAINST SCRUB TYPHUS

HQ 7 Aust Div
1 Jan 44

1. SCRUB TYPHUS is caused by the bites of mōkkas. Mōkkas can be found in all types of country and typhus often occurs where they are so few that itch is not noticed.

Typhus can be prevented if clothes are treated with Anti-mite fluid. This fluid is harmless to the skin and clothes but poisonous to mōkkas, and it resists washing much better than mosquito repellent does.

2. FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION - One treatment protects until the clothes have been washed cold with soap 7 times or boiled (10 minutes) with soap 3 times. Generally therefore treatment should be done every fortnight. Treated clothing put away and not washed will remain protective for at least 2 months.
3. AMOUNT USED - 1 Fluid ounce (two tablespoons) for one set of clothes - shirt, trousers and socks.
4. METHOD OF APPLICATION - is by rubbing the fluid into the cloth (all cloth in contact with the body) by hand. Dipping is out of the question and spraying must be avoided as it gives erratic results.

Details - Each man receives his issue (enough to treat all his clothes, worn and unworn) in a tin. He dips the finger tips of one hand in the fluid taking out enough to give a light smear over the inner services of the two hands. With the smeared hands he crumples and rubs the fluid into the material with an action like that of washing, or he may spread the clothes on a flat surface and wipe his hands firmly over them. Socks and trousers being worn may be stretched and rubbed against the skin but a shirt must be taken off and it should be turned inside out to avoid the pockets. From the point of view of protection it does not matter which side of the cloth is done.

There are at least 70 light smears in a fluid ounce. Heavier smears would give a patchy cover. Success depends on thoroughness. The full quantity must be used thus :-

Socks - 6 smears to each. If no socks are worn 6 smears inside each boot, but treated boots will not protect if worn with untreated socks.

Trousers - 8 smears to each leg, 12 about the waist and fly.

Shirt - 6 smears to each sleeve, 6 about the neck and front and 12 on the body.

If underpants and singlets are worn extra fluid should be issued to allow 10 smears to each garment.

The reason for requiring a complete cover is as follows :-
Half an ounce distributed evenly is nearly as good as one ounce and two ounces is no better than one. Treated clothes that have been washed take half an hour to kill a mite and in that time, it can easily travel over a foot of material. If the cover is patchy mites can cross the treated barrier and bite under untreated parts. If they are kept in contact with treated cloth they do not bite.

To treat a set of clothes takes 15 minutes.

5. DISTRIBUTION - The fluid is in 5 gallon drums. The scale of issue is 5 ounces per month. Units should draw 5 ounces per man each fortnight.

Within the unit the fluid should be issued to companies or platoons in billies (some tins which make convenient measures are listed below).

The men parade with all their clothes and each man with a tin. Small tobacco tins are too small and cause waste. They should be forbidden. The men file past the issuing point and receive one ounce per set of clothes. The fluid should be ladled out with a measure. A 2 oz capstan tobacco tin cut half way down and fitted with a handle makes a good 2 fluid ounce ladle. Clothes should be treated on the spot and under supervision. The clothes should be dry or damp, not wet. Treatment of all articles at one time is necessary to avoid confusion later as to which are done and which are not.

Men should live and sleep in treated clothes.

MEASURES

Kia-ora fruit tin	30	ozs
Jam tin	20	ozs
Milk tin	12	ozs
Bully tin	6	ozs
2 oz tobacco tin	4	ozs

War Diary
APPX H

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

13 Jan 44

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Nos 3 - 7

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P D STARR

COMMANDING 58/59 AUST INF BN

3. DUTIES

Orderly Officer to Retreat	14/1/44	Lieut R ROLFE
Next for Duty " "	15/1/44	" D R SEALE
" " " " "	16/1/44	" WHEELER
" " " " "	17/1/44	" E S ZERNER
" " " " "	18/1/44	" N C BIDGOOD

Duty Company to Retreat	14/1/44	B Coy
Next for Duty " "	15/1/44	C Coy
" " " " "	16/1/44	D Coy
" " " " "	17/1/44	B Coy
" " " " "	18/1/44	C Coy

4. REGIMENTAL FUNDS

(a) The Commanding Officer has appointed the following unit committee of management for approval of expenditure from Regimental Trust Fund (see GRO F819/43)

- Maj C E NEWMAN MC
- Capt H G SWEET
- Lieut P GRAHAM
- Sgt A S ANDERSON MM

(b) The Commanding Officer has appointed the following as Auditors of all Regimental Trust Funds (see GRO F819/43)

- Lieut A BALL
- " G LANE

5. OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS

The Commanding Officer has made the following appointments with respect to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Messes (see GRO F819/43)

- Officers Mess - President Maj C E NEWMAN MC
- Dep Pres Capt H G SWEET
- Sgts Mess - President WO1 K ANDERSON
- Dep Pres WO1 N PIGOT

6. RETURNS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All returns and acknowledgements to Bn HQ must be submitted on time and signed by the Coy Comd or in his absence the next senior officer.

7. ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

1. It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy, to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is also his duty - any breach of which is a serious offence - not to communicate to unauthorised persons any information about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy hands.

3. The disclosure of such information is-
- (a) prejudices the chances of other escapees;
 - (b) prevents other members of Australian or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape;
 - (c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape;
- therefore, except as provided in paras 4 and 5 below, an escaped prisoner of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly or indirectly to any person whatever, either by word of mouth or in writing.
4. An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorised by the Director of Military Intelligence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers, except those authorised by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.
5. Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experience, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.
6. GRO G.192/1943 is cancelled.

[Signature]
 Lieut
 A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

1. Daily Routine in present area will be-
- | | |
|------|----------------------|
| 0715 | Reveille |
| 0725 | Roll Call |
| 0730 | Coy Sick Parades |
| 0800 | Mess |
| 0830 | Bn Sick Parade |
| 0830 | |
| to | Coy Parades |
| 1215 | |
| 1230 | Mess |
| 1330 | |
| to | Coy Parades |
| 1630 | |
| 1730 | mess |
| 1800 | Retreat |
| 1830 | Coy Malarial Parades |
| 2030 | " " " |
| 2130 | Lights Out |

. DRESS Personal Clothing.

The standard order of dress from Reveille until bed time will be long slacks, gaiters and shirts with sleeves rolled down. Coy Comds may at their discretion authorise rolling up of sleeves, between 0715 and 1900 hrs as follows

(a) Shirts Removed

Members of working parties while actually engaged in strenuous work, such as road or other constructional work, wood chopping and physical exercises for recreational or training purposes.

(b) Sleeves rolled up.

Men engaged in all forms of training and marching, mess fatigues and handling of stores.

(c) Shirts will be removed only after written permission has been obtained from BHQ.

(d) Cooks will wear shirts at all times and may roll up sleeves.

(e) Coy comds will be held responsible for the maintenance of discipline in this regard. Such breaches as "Bobdubi Dints" and bootlaces in lieu of hat bands will not be tolerated.

Malarial Precautions

The RAMU Valley is an exceedingly malarious area. To maintain our fighting strength these orders must be observed to the letter.

The following will be observed :-

- (a) (i) Reveille - spray quarters.
(ii) 0830 - dress inspection and atebrin parade.
(iii) 1830 - parade, dress inspection, application of mosquito repellent and issue of atebrin. All mosquito nets will be dropped and tucked in prior to this parade and will be inspected.
(iv) 2030 - parade, application of repellent and spraying of quarters.
- (b) Repellent bottles will be carried on the person at all times after retreat.
- (c) All available offrs will supervise malarial parades.
- (d) No person will be outside his net before reveille unless his duty renders it imperative. If so, repellent will be applied.
- (e) RP's will police area and report any breaches of this instruction.

. PROTECTION AGAINST TYPHUS

The principles of instructions issued separately will be rigidly enforced. Mite repellent will be issued fortnightly.

5. WATER

- (a) All water must be drawn from approved water points only.
- (b) All water will be super-chlorinated as follows :-
 - (i) water will be drawn and chlorinated with bulk chlorine at Coy kitchens where each member will fill his bottle.
 - (ii) individual chlorinator outfits will NOT be used without the sanction of an officer. Individual outfits deteriorate if opened.
 - (iii) Coy Comds will ensure that water is treated immediately it is drawn.
- (c) Water duties personnel will:-
 - (i) instruct cooks in correct treatment of water.
 - (ii) check kitchens daily for breaches of this instruction.

6. MEDICAL

- (a) En sick parade is at 0830 hrs daily. Personnel reporting sick will be paraded by Coy orderly NCO and one CAP man.
- (b) The following personnel are under the direct control of the RMO and will report to RAP 0830 hrs daily.
 - (i) water duties personnel.
 - (ii) hygiene personnel.
 - (iii) general dutymen.
 - (iv) coy malarial squads (to be trained part-time stretcher bearers).

7. ACCOMODATION

- (a) All personnel will sleep on beds well off the ground. Palliases and blankets are available at Q Store.
- (b) Grass will be cleared for a distance of 20 yds round each tent and huts.

8. CLEANLINESS

- (a) Personnel cleanliness is the first step towards the prevention of Tinea and other skin infections.
- (b) Personnel will bathe at least once daily.
- (c) Coy Comds will ensure that clothes are washed regularly.

9. INSPECTIONS

- (a) Daily
 - (i) arms and ammunition.
 - (ii) dress.
 - (iii) quarters.
- (b) Weekly.
 - (i) clothing and equipment especially mosquito nets and repellent.
 - (ii) feet (doubtful cases will be referred to chiropodist).
- (c) Monthly.
 - (i) complete kit inspections.
 - (ii) controlled stores.

10. CONTROLLED STORES

- (a) Coys will keep thorough records of all controlled stores held in coys and to whom issued.
- (b) All casualties in controlled stores will be reported by signal to QM immediately stating cause.
- (c) Coys will NOT attempt repairs.

11. EQUIPMENT

- (a) Every care must be taken to preserve equipment and any loss will be accompanied by a written statement.
- (b) Repairs will only be carried out by qualified tradesmen employed in the unit as such.

- (a) All Amn must be kept in first class condition.
 - (b) Coy Comds will ensure that Amn held on the man is kept lightly oiled and free of dirt and rust.
 - (c) Coy reserves will be steked in properly constructed pits adequately drained and covered.
- 13 Rations**
- (a) On the man - one Pd Op and two emergency rations to be consumed only on the order of an Officer.
 - (b) Reserve - Q.M. will hold one day S.W.P.
- 14 Boots**
- (a) Each Coy is responsible to see that all boots are studded. Coy bootmakers will be employed in this.
 - (b) Normal repairs will be carried out by Bn Bootmaker.
- 15 Salvage**
- (a) The importance of salvage will be impressed on all ranks and personnel must be taught to become salvage minded.
 - (b) Q.M. will establish dump for reception of all salvage. Salvage bags will be maintained in Coy lines and contents taken to Bn Salvage dump regularly
- 16 Transport.**
- (a) A ferry service is in operation for the conveyance of personnel on necessary duty.
 - (b) This will be used by all staff and regimental officers when possible
 - (c) O.Rs required to use this service will obtain a pass signed by the Adjt
 - (d) Lifts may be obtained on DRIS vehicles on application to Sig Office
- 17 Traffic Control.**
- (a) Speed limit for all vehicles incl M/C is 20 M.P.H.
 - (b) Maximum loads will be
 - (i) stores - jeep 800 lbs
trailer 900 lbs.
 - (c) personnel - jeep 5 trailer 6.
 - (d) these weights will NOT be exceeded at any time.
- 18 Evacuations**
- (a) Personnel evacuated will take all personnel issues incl mess gear, blanket, G/sheet, mosquito net and shelter half.
 - (b) No controlled stores except rifle will be taken.
 - (c) It is each mans personal responsibility to see that he is fully equipped prior to rejoining unit.
- 19 Postal**
- (a) Outward mail must reach Bn HQ by 0900 hrs daily. Inward mail arrives at Bn at 1700 hrs daily.
 - (b) No stamps are required. Each letter will be marked "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE" in top right hand corner, nothing else
 - (c) Payment for parcels - single rate of tax. Registered letters require stamps.
- 20 Expense Stores.**
- Automatic issues are - Atebrin, razor blades, tobacco, matches, Cig papers, toilet paper, common soap (Weekly issues) Toilet soap mite repellent (fortnightly)
- Other items available on demand
- 21 Pay**
- No cash is available in the area but remittances will be made in usual manner on AAF W131.
- 22 Canteen**
- (a) Unit canteen is established in Bn HQ area and as no cash is available in area the following system is introduced:

22 Canteen Contd

- (i) personnel may pay in cash in their possession at present to establish credit till cash is expended. Acquittances will then be signed to establish credit and a debit entered in paybook.
- (ii) this credit will be recorded by pay Sgt on individual cards kept in canteen.
- (iii) on purchase each member will sign card against amount spent which will be deducted from established credit.
- (iv) credits established on acquittance will NOT be less than, for initial credit £1 thence 10/-
- (b) any article not in stock may be requested at canteen and every endeavour will be made to obtain it.
- (c) tobacco issue will be controlled by canteen Sgt in accordance with availability.

23 Treatment of Natives.

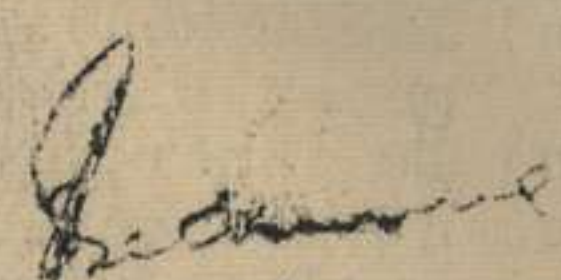
- (a) Cases have occurred in this area where natives have been hostile to the extent of assisting the enemy. It is a known fact that the enemy is training natives in espionage and sabotage.
- (b) nothing must be done to prejudice natives against us but every care must be taken.
- (c) All ranks must ensure that natives in the area are in possession of an ANGAU pass or identity disc. Any natives not in possession of either will be passed to ANGAU for identification and interrogation.
- (d) Do NOT talk in the presence of natives as although they cannot speak English they can understand it.

24 Recreation.

- (a) Sporting material as available and an allotment will be made to Coys.
- (b) Operations allowing, each Saturday afternoon will be set aside for sport.

25 Current Affairs.

- (a) Bn Education Offr will lecture all Pl Comd on CAB who in turn will carry out a weekly discussion with troops.
- (b) Bde Education Offr will arrange weekly talks on all aspects of present situation.
- (c) Bn Education Offr will submit a weekly report on AES activities within the Bn.


Lieut
A/Adjt 52/59 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	Copy	No	1
B Coy	"	"	2
C Coy	"	"	3
D Coy	"	"	4
HQ Coy	"	"	5
C.O.	"	"	6
2 i/c	"	"	7
Adjt	"	"	8
Q.M.	"	"	9
R.M.O.	"	"	10
I.O.	"	"	11
R.S.M.	"	"	12
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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 1*Appre J.*

Compiled from information received to 1800 hrs 9 Jan 44.

Ref Maps : DUMPU 1 in
 MT OTTO 1 in
 MT KUBARI 1 in
 URIGINA 1 in

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 1000 HRS 11 JAN FOR DESTRUCTION.

ENEMY OPS1. Dispositions, estimated strengths.

It is estimated that approx One Inf Bn is based on YOKOPI 589765 with a light force fwd at KANKIRYO 693651 facing our 18 Bde forces on SHAGGY RIDGE. Another Inf Bn is based on MATALOI 509828 and KISA 470825 with fwd elements at ORGORUNA 453807.

OWN TROOPS2. Dispositions.

15 Aust Inf Bde 610565.

24 Aust Inf Bn HQ, B Coy, 597588;
 A Coy 551622; C Coy on 5800 feature 567676;
 D Coy 553629.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn in bivouac positions Square 6157; 9 Pl on feature 618587.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn HQ 589596; A Coy HQ 590598; 7 Pl 608607;
 8 Pl 592617; 9 Pl 615602; B Coy 588599; C Coy 585598;
 D Coy 586596.

2/6 Cav Sqn (under Comd 15 Bde) HQ, C tp 627583; A tp 636640;
 B tp 599645; O P 615652.

3. Ops

24 Bn patrols have penetrated to HOUSE KIAPS 488639, feature 570695, track 577687, EVAPIA RIVER 633668 without contact.

One OR 2/14 Aust Inf Bn reported killed on ORGORUNA patrol 6 Jan reported in unwounded to B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn 0930 hrs 8 Jan.

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No		Copy No
HQ Coy	1	D Coy	5
A Coy	2	CO	6
B Coy	3	Adjt	7
C Coy	4	File	8

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 2

APPX K.

Information from 1800 hrs 9 Jan to 1800 hrs 10 Jan 44

Ref Map:	DUMPU	1 in
	MT OTTO	1 in
	MT KUBARI	1 in
	URIGINA	1 in

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 1000 hrs 12 JAN
FOR DESTRUCTION.

ENEMY

1. Tac R reports no sign of enemy activity ORGORUNA 454806. Track KISA - KOBA - MATALOI has been used recently.

OWN TPS

2. (a) 24 Aust Inf Bn
Patrol to KOROPA out 100630L.
Patrol to AMUBA cleared village at 570696 (not shown on map).
At 1145L contacted enemy estimated one pl dug in on track 589719. Heavy fire fight followed, cas enemy unknown, own NIL.
Pl now at 573695.
- (b) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy with under Comd one det mortars, one det 2/6 Car Sqn, bivouac night 10/11 Jan 548628, preparatory to patrolling to ORGORUNA.
- (c) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Patrol 4 ORs 2/6 Car Sqn arrived Bn HQ 1715L. Report NMS Sq 6564, BOOMERANG plane crashed vicinity SHAGGY RIDGE, pilot killed.
- AIR Air strikes will be made on ORGORUNA 1 and 2, KISA, MATALOI 1 and 2 without further notice.
92 tons bombs dropped on ALEXISHAFEN 9 Jan.

DISTRIBUTION

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HQ Coy	2
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48/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

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Appx 4

Information from 1800 hrs 10 Jan to 1200 hrs 12 Jan 44

Ref Map : DUMPU 1 in
MT OTTO 1 in
MT RUBARI 1 in
ORIGINAL 1, in

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 1000 hrs 14 JAN FOR
DESTRUCTION

OPERATIONS

1. 24 Aust Inf Bn

B Coy patrol from hill 5800 to hill 5500 returned 111620L.
Difficult country prevented patrol from reaching objective.
Recco patrol to ORBORUNA reached KOROPA 111130L.
L/T ent to KOROPA.

2. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy (ORBORUNA patrol) at SOLU RIVER 482725 111330L.

3. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

7 Pl patrol left 110900L to investigate smoke at 625619. Returned
111815L, reported contact with six natives very weak from hunger
and disease with no knowledge of PIDGIN.

18 AUST INF BDN

4. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

071000L enemy using 2 guns, shelled fed Coy on SHAGGY RIDGE (81
shells). Cas 2 wounded.
8 Jan : arty engaged enemy occupied pill boxes SE of KANKYRO with
direct hits.
10 Jan : Grenade discharger fired 3 rounds on fed Coy. Cas 2 effrs
3 OR's wounded.

5. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol 7 Jan reported NIS MUNGO area 855629.

6. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol 7 Jan reported NIS sq 6764, but fresh enemy tracks observed.

AIR

7. 7 Jan: CAPE CLAUCESTER, ALEXISEAPEN, MADANG, BRIMA bombed, enemy
positions from SAIDOR to SIO and at ARANE strafed.

8 Jan: YAUJA and YOKOPI (on BOGADSIM RD) bombed, explosions and
fires observed. MADANG and other coastal bases bombed.

9 Jan: ALEXISEAPEN and BRIMA bombed.

10 Jan: One Squadron 2250 successfully bombed KISA, 470826, 1210L.

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B. GENERAL

Any natives contacted on patrols or in Bn area without ANGAU identity discs or passes will be brought in for questioning by ANGAU.

R. M. ...

**Ident
I O 58/59 Aust Inf Bn**

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HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
7 Pl
9 Pl

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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4

Information from 121200L to 131900L

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 151000L FOR
DESTRUCTION1. OPERATIONS(a) 15 AUST INF BDE(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

121010L 7 pl recce sec contacted enemy at ORGORUNA 2. Enemy used one MMG two LMG and rifles. Own cas NIL.
 121320L B coy relieved 8 pl 58/59 Aust Inf Bn on THOMPSON'S HILL.
 121930L A coy patrol 3 O/Rs KOROPA. 8 pl now 549621.
 122000L 12 pl relieved 8 pl at KOROPA. to br 500753. NMS.
 131000L 13 pl patrol 7 O/Rs moving to sq 6169 at 614662.
 131100L 14 pl 6-day patrol left HILL 5800 to observe Jap L of C vicinity AMUBA.

(2) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

A coy recce patrol contacted 24 Aust Inf Bn patrol BOKU RIVER and returned to KOROPA 121600L.
 131400L A coy reached KETOBA

(3) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
8 pl now 590598.(4) 2/6 Cav Sqn
Sitnoe.2 (b) 18 AUST INF BN

- (1) For detailed enemy and own disposns refer to 1/25000 map in unit office.
- (2) 10 Jan - own arty active SHAGGY RIDGE AREA. Arty engaged mtn gun 12 Jan.
- (3) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
10-12 Jan own 2" and 3" mortars harassed enemy posns.
- (4) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
11 Jan patrol contacted enemy vicinity 707646. Own cas one missing.
 12 Jan second patrol met strong enemy opposition 800 yds EAST of above posn. No more details to hand.

2. AIR(a) TAC/R

11 Jan NMS seen KISA but tracks ORGORUNA 2 to KISA well used.
~~XXXXXX~~ 121400L increased activity on BOGADGIM RD brs reconstructed.

(b) AIROPS

11 Jan CAPE GLOUCESTER-ALEXISHAVEN-MADANG-ERIMA-BOGADGIM RD bombed.
~~XX~~ Explosions caused and brs on BOGADGIM RD destroyed. 6 Jap barges sunk

3. GENERAL(a) Enemy OOB

Translation of Jap tree blaze found by 2/10 Bn patrol is "No 3 coy, 78 Regt." Although one bn of this regt was relieved some time ago this indicates the importance of passing back signs, tree carvings, etc., to estimate the enemy OOB.

(p.t.o.)

Information from 151001

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(b) Topographical

A coy 57/60 Bn reports KOROPA - ISARIBA - KETOBA in bad condition. Time 2 hrs.

Track KESAWAI 1 482690 to SOLU RIVER also very bad.

R. H. ...

Lieut.

I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

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As per Int Summary No 4.

War Diary

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SECRET

PASSWORDS

H.Q.,
58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.,

14 Jan 48.

ALL COYS.

1. Previous list of passwords is rescinded and replaced by following list now being used in bde area :-

Passwords - No.	16	--	KALGOORLIE
	17	--	LAPLANP
	18	--	BLACKMAIL
	19	--	BLUEBILL
	20	--	BERLIN
	21	--	ALCOHOL
	22	--	FLANNEL
	23	--	BULLSWOOL
	24	--	POLITICAL
	25	--	GOLDFLAKE
	26	--	HELLS BELLS
	27	--	BULLETS
	28	--	LILAC

2. Passwordx 23 is now in use and coys will be advised when changed.

Lt.

I.O. 58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Items from which important enemy information is obtained :-
(Co-operation of all ranks is asked for in acquiring and RETURNIN
same by **FASTEST** means possible to Bn "I" Section.)

1. **PRISONERS** :- No prisoners have been taken for at least two months and therefore are now more valuable than ever. When captured prisoner should be searched and all papers, printed matter, and every article of the slightest possible "I" value should be bundled and sent **TOGETHER** with prisoner to Bn "I" Section. Reasonable treatment of prisoners is especially asked for, as under such treatment he is likely to be of much greater use to "I". **NEVER** discuss P W's possible treatment or use within his hearing. **NEVER** frighten him with bloodcurdling tales of what will happen to him later. Many Japs know a little English, P W's taken in this area have had slight knowledge.
2. **IDENTIFICATION DISC** :- Brass coloured disc. Reveals units ~~delixexy~~ identity. Carried around neck - on cord around waist - very frequently around groin - **ALWAYS** look here. (These may not be returned to the finder but are most important and should **NEVER** be held as souvenirs.)
3. **IDENTIFICATION ON TUNICS** :- On flaps of right and upper left tunic pockets a small sewn marking will be noticed. These reveal Coy and often Bn and Unit. When cut off care should be taken to mark cloth **LEFT** (Heart side) and **RIGHT**. This branding is essential.
4. **IDENTIFICATION OF HAVERSACKS** :- Often a label bearing Jap characters is sewn on under side of flap of haversack. This often yields information of unit.
5. **IDENTITY** :- General; a white piece of cloth bearing markings is sometimes found sewn over left tunic pocket. This gives soldiers name.
PAY BOOKS :- Are required as they also give unit name and other information.
TAGS attached to Rifles :- are required.
6. **LETTERS - ENVELOPES - POSTCARDS**, in fact **ALL** papers, booklets, note-books and printed matter are of the greatest value and should be got back to Bn "I" Sec as fast as possible.
7. **MAPS - SKETCHES** etc :- Most important.
8. **TREE BLAZINGS - SIGN POSTS** :- Careful attention to detail is required when copying these. It is recommended that every detail be made and every effort to obtain an **ACTUAL TRACING** of the characters.
9. **ALWAYS** look in **LINING** of cloth and tin hats. (favorite spot for carrying ~~delixexy~~ documents.)
10. **NATIVES** :- Kanakas found wandering in patrol areas should be rounded up and brought in to ANGAU NCO at BHQ. Especially natives wearing red laps. **DO NOT** discuss military matters within hearing of natives as although they may not speak English, many understand it and are quite capable of passing on information to the enemy.
11. **PATROLS** :- Prior to a patrol moving out each member **MUST** be instructed to leave all letters, envelopes and items of any possible value to the enemy behind.
12. **EVERY** soldier is a representative of Army Intelligence in the field. **HIS** efforts and initiative in obtaining and getting back information concerning the enemy is of the greatest assistance to "I" branch.
13. **SOUVENIRS** :- Items which make good souvenirs but are also of "I" value **MUST** be sent in. In such cases the name of finder and his home address should be attached and when the article is no longer required by "I" same will be f rwarded him post free. Specimen of label used to ensure this is attached.
14. These notes are brief and are intended by Field Security NCO attached to this Bn to bring the most important items to the attention of tps.

SAVE P R I S O N E R S they T A L K :

Every prisoner captured saves lives and patrols. Y O U may be on patrol.

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HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

14 Jan 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adults and larvae still plentiful. Tracks, drains and trenches are being frequently sprayed with Malarisol. Old slit trenches and refuse pits have been filled in. A small swamp in the low lying part of C Coy area have been successfully drained. A complet anti-malarial squad has been formed and are being instructed by Cpl in practical work.

2. MITES

Mokka bites are now rare. The anti-mite fluid is effective and the men have confidence in its use. Grass has been cleared for a radius of 20 yds around each hut and tent.

3. HYGIENE

Generally speaking this is improving. New latrines have been dug, and the edges bordered with oiled sacking. They are regularly burnt out each day with sump-oil. Old latrines were burnt out, covered with oiled sacking and lime, then completely covered with earth. There are now 3 urinals to each Coy. Last week there were only 3 urinals in the Bn Area. Kitchens areas have been cleared. Safes are to be made.

WATER : The Bn has adopted the idea of water filters at each water point. These filters consist of a screened box filled with charcoal. The filters are not 100% effective but sufficiently so to clear water muddied by any fish in the streams. All water is being super-chlorinated at the cookhouses. Water duty personnel are instructing cooks in water sterilization, so that each Coy will have trained personnel in the event of Coy dispersal.

GENERAL

22 cases of PUO were evacuated. The majority of these are probably cases of Dengue Fever. At Pom-Pom Park, Aedes mosquitoes (carrier of Dengue Fever) were plentiful. When the men were embussing mosquitoes were a menace and it is quite possible that the cases were infected at the time. The incubation period of Dengue Fever is 5 - 9 days, which fits in with the large number of evacuations during the last 2 days.


RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Capt

58/59 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 1

SECRET

Copy No 16

15 Jan 44

Ref Map 1 in to 1 ml DUMPU

INFORMATION

1. Topography

- (a) The following features are named for ease of reference :
- (i) MENE HILL - area 6258.
 - (ii) THE GAP - area MENE RIVER 621592 to 612605.
 - (iii) IOGE FEATURE - area 6060 - 5959.

2. Enemy

- (a) Owing to Allied landings along NORTH COAST of HUON PENINSULAR, it is considered likely that enemy may leave only covering tps in RAMU VALLEY area.
- (b) Estimated enemy strengths are:-
- (i) KANKIRYO - SEAGGY RIDGE area : approximately 3000 including one Bn of Inf.
 - (ii) ORGURUNA - MATALOI area : approximately 1000.

3. Own Tps

- (a) The main role of 7 Aust Div remains the prevention of enemy penetration on RAMU VALLEY - MARKHAM VALLEY area. In addition the div will create the impression of offensive ops against BOGADJIM RD.
- (b) 15 Aust Inf Bde role is :-
- (i) To hold the IOGE - MENE RIVER area delaying from the EVAPIA RIVER any enemy advance up the RAMU VALLEY.
 - (ii) By active patrolling to SOIU RIVER ensure that no large scale enemy movement takes place in area between SOIU and EVAPIA RIVERS.
 - (iii) To deny to enemy by active patrolling FEATURE 5800 and FEATURE 5500.
- (c) Roles :-
- (i) 24 Aust Inf Bn is to occupy outpost locality in area THOMPSON'S RIDGE - EVAPIA RIVER 548628.
 - (ii) Three bn localities are to be prepared in areas -
MENE HILL
THE GAP
IOGE FEATURE to incl main rd.
 - (iii) 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn area is MENE HILL,
57/60 Aust Inf Bn is to prepare bn posns on MENE HILL and THE GAP.

INTENTION

- 4 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will defend the IOGE feature from excl THE GAP 612605 to incl MAIN RD.

METHOD

- 5 Bn posn is divided into areas numbered 1 - 4 indicated on trace.

6 Allotment of Areas

Area 1	D Coy with under comd one sub-sec MMG
" 2	C Coy
" 3	B Coy
" 4	A Coy

7 Boundaries

See trace.

8 Res.

- (a) Composition - composite force from HQ Coy
- (b) OC - Lieut H.J.SIMMONDS

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Res. (Contd)

(a) Location see trace.

(d) Tasks

- (i) Preparation and def of Bn HQ
- (ii) to thicken up def fire between area 1 and 4.

Support.

(a) MMG

- (i) one sub sec under comd D Coy two secs area 3 in support B Coy
- (ii) res - one sec under comd composite force.

(b) Mortars

- (i) one det in support A, B, C, D coys in respective Coy areas.
- (ii) res - two det under comd composite force.

(c) Tk/A Pl.

- (i) Location - area 3
- (ii) Tasks - defence of main road and flat.

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Priority of Works

- (a) weapon pits - spoil to be removed and pits camouflaged. No spoil to be placed in front of pits.
- (b) fds of fire
- (c) range marks erected
- (d) establish and construct O.Ps and HQs.
- (e) wire and other obstacles
- (d) amn and ration bays.
- (g) track construction and improvement
- (h) sleeping bays
- (i) comn trenches
- (j) alternate posns

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Tracks

- (a) lateral fore and aft tracks will be constructed to link up areas.
- (b) all tracks will be signposted giving direction and time to next posn.

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Sketches.

- (a) Coy comds will supply information to Int sec for production of En and Coy fire plans.
- (b) range cards will be made out by each Sec
- (c) coys will keep copies of all sketches and documents relating to their areas for handover in event of relief

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Security.

- (a) personnel in fwd areas will have no documents in their possession which may be of value to the enemy.
- (b) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instn No 9 para 23 will apply.

ADM.

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To be issued separately.

INTERCOMN

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Bn HQ to be at 602594

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L/T

- (a) From Bn HQ to all coys
- (b) To O.Ps in areas 1 and 2
- (c) lateral and alternate lines to all Coys.
- (d) all lines to be labelled with one inch square tin labels marked LF

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V/S

- (a) to be sited to each coy locality.
- (b) to be utilised as alternate means to Bde HQ

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W/T

208 and 108 links Bn to Coys when sets available

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Acknowledge

[Signature]
Adjt
A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Time of Signature *1900 hrs*

Method of issue - Sigs.

Distribution.

A Coy	Copy	No	1	
B Coy	"	"	2	
C Coy	"	"	3	
D Coy	"	"	4	
HQ Coy	"	"	5	
C.O.	"	"	6	
2 i/c	"	"	7	
Adj't	"	"	8	
Q.M.	"	"	9	
RMO	"	"	10	
I.O.	"	"	11	
Sig O.	"	"	12	
Pioneer Offr	"	"	13	
15 Aust Inf Bde	"	"	14	
File	"	"	15	- 16
War Diary	"	"	17	- 18

SKETCH OF 58/59 AUST INF BN DEFENSIVE POSNS



LEGEND

- MAIN ROAD
- JEEP TRACK
- CREEKS
- FORM LINES
- MARSH
- COY AREAS

SCALE 1 INCH TO 200 YDS
V.I. 50 FT

WEATHER: FINE
 VISIBILITY: FAIR
 METHOD: TRIANGULATION
 FORM LINES
 TIME TAKEN: 4 HRS
 TIME: 1400HRS 14 JAN44
 SIGNATURE: *J.D. Gidley* CPL

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 5

APPX Q

Compiled from information received from 131900L to 160900L.

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 181000L FOR DESTRUCTION

I. OPERATIONS(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

131130L B Coy HQ est THOMPSON's RIDGE 575620.

131515L 8 pl returned to 549621 from KOROPA.

140915L A Coy patrol of 4 OR's moved to 515609 to investigate fires, contacted natives who reported that fires were caused by natives.

141200L 12 pl patrol KOROPA - br 500753 returned, NMS.

150900L 7 pl moved to 5800 feature.

150915L 15 pl left for 549621.

151640L C Coy patrol returned. From firm base 614662 scrub bashed to 614670, when natives and dogs gave warning to possible Jap OP at 604577. Moved to 624666 thence back to 5800 feature.

151510L C Coy patrol sent to observe Jap L of C AMUBA returned to 5800 feature. Reached 558742 where rifle and mortar fire was heard 1000 yds fwd, natives following patrol warning enemy of approach.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy arrived KETOBA 131400L, one pl sent fwd to man OP overlooking BOKU RIVER, L/T est to both Coy HQ and OP.

141600L A Coy recce patrol fired on by MMG, two LMG's, Mortar at ORGORUNA. No cas. Another recce patrol located possible Jap OP north of BOKU RIVER, but it was not occupied. D Coy has moved fwd to KESAWAI, and B Coy to EVAPIA RIVER, to maintain L of C to A Coy.

(111) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

141100L 7 pl returned to 590598 leaving OP on JERRY's 594607. 9 pl relieved by composite pl D Coy on SCHWIND's OP 601594 and returned to 590598.

(TOPOGRAPHICAL NOTE - high ground now occupied by pl from D Coy will be known as SCHWIND's OP, IOGE and MENE RIVERS as the IOGE feature).

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Night 12/13 Jan patrol located 3 lean-tos with half buried corpse 30 yds fwd of fwd posn.

14 Jan enemy snipers active.

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

12 Jan patrol found tree marked 37 Ind Eng Regt .

(111) Arty : 13 Jan our arty active.

AIR OPS

(a) Own : 12 Jan 54 planes attacked shipping, docks, supply area
ALEXSHAFEN. Jetty destroyed fires started.
WAIKAI (west of SAIDOR) and BRINEAFEN attacked.
13 Jan Bostons attacked ALEXSHAFEN.
14 Jan MADANG, FREDERICK KARL HARBOUR, CAPE GLOUCESTER area,
attacked. 141620L two boomerangs attacked ORORUKA.

(b) Enemy :
150725L 3 enemy A/C thought to be No's 109F, strafed area inflicting
cas, one killed and one wounded.

R. W. Asher
Lieut
10 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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As per unit summary No 3.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
/7 Jan 44

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 1

Information to 2359 hrs 16 Jan 44.

Ref Map 1 in DUMPU
1 in MT OTTO
1 in URIGINA
1 in MT KUBARI

1. OPERATIONS

071200L, BnHQ, A and B Coys arrived 589596. 7 pl moved to JERRY's OP 594607, 8 pl to THOMPSON's OP 571621, 9 pl to SCHWIND's OP 601594. Disposns - BnHQ 589596, A Coy HQ 590598, B Coy 588599.
071800L, Relief 2/14 Aust Inf Bn completed.
081100L, HQ, C and D Coys less two planes arrived bn area. Disposns - HQ Coy 589596, C Coy 585598, D Coy 586596.
101100L, Two planes D Coy arrived.
121320L, 8 pl relieved at 571621 by B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn, returned to 590598.
141100L, 9 pl moved to 590598, leaving OP on JERRY's 594607. 9 pl relieved on SCHWIND's OP by composite pl D Coy, returned to 590598.
151900L, Operation Order No 1 issued.

2. PATROLS

Daily routine patrols have been carried out from THOMPSON's, SCHWIND's and JERRY's OP's.
092035L, D Coy patrol of 3 OR's left to investigate fires reported by 24 Aust Inf Bn at 554598. Returned 092305L, could not locate fires.
110900L, 7 pl patrol comprising 1, offr 5 OR's left to investigate fires 625619. Returned 111815L reported contact with six natives very weak from hunger and disease with no knowledge of pidgin.

3. OPS

OP's were established 7 Jan on SCHWIND's 601594, JERRY's 594607 and THOMPSON's 571621, 24 Aust Inf Bn took over THOMPSON's OP on 12 Jan. Panoramas from OP's are attached (Appx A).

4. AIROPS

- (a) Own: BOOMERANG dropped package in C Coy area 585598 at 161545L. Search failed to locate.
- (b) Enemy:
150725L, three enemy planes with in-line engines and thought to be ME's 109F flew NNW over bn area at 500 ft. No shots were fired on bn area.

5. SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES

Nil.

6. ENEMY INFORMATION

Enemy documents found in creek bed 590597 at 161115L were handed to F S S Cpl for transmission to interpreter.

7. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Sketches now being prepared of area IOGE RIVER incl, MENE RIVER excl, RAMU RIVER incl, will be forwarded when completed. Sketch of bn def posn is attached. (Appx B).

8. SECURITY

Copy of Security Instn re PsW - circulated to all coys is attached. Necessary steps have been taken to ensure security of infm within the bn.

9. HEALTH

Since arrival in present area there have been 72 evacuations to MDS, suspected cause being Dengue.

10. GENERAL

GOC 7 Div, Maj Gen G A VASEY, CB, CBE, DSO, accompanied by Ede Comd, Brig H H HAMMER, DSO, attended bn church parade at 161000L, and later spoke to all officers.

16322 hrs

R. B. Baker

Time of Signature.

Ident.
I O 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Information from 160900L to 171200L 17 Jan 44

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 191000L FOR DESTRUCTION

1. OPERATIONS

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde I

(i) 24 Aust Inf Bn

161000L, A Coy HQ 8, 9 pls arrived 5800 feature.
 160620L, 1, offr 50 OR's B Coy arrived at D I D 553613 to carry to 5800 feature.
 160700L, B Coy patrol from KOROPA to RAMU RIVER could not reach RAMU. Report good dropping ground 457727.

(ii) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

16 Jan, OP est square 4577, Standing Patrol on BOKU RIVER King being maintained during daylight by 8 pl.
 161415L, Patrol west of BOKU RIVER King. Could not locate any OP overlooking ORGORUNA.

(iii) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

171100L, Composite pl D Coy returned to 586596 from SCHWIND's leaving OP.

(iv) 2/6 Cav (Commando) Sqn

161400L, Patrol A Tp arrived 628665 en route to feature 635682.
 17 Jan B Tp patrol moving to 5800 feature.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

(i) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

14 Jan, Patrol located enemy posn NW of SHAGGY RIDGE. Harrassing fire carried out by own mortars 14 Jan.

(ii) 2/2 Cav Sqn

Patrol to URUA no contact made.

2. AIROPS

15 Jan, Mitchells led in by Boomerangs attacked SAIPA village 606735. 12 Kittyhawks strafed MT disposal areas SE of YAULA on BOGADJIM RD. ULIGAN HARBOUR, SAKAR, and ALEXISHAFEN attacked.
 161545L, Boomerang dropped bundle of Guinea Golds in C Coy area. Search failed to locate.

3. OTHER FRONTS

17 Jan, 9 Div captured SIO, now three miles past town. Americans captured HILL 660, commanding feature in CAPE GLOUCESTER area.

4. GENERAL

Jap documents found 16 Jan in 58/59 Bn HQ area have

Robertson

Information from 1st S.F. at Adnan need

THIS SUMMARY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SRC BY 1200 FOR DESTRUCTION

1. OPERATIONS

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10/58/59 Aust Int Bn

(1) 24 Aust Int Bn

A Coy HQ B, 2 pl's arrived 2800 feature.
1,017 20 01's B Coy arrived at 11.30 hours to
entry to 2800 feature.
B Coy patrol from KOROFA to KAHU RIVER could not
reach KAHU. Report 3.01 Summary No 3. AS per Int Summary No 3.

(11) 27/59 Aust Int Bn

10 Jan, 1959
King being maintained during daylight by 8 pl.
Patrol west of BORD RIVER KING. Could not locate
any of overlooking BORDUNA.

(111) 28/59 Aust Int Bn

Company B of B Coy returned to 2800 feature from SCHWIND'S
leaving 07.

(1v) 2/8 Coy (Commando) Bn

Patrol A 2p arrived 2800 feature on route to feature
17 Jan B 2p patrol moving to 2800 feature.

(p) 18 Aust Int Bn

(1) 2/8 Coy (Commando) Bn

Patrol located enemy down NW of SHAGGY RIDGE.
Disturbing fire carried out by own weapons 14 Jan.

(11) 2/8 Coy Bn

Patrol to UVA no contact made.

2. AIRBORNE

18 Jan, 1959
Patrols led in by 1st Battalion attached SALVA village
GOVON. 1st Battalion attached at disposal areas SE
of YAKA on BOGARTIN RD. ULAGA HARBOR, SAKAR, and
ALIKHARIN attached.
Company dropped bundle of mines 0100 in C Coy
area. Search failed to locate.

3. OTHER FORCES

17 Jan, 1959
B Div captured 210, now three miles past town.
American captured HILL 600, commanding feature in
CAMP BUCHANAN area.

4. GENERAL

1st documents found 10 Jan in 28/59 in HQ area have

Ref Map: 1 in DUMPU
SCHWIND's O P
601594

O P L O G

Appx 7
Manned by: D Coy.
Date: 19 Jan 44.

Serial No	Time	Bearing	Approx Distance	Map Reference	Observation	Deduction	Action taken
1	0915			6864	10 Mitchells, 7 fighters bombing and strafing behind SHAGGY RIDGE.		I O advised.
2	0945				40 Mitchells circling around SHAGGY RIDGE.	Strafing behind Ridge.	do
3	0950	50° M			4 Red Flares observed vicinity SHAGGY RIDGE.	18 Bde tps indicating fwd posns.	do
4	1000	45° M			Smoke observed vicinity JAP posns on SHAGGY RIDGE after bombing run.		do
5	1010	50° M			2 Red Flares observed SHAGGY RIDGE.	Ground to air indication.	
6	1015				40 Mitchells returned from raid on SHAGGY RIDGE area. 64 Liberators headed NORTH escorted by 50 fighters.		do
7	1045				12 Mitchells, 7 fighters headed NW.		
8	1100				15 Vultee Vengeance dive-bombed WEST of SHAGGY RIDGE.		do
9	1110	45° M			Fighters strafed back of SHAGGY RIDGE A/A fire observed.	Probably S AXfire	do
10	1115				Fighters flying NE. Arty shelled EAST side SHAGGY RIDGE.		
& 11	1200				11 Mitchells flying NORTH and 1 fighter SOUTH.		
12	1215				3 Lightnings flying SOUTH.		
13	1235				75 Liberators and 29 Fighters flying SOUTH,		
14	1311				7 Mitchells 11 fighters flew SOUTH.		
15	1515	8° M	2000 x		12 Natives observed in food garden.		I O advised patrol sent t to investigate

Ref Map 1 in DUMPU
 JERRY'S O P
 592604

O P LOG

Manned by: A Coy
 Date: 19 Jan 44

APPX T (dup)

Serial No	Time	Bearing	Approx Distance	Map Ref	Observation	Deduction	Action Taken
1	0700				O P ESTABLISHED. Visibility Fair, Dull. Wind from EAST		
2	0920	60°M	10,000 x	6467	Air strike vicinity SHAGGY RIDGE. 24 B25's bombed & strafed area. Red flares seen		Informed I.O.
3	1005	60°M	10,000 x	6467	Air strike finished. 45 minutes duration. 8 "Veroy" lights noted over SHAGGY RIDGE	Fwd tps indicating ground posns	"
4	1020				55 bombers escorted by 73 fighters seen heading NORTH	Impending air-strike	"
	1025	30°M	700 x	6262	8 Australians seen on track heading NORTH towards 5500 feature	Patrol	"
5	1100	44°M	10,000 x	6465	Air strike near 5500 feature 3 Vultee dive-bombers bombed and strafed area		"
6	1215	44°M	700 x	6262	2 Australians seen on track going NORTH towards 5500 feature	Patrol	"
7	1400	105°M	900 x	6162	12 natives seen resting at native garden & afterwards moving S.E. towards hills	Roving tribe moving to new area	Informed I.O. & SCHIND'S O P.
8	1800	-	-	-	NO movement observed on all tracks.	-	-

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 7

Information from 171200L to 191200L 19 Jan 44

TO BE RETURNED TO INT SEC BY 201000L FOR DESTRUCTION

1. OPERATIONS(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde(i) 24 Aust Inf Bn

171200L BnHQ closed at 599588 opened at 564607. A Coy now on 5800 feature.

171900L C Coy HQ and 13 pl returned to 549621.

18 Jan B Coy patrol reports supply landing area at 448703, 1½ hrs from KOROPA.

(ii) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

16 Jan OP at 465775 reported two fires on suspected enemy OP at approx 485793. Patrol sent to check found overgrown Jap posns 463794.

180530L Patrol left A Coy to recce ORGORUNA. Returned 18 Jan, no further information.

190515L Recce patrol left to recce possible approach to ORGORUNA 2, and information re enemy strength between ORGORUNA 1 & 2.

18 Jan B Coy carrying rations to KESAWAI 1, C Coy from D I D to EVAPIA RIVER, D Coy from KESAWAI 1 fwd.

(iii) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

171100L D Coy composite pl returned to 586596, leaving OP and A/A post on SCHWIND's.

171700L Natives without ANGAU disc ~~intercepted~~ intercepted in bn area, handed over to ANGAU, who established identity.

(iv) 2/6 Cav Sqn

170845L B tp patrol to 5800 feature arrived 171715L, EVAPIA xing very difficult.

171100L 30 U/I were seen vicinity 6367.

181400L C tp patrol (from Sqn HQ) returned to base after contacting Jap def posn and OP at 633680. Estimated enemy strength one sec. Cas enemy two, own NIL.

(b) AIROPS

180225L U/I A/C height unknown flew SE over bn area. ~~dive~~ ^{dive} ~~have~~

17 Jan Vultures and Kittyhawks led in by Boomerangs bombed and strafed FARIA RIVER area.

19 Jan am Mitchells bombed and strafed, Vultures ~~FEs~~ ^{FEs} dive-bombed enemy posns on SHAGGY RIDGE. 18 Bde tps indicated fwd posns by firing red very lights. Enemy A/A observed, no planes hit. Smoke observed from Jap posns, and heavy explosions heard.

R. B. Shaw
Lieut
I O 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

As per Int Summary No 3.

(For 18 Aust Inf Bde Ops - see over)

18 Aust Inf Bde

(i) 17 Jan Reorientation of units commenced.

(ii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

161120L Jap wearing Aust Head gear observed fwd of posn.

16 - 17 Jan Enemy shelled our fwd areas, no damage or cas suffered.

17 Jan Enemy snipers active. No cas.

(i) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan B Coy patrol reports supply landing area at 48703, 18 Jan B Coy patrol reports supply landing area at 48703, 18 Jan B Coy patrol reports supply landing area at 48703, 18 Jan B Coy patrol reports supply landing area at 48703.

(ii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan OP at 48375 reported two fires on suspected enemy OP at approx 48375. Patrol sent to check found overgrown sap posns 48375. Patrol left A Coy to recon ORGORUMA. Returned 18 Jan, no further information. Recon patrol left to recon possible approach to ORGORUMA 2, and information re enemy strength between ORGORUMA 1 & 2. 18 Jan B Coy carrying rations to KESAWAI I, C Coy from D I D to EVAPIA RIVER, D Coy from KESAWAI I fwd.

(iii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan D Coy composite pl returned to 38388, leaving OP and A post on SCHINDI's. Natives without AMBU disc xxxxx intercepted in an area, handed over to AIGAU, who established identity.

(iv) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan B tp patrol to 3800 feature arrived 1715L. EVAPIA ridge very difficult. 30 U/I were seen vicinity 3807. C tp patrol (from 2pm HQ) returned to base after contacting Jap posn and OP at 38388. Estimated enemy strength one sec. Cas enemy two, own nil.

(v) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

19 Jan am U/I A/C height unknown flew SE over bn area. Vultures and Kityingams led in by Boomers. Bombed and strafed PARIA RIVER area. 19 Jan am Mitchells bombed and strafed. Vultures dive-bombed enemy posns on SHAGGY RIDGE. 18 Bde the indicated fwd posns by firing red very lights. Enemy A/A observed, no planes hit. Smoke observed from Jap posns, and heavy explosions heard.

1 0 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

As per Inf Summary No 3.

(For 18 Aust Inf Bde Ops - see over)

ap: 1 in DUMPU
 SCHWIND'S O P
 601594

O P L O G

Manned by; D Coy
 Date; 20 Jan 44

APPX ✓

Serial No	Time	Bearing	Approx Distance	Map Ref	Observation	Deduction	Action Taken
1	0825				14 B25's towards SHAGGY RIDGE		Informed I. O.
2	0945	50°M	8000 x		5 B25's returned. 45 B25's 28 fighters passed over towards N.E. 4 Red flares	Bombing of SHAGGY Ridge Our tps indicating fwd posns	" "
3	1005				B25's returned		"
4	1020	45°M	8000 x		12 fighters straffing SHAGGY RIDGE Smoke rising		" "
5	1035				Fighters returned from raid. DC3 landed on DUMPU Strip.		"
6	1105				17 fighters 5 bombers returned from NORTH Arty shelling SHAGGY RIDGE		"
7	1110				18 fighters returned from NORTH		"
8	1120				28 bombers flew SOUTH		"
9	1130				SA and Mortar fire heard vicinity SHAGGY RIDGE		"
10	1320				Arty fire heard. 14 bombers 9 fighters flying NORTH		"
11	1335	335°M			4 natives moved towards gardens		"
12	1345				11 bombers 4 fighters flew NORTH		"
13	1355				9 fighters 14 bombers circling towards NORTH		"

Ref Map; 1 in DUMPU
SCHWINDS O P
601594

O P L O G

Manned by; D Coy
Date; 20 Jan 44

Serial No	Time	Bearing	Approx Distance	Map Ref	Observation	Deduction	Action Taken
14	1410				9 fighters 13 bombers circling		Informed I.O.
15	1500				4 natives to creek near posn		" Interrogated
16	1510				11 fighters flew towards SHAGGY RIDGE		Informed I.O.
17	1530				Natives left creek		"

Appx X

AUSTRALIAN ARMY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Report on Activities 1 Jan - 20 Jan 44

1. LIBRARY

The main function of the A E S has now become the unit library, which comprises over 200 new books suitable for all tastes. Hitherto books have been distributed in Coy bundles but as all Coys are now in bivouac areas and to ensure better selection the library will henceforth be held in the Int Office.

2. 'SALT' and 'CAB'

Distribution of 'Salt' is now satisfactory and copies are received approx one week after publication. The U E O discusses the 'CAB's' with all platoon comds as soon as they are received, and platoon comds then talk to their platoons. "The Beveridge Plan" was discussed on 15 Jan, and the next 'CAB' deals with "Social Security in USA".

3. ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

On 19 Jan the Bde E O gave a lecture on "America" illustrated by film projected slides to an audience of approx 50. It is proposed to hold further such lectures as the opportunity offers.

4. NEWS

A daily summary of local ops is issued by Int Sec, and a bulletin of Wireless News is issued in message form nightly. 'Guinea Golds' are regularly received. Maps in the Int Sec cover all fronts and tps are encouraged to inspect them. It is proposed that the Bde Educ Sgt will deliver weekly talks on current affairs.

5. FARMERS CLUB

Until the situation is clarified, meetings of the farmers club will be postponed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Due to the Sydney Technical College closing until 31 Jan 44, no further applications for correspondence courses have been submitted.

R. B. ...

U E O
58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Date: 21 Jan 44

58/59 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 8

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Information from 191200L to 201200L 20 Jan 44TO BE RETURNED TO INTELLIGENCE SECTION BY 211800L FOR DESTRUCTION1. OPERATIONS(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde(i) 24 Aust Inf Bn

HQ Coy now at 564608.

181220L A Coy patrol reached deserted village 586694.

(ii) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn180830L Patrol left KOROPA to recce track to BUNAGUNA.
19 Jan Disposns

A Coy - KETOBA

C Coy - EVAPIA RIVER

B,D Coys - KESAWAI I

19 Jan Standing patrol on BOKU RIVER withdrawn.
10 pl manning OP at 497698.(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde(i) 181800L Our arty engaged enemy mtn gun with 80 rounds.
19 Jan Arty carried out harassing fire and registration.(ii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

181800L Enemy mtn gun fired 20 rounds on fwd posns.

(iii) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Now at GRASSY PATCH, SE of SHAGGY RIDGE.

(iv) 2/12 Aust Inf BnBn with one Coy 2/12 Aust Pnr Bn under comd bivouaced on depth
along MENE RIVER vicinity GEYTON's.2. AIROPS

18 Jan 41 Mitchells attacked SHAGGY RIDGE.
40 Liberators bombed AA at HANSA BAY.
68 Lightnings destroyed 12 enemy fighters over
WEWAK for loss of 3.

19 Jan. Mt. PROTHERO and KANKIRYO were accurately bombed by
61 Mitchells. SHAGGY RIDGE bombed and strafed. One
Sqn VULTEE VENGEANCE divebombed FARIA RIVER Area.
57 Liberators bombed AA posns BORAM.

20 Jan 20 Mitchells bombed SHAGGY RIDGE, 25 bombed L of C
towards BOGADJIM RD. Sqn VULTEES divebombed SHAGGY
RIDGE.

3. TOPOGRAPHICALJeep head now 800 yds fwd of D I D.
FARIA RIVER in flood.*R. Mackinnon*

Time: 211130L

Lieut
I O 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

FOR DESTRUCTION

58/59 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 9

Appx A1

Information from 201200L to 230900L1. OPERATIONSRef Maps 1/63360 series(a). 24 Aust Inf Bn

19 Jan. Disposns.

A Coy plus one pl C Coy - 5800 feature.

B Coy and C Coy less one pl - EVAPIA RIVER

D Coy - 585622, 12 pl - KOROPA.

201200L A Coy arrived village 573696. 9 pl contacted enemy posns 580715 and returned to remainder of A Coy at 575706 211400L

211148L Party from A Coy contacted enemy 598708 - Jap sniper opened fire. Own cas one wounded.

22 Jan 12 pl patrol to br 500753 reported br destroyed.

221830L LMG and rifle fire heard ridge square 5871 and three mortar explosions NORTH of SOLU RIVER IN THIS vicinity.

(b). 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

20 Jan A Coy established standing patrol KARONA 435784.

210730L Bn HQ closed 617573 reopened KOROPA 464732 211900L.

22 Jan Efforts by A Coy to cross BOKU RIVER unsuccessful.

221900L Bn HQ opened KETOBA.

(c). 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

211830L JERRY'S O P withdrawn. Personnel returned to A Coy.

220900L ~~XXXXXXX~~ A B Coys moved to new site vicinity 598590.(d). 2/6 Cav Sqn.

221900L 38 O/Rs arrived as rec's. D Tp will be formed and C D Tps will relieve A B Tps on 5500 feature.

18 Aust Inf Bde.(a). Ref Maps 1/25000 series(b) During 19 Jan all units moved into posn for offensive ops commencing 20 Jan, disposns as follows:-

2/10 Aust Inf Bn - A Coy 723656, D Coy 723660

2/9 Aust Inf Bn - SHAGGY RIDGE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn - with under commd B Coy 2/2 Pion Bn - in depth along MENE RIVER vicinity GEYTONS.

(c) On 20 Jan 2/10 Aust Inf Bn forced enemy to withdraw from GAMS SADDLE 717662 and contacted enemy at 703661 and 705661.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn were in contact on SHAGGY RIDGE and 2/12

Aust Inf Bn were concentrated in vicinity CANNINGS SADDLE.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

After successful divebombing by 22 Kittyhawks Bn captured GREEN SNIPERS PIMPLE 682646. One counter attack was repulsed, one was partially successful but by 211810L a further attack had reestablished our posns. B Coy less one pl then at 707637.

2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

A Coy occupied enemy posns 702661 at 211630L. Patrol located enemy posn 698664 at 211800L and arty engaged. Final disposns A B Coys 702661 D Coy 723669 C Coy and BN HQ GRASSY PATCH 721638.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn.C Coy captured BROTHERO 1 211400L achieving complete surprise. 75 mm gun fired on own posns at point-blank range causing some casualties. Bn deployed around posn and captured gun and ammo intact, killing the crew of nine. Enemy seen at 704639. Final ~~at~~ disposns Bn holding BROTHERO 1 overlooking BROTHERO 2.

During night 21/22 Jan arty fired 1906 rounds on enemy posns. 18 Bde cas during 21 Jan 10 killed 70 wounded. Enemy cas NOT estimated but heavy.

During 22 Jan 18 the continued advance, on 21 Jan 18, capturing PROTHORO 2 and linking up with 2/9 Aust Int Bn. Gap between 2/9 and 2/10 was 1000 x.

1. OPERATIONS
Ref Maps I/2500 series

2 AIRBORNE

19 Jan 61 225s one sqa Vultee bombed enemy positions SHAGGY RIDGE, GAMB SADDLE. 27 Liberator bombed BART. 20 Jan 56 225s one sqa Kittyhawk and one sqa Vultee led in by Boomerangs scored direct hits on enemy positions on SHAGGY RIDGE, PROTHORO, BART, SHAGGY RIDGE, GAMB SADDLE, HANSA BAY. 21 Jan 22 Kittyhawk and one sqa Vultee bombed enemy positions on SHAGGY RIDGE, PROTHORO, BART, SHAGGY RIDGE, GAMB SADDLE, HANSA BAY.

3 TOPOGRAPHICAL

22 Jan 18 2/10 Aust Int Bn contacted enemy positions on SHAGGY RIDGE, GAMB SADDLE, HANSA BAY. 23 Jan 18 2/10 Aust Int Bn contacted enemy positions on SHAGGY RIDGE, GAMB SADDLE, HANSA BAY.

4 MAPS

All future maps will be drawn to a scale of 1:50,000. This scale will be used for all maps drawn to a scale of 1:50,000. This scale will be used for all maps drawn to a scale of 1:50,000. This scale will be used for all maps drawn to a scale of 1:50,000.

R. Matthews

(c). 28/59 Aust Int Bn

2/10 Aust Int Bn moved to new site vicinity PROTHORO 2. Personnel returned to A Coy.

(d). 2/9 Cav Bn

2/10 Aust Int Bn moved to new site vicinity PROTHORO 2. Personnel returned to A Coy.

- 1 2/10 Aust Int Bn
- 2 2/9 Cav Bn
- 3 2/10 Aust Int Bn
- 4 2/9 Cav Bn
- 5 2/10 Aust Int Bn
- 6 2/9 Cav Bn
- 7 2/10 Aust Int Bn
- 8 2/9 Cav Bn
- 9 2/10 Aust Int Bn
- 10 2/9 Cav Bn

(c). 2/10 Aust Int Bn

2/10 Aust Int Bn were in contact on SHAGGY RIDGE and GAMB SADDLE. 2/9 Aust Int Bn were in contact on SHAGGY RIDGE and GAMB SADDLE.

After successful disembarking by 22 Kittyhawk Bn captured GREEN SMITHS PIMPLE 68244. One counter attack was repulsed. One was partially successful but by 2110L a further attack had reestablished our positions. B Coy less one pl then at 2003V.

2/10 Aust Int Bn

A Coy occupied enemy positions VOSSEI at 2110L. Patrol located enemy positions at 2110L and arty engaged. Final disposition A B Coy VOSSEI D Coy VOSSEI C Coy and Bn HQ GRASSY PATCH 21138.

2/12 Aust Int Bn

C Coy captured PROTHORO 1 2110L achieving complete surprise. 75 mm gun fired on own positions at point-blank range causing some casualties. Bn deployed around position and captured gun and ammo intact, killing the crew of mine. Enemy seen at 20439. Final disposition Bn holding PROTHORO 1 overlooking PROTHORO 2. During night 21/22 Jan arty fired 1900 rounds on enemy positions. 18 Bde was during 21 Jan 10 killed 70 wounded. Enemy cas NOT estimated but heavy.

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 10

Information from 230900L to 240900L

24 Jan 44,
Ref Maps 1/25000 series.

1. OPERATIONS

OWN TPS

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

231000L - Two secs 14 pl joined A Coy at 575706.

231850L - Sec guns 2/4 Fd Regt registered from approx 535608.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

230715L - Patrol one offr two O/Rs crossed BOKU RIVER to make further recce OROGUNA.

Further patrol crossed BOKU RIVER at first light, last report est 449708.

Disposns at

Bn HQ	A Coy	KETOBA
	B Coy	KOROPA
	C Coy	KESAWAI 1
	D Coy	KOROPA.

(111) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

230830L - C Coy moved to new site 577578.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

(1) 22 Jan arty support very effective. Preliminary count of enemy dead SHAGGY RIDGE 100.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

D Coy attack on McCAUGHEYS 682646 began 2217452L with arty sp. Coy secured further 500 yds SHAGGY RIDGE by 221845L was held up by MG fire so consolidated for night. Estimated to be 800 yds from fwd tps 2/12 Aust Inf Bn moving back along SHAGGY RIDGE from BROTHERO 2. Only line of Jap escape is down precipitous slopes to FARIA RIVER.

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Forced enemy to withdraw from 698665 at 221630L. B Coy moved SOUTH down FARIA RIVER, located enemy wired posn 707643 and contacted 2/9 Aust Inf Bn patrol 710644. Enemy posn attacked 221930L with partial success, pockets of resistance held out to SOUTH. Final disposns - A Coy 698665, B Coy 708643, D Coy 702661.

(111) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy attacked and captured BROTHERO 2 673664 after heavy arty concentration. Coy exploited back along SHAGGY RIDGE until held-up 680656. One pl 2/2 Pnr Bn exploited to 673673 where enemy abandoned MMG post and retreated N.E. Patrol to 4200 feature 672665 captured two MMG's.

ENEMY

22 Jan - mtn gun shelled fwd posns 2/9 Aust Inf Bn SHAGGY RIDGE.

230730L - Small enemy party attacked A Coy 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

(2)

38/39 AUGUST INT BR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 10

Information from 230900Z to 240900Z (contd)

cas 02 - HUES most (653000 RIDGE YARDS no)

Ref Japs I/2500 series.
24 Jan 44

SECRET

I. OPERATIONS

22 Jan - 23 Mitchell's attacked shipping, installations
at HUES most and from CAPE GARDNER to
CROSSING.
23 230900Z HUES most area.
24 230900Z HUES most area
CROSSING.

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Time. 1620 L

Lieut. (11) 27/00 Aust

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Further report east 230900Z.
Further patrol crossed HUES RIVER at first light.
Further report east 230900Z.

DISTRIBUTION

As per Int Summary No 9

(11) 28/39 Aust Int Br

230900Z - 230900Z - 230900Z

(11) 28/39 Aust Int Br

(1) 23 Jan arty support very effective. Preliminary count of enemy
dead SHAGGY RIDGE 100.

(1) 2/9 Aust Int Br

D Coy attack on MOUNTAIN GARDNER began 231400Z with arty sp.
Coy secured further 500 yds SHAGGY RIDGE by 231800Z.
was held up by MG fire so consolidated for night.
Estimated to be 800 yds from the 2/12 Aust Int
In moving back along SHAGGY RIDGE from BROTHERS S.
Only line of tap escape is down precipitous slopes
to MARIA RIVER.

(11) 2/10 Aust Int Br

Forced enemy to withdraw from 230900Z at 231800Z. B Coy moved
200 yds down MARIA RIVER, located enemy wire post
230900Z and contacted 2/9 Aust Int Br patrol 230900Z.
Enemy post attacked 231800Z with partial success,
patrols of 231800Z held out to 230900Z. 2/12 Aust Int
Disposals - A Coy 230900Z, B Coy 230900Z, D Coy
230900Z.

(11) 2/12 Aust Int Br

A Coy attacked and captured BROTHERS S 230900Z after heavy
arty concentration. Coy exploited back along SHAGGY
RIDGE until held up 230900Z. One pl 2/9 Aust Int
exploited to 230900Z where enemy abandoned MG post
and retreated N.E. Patrol to 230900Z feature 230900Z
captured two MG's.

SECRET

23 Jan - 230900Z - 230900Z
230900Z - 230900Z - 230900Z

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11.
Information from 240900L to 251200L.

COPY NO
25 Jan 44.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn.

241000L- After 160 rds arty 8 pl A Coy attacked Jap posns 562701. Forced back by Japs rolling grenades down precipitous slopes. Second attack 1130 also repulsed when within grenade range. Coy withdrew whilst arty fired 181 rds on posn, and in third attack at 1730L coy was successful in gaining foothold in enemy posn 561701. By 1830 Jap posn 562701 had been captured and coy was consolidating. During consolidation coy came under heavy MMG fire from further up slope. Our arty fire was particularly accurate. Cas own; one officer 4 ORs killed- 20Rs missing 5 ORs wounded. Jap dead could not be counted owing to darkness but at least 6 dead were found, and many more were killed by arty.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

24 Jan. A Coy patrol strength 4 ORs reconnoitring ORGORUNA def. Other htree coys are carrying sups on L of C.

(111) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

241500L Bn HQ opened 581575.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Of six arty pieces which captured documents indicate Jap is using in this sector, two have been captured and one destroyed. Counted enemy dead to 23 Jan 130. Own cas 22 Jan 8 killed 24 wounded. 23 Jan 10 wounded.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Resistance on SHAGGY RIDGE cleared up and contact with 2/12 BN made 231315L.

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

After arty fire and vigorous patrolling enemy withdrew from wired posns 708643 at 231200L. Patrols sent along FARIA RIDGE failed to contact, and it is believed that ridge is now clear. Patrol North along ridge contacted enemy at 690672 and after arty D Coy attacked 231700L. Jap vacated fwd posns and occupied reverse slopes. Owing to falling light coy moved back 300 yds.

(111) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

B Coy moved to KANKIRYO and contacted enemy 677674 at 23 1820 L. Enemy withdrew to North. Patrol on feature 4200 square 6467 located well worn tracks leading North down spur. Small enemy party contacted.

2. AIROPS.

231040L one sqn VULPEES bombed enemy posn from MATELOI 1.
23 Jan 35 Liberators bombed WEWAK. 32 Lightnings intercepted 50/60 enemy fighters in area, destroyed 19 for loss of 3.
23 B stons bombed BONGA GALL and NATAMO.

TIME 261030L

R. M. ...
Lieut.
I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.12.

Information from 251200L to 271200L.

27 Jan. 44.

1. OPERATIONS

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde

(i) 24 Aust Inf Bn

A coy patrolling east and west from CAMERONS KNOLL report NMS. Coy HQ with 7 and 9 pls occupied abandoned Jap trenches at 568698, approx 3000yds SW PAIPA

A further patrol discovered approx 50 slit trenches and underground sleeping quarters and kitchen at 566699.

(ii) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

A coy patrol, 24 Jan, reported NMS at ORGORUNA 1. Coy moved to north of BOKU RIVER now est 481766

B and C coys at KOROPA and D coy at KETOBA are engaged on carrying supplies.

(iii) 2/6 Cav Sqn

Patrols fwd of posns made contact with patrols 2/12 Bn. No enemy movement seen.

D Tp received A Tp at 656640 approx 6000yds south PAIPA

(iv) 8 Aust Fd Bty

Registered on targets fwd CAMERONS KNOLL from 251400L.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

(i) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns - Battle HQ and C coy 673665 (PROTHERO 2)

A coy 683647

B coy 682654

Dcoy 679656

(ii) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

25 Jan maintained contact with strong enemy defensive posns on southern slopes 4100 feature.

Disposns - Battle HQ and A coy 689671

B coy 703661

C coy 704659

D coy 679656

(iii) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

In contact with strong enemy posns southern slopes 4100 feature sq 6768.

Patrol along PAIPA track encountered small enemy force 700 yds NW KANKIRYO. Casualties inflicted not stated.

Disposns - Battle HQ and B coy 666666 (PROTHERO 1)

A coy KANKIRYO

B coy KANKIRYO

D coy 673665

2/2 pnr B coy 673665

2. AIR OPS

25 Jan 52 LIBERATORS bombed HANSA BAY and 15 LIBERATORS bombed A/A installations on LAING IS.

60 MITCHELLS attacked enemy posns on the north coast.

TIME:.....

Robinson
..... Sgt.
for IO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 13.

Information from 271200L to 281200L.

28 Jan 44.

1. OPERATIONS - LAND

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde.

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn.

271207L. Patrol from CAMERONS KNOLL 567707 contacted enemy 563712.

271715L. 7 pl patrol to locate arty OP reached 572703, after contacting 5 Japs 567705. No further details to hand. Comms out. Local patrols North and East of A Coys def posn failed to contact enemy.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jan. A Coys posn 418766, NOT 481766 as reported in summary No 12. Standing patrol estd KARONA.

271320L. Recce patrol 4 offrs left SCOTTS 418776 returned 271815 L.

271800L B and C Coys arrived KETOBA.

(11) 2/6 Cav Sqn.

A Tp now 630583.

(b) 18 AUST INF BDE.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jan. C and D Coys made wide encircling move around western slopes 4100 feature sq 6768 located abandoned Jap posn 673682. Vigorous attack drove Jap from summit 4100 feature 1700 hrs. C Coy then advanced down 4100 feature towards rear of Jap posn and located him in strength 678684. A probing attack was repulsed and coy dug in in close contact with the enemy.

Disposns. Bn HQ B Coy PROTHERO 2.

A Coy 678659

C Coy 679685.

D Coy 4100 feature.

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jan. D Coy attacked Jap posns 680676 and although foothold ~~was~~ was gained and 2 LMGs knocked out our tps were unable to hold ground gained and withdrew.

(11) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jan. Probing attack by A Coy located enemy 678678 and contact was maintained. Patrol from 4200 feature sq 6467 found abandoned posn 626695 with tracks leading to PAIPA and RAMU.

D Coy now at GUYS POST.

(1v) 2/2 Aust Pmr Bn.

Bn HQ LAKES AREA. B and D Coys reverted from comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn now moving to LAKES AREA. A Coy GUYS POST. C Coy BRIANS HILL.

2/ OPERATIONS - AIR.

26 Jan. 17 Liberators attacked ADMIRALTY IS. 23 Liberators destroyed 6 buildings, damaged one ~~workshop~~ and runways at MOTMOTE airfield. 34 Bostons attacked BONGA GALLI. One sqn Mitchells attacked BOGIA plantation, one sqn VULTEES bombed and strafed dumps at NAGADA.

3. TAC/R.

Reconnoitered tracks vicinity SAIPA 2, unnamed village 563712. Trenches vicinity ORGORUNA 2 give impression of no use being made of them. Track from village to track junc 423784 then to huts 414-781 has had heavy use. Posns along this track comd country to South and track up from BOKU RIVER.

TIME

1645
Distribution as per Int Summary No 9.

Lieutl
I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 14

Infm from 281200L to 291200L

1. OPERATIONS

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

Following amended refs have been given for topographical features:-

- SPEELOVE SPUR 556899
- CAMERON'S KNOLL 560699
- HIGHER KNOLL 581696
- McLEANNANS CREEK West from 569703 to SOLU RIVER
- OSGWIN'S SPUR SW from 576706

27 Jan. A Coy patrol to CAMERON'S KNOLL which contacted 5 Japs at 567706 reported cas enemy 1 wounded own nil. Patrol returned 271715L. The Japs were following the patrol's track when contacted.

27 Jan. Arty GP was est 572703.

28 Jan. 8 pl patrol left to contact 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Disposns:- ~~11-pl-left-camp-1-Sep-3-Coy-are~~ 11 pl Camp 1 528670. 14 pl left Camp 1 for C Coy area 533609. D Coy HQ, 18 pl, CAMERON'S KNOLL 16, 17 pls Camp 3.

29 Jan. 8 pl patrol (moving to contact 18 Bde) saw 2 Japs at fire thought to be kitchen 580690. Kitchen between SP 579690 and Jap def posn 581690. It is thought that main def posn here faces East with one pill-box covering track to SP. On South side of posn there is a vertical drop to SOLU RIVER, but patrol thinks it can outflank posn on North side.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

25 Jan. Patrol from A Coy moved out to rec a track from June 423784 to huts 414781 (TAC/R reported this 27 Jan as likely enemy def posn). Returned 281530L. Village and track show no signs of use. Second patrol moved out 0900 to recase OROGUNA 2. Returned 1600. Report no to hand.

18 pl 24 Aust Inf Bn came under comd 57/60 Aust Inf Bn as from 28 Jan. 13 pl now BARONA. D Coy now at 434775.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

(1) 28 Jan Patrol-~~674~~ AC Sqn pinpointed enemy 679674 holding pimple and surrounded on 3 sides by our fwd tps. Enemy dead counted 27 Jan 14 own cas 1 killed.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol towards PRIPA observed parties of 20 & 50 enemy moving from vicinity 4100 feature into gardens 6463 with stretcher cases. Gas were inflicted on other small parties moving in same direction.

Disposns:-

- Fx HQ and B Coy PROTH HQ 2
- A Coy 678683
- D Coy 4100 feature
- C Coy KANKIRYO

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns:-

- Bn HQ and B Coy 699684
 - A Coy 686675
 - C Coy 704633
 - D Coy 691671
- Pls at 626672 and 706659.

(111) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol 1000 yds NW from 4200 feature 6467 made contact with small enemy posn.

(1V) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

270300L. Bn less one coy reverted to comd 7 Aust Div. C Coy less 2 pls at BRIAN'S HILL, 1 pl GANNING'S SADDLE, 1 pl LAMES HILL.

2. ALL TAC/R

27 Jan. From OROGUNA 2 to OROGUNA 1 there are well dug in def posns but no posns are visible at OROGUNA 1. Tracks around KISA are fresh and there are extensive defs West of the village. BATALOI 2 appears to be unoccupied.

3. GENERAL

Translations of Jap documents captured during recent ops on SHAGGY RIDGE are being circled around all coys

TIME

Lieut
I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn,
29 Jan 44.

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.2.

(Information from 17 Jan 44 to 29 Jan 44 incl)

Ref Map - EVAPIA RIVER 1:25000

OPERATIONS

- 171200L - Composite pl D Coy returned to 571582 leaving O.P. and A/A post on SCHWIND'S FEATURE 580580.
- 220830L - A and B Coys moved to new camp site at 577573 and 575576.
- 230830L - C and D Coys moved to new camp site at 574576 and 580576.
- 240830L - HQ Coy moved to 576575.
- 241500L - Bn HQ opened 577574.

PATROLS

Since all tps with exception of O.P. SCHWIND'S, have been withdrawn from def posn, no patrolling has been carried out.

O. P's.

JERRY'S O.P. manned by A Coy was withdrawn 21 Jan. O.P. on SCHWIND'S remains. Copies of logs for 19 Jan(JERRY'S) and 20 Jan(SCHWIND'S) are attached for infm(Appx A).

AIROPS

180225L - U/I A/C at an unknown height flew SE over bn area.

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES

Nil.

ENEMY INFM

Translation of documents found in creek 572583 has not yet come to hand.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Sketches of new Bn area are now being prepared and copy will be forwarded on completion.

SECURITY

171700L - Natives without ANGAU discs were intercepted in Bn area and handed over to ANGAU for questioning. They were identified as members of 2/6 Cav Sqn line. All coys were advised to question any natives seen in O.P. areas.

HEALTH

Malarial sketch of old area was completed and forwarded to 7 Div Malarial Control Unit. Similar sketch of this area is being prepared. Malarial precautions as from 20 Jan include the application of lotion at one hourly intervals throughout the day. Evacuations for the period total 8 officers 127 O/RS, the majority of which were P.U.O. However the rate of evacuations is now falling and number of personnel returning to unit exceeds number of those being evacuated.

On 27 Jan unit marched to EVAPIA RIVER as a test of physical fitness. The RMO commenced medical examination of all personnel on 28 Jan to determine the extent of Vitamin B deficiency and general physique.

Time of Signature

292000L

R. B. ...

Lieut

I.O., 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

Appx 71

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES JANUARY 44.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
30 Jan 44

15 Aust Inf Bde.

1. NEWS SUMMARIES

A daily summary is issued by Int Sec dealing with local operations, and a bulletin of wireless news is issued in message form nightly. Example of latter is attached as Appx A. "Guinea Golds" are being regularly received. Maps covering all war fronts have been set up in the Int Sec Office and tps are making increasing use of these. It is proposed that Ede Educ Sgt will deliver weekly talks all coys on world affairs.

2. CAB DISCUSSIONS.

U.E.O. gives talk to all pl comds as soon as CABS are received, pl comds then discuss the bulletin with their pks. The following subjects were dealt with during the month :-

The BEVERIDGE Plan 15 Jan

Social security in USA 23 Jan

Distribution of CABS and SALT is now satisfactory and supplies are received approximately one week after publication.

3. LIBRARY

This has become the main function of the A.E.S. and the unit library now comprises over 270 books, (most of them new) suitable for all tastes. A parcel of 50 books was sent to 15 Rd Amb for use of patients in the M.D.S.

4. QUIZZ SESSIONS.

No quizz sessions have been held.

5. ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

On 19 Jan the Ede Educ Offr gave a lecture on "AMERICA", illustrated by film-projected slides, to an audience of approximately 50.

6. FARMERS CLUB

No meetings of the Farmers Club were held during January, but it is proposed that weekly meetings be re-instituted early next month. The necessary pamphlets and reading matter have been obtained.

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Due to the Sydney Technical College closing until 31 Jan, no further applications for correspondence courses were submitted during the month.

Lieut
U.E.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Time 30 14 30 1

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REPORT BY R M O - 58/59 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING - 21 JAN 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

21 Jan 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adult anophiline mosquitoes plentiful.
Since being in the area we have had no positive malarial cases.
2 Atebrin per day seems to be adequately suppressing the disease.

2. MITES

No Mokka bites have been reported during the last week.

3. HYGIENE

Work on latrines and sullage pits has been carried out. Hygiene in the present area appears to be satisfactory.

4. GENERAL

Of the 125 Evacuations, 122 were suspected cases of Dengue Fever. There is no doubt that men are being infected in the present area. Arrangements have been made to move to a new area, and work on the new camp site is now in progress.

Robert Middleton
Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

APPX 0.1

REPORT BY R M O - 58/59 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING - 28 JAN 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

28 Jan 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adult anophiline mosquitoes still plentiful.
Two positive malarial cases were reported during the week.

2. MITES

A few Mokka bites were reported towards the end of last week. This period was just prior to the renewal of anti-mite fluid to clothing.

3. HYGIENE

There is still a shortage of urinals but this is being rectified.

4. GENERAL

The epidemic of Dengue fever, the Battalion had completely moved to new site by 24 Jan 44.
A full report on the physical condition of the Battalion will be submitted next week.

J. M. Middleton
Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

APPX LI

For Week Ending 2359 hrs Fri 28/ 1/4 4

UNIT 58/59 Aust Inf Bn LOCATION DUMPU 1" Map Ref. 581575

STRENGTH: Offrs. 31 OR's 409 TOTAL.....

REINFORCEMENTS * (a) From "X-List" 2/58 Physical standard..... Moderate

RECEIVED (b) Others 6/1 Physical standard..... Good

	Total Attendances at RAP		Total Personnel Treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total NO Duties	
	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's
DYSENTRY												
DIARRHOEA		16		16		9				5		1
URTI		6		6		-				1		
PUO	1	80	1	20	1	57		57		14		6
TINEA		30		29		1		1		10		2
OTHER SKIN DISEASES		38		37		8		1		10		3
BATTLE CASTIES												
ACCIDENTS												
†												
OTHER DISEASES		45		45		19				14		1
TOTAL	1	215	1	153	1	94		59		54		13

‡ AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATE Per Cent.: Offrs..... OR's..... All Ranks.....

§ RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT—

General Physical Condition of Personnel..... Moderate

Severity of Work or Training..... Intermittently heavy

General..... Dengue Fever cases are decreasing.

NOTES: * If reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area, RMO to state in Appendix "A."

† To be used only on instructions from DDMS or ADMS.

‡ To be computed in Offices of DDMS or ADMS.

§ Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B".)

(a) Medical:

Expendable Satisfactory

Non Expendable No comment

(b) EXPENSE STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory

A.A.S.C. Shortage of Kerosene - not ~~much~~ nearly sufficient for RAP use.
 Entitlement of 1½ gals per 100 men does not cover RAP which uses
 4 gals per week.

(c) MALARIA CONTROL STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory

A.A.S.C. Satisfactory

2. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair, or Bad).

Nets..... Good Atebrin..... Good Clothes..... Good Repellent..... Good

(b) Larval Control Breeding grounds being sprayed regularly with malarisol.

(c) Adult Destruction Tents sprayed at Reveille, 1830 and 2100 hrs.

(d) General Comments Personal protection carried out satisfactorily.

3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO Routine

4. RATIONS Satisfactory

5. TRANSPORT Bad

6. HYGIENE Satisfactory - still room for improvement.

(Signed)  Capt

RMO Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 15

COPY NO.....
30 Jan 44

Infm from 291200L to 301800L

1. OPERATIONS - LAND

(a) 15 AUST INF BDE

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

29 Jan - Disposns:-

BnHQ	552587
D Coy 4 pl CAMERON'S KNOLL	560699
A Coy returning to	528611
B Coy	491643
C Coy	529604

Patrol left 560699 at 0843L. Route 560699 to 560701 to 567706 there NW down slope. 1045L fwd scout reported Jap posn at 566708. At 1100L enemy estimated 1 sec opened fire with SMG's LMG's and rifles. Later enemy withdrew after arty fired on posn. Our patrol occupied posn 123 01 1345L patrol moved razor back track to village where enemy, estimated at more than 1 pl opened fire on patrol with SMG's LMG's and mortar fire. Fire returned. Arty fire brought to bear on enemy posn and several hits registered. Patrol withdrew under cover of arty fire arriving 560699 at 1600L. Cas enemy 1 probably wounded, own nil.

Shells and rifle amm found in freshly dug Jap posns.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

29 Jan - Disposns:-

BnHQ(fwd)	421778
A Coy	421778
B Coy	419766
C Coy less 13 pl	418745
D Coy	435780
5 & 13 pls	KOROPA
Standing patrol 4 ORs JAP KARONA	400758.

Patrol 22. 6 ORs moved to 429759 at 1400L to maintain Standing patrol in ambush posn.

Patrol 20. 3 ORs moved to JAP KARONA thence downstream to 392749. No enemy seen.

(b) 18 AUST INF BDE

Ref maps 1/25000 first edition.

Throughout the day arty fired concentrations on posns South of 4100 feature inflicting cas on enemy. FOO saw enemy attempting to carry out wounded.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Line party ambushed in vicinity 4100 feature. Our patrol ambushed enemy party at 676684 killing 3 wounding 1. A Coy killed 4 Japs during shelling. Disposns:- A Coy 679685 ; B Coy 677687 ; C Coy 677673 ; D Coy 673665 .

(11) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

C COY killed 1 Jap. One pl B Coy moved to 689671, D Coy to 687672.

(111) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns:- A Coy 672666; B Coy less 1 pl 646677, C Coy plus pl B Coy 663668

2. OPERATIONS → AIR

28 Jan 14 Mitchells destroyed 5 br's, barges, buildings, damaged houses and A/C in coastal area DAGUA to CAPE CROISELLES. 13 Bostons attacked tp concentrations in SAIDOR area. 12 Bostons attacked tp concentrations at BORGEN BAY.

3. TAC/R

There is a landslide at loop roads 5477 DAUMOINA SOUTH. NMS on tks South of this point but limited MT tks were observed along tk to North NMS in MT parks.

Time 301700L

R. B. Basher
Lieut

I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 16

Infm from 301200L to 311200L

COPY NO.....⁵.....
31 Jan 44,

1. OPERATIONS - LAND

(a) 15 AUST INF BDE

(1) 24 Aust Inf Bn

30 Jan - D Coy. Patrol 2 left deserted village 546678 for village 541704. Village deserted - no sign of recent occupation.

Patrol 3 left CAMERON'S SPUR and followed spur West to 551699. No movement on tracks seen.

Patrol 4 left CAMERON'S SPUR and followed spur East to 570699, where ambush was est to protect rear of patrol and then to 571704, where OP est with view East along MINDJIM RIVER. Native foot-prints estimated 2 days old seen at 573703. Patrol returned 301605L.

Arty registered village 604697.

(11) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

30 Jan - BnHQ fwd now est 423786.

A Coy occupied OROGUNA 2 without opposition 1330L, 1 Aust Bren, 2 rifles and documents found. Coy now dug in 425787 patrolling fwd along track to B Coy.

B Coy est OROGUNA 1 patrolling KOBA track and fwd to D Coy.

C Coy 13 pl arrived KETOBA.

D Coy 1105L Mortars engaged OROGUNA 1, attacked and captured village 1330L. Cas own 1 killed 4 wounded, enemy not known. ~~FOOT~~ Coy continued advance along track to 431804. 17, 18 pls continued and occupied KISA and ASAKE respectively. Coy reports whole track shows signs of hasty Jap withdrawal. Large quantities rice, cucumbers, clothing, boots abandoned.

Patrol 25. X 16 pl 1 offr 16 ORs left at first light for BIRI.

(111) 2/6 Aust Cav Sqn

30 Jan - 0740L Patrol left West end of 5500 feature 585630 and contacted 2/12 Aust Inf Bn post at 646676 and returned at 1800L. NMS.

(b) 18 AUST INF BDE

(1) Ref maps 1/25000 second edition. HQ 673579. Rear HQ 666677.

(1) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Preceded by an accurate divebombing attack at 0930L and arty concentration A Coy with MMG sp attacked enemy posn on lower slopes of 4100 feature. The attack met with heavy enemy opposition and was not successful. Cas own 3 killed 11 wounded.

(ii) 2/10 Bn Disposns:-

Bn HQ and B Coy less 2 pls	667653
10 pl	658663
11 pl	670653
A Coy	654666
C Coy less 2 pls	670637
14 pl	673640
15 pl	678637
D Coy	656665

(111) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Bn HQ	PROTH ERO 1
A Coy	PROTHERO 2
B Coy less 2 pls & C Coy	634663
one pl B Coy	6256637
one pl standing patrol	611677
D Coy	GUY'S POST.

2. OPERATIONS - AIR

29 Jan - 36 Bostons attacked ITNA RIVER area. 8 Boston's attacked NATOMI RIVER area. 1 sqn Mitchells attacked HANSA BAY destroying several barges.

3. GENERAL - Attached as Appx A is a list of place names.

Time.....¹⁷⁰⁰.....

[Signature]
Lieut
I.O. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

PLACE NAMES

ARCHERS POST		603636
CAMERONS KNOLL		560699
CAMP 1		529670
CAMP 2		547678
CAMP 3		552 692
CAVALRY SPUR		614567
GOODWINS SPUR	NW From	570705
IOGE FEATURE		591593
JERRIES O P		574604
KESAWAI		491643
McLENNANS CREEK	WEST from	569703 to SOLU RIVER
McINTOSH HILL		435780
NIGGER KNOLL		581691
SCHWINDS O P		580580
SPENDLOVE SPUR	EAST+WEST From	556699
THE GAP		594592
THOMPSONS RIDGE		560597
THOMPSONS O P		424753
5500 FEATURE EAST		615626
5500 FEATURE WEST		585632
5800 FEATURE		538658

TRACK KETOBA + ORGORUNA known as main ORGORUNA TRACK.

Appx 0.1

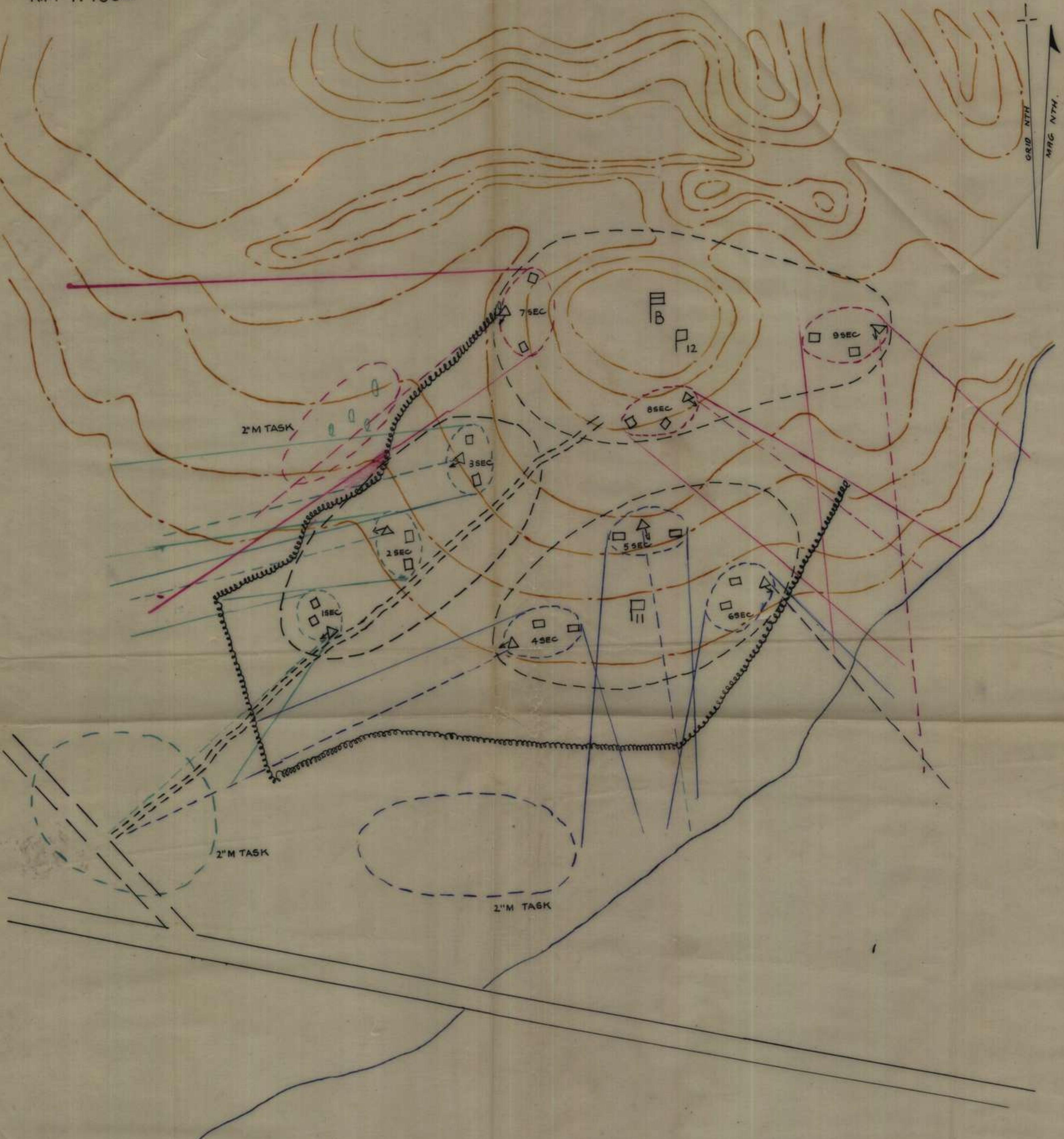
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	POSTING	NO.	RANK	NAME
BN. HQ	C.O.			
	2 I/C.			
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	ASST. ADJT.	VX 115588	"	A.B.BALL
	I.O.	TX 4679	"	J.R.ROE
	R.M.O.	NX 201329	CAPT	L.W.MIDDLETON
	PADRE	VX 91591	CHAP	J.J.BLAKEMORE
HQ. COY.	O.C.	VX 7562	CAPT	H.G.SWEET
	1 PL COMD	TX 5326	LIEUT	H.J.SHROSBREE
	2 " "			
	3 " "	VX 109161	"	N.C.BIDGOOD
	4 " "			
	5 " "	VX 23594	"	G.R.LANE
	6 (Q.M. (T.O.	VX 102647	"	N.A.DEMPSTER
A. COY.	O.C.	VX 102607	CAPT	A.JACKSON
	2 I/C.	VX 102652	LIEUT	R.J.W.FRAZER
	7 PL COMD	NX 113231	"	D.J.BREWSTER
	8 " "	NX 123187	"	R.C.BALZER
	9 " "	VX 104532	"	H.J.WALKER
B. COY.	O.C.	VX 102648	CAPT	C.C.CUTHBERTSON
	2 I/C.			
	10 PL COMD	NX 129557	LIEUT	N.H.KELLY
	11 PL COMD	V 145879	"	E.O.McCUTCH EON
	12 PL COMD	QX 39329 NX 114337	"	E.S.ZERNER F.J.NORRIE
C. COY	O.C.	VX 51665	LIEUT	E.M.GRIFF
	2 I/C.	VX 114247	"	R.L.McDONALD
	13 PL COMD	NX 76176	"	D.R.BEALE
	14 " "	TX 4464	"	F.O.SMITH
	15 " "	VX 101386	"	J.FORSTER
D. COY.	O.C.	VX 117052	CAPT	H.H.HILBERT
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	17 " "			
	18 " "	VX 118687	"	J.G.McINTOSH

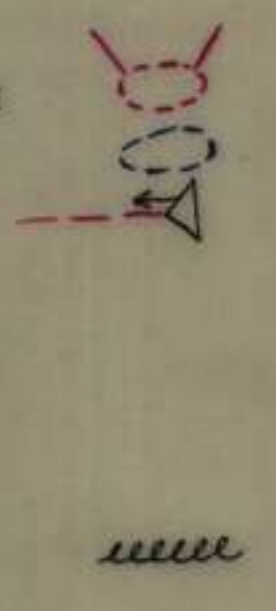
58/59 AUST INF BN
B COY FIRE PLAN

REF MAP: DUMPU IIN IML
 R.F. 1:1800

REF POINT: 601594



- LEGEND
- SEC ARC OF FIRE
 - 2" M TASK
 - LMG TASK
 - PL COLOURS
 - 10 PL GREEN
 - 11 " BLUE
 - 12 " RED
 - CONCERTINA WIRE



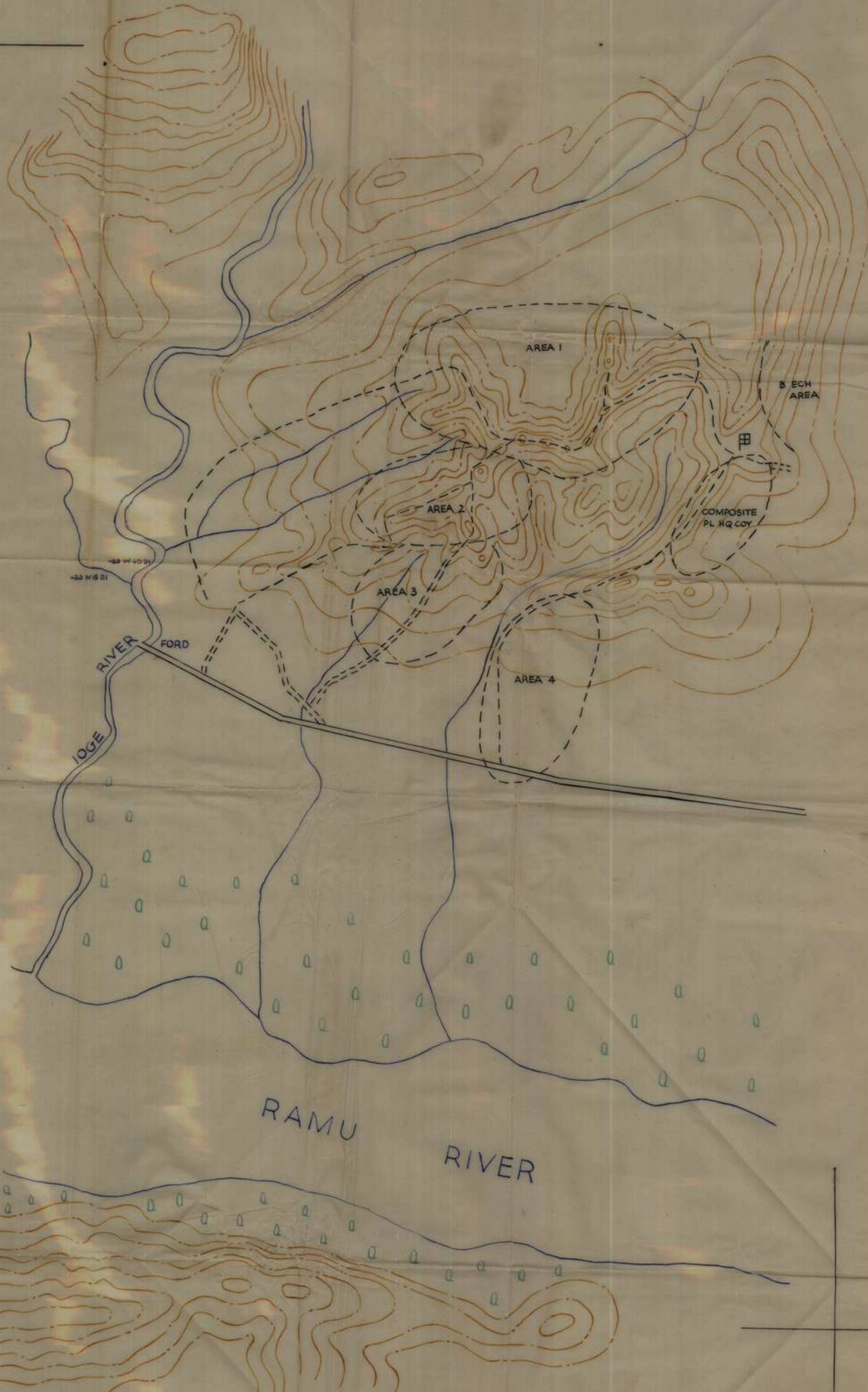
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 V.I. 25FT

WEATHER: FINE
 VISIBILITY: FAIR
 TIME TAKEN: 6 HRS
 TIME: 1400HRS 21 JAN 44
 METHOD: TRIANGULATION
 SIGNATURE: J.D. Gidley CPL

SKETCH OF 58/59 AUST INF BN DEFENSIVE AREA

REF MAP: DUMPU IIN TO IML MT OTTO IIN TO IML
R.F. 1: 7200

REF POINT: JUNC IOGE RAMU RIVERS 574589



- LEGEND**
- MAIN ROAD
 - JEEP TRACK
 - FOOT "
 - RIVER
 - CREEK
 - FORM LINES
 - COY AREAS
 - TIMBERED

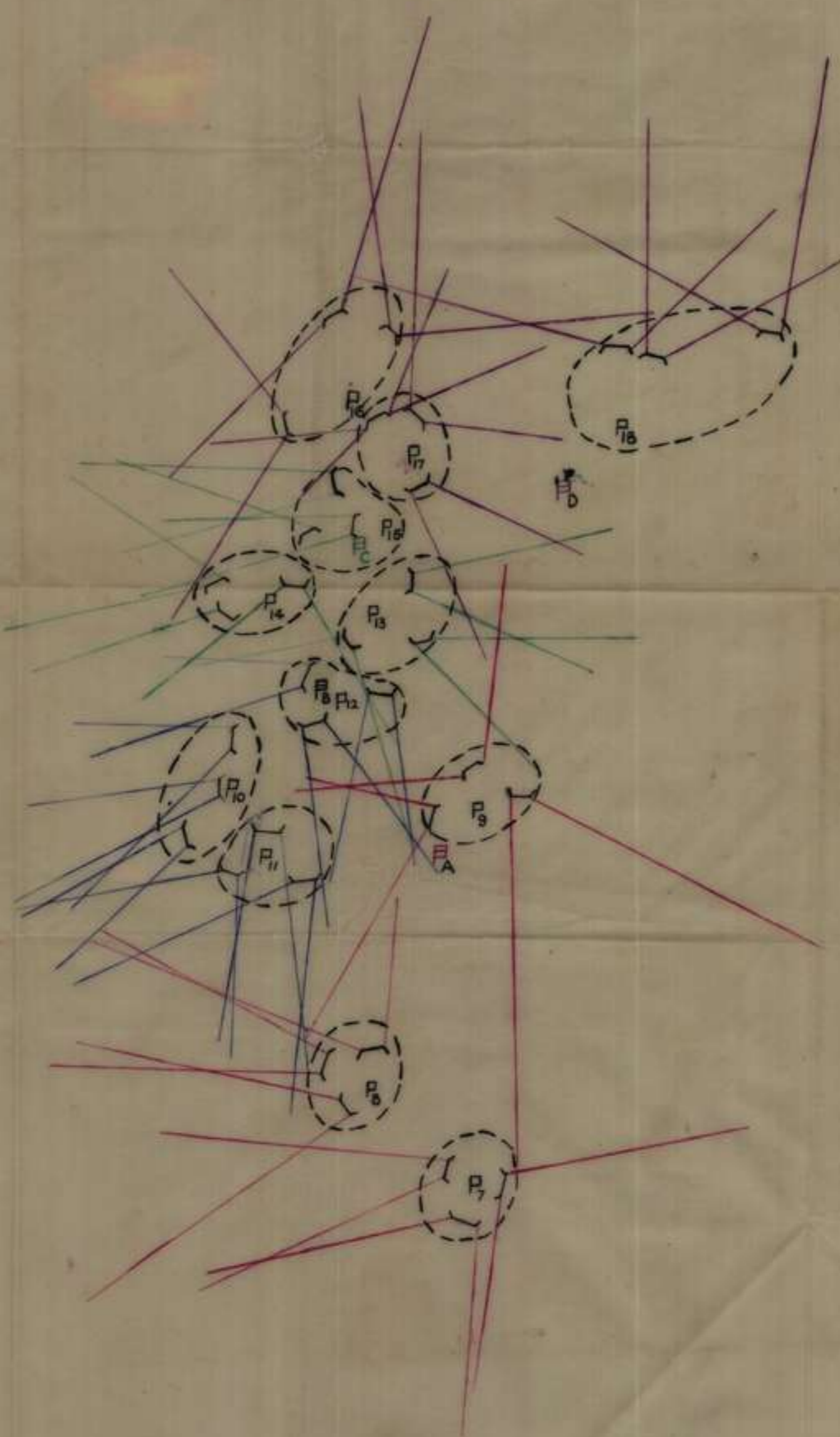
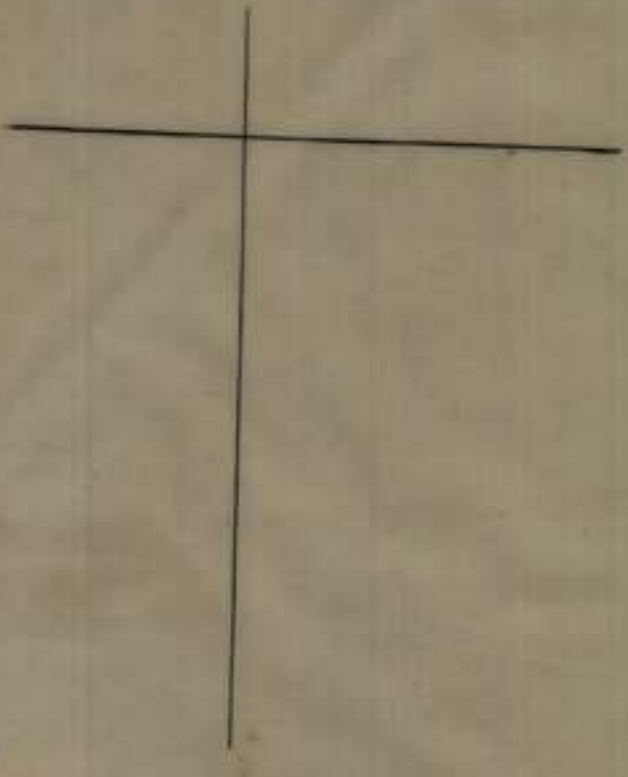
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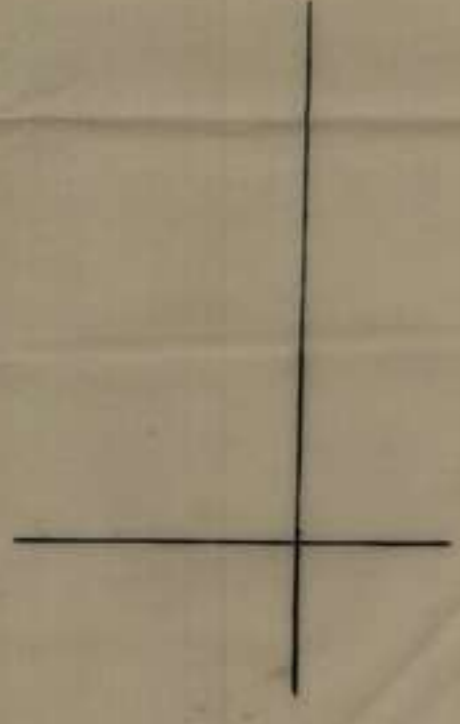
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 APP. no 6

FIRE PLAN TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER SKETCH OF BN DEFENSIVE POSNS



LEGEND

- SEC POSTS 
- ARC OF FIRE 
- COY COLOURS
- A COY RED
- B " BLUE
- C " GREEN
- D " PURPLE
- PL BOUNDARY 

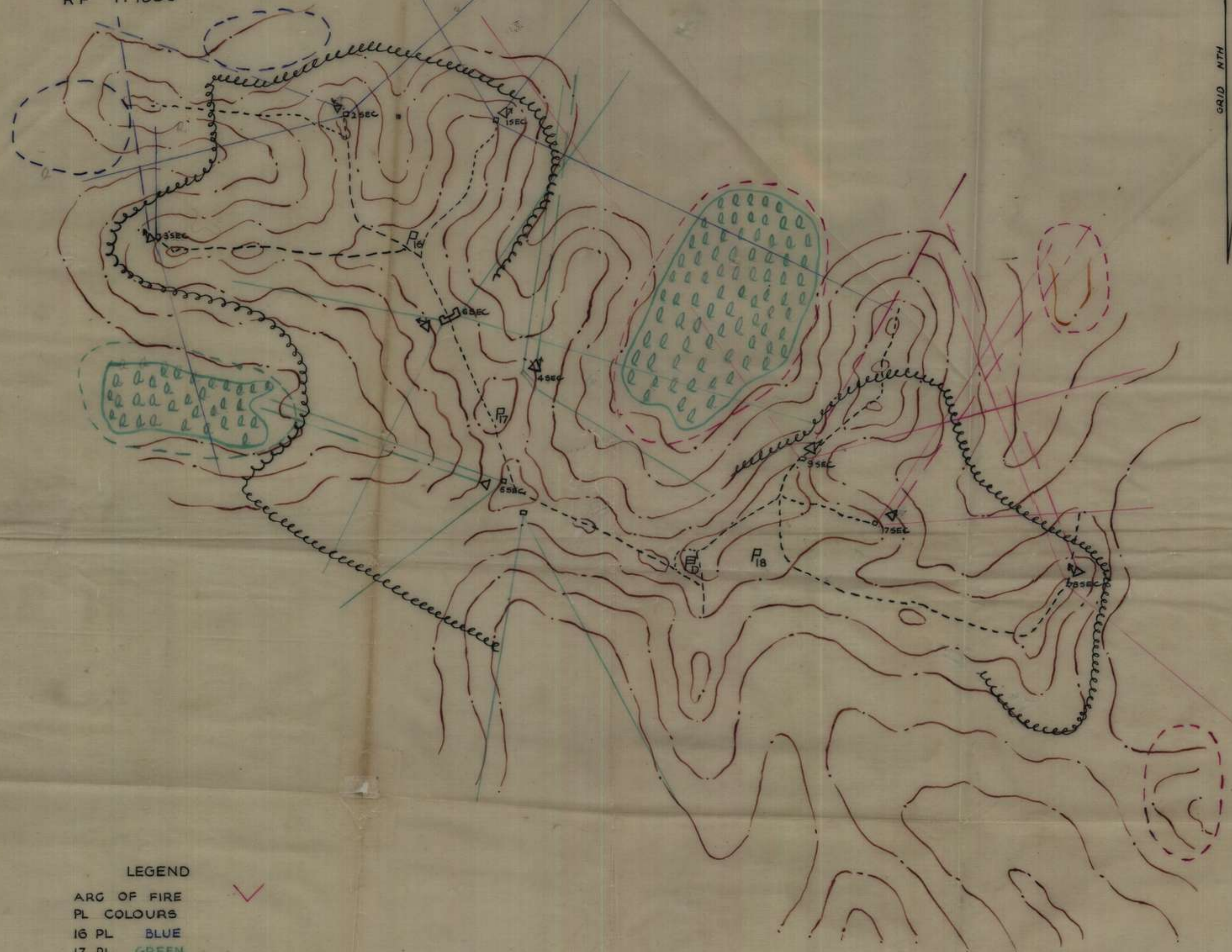
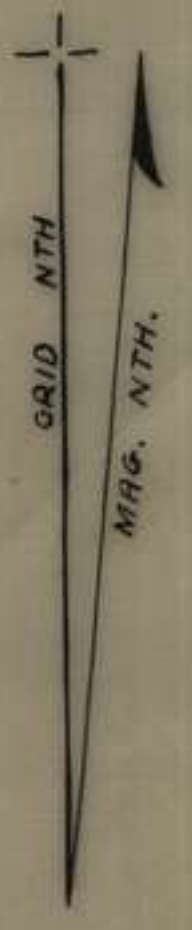


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58/59 AUST INF BN
D COY FIRE PLAN

REF MAP DUMPU IIN TO IML
 RF 1:1800

REF POINT: 601594



- LEGEND
- ARG OF FIRE ✓
 - PL COLOURS
 - 16 PL BLUE
 - 17 PL GREEN
 - 18 PL RED
 - LMG TASK
 - 2" M TASK
 - CONCERTINA WIRE

SCALE 1IN TO 50YDS
 V.I. 25 FT

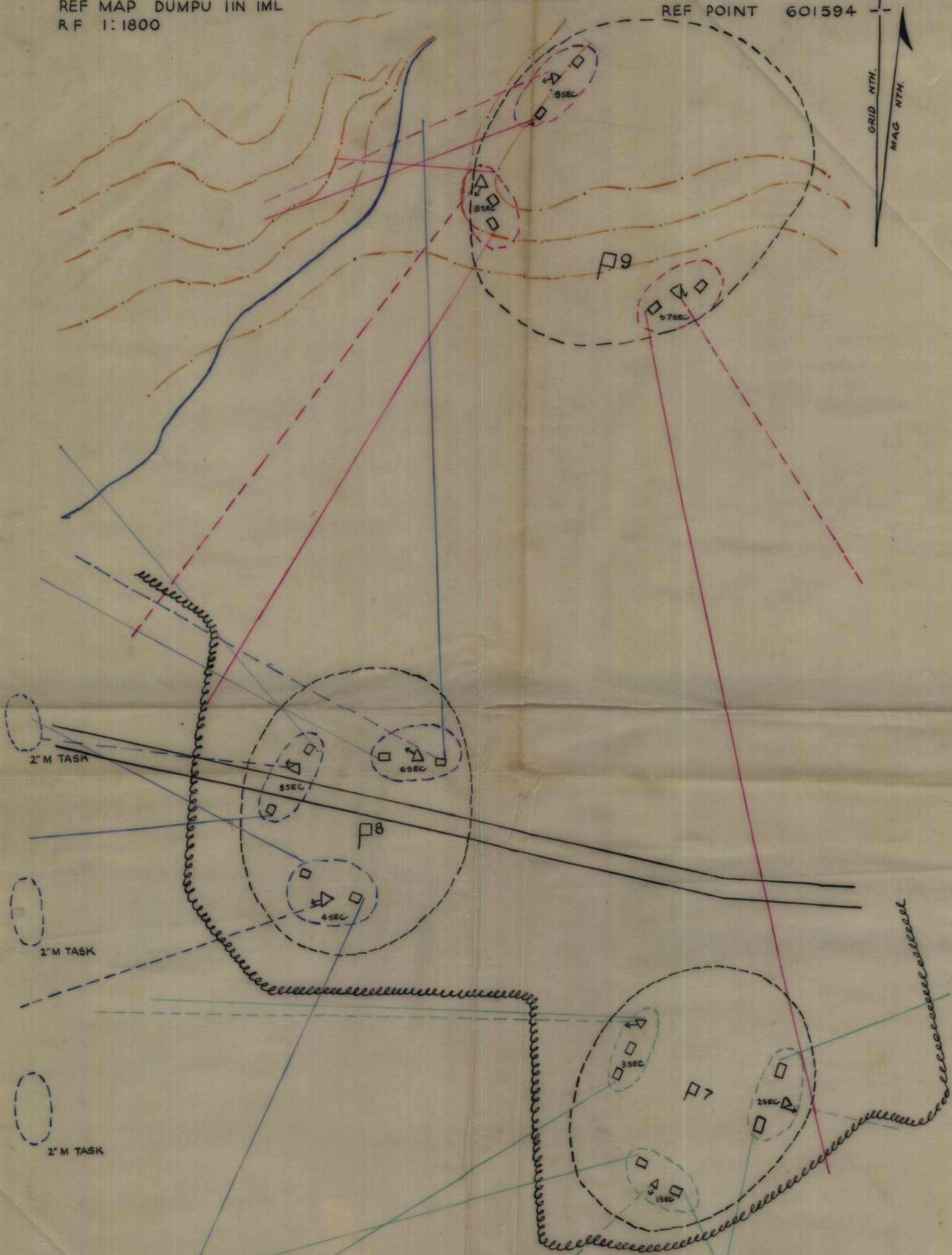
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 VISIBILITY: FAIR
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 TIME: 1500 HRS 19 JAN 44
 METHOD: TRIANGULATION
 SIGNATURE: *L. Fraser* PTE

58/59 AUST INF BN
A COY FIRE PLAN

REF MAP DUMPU IIN IML
 R F 1:1800

REF POINT 601594

GRID NTH.
 MAG NTH.



LEGEND

- CONCERTINA WIRE 
- SEC ARC OF FIRE 
- 2" M TASKS 
- LMG TASKS 
- PL COLOURS
- 7 PL GREEN
- 8 " BLUE
- 9 " RED

SCALE 1IN TO 50 YDS
 V.I. 25FT

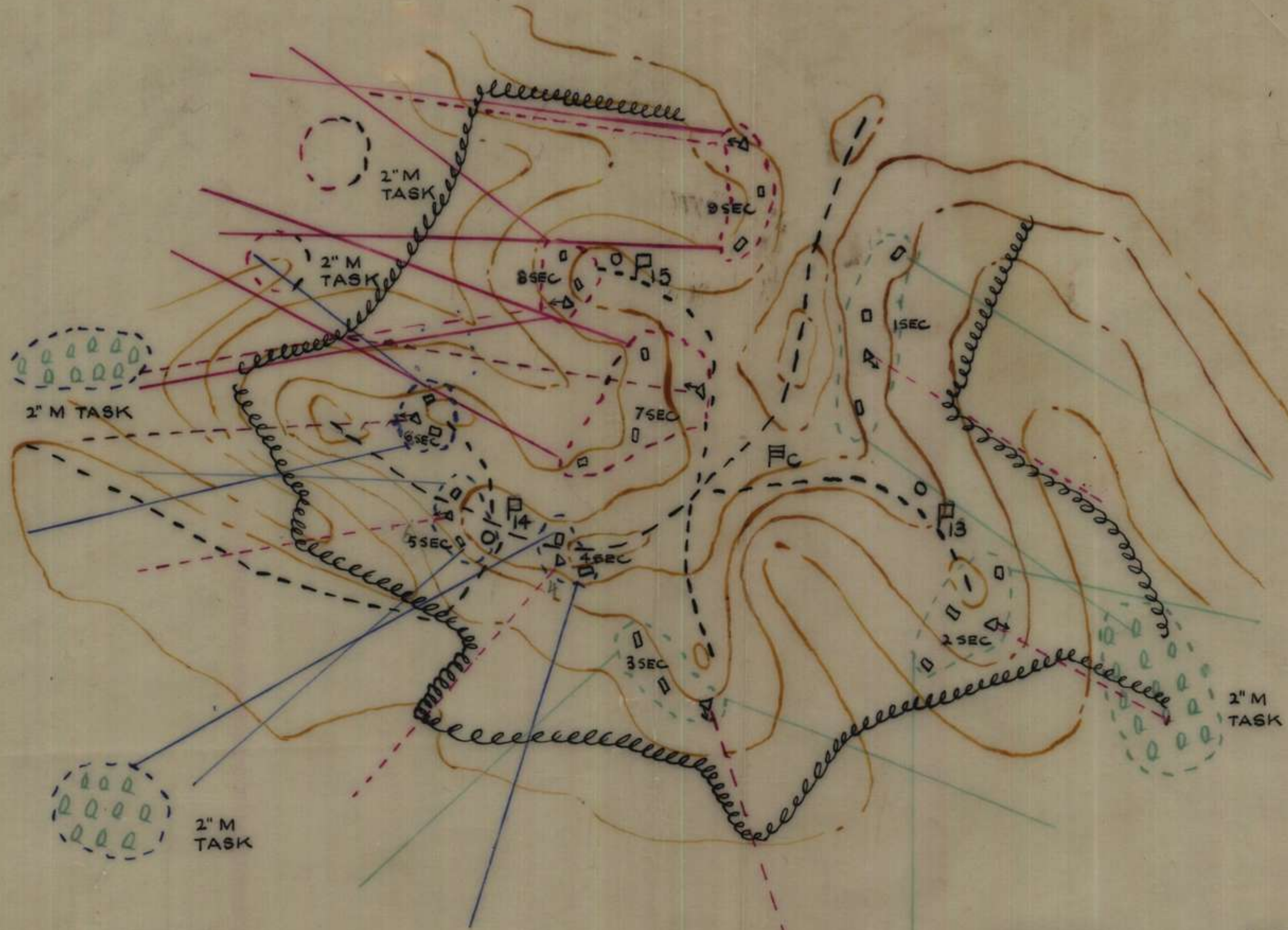
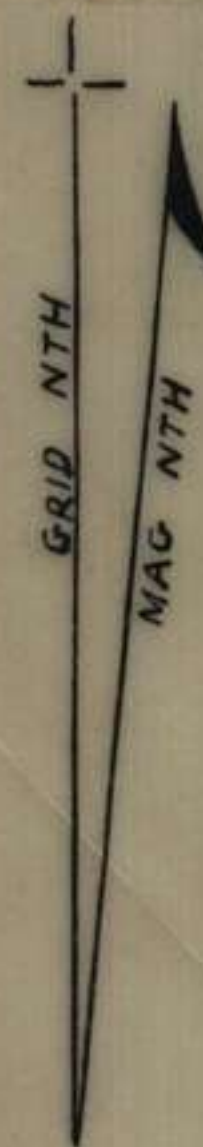
WEATHER: FINE
 VISIBILITY: FAIR
 TIME TAKEN: 6 HRS
 TIME: 1000 HRS 20 JAN 44
 METHOD: TRIANGULATION
 SIGNATURE: *L. J. M. F. P. E.*

2" M TASK

58/59 AUST INF BN
C COY FIRE PLAN

REF MAP : DUMPU IIN IML
 R.F. 1:1800

REF POINT: 601594



LEGEND

- SEC ARC OF FIRE
- 2" M TASK
- PL COLOURS
- 13 PL GREEN
- 14 " BLUE
- 15 " PURPLE
- LMG TASK
- CONCERTINA WIRE

SCALE 1IN TO 50YDS
V.I. 25 FT

WEATHER: FINE
 VISIBILITY: FAIR
 TIME TAKEN: 7HRS
 TIME 1200HRS 10JAN44
 METHOD: TRIANGULATION
 SIGNATURE: *H. Wild* PTE

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Jan 44

The undermentioned Officers have been removed from the list under orders from A M S HQF.

VX102641	Capt	DREW	P A	to be retired.
VX102643	"	BLACKSHAW	P W E	to be seconded.
VX102644	"	JAGO	E O	to be retired.
VX102653	Lieut	MURPHY	B M	to be retired.
VX104600	"	REVILL	B M	application for transfer to FSL submitted.
VX104470	"	MARSH	L R	

This return has been delayed owing to Bde Comd conferring with A M S HQF to arrange disposal of non active officers.

[Signature]
A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. II 120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
		1	2	*									
			1	*									
	5		5	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1							
			4	Majors									
			23	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	5	5	32			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		32									32
		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.
VX21239	Lieut	WEST A B C	S C "Q" Area Comd Salamaua	29/8/43	Seconded

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 58/59 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1 / 1 / 1944

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
TX5207	Lieut	DAVEY A H	15 A I T B
VX104532	"	WALKER H J C	Not known
VX104452	"	HOGAN D A	" "

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

1 1 4

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major-T/Lt-col	VX46	STARR	1 P D	C O	Yes		
Do	VX86	WARPE	2 G R		No	Leave	
Capt-T/Major	VX112181	NEWMAN	3 G E	2 i/c	Yes		
Capt	VX7562	SWEET	4 H G	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT	5 H H	Do	Yes		
Do	VX102607	JACKSON	6 A C	Do	Yes		
Do	VX102642	CUTHBERTSON	7 C C	Do	Yes		
Do	VX102651	BATEMAN	8 A R	QM	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DEMPSER	9 N A	Pl Comd	Yes		
Do	VX102650	BAUMAN	10 C H	Do	No	Leave	
Do	VX51665	GRIFF	11 E M	Do	Yes		
Do	VX114247	MacDONALD	12 R L	Do	Yes		
Do	VX112185	BETHUNE	13 J F	Adjnt	Yes		
Do	VX114250	SPINK	14 D G	Pl Comd	No	School	
Do	TX5326	SHROSBREE	15 H J	Do	Yes		
Do	TX4679	ROE	J R	Do	Yes		
Do	VX102654	PROBY	L S	Do	Yes		
Do	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G H	Do	No	School	
Do	NX133591	EWART	R B	Do	Yes		
Do	NX76176	DEALE	D R	Do	Yes		
Do	VX23594	LANE	G R	Do	Yes		
Do	VX105847	GRAHAM	P W	Do	Yes		
Do	VX106327	MATHEWS	L R	Do	Yes		
Do	QX39329	ZERNER	E S	Do	Yes		
Do	VX115588	BALL	A B	Do	Yes		
Do	NX13870	SIMMONS	H J	Do	No	Hospital	
Do	VX109161	BIDGOOD	N G	Do	Yes		
Do	TX4464	SMITH	P O	Do	Yes		
Do	TX5207	DAVEY	A H	Do	No	15 A I T B	
Do	VX104532	WALKER	H J C	Do	No	Not known	
Do	VX104452	HOGAN	D A	Do	No	" "	
Capt	NX201328	MIDDLETON	L W	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.
Chaplain	VX91591	BLAKEMORE J J	AACD	22/12/43	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lieut

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 1 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)
W.E. II 12C 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
	5	1 7	2 1 5 26 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1			
	5	8	35			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
A.	36									36
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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• Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
HX119987	Lieut	ROLFE R	Reinforcements		NG Posting Order 61
V145879	"	McCUTCHEON E O	"		"
VX118687	"	McINTOSH J G	"		"
VX89390	"	WHEELER A B	"		"
VX101386	"	FOSTER J	"		"
NX123187	"	BALZER R C	"		"

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/...../194..... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major-T/Lt-col	VX46	STARR ✓	P D	CO	Yes		
"	VX186	WARFE ✓	G R		No	Leave	
Capt-T/Major	VX112181	NEWMAN ✓	C E	2 1/c	Yes		
Capt	VX7562	SWEET ✓	H G	Coy Comd	No	Rear Details	
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102607	JACKSON ✓	A C	" "	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DENPSTER ✓	H A	QM(L)	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT ✓	H H	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX102648	CUTBERTSON ✓	C C	" "	Yes		
"	VX102651	BATEMAN ✓	A H	QM	No	Rear Details	
Lieut	VX102650	BAUMAN ✓	C H	Pl Comd	No	Leave	
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102611	SARGOOD ✓	E P	Coy Comd	No	Returning from secondment	
Lieut	VX51665	GRIFF ✓	E M	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX114247	MacDONALD ✓	E L	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX112185	BETHUNE ✓	J P	Adjut	Yes		
"	VX114250	SPINK ✓	D G	Pl Comd	No	School	
"	TX5326	SHROSBREE ✓	H J	" "	Yes		
"	TX4679	ROE ✓	J R	" "	Yes		
"	VX102654	PROBY ✓	L S	" "	Yes		
"	TX5207	DAVEY ✓	E A	" "	No	15 A I T B	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS ✓	G H	" "	No	School	
"	NX135591	EWART ✓	R B	" "	No	Hospital	
"	NX76179	BEALE ✓	D R	" "	Yes		
"	VX104352	WALKER ✓	H J C	" "	No	Not known	
"	VX104452	HOGAN ✓	D A	" "	No	" "	
"	VX23594	LANE ✓	O K	" "	Yes		
"	VX105847	GRAHAM ✓	P W	" "	No	Rear Details	
"	VX106327	MATHEWS ✓	R L	I O	Yes		
"	QX39329	ZERNER ✓	E S	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX115588	BALL ✓	A B	" "	Yes		
"	NX13870	SIMMONDS ✓	R J	" "	Yes		
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD ✓	N C	" "	Yes		
"	TX4464	SMITH ✓	F O	" "	Yes		
"	NX119987	ROLFE ✓	R	" "	Yes No	Not known	
"	V145879	McCUTHEON ✓	R O	" "	No	" "	
"	VX118687	McINTOSH ✓	J S	" "	No	" "	
"	VX89390	WHEELER ✓	A B	" "	Yes No	" "	
"	VX101386	FORSTER ✓	J	" "	No	" "	
"	NX123187	BALZER ✓	R C	" "	Yes No	" "	
Capt	NX201328	MIDDLETON L.W. ✓	RMO	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.
CHAPLAIN	VX91591	BLAKEMORE J J Prim m	AACD	12/12/43	

9/1/48

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/48.

Signature of Commander

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 1 / 1945 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 2 OFFERS 32 O.R's 755 + OFFERS 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
	5	2	1 2 1 1 5 21 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1			
	5	2	29			1			
	5	3	30						

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	31									31 30
E. (1)										
E. (2)										

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 46	MAJ	T/WOL P D STARR	RSE	21-1-45	
VX102611	T/CAPT	E F SARGOOD	Appl to NSL submitted		These officers were
VX102655	LIEUT	C H BAUMAN	" "	"	deleted on Instns from
TX5207	LIEUT	A H DAVEY	See 15 AIFB		3de Comd after a con-
VX104352	LIEUT	H J C WALKER	Reinforcements		ference with ABS HQP.
VX104452	LIEUT	D A HOGAN	"		

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 15/1/1944 (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-T/Lt-col	VX46	STARR	P D	CO	Yes		
"	VX186	WARRE	G R		No	Leave	
Capt-T/Major	VX112181	NEWMAN	C E	2 1/c	Yes	x list	
Capt	VX7562	SWEET	H G	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102607	JACKSON	A C	"	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DEMPSTER	N A	QM(L)	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT	H H	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX102648	CUTHBERTSON	C G	"	Yes		
"	VX102651	BATEMAN	A R	QM	No	Bear Details LOB	
Lieut	VX51665	GRIFF	E M	Coy Comd	Yes	x list	
"	VX114247	MacDONALD	R L	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX112185	BETHUNE	J F	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX114250	SPINKS	D G	Pl Comd	No	Leave School	
"	TX5326	SERCSBREE	H J	"	Yes		
"	TX4679	ROE	J R	"	Yes		
"	VX102654	PROBY	L S	"	Yes	x list	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G R	"	No	School	
"	NX133591	EWART	R B	"	No	Hospital x list	
"	NX76179	BEALE	D R	"	Yes		
"	VX23594	LANE	G R	"	Yes		
"	VX105847	GRAHAM	P W	"	Yes		
"	VX106327	MATHEWS	R L	I O	Yes		
"	QX39329	ZERNER	E S	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX115588	BALF.	A B	"	Yes		
"	NX13870	SIMMONDS	R J	"	Yes	x list	
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	N G	"	Yes		
"	TX4464	SMITH	F O	"	Yes		
"	NX119987	ROLFE	R	"	Yes	x list	
"	VX89390	WHEELER	A B	"	Yes		
"	NX123187	BALZER	R C	"	Yes	x list	
Capt	NX201928	MIDDLETON	L.W.	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.
VX MAJOR	VX4299	W.S. CUDDON	57/60 Bn	20-1-44	Adm Comd
LIEUT	VX144709	PIMM J H	57/60 Bn	2/1/44	Attached for duty pending transfer.
Chaplain	VX91591	BLAKEMORE J.J.	AACD	12/12/43	

Bethune Lieut
Signature of Commander
Adj. 58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch
Truth—7/48.

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1943 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E.I. /120/2 OFFRS.32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	5	2	21		AAMC	1							
	5	2	29			1							
				Lieut.-Colonels									
			1	Majors									
			5	Captains									
			21	Lieutenants									
			1	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
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).		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
		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 46	T/Lt-col	P D STARR	RSL	21/1/43	

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **22 / 1 / 1944** (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	VX186	WARFE	GR		No	Leave	
Major	VX112181	NEWMAN	CE	2 i/c	No	X List	
Capt	VX7562	SWEET	HG	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102607	JACKSON	AC	" "	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DEMPSTER	NA	Pl Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT	HH	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX102648	CUTBERTSON	CC	" "	Yes		
"	VX102651	BATEMAN	AR	QM	No	LOB	
Lieut	VX51665	GRIFF	EM	Coy Comd	No	X List	
"	VX114247	MacDONALD	RL	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX112185	BETHUNE	JF	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX114250	SPINK	DG	Pl Comd	No	School	
"	TX5326	SHROSBREE	HJ	" "	Yes		
"	TX4679	ROE	JR	" "	Yes		
"	VX102654	PROBY	LS	" "	No	X List	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	GR	" "	No	School	
"	NX133591	EWART	RB	" "	No	X List	
"	NX76179	BEALE	DR	" "	Yes		
"	VX23594	LANE	GR	" "	Yes		
"	VX105847	GRAHAM	PW	" "	Yes		
"	QY39329	ZERNER	ES	" "	Yes		
"	VX106327	MATHEWS	RL	I O	Yes		
"	VX115588	BALL	AB	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	NX13870	SIMMONDS	RJ	" "	No	X List	
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	NC	" "	Yes		
"	TX4464	SMITH	PO	" "	Yes		
"	NX119987	ROLFE	R	" "	No	X List	
"	VX89390	WHEELER	AB	" "	Yes		
"	NX123187	BALZER	RC	" "	No	X List	
Capt	NX201928	MIDDLETON	LW	RMO	Yes		
LIEUT	V145879	MCUTCHAN	EO	PL COMP	YES		
"	VX118687	MCINTOSH	JG				
"	VX101386	FORSTER	J				
"	NX129557	KELLY	NH				
"	NX114337	NORRIE	FJ				
"	NX113231	BREWSTER	DJ				
		MIDDLETON	LW				

VX102652 LIEUT K.T.W. Walker
VX104372 LIEUT H.T.C. Walker

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.
MAJOR	VX4299	W S CUDDON	57/60 Bn	20/1/44	Adm Comd
CHAPLAIN	VX91591	J J BLAKEMORE	AACD	12/12/43	
		<i>Wrench</i>	<i>YMCA</i>		

22-1-44
Date of Despatch

Leithorne
Signature of Commander Lieut

A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

5 / 44
...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 1 / 1944 . 58/59Bn. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. XX 10.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	6	11	1 1 4 30 XX	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAAC	1			
	1								
	7	11	36			1			

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
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.			37							37
	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.
VX102652	Lieut.	FRASER R.J.W.	13 DAE PL.	18/1/44	CEASED TO BE SECONDED
V145879	"	McCUTCHAN E.O.	GEN. REINPT. DP	23/1/44	FROM GEN. REINPTS. DEPT
V118687	"	MCINTOSH J.C.	" " "	23/1/44	" " " "
VX101388	"	PORSTER J.	" " "	23/1/44	" " " "
NX129587	"	KELLY E.H.	" " "	23/1/44	" " " "
NX114337	"	HOBBS P.J.	" " "	23/1/44	" " " "
NX113231	"	BREWSTER D.J.	" " "	23/1/44	" " " "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX102651	T/Capt	A.R. BATEMAN		28/1/44	Deleted by direction of Bde Comd. Medical Classification "B"

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 29/1/1944 (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.
Mjr. T/Lt-Col.	VX.186	WARFE	G.H.		NO	LEAVE ✓	
Capt. T/Mjr.	VX.112181	NEWMAN	C.E.	2 1/c	NO	X LIST ✓	
Capt.	VX.7562	SWEET	H.G.	Adm. Com	YES		
Lieut. T/Capt.	VX102807	JACKSON	A.C.	Coy. Comd.	YES		
Lieut.	VX.102647	DEMPSTER	H.A.	Pl. Comd.	YES		
Lieut. T/Capt.	VX117521	LEIGHT	R.H.	Coy. Comd.	YES		
"	VX102648	CUTHERBERTSON	C.O.	"	YES		
"	VX102651	BATHMAN	A.P.	Q.M.	NO	L.O.S.	
Lieut.	VX102653	FRASER	R.J.W.	Pl. Comd.	YES		
"	VX31665	GRIFF	H.M.	Coy. Comd.	YES	School ✓	
"	VX114247	MACDONALD	R.L.	Pl. Comd.	YES		
"	VX112183	METHUNE	J.P.	Adj. Comd.	YES		
"	VX114250	SPINK	D.O.	Pl. Comd.	NO	SCHOOL ✓	
"	TX5326	SHROSBREE	H.J.	"	YES		
"	TX4679	ROE	J.R.	"	YES		
"	VX102654	PROBY	L.S.	"	NO	X LIST ✓	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G.R.	"	NO	SCHOOL ✓	
"	VX133591	EWART	B.B.	"	NO	X LIST ✓	near details
"	EX76179	BEALE	D.R.	"	YES		
"	VX23534	LANE	G.R.	"	YES		
"	VX104532	WALKER	H.J.C.	near details	NO	yes ✓	
"	VX105847	GRAHAM	P.W.	Pl. Comd.	YES	X list ✓	
"	QX39329	ZERNER	S.S.	"	YES		
"	VX106327	MATHEWS	H.L.	I.O.	YES	School ✓	
"	VX115588	BALL	A.B.	Pl. Comd.	YES		
"	VX13870	SINCOETS	R.J.	"	NO	X LIST ✓	yes
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	H.C.	"	YES		
"	TX4464	SMITH	P.O.	"	YES		
"	VX115987	ROLFE	R.	"	NO	X LIST ✓	
"	VX29390	WHEELER	A.B.	"	YES		
"	VX123197	BALZER	R.C.	"	YES		
"	V145879	McCORMAN	B.D.	"	YES	X list ✓	
"	VX110667	McINTOSH	J.O.	"	YES	X list ✓	
"	VX101336	FOSTER	J.	"	YES	X list ✓	
"	VX129557	KELLY	H.H.	"	YES		
"	VX114337	NORRIS	P.J.	"	YES		
"	VX113231	BREWSTER	D.J.	"	YES		
Capt.	VX201928	MIDDLETON	L.W.	REQ	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.
CHAPLAIN	VX91591	BLACKBURN J.J.	AAGD	12/12/43	
Mr.		WRENCH	YACA		

Beethune Lieut

Signature of Commander
A/Adj. 58/59Bn.

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
		1	7	W.Os. Class II.	AACC			1		
	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
		1	33	Sergeants	AACC, AAMC, AEME, Postal					
	3		61	Corporals	AACC, AAOC, AAPC, AAMC	10	-	-	-	
169	164	2	484	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AAMC, AACC	5		3		
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AEME	12		3	2	
169 * 169		4	589 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		27 *		7	2 *	

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	353		263							
B(1)										516
B(2)										

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.

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.
				22	Hospital		
				8	Schools		
				18	Leave		
				1	NG PPC		
				1	NGF		
				3	15 Bde		

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).

Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	2	2
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
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				Batman	34	34	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Storemen	12	12	
Grinder, Precision				Helo Operator				Clerks, Supply				S Bearers	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				W Duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	12		Coach Trimmers				R Police	7	7	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Gen Duty	608	441	167
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Total	755	589	166
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAPC	2	2	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAMC	4	4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Postal	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AEME	3	1	2
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AACC	23	18	5
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Total	34	27	7
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	20	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	60	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	516	170

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.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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2 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 1 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. II 12C / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
		1	7	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	-	-	1	
	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	33	Staff Sergeants					
		3	61	Sergeants	AACC, AAPC, AANC, Postal, AEME	10	-	-	-
		2	520	Corporals	AACC, AAPC, AANC, AAOC, AANC, AACC, AEME	5		3	
133	128		520	Troopers, Privates, etc.		12		3	2
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
133 *	133	4	625 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		27 *		7	2*

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).										
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.
A	365	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.				■	■		652
B(1)										
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.

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.
				8	School		
				24	Leave		
				16	Hospital		
				31	Rear Details		
				4	15 Bde		
				1	NG FPC		
				2	Field Bakery		

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 8 / 1 / 1944.**

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				Rangefinders	4	2	2	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4		
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2		
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		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				Batmen	34	34		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Hygiene	4	4		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Storemen	12	12		
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				S Bearers	21	21		
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				W Duty	2	2		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	12		Coach Trimmers				Explosives				
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				R Police	7	7		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duty	608	477	131	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Total	755	625	133	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC	2	2		
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	4		
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC	1	1		
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Postal	1	1		
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AEME	3	1	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC	23	18	5	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Total	34	27	7	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	20		CARRIED FORWARD	57	60		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	*652	140	

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

9/1/44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

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3 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 1 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. LE 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5		6 7 8 9 10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		AACC	-	-	1	-
	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
	1	1	32	Sergeants		AAMC, AAPC, AACC, Postal, AEME	9		1	6
	1	-	63	Corporals		AACC, AAMC, AAPC, AAOC	5		3	-
208	203	3	447	Troopers, Privates, etc.		AACC, AAMC, AEME	10		5	2
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
208 *	208	4	551 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			24 *		10	2 *

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	335		240				[]	[]		575
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.
1	57/60 Bn			17	Schools		
1	YMCA			16	Leave		
1	15 Bde			10	15 Bde		
2	2/4 Fd Regt			3	Sta Comd 7 Div		
				1	Records		
				1	266 LAD		
				1	NG FPC		
				3	Fd Bakery		
				2	Rear Details		

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 15 / 1 / 1944 .**

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				Rangefinders	4	2	2
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		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				Batman	34	34	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	1	Storemen	12	12	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				S Bearers	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				W duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	12		Coach Trimmers				R Police	7	6	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duty	608	404	204
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Total	755	551	208
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC	2	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	4	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAOC	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Postal	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Engine Hands, I.C.				AEME	3	1	2
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC	23	15	8
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Total	34	24	10
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	21		CARRIED FORWARD	57	60	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	575	218

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

4 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 1 / 1944 . . . 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. II 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	-		1	
	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	5	1	28	Sergeants	AACG, AAPC, AAMC	9		1	
	7		57	Corporals	AE ME, Postal	6		2	
	296	1	352	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AAMC, AAPC, AACC, AAOC	11		4	2
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AE ME, AAMC				
312 *	312		445 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AACC	26 *		8	2 *

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	301		170							471
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.
1	15 Bde			4	Schools		
2	57/60 Bn			15	Leave		
1	YMCA			20	Rear Details		
				11	15 Bde		
				3	Fd Bakery		
				3	Station Comd		
				1	Records		
				1	NG FPC		

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 22 / 1 / 1944 .

Table with columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Rows include various tradesmen like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc., and a section for DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

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.

22-1-44 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 1 / 194 4 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 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	
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.						Reinfts. Required.		
					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.			
			1	W.Os. Class I.							
			6	W.Os. Class II.					1		
	2		3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
				Staff Sergeants							
	10		21	Sergeants AAMC, AAPC, AACC, AEME					10		
	19		45	Corporals AAMC, AACC, AAPC, AACC					6		
	275	2	375	Troopers, Privates, etc. AAMC, AEME, Postal					11		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					AACC		
306 *	306	2	451*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					27.	7	2

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.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
A	291	187							478
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.
1	15 Bde			7	School		
1	YMCA			15	Leave		
1	57/60 Bn			31	Rear Details		
1	Catering Service			3	Station Comd		
				10	15 Bde		
				3	Fd Bakery		
				1	Records		
				1	266 L A D		
				1	NG PPC		
				1	Graves Registration		

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 29/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	2	2
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	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27	-	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
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				Batman	34	34	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Hygiene	4	4	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	1	Reg Police	7	6	1
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Stretcher-B.	21	17	4
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Duty	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	11	-	Coach Trimmers				Storemen	12	10	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				General	608	312	298
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Total	755	451	306
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AANC	4	4	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AACC	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ABME	3	1	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAPC	2	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Postal	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	-	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				AACC	23	18	5
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	Total	34	27	7
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	19	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	58	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	478	313

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22 / 1 / 1944. PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES

Table with columns for 'Details of Tradesman', 'Group I', 'Group II', 'Group III', 'Surplus', and 'Deficient'. Includes handwritten entries like 'Int Duties Mechanic MP', 'Sgt General Duty', 'Craftsman Arm Fitters Gun AAPC', and 'Reinforcements not required.'.

NOTES: (a) 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. (b) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by inclusion of N.R. in col. "Reinforcements". (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (e) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch