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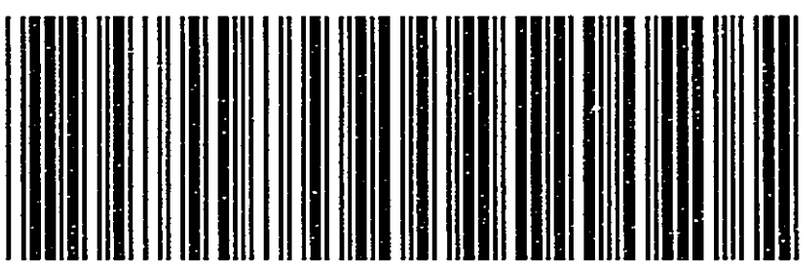

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PRO FORMA

WAR DIARY

HQ 6 Aust Div

From 1 Jul to 31 Jul 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	1		Lt Gen F.H. BERRYMAN left 1 Aust Corps for LHQ and the Div Comd is now administering command of the Corps. Maj Gen RICHARDSON and Lt Col HARFORD (British Officers) visited the headquarters and 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. Instructions for signal course on Wireless Sets No 22 (Aust) issued.	Appendix A
	3		A tactical exercise without troops was conducted by Div and attended by all senior Commanders in the formation during the period 3 - 5 Jul 44.	Appendix B
	4		Lt Gen V.A.H STURDEE, CB, CBE, DSO accompanied by Maj S.F. MARKHAM MP, (UK), Mr T.F. DONNELLY, MP, (Canada), Mr J.H. HARRIS, MP, (Canada) and Australian Parliamentary representatives inspected 16 Aust Inf Bde guard and "training bazaar". Location Report 30 issued.	Appendix C
	6		Advice was received from Corps that the C-in-C would review 9 Aust Div on 14 Jul, and requested suggestions as to a review of 6 Aust Div during his visit. A request was made that he review the whole Div on 17 Jul 44.	
	8		The Officers' Club at WONDECLA was officially opened. Visitors to Div HQ were Col LLOYD (Director of Legal Service), Col CHAMBERS (Deputy Judge Advocate General), Col HAYWOOD (OC Canteens in Queensland), and several members of the Operational Research Sec. Definite advice was received that the C-in-C would review the Div on 17 Jul.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	9		A signal was received from LHQ that 6 Aust Div and associated Corps and Task Force troops would proceed on leave. Several points concerning the conditions governing this leave were not clear and Corps were asked to have the position clarified.	
	10		A further course of training in Anti-Malarial precautions and discipline was commenced for the whole Div. Orders were received for 2/1 Aust LAA Bty to move to SINGLETON.	Appendix D
	11		Location Report 31 issued. Distribution Lists issued.	Appendix E Appendix F
	12		Lt Gen Sir Leslie J. MORSHEAD arrived to take over comd 1 Aust Corps and GOC 6 Aust Div ceased to administer comd.	
	13		A rehearsal was held for the Divisional Review, scheduled for 17 Jul. 14,000 troops were on parade. Clarification of the leave position was received and approximately 2000 troops will have left the area by 17 Jul 44.	
	15		Brig ROGERS (DMI) and Brig JERVOIS, of the British Army, arrived in the area to discuss "I" matters.	
	17		12,310 troops of 6 Aust Div and attached troops were reviewed by C-in-C at HERBERTON Race Course. The Review proceeded satisfactorily and the C-in-C's letter of appreciation is attached as Appendix "G", together with a copy of his address to the troops, which is also attached as Appendix "H". Photographs of senior officers present at the Review are attached as Appendix "I".	Appendix G Appendix H Appendix I

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	18		The Canadian Officers who have been attached to 6 Aust Div for some time said goodbye to the Div Comd prior to leaving for 9 Aust Div. Location Report 32 issued.	Appendix J
	19		Lt Col J.A. BISHOP, GSO I, left to attend a ten days' course in Combined Operations at TRINITY BEACH. Instruction reference the submission of training programmes issued	Appendix K
	22		The Div Comd said goodbye to 2/1 Aust LAA Bty on a parade specially held for that purpose.	
	23		Maj Gen L. BEAVIS (MGO) and Cols CAMPBELL and NOTEN, of Ordnance Branch, spent some hours in the area discussing Ordnance matters.	
	24		The Div Comd attended a conference at TRINITY BEACH with the Corps Comd and the Comds 7 and 9 Aust Divs regarding the filling of certain Comds and sundry other items of common interest to the Corps.	
	25		2/3 Aust Inf Bn won the Div Rugby League Final, defeating a team selected from Div Troops. Location Statement 25 issued.	Appendix L
	26		2/14 Aust Fd Coy, which was recently allotted to 6 Aust Div, arrived in the area.	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks references to Appendices Diaries etc
WONDECLA	28		A team from RAA units in the Div won the Div Australian Rules Football competition, defeating 2/11 Aust Inf Bn team. Trophies to commemorate their victories were presented tc 2/3 Aust Inf Bn and to the RAA team.	
	29		Mr LEGGE, War Correspondent representing the Australian Broadcasting Commission, visited the headquarters and units with a view to recording impressions of the various actions in NEW GUINEA by selected officers and other ranks who participated.	
	30		The Div Comd, AA & QMG and the Brigadiers attended the final discussions at the Combined Operations Course at TRINITY BEACH.	
	31		Location Report 33 issued	Appendix M

Maj Gen

Comd 6 Aust Div

A

Subject: TRAINING OF CORPS OF SIGNAL PERSONNEL ON WIRELESS SETS NO 22 (AUST) YELLOW BAND COURSE NO.2.

HQ 6 Aust Div
/ Jul 44
Ref No.G /0013

GENERAL

1. A five day course of training on Wireless Sets No.22 (Aust) Yellow Band will be conducted at HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div commencing 3 Jul 44.

OBJECT

2. The object of this course is to train (prior to the issue of this new type of set) a few selected personnel from each Signal Section capable of passing on the knowledge to their respective sections.

VACANCIES

3. Vacancies are allotted as follows:-

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	-	6
1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	-	6

Personnel selected should include one Instrument Mechanic. Also, if possible, one NCO.

TRANSPORT

4. W/S Vans 15cwt 4x4 or Jeeps ¼ton will be provided for the duration of the course as follows:-

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	-	2
1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	-	2

ACCOMMODATION

5. Tentage will be provided by HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div. Students will bring bed-boards, bedding, personal clothing, and equipment.

REPORTING

6 Students will report to HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div by 1800hrs 2 Jul 44.

NOMINAL ROLLS

7. Nominal rolls of selected students will be forwarded to reach this HQ not later than 1500hrs 2 Jul 44.

Hew Stewart
for Maj
Lt-Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION
16 Aust Inf Bde
(for 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando)Regt) 1
1 Aust Engr Sig Sec 1
Sigs 6 Aust Div 1
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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

3 - 6 JUL 44

OPENING NARRATIVE

Ref Map: 4 MILE STRATEGIC SERIES
AUSTRALIA-MOSSMAN SECOND EDITION

1. With sea and air communications severed, and living only on their limited reserves and on the country, the remnants of a Jap Force of approximately two divisions and base troops which landed in Australia two months ago, are occupying CAIRNS area with a detached force, approximating 3,000, on the ATHERTON TABLELAND about MAREEBA. The main enemy force at CAIRNS has been under pressure from 3 and 4 Aust Divs and their strength is now estimated at 15,000. The enemy has completely blocked the PALMERSTON HIGHWAY in a number of places by demolitions and this road could not be restored under one month. Enemy air is operating from CAIRNS and MAREEBA but these airfields are subject to frequent attacks by our air.

2. 1 AUST CORPS, now concentrated at TOWNSVILLE, has been ordered to destroy the enemy.

3. The Corps Commander decides to land 9 Aust Div on the beaches immediately NORTH of CAIRNS to seize that port and airfield. 6 Aust Div is to land simultaneously on PT DOUGLAS Beach, capture MAREEBA airfield and clean up the TABLELAND. 7 Aust Div remains in Corps Reserve initially.

4. 3 and 4 Aust Divs, exhausted by the earlier fighting, can now undertake a defensive role only and will therefore occupy defensive positions in their present areas SOUTH of CAIRNS to prevent any enemy movement in that direction.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 2

Based on information received up to 1800 hours 1 Jul 44

PART I

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY AREAS

GENERAL

CAIRNS

(a) It is reliably reported that the enemy force occupying the CAIRNS area is approximately one division in strength, with various detachments of base and L of C units. The enemy has constructed extensive defences in the area, and has a small air force based on the CAIRNS airfield.

PORT DOUGLAS

(b) It is believed that an enemy force of approximately one battalion strength is occupying the PORT DOUGLAS area and is in the process of constructing defences there. It is also reported that an alternative position is being prepared in the SUMMIT area overlooking the MOWBRAY Valley.

MAREEBA

(c) It is believed that the enemy force occupying this area is one infantry regiment probably less one battalion at PORT DOUGLAS. Its roles include defence of the MAREEBA air field, from which enemy air is operating, and also defence of the enemy lines of communication MAREEBA-MT MOLLOY. The force includes an unknown number of light and medium tanks.

PART II

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE - LAND

From information received it is believed that the composition is as follows:-

CAIRNS	32 Jap Div plus supporting arms and base and L of C troops	(approximately) 15,000
PORT DOUGLAS	1 Jap Bn Gp (210 Regt)	800/1,000
MAREEBA-MT MOLLOY	51 Jap Regt less 1 Jap Bn plus dets from 15 Div Tk Unit 21 Fd Arty Regt	2,500

PART III

TOPOGRAPHY

The ground in the area PORT DOUGLAS-MAREEBA may be broadly classified as follows:-

(a) COASTAL PLAIN

The hinterland in the immediate vicinity of the landing beaches at PORT DOUGLAS is flat, and covered with thick timber of medium size with areas of swamp. This coastal plain varies in width from three to seven miles. It is backed by a prominent and steep range approximately 800 feet high. The MOWBRAY River flows along the Southern edge of the beachhead area and except for occasional fords is an obstacle to troops and vehicles unless bridged. The MOWBRAY River Valley runs for approximately 4 miles in a general SW direction, and is under intense cultivation. The road and track to MT MOLLOY runs along the Valley.

(b) THE ESCARPMENT OR PLATEAU AREA

The coastal plain is backed by steep and rugged features. The road and track PORT DOUGLAS-MT MOLLOY climbs quickly to the Summit at a point approximately 4½ miles from its junction with road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN. The gradient in the final approach of approximately 1 mile to the Summit is 1 in 4 in places and FWD vehicles are necessary to negotiate it. Engineer work would be required for heavy traffic. The escarpment commands the coastal plain and MOWBRAY River Valley, giving observation for many miles along the coast and seawards. The SUMMIT area is covered with typical rain forest and is broken by steep spurs and ravines. Towards MT MOLLOY the vegetation, although still dense, changes to gum and sheoak. There are numerous timber tracks branching from the main track, which is an old coach road from the TABLELANDS to the coast. There are several river and creek crossings along the track, notably across branches of the MOWBRAY River and bridging will probably be necessary at these points if the track is to be used by MT and armour. The track follows the telegraph line to MT MOLLOY for most of the distance.

(c) MT MOLLOY-MAREEBA Area

MT MOLLOY is a small mining town with a peacetime population of approximately 250. It is surrounded by prominent ranges and mountains. Approximately 2½ miles SOUTH of MT MOLLOY the track and railway to MAREEBA passes through broken and hilly country which forms a natural defile. The high ground in this area is an offshoot of the Great Dividing Range and is covered - as is the whole area - with medium timber. From this point to MAREEBA the track runs over flat country, skirting the Dividing Range.

(Sgd) J.A. BISHOP Lt Col

GS 6 Aust Div

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

NARRATIVE 1

The Outline plan given to his Commanders by Commander 6 Aust Div contained, inter alia, the following orders:-

TROOPS AND TASKS

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp with under command:

"B" Sqn Gp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/3 Aust Fd Regt (until CRA lands)
1 Aust Shore Fire Control Party
One Tp, 12 Aust Tk A Bty
2/3 Aust MG Bn (initially for labour)
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
One Sqn 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
2/1 Aust Fd Coy
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
1 Aust Beach Gp

Land on D Day and secure beachhead as far SOUTH as junctions road MOSSMAN-CAIRNS and track to MT MOLLOY at 338913.

(b) 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp with under command:

"C" Sqn Gp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one squadron
2/2 Aust Fd Coy
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
One Tp 12 Aust Tk A Bty
2 Aust Shore Fire Control Party

(i) Land on D Day when beachhead is secured and concentrate NORTH of the junction road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT MOLLOY (338913).

(ii) Be prepared to advance on D plus 1 with object of seizing crossings over MOWBRAY CREEK at 334908 etc.

(c) 17 Aust Inf Bde

Land on D plus 1 and be prepared to

(i) follow 19 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) pass through 19 Aust Inf Bde after capture of creek crossings or earlier, if ordered, and capture MT MOLLOY.

(d) Divisional Troops

2/2 Aust Fd Regt
2/8 Aust Fd Coy
2/14 Aust Fd Coy
2/2 Aust Fd Amb

followed by remainder of Division, land on D plus 1 immediately after 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(e) Divisional Headquarters will land on D Day and establish itself within beachhead, Advanced Headquarters moving in rear of 19 Aust Inf Bde when advance towards MT MOLLOY begins.

(f) 2/3 Aust Fd Regt less one battery will be prepared to move in support of the advance when ordered by CRA. One battery will then remain under command 16 Aust Inf Bde for defence of the beachhead.

(g) D Day will be 3 Jul 44 and H Hour will be 0600 hours.

(h) Details of Beachhead are shown on Beachhead Map.

WAR DIARY

6 AUST DIV TEWT NO. 2

Narrative 1

ADMINISTRATION

STRENGTHS.

1. Attached as Appendix "A" are brief Staff Tables giving strengths of personnel and numbers of vehs including guns in the components of the 6 Aust Div Task Force.

Note: These are not necessarily accurate, and should be considered only as data for adm problems of this Exercise.

RESERVES

2. Following are the tonnages representing one day's Res (as maintenance) for the 6 Aust Div Task Force:-

Item	Tons	
Sups	48	
POL	54	
Amn	82	(incl 32 rpg 25-pr amn)
Hcsp Comforts	17	
Ord Stores	25	
Engr Stores	50	
Canteen & Misc	10	
Total	286	

ADM ORDER OF LANDING

3.

	Units	Shipping	Pers	Vehs incl Guns	Stores
3 Jul - (i)	16 Aust Inf Bde Gp 1 Aust Beach Gp	4 APA 15 LCI 3 LST	8280	270	1500
(ii) (a)	19 Aust Inf Bde Gp	1 APA 6 LCI	5200	140	1200
(b)	Adv Div HQ	2 LST			
(iii) (a)	Balance of Tps under Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde		2200	300	1800
(b)	2/155 AGT Coy 104 Aust CCS 2/5 Aust Sup Dep Coy 2/4 AAMCU 103 Adv Dep Med Stores 6 Aust Div Pro Coy less Bde Secs	1 AKA 3 LST			
4 Jul - (i)	17 Aust Inf Bde	3 AKA	3000	160	1800
(ii)	Balance of Div Tps	4 LST 1 AKA	3000	320	2400

4. The stores were off-loaded by 7 Jul 44 and at that date allowing for daily maintenance 20 days res were in the Beach Maint Area, which means that an approx average of 4 days res were off-loaded daily after allowing for 20% losses.

BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

5. Attached at Appendix "B" is a sketch showing location and layout of Beach Maintenance Area.

SYSTEM OF SUPPLY

6. (a) All tps land with two days' Fd Op Rations;

(b) (i) 16 Aust Inf Bde draw rations from BMA as from evening meal 3 Jul 44;

(ii) 19 Aust Inf Bde and all other tps landing on 3 Jul and/or moving forward on 4 Jul 44 to draw evening meal 3 Jul from BMA and to draw, in addition to one day's Fd Op Ration held at night 3/4 Jul, two days' hard rations all to be carried on the man.

(iii) 17 Aust Inf Bde and Div Tps draw evening meal 4 Jul from BMA and all pers of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp draw two days' hard ration in addition to one day's Fd Op Ration held on night 4/5 Jul.

AMN

7. (a) Units land with first line amn - arty with only 25 rpg 25-pr.

(b) Supply normal from BMA in unit vehs during 3 Jul.

REPAIR AND REC

8. (a) Normal dets of Bde Wksps with Bde Gps.

(b) LADs land with parent units.

(c) Balance of Wksps land 4 Jul and are set up in perimeter held by 16 Aust Inf Bde.

ORD

9. Bde Ord Fd Pks land 4 Jul and open up with respective Bde Wksps.

MEDICAL

10. (a) Fd Ambs land with their respective Bde Gps.

(b) 104 Aust CCS, 103 Adv Dep Med Stores, 2/4 AAMCU — Land on afternoon of 3 Jul in rear of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(c) (i) 2/1 Aust Fd Amb with 16 Aust Inf Bde est MDS in Beach area.

(ii) 2/7 Aust Fd Amb with 19 Aust Inf Bde remains on wheels within Beachhead area.

(iii) 104 Aust CCS est in Beachhead area by 2400 hrs 3 Jul.

(iv) 2/2 Aust Fd Amb with 17 Aust Inf Bde lands 4 Jul and remains on wheels.

WATER

11. Water for 3 days on the scale of two galls per man per day has been landed on 3 Jul into the BMA.

PRO

12. Traffic control reverts to DAPM 6 Aust Div 1500 hrs 4 Jul, Bde Secs remaining with their Bdes.

Appendix "A" to Adm Narrative 1

STAFF TABLES OF 6 AUST DIV TASK FORCE

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS & ORS	VEHICLES INCL GUNS (JEEP & TRAILER OR WATER TRAILER = 1 VEH	
HQ			
Div HQ	230	17	
FS Sec	15	3	
Mob Met Flt	11	2	
Det Public Relations		1	
Visitors & Observers Sec	9	2	
CAV			
HQ Cav (Commando) Regt	75	2	
Sqn Cav (Commando) Regt	290		
ARMD			
Armd Regt	517	103	(incl 58 tanks)
Sqn Armd Regt	290	21	(" 18 ")
RAA			
HQ RAA	30	3	
Lt AA Bty	157	24	(incl 12 Lt AA Guns)
Fd Regt	710	70	(" 8 tractors and 24 Guns)
Tk A Bty	155	26	(" 12 Tk A Guns)
Svy Bty	68	5	
Shore Fire Control Party	10	2	
RAE			
HQ RAE	39	5	
Fd Coy	260	34	(incl 3 Air Compressors)
Fd Pk Coy	211	38	(" 2 " ")
SIGS			
Div Sigs (Less Secs)	275	28	
Cipher Sec	22		
Fd Regt Sig Sec	35	3	
Engr Sig Sec	18	2	
Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	3	
Armd Regt Sig Tp	20	4	
Cav (Commando) Sig Tp	13		
INF			
HQ Inf Bde	93	3	
Inf Bn	911	16	(incl 4 Weapon Carriers from Div Pool and 4 Tk A Guns)
MG Bn	740	19	
Pnr Bn	904	8	
Coy Gd Regt	207	13	(incl 2 Tk A Guns)
AASC			
HQ Comd	44	3	
HQ Sup Depot Coy) Total for eight		2	
Sup Depot Pls) Pls & HQ - 216		2	
HQ Lt Gen Tpt Coy) Total for HQ,		4	
Wksp Pl " " ") Wksp Pl & three		5	
Tpt Pl " " ") Tpt Pls - 376		42	(30 only load carriers) 20% fitted with stretcher fitting)
HQ Hy Gen Tpt Coy) Total for HQ,		4	
Wksp Pl " " ") Wksp Pl & three		6	
Tpt " " " ")(2) Tpt Pls - 376		41	(30 only load carriers)
Tpt " " " ")(1)		41	(20 only 2½x6x6 load carriers and D trucks water 400 gall)
Tk Tptr Pl	68	32	(incl 20 Tk Tptrs.

UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS & CRS	VEHICLES INCL GUNS (JEEP & TRAILER OR WATER TRAILER = 1 VEH
MEDICAL		
Fd Amb	225	10 (incl 8 Jeeps with stretcher fittings)
CCS	121	8 (incl 4 Jeeps with stretcher fittings)
Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	-
AMCU (Type A)	22	4
Mob Bact Lab	5	2
Adv Depot Med Stores	15	1
Dental Unit	4	2
ORD		
Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	12
Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	2	18
AEME		
Bde Wksp	91	29 (incl 2 Diamond T Breakdown and 1 Tractor tracked)
Armd Regt Wksp	147	24
LAD (Type A)	5	1
LAD (Type D)	5	7
LAD (Type H)(Armd Regt)	30	7
LAD (Type J)	17	4
MISC		
Det Mil His Sec	7	2
Div Cash Office	9	-
Div Postal Unit	29	3
Div Prc Coy	117	5
Div Salvage Unit	40	1
Div Sec Reception Camp	10	3
Det AACS	32	1
Mobile Cinema	4	2
BEACH GROUP	1839	290

FIRST KEY PLAN

BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

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Appendix "B"

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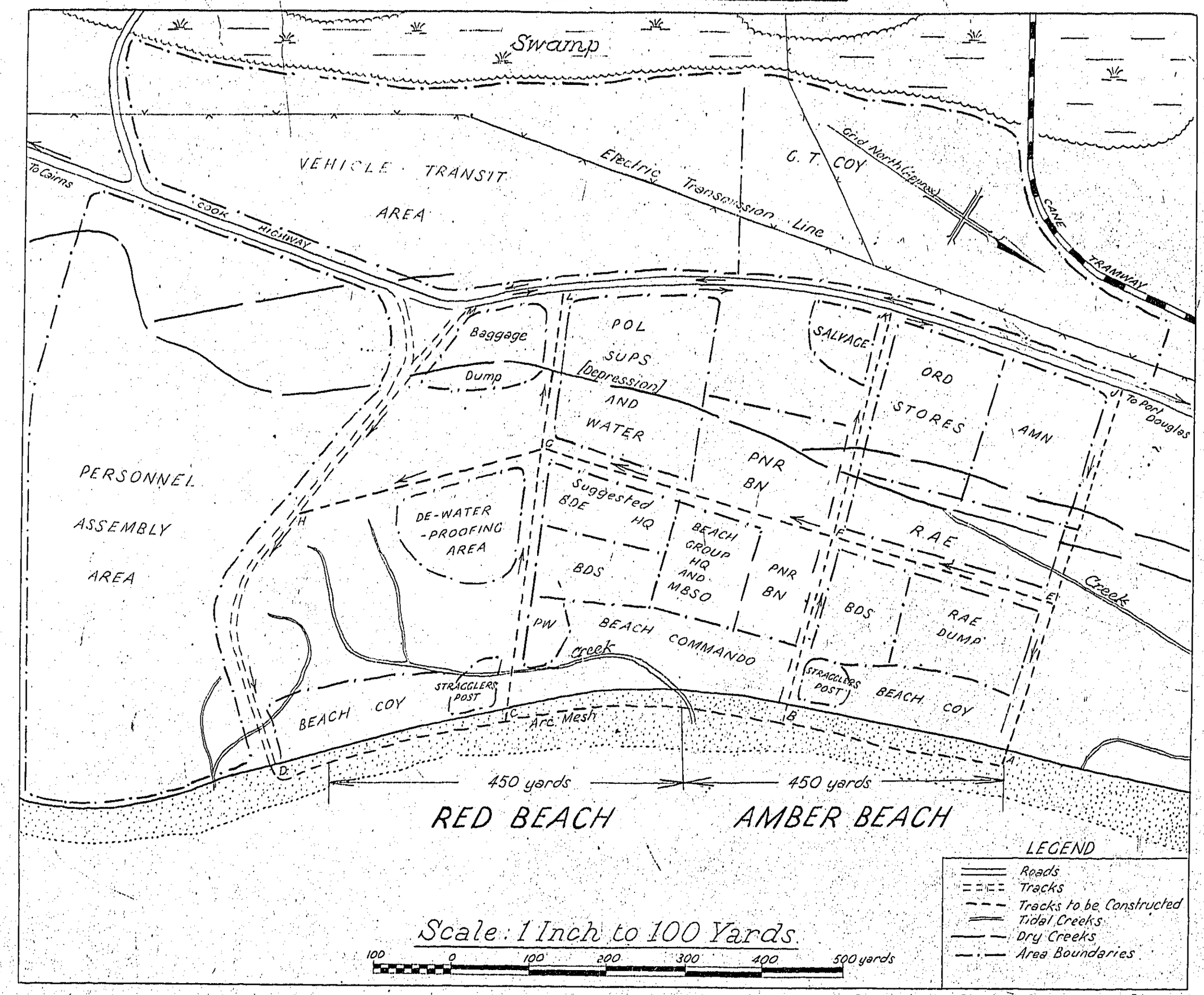

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28 Jun. '44.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

PROBLEM 1

(a) Assuming that, at H plus 4 hours, the Commander 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp was advised that only his Group less 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn would land on D Day as planned and that the remainder of the Division was being delayed by enemy action at sea and probably could not be landed without a delay of up to 24 hours, give the Outline plan of Commander 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp for securing and holding a beachhead until D plus 1.

(b) Give the dispositions of 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp to hold the beachhead and Lines of Communication as far SOUTH as MT MOLLOY track, on the assumption that the landing was carried out as planned with little opposition and that 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp began landing at H plus 6 hours on D Day.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

NARRATIVE 2

1. The landings of 6 and 9 Aust Divs are effected successfully on 3 Jul. 9 Aust Div encountered strong opposition from well-prepared positions but got astride the CAIRNS-MOSSMAN Road NORTH of CAIRNS. It is clear immediately, however, that hard fighting probably lasting some days at least will occur before it completely captures CAIRNS.

2. 6 Aust Div overcame opposition on landing and by 2300 hours that day 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp had consolidated the beachhead and 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp was concentrated NORTH of the junction road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT MOLLOY at 338914. About 400/500 enemy were seen to withdraw via the MT MOLLOY track. Commander 19 Aust Inf Bde came ashore at 1500 hours and began his reconnaissance of MOWBRAY RIVER VALLEY.

3. 17 Aust Inf Bde and the remainder of the Division is due to land on D plus 1 etc as planned.

4. The plan of Commander 6 Aust Div is to advance via MT MOLLOY and BIBOOHRA to MAREEBA with the Division less 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp, which is given the role of protecting the beachhead and the Divisional Lines of Communication as far SOUTH as the turnoff to MT MOLLOY at 338914. 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp is ordered to commence the advance not later than 0700 hours D plus 1.

5. Tac R aircraft report, at 1200 hours on D Day, that the bridge at 336912 is blown. This was confirmed by patrols from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at 1800 hours.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

PROBLEM 2

(a) The Outline plan of Commander 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp for the advance along the MOWBRAY RIVER VALLEY.

(b) The Outline plan for any units on detached roles.

(c) The orders for track and bridge repairs.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 3

NARRATIVE 3

1. The main body of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp began its advance from junction road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT MOLLOY at 1000 hours on 4 Jul. Prior to this, the Advance Guard had seized the crossing over the RIVER MOWBRAY at 336912 and 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt had seized the high ground at 338909.

2. The orders to 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt (less one squadron) were to move before first light, seize the high ground on the left of the axis of advance, and move along that ground to cut the MT MOLLOY track at the SUMMIT.

3. At 1030 hours a Tac R sortie had reported that the enemy - apparently the remnants who had been driven from the beaches - were holding the SUMMIT and at 1045 hours the leading Battalion came under heavy mortar and MMG fire from CAMERON RIDGE and the SUMMIT. The leading elements of the Battalion had reached 336911, and at that hour the leading elements of 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt were approaching HENNESSY'S SPUR without gaining contact.

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PROBLEM 3

(a) The Outline plan of Commander 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp for the capture of the SUMMIT at 335909.

(b) Engineer tasks to assist 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp forward.

(c) The administrative problems affecting any unit operating in country over which jeep transport cannot be taken.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

NARRATIVE 4

1. 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp drove the enemy from the SUMMIT, about MOWBRAY RIVER VALLEY, and at 1000 hours 5 Jul, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp passed through it.

2. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp then comprised, in addition to its three infantry battalions:-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt
"C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/8 Aust Fd Coy
2/2 Aust Fd Amb

3. At 1040 hours on 5 Jul, the leading Battalion of 17 Aust Inf Bde reached the bridge at 354908 where it was fired on from positions astride the axis of advance. The leading company carried out prearranged contact drill; but twenty minutes after the first shots were fired the company commander had not received any reports from his platoons moving to right and left. The platoon astride the track was pinned and at least three enemy light automatics could be heard firing.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

PROBLEM 4

What action does the leading battalion commander take and by what method.

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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

NARRATIVE 5

1. By 1230 hours the enemy opposition had been cleared and the advance was continued until 1600 hours, at which time, the column halted and occupied positions for the night. The leading elements were at RIFLE CREEK crossing (328904).

2. During the night patrols failed to locate any enemy, and at 0700 hours on 6 Jul the advance was resumed with 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp still leading followed by Advanced Divisional Headquarters and 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp. No enemy were encountered until the forward troops reached the bridge immediately NORTH of MT MOLLOY at 1000 hours. The leading battalion dealt effectively with this opposition and the column halted for the night 6-7 Jul in possession of MT MOLLOY township.

3. During the night, patrols did not locate any enemy positions, but had several brushes with active enemy patrols.

4. At 0700 hours on 7 Jul, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp again led the advance with 2/5 Aust Inf Bn as its own advanced guard. On approaching the defile at 323894, forward scouts were fired on from several enemy positions and 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, despite vigorous efforts, could make no progress. It was clear that the enemy were holding the defile in some strength and the Divisional Commander ordered Commander 17 Aust Inf Bde to act vigorously to locate the enemy positions. Patrols were sent out to both flanks and with the information thus secured, supplemented by Tac R reports, certain of the enemy positions were located by 1600 hours that day.

(Located enemy and own positions will be pointed out on the ground and other patrol information will be available at the Information Centre).

5. At this stage, the Division less 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp, was in the vicinity of MT MOLLOY.

6 AUST DIV TENT No 2

ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE 5

ADS LAYOUT when 6 Aust Div less 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp was in vicinity MT MOLLOY - 2200 hrs 7 Jul 44

PRELIMINARY STAGES

1600 hrs 5 Jul 44

17 Aust Inf Bde having cleared opposition at HOWERAY CREEK BRIDGE 334908 by 1230 hrs, advanced till 1600 hrs 5 Jul when leading elements were at RIFLE CREEK Crossing 328904.

1. MEDICAL

(a) 104 Aust CCS functioning in Beachhead Area.
(b) HDS 2/1 Aust Fd Amb in Beachhead area serving 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp, and all other Div Tps with the exception of 1 Aust Beach Gp.
(c) Balance of Medical layout as per attached diagram.

2. AASC SUPPLIES

(a) Maintenance
(i) FSD/DID vicinity SUMMIT. Bulk broken FSD/DID in BHA L of C units forward of SUMMIT collect in detail from FSD/DID.
17 and 19 Aust Inf Bde Gps and balance of Div Tps in MT MOLLOY area collect in unit tpt in detail from SPs, PPs and APs vicinity of RIFLE CREEK.
Rations carried forward from FSD/DID in Beachhead area to SPs in AASC Jeeps and Trailers.

(ii) 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp and other Div Tps in Beachhead area and on the coast side of SUMMIT collect in unit tpt from SPs, PPs and APs vicinity junction rd CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT MOLLOY 338914 to which rations are carried forward from FSD/DID in Beach Area in AASC Jeeps and trailers.

(b) Reserves
Following reserves in Dump area vicinity RIFLE CREEK by 2200 hrs 7 jul :-

Sups)
POL) 5 days
Amn (incl 32 rpg 25 pr)

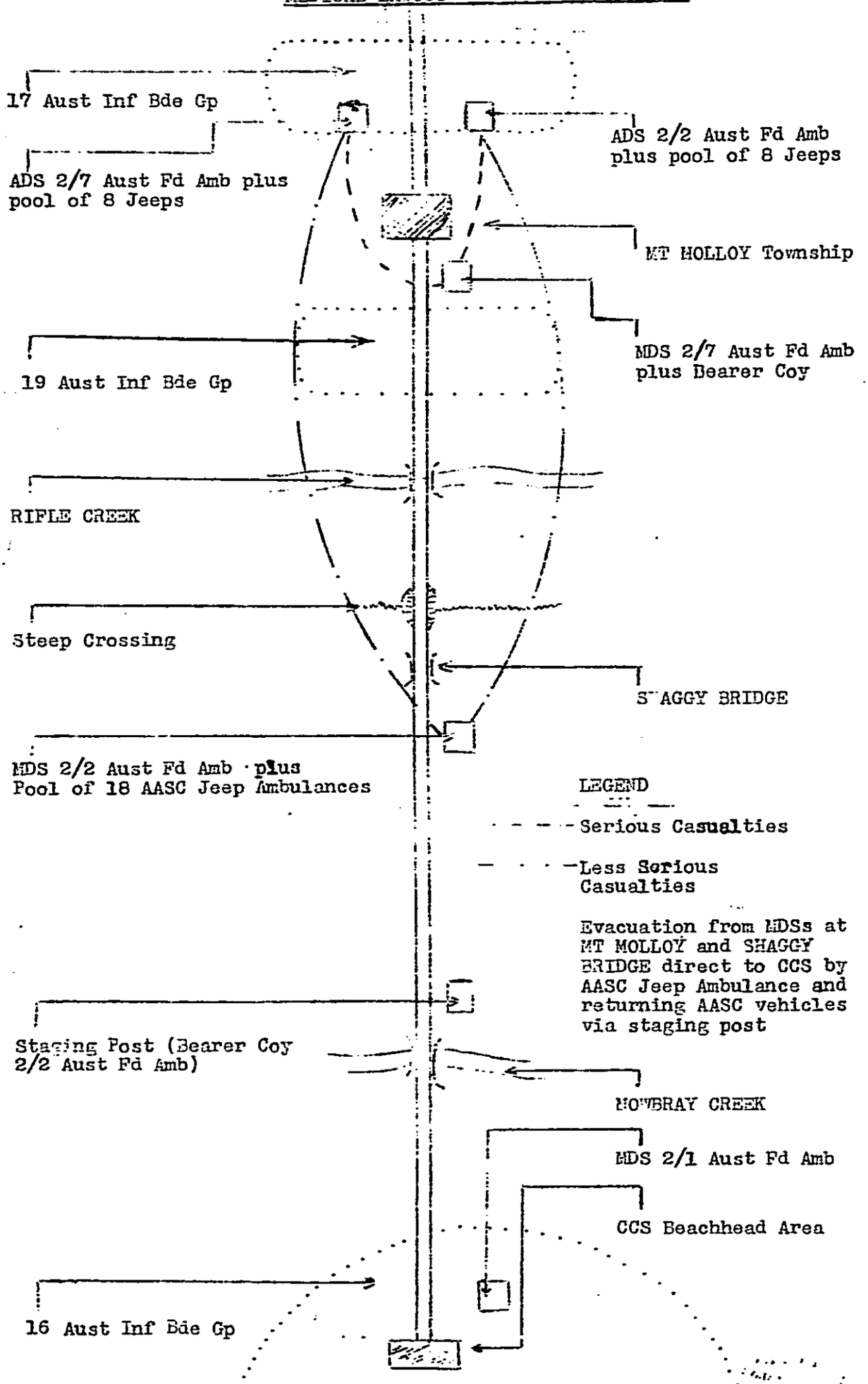
Addition 25 pr amn :- 500 rpg for 40 guns

3. Other Adm arrangements - normal

Diagram attached to Narrative 5.

6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

MEDICAL LAYOUT AS AT 2200 HRS 7 JUL



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6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

PROBLEM 5

As Divisional Commander give your Outline plan for capturing the DEFILE area.

6 AUST DIV TEWT NO 2

EXERCISE SECRET

DISTRIBUTION LIST

	Preliminary Instruction	Administrative Instruction	Opening Narrative	Intelligence Summary and Sequence of Events	Air Photographs	Beachhead Map	Narratives and Problems 1 to 5	Distribution List
16 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	6	6	2 sets	6	6	6
17 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	5	5	2 sets	6	6	5
19 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	5	5	2 sets	6	6	5
RAA 6 Aust Div	1	1	4	4		1	1	4
RAE 6 Aust Div	1	1	4	4		1	1	4
Sigs 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	4	4		1	1	4
2/3 Aust MG Bn	1	1	1	1				1
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	1	1	1	1				1
AASC 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
1 Aust Corps	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Comd	1	1	1	1	1 set	1	1	1
GSO I	1	1	1	1	1 set	1	1	1
AQ	1	1	1	1	1 set	1	1	1
ADMS	1	1	4	4		1	1	4
File	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Spare	3	3	3	3		3	3	3
War Diary	2	2	2	2		2	2	2
Total	21	21	46	46	9	34	34	46

6 AUST DIV TEMP NO 2

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial No	Actual		Scheme		Event	RV	Remarks
	Date	Time	Date	Time			
1	14 Jun	-	-	-	Issue Preliminary Instructions	-	-
2	29 Jun	-	-	-	Issue Administrative Instruction	-	-
3	1 Jul	-	-	-	Issue Opening Narrative Narrative 1 and Intelligence Summary Administrative Narrative 1 Air Photographs Beachhead Map Distribution List Sequence of Events	-	-
4	3 Jul	1030	-	-	Syndicates assemble	338914	Junction Road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT HOLLOY
5	3 Jul	1035	3 Jul	1000	Issue Problem 1	338914	Junction Road CAIRNS-MOSSMAN and track to MT HOLLOY
6	3 Jul	1500	3 Jul	1100	Discuss Problem 1	337916	Junction Road MOSSMAN-CAIRNS-CAIRNS-PORT DOUGLAS, Move to 338914 for discussion Problem 1 (b)
7	3 Jul	1600	3 Jul	1500	Issue Narrative 2 and Problem 2	333914	-
8	3 Jul	1900	3 Jul	2300	AQ gives outline of Administrative Situation	Bivouac	-
9	4 Jul	0800	3 Jul	1800	Discuss Problem 2	338[illegible]	Vicinity of PALM HOUSE
10	4 Jul	0910	4 Jul	1030	Issue Narrative 3 and Problem 3	336912	Vicinity WIRELESS HOUSE
11	4 Jul	1345	4 Jul	1115	Discuss Problem 3	336912	Vicinity WIRELESS HOUSE
12	4 Jul	1510	-	-	View area of MOWBRAY RIVER VALLEY from SUMMIT	335909	Discuss briefly any further points arising from Problem 3

Serial No	Actual Date	Actual Time	Scheme Date	Scheme Time	Event	RV	Remarks
13	4 Jul	1545	5 Jul	1040	Issue Narrative 4 and Problem 4	334908	Bridge over MOWBRAY CREEK
14	4 Jul	1615	5 Jul	1100	Discuss Narrative 4	334908	Bridge over MOWBRAY CREEK
15	4 Jul	1900	7 Jul	1800	Issue Narrative 5 and Problem 5 AQ gives outline of Administrative Situation	-	-
16	5 Jul	0830	7 Jul	1600	Point out on ground dispositions affecting Problem 5	323896	Small KNOLL seized by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on left of road
17	5 Jul	1400	7 Jul	1800	Discuss Problem 5	323896	Small KNOLL seized by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on left of road
18	5 Jul	1500	-	-	Leave for MAREEBA	-	Exercise ends
19	5 Jul	1630	-	-	Arrive at MAREEBA CAR PARK and disperse	-	-

6 AUST ✓TEWT No 2
BEACHHEAD MAP

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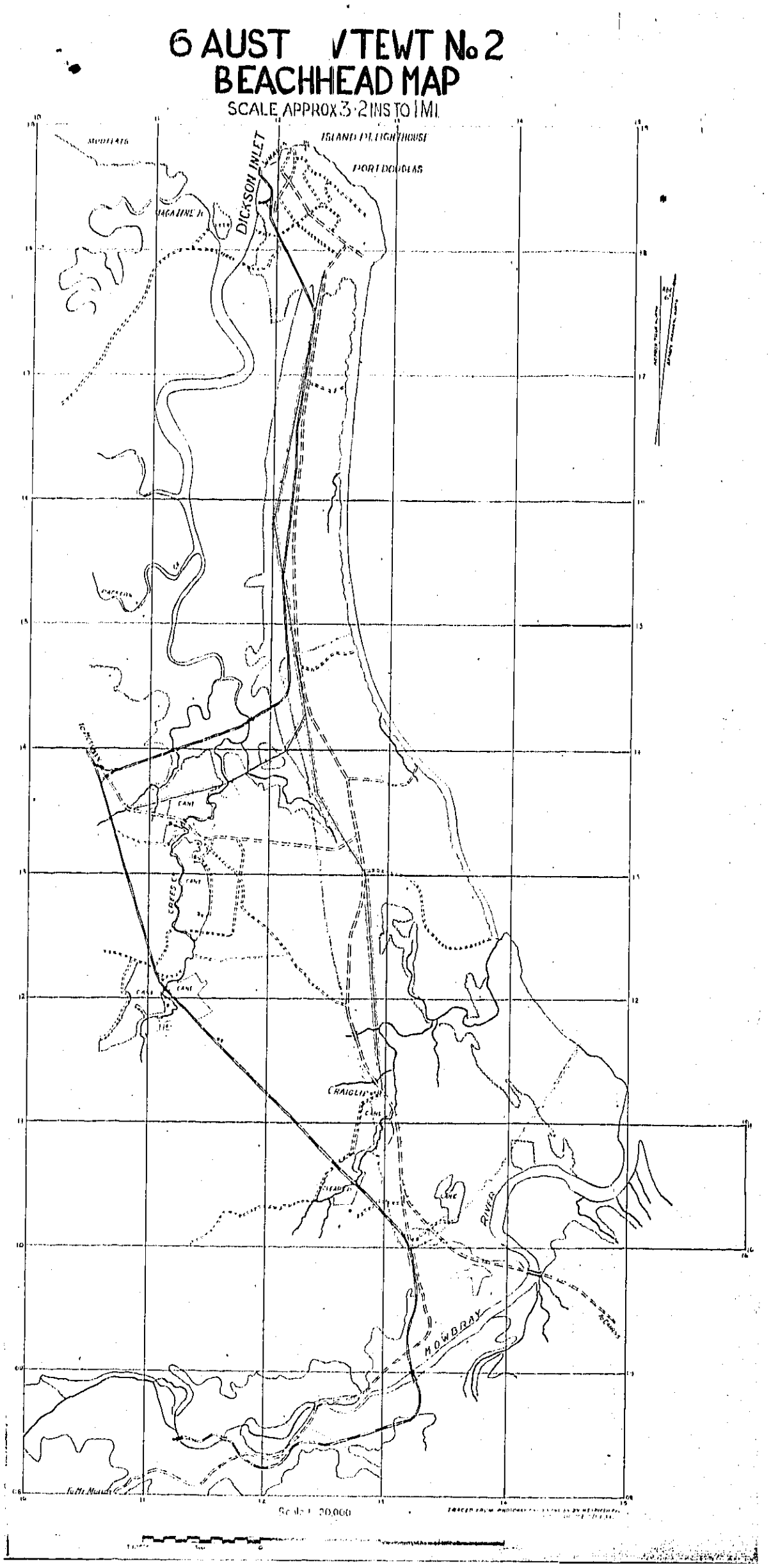

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J.H. HARRIS	M.P.	CANADA.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

Date and Time of Origin

FROM 6 AUST DIV 041800K

TO 16 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 6 AUST DIV CARR COY 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT 2/3 AUST MG BN 2/1 AUST PNR BN "A" AUST FS SEC "C" COY 2/1 AUST GD REGT 1 AUST CORPS I A Q CAMP AASC 6 AUST DIV MED 2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT ORD AEME EDUCATION PAY POSTAL 6 AUST DIV PRO COY 6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SO WONDECLA CI 303 MESSING STORE

0 601 SECRET location report 30 (.) add serial 3 2 AUST VISITORS AND OBSERVERS SEC WONDECLA H366046 (.) add new serial 23 5 AUST SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY WONDECLA H344065/(.) serial 39 delete H327076 substitute H320075 (.) serial 40 delete H328078 substitute H317074 (.) add new serial 63A F SEC WONDECLA H327075att AASC 6 Aust Div (.) serial 76 delete detail substitute det 2/71 Aust LAD WONDECLA H332072 att 12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt

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Subject: HYGIENE TRAINING

HQ 6 Aust Div

4 Jul 44

Ref No: G10059

In addition to hygiene training to be carried out by units in accordance with 6 Aust Div Training Instruction No 30, the following lectures will be delivered by ADMS 6 Aust Div and Staff:-

(a) Preventable disease as it affects manpower and efficiency.

(b) Transmission and general principles of prevention of tropical disease.

(c) Demonstration of method of application of mite repellant lotion.

2. The three lectures will cover a total period of approximately 2¼ hours and will be delivered to all ranks on unit parade grounds at times and dates as set out at Appendix "A" attached.

3. The installation of public address systems on unit parade grounds will be arranged by DAD of H Q Aust Div in collaboration with units concerned.

Lieut-Colonel
for Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

16 Aust Inf Bde	(5)	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	
17 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	2/3 Aust MG Bn	
19 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	Camp	
RAA 6 Aust Div	(4)	AASC 6 Aust Div	
RAE 6 Aust Div		ADMS	(8)
Sigs 6 Aust Div		6 Aust Div Pro Coy	
2/9 Aust Armd Regt		File	
		War Diary	(2)

APPENDIX "A"
to 6 Aust Div
G10059 of
4 Jul 44.

HYGIENE TRAINING

SYLLABUS OF LECTURES

Date	Time of Commencement	Unit
10 Jul 44	0900	2/2 Aust Fd Regt
"	1015	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
"	1400	RAA 6 Aust Div less Fd Regts
11 Jul	0900	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
"	1015	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
12 Jul	0900	(HQ 6 Aust Div
		(Sigs 6 Aust Div
		(6 Aust Div Pro Coy
"	1015	RAE 6 Aust Div
"	1400	AASC 6 Aust Div
14 Jul	0900	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
"	1015	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
"	1400	2/3 Aust MG Bn
15 Jul	0900	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
"	1015	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
21 Jul	0900	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
"	1015	2/2 Aust Inf Bn
"	1400	2/[illegible] Aust Inf Bn
24 Jul	0900	2/4 Aust Inf Bn
"	1015	2/8 Aust Inf Bn
"	1400	2/11 Aust Inf Bn

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

Date and Time of Origin

FROM 6 AUST DIV 111800K

TO 16 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT 2/3 AUST MG BN 2/1 AUST PNR BN "A" AUST FS SEC "C" COY 2/1 AUST GD REGT 1 AUST CORPS I A Q CAMP AASC 6 AUST DIV MED 2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT ORD AEME EDUCATION PAY POSTAL 6 AUST DIV PRO COY 6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SO WONDECLA CI 303 MESSING STORE

FR 0 452 SECRET location report 31 (.) amend serial 19 to read 46135 119 2/6 Aust Svy Bty WONDECLA HE15068 (.) add new serials 22A 6 AUST SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY LHQ Tps (.) 22B 7 AUST SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY LHQ Tps (.) delete serials 25 and 35 all informed

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LISTS

HQ 6 Aust Div

// Jul 44

Ref No: G10099

Serial	Unit etc	A	B	C	D
1	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	2	1	1	2
2	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
3	2/45 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
4	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
5	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
6	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
		22	5	1	7
7	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	2	1	1	2
8	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
9	2/46 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
10	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
11	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
12	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
		22	5	1	7
13	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	2	1	1	2
14	19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
15	2/79 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
16	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
17	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
18	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	-	1
		22	5	1	7
19	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	2	1	1	2
20	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	4	1	-	1
21	2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
22	2/40 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
23	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	4	1	-	1
24	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
25	2/41 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
26	2/1 Aust LAA Bty	1	1	-	1
27	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	1	1	-	1
28	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	1	1	-	1
29	3 Aust Mob Met Flt	1	1	-	1
30	NBLO	1	1	-	1
		19	10	1	15

Serial	Unit etc	A	B	C	D
36	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	2
37	1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	1	1	-	1
38	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	-	1
39	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	-	1
40	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	-	1
41	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	-	1
42	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	1	1	-	1
43	2/80 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
		8	7	1	9
44	Sigs 6 Aust Div	3	2	1	2
45	2/41 Aust Ciphor Sec	1	1	-	1
		4	3	1	3
46	HQ 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	4	1	1	2
47	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt Sig Tp	1	1	-	1
		5	2	1	3
48	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5	1	1	2
49	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	1	1	-	1
50	2/95 Aust LAD	1	-	-	1
		7	2	1	4
51	2/5 Aust MC Bn	6	1	1	2
52	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	6	1	1	1
53	C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	1	1	1
54	Comd	1	1	1	1
55	GSO I	1	1	1	1
56	AA&QMG	1	1	1	1
57	G	1	1	1	1
58	I	1	1	1	1
59	A	1	1	1	1
60	Q	1	1	1	1
61	Camp	1	1	1	1
		8	8	8	8
62	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	2
63	HQ 2/3 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1	1	-	1
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65	2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy	1	1	-	1
		4	4	1	5

Serial	Unit etc	A	B	C	D
66	ADMS 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	2
67	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	-	1
68	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	-	1
69	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	-	1
70	104 Aust CCS	1	1	-	1
71	2/4 Aust MCU	1	1	-	1
72	19 Aust MCU	1	1	-	1
73	41 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	1	1	-	1
74	2/5 Aust Mob Bact Lab	1	1	-	1
75	2/117 Aust Mob Bath Unit	1	1	-	1
		10	10	1	11
76	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	-	1
77	2/4 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	-	1
78	2/8 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	-	1
		3	3	1	3
79	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	1	1	1	2
80	ADOS 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	2
81	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	1	1	-	1
82	110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1	1	-	1
83	135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	1	1	-	1
84	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	1	1	-	1
		5	5	1	6
85	CEME 6 Aust Div	1	1	1	2
86	2/119 Aust Bde Wksp	1	1	-	1
87	110 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	1	1	-	1
88	135 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	1	1	-	1
89	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	1	1	-	1
		5	5	1	6
90	2/42 Aust LAD	1	-	1	1
91	"A" Aust Fd Security Sec	1	-	1	1
92	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	1	-	1	1
93	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	1	-	1	1
94	6 Aust Div Sal Unit	1	-	1	1
95	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	1	-	1	1
96	Det Aust Army Canteens Service	1	-	1	1
97	30 Aust Mob Cinema	1	-	1	1
98	28 Aust Mob Cinema	1	-	1	1
99	Det Aust Mil History Sec	1	-	1	1
100	Det Public Relations	1	-	1	1
101	2 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	1	-	1	1
		10	-	10	10

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Serial	Unit etc	A	B	C	D
102	DLO	1	-	1	1
103	Chaplains (CE, RC & UC)	3	-	3	3
104	Education	1	-	1	1
105	Amenities	1	-	1	1
106	Catering Adviser	1	-	1	1
107					
108	Camp SO TONDECLA	1	-	1	1
109	File	1	1	1	1
110	War Diary	2	2	2	2
		21	3	21	21
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HQ 6 Aust Div
// Jul 44
Ref No: G10099

Subject: DISTRIBUTION LISTS

6 Aust Div Distribution List of 11 Jul 44 forwarded herewith.

2. For information of all units the following lists are used:-

List	Distribution down to
A	Companies and Equivalent
B	Units and Divisional Troops
C	Brigades, Heads of Arms and Services and Divisional Staff
D	"Q" distribution units and Divisional Troops

3. All previous Distribution Lists issued by this HQ are cancelled and will be destroyed by fire.

Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION
List B

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: DIVISIONAL REVIEW

HQ 6 Aust Div
23 Jul 44
Ref: A 7026

Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde (4)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde (4)
Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde (4)
CRA 6 Aust Div (6)
CRE 6 Aust Div (5)
CASC 6 Aust Div (4)
CO 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
CO 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
CO Sigs 6 Aust Div
CO 2/3 Aust MG Bn
CO 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
ADOS (1)
ADMS (5)
CEME (4)
DAPM (2)
Camp
File
War Diary (2)

The Commander-in-Chief was most impressed with the Divisional Parade on 17 Jul and has sent me the following letter of congratulation:

"Dear General Stevens,

Thank you very much for the opportunity which you gave me on 17 Jul of reviewing the Sixth Division at WONDECLA.

The Parade was admirably conducted. The programme proceeded without a hitch and in perfect co-ordination. I have rarely seen a parade on such a large scale where the Staff work produced such admirable results.

The setting of the parade, the gallant bearing of the men, the steadiness of the ranks under somewhat trying conditions, leaves an indelible memory.

I wish to congratulate yourself, your Staff and Commanders and all ranks of the Division for the excellence of their work on a memorable occasion.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) T A BLAMEY

General
Commander-in-Chief
Australian Military Forces"

2. I desire, once again, to add my congratulations, and ask that the Commander-in-Chief's letter be read to all ranks on parade.

Major-General
Comd 6 Aust Div

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12 Jul 44 H

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

MAJOR-GENERAL J E S STEVENS, DSO, ED

Commanding 6th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

1. Following is a transcript of the address by the Commander-in-Chief on the occasion of his inspection of the Division at the Parade held on 17 July 44 :-

"General Sturdee, General Morshead, General Stevens, Officers, WOs NCOs and men of the Sixth Australian Division and attached troops. It is a very proud moment for me as I stand here and speak to you. This parent Division which has so much of my own personal interest and which has been the foundation of the Australian Army as it is today, is something that is very near to me and to the whole of the Australian people. Its achievements are as great as those of any Division that is fighting in the British Empire today. Its early beginning; its first struggles; its first action in December 1940; its magnificent victories over the Italian forces when it was a prime factor in demonstrating the weakness of that rotten Empire; its campaigns in Greece and Crete; its part in the campaign in Syria; and lastly its big victories in New Guinea, place it above all lesser formations and give it a place in the Empire forces amongst the greatest - that cannot be denied. There are amongst you still many of the men who formed up with us at Puckapunyal and Ingleburn and other centres. And for those of you who have come more recently into this great organisation, the flame of duty has been kept burning. There is a high standard to be maintained and a high sense of duty and of sacrifice to be followed, and you have to carry the banner. It is in your hands to carry it forward with you. Think of the names of our Australian Commanders - Morshead, Savige, Mackay, Herring, Vasey and a host of others I could name, only it would take too long, who have come from the Sixth Australian Division. If you take the number of Brigadier and Commanding Officers who have come from some of our Battalions, and who have achieved success and who have a high place already in military history, although starting low in rank, then I think there is nothing that this division has left behind it, nothing that it has not achieved. There is no success it has not gained. The high standard before you is so great but we look forward with the utmost confidence to your future achievements.

I have had the honour of telling the story of your deeds to our King. He knew all about your victories in the Middle East. He knew all about your fights around Parnassus and Olympus. He knew all about your troubles and problems in Greece and Crete. I had the honour of speaking to the British War Cabinet and of telling your story to them and also to three or four hundred of the senior officers in Britain. They realised more, perhaps, than they did before, the tremendous part played by the Australians in the present war.

Now before us lies a greater task than ever before. We have before us a barbaric enemy and we are not afraid to deal with him, for he knows and we know that we are better men than they. He has no regard for the rules and he must be destroyed; the time is fast coming when this Island Empire of his will be smashed. He will have doled out to him full punishment and we will bring again to the Pacific the peace which we desire.

While in Britain, I visited Southampton and witnessed the invasion vessels lined up sometimes four abreast along the piers. Not once did the Germans strike a blow at this invasion fleet, because they were beaten in the air. They were not destroyed completely but their Air Force was beaten. The British and American nations have now developed really great power, and it is now, in Normandy, that the Germans are feeling the weight of Allied might. It may well now be that this is the beginning of the real and complete victory and we have our part to play, and we will play it.

There is also another enemy with which we have to contend, and that is tropical disease. This, in its worst form for us, is malaria. If we can maintain in the blood stream a high percentage of atebrin then we can easily defeat this enemy. A Militia Battalion has already proved this in New Guinea. This Battalion has been closely watched and through preventive measures, the incidence of Malaria has decreased considerably. In the first 20,000 casualties in New Guinea, 17,000 were Malaria cases. It can be, and has been, defeated, but only by the absolute daily action of each man in taking the dose of atebrin.

I am very confident today that the final victory is in sight and I was profoundly impressed with the might and development of the British Empire and of the American nation as I saw it while abroad. This is only now developing its full weight, and with the Russian armies bursting through in the east, the German is at last beginning to feel the weight of power that will ere long break him in to fragments.

If we maintain our present vigour and strength, I am confident that we will be completely superior to the Japanese enemy. You will have a little longer period here. I do not know how long. Make the best of it. In the meantime, I wish you very good luck."

2. I offer my congratulations to all ranks who participated in the Parade on their appearance, discipline and drill and thank them for their co-operation in producing such a satisfactory result. I am particularly grateful to Commanders and Staffs for the care and attention given to the many details involved.

Jes Stevens
Major-General
Comd 6 Aust Div

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE

Date and Time of Origin

FROM 6 AUST DIV

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TO 16 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT 2/3 AUST MG BN 2/1 AUST PNR BN "A" AUST FS SEC "C" COY 2/1 AUST GD REGT 1 AUST CORPS I A Q CAMP AASC 6 AUST DIV MED 2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT ORD AEME EDUCATION PAY POSTAL 6 AUST DIV PRO COY 6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SO WONDECLA CI 303 MESSING STORE

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Originator's Instructions

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Subject: TRAINING PROGRAMMES

HQ 6 Aust Div

19 Jul 44

Ref No: G10374

The proforma training syllabus issued with 6 Aust Div G562 of 26 Apr 43 will continue to be used (proforma attached as Appendix "A"). It is requested that column "E" of the proforma contain as many details as possible about exercises and special demonstrations including dates, times, and map references.

2. This is the only training syllabus required by Division, and copy of the extract which Division is required to render weekly to 1 Aust Corps is attached for information (Appendix "B").

3. In future, returns in duplicate will be forwarded twice monthly to reach this HQ by:-

(a) 10th of the month for period 15th to end of month

(b) 25th of month for period 1st to 14th of following month.

Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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Appendix "A" to 6 Aust Div
G10374 of 19 Jul 44

OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF (unit)

FOR PERIOD (date) TO (date)

Sub-unit or unit (a)	Nature of Training		Special Night Training (d)	Demonstrations, Artillery Shoots etc. (e)	Enclosures and Remarks (f)
	Subject (b)	Percentage of total time (c)			
				(In this column give details of exercises etc, including dates, times, and map references).	(Include Brigade and Unit schools and courses in this column).

Appendix "B" to 6 Aust Div
G10374 of 19 Jul 44

PROFORMA SENT WEEKLY BY 6 AUST DIV TO 1 AUST CORPS

OUTLINE OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 22 JUL 44

Serial (a)	Brigade of Unit (b)	Outline of Training (c)	Special Exercises etc (d)	Remarks (e)
1	RAA 6 Aust Div	Individual and hardening training.	Battle practice with 19 Aust Inf Bde BIBBONA Arty Range 0930 hrs 21 Jul	(Brigade Schools and Courses are shown in this column).
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Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 25

HQ 6 Aust Div

25 Jul 44

Ref No: G10465

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 25 as at 2359 hours 23 Jul 44.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement, and that changes in location be notified immediately they take place.

3. Copies of Location Statement No 24 will be destroyed by fire.

4. ACK.

for Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	23
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	24
2/3 Aust MG Bn	25
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	26
"A" Aust FS Sec	27
"C" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	28
1 Aust Corps	29 - 30
I	31
A	32
Q	33 - 34
Camp	35
AASC 6 Aust Div	36
Med	37 - 43
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2/4 Aust Dental Unit	45
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Receipt is acknowledged of 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 25 Copy No

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Date.....

Appointment.....

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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 25 AS AT 2359 HOURS 23 JUL 44

Formation Sign : Kangaroo on Boomerang

Ref Maps: C - CAIRNS one inch to one mile
H - HERBERTON one inch to one mile
G - GORDONVALE one inch to one mile
MG - MOUNT GARNET one inch to one mile

(1) Ser No	(2) War Office Ser No	(3) Veh No	(4) Unit	(5) Location	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
			HQ UNITS			
1	61026	84	HQ 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H366046	
2			Det Public Relations	WONDECLA	H366046	
3			2 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	WONDECLA	H366046	
			CAV			
4	61029	943	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt			
5	61428	961	2/7 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083	LHQ unit
6	49425	943	2/9 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083)	LHQ units
7	49426	943	2/10 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083)	u/c Serial 4 for trg and local adm
			ARMD CORPS			
8	61459	55	RHQ 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	Corps Tps
9			HQ Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
10			A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
11			B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
12			C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
			RAA			
13	45983	69	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div (AIF)	WONDECLA	H344065	
14	45129	669	3 Aust Mob Met Flight	WONDECLA	H344065	
15	61034	134	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	WONDECLA	H345064	
16	29416	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt (less 5 6 and 53 Aust Fd Btys)	WONDECLA	H337068	Btys allotted Bdes
17	49137	48	2/1 Aust LAA Bty (Static)	WONDECLA	H332072	
18	61038	145	18 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	WONDECLA	H332072	Corps Tps
19	46135	119	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	WONDECLA	H315068	
20	48480	174	HQ "A" Bombardment Tp	WONDECLA	H344065	LHQ Tps
21			1 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H315067	LHQ Tps Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
22			2 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H341068	LHQ Tps Att 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
23			3 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H317079	LHQ Tps Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
24			4 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H318079	LHQ Tps Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
25			5 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H324073	LHQ Tps Att 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
			RAE			
26	61040	81	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H325076	
27	61044	67	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	SIGS					
28	61046	66	Sigs 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H358052	
29	47825	945	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sig Tp	WONDECLA	H312083	
30	48637	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
31	48654	134	2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H345064	
32	48658	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H337068	
33	49104	81	1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H325176	
34	46136	66	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	WONDECLA	H358052	
	INF					
35	61230	182	2/3 Aust MG Bn (less B Coy)	WONDECLA	H320067	Corps Tps. B Coy to re-join after leave
36	61010	140	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	WONDECLA	H333069	Corps Tps
37	[illegible]05	225	C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt (Less 10,11,12 pls)	WONDECLA	H366046	Army Tps.
	INT					
38	61003	84	"A" Aust FS Sec	WONDECLA	H366046	LHQ Unit
	AASC					
39	61066	59	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H327078	
40	48427	97	HQ 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	WONDECLA	H330075	
41		97	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
42		97	2/2 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
43		97	2/3 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
44		97	2/155 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
45	61364	136	HQ 2/3 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
46		136	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
47		136	2/5 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
48		136	2/6 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
49		136	2/3 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
50	48401	84	33 Aust Tk Transporter Pl	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
51	48425	64	HQ 2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy	WONDECLA	H327076	
52		64	2/35 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
53		64	2/188 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
54	45839	143	104 Aust CCS (AIF)	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
55	55737	772	2/3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
56	49393	161	19 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type B)	WONDECLA	H325073	LHQ Unit u/c First Aust Army
57			41 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
58						
	AAD Corps					
59	45696	181	2/4 Aust Dental Unit	WONDECLA	H366064	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
60			Det HQ Sec			
61			A Sec	WONDECLA	H315067	Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
62			B Sec	WONDECLA	H341068	Att 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
63			C Sec	WONDECLA	H333069	Att 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
64			D Sec	WONDECLA	H325075	Att 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
65			E Sec	WONDECLA	H317079	Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
66			F Sec	WONDECLA	H327075	Att AASC 6 Aust Div
67			Det HQ Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	WONDECLA	H327076	Att HQ 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
68			A Sec	WONDECLA	H339069	Att 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
69			C Sec	WONDECLA	H317080	Att 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
70			E Sec	WONDECLA	H312083	Att 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
			82 Aust Dental Unit			
71			A Soc	WONDECLA	H324073	Att 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
72			B Sec	WONDECLA	H318073	Att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
73			C Soc	WONDECLA	H345064	Att 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
74			D Soc	WONDECLA	H345064	Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
75			E Soc	WONDECLA	H318079	Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
	ORD					
76	48583	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps
	AEME					
77	61035	134	2/40 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H345064	Att 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
78	61121	74	2/41 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H337068	Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
79	61047	84	2/42 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H358052	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
80			Det 2/71 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H332072	Att 12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
81	61045	67	2/80 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H325076	Att 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
82	61485	55	2/95 Aust LAD (Type H)	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps. Att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
83	48586	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps. Att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
	AAPC					
84	61020	80	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	WONDECLA	H366046	
	AAPS					
85	61070	55	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	WONDECLA	H366046	
	AA PRO C					
86	61071	95	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	WONDECLA	H362046	
	AA UNITIES					
87			28 Aust Mob Cinema	WONDECLA	MOBILE	
	MISC					
88	61073	78	6 Aust Div Sal Unit	WONDECLA	H322072	
89	61168	71	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	WONDECLA	H295103	
90			CI 303 Messing Store	WONDECLA	H297091	- u/c First Aust Army
91			3 AAPIU	WONDECLA	H366046	- LHQ Tps
			16 AUST INF BDE GP			
	HQ UNITS					
92	61048	88	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H319074	
	RAA					
93	29416	74	5 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
	RAE					
94	61041	60	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	SIGS					
95	48659	88	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H319074	

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	INF					
96	61049	50	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H318073	
97	61050	99	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H315067	
98	61051	56	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H324073	
99	61005	225	10 Pl C 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H319074	- Army Tps
	AASC					
100	48851	64	2/24 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
101	48852	64	2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
102	55405	57	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	AAOC					
103	45779	127	110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	WONDECLA	H327073	
	AEME					
104	45778	158	110 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	WONDECLA	H327073	
105	61053	88	2/45 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H319074	
	AAPS					
106	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H319074	
			17 AUST INF BDE GP			
	HQ UNITS					
107	61054	96	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H341067	
	RAA					
108	29416	74	6 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
	RAE					
109	61043	86	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	SIGS					
110	49119	96	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H341067	
	INF					
111	61055	63	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H343066	
112	61056	61	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H341068	
113	61057	93	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H339069	
114	61005	225	11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H341067	- Army Tps
	AASC					
115	48849	64	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
116	48850	64	2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
117	55406	52	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	AAOC					
118	48430	83	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	H333067	
	AEME					
119	48431	76	2/119 Aust Bde Wksp	WONDECLA	H333067	
120	61059	96	2/46 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H341067	
	AAPS					
121	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H341067	
			19 AUST INF BDE GP			
	HQ UNITS					
122	61060	65	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H318080	
	RAA					
123	29416	74	53 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	-2/3 Aust Fd Regt

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19 AUST INF BDE GP (CONTINUED)

	PAR				
124	61042	89 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	SIGS				
125	48660	65 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H318080	
	INF				
126	61061	82 2/4 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H317079	
127	61062	91 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H318079	
128	61063	77 2/11 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H317080	
129	61005	225 12 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H318080	- Army Tps
	AASC				
130	48847	64 2/20 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
131	48848	64 2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC				
132	55411	70 2/7 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H327074	
	AAOC				
133	49051	98 135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	WONDECLA	H330073	
	AEME				
134	49069	90 135 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	WONDECLA	H330073	
135	61065	65 2/79 Aust LAD(Type J)	WONDECLA	H318080	
136	61070	55 Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H318080	

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Appendix 'I'

PRO FORMA

WAR DIARY

HQ 6 Aust Div

From 1 Aug to 31 Aug 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	1		Brig J.E. LLOYD, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. arrived in the Div area to give a series of lectures on the position in BURMA Notification was received of the appointment of Lt Col A.W. BUTTROSE, D.S.O. to comd 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. Capt G. BOURKE and Lt G. McNAUGHT of 5 AAPIU during past two months have conducted in Div HQ area a successful series of courses on Air Photo Interpretation. Courses were as follows: Course (Coy Comds) No 1 16 - 24 Jun; Course (Unit Comds) No 2 26 - 30 Jun; Course (9 Aust Div Offrs) No 3 3 - 7 Jul; Course (Offrs and NCOs) No 4 18 - 29 Jul.	Appendix A
	2		An inspection of the men's and officers' clubs in the Div area was carried out by the Corps Comd (Lt-Gen Sir L.J. MORSHEAD). Capt J.W. HULLAH, 2/3 Aust MG Bn, was selected by the Corps Comd for appointment as his PA.	
	3		Approximately 9000 personnel of this Div have proceeded on ARL during the past three weeks. Further demands were made on this Div for Lts and Sgts as Instructors in Second Aust Army Training Units. These demands, in addition to those already received, are impossible to satisfy without a serious reduction in the efficiency of Infantry units, and the strongest representations were made to the Corps Comd, who is to discuss the whole position with the C-in-C during the next few days. The Div, in the past six months, has provided 804 Officers and NCOs as instructors in training units and only 30 of this number have returned.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	4		Lt Col A.D. BYRNE, Comd 8/7 Aust Fd Amb, who was recently boarded Class B, left the Div for return to civilian life.	
	5		Location Report 54 issued	Appendix B
	6		Brig LLOYD left 6 Aust Div to conduct a similar series of talks with 9 Aust Div.	
	7		Div Comd left on ARL. Memorandum on Training Ammunition issued.	Appendix C
	8		In BRISBANE, the Div Comd discussed with the Military Secretary various outstanding staff appointments and raised with him the question of calling a halt to the further transfers of Officers of field rank from units of this Div. The matter was also mentioned to the C-in-C.	
	9		Brig KING (Adm Comd, Div) went on leave. Brig REDDISH Adm Comd.	
	12		Memorandum on Conservation of Rubber and Care of MT during training issued.	Appendix D

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	14		Brig REDDISH (Adm Comd,Div) visited 1 Aust Corps. Brig MARTIN returned from leave and took up Adm Comd of the Div.	
	15		Message sent to units regarding attendance by unit Cas officers and NCOs at courses.	Appendix E
	17		Lt Col W.C. LUPTON (AQ) returned. Maj F.P. BERONG (GII) returned. Maj N. STEWART (GII (L)) departed on 84 days leave. Location Report 85 issued	Appendix F
	19		Brig MARTIN (Adm Comd, Div), AQ and GII attended a conference at HQ First Aust Army and received the first advice of the operational role allotted to this Div. The Div Comd, on leave in [illegible], was notified by letter of the position.	
	20		A warning order for the movement of the Div was received from First Aust Army. The Order of Battle of the Div remains unchanged except that 2/1 Aust Fmr Bn and the Corps Troops attached at present will not move with the Div. There is to be no move before 10 Sep 44. Message sent to units concerning a dance in the WONDECLA Officers Club.	Appendix G
	21		The Heads of Services, Senior Staff Officers and Comds of Div units were given a preliminary warning as to the move of the Div, with orders that the information was not to be passed below Bn Comds or equivalent.	

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WONDECLA	32		6 Aust Div Warning Order in respect to the move was issued.	Appendix H
	24		Lt Col W.C. MURPHY (AQ) and Maj F.P. STRONG (GII) left with a recce party from HQ and First Aust Army to reconnoitre the area to which the Div is to move.	
	25		The CGS in MELBOURNE advised the Div Comd of the future role of the Div. Location Statement No 26 issued.	Appendix I
	26		Memorandum on "Carless Talk" issued.	Appendix J
	28		The Div Comd and GI returned from leave.	
	29		The Div Comd conferred with the Army and Corps Comds regarding the movements of the Div. Lt Col MURPHY returned from the recce, leaving Maj STRONG in the area to which the Div is to move to secure further information. A warning was received from Adv HQ that one Sqn of 9/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt might be required to move at short notice in advance of the Div.	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries etc
WONDECLA	30		First Aust Army was asked to provide Air Transport on 2 Sep for a Div recce party to proceed to the new area, and to arrange for representatives of the Base Sub Area concerned in our future operations to accompany this recce party. Location Report 36 issued.	Appendix K

R. King. Brig
for Maj-Gen
Comd 6 Aust Div

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Subject: TRAINING LECTURE BY BRIGADIER J.E. LLOYD

HQ 6 Aust Div

1 Aug 44

Ref No: G10589

A lecture entitled "INDIA and BURMA Front" will be delivered by Brigadier J.E. LLOYD, who has recently returned from the BURMA front, at 16 Aust Inf Bde Theatre. The lecture, which is of 1¼ hours' duration, will be delivered twice each day from 2 to 5 Aug inclusive.

2. It is desired that officers and other ranks who can be spared from duty attend the lecture in accordance with the following roster.

DATE	TIME (hrs)	UNIT	Maximum number from each unit
2 Aug	0930	16 Aust Inf Bde ~~2/9 Aust Armd Regt~~	400 ~~30~~
	1430	17 Aust Inf Bde	500
3 Aug	0930	RAA 6 Aust Div	500
	1430	RAE 6 Aust Div 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn MED	400 50 50
4 Aug	0930	Sigs 6 Aust Div 2/3 Aust MG Bn Ord AEME 6 Aust Div Pro Coy RAE 6 Aust Div	20 350 20 20 20 20
	1430	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando)Regt AASC 6 Aust Div	250 250
5 Aug	0930	19 Aust Inf Bde	500
	1430	19 Aust Inf Bde	500

3. 16 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for control at the cinema.

for Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div

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0563 SECRET location report 34 (.) serial 3 coln 2 insert 92366 (.) serial 27A coln 2 insert 61201 (.) delete serial 56 (.) delete serial 91 all informed

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HQ 6 Aust Div

7 Aug 44

Ref No:G10584

Subject: TRAINING AMMUNITION

Copy of 1 Aust Corps G/4229/SD of 2 Aug is attached for information and action.

2. The following training ammunition and explosives are now authorised:-

(a) Annual training allotment for year ending 30 Jun 45 is authorised by GROs 253/44 and 254/44. This ammunition will be used for normal training requirements.

(b) GOCs pool for period ending 30 Sep 44 may be used for special purposes such as field firing exercises, user trials, demonstrations and schools and courses. The authorities for its release are shown in Appendix "A" to 1 Aust Corps memo.

3. The GOCs pool has already been allotted by 6 Aust Div G9852 of 27 Jun 44 (not to all addressees) and portion of it has already been used. The following figures will be substituted for those appearing opposite relevent items in Appendix "A" to 6 Aust Div G9852:-

ITEM	Div Pool	3 Bdes each	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	2/6 Aust Cav Commando Regt	2/3 Aust MG Bn	RAA
Bombs ML HE 2-inch Mortar complete	94	1986	650			
Bombs ML Smoke 2-inch Mortar complete	70	270	80			
Bombs ML Illuminating with parachute 2-inch Mortar complete	26	30	10			40
Bombs ML HE 3-inch Mortar 10 lbs complete	84	1140	380			
Bombs ML Smoke 3-inch Mortar 10 lbs complete	23	138	45			
Grenades rifle No 36 M	347	393	126	126	126	
Grenades Tk A No 75	183	177	58	58	58	
Matches Fuze Safety (boxes)	277	63	21	21	21	
Ctges 2 pdr Mk IX and X guns full charge flathead Shot or full charge, AP Shot	700	1400	500			
Ctges QF Blank 2 pdr Mks IX and X guns	205	70	20			

4. 6 Aust Div Adm Instr No 23 para 22(a) is amended to read as follows:-

"Five copies of indents AAF G997 will be submitted to reach ADOS 14 days before training ammunition is required. All copies will be signed by Unit Commander, and where applicable, countersigned by superior headquarters. LHQ authority must be shown on the indent, and in the case of indents pursuant to GRO, a schedule must be attached to each sheet of AAF G997 as required by para 7 of GRO 253."

Subject: CONSERVATION OF RUBBER AND CARE OF MT DURING TRAINING.

HQ 6 Aust Div

12 Aug 44

Ref No: G10746

Further to 6 Aust Div G2161 of 2 Aug 44, copy of 1 Aust Corps G/43294/SD of 8 Aug 44, with reference to the conservation of rubber and care of MT during training, is forwarded herewith.

2. Commanders will ensure that the instructions contained in the abovementioned memo are implemented during future training.

(J.A. BISHOP) Lt Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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Subject: CONSERVATION OF RUBBER AND CARE OF MT DURING TRAINING.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
8 Aug 44
G/4329A/SD

6 Aust Div

1. The natural rubber supply situation has deteriorated further during recent months and has now reached a position which can only be regarded as most serious. Synthetic rubber has not been able to replace natural rubber for all purposes, so it becomes imperative that a far more stringent application of conservation measures be applied.

2. It is not an overstatement to say that we may have to fight for rubber before this war will be won. It is therefore the personal duty of all officers to ensure that the instructions laid down in GRO 222/43 are fully observed. As poor tyre maintenance and speed cause the greatest wastage of rubber, drastic action must be taken, when necessary, to ensure that daily maintenance is carried out and speed limits are observed at all times.

3. In particular, it will be ensured that all drivers automatically carry out maintenance adjustments to their vehicles upon every occasion on which they are halted for periods exceeding a few minutes. This will include inspection of all tyres.

4. A frequent cause of undue tyre depreciation, and other excessive wear and tear to vehicles later to be used in operations, is the condition of roads encountered in training, particularly on artillery and field firing ranges. Drivers, having completed routine maintenance adjustments, are often unoccupied for long periods during exercises, therefore they can be profitably employed in effecting improvements to any rough roads and tracks by:-

(a) Removing loose timber and loose rocks.

(b) Removing stumps or other obstructions from the centre of the track.

(c) Removing obstacles from wheel tracks in order to save bruising of tyres.

(d) Filling in holes and removing bumps to lessen strain on chassis.

(e) Improving corners to reduce chance of vehicles fouling trees.

5. It is desired that formation and unit commanders give the above matters their personal and frequent attention, and that the rubber situation be fully explained to all ranks. Despite their efforts up to the present, the general standard of vehicle maintenance and tyre conservation still allows of improvement. This improvement must be effected.

Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps

MESSAGE FORM

Date and TOO
151115K

FROM 6 AUST DIV

TO LIST "C"

0 593 restricted (.) all unit gas offrs and NCOs who have NOT qualified at recent LHQ ARMY or CORPS gas schools are required to attend courses at an early date (.) first preference to be given those who have NOT attended any gas school (.) offrs or NCOs who attended courses prior to mar 43 should be nominated for refresher courses (.) anticipated LHQ gas school will conduct following courses in CORPS area (.) A (.) unit gas offrs and NCOs course duration 24 days (.) B (.) refresher course duration 17 days approx (.) please submit by 23 aug nominal roll of personnel holding unit gas appointments (GRO G129/44 refers) indicating dates of courses previously attended if any and whether vacancy required in either category should above course be held in CORPS area commencing early oct

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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Date TOO
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FROM 6 AUST DIV

TO 13 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT 2/3 AUST MG BN 2/1 AUST PNR BN "A" AUST FS SEC "C" COY 2/1 AUST GD REGT 1 AUST CORPS I A Q CAMP AASC 6 AUST DIV MED 2/2 AUST DENTAL UNIT 2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT 82 AUST DENTAL UNIT ORD AEME EDUCATION PAY POSTAL 6 AUST DIV PRO COY 6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SO WONDECLA CI 303 MESSING STORE

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0 586 SECRET location report 35 (.) serial 20 amend coln 3 to read 922 (.) delete serials 22 and 25 (.) add new serial 34A 31 AUST PIGEON LOFT WONDECLA H358052 (.) add new serial 34B 36 AUST PIGEON LOFT WONDECLA H358052 (.) serial 56 insert 2/4 AUST MALARIAL CONTROL UNIT WONDECLA H327074 all informed

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 6 AUST DIV

DATE - TOO
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TO: LIST "A" AACS OFFICERS CLUB WONDECLA

OC 11 restricted (.) OFFICERS CLUB WONDECLA (.) a dance will be held at above club evening 24 aug (.) officers who wish to arrange attendance of partners from ROCKY CREEK will advise secretary 2/11 AUST INF BDE Officers Mess as soon as possible supplying names and AGH (.) tpt will report to respective AGH at 241815K

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 6 AUST DIV

DATE TOO
211115K

TO: LIST D

0625 SECRET (.) Warning Order (.) FIRST (.) 6 AUST DIV as at present constituted less 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT "A" AUST NAVAL BOMBARDMENT TP 12 Bty 2/1 AUST TK A REGT and 2/1 AUST FMR BN will prepare for embarkation tropical scale (.) date of movement to be notified but not before 10 Sep 44 (.) SECOND (.) to move with personal arms and eqpt unit eqpt scale A tentage and accomodation stores and WE vehicles (.) THIRD (.) personnel at present on ARL other than necessary key personnel will not be recalled from leave (.) all further ARL to be suspended forthwith (.) FOURTH (.) units to move at full strength incl surplus personnel now held (.) FIFTH (.) our A7835 of 19 aug Q924 and Q930 of 20 aug also refer

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SECRET
Copy No. 72.

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 26

HQ 6 Aust Div

26 Aug 44

Ref No: G1C921

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 26 as at 2359 hours 25 Aug 44.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement, and that changes in location be notified immediately they take place.

3. Copies of Location Statement No 25 will be destroyed by fire.

4. ACK

Capt
Lt Col
(J.A. BISHOP)
GS 6 Aust Div
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2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	23
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	24
2/3 Aust MG Bn	25
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	26
"A" Aust FS Sec	27
"C" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	28
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Receipt is acknowledged of 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 26 Copy No

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Date.....

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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 26 AS AT 2359 HOURS 23 AUG 44

Formation Sign : Kangaroo on Boomerang

Ref Maps: C - CAIRNS one inch to one mile
H - HERBERTON one inch to one mile
G - GORDONVALE one inch to one mile
MG - MOUNT GARNET one inch to one mile

(1) Ser No	(2) War Office Ser No	(3) Veh No	(4) Unit	(5) Location	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
	HQ UNITS					
1	61026	84	HQ 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H366046	
2			Det Public Relations	WONDECLA	H366046	
3	92366		2 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	WONDECLA	H366046	
	CAV					
4	61029	945	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	WONDECLA	H312083)	
5	61428	961	2/7 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083)	
6	49425	943	2/9 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083)	LHQ Units
7	49426	943	2/10 Aust Commando Sqn	WONDECLA	H312083)	
	ARMD CORPS					
8	61459	55	RHQ 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
9			HQ Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
10			A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	Corps Tps
11			B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
12			C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	WONDECLA	H343064)	
	RAA					
13	45983	69	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div (AIF)	WONDECLA	H344065	
14	45129	669	3 Aust Mob Met Flight	WONDECLA	H344065	
15	61034	134	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	WONDECLA	H345064	
16	29416	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt (less 5 6 and 53 Aust Fd Btys)	WONDECLA	H337068	Btys allotted Bdes
17	61038	145	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	WONDECLA	H332072	Corps Tps
18	46135	119	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	WONDECLA	H315068	
19	48480	922	HQ "A" Bombardment Tp	WONDECLA	H344065	LHQ Tps
20			1 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H315067	LHQ Tps Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
21			3 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H317079	LHQ Tps Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
22			4 Aust Shore Fire Control Party	WONDECLA	H318079	LHQ Tps Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
	RAE					
23	61040	81	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H325076	
24	61044	67	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
25	61201		2/14 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H328074	
	SIGS					
26	61046	66	Sigs 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H358052	
27	47825	943	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sig Tp	WONDECLA	H312083	
28	48637	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
29	48654	134	2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H345064	

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	SIGS					
30	48659	74	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H337068	
31	49102	81	1 Aust Engr Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H325176	
32	46136	66	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec (Type X)	WONDECLA	H358052	
33			31 Aust Pigeon Loft	WONDECLA	H358052	
34			36 Aust Pigeon Loft	WONDECLA	H358052	
	INF					
35	61230	182	2/3 Aust MG Bn	WONDECLA	H320067	Corps Tps
36	61010	140	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	WONDECLA	H333069	Corps Tps
37	61005	225	C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt (Less 10,11,12 Pls)	WONDECLA	H366046	Army Tps
	INT					
38	61003	84	"A" Aust FS Sec	WONDECLA	H366046	LHQ Unit
	AASC					
39	61066	59	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	WONDECLA	H327076	
40	48427	97	HQ 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	WONDECLA	H320075	
41		97	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
42		97	2/2 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
43		97	2/3 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
44		97	2/155 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H317074	
45	61364	136	HQ 2/3 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
46		136	2/4 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
47		136	2/5 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
48		136	2/6 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
49		136	2/3 Aust Wksp Pl (TS)	WONDECLA	H327076	
50	48401	84	33 Aust Tk Transporter Pl	WONDECLA	H343064	Corps Tps att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
51	48425	64	HQ 2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy	WONDECLA	H327076	
52		64	2/35 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
53		64	2/188 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
54	45839	143	104 Aust CCS (AIF)	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
55	55737	772	2/3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
56			2/4 Aust Malaria Control Unit	WONDECLA	H327074	
57			41 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	WONDECLA	H304099	Corps Tps
	AAD Corps					
58						
59	45696	181	2/4 Aust Dental Unit	WONDECLA	H366064	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
60			Det HQ Sec			
61			A Sec	WONDECLA	H315067	Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
62			B Sec	WONDECLA	H341068	Att 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
63			C Sec	WONDECLA	H333069	Att 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
64			D Sec	WONDECLA	H325075	Att 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
65			E Sec	WONDECLA	H317079	Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
66			F Sec	WONDECLA	H327075	Att AASC 6 Aust Div
67			Det HQ Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	WONDECLA	H327076	Att HQ 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
68			A Sec	WONDECLA	H339069	Att 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
69			C Sec	WONDECLA	H317080	Att 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
70			E Sec	WONDECLA	H312083	Att 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt

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71			82 Aust Dental Unit A Sec	WONDECLA	H344078 Att 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	
72			B Sec	WONDECLA	H518078 Att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
73			C Sec	WONDECLA	H345064 Att 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	
74			D Sec	WONDECLA	H345064 Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
75			E Sec	WONDECLA	H518079 Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	
76	ORD 48583	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	H343064 Corps Tps	
77	AEME 61035	154	2/40 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H345064 Att 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	
78	61121	74	2/41 Aust LAD (Type D)	WONDECLA	H337068 Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
79	61047	84	2/42 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H358052 Att HQ 6 Aust Div	
80			Det 2/71 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H332072 Att 12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	
81	61045	67	2/80 Aust LAD (Type A)	WONDECLA	H325076 Att 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
82	61485	55	2/95 Aust LAD (Type H)	WONDECLA	H345064 Corps Tps. Att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	
83	48586	55	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	WONDECLA	H345064 Corps Tps. Att 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	
84	AAPC 61020	80	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	WONDECLA	H336046	
85	AAPS 61070	55	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	WONDECLA	H336046	
86	AA PRO C 61071	95	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	WONDECLA	H332046	
87	AMENITIES		26 Aust Mob Cinema	WONDECLA	MOBILE	
88	MISC 61073	78	6 Aust Div Sal Unit	WONDECLA	H322072	
89	61168	71	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	WONDECLA	H295105	
90			CI 305 Messing Store	WONDECLA	H297091 - u/c First Aust Army	

16 AUST INF BDE GP

91	HQ UNITS 61048	88	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H519074	
92	RAA 29416	74	5 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	2/3 Aust Fd Regt
93	RAE 61041	60	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
94	SIGS 48559	88	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H319074	

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	INF					
95	61049	50	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H318073	
96	61050	99	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H315067	
97	61051	56	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H324073	
98	61005	225	10 Pl C 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H319074	- Army Tps
	AASC					
99	48851	64	2/24 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
100	48852	64	2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
101	55405	57	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	AAOC					
102	45779	127	110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	WONDECLA	H327073	
	AEME					
103	45778	158	110 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	WONDECLA	H327073	
104	61053	88	2/45 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H319074	
	AAPS					
105	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H319074	
			17 AUST INF BDE GP			
	HQ UNITS					
106	61054	96	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H341067	
	RAA					
107	29416	74	6 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H 337068	- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
	RAE					
108	61043	86	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	SIGS					
109	49119	96	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H341067	
	INF					
110	61055	63	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H343066	
111	61056	61	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H341068	
112	61057	93	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H339069	
113	61005	225	11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H341067	- Army Tps
	AASC					
114	48849	64	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
115	48850	64	2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
116	55406	52	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H325073	
	AAOC					
117	48430	83	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	WONDECLA	H333067	
	AEME					
118	48431	76	2/119 Aust Bde Wksp	WONDECLA	H333067	
119	61059	96	2/46 Aust LAD (Type J)	WONDECLA	H341067	
	AAPS					
120	61070	55	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	WONDECLA	H341067	
			19 AUST INF BDE GP			
	HQ UNITS					
121	61060	65	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	WONDECLA	H318080	
	RAA					
122	29416	74	53 Aust Fd Bty	WONDECLA	H337068	-2/3 Aust Fd Regt

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			19 AUST INF BDE GP (CONTINUED)			
	RAE					
123	61042	89	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	WONDECLA	H325076	
	SIGS					
124	48860	65	19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WONDECLA	H318080	
	INF					
125	61061	82	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H317079	
126	61062	91	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H318079	
127	61063	77	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	WONDECLA	H317080	
128	61005	225	12 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WONDECLA	H318080	- Army Tps
	AASC					
129	48847	64	2/20 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
130	48848	64	2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	WONDECLA	H327076	
	AAMC					
131	55211	70	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	WONDECLA	H327074	
	AAOC					
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It has become apparent that there has been a serious and widespread leakage of information in regard to the impending move of the Division. The matter has been freely discussed in the Wondecla Officers Club by officers who should not have been in possession of the information and information has leaked to the civilian population in HERBERTON.

2. All commanders are reminded of their responsibilities under 6 Aust Div Security Instruction No 2 paragraph 2. Under NO circumstances are projected dates of movement to be disclosed to personnel to whom the knowledge is not essential.

3. Lectures on security are to be given to all ranks in the Division. This instruction is to be implemented forthwith.

4. Disciplinary action is to be taken in all cases of breach of security, without respect of persons.

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