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**WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

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Unit **2nd Battalion.**

Date and Time.—From **1 Feb 42.** To **28 Feb .42.**

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
2 Bn.	1 Feb 42		Gisomo Spagnolo	File 2/5
1 Inf Bde	1 Feb		Disposal of Prisoners and Their Documents.	" 2/3
" "	2 Feb		Disposal of water craft in I Inf. Bde. area	" 2/1
N.C.F.	2 Feb		Security of Signals.	2/2
1 Inf Bde. H.Q.	2 Feb		Security precautions	2/4
N.C.F.	2 Feb		N 160870 Pte. SPAGNOLO Giacomo 2 Bn.	2/5
2 Bn.	2 Feb		Intelligence Report	5/1
2 Bn.	3 Feb	1440	Message Out.	1/1
N.C.F.	3 Feb		Beacons- Newcastle Bight Beach	2/9
2 Bn.	4 Feb	0915	Message Out	1/2
2 Bn	5 Feb	0630	Message Out	1/3
2 Bn	5 Feb	2300	Message Out	1/4
2 Bn	6 Feb	0625	Message Out	1/6
2 Bn	6 Feb	1235	Message Out	1/5

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
I Inf Bde. H.Q.	6 Feb 42		Reporting of events- Message writing	File 2/7
2 Bn	6 Feb		Power of Sentry on Duties	4/1
I Inf Bde H.Q.	6 Feb		Syllabic Cipher	3/1
2 Bn	7 Feb	0630	Message Out	1/7
2 Bn	7 Feb	1055	Message Out	1/8
2 Bn	7 Feb		Unit Situation Report	7/1
2 Bn	8 Feb	0655	Message Out	1/9
2 Bn	8 Feb	0900	Message Out	1/10
2 Bn	8 Feb	1030	Message Out	1/11
2 Bn	8 Feb	1135	Message Out	1/12
2 Bn	8 Feb	1155	Message Out	1/13
2 Bn	8 Feb	1155	Message Out	1/14
2 Bn	9 Feb	0600	Message Out	1/16
2 Bn	9 Feb	0604	Message Out	1/15

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Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
I Inf. Bde. HQ.	9 Feb 42		Security Instructions	File 2/8
N.C.F.	9 Feb		Co-ordinate of Beacons- Newcastle Bight beach	2/10
2 Bn.	9 Feb		Intelligence report	5/2
2 Bn.	10 Feb	1415	Message Out	1/17
2 Bn.	11 Feb	0950	" "	1/18
2 Bn	11 Feb	1100	" "	1/19
2 Bn.	11 Feb	1032	" "	1/20
2 Bn.	12 Feb	1230	" "	1/21
"				
2 Bn.	12 Feb	2246	" "	1/22
2 Bn	12 Feb	2245	" "	1/23
2 Bn	12 Feb	1115	" "	1/24
2 Bn	13 Feb	0800	Message Out	1/25
2 Bn	13 Feb	0930	" "	1/26
2 B <sup>N</sup>	13 Feb	0930	" "	1/27

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Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
2 Bn	13 Feb 42	0930	Message Out	File 1/28
2 Bn	13 Feb		" "	1/29
2 Bn	13 Feb		" "	1/30
2 Bn	13 Feb		" "	1/31
2 Bn	13 Feb		" "	7/2
2 Bn	13 Feb		Unit Situation report	
2 Bn	13 Feb		Message Out	1/32
1 Inf Bde HQ.	14 Feb		Officers Identity Cards	2/11
2 Bn	15 Feb		Message Out	1/33
2 Bn	15 Feb		" "	1/34
2 Bn	16 Feb		" "	1/35
2 Bn	16 Feb		" "	1/36
2 Bn	16 Feb		Re MR. Sandeman- Salt Ach.	2/12
2 Bn	16 Feb		Intelligence report	5/8
2 Bn	17 Feb		Message Out	1/37

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Unit 2nd Battalion Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 4Y To 2 Feb 4Y

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastern Cnd.	17 feb		Secret War Diaries	File 9/1
2 Bn	17 feb		Duckhole Switch-- Security	2/13
I Inf BdeHQ.	18 feb		Message In	1/38
I Inf Bde HQ.	18 feb		" "	1/39
I Inf Bde HQ.	18 feb		" "	1/40
NCF.	19 feb		Newcastle Covering Force Intelligence Summary	4/1
2 Bn	19 feb		Message Out	1/41
2 Bn	19 feb		Message In	1/42
2 Bn	19 feb		Intensification of Training	1/52
2 Bn	20 feb		Unit Situation report	7/3
I Inf Bde	20 feb		Protect. Am against bombing, the lying or M.G. fire.	8/1
2 Bn			Message In	1/43
2 Bn	21 feb		Manning of Posts and issue of amm.	1/51
I Inf Bde.	22 feb		Patrols- Maps & reports	10/1
2 Bn	22 feb		Message Out	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 44 To 28 Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NCF HQ.	22 feb		Beach electric lights	File 1/53
I Inf Bde. HQ.	22 feb		Message In.	1/44
2 Bn	23 feb		Patrolling	10/2
2 Bn	23 feb		Message Out	1/45
2 Bn	23 feb		Intelligence Report	5/4
2 Bn	23 feb		Daily Ration State	6/1
NCF. HQ.	23 feb		Coast reporting Posts	6/2
B Sqn 16 MG Regt	24 feb	1300	Message In	1/46
2 Bn	25 feb	1200	Message Out	1/47
I Inf Bde	25 feb		Message In	1.48
NCF.HQ.	25 feb		Security of Operations and Information	3/2
2 Bn	27 feb		Unit Situation report	1/49
2 Bn	28 feb		Message Out	1/50.

To NCF HQ. - Bde/  
From 2 Bn.

Number of aircraft over area- ten 1.1.2.1.2.1.1.4.1. 1440  
4 Feb

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Bn HQ., HQ. C. Coy E. Coy moving back to cadre camp will advise  
when change in l. of C. is made.

0915

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Bn. HQ., HQ. Coy est. Cadre Camp. no other change in dispositions  
2 Bn. tps.

0630

To All Coys from 2 Bn. HQ.

Received information Bde. HQ. that enemy aircraft carrier likely  
operating NE. coast of Aust. Take all precautions. Avoid concentration  
of stores and equipment. Examine all P.A.D. arrangements.

2300 6 Feb.

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Change in dispositions of Pl. HQ. 2 Bn. areas as follows. Seven  
Pl. 218577, Night Pl. 223576 Nine Pl. 226575

1235

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Disposition of unit tps remains unchanged.

0625 7 Feb

To Bde from 2 Bn.

No change in tp disposition.

0630

To Bde from 2 Bn.

C.O. 2 I/C 16 MG. Regt with C.O. 2 Bn. doing recce of Yaccaba area  
to-day Except here to relative "A" coy. in that area on night of 10 Feb  
"A" coy will move to tilligery creek area. Details will be supplied when  
available.

1055  
8 Feb

To bde from 2 Bn.

No change in 2 Bn dispositions.

0655

To All coys from 2 Bn.

Jap pplanes over Ballina 0455K. Canberra picked up plane on three  
on three first class bearings 18.30, 0417.52 using Jap w/T No further  
information

0520

To HQ. Coy & E Coy from 2 Bn.

C.O. directs that coy Comds. will arrange to have Jap aircraft  
identifications sheets placed in convenient posns and brought to notice  
of all tps.

1030.

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Checked dispositions of all arty. in Bn. area. Able only to  
locate one tp sixty pds ref Ncle sheet 802434

1135

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Duckhole sigs inform L.O.F.C. to be est to-day to tp. of 25pds.  
taking up posn in vicinity of Big Ridge.

1155

TO NCF from 2 Bn.

Two aircraft flying great heights towards north over Bn. area.

1155

To Bde from 2 Bn.

Anticipated that "B" Coy will occupy old positions ref H.Q.  
Ncle sheet 901474 and that "C" Coy will move to mcs trk. other unit  
dispositions remain unchanged.

0604.



10 Feb <sup>2ND</sup> BATTALION  
0600.

1/16

To Bde from 2 Bn.  
B Coy has taken up position at Medowie. No other change in Unit dispositions.

1/17

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
Firendly aircraft "Wirra" ways" attacking Cadre Camp in mock air raid.  
1415.

1/18

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
2 Bn. "A" Coy. relieved in Yacaaba area by "C" Sqn. 16 M.G. last night prior to taking over Tilligenry Ck. area 41 Bn., A. Coy bivouaced at Oakfield Lane. "C" Coy moved to ref. Ncle sheet 888417 otherwise disposition of tps. unchanged.  
11 Feb.  
0950.

1/19

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
2 Bn. "C" Coy. moved into new def. posns. est. H.Q. Ncle sheet 896405.  
1100.

1/20

To "C" Coy from 2 Bn.  
Wave A/A Bty. proofing to-day at approx 1000K all informed.  
1032.

1/21

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
"A" Coy. now in new def. posn. H.Q. est. Ncle sheet 959452 otherwise dispositions remain as for yesterday.  
12 Feb.  
1230.

1/22

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
"B" Coy H.Q. est. Ncle sheet 898475. 2246.

1/23

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
"A" Coy H.Q. have moved to Ncle sheet 949452. 2245.

1/24

To H.Q. Coy from 2 Bn.  
H.Q. Coy will supply 2 N.C.O.'s from pioneer Pl and 4 O.R.'s to report to 1 Fd. Coy. Heatherbrae, 0900K 13 Feb. for training in arming and disarming of anti-tank mines. Personnel will carry lunch they will call at Bde. to pick up one O.R. from def. Pl.  
1115.

1/25

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
"B" Coy. 10 Pl. est. Ncle sheet 895472  
13 Feb.  
0800.

1/26

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
H.Q. 13 Pl. "C" Coy est. Ncle. sheet 868387  
0930.

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To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
H.Q. 14 Pl. "C" Coy. est. Ncle sheet 898405.  
0930.

1/28

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
One sec. 12 Pl. "B" Coy. guarding anti-tank gun Ncle sheet 927464  
0930.

1/29

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
"A" Coy 7 Pl. est. H.Q. Ncle sheet 932427.

1/30

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
Secs. M.M.G.'s and mortars att. to various coys. will be shown in detail in to-days report.

1/31

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
Reported from A/A two flights of strange aircraft.- one flight of six other seven following one another. I.I.2.O.O.I.4.2.3.

1/32

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
H.Q. 9 Pl. moved to ref. Ncle sheet 937459. otherwise no change in dispositions.  
14 Feb.

1/33

To Bde. from 2 Bn.  
No change in dispositions, any tps..  
15 Feb.

1/34

To All coys. from 2 Bn.  
message received from navy reports indicate possiblity of un-

1/35 16 Feb 42

To Bde from 2 Bn  
No change in 2 Bn. dispositions.

To All Coys from 2 Bn. 1/36  
Bde. states that all immediate danger has passed in respect of unidentified ENEMY units off Pt. Kembla

17 Feb 42

From Bde. To 2 Bn. 1/37  
A conference of C.O.'s and O.C.'s att. troops will be held at Bde. H.Q. 1900k, 10 Feb. 42. Ack.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/38  
Received your message re C.O.'s and O.C.'s conference.  
18 Feb 42.

From BDE to 2 Bn. 1/39  
Ref. Field Security the following personnel will report to these H.Q. at 1030k 19 FEB. 42. for interview by H.C.F. officer, Capt. Hennessey, W.O.ii MacDonald K., L/Sjt. Q. uayle, L/Cpl. Mernane 13 Bn. Pte. Dolahenty G.J., Pte. Richardson, R/C., Pte. Masson. D. 2 Bn. Ack.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/40  
Received your message re Field Security personnel.

From Bde. to 2 Bn. 1/41  
Ref. field security message Q 273, personnel will not now report as advised. Units will now be further advised re date for reporting for interview. Ack.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/42  
Received your message re non reporting of field security personnel.

From Bde. to 2 Bn. 1/43  
Units will forward to these H.Q. particulars of Home pigeon fancy personnel on their strength in to be selected and att. to 1 Inf. Bde for special duties. Nominations to reach these H.Q. by 1800K 19 Feb.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/44 19 Feb.  
Cadre Recruit Coy. moved back from rifle range, otherwise no change in Bn. dispositions.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/45  
8 Garr. Bn. will test bridge lights 22 & 23 Feb., between 2100K and 2200 K each day.

23 Feb.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/46  
Recruit Training Coy. O.C. capt. Turnbull ref. Ncle 733425 has now been divided up and att. to various coys. bringing coys. up to full strength as far as possible.

24 Feb.

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To Bde. & 2 Bn. from 16 M.G. Regt.  
16 M.G. Regt. will patrol beach north to water point 865385 time of arrival 2145k, time of departure 2200k token sign green bush planted in reverse 100 yds. from water. Message sealed in bottle under bush. Patrol will consist of 4 men & 1 N.C.O. no ammunition carried  
24 & 25 Feb.

25 Feb.

To A & C Coy. from 2 Bn. 1/48  
Regarding night patrols you must have your maps of the area and the route they are taking in before 1300k each day. E.G. to-night's patrol must be in today, if there is any difficulty in sending it in you can phone to Bn. H.Q. Your reports can be sent by the first D/R the next morning.

To Bde. from 2 Bn. 1/49  
Arty. Regt. Firing will take place as follows:- 26 Feb. 0800k to 1600k from Violet-town and Redhead onto 1 Mile Beach Dudley and Smelters Beaches, 27 Feb & 28 Feb. 0800k to 1600k from Soldier's Pt. Rd. Salt Ash & Willaintown on 6, Fingal Bay & Anna Bay Ncle Bight

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21 Feb. 42

The Following is an extract from N.C.F. operation order.  
Manning of posts and issue of ammunition.

1. S.A.A. will be issued to all tps. Occupying forward defensive on the beach es and Headlines, on the scale of 50 rounds per rifle. Authorised ammunition per M.M.G. & L.M.G. will be issued to the secs. posts but guns not loaded until required for operation.
2. At all times there will be a sentry over the posts, in the present circumstances in hours of daylight tps. will be engaged in the construction of defensive work or in training, but posts must be manned ~~at~~ during the morning "stand-to"
3. The strictest precautions will be taken to prevent ~~to~~ the civilian population and to tps. and in particular it is desired that the following instructions will be at all times ~~kept~~ rigidly enforced :-
  - a) Tps. will only be issued with ammunition when occupying forward positions during the "stand-to" period in the morning which will be for one hour before sun-rise until one hour after sun-rise.
  - b) Rifles will not be loaded unless it is necessary to engage an enemy.
  - c) ~~When~~ tps. stand-down the ammunition will be returned to Pl. posts. and carefully checked against quantity issued, loss of ammunition is to be regarded as a serious offence.
  - d) Tps. will not carry ammunition when on leave.
  - e) Equipment clothing and rifles will be carefully inspected by an officer before the commencement of any training.
  - f) Subject to requirements of training or during actual operations safety catches will at all times be applied, particularly while rifles are loaded.
4. Coy. Comds will ensure that the above instructions and promulgated to all ranks.

W. T. Owen Major.  
2 Bn. Adm. Comd.

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All Coys.

H.Q. 2 Bn,  
19 Feb.

Intensification of Training.

1. Att. is a copy of E.C. memo on the above subject.
2. The C.O. 2 Bn. is in agreement with the contents and Coy. Comds. will see that the policy is put into effect.
3. not less than 48 hours actual training for work must be carried out (apart from administrative parades). This must include at <sup>least</sup> two night operations per week.
4. Coy. comds. are reminded that owing to the distances between coys. at present, a greater amount of efficiency and initiative in training falls upon their shoulders.

W. Gentles Lieut.  
for W. T. Owens Major  
Adm. Comd 2 Bn.

*J.*

Victoria Barracks,  
Paddington,  
N.S.W.  
13 Feb, 42.

INTENSIFICATION OF TRAINING.

1. It is desired that every effort be made to speed up efficiency in the training. The reason for such intensification of training is so apparent as to need no further comment in that respect.
2. The method by which training can be intensified is left to Formation and Unit Comds. but the following are some guiding factors:-
  - a) Longer period of training.
  - b) No waste time prior to the actual training period and during the training period.
  - c) Best use of all available instructors.
  - d) Insistence on proficiency in use of weapons and war equipment
  - e) Creation and maintenance of interest.
3. As regards longer periods of training, it is considered a minimum of eight hours per day for each of six days per week, should be devoted to actual training. This will not include time spent on administrative parade.
4. (a) As regards waste time the time spent in hanging about doing nothing must be kept down to an absolute minimum. Get on with the job in hand. This can only be done if officers and N.C.O.'s know before hand what they intend to do, during the next training period, with the Unit or sub-unit and have made the necessary preliminary arrangements.  
(b) To illustrate how time can be profitably spent take for example a rifle coy. moving to rifle range or coy. training area a few miles away!
  - (1) One pl. could be sent ahead half an hour earlier as a fighting patrol to see if the area is cleared of the enemy.
  - (2) Communication practice between the patrol and coy. H.Q.
  - (3) The remainder of the coy. to move deployed across country with the necessary scouts or patrols - practice air sentries. Training in wearing of respirator - posting A.A.L.H.G. at some defile etc.
  - (4) Co-operation with sec. of carrier troop or a troop of affiliated Atk. Gunns.
  - (5) On return to camp something similar or a forced march could be carried out to develop their stamina.  
(c) The above is only an example but if Unit Comds. are honest with themselves and think back they will acknowledge that at least 50% of such occasions which are numerous to move to such an area is carried out in a dull and routine manner.  
(d) Similar small technical problems which do not require elaborate preparations but brief verbal outline by the sub-unit or unit cmd. on the spot can be applied to all areas it is essential that all Unit and sub-unit comds. develop a flexibility of mind and be quick on the uptake.
5. As regards making best use of all available instruction officers and N.C.O.'s who come back from schools should be made the fullest use, it will still necessary for units to conduct regimental classes both for the training of the more junior N.C.O.'s and in the preparation of the work for the next day. Such classes as a rule should be held during the hours outside the hours devoted to training.
6. Unit and sub-unit comds. cannot be content except with a high standard of efficiency in weapons and in use of all war equipment generally speaking units now have sufficient for such training. Where it is not sufficient for the unit it must be used on a roster or a bul - ring system by making the fullest use of all equipment.
7. As regards creation and maintenance of interest it is not sufficient for Unit and sub-unit comds. to say that is being done. They will ask themselves what further steps can they take to improve the position. This will vary in every unit, and in every situation, but the real object can only be obtained when every man in a sub-unit understands instinctively what

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he is doing, why he is doing it and the best way to do it.

8. As regards these units engaged in the concentration of a defensive field work, every effort will be made to ensure that a roster be adopted whereby the maximum amount of training can be carried out, commensurate with the need for the completion of such defensive work.

L. E. Lee Brigadier.  
General Staff Command H. Q. E. C.



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H.Q. N.C.F.,  
Newcastle Showground,  
BROADMEADOW.  
22 Feb. 42.

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BEACH ELECTRIC LIGHTS.-.E.C. Memo S 11/177 of 10 Feb. 42.

It is advised that authority is given for the recharging of batteries which are used with B.E.L.'s at any local garage in the near vicinity.

B.A.Q.M.G. C.K. Mears. Major.  
N.C.F.

DISPOSAL OF WATER CRAFT IN 1 INF. BDE. AREA.

2 Bn requires the following boats for use, from previous lists submitted:-

1. Raymond Terrace. Area.

All boats at the shipping wharf Raymond Terrace with the exception of the steamers. They would then be distributed by the C.O. to various points according to the situation.

2. Tea Gardens Area.

Two passenger launches, 34 & 35 feet, the property of Corsman Bros. required at Tea Gardens for Yassaba personnel.

3. Swan Bay Area.

Five oyster punts the property of D. <sup>B</sup> Blanch, G Moffatt & one launch the property of B. Blanch required at wharf Pipeclay Ck. map ref. Paterson 9456 two launches at jetty ref. 964528 the property of J. Davis and C.W. Lilly.

4. Karuah Area.

The following nine oyster punts and ten launches:-

Punts:- 1 G. Neill,  
3 C.W. Lilley.  
1 W. Neill,  
1 Gardner, Woodward & Hoskins.  
2 P. Garth.  
1 H. N. Pile.

Launches:-

1 26' G. Neill  
1 40' W. Neal.  
1 27' C. Morton.  
1 24' A.L. Farley.  
1 20' P. Garth.  
1 30' J. Oliver.  
1 25' R. B. Morand.  
1 24' F. Spencer.  
1 30' C. Morand.

5. Arrangements will be made for all other craft if not required by anyone else, to be collected at suitable places and destroyed.

Sgd. R. Cox Major  
for F.P.M. Solling Brig.  
Comd. 1 Inf. Bde.



SECURITY OF SIGNALS.

1. The success of any operation depends on the extent to which knowledge of strength, dispositions and intentions is denied to the enemy.
2. Accordingly unless every precaution is taken to safe guard our signal communication and we can be satisfied in our own minds that every possible source of leakage has been checked and closed, there must always be a feeling of uncertainty as to how much information has leaked through to the enemy through channels which it was actually in our power to seal up.
3. Unless adequate means are implemented to ensure that signal offices are secure in every way and that no authorised person can be in a position to contact them, it is virtually impossible to claim that we have achieved the ultimate object - security of information.
4. Signal offices should never at any time be left unattended or not protected in a satisfactory manner.
5. Every member of a signal unit must be absolutely above suspicion and a continual check should be maintained in such units to ensure that any person concerning whom there is the slightest suspicion is thoroughly investigated and until cleared secretly prevented from being employed on any duties which might enable him to secure information.
6. Particular attention should be paid to security of documents etc. and to notes of any description which it may be necessary to be made from time to time. All such notes should be destroyed by fire immediately their retention becomes unnecessary and while in use they should be afforded the same protection as the documents they concern.
7. Lists of code names and similar documents should be very carefully guarded and their circulation kept absolutely within the limits provided. Their existence should be not in anyway discussed with unauthorised person.
8. The decipher of a message must never be written on the same paper as the original message and all workings must be burnt when no longer necessary.
9. Unauthorised persons should not be permitted to enter or remain unnecessarily in the vicinity of a signal office.
10. Persons visiting signals offices even in the course of duty should not be permitted to wait where they can over hear conversations telephoned or otherwise, which do not concern them, nor where they may have an opportunity of sighting messages etc.
11. Particular care must be taken in regard to telephone conversations, that the identity of the caller is established beyond question.

3 Feb, 42.

DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND THEIR DOCUMENTS.DOCUMENTS.1. After Capture

- (a) Separate Officers & N.C.O.'s from their men.
- (b) Escort ~~unit~~ will ensure that men throw nothing away. It is advisable if men are available, to have one or two to cope with the stragglers.
- (c) Officer's & N.C.O.'s papers should be removed immediately, label put in sand-bag and sent back to Unit H. Q.
- (d) Unit I.O.'s will provide sand-bags.
- (e) Unit I.O.'s will scan documents quickly for information of immediate importance.
- (f) All documents will then be despatched to Bde. H. Q.. Units will not examine documents. (This is done at Higher Formation) but will expedite delivery at Bde. H. Q..
- (g) Dates, times, area captured censor stamps etc. will be forwarded with documents and letters.
- (h) Do not kill all paratroops, we may wish to question some.

2. P. of W.After capture.

- (a) As in paras. 1. (a), (b), (c),
- (b) Duties of escorts 10% of prisoners. Big capture sent back in mixed batches when handed over from one escort to another a receipt should be given.
- (c) Units will see that troops and all officers are warned that they are not to examine prisoners or warn them of likely questions they may be asked later.
- (d) Unit I.O.'s will confine examination to identification of prisoners and identification of Units and location only. Only on rare occasions will further questions be asked.
- (e) If questions relating to above paragraph (d) have been asked, information gained will be forwarded back direct to Formation repeating to Bde.
- (f) Units will also state
  - (1) identity, if known,
  - (2) spot captured, time & date,
  - (3) information gained.

3. Handling of Pay-books and identity disks.

- (1) Unwounded keep.
- (2) Wounded keep until they reach C.C.S.
- (3) If discs are in duplicate, take one with documents.

4. Aviator prisoners.

No examination at Unit sent back as soon as possible to Bde. in the event of plane being forced down, every effort will be made to prevent the destruction of the plane.

5. Method of conducting examination of Prisoners.

- (A) Every examination is best before recovering from the strain of battle. Officers & N.C.O.'s give better information provided they will talk. Examination under intense battle arty. fire is seldom profitable.
- (b) With a large batch, parade and ask each man his name number and Unit, then make a selection of most intelligent for interrogation.
- (c) Prisoners are interrogated singly, keep those interrogated away from others. When passed back to next stage, see that I.O.'s are informed which have already been interrogated and information obtained.

6. Our men are to be instructed that if taken prisoner they must give only name, rank and number.

7. Our troops must be warned that they MUST NOT go through the pockets of dead and wounded or prisoners and take their personal belongings or papers or documents. They may, however, take weapons and ammunition if necessary.

8. All diaries or papers souveniered from prisoners MUST BE sent to H.Q. as valuable information may be contained therein.

9. GENERAL. It is units main responsibilities to pass prisoners and documents back to higher formation as soon as possible. Also sample of weapons etc.

R. Cox Major.  
(E.R. Cox B.M. 1 Inf. Bde. )

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H. Q. 1 Inf. Bde.  
2 Feb, 42.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

1. It has come to the notice of this Bde. H. Q. that information dealing with matters of vital importance to the safety of our troops and to the defence of Australia, has leaked out, this leakage must stop.
2. Units under command 1 Inf. Bde. will arrange immediately for lectures to be given for all troops, this will mean that lectures must be given to all Pls. and coys. at least three times on three consecutive days, this will ensure that nobody will miss the lecture.
3. I.O.'s and/or I. Sgts. in Bns and under command a responsible officer will be made responsible for the lectures and the C.O's will ensure that these instructions are carried out.
4. In giving lectures, the following subjects will be dealt with:-
  - Security of information.
  - Security of personnel.
  - Enemy agents posing as British or Australia officers or N.C.O's.
  - Prisoners of War.
  - Reasons for censorship.
  - What the troops must and must not do.
5. I.O.'s and officers who are to give these lectures will make arrangements to contact Bde. I.O. as soon as possible for further information on the subjects stated in paragraph 4.

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R. Cox Major.  
B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.

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H. Q. 2 Bn.

BATTALION

10 Feb, 42.

1 Inf. Bde.

NL60870 - Pte. Giacomo Spagnolo.

Referring to W.C.F. secret document 2150 File 30 Pte. Spagnolo and to a recommendation made by general staff Intelligence E.C., it is desired ~~that~~ to report that Pte. Spagnolo has now been transferred to a position regarded as "safe". Spagnolo has been transferred to the pioneer Platoon, for duties in and around the camp area. A close watch will be kept as to his various activities.

R. Eade, Lieut.  
for Major W. T. Owens  
Adm. Comd. 2 Bn.

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**2ND BATTALION**

N.C.F. Showground,  
BROADMEADOW.

N 160870 - Pte. Spagnolo Giacomo. 2 Bn.  
Ref. A1020/42.

Advice has been received that the father of the abovesigned and his three step brothers have been interned. They are all members of the Fiasco as is the mother.

2. Giacomo Spagnolo has not come on record.

3. In view, however, of his associations general Staff Intelligence E.C. recommends that he should be allotted to "safe" duties as far as this is practicable.

4. It would be appreciated if this sub-district section could be advised as to action taken in pursuance of this recommendation.

Signed B.C. McGregor. Major.  
Intelligence Corps Hqs. Sub-District.

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BATTALION

N.C.F. Showground,  
BROADMEADOW.

3 Feb, 42.

N160870 - Pte. Giacomo Spagnolo. - 2 Bn.

1. Ref. 2 Bn. Memo 1020 of 21 Jan. 42.
2. Attached for your information is copy of report by I.S.C.S. Ncle.
3. Please arrange for these H. Q. to be advised as to action taken in respect of para. 4 of the report.

J. Moyes Lt. Col.  
General Staff N.C.F.

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H.Q. I Inf. Bde.

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6 Feb, 42.

REPORTING OF EVENTS : MESSAGE WRITING.

1. When reporting events or happenings e.g. passage of ship, light seen at night, enemy movement etc. Unit will take particular care to include in the message the following:-

- Bearing from O.P.
- Distance from O.P.
- Time object or movement seen.
- Place seen from.
- Direction object travelling.

2. Example of text of message.

- (a) "0900 Hrs. white light 320deg. Cemetery Pt. 400 yds. moving south."
- (b) "1030 hrs. plane 11131211 over Bn. H. Q."

3. If the particulars stated in para. 1 included in message, this H.Q. will be saved quite a considerable amount of checking up.

4. Use of recca. code F.S.P.B. may be used if required.

5. Please give this your attention.

T. McGee. Capt. for Major  
E.R. Cox. B.M. I Inf. Bde.

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S 211/42. Secret.

H. Q. I Inf. Bde.  
9 Feb. 42.

Security.

Ref. N.C.F. 667 of 6 Feb, 42.  
N.C.F. 549 of 16 Jan, 42.

1. With ref. para. 5 of the above memo, copies of military Secretary instruct-  
1 to 4, are attached.
2. Please see that these instructions are passed to all troops as far as possible.
3. Units will notify Bde. H.Q. of present security officer.

M.O.O'Connor, Capt,  
for E.R.Cox B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.



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H.Q. **2ND** H.C.F. Showground,  
**BATTALION**  
BROADMEADOW.

3 Feb, 42.

BEACONS NOLE, BIGHT BRACH.

34 Beacons with large numbers on them have been placed along Newcastle Bight by I Inf. Bde. and surveyed by 1 Fd. Regt. on Zone 8 Grid.

Attached is a list of the co-ordinates of these beacons which are numbered 1 near Cemetery Pt. to 34 near Stockton. The distance shown after the co-ordinates are numbered from the last beacon and in the same case of number 1 from Cemetery Pt.

The Co-ordinates of Sweetlands Post are also shown.

J. Moyes Lt. Col.  
General Staff Newcastle Covering Force.

MILITARY SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1 issued on 4 Oct. 39.

1. Comds. must impress on all officers and other ranks serving under them the necessity for safe guarding information which may be of use to an enemy.
2. At the present time, it cannot be stated what nations, in addition to Germany, may enter the war against the Allies. It may be assumed, however, that whoever such nations maybe they have been taking active steps to endeavour to secure all available information about our defence preparedness, and may possibly be working out sabotage propaganda and other plans to hamper our military operations. Every possible precaution should be taken to render such investigation and activities as difficult as possible.
3. Every Formation and Unit shall forthwith appoint an officer to act as security officer who will be responsible to his commanding officer for the security measures of the ~~Formation~~ Formation or Unit. In Units which have one on their establishment he will usually be the I.O.
4. Details ~~of~~ of security measures are contained in the Manual of Military Intelligence, 1930, Chapter 7 Pam Nos. 2 & 4, of Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field, 1938. The following are the principal points:-

(a) Security of Information.

It should be a matter of discipline that officers and other ranks must never discuss matters relating to the Naval, Military or Air Force organisation, operations or movements of any kind, in the presence of hearing of any stranger whatever, whether in uniform or not, whether on duty or on leave.

(b) Security of Personnel.

Our troops must be protected against hostile propaganda and subversive influences. Arrangements must be made for intercepting dangerous literature, leaflets and propaganda of all kinds.

(c) Security of Material.

Arrangements must be made against sabotage and inspection by unauthorised persons.

(d) Security of operations.

The success of any operation depends largely on the secrecy observed during the necessary preparation period, leakage of information must be prevented.

(e) Security of Documents.

The procedure laid down for the handling and custody of secret and confidential documents is set out in A.M.R. & O. 1584 to 1595. These instructions must be scrupulously observed by all ranks.

(f) Security of Offices - Military establishments - barracks et

The procedure to be adopted is laid down in A.M.R. & O. 1473 to 1506 a complete ~~system~~ system of check and counter check is necessary to preclude sabotage and other subversive activities.

(g) Security of Signals.

Careless handling of signal traffic is a fruitful source of information to an enemy ~~and~~ the increasing use of wireless communication has increased the difficulty of securing signal traffic.

(h) Security of Cipher & Code Names.

Cipher is a secret means of communication and must be treated as such, code names are used as means of concealing the identity of Units. They must therefore, be carefully protected from disclosure to unauthorised persons.

5. It is essential that all ranks should have a proper understanding of the value and necessity of security measures. Security officers of Units must give the personnel of their Unit systematic instruction in the subject. Training will be carried out by lectures and inclusion of security intelligence measures during tactical exercises.

6. It cannot be impressed too strongly on all ranks:-

- (1) Agents of enemy or potential countries may be present in places where, and under disguises which they are least suspected.
- (2) Any matter which is the subject of gossip or general conversation may become known to such agents and so to the enemy. This knowledge by the enemy may endanger many lives and even the success of our course.
- (3) The only real safeguard is absolute silence on the part of all ranks on all matters connected with their duties, at all times and at all places other than when acting in the course duty.

MILITARY SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2 issued on 24 Nov. 39.

1. I am directed to forward the following general security instruction for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. The purpose of this instruction is to bring under the notice of the security officers referred to in Military Security Instructions No. 1 their duties and responsibilities in relation to security of information, personnel and material is laid down in the Manual of Military Intelligence Pam. No. 2, 1938, Chap. 2 Sec. 11.

3. It is the duty of Military Security Officers to police National Security in every aspect of it's Military incidence. Their major responsibilities are briefly set out as follows:-

- (a) To ensure that there is no leakage of information which could possibly be of use to the enemy.
- (b) To take all possible steps to anticipate and combat espionage.
- (c) To study and congregate information on tactical camouflage and deception as well as special measures for safe guarding of all forms of intercommunication in the field.

- (d) To take steps to protect troops of their Formation or unit against seditions or subversive propaganda and activities of any kind.
- (e) To take adequate intelligence measures to safeguard our war material and supplies from covert enemy action.
- (f) To ensure that the procedure laid down in A.M.R. & O. and other instructions are adhered to in the handling of confidential or secret documents, articles, cipher and codes A.M.R. & O. 1584 to 1595.
- (g) To enforce security orders issued and suggest matter for inclusion in Formation and Unit orders for the security of premises, camps, bivouacs, military establishments etc. which may come under the control of the Formation or Unit.
- (h) To ensure that all ranks of their Formation or Unit are instructed in necessary security measures, (M.M.I.) Pamphlet No. 2 (1938) Chapter 2 sec. 11 notes on concealment and camouflage (1938).
4. It is proposed, in later military security instructions, to deal separately with the various phases of military security.
5. Where the authorised est. of a unit includes an intelligence officer he should be the security officer, in the other units the commanding officer, should ensure that the security officer appointed possess the qualifications necessary for the efficient performance of his duty.
6. It cannot be too strongly stressed, however that notwithstanding the appointment of security officers in Formations and Units Commanding Officers are personally responsible for ensuring that all necessary steps are taken to safeguard the military establishments and officers, military equipment and stores of every kind under their charge and any information that may be required to keep secret in the national interest.

MILITARY SECURITY INSTRUCTION, No. 3 issued on  
12 Dec., 39.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

1. You are directed to refer you to military Security instruction No. 2 of 24 Nov. '39 which dealt with briefly the responsibility of commanding officers and security officers in regard to the efficient safeguarding of information in order to prevent any leakage which might possibly be of use to an enemy. With the view of assistance to security officers in this connection, the matters requiring their active attention are set out in detail hereunder.

2. In the first place, it must be realised that, even in time of peace, all nations maintain an intelligence system, one of the main functions to which is to obtain, transmit and collate information likely to be of use in a future war, with such activities assume more definite direction in time of war, owing in part at least, to national grouping into allies, neutral or enemy countries. Efforts to obtain information are not confined to fighting zones but extend throughout the countries and colonies occupied by the belligerents. Thus, at the present, while Aus. been invaded, there is no doubt that the enemies, and potential enemies, are endeavouring to secure items of information, some of which may be of little importance in themselves but which when collated with data from other sources gradually built up a picture of our defences, preparedness. It will readily be appreciated that any information gained regarding the use, efficiency and scale of our equipment may be an excellent indication, from the enemy's point of view, of the position in Empire generally as well as in Australia.

3. To take every precaution to prevent valuable information reaching an enemy is not only the responsibility of intelligence staff Commanding officers and security officers appointed in Formation and Unit but of all troops without exception. As previously indicated a chance remark, ~~made~~ made carelessly by an unthinking soldier, might well be of untold value to an enemy agent when fitted to other information which he has received. Accordingly, it should be impressed on all ranks that it is an offence, punishable under defense and other acts for any member of the military to communicate to any person other wise than in the course of his official duty, any information concerning any plan or document, or any other matter relating to the defence of the commonwealth in any way. (See Nat. Sec. General regulations 17 18 69 A.M.R.&O. Paras. 1584 1595, Grimes Act 2.. 79.. 1..2..2 .

4. Attention should be directed to the necessary for preserving security of information in relation to the following subjects.

- (1) Strength, efficiency and morale of our forces, before authorised official publication.
- (2) Location movement or projected movements of any naval military or Air Units or detachments, including the arrival or lack of reinforcements.
- (3) Armament or equipment of any kind.
- (4) Distinguishing signs used for identification of units and their transports.
- (5) Plans and forecasts for orders for further operations whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
- (6) Communications such as the use condition or probable extension of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations etc.
- (7) State of the maintenance services, including any reference to reserves.
- (8) Position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps, (This applies mainly in the theatres of operations)
- (9) Casualties, before official publications.

- (10) Affects of any kind of action by the enemy such as any remarks that may tend, if to publish to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people or to excite among the civil population a feeling of hostility, either at home or abroad,
- (11) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

5. All ranks must be instructed that it is forbidden.

- (1) To use other than plain language in correspondence.  
(NB) (Codes, ciphers and shorthand will not be permitted)
- (2) To send to neutral or enemy countries, photographs, films or pictorial matter in relation to service matters from whatsoever source they may have been obtained.
- (3) To communicate with the press or broadcasting authorities except through the authorised channels.
- (4) To insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence with strangers, or to enter into correspondence with any stranger, in response to such advertisements or invitations.
- (5) To reply to circulars or other matters from enemy or neutral countries.
- (6) To publish anonymously or otherwise, an opinion on any question of military policy or any other matter under consideration by any military authority.
- (7) To initiate or take part in any public discussion relating to military regulations or to orders or to instructions issued by any military authorities.
- (8) Unless authorised by proper military authorities, to promote or attend any meeting or gathering with the object of discussing or exchanging opinion on any matter of discipline or military administration.

6/ It may be accepted that our present and potential enemies have already a fund of information concerning our defence preparedness, but it must be the duty of all ranks to include as far as humanly possible the accumulation of further which will assist in the formulation of their plans against us. The most valuable of all sources of information open to us will be close if all ranks strictly observe the rules of secrecy.

MILITARY SECURITY INSTRUCTION NO 4 issued on 2 Jan '40.SECURITY OF PERSONNEL PART 1-

1. With a view of its being brought under the notice of commanding officers and security officers, I am directed to forward herewith the first part of more detailed information regarding security of personnel.
2. One of the surest of weakening the efficiency of any armed force is to sow and cultivate within the seeds of dissatisfaction and sedition.
3. In its early stages, subversive propanagnda is extremely difficult to detect, since those who are sent as agents are almost invariably highly trained intelligent men, who vary rarely give the slightest indication of being anything other than what they propose to be, namely, exemplary soldiers or highly respected civilians, as the case may be. They are infinitely more dangerous than the street corner or public park agitator whose utterances seldom receive serious attention.
4. The enemy agent worked by ~~manipulation~~ a process of subtle suggestion and without haste. He is frequently something of a psychologist, to suit the person who speaks to influence and what is important, he can generally recognise the man whom it would be dangerous for him to approach.
5. Since the detection of such ~~sub~~ subversive activity is so difficult the most efficient counter measure which can be adopted is to make the ground unreceptive to the seed. Hence the agent will seek to sow. All ranks should therefore, be made fully aware of the seriousness of giving attention which had the slightest appearance of being designed to create in their minds doubts concerning the successful conclusion of the war, government policy defence measures for local administration, or in any other way to cause dissatisfaction within the unit.
6. Troops should be instructed to report immediately any suspicion they may have in this regard direct to the unit officer and without giving any indication either to the person concerned or anyone else that they have done so. The same procedure should apply also of course, in respect of open criticism or attempts to cause dissatisfaction, or mutinous behaviour.
7. Upon the receipt such information, security officer should discuss the matter with no one, but the commanding officer, unless the commanding officer sees fit to take the suspect Coy Etc. Commander into his confidence.
- 8/ Direct interrogation of a suspect should be avoided at all times, but a secret report should be forwarded to commander or district HQ, as quickly as possible, and without going through the usual channels, at the same time, however, the next highest command to the unit should be advised secretly of the action taken.

( See National Security (General) Reg. 41 (a) , (b) , 42; A.M.R.&O.

Par. 328 Reg. (9) , (10) , (11) , (12) , Crimes Act 2, 24 abcd, 2 , 25.)



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CO-ORDINATES OF BEACONS ON NEWCASTLE BIGHT BEACH.

1.	E	509291.4	N	946844.4	1000yds.
2.	E	508300.2	N	946723.4	" "
3.	E	507303.8	N	946518.4	" "
4.	E	506317.8	N	946280.3	" "
5.	E	505349.8	N	946056.1	" "
6.	E	504383.4	N	945827.7	1003yds.
7.	E	503440.3	N	945527.3	988yds.
8.	E	502489.4	N	945215.6	987yds.
9.	E	501574.1	N	944984.7	988yds.
10.	E	500670.6	N	944572.7	977yds.
11.	E	499748.6	N	944256.5	978yds.
12.	E	498884.0	N	943889.4	979yds.
13.	E	497918.6	N	943580.2	1000yds/
14.	E	496996.5	N	943201.3	" "
15.	E	496060.2	N	942802.1	" "
16.	E	495120.9	N	942390.7	" "
17.	E	494181.9	N	942006.8	1000yds.
18.	E	493273.4	N	941580.6	" "
19.	E	492361.1	N	941160.4	" "
20.	E	491434.7	N	994740.0	" "
21.	E	490558.8	N	940280.7	" "
22.	E	489652.7	N	939818.1	" "
23.	E	488745.9	N	939358.5	" "
24.	E	487868.8	N	938860.4	" "
25.	E	486994.0	N	938340.2	" "
26.	E	485941.4	N	937693.3	1244yds.
27.	E	485198.8	N	937144.8	1000yds.
28.	E	484218.1	N	936518.0	989yds.
29.	E	483416.1.	N	936049.2	" "
30.	E	482693.1	N	935412.3	1000yds.
31.	E	481959.5	N	934712.8	" "
32.	E	481326.7	N	933908.5	" "
33.	E	480914.6	N	932996.1	" "
34.	E	480666.0	N	932201.3	" "
35.	E	482824.1	N	935704.3	Sweetland's Post.

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H. Q. 1 Inf. Bde.

14 Feb. 42. **2ND**

**BATTALION**

Officers Identity Cards.

1. Ref. 1 Inf. Bde. Secret 164/42 of 31 Jan, and N.C.F. 15441 of 10 Feb, 42.
2. All ~~RINE~~ passes issued by 1 Inf. Bde. will be returned to this H.Q. immediately.
3. Attention is drawn to paras. 2 & 3 N.C.F. 15703 of 13 Feb. 42.

T. McGee. Capt.  
(M.V.O<sup>r</sup> Connor. A/B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.)

2ND  
Cadre Camp,

BATTALION

*2/12*  
TOMAGO.

16 Feb. 42.

1 Inf. Bde.

Re Mr. Sandeman - Salt Ash.


It is requested that the above person be checked up and if necessary kept under notice.

Reports are to hand that he, whilst travelling from place to place, has been warned off certain prohibited areas where he has made a special point of going in order to sell his goods, in the nature of refreshments for the benefit of tps. .

Mr. Sandeman has shown exceptional interest in the disposition of tps. and has used the most extraordinary method of getting among them in spite of the fact that the areas occupied by them have been closed to all civilians. It has been reported by tps. that whilst on leave they were intensely questioned as to their disposition and asked to supply any information in respect of any other tps. in the vicinity.

One instance that might be given in connection with the above is that a Pl. comd. of 41 Bn. on questioning Sandeman on his being in a certain area was shown a pass which was signed by the Adj. of 41 Bn. identifying him as being an employee working on the Cadre camp of that Bn. when in truth he had been dismissed and instructions issued to have the pass destroyed. Further particulars may be obtained from the C.O. 41 Bn. in this regard.

R. Kado. Lieut.  
I.O. 2 Bn.



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BATTALION

Cadre Camp,  
17 Feb, 42.

1 Inf. Bde.

Duckhole Switch - Security.

It is desired to bring to notice the fact that the Duckhole Switch is manned by 4 signallers of whom two (2) have rifles, but none are carrying ammunition. This information was given to me by the above personnel when I called on Friday last., 13 Feb, 42.

R. Wade. Lieut.  
I.O. 2 Bn.

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H. Q. 1 Inf Bde.

6 Feb, 42.

SYLLABIC CIPHER.

Copies of syllabic cipher sheets are on charge as under:

2	Bn.	Copies Nos.	159/162 and 203/204.
13	Bn.	Copies Nos.	163/166 and 205/206.
41	Bn.	Copies Nos.	171/174 and 209/210/

Please confirm that these documents are held and forward certificates to these H. Q. immediately.

T. MCGEE, Capt. for Major.

(E. R. COX.) BM. 1 Inf Bde.

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BATTALION

Cadre Camp.  
7 Feb 42

1 Inf Bde.

SYLLABIC CIPHER.

referring to your enquiry document No. S204/42 it is hereby confirmed  
that Syllabic Cipher sheets are on charge to 2 Bn. as under:-

Copies Nos. 159/162 and 203/204.

R RADE. Lieut.  
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H.Q. Newcastle Covering Force.  
Newcastle Showground,  
BROADMEADOW.

25 Feb 42

ALL UNITS.

SECURITY OF OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION.

1. Ref N.C.F. Secret Memo 618 of Jan 42 paras 5 and 6.
2. Herewith series of countersigns to be used during March, 42.
3. Countersigns will change at 0001 hrs. on Tuesdays and Fridays.
4. Countersigns.

First Part.

Second Part.

Steam  
Alarm  
Post  
Railway  
Air  
Writing  
News  
Card  
Sports

Ship  
Clock  
Office  
Station  
Road  
Pad  
Paper  
Board  
Ground

OCO1 hrs.	3 March '42 to	2400	5 mar. 42
" "	3	"	"
" "	6	"	"
" "	10	"	"
" "	13	"	"
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" "	24	"	"
" "	27	"	"
" "	31	"	2 Apr., 42

J. Moyes. Lt Col.  
General Staff N.C.F.

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Cadre camp.  
6 Feb, 42.


All Coys.

Powers of Sentries to fire on suspected persons.

All coy. commanders will pass the information in the enclosed document to all parties concerned.

Re EADE. Lieut.

for W. T. OWENS Mjr.  
Adm. Comd. 2 Bn.





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BATTALION

Cadre Camp.

6 February '42.

ALL COMPANIES.

POWERS OF SENTRIES TO FIRE ON SUSPECTED PERSONS.

Subtended is copy of R.C. 1229 of 30 Jan. 42.

Referring to M.D. 36391 dated 20th October 1939, relating to arrests of, and shooting by sentries at, civilians, I am commanded by the military board to state that in view of the present position and while the present state of emergency continues, sentries safe guarding their ~~posts~~ posts or preventing the activities of the enemy, or unsuspected enemy agents, will take any action required to ensure the safety of their ~~posts~~ posts to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents.

If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.

Before firing upon any person the sentry should challenge the person to "HALT" or "I FIRE". If he does not halt and no other means are available for stopping him- such as calling the rest of the guard- it is the ~~duty~~ duty of the sentry to shoot, aiming low to hit, but not to kill.

Units will ensure that the instructions contained therein are conveyed to all officers and personnel on guard or sentry duties.

*[Signature]*

SECRET.INTELLIGENCE REPORT.2 Bn.Week Ending 2 Feb 42.

- (1) General movement of own troops.

As shown in daily Report.

- (2) Topographical Information.

Rain during the past week has caused the gravel laid down at entrance to E. Coy. areas to set hard and the entrance now presents a good solid surface. Sandbags in weapon pits and other posns. are being held quite firmly by the dampness of the sand.

- (3) Change in adequacy of air cover as result of bush fires-

NIL.

- (4) New roads-Improvements to existing roads- reconstruction of bridges with new load limits.

NIL.

- (5) Marked changes in seasonal rainfall.

The water posn. is still under control although for drinking purposes it is to be carted. The result of tests of water located in the Yaccaba area being carried out by the Hunter Dis. Water Bd. are not yet forthcoming, consequently the supply of water for drinking in that area is still at a minimum.

- (6) Copies of recee. reports-area.

NIL.

- (7) Special conditions affecting morale health and fighting capabilities of own troops.

All troops are particularly keen and fit. Those coys. in posns. on Yaccaba are working hard and defensive works in that area are progressing favourably, although it is difficult for them to get away on their one days leave, the fishing etc. keeps them interested and there spirits are high.

- (8) General remarks:-

NIL.

SECRET.INTELLIGENCE REPORT.Week Ending 9 Feb '42.

2 BN.

## (1) General Movement of own troops.

As set out in daily reports

## (2) Topographical information.

There is nothing to report in respect of coy areas. However in vicinity of cadre camp at present ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ occupied by Bn. HQ. HQ. Coy E. COY, and cadre camp recruits training coy, the ground is fairly even and presents a good drainage system, but the ground is easily affected by rain and becomes soft and muddy quickly, however, GOOD A/A pits and slit trenches have been dug and will stand for a lengthy period.

## (3) Change in adequacy of air cover as result of bush fires.

No change in the adequacy of air cover has resulted during the past week from bush fires though quite a deal of cleaning up has been done in and around Bn HQ. such as burning off old dead timber.

## (4) New roads Improvements to existing roads reconstruction of bridges with new load limits.

NIL..

## (5) Marked changes in water supply.

Water supply for Bn. HQ. HQ. Coy E. Coy and cadre camp recruits presents no difficulty at the moment, there being water laid on at the cadre camp but the coysat present occupying battle stations are experiencing difficulty in obtaining a suitable supply particularly those on Yaccaba there being very little water in the area for drinking.

## (6) NIL..

## (7) Special conditions affecting morale as 1th and fighting capabilities of own troops.

Due to the latest information re japanese planes all tps are now on the alert and seek further information. Morale is high and troops generally speaking are on the alert and fit and well although, diarrhoea is still presenting a difficulty. Mosquitoes in all areas are a big source of annoyance the whole day through and something to aid in the effort to avoid them would be appreciated.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ R BADE Lieut  
for Major OWENS W. T. Comd 2 Bn.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

2 BN.

Week Ending, 16 Feb 42.

- (1) General movement of own troops:-  
AS set out in daily report.
- (2) Topographical Information:-  
There is nothing to report in respect of Coy. areas. However, in vicinity of Cadre Camp, at present occupied by Bn. H.Q. H.Q. Coy., E. Coy. and Cadre Recruit Training Coy. the ground is fairly even and presents a good draining system, but the surface of the ground is easily affected by rain and becomes soft and muddy quickly, however, good A/A pits and slit trenches have been dug and will stand for a lengthy period.
- (3) Change in adequacy of Air cover as a results of bush fires:-  
No change in the adequacy of air cover has resulted during the past week from bush fires, though quite a deal of cleaning up has been done in and around Bn. H.Q. such as burning off old timber.
- (4) New roads Improvements to existing roads- Reconstruction of bridges with new load limits:-  

Nil.
- (5) Marked change in seasonal water supply:-  
Water supply for Bn. H.Q. H.Q. Coy, E. Coy, and Cadre Recruit Training Coy. presents no difficulty at present, there being a water supply laid on the camp area, but the Coys. at present occupying battle stations are experiencing difficulty in obtaining a suitable supply.
- (6) Copies of Recce. reports- area:-  

Nil.
- (7) Special conditions affecting Moral, health and fighting capacity of own troops:-  
Latest developements in the Far East has set the troops on their toes and all are seeking further particulars. Work is progressing more rapidly and training has been intensified.
- (8) General remarks :-

.....Major.  
Adm. Comd. 2 Bn.



23rd Feb, 42.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT 2 Bn.

## 1. General movement of own troops.

Recruit Coy detailed to forward coys. other coy movements as set out in daily reports.

## 2. Topographical information.

Nothing to report in respect of forward coy areas. Cadre camp site now levelled off and ground has been covered on path nowhere used extensively by ashes, to counter soft and muddy ground after rain.

## 3. Change in adequacy of air cover as result of bush fires.

No change.

## 4. New roads improvements of existing roads reconstruction of bridges with new load limits.

NIL.

## 5. Marked change in seasonal water supply.

Excellent water supply and drainage system at cadre camp.

## 6. Copies of reconnaissance reports - area.

NIL.

## 7. Special conditions affecting morale and health and fighting capacity of own troops.

## 8. troops in forward areas occupying defensive posn. and under going intensive training show definite interest in work due posn. in N.E.I. and raids on Darwin.

## 8. General Remarks.

NIL.

W. T. OWENS.

..... Major.

Ad Comd. 2 BN.

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HQ. 2 Bn.  
23 Feb 42

**All Companies**

Daily ration state must be rendered to Gr. Mr. daily per D.R. This state must show coy. strength coy. ration strength each day and showing those on monthly leave of two days.

This is necessary for ration indent and should correct. Rations will be rendered in accordance with return received.

..... W. G. GENTLES ..... for Major  
W. T. OWENS Adm Comd. 2 BN.

HQ. NCF.  
Newcastle Showground  
EROADMEABEW

23/2/42

COAST REPORTING POSTS.

1. Subtended is E.C. 475 of 18 Feb 42  
It has been reported that the C.R.P.'s are in some instances being manned by untrained U.S.P.'s  
It is requested that formations ensure that personnel allotted for duty at these posts are drawn only from trained personnel and not from those with little more than elementary military knowledge.  
Formations will further ascertain that such personnel are carefully instructed in the duty they are to perform such instruction will detail methods of reporting data to be included and the sequence for relaying such information.  
In the case of emergency, rapid relaying of exact information to formation HQ's is essential and personnel posted for duty at C.R.P's must be capable of carrying out such a task
2. All units will ensure that all troops entrusted with a similar role are thoroughly trained as set out above.
3. For reporting of aircraft the TELNORCAD system will be used.
4. For the reporting of shipping the data shown in the cards "ENEMY" (or suspected) Ships are to be used.
5. Supplies of both cards are forwarded herewith.

..... Lt. Col.

( J. MOYES)

General Staff N.C.F.

## UNIT SITUATION REPORT.

C.O.

Major W. T. Owens.

ADJ.

Lieut. W. Gentles.

I.O.

Lieut. R. Eade.

1. Bn. H.Q. situated at ref. N/cle. 1<sup>st</sup> to 1 mile 731428.
2. H.Q. Coy. O.C. Capt. Norris ref. 732428.
3. No. 1 Pl. Lieut. Bedford.
4. No. 2 Pl. Sgt. Hancock.
  - No. 1 det. Sgt. Hancock } 735423. These detachments are being
  - No. 2 " " } 725423. sited at convenient intervals
  - No. 3 " Cpl. Lefevre } around the Cadre Camp - dispsns
  - No. 4 " " } will be forwarded later.
5. No. 3 Pl. No. 1 det. Sgt. Curran. ref. P.S. 225575.
- No. 2 " " King. " N/cle. 901473.
- No. 3 " " Sneddon " " 881481.
6. No. 4 Pl. Att. to Bde. Carrier.
7. No. 5 Pl. Sgt. Mernagh.
8. No. 6 Pl. Lt. Pogo.
9. A. Coy. C.O. Major P.J. Meehan. P.S. 227574.
- O.C. Capt. Husband.
10. No. 7 Pl. Lt. Roach. 218577.
11. No. 8 Pl. Sgt. Simpson. 223576.
12. No. 9 Pl. Sgt. Jarvie. 226575.
13. B. Coy. O.C. Capt. Cummins. N/cle. 901475.
14. No. 10 Pl. Lt. McCarthy. 903477.
15. No. 11 Pl. Sgt. Franks. 895478.
16. No. 12 Pl. W.O. Roderick. Portion still att. to A Coy. 901472.
17. C. Coy. O.C. Capt. Walker. N/cle. 881482.
18. No. 13 Pl. Cpl. Burns. 887495.
19. No. 14 Pl. Lt. Partridge. 882483.
20. No. 15 Pl. This Pl. is non existence will be formed from personnel now training at Cadre Camp.
21. D. Coy. O. C. Capt. Lloyd. N/cle 828361
- This coy. ~~is still on anti-tank obstacle~~ is still on anti-tank obstacle as working party.
22. E. Coy. This coy. has now been divided up and is att. to other coys. under comd.
23. No. 19 Pl. Sgt. Rose. 896472
24. No. 20 Pl. Lt. Hester. 879476
25. No. 21 Pl. This Pl. is att. to recruit training coy. at Cadre Camp.

New Recruits.

A recruit training coy. has been formed for the 200 personnel recently allotted to 2 Bn., at Cadre Camp. O.C. Turnbull.

26. No. 1 Pl. Lt. Carroll.
27. No. 2 Pl. Lt. Clements.
28. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Schoefield.

Attached Troops.

28. No. 1 Tp. E Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt. O.C. Capt. Hawke. N/cle. 824354
29. No. 2 Tp. 833365
30. No. 3 Tp. 827360
31. 3 Anti-Tank Regt.
- No. 1 Gun Gunner Potter 927464
- (This gun is being protected by 1 rifle sec. from No. 12 Pl.)

R. Eade Lieut.  
Bn. I.O.



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UNIT SITUATION REPORT.

13 Feb. 42.

ADJ. 2 Bn.

Lieut. W. Gentles.

Unit.

2Bn.

C.O.

Major W.T. Owens.

I.O.

Lt. R. Eade.

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| 1. Bn.H.Q. situated at ref. N/cle. 1" 66 1 mile  |  | 731428. |
| 2. H.Q. Coy. O.C. Captain Norris ref. N/cle.   |  | 732423. |
| 3. No. 1 Pl. Lt. Bedford.  |  |         |
| 4. No. 2 Pl. Sgt. Hancock.   | No. 1 Det. Ref. 933424.<br>No. 2 " " 727426.   |         |
| 2 Dets. are yet to be placed & posns. prepared.  |  |         |
| 5. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Edser.   | No. 1 Det. Sgt. Curran, Ref. 933424.<br>No. 2 " Cpl. Cernish " 897406.<br>No. 3 " Sgt. King. " 901473.<br>No. 4 " Cpl. Paterson " 868385.<br>No. 5 & 6" to H.Q. Coy. for training. |         |
| 6. No. 4 Pl. Att. to Bde. Carrier School.  |  |         |
| 7. No. 5 Pl. Sgt. Mernagh.   |  |         |
| 8. No. 6 Pl. Sgt. Butler.  |  |         |
| 9. A. Coy. O.C. Capt. Husband.   | Ref. N/cle.  | 949452. |
| 10. No. 7 Pl. Lt. Roach.   | " "  | 932427. |
| 11. No. 8 Pl. Non Existant.  |  |         |
| 12. No. 9. Pl. Sgt. Brown.   | " "  | 948452. |
| 13. B. Coy. O.C. Capt. Cummins.  | " "  | 898475. |
| 14. No. 10 Pl. W.O. Rederick.  |  |         |
| 15. No. 11 Pl. Non Existant.   |  |         |
| 16. No. 12 Pl. The only section of this Pl. is guarding the Anti - tank gun at Ref. N/cle. 927464. under Cpl. McFarlane. |  |         |
| 17. C. Coy. O.C. Capt. Walker.   | Ref. N/cle.  | 895406. |
| 18. No. 13 Pl. Sgt. Francis.   | " "  | 868387. |
| 19. No. 14 Pl. Lt. Partridge.  | " "  | 989405. |
| 20. No. 15 Pl. Non existent.   |  |         |
| 21. D. Coy. O.C. Capt. Lloyd.  | " "  | 828361. |
| This coy. is still on anti tank obstacles as a working party and trainigg.   |  |         |
| 22. E. Coy. This coy. is divided up and is attached to coys. under command,  |  |         |
| 23. No. 19 Pl. Lt. Clare. One sec. of guns.  | Ref. N/cle.  | 868387. |
| " " " "  | " "  | 902407. |
| 24. No. 20 Pl. Sgt. Schoefield. one sec. of guns.  | " "  | 948451. |
| Sgt. Ray. " " " "  | " "  | 934424. |

- 25. No. 21 Pl. Cadre camp for training.
  - 26. Recruit Coy. O.C. Capt. Turnbull ref. N°cle 733425
  - 27. No. 1 Pl. Lt. Carroll.
  - 28. No. 2 Pl. Sgt. Franks.
  - 29. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Ellis.
  - 30. Attached Troops.
  - 31. B. Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt. O.C. Capt. Hawke ref. N°cle 815359
  - 32. No. 1 Tp. " " 824354
  - 33. No. 2 Tp. " " 833365
  - 34. No. 3 Tp. " " 827360
  - 35. 3 Atk. Regt.
- |                  |        |            |        |
|------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| <u>No. 1 Gun</u> | Gunner | ref. N°cle | 928459 |
| No. 2 Gun        | "      | "          | 940456 |
| No. 3 Gun        | "      | "          | 899405 |

R. Eade Lieut

I.O. 2Bn.

UNIT SITUATION REPORT.

20 Feb. 42.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Adjt.</u>
2 Bn. Phone Raymond Terrace 121	Major W.T. Owens.	Lieut W. Gentles.
	<u>I.O.</u> Lieut. R. Eade.	
1. Bn. H.Q. situated at ref. N'cle 1" to 1 Mile.		731428.
2. H.Q. Coy. O.C. Capt. Turnbull	ref. N'cle	732428.
3. No. 1 Pl. Lieut. Bedford.		
4. No. 2 Pl. Sgt. Hancock	No. 1Det. 733425 No. 2Det. 727426 No. 3Det. yet to be placed and posns. prepared.	
5. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Curran	No. 1Det. Sgt. Edser No. 2Det. Cpl. Cornish No. 3Det. Sgt. King No. 4Det. Cpl. Paterson No. 5&6Dets. all to H.Q. Coy. for training.	Ref. 933424. " 897406. " 901473. " 868386.
6. No. 4 Pl. Att. to Bde. Carrier School.		
7. No. 5 Pl. Sgt. Mernagh.		
8. No. 6 Pl. Sgt. Richards.		
9. No. Coy. O.C. Capt. Husband	ref. N'cle	949452.
10. No. 7 Pl. Lieut. Roach.	" "	932427.
11. No. 8 Pl. Non Existant.		
12. No. 9 Pl. Sgt. Brown.	" "	948452.
13. B. Coy. O.C. Capt. Cummings	" "	898475.
14. No. 10 Pl. Lieut. Roderick	" "	903477.
15. No. 11 Pl. Non Existant	" "	
16. No. 12 Pl. The only sec. of this Pl. is guarding A.TK. at ref. N'cle 927464 under Cpl. MacFarlane.		
17. C. Coy. O.C. Capt. Walker	ref. N'cle.	895406.
18. No. 13 Pl. Lieut. McCarthy	" "	868387.
19. No. 14 Pl. Lieut. Partridge	" "	898405.
20. No. 15 Pl. Non Existant		
21. D. Coy. O.C. Capt. Lloyd	" "	828361
	This Coy. is still on the A.TK. obstacle as a working party and training.	
22. E. Coy. This Coy. is divided up and is attached to Coys. under Comd.		
23. No. 19 Pl. Lieut. Clare	1 Sec. of Guns ref. N'cle	868387
	1 " " " " "	902407
24. No. 20 Pl. Sgt. Scheffield	1 " " " " "	948451
	Sgt. Ray 1 " " " " "	934424
25. No. 21 Pl. Cadre camp for training.		
26. Recruit Coy. O.C. Capt. Turnbull	ref. N'cle	733425
27. No. 1 Pl. Lieut. Carroll		
28. No. 2 Pl. Sgt. Franks.		

29. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Ellis

30. Attached Troops.

31. 3 A.TK. Regt.

No. 1 Gun	Gunner Potter	Ref. N'cle	928459
No. 2 Gun		" "	940456
No. 3 Gun		" "	899405

32. 1 Fd. Regt.

1 Troop 25 Pts.	" "	949489
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.V.T..Owens...Major

Adm. Comd. 2Bn.

UNIT SITUATION REPORT.Unit.  
2 Bn.C.O.  
Major W.T. Owens.Adjt.  
Lieut. W. Gentles.I.O.  
Lieut. R. Eade.

1. Bn. H.Q. situated at ref. N'cle sheet 1" to 1 mile. 731428.
2. H.Q. Coy. O.C. Capt. Turnbull ref. N'cle 732428.
3. No. 1 Pl. Lieut. Bedford.
4. No. 2 Pl. Lieut. Carroll. No. 1Det. 733425  
No. 2Det. 727426  
No. 3Det.) yet to be placed and posns. prepared.  
4Det.)
5. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Curran No. 1Det. Sgt. Edser ref. 933424  
No. 2Det. Cpl. Cornish " 897406  
No. 3Det. Sgt. King " 901473  
No. 4Det. Cpl. Patersen " 868386  
No. 5&6Dets. all to H.Q. Coy. for Training.
6. No. 4 Pl. Attached to Bde. Carrier School.
7. No. 5 Pl. Sgt. Mernagh.
8. No. 6 Pl. Lieut. Woolley.
9. A. Coy. O.C. Capt. Husband ref. N'cle 949452
10. No. 7 Pl. Lieut. Roach " " 932427
11. No. 8Pl. Non Existant
12. No. 9 Pl. Sgt. Brown " " 948452
13. B. Coy. O.C. Capt. Cummings " " 898542
14. No. 10 Pl. Lieut. Roderick " " 903477
15. No. 11 Pl. Non Existant
16. No. 12 Pl. Sgt. Franks. " " 901472
17. C. Coy. O.C. Capt. Walker " " 895406
18. No. 13 Pl. Lieut. McCarthy " " 868387
19. No. 14 Pl. Lieut. Partridge " " 898405
20. No. 15 Pl. Non Existant
21. D. Coy. O.C. Capt. Lloyd " " 828361  
This Coy. is still on the A.TK. obstacle as a working party  
and for training.
22. E. Coy. ~~THIS~~ Coy. is divided up and attached to Coys. as under
23. No. 19 Pl. Lieut. Clare 1 sec. of guns ref. N'cle 868387  
1 sec. " " " " 902407
24. No. 20 Pl. Lieut. Newman 1 sec. " " " " 948451  
Sgt. Ray. 1 sec. " " " " 934424
25. No. 21 Pl. Cadre camp for Training
26. Attached Troops.
27. 3 A.TK. Regt. No. 1 Gun. Gunner Potter ref. N'cle. 928459  
No. 2 Gun. " " 940456  
No. 3 Gun. " " 899405

28. 1 Fd. Regt.

B. Troop  
Troop Comd.  
G.P.O.

Lieut. Skilton  
Lieut. Power

Troop Position ref. N°ele. sheet 951438

G.P. " " Morna Pt. Sheet 023488.

P. J. MURPHY. Major.

for 2 Bn. Admin. Comd.

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File 6  
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Protection ammunition against bombing-shelling or M.G. fire.

G.H.Q. M.E.F.  
CRIME /3038/OS(4)

6 Sept. 41.

1. Experience has been shown that ammunition explosions are often caused by hot splinters or even by small arms fire. Tests have been carried out which have proved that a single bullet, .303 ball will, under certain circumstances ignite a stack of 25 pdr. cartridges. The reason is that the heat from the bullet ignites the cordite.

2. Protective Camouflage for ammunition Dumps.

The following extracts from a report by C.O.O. of the advanced ammunitions at Tobruk, based on the experience of recent months, and which has already been circulated is repeated.

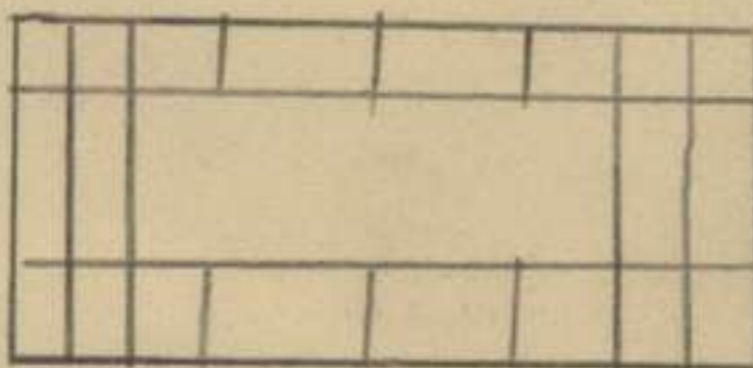
"Stacks of ammunition are kept a maximum height of 2 feet. They are irregular in shape and disposition, a minimum of 80 yds. between each stack of ammunition being maintained. In the rush to get all the ammunition out of range of the enemy guns, and at the same time to prevent his aircraft spotting where it is ~~being~~ being put down, it was impossible to put our dunnage down first, the rule being to put the ammunition down and cover with stones immediately. Each stack is now being lifted in turn and placed on dunnage, and it is hoped to complete this work in the near future.

Stones are placed all round and on top of the stacks of ammunition the side stones being particularly thickly thus.



- It has been found that
- (a) the stones absorb 90% of the heat, leaving the boxes comparatively cool.
  - (b) Owing to their open nature a free passage is left for air to circulate.
  - (c) The stacks are splinter proof.
  - (d) The stones render the stacks quite inconspicuous.

In areas where sufficient stones are not available, another method used is to fill Italian wood ammunition boxes with sand and place them around the stack of ammunition and on top. The top boxes should be without lids, for preference and should be placed on light battens to allow passage of air. Added protection of certain vulnerable types e.g. 25 pdr. cartridges, can be obtained by stacking thus.



This method enables complete pounds of separate loading ammunition to be stored with comparative safety. Small arms ammunition can be safely enclosed by 3" or 2" mortars.

3. Protection of ammunition in semi-permanent storage.

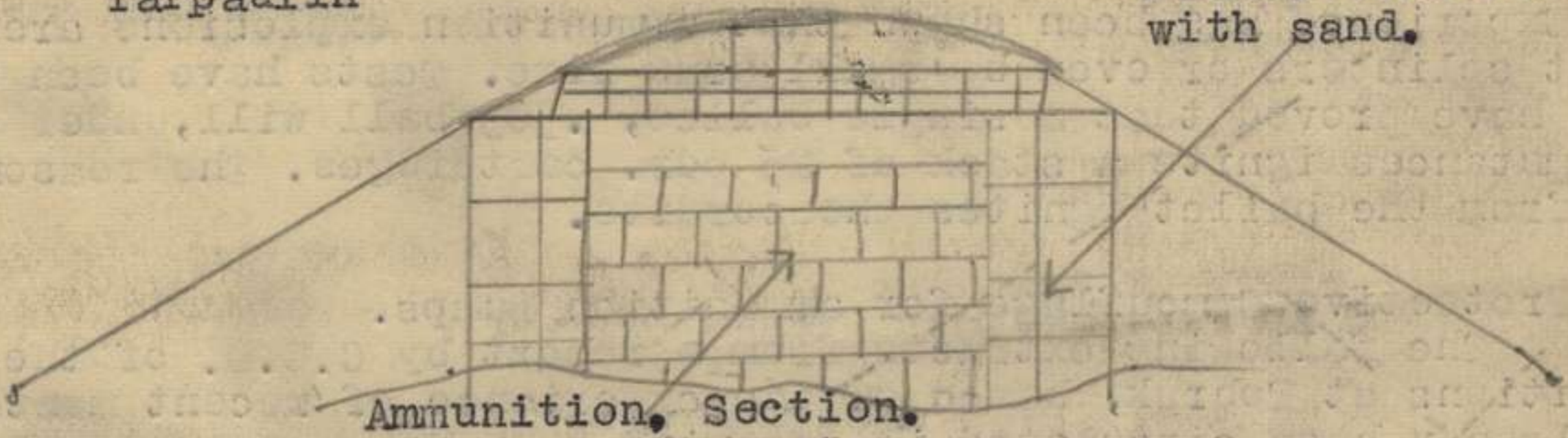
An equally ~~effective~~ effective alternative, and one which is more suitable for semi-permanent storage is the use of a four gallon tin, filled with sand. In the last war the ordinance ammunition depot at Salonika sustained during one bombing attack some seventy hits on ammunition store houses no explosion or detonation of the result owing to the fact that all stacks of ammunition inside the store houses had been traversed with walls consisting of double 4-gallon petrol tins filled with sand; similarly all stacks had been covered by a double layer of 4-gallon petrol tins filled with sand. We can learn much from this experience. Ammunition stored in the open with good head cover can be protected by the use of sand covering, or sand-bagging, or petrol tin traverses. The latter, provided they are not visible

from the air, have obvious advantages such as speedier and easy removal by building up a ridge of four gallon tins, filled with sand, and air space between tarpaulin or other cover and the top of the ammunition stack can be provided. This method is worth adopting whenever time permits.

Tarpaulin

Petrol tins filled with sand.

Ammunition Section.



Sgd. ....  
Brig. D.O.S.

*[Handwritten signature]*



In areas where sufficient stones are not available, another method used is to fill Italian wood ammunition boxes with sand and place them around the stack of ammunition and cover. The top boxes should be waterproofed, for a fence and should be placed at right angles to allow passage of air. The protection of certain vulnerable areas by sand can be obtained by packing sand.



This method enables complete stacks of ammunition to be stored with comparative ease. It is suitable for use in areas where sand is not available. The method is simple and can be carried out by the troops themselves. The use of sand covering, or sand-packing, or petrol tin tapers, provides a method which is not visible to the enemy. The use of sand covering, or sand-packing, or petrol tin tapers, provides a method which is not visible to the enemy. The use of sand covering, or sand-packing, or petrol tin tapers, provides a method which is not visible to the enemy.



WMCM. MC

Victoria Barracks,  
Paddington.

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17th February, 42

WAR DIARIES.

With reference to E.C.R.O. part 1, No. 5 - 42, Para. 6 the following are the material extracts from A.I.F. circular number No. a 4/1940 as applicable to the A.M.F.:-

1. MATERIAL REQUIRED.

Items to be dealt with in a war diary and its appendices are listed in F.S.R. Vol.1 Chap. XVIII, sec. 174 and 80, A.I.F., Chap. V and appendix A thereto.

In addition, other material of historical value becomes available for despatch to the base from time to time. This includes Unit correspondence files, laudatory messages, supplementary notes on operations, which were not to hand when the war diary for the period was being prepared and Unit periodicals.

Material of such nature should be addressed to the D.R.O. Sydney. The slightest possibility that any document contains some point of Historical value justifies its ~~preservation~~ preservation in this way.

The greater the value set by a Unit or the holder of an appointment on a war service document, the more important it is to place the record where it will be preserved, and where future recognition in history can be made assured to it. The D.R.O. is the best custodian.

2. POINTS IN MAINTAINING A WAR DIARY:-

The best war diary is one which supports a concise summary of important day by day events with a complete set of appendices. The fact that it may not be possible to complete the appendices on the duplicate copy should not prevent the original being made as full as possible.

The writer of a war diary should mention:- ~~(i) NAMES~~

(i) NAMES. Give the title of Units. Code names used in field messages attached as appendices. If proper names and titles are given in the diary the contents can more easily be studied as a narrative.

It is helpful if the diary gives the names of officers, commanding companies of a battalion or batteries of a field regiment etc. at the beginning of the operation.

(ii) PLACES. Unit locations should be given. On active service include map references. The war diary is a confidential document and it is meant to include this type of information.

(iii) STRENGTH. Give the strength of the Unit at all important stages of the period covered by the war diary. If this is done the historical record may not do full justice to the work of a Unit with depleted strength.

(iv) WEATHER. The importance of this and of local ground conditions is obvious.

(v) RELIEFS. The times at which reliefs took place are important.

(vi) ORDERS AND MESSAGES. Mention the times of receipt or issue of important orders or messages.

(vii) THE ENEMY. Information about the enemy should include

- (a) The state of his defences.
- (b) The degree of his resistences.
- (c) Approx. casualties.
- (d) Any identification of his Units.

3. APPENDICES.

Some of the above mentioned information may most easily be given at times by attaining reports as appendices to the war diary.

The appendices should in addition include:-

(i) MONTHLY REVIEW. It is of the most value if a review of problems and happenings within his province is attached to the diary by the C.O., the R.M.O., the Q.M., and the Transport Officer of the Unit.

(ii) MAPS. Operations and other maps, preferably marked, are required whenever, possible as appendices.

(iii) ORDERS. Copies of all orders issued to lower formations or detachments.

(iv) MESSAGES. All messages are sent, a summary of telephone messages, and patrol reports. Any other reports by subordinate commanders from which Unit reports have been compiled.

(v) DIAGRAMS AND SKETCHES. Diagrams etc. of special installations and devices are valuable.

(vi) ACTS AND GALLANTRY. A record of all acts of gallantry brought to the notice with the place and time of the incidence should be included as an appendix. When decorations are awarded, they should be mentioned. The originals of congratulatory messages to the Unit should be attached as an appendix. It should be emphasized that this is the best way of procuring the preservation of records of which the Unit is proud.

(vii) GENERAL. Attach every interesting map sketch and paper to the war diary.

Impress the Unit stamp on the top left hand corner of each diary sheet.

See that it is initialled each day by the officer responsible for the entries and signed personally by the C.O. each month.

Regard the war diary and its appendices as a living story and as a pledge for the Units further recognition in the annual of the National war effort.

(I.C. Roberts)

Major

A. AG. HQ. Eastern Command.

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**2ND**  
H.Q. 1 Inf. Bde.  
22 Feb. 42. **BATTALION**

PATROLS - MAPS AND REPORTS.

2 Bn.

1. Maps. Units will furnish not later than 1300 hrs. each day, commencing Tuesday 24 Feb, a patrol map as follows:-

Scale 1/25000 showing area patrolled route of patrol, timing, in and out and past certain posts, method of contacting other patrols, special points to be observed, strength of patrol, arms etc.

Maps will take the form of tracing paper, showing beach, line of coast, and numbered grid lines.

2. Reports Patrol reports, if not urgent (urgent reports forwarded immediately) will be forwarded to Bde. H. Q. by first D/R each day. Reports will include all information obtained during the patrol.

3. REPORTS TO BE FORWARDED IN DUPLICATE ETC.

4. The patrol reports also to contain a report on the efficiency of the patrol.

5. Suggestions for future patrols are also to be included.

6. Units will contact flanking Units with regard to their patrols and arrange that patrols from separate Units do not contact each other except as required.

Each patrol leader must know of other patrols out.

M.V. O'Connor. Capt.  
A/B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.

H. Q. 2 Bn.

A & C. Coys.

23 Feb, 42.


PATROLLING.

2ND

BATTALION

1. Attached is copy of 1 Inf. Bde. instructions for compliance.
2. Patrolling is to be carried out in accordance with N.C.F. memo 15838 of 17 Feb. 42. - "Some aspects of patrolling for a defensive position".
3. C Coy. will patrol to northern edge of Fresh water lagoon (924415) A. Coy. will patrol to Southern edge of Fresh water lagoon area. (901415).
4. Patrol reports will be forwarded daily to Bn. H. Q. by morning D/R.

W. Gentles Lt.  
for W T. Owens Major.  
Adm. Comd.



## Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

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Address

H. Q. 1 Inf. Bde.

Date

21 Feb. 42.

PATROLLING FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION.

Commencing from Tuesday 24 Feb., all units will commence constant night patrolling with the object of obviating any possibility of troops in strong positions ~~from~~ becoming defensive minded and co-ordinate the organisation and administration of recce patrols.

The object of these patrols is to create a sensitive front of the whole Bde. thereby getting valuable information for the Bde. Commander.

For a start the patrols will not be large and the routes will not be over long, but it is desired to eventually aim to cover the whole front with patrols.

It is suggested that patrols O I sec. be used. Bn. comds. will aim at giving coy. comds. and Pl. comds. every opportunity to show their initiative in both and administration of the patrol. Patrol comds. and "I" Officers will also receive valuable training in co-ordination these patrols keeping a daily patrol map and selecting with the coy. comds. suitable listening posts. Unit comds. will ensure that patrols return to their posts by 2400 hrs.

Patrols will not until further notice carry ball ammunition.

The reason being, that the possibilities of casualties amongst our own men by the patrols getting lost and contacting another patrol. Unit comds. will see that the reason for not issuing the ball ammunition is carefully explained to the troops as merely a safety precaution until the patrols become efficient.

Bde. comd. desires that the correct drill as laid down in N.C. F. memo and Infantry Training 1939 be observed.

Patrols will be made as realistic as possible, and patrol comds. will endeavour to instill enthusiasm into the men, realising that the patrols, which are training now may at any time become a reality. Commencing the aforementioned date Units will carry out the following patrols:-

Unit.	Patrol	Special information required by the Bde. Comd. in all reports.
2 Bn.	No. 1 Water Point 865386 to 16000yds. mark at 951423.	Active area Fresh Water Lagoon N/Cle 9141.
41 Bn.	16000 yds. mark to Cemetery pt.	Active Uralla Wreck and track in.
13 Bn.	Fisherman's Bay to Boat Harbour-central to Anna Bay-South Bay to Tomaree.	Investigation of Fisherman's Bay Boat Harbour and Pt. Stephens. Fingal Bay

Daily patrol maps will be forwarded to reach these H.Q. no later than 1300 hrs. the day of the patrol.

M.V.O'Co nner  
A/B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.

# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

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Unit 2nd Battalion Date and Time.—From 1 Mar' 42. To 31 Mar' 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
I Inf. Bde H.Q.	1 Mar'		Newcastle Covering Force Intelligence Summary No.24	File 3/1
" "	1 Mar'		I Inf. Bde. Operational Order No.3 AMENDMENT	1/1
N.C.F.	2 Mar'		Message In	8/1
"	"		" "	0/2
2 Bn.	"		Message out.	0/3
N.C.F.	"		Message in	0/4
D. Coy	"		Message out	0/5
N. C. F.	"		Message in	0/6
2 Bn.	"		Message out.	0/7
N.C.F.	"		Message in.	0/8
2 Bn.	"		Message out.	0/9
N.C.F.	"		Message in.	0/10
N.C.F.	"		" "	0/11
2 Bn.	"		" "	0/12
D. Coy.	"		Message out	0/13
C. Coy.	"		Message in	0/14
"	"		" "	0/15
2 Bn.	"		Weekly intelligence report.	4/1
1 Inf. Bde. H. Q.	"		Amendment No. 3 to 1 Inf. Bde. Operation Order No. 2	1/2
2 Bn.	3 Mar.		Operation Order No. 2	1/3
1 Inf. Bde. H. Q.	"		R.A.A.F. Station - Williamstown defence.	2/1
2 Bn.	4 Mar.		Message out.	0/16
1 Inf. Bde. H. Q.	"		Message in.	0/17
1 Inf. Bde. H. Q.	"		" "	0/18
1 Inf. Bde. H. Q.	"		Intelligence Training.	5/1

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# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar., 42. To 31 Mar., 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
2 Bn.	4 Mar.		R.A.A.F. Station - Williamtown defence.	File 2/2
14 Inf. Bde.	5 Mar.		Message In.	" 0/19
2 Bn.	"		Ret. 2 Bn. Operation No. 2	" 1/4
2 Bn.	6 Mar.		Unit Situation Report.	" 6/1
1 Inf. Bde. H.	7 Mar.		Air Raid Messages.	" 2/3
2 Bn.	9 Mar.		Weekly Intelligence Report.	" 4/2
1 Inf. Bde.	11 Mar.		1 Inf. Bde. Operation Order No. 3	" 1/5
1 Inf. Bde.	12 Mar.		1 Inf. Bde. C.O. No. 3 Dated 11 Mar., 42.	" 1/6
2 Bn.	13 Mar.		Unit Situation Report.	" 6/2
1 Inf. Bde.	"		1 Inf. Bde. C.O. Instruction No. 1	" 1/7
2 Bn.	14 Mar.		Advance Party.	" 4/0
1 Inf. Bde.	15 Mar.		Relief by 14 Bde.	" 1/9
2 Bn.	"		Weekly Intelligence Report.	" 4/3
N.C.F.	16 Mar.		N.C.F. Operational Instruction No. 5 Amendment	" 1/10
N.C.F.	22 Mar.		Order of Battle ( Provisional Mob. ) 1 Inf. Bde - 32 Inf. Bde.	" 7/1
2 Bn.	23 Mar.		Weekly Intelligence Report.	" 4/4
2 Bn.	30 Mar.		Weekly Intelligence Report.	" 4/2

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1 Mar. 4.

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| 1. H.Q. 1 Inf. Bde.        | 11. B. Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt. |
| 2. 2Bn.                    | 12. C. Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt. |
| 3. 13 Bn.                  | 13. 5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.  |
| 4. 41 Bn.                  | 14. 7 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.  |
| 5. B Tp/ 1 Fd. Regt.       | 15. War Diary.            |
| 6. C Tp/ 1 Fd. Regt.       | 16. File                  |
| 7 D Tp/ 1 Fd. Regt.        | 17. File                  |
| 8. Q Tp/ 1 Fd Regt.        | 18. File                  |
| 9 A Tp/ 1 Med. Regt.       | 19. File                  |
| 10. 9 Bty. 103 A/Tk. Regt. | 20. H.Q. 14 Inf. Bde.     |

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1 Inf. Bde. O.O. No. 3. AMENDMENT.

1. Ref. Par 8 (c ).

After 13 Bn. insert C Tp. 1 Fd. Regt.

2. Ref. Par. 21 (a).

For D. Tp 1 Fd. Regt. Ref. 877456.

read D. Tp. 1 Fd. Regt. Ref. 877445.

.....M.V., 08. Connor.. Capt.

M.V. O'Connor. A/B.M. 1 Inf. Bde.



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H. Q. 1 Inf. Bde.,

2 Mar., 42.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 to 1 INF. BDE. O.O. NO. 2 of 27 DEC. 41.

1. Para 6 (b) Alter to read:

"41 Bn. sub-sector - exce; A/TK obstacle-exclusive  
Telegraph Shoal-incl. Soldier's Point".

(c) Alter to read:

"13 Bn. sub-sector incl. Telegraph Shoal-Tomaree-  
Yacaaba-Sa;amander Bay".

2. This alteration is necessary owing to the topographical features  
of the country.

F.P.M. Solling Brig.  
Comd. 1 Inf. Bde.

## 2 BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

2ND

BATTALION

SECRET

Copy No.  
Date - 5 Mch '42.

Ref Maps: -  
NEWCASTLE  
PATERSON  
PORT STEPHENS } 1" to 1 mile

## INFORMATION

1. An invasion of Australia by Japan at or near NEWCASTLE is likely.
2. (a) 1 Inf Bde Gp is occupying a defensive position along coast from excl. R. HUNTER to incl. YAGAABA 2356 (PORT STEPHENS)  
(b) The following tps are under cond., as at above date:-  
One 25 Pdr Tp, 1 Fd. Regt.  
Three A/Tk guns - 103 A/Tk Regt.

## INTENTION.

3. 2 Bn and attached tps will act as
  - (i) Mobile reserve to 1 Inf Bde Gp.
  - (ii) Rear protection to 1 Inf Bde Gp.
  - (iii) Deny enemy landings and infiltration excl. A/Tk obstacle (836363 NEWCASTLE) to incl. A/Tk obstacle 957425 NEWCASTLE SHEET.
  - (iv) Protect A/Tk obstacle TILLIGERY OK. 942462/957425 NEWCASTLE SHEET.
  - (v) Be prepared to co-operate in defence of WILLIAMTOWN Aerodrome.

## METHOD

4. Distribution of Tps.
  - (a) "C" Coy. Group - Comd - O.C. "C" Coy  
Troops - "C" Coy  
One Pl. M.M.G.  
two Dets M.  
one A/Tk gun  
Tasks - Deny enemy landings and infiltration excl. A/Tk obstacle 836363 to excl. FRESHWATER LAGOONS 915413 (NEWCASTLE)  
Note - One Platoon to be kept mobile.
  - (b) "A" Coy Group - Comd - O.C. "A" Coy.  
Troops - "A" Coy  
One Pl. M.M.G.  
One Det M.  
Two A/Tk Guns  
Tasks - (i) Protect A/Tk obstacle TILLIGERY OK. 942462/957425 NEWCASTLE SHEET.  
(ii) Deny enemy landings and infiltration incl. FRESHWATER LAGOONS 915413 to incl. 957425 (NEWCASTLE SHEET).
  - (c) "B" Coy. Group - Comd - O.C. "B" Coy  
Troops - "B" Coy.  
One Det M  
One Sec M.M.G.  
Tasks - (i) Mobile Reserve  
(ii) Occupy defensive positions area junction DUCKHOLE-WATER BOARD ROAD with special reference to protecting approaches, quick moves for destruction of para. troops and counter attack.  
(iii) Be prepared assist in defense of WILLIAMTOWN Aerodrome.  
(iv) Detach one Sec. to protect A/Tk Gun at SCHOOL 9246. This Sec. to remain in position and is not to be used for mobile reserve task.

## METHOD (Contd)

(2)

4. (a) "D" Coy. Group - Comd. O.C. "D" Coy.  
Troops - "D" Coy.  
One Sec. M.M.G.  
One Det. M.  
Tasks - (i) Mobile Reserve.  
(ii) Occupy defensive posn. area ORCHARD 8849 -  
June. Road MEDOWIE - DUCKHOLE 8848 with  
special reference to protection of  
approaches, quick moves for destruction  
of para troops and counter attack.
- (c) Mortars - 3 Pl. less 5 Dets reserve at 885483
- (f) Carriers - 4 Pl. in reserve at 885483.
5. Artillery - One 25 pr. at BIG RIDGE 949489  
Tasks - (i) Mobile Reserve  
(ii) Superimpose fire on beach areas as per  
"Defensive Fire Task Table" (already forwarded  
to Coys.) Serials 8, 9, 10.  
General Arty. Tasks - See "Defensive Fire Task Table"
6. Anti-Tank Guns.  
One A/Tk gun on beach at MACS TRACK  
One A/Tk gun area SCHOOL 9246  
One A/Tk gun TILLIGERY CK obstacle 939446
7. Anti-Aircraft Protection.  
(a) Passive where possible. No firing to take place  
until definitely spotted from air.  
(b) 2 Pl. Comd. responsible for A.A. protection Bn H.Q.  
Area.  
(c) Coys. will mount one L.M.G. per Pl. by day, and  
where necessary one for Coy. H.Q.
8. Digging Policy. - Weapon pits will be constructed on slit trench  
principle, covered to give protection from  
air attack, special attention to be paid to  
camouflage. "Dug-out" complex is to be  
specially guarded against.
9. Wiring Policy - Mobile Res. Coys will erect protective wire only.  
A. and C. Coys will erect effective obstacles  
to be covered by fixed lines of guns as  
outlined in 2 Bn Secret memo "Policy at Strong  
Points".
10. Alternate Positions - All posts and H.Q.s will select and dig  
alternate positions.
11. Patrolling - as per 2 Bn special instructions "Patrols".
12. Infiltration - as per 2 Bn instructions "Policy at Strong Points"
13. Stand-to - All forward posts will stand to from 0400 to 0600.
14. Command of Strong Points - Sub-unit Comds. will appoint Comd.  
for each strong point
- ADM.
15. Water - Tps must not be allowed to drink water which has not  
been tested.
16. Water Board Pollution Areas - Feeder areas are enclosed with a  
wire fence. If it has been necessary to construct posts  
inside the fence they will not be occupied after  
construction but an alternate position at least 200' away  
will be occupied. Garbage must not be buried but will be  
carted away.

## ADM (Contd)

17. Latrines - In pollution area pan system must be strictly adhered to.
18. Iron Rations - These will be kept in strong posts of forward Coys. A weekly certificate stating that they are intact will be supplied to Bn. H.Q.
19. Medical -  
R.A.P. - Cadre Camp  
Each strong post and Mobile Coy to have a medical orderly and a medical kit.
20. Ammunition - See special memo "Manning of posts and issue of ammunition".  
Following is minimum quantity to be on the man or with the gun at all times:-

50 Rds per rifleman  
12 " " Pistol  
1000 " " L.M.G.  
14 Belts per M.M.G.  
12 Rds per Pistol, signal  
90 " " Mortar  
500 " " Thompson Gun  
24 Grenades per Pl.

S.A.A. Res. - Cadre Camp.

21. Engr. stores - Coys. will req. through Bn. H.Q.

## INTERCOMM.

22. Bn H.Q. - Cadre Camp.

23. Light Signals -

- (i) Signals for defensive fire on beaches are listed in "Defensive Fire Task Table" according to location of task. Signals for inf. in localities listed will be same as for Arty.
- (ii) Signal for def. fire (other than beach tasks) will be red over green.
- (iii) Pl. Comds are given authority to put up signal for def. fire.

24. Communications to Coys - Sig. Officer to arrange.

*W.I. Gentles*  
.....Lieut.  
W.I. GENTLES A/Adjt 2 Bn.

ACK

METHOD OF ISSUE - D.R.

TIME OF SIGNATURE - 1600 hrs.

## DISTRIBUTION -

Copy No. 1. "A" Coy  
2 "B" Coy  
3 "C" Coy  
4 "D" Coy  
5 "E" (M.M.G.) Coy  
6 "H.Q." Coy.  
7-8 1 Fd. Regt.  
9-10 103 A/Tk Regt.  
11 C.O.  
12 2 I/O  
13 Q.M.

Copy No 14 M.T.O.  
15-16 Bde H.Q. (for  
information)  
17-18 File  
19-20 War Diary.

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SECRET

Ref:- 2Bn OPERATION ORDER NO. 2

The following additions are to be made:-

Para 2 (b) - add. Det. 5 Sec 3 A.H.T. Coy.

Para 3 - make para vi:-

Be prepared establish def. psn. along line  
TILLIGERRY CK - PIPECLAY CK - KARUAI RD.

Para 5(ii) - Zone A (see memo "Defensive Fire"  
appendix to N.C.F. Operation Order  
No. 3 date 6 Jan'42) will receive  
priority over Zone B if S.O.S. is put  
up on both zones at the one time.

In Arty. Defensive Fire Tasks B troop will give  
priority to serial 12 on "Def Fire Task Table"  
and D troop will give priority to serial 8.

Para 20 - add :- Forward posts will carry in  
addition to above sufficient ammunition for 15 mins.  
defensive fire.

Para 23(11) - alter to Red, Green, Red.

*W. I. Gentles*  
..... Licut.  
W. I. Gentles A/Adj. 2Bn

SECRET.

Copy No. 2.

Date. 11 Mar 42.

Reference Maps:

MORNA POINT }  
NEWCASTLE }  
PORT STEPHENS } 1" to 1 mile.  
PATERSON. }

INFORMATION.

1. Information about enemy will be issued as it becomes available
2. 1 Inf Bde Gp. constituted as shown in Appendix "A" is situated North of HUNTER RIVER at battle positions
3. 32 Inf Bde. is protecting right flank from HUNTER RIVER inclusive South to BROKEN BAY.
4. 1 Cav. Div. is protecting left flank from PORT STEPHENS to QUEENSLAND border.

INTENTION.

5. 1 Inf Bde. Gp. will occupy defensive position excl. HUNTER RIVER - incl. PORT STEPHENS - inclusive NORTH HEAD and prevent enemy from securing PORT STEPHENS and/or R.A.A.F. Station WILLIAMTOWN.

METHOD.

6. Policy will be offensive defence with minimum tps. disposed in defensive strong posts for protection of supporting weapons and/or exit roads. Maximum tps. will be held in mobile reserve for counter attack roles.

7. 1 Inf Bde sector will be divided into sub-sectors as follows:

- (a) STOCKTON sub-sector; Incl. north bank HUNTER RIVER to incl. GOLF LINKS A/Tk OBSTACLE.
- (b) BIGHT SUB-SECTOR: Excl. GOLF LINKS A/Tk OBSTACLE to excl. TELEGRAPH SHOAL incl. SOLDIERS PT. Ref. 093572
- (c) PORT SUB-SECTOR: Incl. TELEGRAPH SHOAL thence coast-line to SALAMANDER BAY Ref. 125534
- (d) YACAABA SUB-SECTOR: North shore PORT STEPHENS incl. YACAABA incl. Rd. TEA GARDENS - KARUAH.

8. SUB-SECTOR TROOPS.

- (a) STOCKTON sub-sector - Comd. Capt. R. Scobie, D.C.M.  
"B" Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt.  
Five guns - 103 A/Tk Regt.  
Det. 5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy /Major E.P. Foster D.C.M.
- (b) BIGHT sub-sector - Comd. ~~Major E.P. Foster D.C.M.~~  
41 Bn  
One gun - 103 A/Tk Regt.  
"B" Troop 1 Fd. Regt.  
Det. 7 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.
- (c) PORT sub-sector - Comd. Lt-Col G.A. Patterson, 13 Bn  
Four guns - 103 A/Tk Regt.  
One 18 pdr. gun "Q" Troop  
Det. 7 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.
- (d) YACAABA sub-sector - Comd. Maj. J. Allison  
"C" Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt.  
One 18 pdr. gun "Q" Troop  
Two 3" Mortars ex 13 Bn  
Det. 5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.

9. SECTOR RESERVE.

2 Bn Comd. Major. W.T. Owens.  
Three guns 103 A/Tk Regt.  
"D" Troop 1 Fd. Regt.  
Det. 5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy.

10. Role of Sector Reserve will be.-

- (a) to establish watching posts and carry out defensive works in BIGHT sub-sector at WIPER'S TRACK, MAC'S TRACK, TILLIGERRY CREEK and TILLIGERRY A/Tk obstacle - this will relieve 41 Bn temporarily of the responsibility of this area.
- (b) Be prepared to counter attack in each sub-sector.
- (c) Be prepared to establish a defensive position along line TILLIGERRY CREEK - PIPECLAY CREEK - KARUAH RD.

11. Bde. Headquarters.

H.Q. 1 Inf Bde.  
"A" Tp. 1 Med. Regt. less one section  
Def. Pl. H.Q. 1 Inf Bde.  
"K" Sec. N.C.F. Sigs.  
250 L.A.D.

12. Artillery.

- (a) Arty. Task with rates of fire will be as follows.

Zone A.                   2 mins rapid  
                              8 mins intense  
                              5 mins normal

Zone B.                   2 mins Rapid  
                              5 mins Intense  
                              8 mins Normal.

- (b) S.O.S. tasks will be engaged in the following priority

1 Zone A.  
2 Zone B

- (c) Zones are as follows:

Zone A - PORT STEPHENS area - 215534 following coastline to 203543 (PORT STEPHENS sheet)

Zone B - 830355 to 215534 (NEWCASTLE and PORT STEPHENS sheets)

- (d) Expenditure of arty. ammunition for observed fire will not exceed the following scale without reference to commanders indicated.

60 pdr. guns	20 r.p.g.	Inf Bde. Comd.
25 pdr. guns	24 r.p.g.	Inf. Bde Comd.
18 pdr. guns (in support)	24 r.p.g.	Inf. Bde. Comd.
18 pdr. guns (Beach)	50 r.p.g.	Post Comd.
2 pdr. guns (Beach)	50 r.p.g.	Post Comd.

- (e) "D" Tp. will be so placed as to be able to superimpose fire over the front from Ref. 812336 to Ref. 006445 until required for mobile role with reserve Bn.
- (f) A. Tp. 1 Med. Regt. will engage targets on sector from Ref. 808313 to Ref. 956425 as directed.

13. Fixed Defence Forts:

Comds. of STOCKTON and PORT sub-sectors will be responsible for tactical defence and will closely liaise with Fort Comds regarding co-operation in close defence.

- 14 (a) R.A.A.F. Station WILLIAMTOWN. Local protection is provided by Mobile Coy. A.I.F.

(b) Calls for air support will be to this H.Q. thence to N.C.F.

15 Engineer Tasks

Tasks and priority list will be issued as soon as available to this H.Q.

ADMINISTRATION.

16 Supply.

- (a) Railhead GRETA.
- (b) S.P.P.s (i) BROADMEADOW  
(ii) WEST MAITLAND Showground.
- (c) D.P.s
  - SHORTLAND 812302
  - STOCKTON 810334
  - STOCKTON 824352
  - NELSONS BAY 214548
  - GAN GAN 159518
  - BOB'S FARM 035489
  - WILLIAMTOWN 881439
  - RAYMOND TERRACE GOLF LINKS 767491
  - TOMAGO 753459
  - BERESFIELD. 680459

17. Petrol.

- R.Ps NEWCASTLE, GRETA.
- P.B. WILLIAMTOWN 864428 nightly from 2100 hrs to 2200 hrs

18. Ammunition.

First line amn. plus sufficient for 15 mins.  
D.F. will be held in forward posts.

19. WATER & RATIONS.

Sufficient water and rations for 49 hrs. will be held at all posts.

20. MEDICAL.

- 1 Fd. Amb. has established.
- (a) M.D.S. at RAYMOND TERRACE Ref. 765496
- (b) A.D.S. at 960453
- (c) A.D.S. at 860413
- (d) 1 Fd. Amb. is to evacuate all casualties from Bde. front and in front of R.A.Ps if unit S.Bs are unable to handle casualties.
- (e) R.M.Os are to be sub-sector M.Os and are to provide medical attention to dets. of other units situated therein.
- (f) Prov. Coy. Allotment is to be made to 1 Inf Bde.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

21. (a) Location of H.Qs is as follows:

H.Q. 1 Inf Bde TOMAGO	Ref. 753415
2 Bn	Ref. 731427
13 Bn	Ref. 151575
41 Bn	Ref. 026479
B Tp 1 Gd. Regt.	Ref. 950487
C Tp. 1 Fd. Regt.	Ref. 100488
D. Tp. 1 Fd. Regt.	Ref. 877456
Q Tp. 1 Fd. Regt.	Ref.
A Tp. 1 Med. Regt.	Ref. 802433
9 Bty. plus one gun 10 <sup>3</sup> A/Tk Regt.	Ref. 935465
B Sqn 16 M.G. Regt.	Ref. 815359
C Sqn 16 M.G. Regt.	Ref. 223572
5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy	Ref. 957419
7 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy	Ref. 026479
250 L.A.D.	Ref. 753415

- (b) Intercommunication will be line telephone while possible and all auxiliary means will be exploited
- (c) W.T. will be manned and zoned but wireless silence will be observed until battle is joined.
- (d) D.R.L.S is in operation between units and Bde. H.Q. and from Bde. H.Q. to N.C.F.
- (e) (i) S.O.S. - Red-green-red Verrey lights.  
(ii) Not to be delegated below strong post Comd.



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- 1. H.Q. † Inf. Bde.
- 2. 2 Bn.
- 3. 13 Bn.
- 4. 41 Bn.
- 5. BTp. 1 Fd. Regt.
- 6. CTp. 1 Fd. Regt.
- 7. DTP. 1 Fd. Regt.
- 8. QTP. 1 Fd. Regt.
- 9. ATp. 1 Med. Regt.
- 10. 9 Bty. 103 A/Tk. Regt.

- 11. B Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt.
- 12. C Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt.
- 13. 5 Sec 3 A.H.T. Coy.
- 14. 7 Sec 3 A.H.T. Coy.
- 15. War Diary.
- 16. File.
- 17. File.
- 18. File
- 19. File.
- 20. 14 Bde. H.Q.

† INF. BDE OPERATION ORDER NO. 3. DATED 11 MAR. 42.

- 1. The following amendment will be made in par. 10. (a).
- 2. After "A/Tk. Obstacle" insert "this will relieve 41 Bn. Temporarily of the responsibility for this area".

..... Capt.  
M.V. O'CONNOR. A/B.M. † Inf. B

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APPENDIX "A"

Issued with 1 Inf Bde. O.O. No. 3 dated 11 Mar 42.

The following Units constituted 1 Inf Bde. Gp.

2 Bn  
13 Bn  
41 Bn  
1 Inf Bde. H.Q. Def. Pl.  
B Troop 1 Fd. Regt.  
Q Troop 1 Fd. Regt.  
D Troop 1 Fd. Regt.  
Q Troop less one gun 1 Fd. Regt.  
A Troop 1 Med. Regt.  
9 Bty. Plus one gun 103 A/Tk Regt.  
"K" Sec. N.C.F. Sigs  
"B" Sqn 16 M.G. Regt.  
"C" Sqn. 16 M.G. Regt.  
5 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy  
7 Sec. 3 A.H.T. Coy  
250 L.A.D.

Secret.

2 Bn.  
13 Bn  
41 Bn  
Wardiary.

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H. Q. 1 Inf Bde. 12 Mar 42.

1 Inf. Bde. O.O.No. 3 Dated 11 Mar 42.

C.Os. will prepare unit operation orders on present dispositions in anticipation of a quick relief of 14 Inf. Bde.

M.V. O'CONNOR. Capt.  
General Staff N.C.F.

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13 Mar 42.

1 Inf. Bde. Operational Instruction No.1.

1. The Units set out in the attached Appx. "A" will be relieved by Units of 2 Div. as shown.  
Such units will temporarily come under command of 2 Div. for all purposes except appointment & posting of officers & the administrative matters in transit or incomplete at time of relief.  
This period of attachment is estimated at 2 months duration.
2. Operational & administrative instructions, orders, plans, range cards, position stores etc. held by units being relieved, will be handed over to incoming units & receipt obtained for same.
3. Necessary adjustment of weapons, equipment, position stores etc. will be made to ensure that defensive fire power & operation of sectors is not effected.
4. Relieving units are to be moved by 2 Div. to locations set out in appx. "A" & will temporarily come under command N.C.F. For all purposes except as mentioned in par. 1.
5. Recce. of camp positions together with all necessary administrative arrangements. will be completed by 15 Mar. 42. Movement will be carried out in Appx. "A" attached
6. Btys. & Tps. 1 Fd. Regt. under Command 1 Inf. Bde. will revert to control C.O. 1 Inf. Bde. Fd. Regt. at 0600 Hrs. 19 Mar. 42.
7. 9 Bty. 103 ATK. Regt. Under comd 1 Inf. Bde will move under orders from Comd. 1 Inf. Bde. & CO. 103 ATK. Regt. in connection with ~~the~~ move and to adjust all matters appertaining to stores, administration and other necessary details.
8. Tps. under comd 1 Inf Bde. remaining in forward positions will come under comd 14 Inf. Bde. at time 14 Inf. Bde. take over 1 Inf. Bde H.Q. on 19 Mar. 42. Units will advise H.Q. 1 Inf. Bde. when relief is complete.
9. Stores & equipment where possible will be moved by M.F. Move to be completed in time for change over & occupation of positions to take place during hours of daylight.
10. Advance parties from 2 BN. 13BN. 41 BN. & 9 Bty. 103 ATK. Regt. etc. will move to Greta as set out in Appx. "A".
11. Capt. R. Wunderlich will be at H.Q. 14 Inf. Bde. L.O. for 1 Inf. Bde. from 13 Mar. 42. till completion of relief.
12. Sig Sec of 14 Bde. & 14 Fd. Regt. are moving to forward area with own troops. Sig. Sec. of 1 Inf Bde. & Fd. Regt. are to remain until 26 mar, 42. during which period signal system will be taken over by incoming troops.
13. Administrative instructions are issued separately.
14. Movement table is issued by I.A.Q.M.G.. N.C.F. & will be issued to units upon receipt.  
Distribution.  
H.Q. 1. Inf. Bde.  
2 Bn.  
13 Bn.  
41 BN.  
9 Bty 103 ATK. Regt.  
BM.  
SC.  
War Diary.

..... Capt.  
M.V. O'connor/BMI Inf. Bde

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2 Bn. 14 Mar. 42.

All Coy's.

ADVANCE PARTY.

Coy 's will supply advance parties as under to report at Bn. H. Q. with necessary equipment, & sleeping gear by 0830 hrs. Monday 16 Mar. 42.

Bn. H. Q. 3.

Coy. H. Q. 2 each.. ( 1 Officer ISgt. 1 O.R. ).

Existing Pl. H. Q. 1 each

" Rifle Secs. 1 each.

M.M.G. Sections. 1 each.

Mortar detachments 1 each.

The advance party will carry uncomsumed portion of days ration for Monday.

Rations for Tuesday will be arranged by Bn.

A.F. Woolley. Lieut.

RELIEF BY 14 BDE.

1. Movement will be made by each unit as per Appx. "A."
2. Trucks 3 Ton. will report to Units for conveyance of personell as under.
  - 50 3 Ton. Trucks report to 13 Bn. H. Q. at 0800 Hrs 18 Mar 42.
  - 50 3 ton. Trucks report to 41 Bn. H. Q. at 0745 Hrs. 18 Mar 42.
  - 50 3 Ton. Trucks report to 2Bn. H. Q. at 0730 Hrs. 19 Mar 42.
  - 6 3 Ton Trucks to Report to H. Q. 1 Inf. Bde at 0930 Hrs. 19 Mar 42.
  - 36 3 Ton Trucks report to 1 Bde Carriers School Raymond Terrace Golf links at 0830 Hrs. 19 Mar 42.
3. Unit Transport will carry stores etc.
4. Apon reaching Greta Carrier Pls/ will report to own units.
5. Camp stores presently held by Carrier Coy. will be returned to Unit from whuch obtained apon arrival at Greta Camp.
6. Crossing of Pontoon Bridge will be made with all due care particularly at approaches. Max. load on Bridge is 9 tons which must not be exceeded.
7. Personell from N.C.F. Provost Coy. will Controll Traffic,. " See remarks Column Appx. A. "
8. 9 Bty. , 130 A/TK. Regt. will provide own transport.
9. Report of time of departure ex present area and of arrival at Greta Camp will be made to 1 Bde. H. Q. & Greta Camp Respectively.

T.H. Sauger Lieut. 1 Inf. Bde.

Distribution.

N.C.F.	9 Bty. 103 A/TK. Regt.
H. Q. 1 Bde.	Carriers School.
2 Bn.	14 Bde.
13 Bn.	102 Res. M.T. Coy.
41. Bn.	War Diary.

1 INF. BDE. MOVEMENT TABLE.

Serial.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	S.P.	Routes.	M. I. H. V. T. M.	Remarks
1.	18 Mar.	13 Bn.	GAN GAN.	GRETA.	MORNA PT. 132507.	Ref. Map. PT. STEPHENS, MORNAPT. NEWCASTLE. PATERNON. SINGLETON. 1 Inch to 1 Mile. via ANNA BAY village to BOB'S FARM thence by old NELSON'S BAY ROAD TO SALT ASH SCHOOL via DUCKHOLE ROAD TO RAMOND TERRACE thence to Pontoon Bridge Ref. NEWCASTLE 713464 to Woodbury Village via BERESFIELD to W. Maitland. along parallel Street, Regent St, Singleton Road T to GRETA CAMP.	15 17	Parrallel St runs past W Mait Baths parallel to Railway Linee Speed across Pont oon Bridge 6 M. P.H.
2.	18 Mar.	41 Bn.	BOB'S FARM.	GRETA.	ADELIE TRK.	BOB'S FARM WILLIAMTOWN. RAYMOND TERRACE. thence Pontoon bridge Ref. 713464. to Woodbury village thence BERESFIELD. W. MAITLAND. parallel (street Regent St. Singleton Road. GRETA CAMP.)	DO.	Pontoon Bridge Ref. Map. N8cl 713464.
3.	18 Mar	103 A/T <sup>K</sup>	School Hill.	Greta.	R/Terrace Road.	Cabbage Tree Rd, Thence pontoon bridge Ref Ncl 713461 to woodbury village thence Beresfield W. Maitland, Parallelst, Regent St, Singleton Road, GRETA CAMP.	DO.	Provost Corps & guide at turn o off from road. R/Terrace. Hexham T <sup>o</sup> Pontoon Bridge.
4.	19 Mar	2Bn.	Cadre Camp.	GRETA.	R/Terrace Road.	RAYMOND TERRACE ROAD thence Pontoon Bridge, ref. NEWCASTLE 713464 to WOODBURY VILLAGE- BERESFIELD. W. MAITLAND PARALLEL ST., SINGLETON ROAD GRETA CAMP.	DO.	
5.	19 Mar.	1 Inf. Bde.	TOMAGO.	GRETA.	R/Terrace Road.	TOMAGO RD. to R/TERRACERD. to PONTOON BRIDGE thence WOODBURY BRIDGEVILLAGE-BERESFIELD, - W. MAITLAND. PARALLEL ST.,) REGENT ST. SINGLETON RD. GETA CAMP.	DO.	Provost to Supply personell to control tr traffic at Pont o m Bridge.
6.	19 Mar.	250 L.A.D.	do.	do.	do.	As serial 5.	Do.	
7.	19 Mar.	Postal Unit.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	
8.	19 Mar.	Carrier Coy.	do.	do.	do.	RAYMOND TERRACE . HEXHAM RD, to PONTOON BRIDGE Thence as serial 5.	do.	

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N.C.F. OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO.5. -AMENDMENT.-/  

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Para. 1.

N.C.F. Operational Instruction No.1 Should read N.C.F. Operational  
Instruction No.4.

A. Short Capt.

General Staff. N.C.F.

Distribution.

- Copy. No. 1. 2. 3. 4. I. Inf. Bde.  
5. 6. 32 Inf. Bde.  
7. 1 Fd. Regt.  
8. 103 A/TK. Regt.  
9. N.C.F. Sigs.  
10. C.S.O. Eastern Command.  
11. 12. 2 Div. 43  
13. Comd.  
14. A.A.Q.M.G.  
15. D.A.D.O.S.  
16. 17. War Diary.  
18. 19. File.



FOR WEEK ENDED 28 Feb., 42.

1. ENEMY.Pacific Front.

Sub-tended are copies of messages received from E.C. on 23, 24 & 26 Feb., 42:

23 Feb., Indications increasing importance "Kendari (Celebes) as enemy naval and air base. Raids on Darwin 19 Feb., caused considerable shipping and some casualties when hospitals hit. Damage to Military and R.A.A.F. Stations relatively slight. Our planes bombed Palembang (Sumatra). Extent of damage not known but bombs fell among aircraft on aerodrome. Two enemy fighters shot down, our loss nil. Butenzorg aerodrome in Java 30 miles south of Batavia attacked by 30 enemy planes 19 Feb., we lost 7 planes. Enemy unknown. Bandeong and Sourabaya also attacked 19 Feb., which cost us 10 fighters. Enemy loss at least 4. Our planes attacked Japanese convoy off Bali 19 Feb.. Large scale damage was done and although was made the remains of convoy was subsequently withdrawn from area. only about a regiment landed. Confirm landed 30 E. Koepang (Timor) 20 Feb., and indications landing west of Dilli. Still no communication with Timor.

24 Feb., Our naval forces attacked Japanese S.E. of Bali 19 Feb., 1 enemy cruiser and 1 destroyer torpedoed 1 cruiser damaged by gunfire. One of our destroyers missing, 1 cruiser damaged. Our aircraft attacked this force 20 Feb. ~~my~~ claim direct hit on three cruisers, two other warships, one transport sunk. Further air attacks this force ordered but targets not located. Jap. camp and aerodrome Den-pasar bombed alternative target Timor communications cut Moresby one air-craft no bombs 22 Feb..

26 Feb., Aerodrome 16 miles East of Koepang captured by Japanese parachute troops. Japanese landing three miles S.W. of Dilli. Air recce reveals one aircraft carrier two cruisers, three destroyers one transport stationary off Dilli 1500 enemy parachute troops observed 14 miles East of Koepang 24 Feb. no army damage raid Moresby 24 Feb. 69 bombs dropped raid Seven Mile Aerodrome, Moresby, runways not damaged. Two our planes destroyed on ground, further raid 1230 hrs. to-day. no details. One Japanese dropped four bombs Slamaua 25 Feb..

2. Own Troops. General disposition of own troops remains unchanged, Further extensions to and strengthening of forward positions are being proceeded with. whilst troops in rear are doing a course of intensive training.
3. Notes on chemical warfare. The Japanese for some years passed, have been engaged on the development of the means of employing chemical warfare in their army and air force. They are known to have organized a chemical warfare department and they have est. units of chemical warfare troops. They have est. factories for the manufacture of poison, worked out a system of anti-gas defence and have issued an efficient type of service respirator to the army. It should be remembered that Japan did ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925, prohibiting the use of gas and so therefore are under no obligation to refrain from its use.

They have made considerable strides since 1935 in the development of chemical industry. They are now producing considerable quantities of chlorine, phosgene, chloropicrin, di-phosgene C.A.P. arsenic trichloride, mustard, lewisite and A.A. although available information indicates that tear-gas, toxic smoke, incendiary and vesicant and shells are the only form of chemicals which may have been used during the Sino-Japanese hostilities, we should be prepared for the use of lethal gas on a large scale.

At Ichang, when the Japanese used gas shells on the Chinese, containing a 50% mixture of Lewisite and mustard, out of 3000 troops on whom the shells were used, there were 1500 casualties of which 500 proved fatal.

4. Changes in seasonal water supply. Light steady rain has not greatly improved sources of supply. However, now spear points have located good water in forward area.

5. Morale and health. Morale is excellent and health is generally good. For example the following report has been received from one Unit; conduct of troops during the exercises lately has been exemplary, they have created a good impression for the battalion in all new towns visited during the last fortnight. The men are in first rate condition due to the vigorous exercise and hard living during the manouvre.

6. Battle practise by 33 Bn. On morning of 24 Feb., in vicinity of Wybung Head, Lake Macquarie Sheet, 33 Bn. H.Q. plus 3 rifle coys. each with one Platoon M.M.G. and one mortar Det. attached carried out battle practise.

Z troop R.A.A. was under command 33 Bn,

Two planes from Williamtown air base co-operated.

The narative showed that an enemy force had made a landing at dawn and had secured the fresh water Creek and the features around it. The battle practise took the form of an attack against three objectives. They were the high features around the watering point. They were in a triangular formation with the apex towards the attacking troops, and the centre coy. and attached troops captured and consolidated this apex feature from which they covered the approach of the two flanking coys. This coy. used hand grenades to mop up their objectives. The fire from this coy. together with the fire from the supporting artillery and M.M.G and mortars attached to the flank coys. enabled an uninterupted advance onto the main objective. Supporting fire on both objectives was given by Z troop from a position along Chain Valley Road. Although at first the troops should nervousness at the noise of the supporting fire they quickly recovered and carried on quite naturally. The fire of the supporting M.M.G.s was controlled by the rifle coy. cmd. using verrey lights. Green calling for fire and red to cease firing. Intercommunication was by 108 sets between Bn. H. Q., and rifle coys. H.Q... These sets worked effidiently throughout the exercise. 24 messages were received by Bn. H.Q. from the attacking coys. during the course of the exercise. Control was good throughout the exercise. The troops crossed the start line on time in good formation.

The main value derived from the exercise was:-

1. It showed the troops the value of supporting arms.
2. It gave them confidence in the ability of the supporting weapons.
3. It gave the personnel of the supporting arms confidence in their weapons ~~in their~~ and their ability to use same.
4. Sub-unit comds. had good traiping in controlling their cmd. under conditions as near to service conditions as possible.

7. General. A troop of 4 18 pr. Mark 11 guns co-operated with the Infantry Unit and fired live shell over the advancing troops. Concentrations were fired on three areas and the shooting was very accurate indeed.

This is the first occassion in recne t times that live artillery ammunition has been fired over Infantry in this area for training purposes. This practise is considered very desirable as it accustoms the Infantry to the sound of artillery fire overhead and gives them confidence in their supporting arms.

Unfortunately only a small amount of ammunition was available, which prevented the troop firing for a length of time which would have been the case under active service conditions. This may have created a wrong impression in some minds. From the artillery point of view, the opportunity to co-operate in an exercise of this nature is very valuable for training.

- (1) General movements of own troops:-  
As shown in daily reports.
- (2) Topographical information:-  
No change in respect of forward coy. areas, cadre camp area being ~~exchanged~~ cleaned up and levelled as extensions completed.
- (3) Change in adequacy of air cover as result of bush fires:-  
No change.
- (4) New roads-improvements to existing roads-reconstruction of bridges with new load limits:-  
Nil.
- (5) Marked change in seasonal water supply:-  
Excellent water supply. All showers and washrooms now completed and in use.
- (6) Copies of Recce reports - area.  
Nil.
- (7) Special conditions affecting morale health and fighting capacity of own troops.  
Troops eagerly seek news of daily position in N.E.I. and islands close to Australia resulting in intense interest being shown and also in training and work, particularly night patrols.
- (8) General Remarks:-

W. Gentles Lieut. Adjt..  
for W.T.Owens Major  
Adm. Comd. 2 Bn.

2 Battalion.

for week ending 9 Mar, 42.

(1) General movements of own troops:-  
As shown in daily report.

(2) Topographical information:-

Sand hills in forward positions are causing a good deal of trouble in respect of wiring, which in places, due to shifting sand has been covered and uncovered repeatedly, also weapon pits, which have to be continually emptied of drift sand. The area which constitutes the living quarters of forward troops are covered with thick tall scrub, the terrain being very loose and dirty. In "C" Coy area, Mac's Tk. a number of death-adders and goannas have been located.

(3) Change in adequacy of air cover as a result of bush fires:-  
No change.

(4) New roads-improvements to existing roads-reconstruction of bridges with new load limits:-

The bridge ref. Raymond Terrace sheet 1/25000-838495- is now being reconstructed but reconstruction will cause no delay to traffic. Oakfield Lane, Mac's Tk and Wiper's Tk. are slowly deteriorating as a result of constant use and foundation of large stones is now working to surface which makes it difficult for M.T.. The Water Board road, north of rd. junction Water Board Duckhille, is now in a state of disrepair due to constant use by the artillery. The Soldier's Pt. road from turn-off on main Nelson's Bay rd. is in a bad way and M.T. has to proceed over it at a very slow rate. The rd. from Fingal Bay to Cemetery Ot. is very difficult the surface consisting of loose sand.

(5) Marked change in seasonal water supply:-

Excellent water supply-all showers and wash rooms now complete and in use at Cadre Camp - a good water supply in the forward positions has been located by the use of spear points.

(6) Copies of recce reports-area:-  
Nil.

(7) Special conditions affecting morale-health and fighting capacity of own troops:-

Tps. are eagerly seeking news as to the position in the island north of Australia and Japanese movements, resulting in increased interest in work and the men are carrying out their patrols earnestly. A matter being generally discussed among the tps. is the question of equipment, particularly since some of the rifles on issue are very old and in some cases unserviceable.

(8) General remarks:-

C.O. and officers of 2 Bn. carried out a preliminary recce of the Little Swan Bay, Lemon Tree passage also the Pt. Stephens Morna Point, Lateral Track areas in respect of rds. which remain almost unchanged except as set out above.

Sgd. W.T. Owens Major,  
Adm. Comd. 2 Bn..

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1. General movement of own troops.  
Set out in daily training report.
2. Topographical information.  
Sand still giving trouble in forward positions otherwise no change
3. Change in adequacy of air cover as a result of bush fires.  
No change.
4. New roads improvements to existing roads reconstruction of bridges.  
No improvement, in roads reported previously.
5. Marked change in seasonal water supply.  
Spearpoints in forward areas giving good water supply.

**6. Copies of pop recon. reports, areas, HIL.**

**7. special conditions effecting morale health & fighting capacity of own troops.**  
Morale of troops high work proceeding satisfactorily on defensive positions. Particular interest taken in news of war areas now close to Australian shores.

**8. General Remarks.**

Presence of American fighting personnel in locality has increased confidence of forward troops. The sight of American warplanes continually in this area causes much discussion & troops show much interest in discussing the various types & their performances.

*Eric Hunt*

Comd. 2Bn.

4/1/42

1. General Movement of Own Troops.

Bn. Moved per M.T. Convoy from forward positions on Coastal Sector to Training Camp Greta. Movement carried out according to schedule and troops are now training to syllabus laid down.

2. Topographical Information.

3. Chang in adequacy of air cover as a result of bush fires.

4. New roads improvements to existing roads reconstruction of bridges.

5. Marked change in seasonal water supply.

6. Copies of recce. reports & areas.

7. Special conditions effecting morale, health & fighting capacity of own troops.

Althgh movement from coastal area was made for the most part in rain and troops were wet & tired, but their morale was particularly high resulting in more than the usual interest in all the movements.

8. General Remarks.

Troops are watching very keenly the position in Northern Australia. & Near East. The seriousness of the countries nearness to ~~war~~ the war area should stimulate training in the coming weeks.

W. Gentles. Lieut.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

UNIT 2 Bn.

Week Ending 30 Mar' 42.

1. General Movement of Own Troops.

As set out in daily reports as submitted.

2. Topographical Information.

Camp area very muddy after heavy rain.

3. Change in Adequacy of Air Cover as a Result of Bush Fires.

Nil.

4. New Road Improvements to Existing Roads, Reconstruction of Bridges.

Nil.

5. Marked Change in Seasonal Water Supply.

Nil.

6. Copies of Recce. Reports & Areas.

Nil.

7. Special Conditions Effecting Morale Health & Fighting Capacity Own Troops.

Morale high while carrying out recapitulation training.

8. General Remarks.

All personel have been blood grouped.  
Bn. has completed throwing of H.E. Grenades on Grenade Range- Troops taking very keen interest in this new phrase of their training.

R..BADE.Lt...  
for P.J.J. Meehan Mjr. Adm. Comd.  
2 Bn.

MISCELLANEOUS.

File 5.

Document I.



4 Mar., 42.

INTELLIGENCE TRAINING.

1. Recent events in the Pacific Zone have made it more and more apparent that we must get our "Intelligence House" in order.

2. Brigade Commanders will see that the following points are taken into consideration now so that "I" will be in a position to make proper ~~contribution~~ contribution in the coming fight against a clever, craftable and determined enemy.

3. Personnel.

- (a) Are the necessary personnel in "I" sections functioning?
- (b) Units will train double the establishment in "I" duties.
- (c) "I" section will be trained to pass information upwards downwards, downwards and sideways immediately.
- (d) Does the I.O. keep the C.O. fully informed?
- (e) Does the C $\frac{1}{2}$ O. take the I.O. into his confidence, the I.O. cannot do his job properly unless this is so.
- (f) All "I" section personnel will be instructed in cipher duties.

4. Maps and Map Reading.

- (a) Map supply is not unlimited and Units will take the greatest care in preservation of same.
- (b) A small reserve shall be carried by each "I" section if possible. It is realised, of course, that owing to the supply being limited this is not always possible.
- (c) "I" section must be able to keep a situation map, fire plan map, gas map, shelling map, patrol ~~map~~ map and any other the C.O. desires.
- (d) "I" section must be able to prepare a tracing at short notice and to interpret over prints.
- (e) Map reading must be taught to as many officers and O.R.'s as is possible, the importance of knowledge on this subject with the use of the prismatic compass is borne out time and again in all operations over-seas. "I" section will always be trained in the interpretation of aerial photos.

5. Handling of Ps. of W.

- (a) Instructions have already been issued in this regard.
- (b) All ranks must have a thorough knowledge of the above.
- (c) An exercise on the handling of Ps. of W. will be carried out in the near future.

6. Supervision of patrols.

The I.O. or his representatives must be present at the setting out and return of all special or important patrols.

Remember the I.O. requires the information.

7. Location and use of O.P.'s.

Are all officers and "I" section familiar with the location of all O.P.'s. Artillery or otherwise, in their area and do they maintain regular contact with the O.P.'s.

8. Situation Reports.

(a) It is essential that all changes in situation and troops movements will be notified immediately to Bde. H. Q.

This is already being done and the scheme in use will be adhered to.

(b) Coy. comds. will be made to realise that it is their responsibility to keep Bde. H. Q. fully informed of their movements, executed or intended and that they do not wait for the I.O. or his representative to do the rounds or ring up for information. The "I" section owing to the limited numbers cannot possibly contact all outposts, therefore all Coy. H

Comd. H. Q. should be trained as an information Bureau.

9. Extract from N.C.F. 17154 of 2 Mar.  
Notes of training No. 4

Training of Co, H. Q. Personnel in their element of Intelligence is again enterprised as being of the most importance. A Co. Comander who can safely rely on his Orderly Room Staff to keep a Coy Battle Log and Situation Map, Cipher and Decipher Messages and maintain a constant flow of information both upwards and downwards is saved hours of hard work and worry. Commanders will please give effect to the above.

10. The members of the I Sec. must be capable of making a quick survey of our own and enemy forward positions, and transferring them to a sketch.

11. Training must include guiding and direction finding by night.

(Sgd.) M.V.O'CONNOR A/B.M. 1-Inf. Bde. Capt.

*[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some legible fragments include:]*  
 5. Handling of Pa. of W.  
 (a) Instructions have already been issued in this regard.  
 (b) All ranks must have a thorough knowledge of the above.  
 (c) An exercise on the handling of Pa. of W. will be carried out in the near future.  
 6. Supervision of patrols.  
 The I.O. or his representatives must be present at the setting out and return of all special or important patrols.  
 Remember the I.O. requires the information.  
 7. Location and use of G.P.'s.  
 Are all officers and "I" section familiar with the location of all G.P.'s. Artillery or otherwise, in their area and do they maintain regular contact with the G.P.'s.  
 8. Situation Reports.  
 (a) It is essential that all changes in situation and troop movements will be notified immediately to Bde. H. Q.  
 This is already being done and the scheme in use will be adhered to.  
 (b) Coy. Comds. will be made to realize that it is their responsibility to keep Bde. H. Q. fully informed of their movements, executed or intended and that they do not wait for the I.O. or his representative to do the rounds or ring up for information. The "I" section owing to the limited numbers cannot possibly contact all outposts, therefore all Coy.

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UNIT SITUATION REPORT.

<u>Unit.</u> 2 Bn. Phone Raymond Terrace 121	<u>G.O.</u> Major W.F. Owens.  <u>I.O.</u> Lieut. R. Kade.	<u>Adit.</u> Lieut. W. Gantles.
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1. Bn. H.Q. situated at ref. N'cle. Sheet I" to I mile 731428.
2. H.Q. Coy. O.C. Capt. Turnbull ref. 732428.
3. No. 1 Pl. Lt. Bedford.
4. No. 2 Pl. Lt. Carroll.  
No. 1 Det. 733425  
No. 2 Det. 727428  
No. 3 Det.) are yet to be placed and posns. prepared.  
No. 4 Det.)
5. No. 3 Pl. Sgt. Curran.  
No. 1 Det. Sgt. Edser ref. 933424  
No. 2 " Cpl. Comish " 897406  
No. 3 " Sgt. King " 901473  
No. 4 " Cpl. Paterson " 866366  
No. 5 & 6 Dets. all to H.Q. Coy. for Training.
6. No. 4 Pl. Att. to Bde Carrier School.
7. No. 5 Pl. Sgt. Mernagh.
8. No. 6 Pl. Lt. Wolley.
9. A. Coy. O.C. Capt. Husband ref. N'cle. 949452.
10. No. 7 Pl. Lt. Newman " " 932427.
11. No. 8 Pl. Non Existent.
12. No. 9 Pl. Sgt. Brown " " 948452.
13. B. Coy. O.C. Capt. Cummings " " 898475.
14. No. 10 Pl. Lt. Roderick " " 903477.
15. No. 11 Pl. Non Existent " " "
16. No. 12 Pl. Sgt. Franks " " 901472.
17. C. Coy. O.C. Capt. Walker. " " 895406.
18. No. 13 Pl. Lt. Partridge " " 866387.
19. No. 14 Pl. Sgt. Wakeley. " " 898405.
20. No. 15 Pl. Non Existent.
21. D. Coy. O.C. Capt. Lloyd " " 823361.  
This Coy. is still on the Anti-tank Obstacle as a working party and Training.
22. H. Coy. This Coy. is divided up and att. to Coys. under Comd.
23. No. 19 Pl. Lt. Clare Icco. of gung. ref. N'cle. 866387  
" " " " 902407

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24. Mr. J. H. Sgt. Robinson 1 Sec. of Camp ref. 2<sup>nd</sup> div. 94451  
Sgt. Ray 1 Sec. 93442

25. Mr. J. H. Camp Camp for Training

26. Attached Lists

27. Mr. J. H. Capt. 1 Sec. Camp letter : : 94451  
Mr. J. H. : : 94450  
Mr. J. H. : : 93442

28. 1 Sec. Capt. 1 Camp  
Camp Capt. Lieut. Skilton  
C.F.O. Lieut. Jones  
Camp Position ref. Hobs. Sheet 95141  
C.F. Home Pt. 92442

*W. J. Gentry*  
Lieut.  
(W. J. Gentry, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sec. Camp

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### UNIT SITUATION REPORT.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Adjt.</u>
2 Bn. Phone Raymond Terrace 121	Major W.I. Owens	Lieut. W. Gentles
	<u>I.O.</u>	
	Lieut. R. Eade	

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1 sec. of guns " " 902407

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24. No. 20 Pl. Sgt. Robinson 1 sec. of guns Ref. N/cle 948451  
 Sgt. Ray 1 1 sec. of guns " " 934424

25. No. 21 Pl. Cadre Camp for training.

26. Attached Troops.

27. 103 Atk. Regt. No. 1 gun Gunner Potter " " 928459  
 No. 2 gun " " 940456  
 No. 3 gun " " 899405

28. 1 Rd. Regt. D Troop.

Troop Comd. Lt. Skilton  
 G.P.O. Lt. Power  
 Troop Position ref N/cle. sheet 951488.  
 O.P. " " Morna Pt. 028488.

*W. Y. Owen*  
 .....Major  
 2 Bn. Adm. Comd.

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H. Q. N.C.F.

Home Forces. 22 March, 42.

1 Inf. Bde. (4)

32 Inf. Bde. (3-)

ORDER OF BATTLE (PROVISIONAL MOBILISATION).

1 Inf. Bde. & 32 Inf Bde.

Consequent on recent amendments to O.O.B. (Prov. Mob.)  
1 Inf. Bde. & 32 Inf. Bde. are now constituted as follows.

1 Inf. Bde.

H. Q. 1 INF BDE.  
1 Bde. H. Q. Def. Pl.  
250 L. A. D.  
2 Bn.  
13 Bn.  
41 Bn.

32 Inf. Bde.

H. Q. 32 Inf. Bde.  
32 Bde. H. Q. Def. Pl.  
306 L. A. D.  
33 Bn.  
8 Grn. Bn.

A SHORT Capt.  
General Staff N.C.F.

Copies To

N.C.F. (a)  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
A.D.M.S.  
D.A.A.G.  
D.A. Q.M.G.  
D.A.D.O.S.

N.C.F. SIGNAL EXERCISE.

Mar' 42.

FROM: N.C.F. P3 2 8/1  
For Exercise. Record time of receipt of this message also advise N.C.F. by immediate reply when received. for exercise.  
IO 27.

FROM: N.C.F. P.6. 8/2 2.  
For exercise. Time of receipt of this message is required for test purposes. Ack. immediately to N.C.F. for exercise.  
III7.

FR TO: N.C.F. R.N I. 8/3 2  
For exercise. Message P.6 received at II40. For exercise.  
II47.

FROM: N.C.F. P.7. 8/4 2  
For exercise advise all forward Pl. Comd's. to forward by immediate reply direct to N.C.F., Number Name & rank of best PL. Rifle shot. For exercise.  
II58,

TO: N.C.F. LL.2D. 8/5 2.  
From: YIFO. D.  
16. Pl. --- Private J. HARDIE.  
17. Pl. --- " R.J. Smith.  
18. Pl. --- " J. Hodges.  
I330.

FROM: N.C.F. P.8. 8/6 2.  
For Exercise. Ack. by cypher time taken to decypher this message.  
I359.

TO: N.C.F. B.I. 8/7 2.  
For exercise. time taken Two. Minutes. For exercise.

FROM: N.C.F. P.II. 8/8 2.  
For Exercise. report progress of Sig. exercise. for exercise.  
I6I2.

TO: N.C.F. R.7. 8/9 2.  
For Exercise. All messages passed correctly. Most delays occur between exchanges. For Exercise.  
I642.

FROM: N.C.F. P.14. 8/10 2.  
For exercise. Make personal phone call to Sig. Master N.C.F. between. 2000 & 2030 hrs. giving conditions of Ocean visibility.  
I700.

FROM: N.C.F. P.14. 8/11 2.  
For exercise. At 2200 hrs. to-night advise all your out stations to forward to you the manufactures number of their instrument. Compile information and forward complete list of numbers to Sig. Master N.C.F. For Exercise.  
I704.

FROM: N.C.F. P.16. 8/12 2.  
For Exercise. Sig. Exercise will finish up 2400 hrs. Advise all Concerned. Ack. For Exercise.  
I755.

To: ALL Coy's. A.P.2. 8/13 2.  
Report if any bush fires in fwd. areas.  
0100.

FROM: Yifo. B. 3 8/14 4.  
No signs of bush fires.  
0125.

From: Yifo. C. 8/15 4.  
There are no bush fires in area. Patrolled Galloping swamp North to Drome. Neg. Result.  
0150.

To: LAGU. 4. 8/16  
Galloping swamp area north of drome has been patrolled with neg. res - ults. No, Bush Fires.  
0215.



From I Inf. Bde H.Q.

1230

4 8/17

Fixed defences will be firing sub-calibre and full calibre practices from NEWCASTLE, STOCKTON and FORT STEPHENS including night firing. All informed.

1815.

From LAGU

4. 8/18

Nominated O.C. defensive Pl. to H.Q. N.C.F. to parade at H.Q. N.C.F. to G.S.O. I Friday 6 Mar' 0900 hrs for interview.

2040.

From 14th Inf. Bde.

5. 8/19.

Brig. Smith 14th Inf. Bde. will be in area to-day. All assistance will be given him.

0840.