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Date and Time.—From 1 March 1945 To 31 March 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	Mar 1	AM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			visited 7 Aust Div Arts and Crafts Exhibition held in KOAIA Club.	
			Exercise "SEAGULL" - Confirmation of Decisions	Appendix "A"
			No 2 issued.	
	Mar 2		7 Aust Div Location Statement No 10 issued.	Appendix "B"
		PM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			entertained GOC 11 Aust Div, Maj-Gen A T BOASE MBE, Brig	
			K W EATHER CBE DSO ED and Col J E BARRETT at mess.	
	Mar 3		GS03(CH) (Capt H N FLAHERTY) conducted flame	
			warfare exercises on DANBULLA RANGE. Twelve platoons from	
			25 Aust Inf Bde were exercised.	
	Mar 4	PM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj E J MILFORD CBE DSO) was	
			entertained by GOC 11 Aust Div (Maj-Gen A J BOASE) at mess.	

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	Mar 5		DAQMG(L) 7 Aust Div (NX 12405 Maj J G deL ARNOLD)	
			discharged - to resume University studies - MPR N 9721.	
	Mar 6		AEME 7 Aust Div held an Aquatic Sports Meeting	
			at LAKE EACHAM.	
			^{SX11002} GS03(O)/Capt D F SAUNDERS resumed regimental	
			duties in 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	
			GS03(CW) SX 25132 Capt H N FLAHERTY returned from	
			IHQ Gas School.	
			Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 2 to 7 Aust Div	Appendix "C"
			Outline Plan issued.	
			Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 1 to Appendix	Appendix "D"
			"B" to 7 Aust Div Sig Instruction issued.	
CAIRNS	Mar 7		GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO) and	
			senior staff officers HQ 7 Aust Div attended the funeral of	

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			the late Maj-Gen G A VASEY CB CBE DSO which took place at	Appendix "E"
			CAIRNS.	
KAIRI			Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 1 to Divisional	Appendix "F"
			Distribution of Force to Convoys issued.	
	Mar 8		N I L	
	Mar 9	AM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			visited 2/9 Aust Inf Bn in the field. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	
			conducted a battalion exercise in advance along axis road	
			ATHERTON-RAVENSHOE.	
			Exercise "SEAGULL" - 7 Aust Div Operation Order	Appendix "G"
			No 1 issued.	
	Mar 10	AM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			attended 21 Aust Inf Bde Ceremonial Parade.	
			GS03(CW) (Capt H N FLAHERTY) conducted flame	

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			warfare exercises on DANBULLA RANGE. Four platoons of 2/1	
			Aust Pmr Bn and three platoons of 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn were	
			exercised.	
			7 Aust Div G21/1/598 - subject: 7 Aust Div Rifle	Appendix "H"
			Competition - issued.	
			7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 40 issued.	Appendix "I"
	Mar 11		A Memorial Service for the late Maj-Gen G A VASEY	Appendix "J"
			CB CBE DSO was held in the camp area. The Service was conducted	
			by the Senior Chaplain D L REDDING MBE. As many personnel as	
			could be relieved from duty attended the Service. The death	
			of Maj-Gen G A VASEY CB CBE DSO was felt very deeply by	
			officers and men of 7 Aust Div.	
		PM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			entertained Brig K W EATHER CBE DSO ED (Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde),	

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			DSO Brig F O CHILTON (Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde), Brig I N DOUGHERTY	
			DSO & BAR (Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde) and Brig G H O'BRIEN OBE (CRA) at mess.	
			7 Aust Div Training Instruction No 27 issued.	Appendix "K"
			Subject: Fighting in Towns and Villages.	
	Mar 12		N I L	
	Mar 13		7 Aust Div Location List No 11 issued.	Appendix "L"
			Discussion on Exercise "SEAGULL" held at HQ 7	Appendix "M"
			Aust Div.	
	Mar 14		7 Aust Div G3/2/661 - subject: Faulty Ammunition -	Appendix "N"
			issued.	
			The Press announced a list of Periodical Awards	
			to officers and other ranks of 7 Aust Div. This list	
			included the award of CBE to GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO).	

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	Mar 15		SX 4541 Maj D G RICE appointed GS02 7 Aust Div.	
	Mar 16		NX 66674 Capt B N de MEYRICK seconded in 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt and appointed GS03 (Staff Learner) HQ 7 Aust Div - 24 Feb 45. Date of Casualty - 16 Mar 45.	
			QX 6193 Capt D J KERR (L03) and QX 35566	
			Maj A E McLUCAS (GS02 Op Report Team) detached for duty to HQ 1 Aust Corps.	
			Amendment No 1 to 7 Aust Div Telephone Directory issued.	Appendix "O"
	Mar 17		N I L	
	Mar 18		Two AUSTER aircraft became available to 7 Aust Div for training purposes. These aircraft were used throughout the month by officers from all units in the Division for Aerial Recce Training.	

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	Mar 19		Maj R J C O'LOAN (Senior Liaison Officer att to 4 Army Co-Op Wing, RAAF) called and discussed Air Co-Op with GS01 and GS03(Air).	
			GS03(CW) Capt H N FLAHERTY conducted flame warfare exercises on DANBULLA RANGE. Twelve platoons of 21 Aust Inf Bde were exercised.	
	Mar 20		7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 41 issued.	Appendix "p"
			His Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, Lord WAKEHURST, accompanied by Lady WAKEHURST, the Hon Henrietta LODER and official party visited the divisional area.	
			Lord WAKEHURST inspected a flame warfare exercise on DANBULLA RANGE conducted by GS03(CW) (Capt H N FLAHERTY) and 21 Aust Inf Bde Rifle Competition. During the day Lord WAKEHURST visited units in the Division.	

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		PM	GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen E J MILFORD CBE DSO)	
			entertained Lord and Lady WAKEHURST, Lady BLANEY, the Hon	
			Henrietta LODER and Brigade Comds at Mess. A recital was	
			given by 18 Aust Inf Bde Band.	
	Mar 21		N I L	
	Mar 22		N I L	
	Mar 23		N I L	
	Mar 24		N I L	
	Mar 25		Flame warfare instructors carried out exercises	
			at TANK ROCK Mortar Range. Twelve platoons of 18 Aust Inf Bde	
			were exercised.	
	Mar 26		QX 6193 Capt D J KERR (L03) and QX 35566 Maj	
			A E McLUCAS (GS02 Op Report Team) ceased to be detached to	

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			HQ 1 Aust Corps.	
			7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 42 issued - subject:	Appendix "Q"
			Numbering of DS and SOS Tasks.	
	Mar 27		ADMS (NX 54 Col A F HOBSON OBE) rejoined unit	
			ex ARL.	
			AA&QMG (QX 6343 Lt-Col K C C LAHEY) rejoined unit	
			ex ARL.	
			LO2 (SX 6219 Capt G FAWCETT) rejoined unit ex ARL.	
			7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 43 issued - subject:	Appendix "R"
			Embarkation Control Officers' Course.	
			7 Aust Div G23/1/772 issued - subject: Decisions	Appendix "S"
			Reached at Final Conference Exercise "SEAGULL."	
	Mar 28		7 Aust Div Rifle Competition commenced on DANBULLA	
			Range. Shooting was of a high standard although it was carried	

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			out in continuous heavy rain. Competition between teams was	
			very spirited throughout the day and the day and the keenness	
			shown by teams was an indication of the interest which is	
			taken in Divisional Competitions. At the end of the day's	
			shooting the leading teams were:-	
			1 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	
			2 2/16 Aust Inf Bn	
			3 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	
	Mar 29		GS03(CW) (Capt H N FLAHERTY) conducted flame war-	
			fare exercises on DANBULLA RANGE. Twelve platoons of 25 Aust	
			Inf Bde were exercised.	
			7 Aust Div Rifle Competition was postponed owing	
			to weather conditions making it impossible to keep targets in	
			order.	
	Mar 30		Commander-in-Chief AMF, General Sir Thomas A BLANEY	

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			GBE KCB CMG DSO ED visited the Divisional area.	
			Training with AUSTER aircraft was terminated on	
			30 Mar 45 by order LHQ.	
			GS01 (VX 206 Lt-Col E R WILMOTH MC) marched out on	
			21 days ARL.	
	Mar 31		7 Aust Div assumed command of all formations, units	
			and sub-units previously under command 1 Aust Corps.	
			11 Aust Div assumed responsibility for movement of	
			all units under command 7 Aust Div warned for movement in	
			accordance with Adv LHQ G640.3 of 9 Mar 45.	
			Summary of Flame Warfare training for month of	Appendix "T"
			March issued.	
			Summary of Activities of 35 Aust FS Sec (EE) issued.	Appendix "U"

WAR DIARY - GS BRANCH HQ 7 AUST DIV

FROM 1 MAR 45 TO 31 MAR 45

APPENDIX	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
A	1 Mar 45	Exercise "SEAGULL" - Confirmation of Decisions No 2.
B	2 Mar 45	7 Aust Div Location Statement No 10
C	6 Mar 45	Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 2 to 7 Aust Div Outline Plan.
D	6 Mar 45	Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 1 to Appendix "B" to 7 Aust Div Sig Instruction.
E	7 Mar 45	Memorial late Gen VASEY - Funeral at CAIRNS
F	7 Mar 45	Exercise "SEAGULL" - Amendment No 1 to Divisional Distribution of Force to Convoys.
G	9 Mar 45	Exercise "SEAGULL" - 7 Aust Div 00 No 1.
H	10 Mar 45	7 Aust Div Rifle Competition
I	10 Mar 45	7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 40
J	11 Mar 45	Memorial Service late Gen VASEY.
K	11 Mar 45	7 Aust Div Trg Instr No 27.
L	13 Mar 45	7 Aust Div Location List No 11
M	13 Mar 45	Discussion of Exercise "SEAGULL"
N	14 Mar 45	7 Aust Div G3/2/661 - Faulty Ammunition
O	16 Mar 45	Amendment 1 to 7 Div Telephone Directory
P	20 Mar 45	7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 41
Q	26 Mar 45	7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 42
R	27 Mar 45	7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 43
S	27 Mar 45	7 Aust Div G23/1/772 - Final Conference "SEAGULL"
T	31 Mar 45	Summary Flame Warfare Training for March
U	31 Mar 45	Summary of Activities 35 Aust FS Sec (EE) - March

APPENDIX "A" TO WAR DIARY MARCH 45

SECRET

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Subject: CONFIRMATION OF DECISIONS NO.2

HQ 7 Aust Div
1 Mar 45

G23/1/491

QUESTIONS BY 1 AUST PARA BN

- Q. What topographical information is available, with particular reference to DZs?
- A. Supplied in enlargement of map of KENAPAI area.
- Q. May detailed reports of cloud ceiling, wind and direction be given?
- A. Will be supplied at Staging Area in the form of long-range forecast.
- Q. Are there any tanks in the area on the East coast of MORONES?
- A. There are no tanks known in this area.
- Q. What are enemy dispositions in KENAPAI - TAGANI area?
- A. Shown in enlargement of map of KENAPAI area.
- Q. Are there any JAP hideouts on the East coast and if so, where?
- A. No information other than that already given in Intelligence Summary.
- Q. Was KENAPAI ever used as a harbour or staging area by the JAP?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is the bridge at 233074 demolished?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What enemy AA is in the area DIDONG - KENAPAI - TAGANI?
- A. Can be expected in the area of DIDONG village and possibly up to 20mm calibre at TAGANI.
- Q. What is the range of .55-inch AA gun?
- A. Vertical range - 7000 feet. Horizontal range 5500 yards.
- Q. What is the range of 4", 5" and 6" light naval guns and safety limit for troops?
- A. 4" - 19400 yards. 5" - 18200 yards. 6" - 24800 yards. All 1000 yards safety margin.

- Q. What engineer role is to be carried out by 1 Aust Para Tp RAE after landing?
- A. At discretion of Para Bn Comd.
- Q. What equipment will 2/5 Aust Fd Coy be able to supply to Para Engineers to supplement limited quantity dropped?
- A. 2/5 Aust Fd Coy will supply all that will be required.
- Q. Are current enemy air strengths or air strengths shown in Appendix 'L' to 7 Aust Div Intelligence Summary to be accepted?
- A. Existing information will be supplemented by Sitreps issued prior to the operation.
- Q. Is it known what natural food resources are available in the KENAPAI - TAGANI area?
- A. Rice, coconuts and native foods.

QUESTIONS BY 2/7 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT

- Q. What arrangements are being made for rationing of Cav (Cdo) Regt on arrival at KENAPAI?
- A. Rations will be drawn from 10 days reserve held by 25 Aust Inf Bde on landing.
- Q. May the following be allotted to 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt:-
- (a) One Sec = 25-prs
 - (b) One ALP?
- A. (a) One Section of 25-prs will not be made available to Cav Regt. Artillery fire support will be available from the beach-head area and one FOO will be allotted to the Regt from 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.
- (b) One ALP shown at Appendix 'B', Annexure 2 as under comd 18 Aust Inf Bde for landing, is allotted to 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.

QUESTION BY 18 AUST INF BDE

- Q. May Unit Tonnage Tables and 'bid' sheets be provided for Corps units landed with Brigade?
- A. Unit Tonnage Tables have been requested from 1 Aust Corps and will be made available as soon as possible. Priority of landings is at the discretion of the Bde Comd

QUESTIONS BY 1 AUST PARA BN

Q. What are the types and condition of airfields other than GILLAMATONG, with special reference to DIDONG?

A. Generally suitable for fighters and C47s, and with the possible exception of SIRAWAI and NUSA are grass covered to a height of 18 inches.

DIDONG STRIP

6000 feet x 330 feet.

Disused gravel surface overgrown with grass 18 inches high. Some unfilled bomb craters.

Q. Has the enemy any line communications running round the island?

A. JAFS are certain to have some line communications, but details NOT known.

Q. Are there any RADAR stations on MORONES, and if so, can blind spots be identified?

A. NOT definitely known, but NOT considered present in KENAPAI area. May still be installations at SIRAWAI and NUSA but no details of position of blind spots known.

Q. Require 52 x C47s or equivalent to lift Battalion plus attached troops.

A. Agreed to.

Q. Require several aircraft for 10 officers to do reconnaissance of area prior to D - 9.

A. Will arrange to make one aircraft available for reconnaissance party not exceeding 4 persons. Co-ordinated with strike prior to D - 9.

Q. Request addition of Air Liaison Party. Present Air Force W/T link not considered necessary as Para Bn have own communication back to rear base and will have alternate means through Divisional Headquarters or Air Liaison Party (if granted).

A. Additional Air Liaison Party granted. One additional aircraft (included in above total of 52) to be allotted entirely to Air Liaison Party and stores which consists of:-

2 Officers

5 ORs

VHF Set (Pack)) Cubic measure-
MEF Set (weight 1400 lb)) ments to come

Q. Details required of Airfields at LEYTE?

A. Three Airfields:-

TACIOBAN) Each 6000 feet with 1500 feet clear
TJLOSA) either end. Disposal bays (semi-circular)
DULAG) one side of strip only. Each airfield
approximately 20 miles apart.

- Q. What air-sea rescue facilities are available en route?
- A. 1 Aust Corps to give us answer.
- Q. Lay one section of guns from 1 Aust Htn Bty be allotted to 1 Aust Para Bn?
- A. 1 Aust Corps requesting GEQ for allotment. Approval may be anticipated.

DISTRIBUTION:

18 Aust Inf Bde
21 Aust Inf Bde
25 Aust Inf Bde
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
RAA 7 Aust Div
RAE 7 Aust Div
SIGS 7 Aust Div
2/1 Aust MG Bn
1 Aust Para Bn
2/1 Aust Tnr Bn
Comd
Q
AASC 7 Aust Div
Med
Crd
ALME

Shunden Capt
in Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

SECRETHQ 7 Aust Div
2 Mar 45G19/2/11/5Copy No. 1927 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO.10

- 1 Statement showing the location of all units of this formation as at 2400 hours 28 Feb 45 is attached.
- 2 7 Aust Div Location Statement No.9 of 3 Feb 45 will be destroyed.
- 3 Please acknowledge receipt.

John H. Miles Capt
Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

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18 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 4	Q	166
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2/1 Aust MG Bn	31	7 Aust Div Fd Cash	188
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7 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 10 as at 2400 hours 28 Feb 45

Ref Maps
(1 : 65360 Series)

C - CIARIS
D - DUMBULAH
G - GORDONVALE
H - HERBERTON
HQ - MT GARNET

Formation Sign : Kookaburra on Boomerang

Serial No (a)	War Office Serial No (b)	Veh No (c)	Unit (d)	Location Map Ref (e) (f)	Remarks (g)
<u>HQ UNITS</u>					
C 1	61074	7/34	HQ 7 Aust Div	KAIRI G512397	
C 2	92624	3/490	3 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	KAIRI G512397	
C 3	92204	1/889	1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	KAIRI G512397	
C 4	92684		2 Aust Op Report Team	KAIRI G512 397	
<u>CAV</u>					
C 5	61183	2-7/102	HQ 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	KAIRI G453367	
C 6	45522	2-3/239	2/3 Aust Cdo Sqn	KAIRI G453369	
C 7	45524	2 -5/239	2 /5 Aust Cdo Sqn	KAIRI G454370	
C 8	61421	2 -6/239	2/6 Aust Cdo Sqn	KAIRI G455368	
<u>ARTY</u>					
C 9	48377	7/94	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	KAIRI G514402	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C10	61077	2-1/74	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	KAIRI	G505377	
C11	61079	2-5/74	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	KAIRI	G505375	
C12	61081	2-6/74	2/6 Aust Fd Regt	KAIRI	G459361	
C13	61083	2-2/62	2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	KAIRI	G519375	
C14	45900	2-7/87	2/7 Aust Svy Bty	KAIRI	G507382	
C15	45129		4 Aust Mob Met Flt	KAIRI	G503377	
C16	48480	1/922	1 Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	KAIRI	G504385	
	<u>ENGERS</u>					
C17	61085	7/81	EQ RAE 7 Aust Div	KAIRI	G474386	
C18	61086	2-4/60	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	KAIRI	G479391	
C19	61087	2-5/60	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	KAIRI	G476389	
C20	61088	2-6/60	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	KAIRI	G474387	
C21	61200	2-9/60	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	KAIRI	G473382	
C22	61089	2-25/67	2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	KAIRI	G473384	
	<u>SIGS</u>					
C23	61991	7/66	Sigs 7 Aust Div	KAIRI	G506392	
C24	46142	2-42/68	2/42 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	KAIRI	G506392	
C25	49082	2-1/48	2/1 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	KAIRI	G503377	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C26	49083	2-5/48	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	KAIRI	G506377	Att for trg. Att for trg. Corps unit. Att for trg.
C27	49084	2-6/48	2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	KAIRI	G459361	
C28	49097	2-2/63	2/2 Aust Trk A Regt Sig Sec	KAIRI	G512379	
C29	49105	2/45	2 Aust Engr Sig Sec	KAIRI	G474384	
C30	49120	18/89	18 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	KAIRI	G482368	
C31	49122	21/89	21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	KAIRI	G484394	
C32	49124	25/89	25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	KAIRI	G486382	
C33	49487	2-7/148	2/7 Aust Cav (C&D) Regt Sig Sec	MAFEE	G451369	
C34	45315	12/510	12 Aust W/T Sec (Lt)	KAIRI	G506392	
C35	45044	40/510	40 Aust W/T Sec (Lt)	KAIRI	G506392	
C36	47645	3/650	8 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) less 2 Op Dets	KAIRI	G506392	
	<u>INF</u>					
C37	29263	18/88	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI	G481369	
C38	29265	2-9/56	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G475372	
C39	29266	2-10/56	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G475367	
C40	29267	2-12/56	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G475371	
C41	61005	2-1/225	6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	KAIRI	G479370	
C42	61090	21/88	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI	G484394	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C43	61099	2-14/56	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G483368	
C44	61100	2-15/56	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G481392	
C45	61101	2-27/56	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G483394	
C46	61005	2-1/225	7 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	KAIRI	G484394	
C47	29739	25/28	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI	G486382	
C48	61216	2-25/56	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G483373	
C49	29864	2-31/56	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G485385	
C50	29866	2-33/56	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G475386	
C51	61005	2-1/225	8 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	KAIRI	G486382	
C52	29268	2-1/164	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	KAIRI	G466365	
C53	61010	2-1/140	2/1 Aust Pmr Bn	KAIRI	G486369	
C54	61005	2-1/225	HQ B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	KAIRI	G512398	
C55	61005	2-1/225	5 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	KAIRI	G512398	
	<u>INT</u>					
C56	61272	C/429	'C' Aust FS Sec	KAIRI	G512397	
C57	92437	35/534	35 Aust FS Sec (EE)	KAIRI	G512397	
	<u>AASC</u>					
C58	61110	7/59	HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div	KAIRI	G514401	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C59	61367	2-6/78	HQ 2/6 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	IAPPE	G450370	
C60	92278	2-10/91	2/10 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	IAPPE	G450370	
C61	92279	2-11/91	2/11 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	IAPPE	G450370	
C62	92280	2-12/91	2/12 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	IAPPE	G450370	
C63	92281	2-6/117	2/6 Aust Mksp Pl (TS)	IAPPE	G450370	
C64	47942	2-153/78	HQ 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (TS)	KAIRI	G449371	
C65	92274	2-7/91	2/7 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	KAIRI	G449371	
C66	92275	2-8/91	2/8 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	KAIRI	G449371	
C67	92276	2-9/91	2/9 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)	KAIRI	G449371	
C68	92745	2-43/91	2/43 Aust Tpt Pl	KAIRI	G445375	
C69	92277	2-153/117	2/153 Aust Mksp Pl	KAIRI	G449371	
C70	47943	2-2/41	HQ 2/2 Aust Sup Dep Coy	KAIRI	G501383	
C71	48834	2-5/65	2/5 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C72	48835	2-6/65	2/6 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C73	48836	2-7/65	2/7 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C74	48837	2-8/65	2/8 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C75	48838	2-9/65	2/9 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C76	48839	2-10/65	2/10 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
C77	61180	2-33/65	2/33 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C78	61208	2-34/65	2/34 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KAIRI	G501383	
	<u>MED</u>					
C79	55408	2-4/57	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	KAIRI	G473377	
C80	55409	2-5/57	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	KAIRI	G473376	
C81	55410	2-6/57	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	KAIRI	G469377	
C82	55520	2-2/151	2/2 Aust CCS	KAFET	D382361	
C83	55669	2-2/696	2/2 Aust ICU (Type A)	KAIRI	G489384	
C84	47954	2-2/151	20 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	KAFEE	D583561	Att 2/2 Aust CCS
	<u>DENTAL</u>					
C85	45843	2-6/181	2/6 Aust Dental Unit			
C86			Hq Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G510400	Att Hq 7 Aust Div
C87			A Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G485585	Att 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
C88			B Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G506375	Att 2/5 Aust Md Regt
C89			C Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G481592	Att 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
C90			D Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G486369	Att 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
C91			E Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G474386	Att Hq RAE 7 Aust Div
C92			F Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G475366	Att 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
C93	45632	2-1/181	F Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G475371	Att 2/12 Aust Inf Bn w/c local adm only

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C94	45633	2-2/181	A Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G466365	Att 2/1 Aust IG En u/c local adm only
C95	45633	2-2/181	B Sec 2/2 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G455367	Att 2/7 Aust Cav (Gdo Regt u/c local adm only
C96	47298	78/181	A Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G475386	Att 2/33 Aust Inf Bn local adm only.
C97			A Sec 2 /5 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G473372	Att 2/9 Aust Inf Bn u/c local adm only
C98			D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G485388	Att 2/14 Aust Inf Bn u/c local adm only
C99			E Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G505377	Att 2/4 Aust Rd Regt u/c local adm only
C100			F Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G473376	Att 2/5 Aust Rd Amb u/c local adm only
C101	ORD 47944	2-117/83	2/117 Aust Bde Ord Rd Pk	KAIRI	G480376	
C102	49044	2-124/85	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Rd Pk	KAIRI	G487582	
C103	48432	2-125/83	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Rd Pk	KAIRI	G473379	
	ABME					
C104	47945	2-117/76	2/117 Aust Bde .ksp (Type A)	KAIRI	G480376	
C105	49061	2-124/76	2/124 Aust Bde .ksp (Type A)	KAIRI	G487582	
C106	48433	2-125/76	2/125 Aust Bde .ksp (Type A)	KAIRI	G473379	
C107	61128	2-47/40	2/47 Aust IAD (Type J)	KAIRI	G482371	Att 18 Aust Inf Bde
C108	61073	2-51/40	2/51 Aust IAD (Type D)	KAIRI	G505377	Att 2/4 Aust Rd Regt
C109	61030	2-52/40	2/52 Aust IAD (Type D)	KAIRI	G505375	Att 2/5 Aust Rd Regt

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
C110	61022	2-53/40	2/53 Aust IAD (Type D)	KARI	G459561	Att 2/3 Aust Md Regt
C111	61034	2-54/40	2/54 Aust IAD (Type G)	KARI	G510573	Att 2/2 Aust Tr A
C112	61090	2-55/40	2/55 Aust IAD (Type A)	KARI	G473384	Regt Att 2/25 Aust Md
C113	61032	2-56/40	2/56 Aust IAD (Type A)	KARI	G503592	Pr Coy Att Hd 7 Aust Div
C114	61103	2-59/40	2/59 Aust IAD (Type J)	KARI	G484594	Att 21 Aust Inf Bde
C115	45745	315/40	315 Aust IAD (Type J)	KARI	G483382	Att 25 Aust Inf Bde
	<u>PAY</u>	-				
C116	61021	7/80	7 Aust Div Hd Cash Office	KARI	G512397	
	<u>POSTAL</u>	-				
C117	61114	7/55	7 Aust Div Postal Unit	KARI	G510597	
	<u>PRO</u>	-				
C118	61115	7/95	7 Aust Div Pro Coy	KARI	G197585	
	<u>MISC</u>	-				
C119	61119	7/38	7 Aust Div Sal Unit	KARI	G472380	
C120	61244	7/71	7 Aust Div Reception Camp	TOIGA	D596322	
C121	45543		AACS Det 7 Aust Div			Not yet in area
C122	47862	905	113 Aust Mob Cinema)	MOBILE		
C123	47862	905	114 Aust Mob Cinema }			
C124		677	7 Aust Mil Hist Bd Team (1 offr 3 CRs)	KARI	G512397	

1 AUST BEACH GP

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
D 1	<u>HQ</u> 49457	1/648	HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622862	
D 2	<u>ENGRS</u> 61206	2-15/60	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	DEAD MANS GULLY	C616855	
D 3	92190	1/480	1 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C616855	
D 4	92192	1/529	1 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C616855	
D 5		5/651	5 Aust Bomb Disposal Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C616855	
D 6	<u>SIGS</u> 45278	2/474	2 Aust Beach Sig Sec (AIF)	DEAD MANS GULLY	C623863	
D 7	47918	3/474	3 Aust Beach Sig Sec	DEAD MANS GULLY	C623863	
D 8	<u>INF</u> 61595	2-4/140	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	MAFEE	G434387	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	<u>AASC</u>					
D 9	46178	2-166/78	2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy HQ	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622260	
D10	92331	2-47/91	2/47 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622360	
D11	92332	2-48/91	2/48 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622360	
D12	92333	2-166/117	2/166 Aust Hosp Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622860	
D13	92242	57/297	57 Aust BIPOL Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622959	
D14	49453	2-240/65	2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	DEAD MANS GULLY	C622959	
	<u>LEO</u>					
D15	93206	1/658	1 A&E Coy (Beach Gp)	DEAD MANS GULLY	C619357	Incl Surgical Team & other 3 dia.
D16	48394	23/696	23 Aust LCU (Type C) (AIF)	DEAD MANS GULLY	C619357	
	<u>DENTAL</u>					
D17	47298	78/181	HQ & E Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	DEAD MANS GULLY	C619357	Att A&E 1 Aust Beach Gp.
	<u>ORD</u>					
D18	49341	2/893	2 Aust Ord Beach Det	DEAD MANS GULLY	C613855	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
D19	<u>AEHE</u> 92119	1/649	1 Aust Beach Wksp	DEADMANS GULLY	C613853	
D20	<u>PRO</u> 92051	15/145	15 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	DEADMANS GULLY	C621862	
D21	<u>MISC</u> 45859	3/34	5 Aust Arm'd Div Sal Unit	DEADMANS GULLY	C614853	
D22	<u>RAN</u>		RAN Commando (A)	DEADMANS GULLY	C621863	

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

AMENDMENT NO 2

7 AUST DIV OUTLINE PLAN "EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

1 The following amendments will be made to Order of Battle - 7 Aust Div Assault Force - Appendix "B".

(a) Annexure 2

(i) With in support:

delete - - One Pl 2/4 Aust Fd Coy

substitute - 2/4 Aust Fd Coy

(ii) Under command for landing only:

delete - 2/4 Aust Fd Coy less one Pl

(b) Annexure 3

After - Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp

add - One Sec 2/3 Aust Ind Fd Sqn.

(c) Annexure 4

(i) With under command:

After - 2/13 Aust Fd Coy

add - Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec

(ii) With in support:

delete - Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec

(iii) Under command for landing only:

add - 62 Aust AL Sqn.

(d) Annexure 7

(i) Sub-para (b):

delete - 2/1 Aust MG Bn less det

substitute - 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn less det

(ii) Sub-para (c):

delete - 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn less det

substitute - 2/1 Aust MG Bn less det

The following amendment will be made to First

Key Plan - Appendix "N" :-

(a) Add:

"X" - Aust Inf Bde concentration area - 84553380 -
84353440 - 84833440 - 84873390.

6. Mar 45

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GS 7 Aust Div
Lt-Col

DISTRIBUTION

	18 Aust Inf Bde	(2)
	21 Aust Inf Bde	(2)
	25 Aust Inf Bde	(2)
x	X Aust Inf Bde	(2)
	2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	(1)
	RAA 7 Aust Div	(2)
	RAE 7 Aust Div	(2)
	Sigs 7 Aust Div	(2)
	1 Aust Para Bn	(1)
	2/1 Aust MG Bn	(1)
	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	(1)
x	HQ Beach Sub Area	(2)
	1 Aust Beach Gp	(2)
x	2 Aust Beach Gp	(2)
	1 Aust Mil Idg Gp	(1)
	1 Aust Corps	(6)
	Comd	(1)
	G	(1)
	A	(1)
	Q	(2)
	AASC 7 Aust Div	(2)
	Med	(1)
	Ord	(1)
	AEHE	(1)
	2 Aust Ops Report Team	(1)
	War Diary	(2)
	File	(6)

x Exercise only - NOT to be issued.

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APPENDIX "D" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO APPX "B" TO 7 AUST DIV SIG INSTRUCTION
7 AUST DIV OUTLINE PLAN - ISSUED 23 FEB 45

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18 Aust Inf Bde Directory

(a) Under Serial 18, insert :

18a 18 Aust Inf Bde to 2/7 Aust Cav
(Cdo) Regt P.F 36 115
S.F.11

(b) Serial 56, amend to read :

56 Corps A Wave Terminal 194

6 Mar

H. J. Donovan Lt
A/Adjt Sigs 7 Aust Div

18 AUST INF BDE DIRECTORY

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APPX "B"

Ser No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq No	Row No	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row No
1	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave	(P)	F 24		198	
2	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave	(S)	F113			
3	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave	(P)	F 34		199	
4	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave	(S)	F117			
5	18 Aust Bde Terminal Div A Wave				130	
6	18 Aust Bde Terminal Div B Wave				131	
6a	Collective Code Sign Div A Wave				120	
6b	Collective Code Sign Div B Wave				133	
<u>BDE LINKS</u>						
7	18 Aust Inf Bde A Wave	(P)	F 38		132	
8	18 Aust Inf Bde A Wave	(S)	F101			
9	18 Aust Inf Bde Collective Code Sign Bde A Wave				191	
10	2/9 Aust Inf Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				135	
11	2/10 Aust Inf Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				136	
12	2/12 Aust Inf Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				137	
13	18 Aust Inf Bde B Wave	(P)		3790	132	
14	18 Aust Inf Bde B Wave	(S)		3690		
15	18 Aust Inf Bde Collective Code Sign Bde B Wave				191	
16	2/9 Aust Inf Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				135	
17	2/10 Aust Inf Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				136	
18	2/12 Aust Inf Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				137	
19	18 Aust Bde 208 Set			3340		
<u>CAV</u>						
19 a	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt for rear link				163	
20	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt-Sqns		F108		166	1
21	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt Collective Code Sign				150	
22	2/3 Aust Cav Sqn (208 Set)			2770 2832 2910	111	6
23	2/5 Aust Cav Sqn (208 Set)			2925 2960 3475	188	7
24	2/6 Aust Cav Sqn (208 Set)			2945 2982 3496	112	8
<u>ARTY</u>						
25	CRA NET		F 80			
26	CRA NET RAA Terminal				149	
27	CRA NET Collective Code Sign				146	
28	2/4 Aust Fd Regt CRA NET				171	
29	2/4 Aust Fd Regt; Regt-Btys					
30	7 Aust Fd Bty	F 67				13
31	8 Aust Fd Bty	F 90	2777			14
32	54 Aust Fd Bty	F 97	3216			15
33	53 Comp AA Regt	F105	3467			16
34	HAA Bty 53 Comp AA Regt	F 43				2
35	LAA Bty 53 Comp AA Regt					3
36	Naval Bombardment Wave			2716 3155		4

18 AUST INF BDE DIRECTORY (Cont)

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Ser No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq No	Row	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row No
<u>ENGRS</u>						
37	CRE NET					
38	CRE NET RAE Terminal	F 30				
39	CRE NET Collective Code Sign				161	
40	2/4 Aust Fd Coy (CRE NET)				145	
41	2/4 Aust Fd Coy; Coy-Pls	F 72		2602	167	26
<u>BEACH SIGS - ARMY</u>						
42	Army Beach Wave					
43	Army Beach Wave	(P)		3970		
44	Right A.B.S.S. Army Beach Wave	(S)		3690		
45	Left A.B.S.S. Army Beach Wave				122	
46	M.B.S.S. on Army Beach Wave				123	
47	Beach Group HQ Army Beach Wave				124	
48	Collective Code Sign A.B.W.				125	
49	A.I.M.B.W.				126	
50	A.I.M.B.W. Bde Terminal	F 28			152	
<u>M.B.S.S.</u>						
51	Div A Wave Terminal					
52	Div B Wave Terminal				127	
53	Bde A Wave Terminal				128	
54	Bde B Wave Terminal				129	
55	A.I.M.B.W. Terminal				134	
56	Corps A Wave Terminal				195	
57	Collective Code Sign A.I.M.B.W.				138	
					193	
<u>INF</u>						
58	2/9 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(P)		2564		33
59	2/9 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(S)		3065		
60	2/10 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(P)		2675		34
61	2/10 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(S)		3125		
62	2/12 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(P)		2672		35
63	2/12 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coys	(S)		3390		
64	COMMON USER FREQUENCY			3690		

BEACH GROUP

CAV SCR 536 Sets Fixed Freq 5780.

COY-PL SCR 536 SETS FIXED FREQUENCIES

3540	5180
4360	5360
4680	5920

ARTY SCR 536 SETS FIXED FREQUENCIES

4305
4495
4930

65	Bde HQ Ship and Alternate Bde HQ ashore	172
66	Div HQ Ship	164
67	Ship's Collective Code Sign	157

Set No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq No	Row No	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row No
1	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave	(P)	F 24		198	
2	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave	(S)	F113			
3	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave	(P)	F 34		199	
4	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave	(S)	F117			
5	21 Aust Inf Bde Div A Wave Terminal				173	
5a	Collective Code Sign Div A Wave				180	
6	21 Aust Inf Bde Div B Wave					
6a	Collective Code Sign Div B Wave				133	
<u>BDE LINKS</u>						
7	21 Aust Inf Bde A Wave	(P)	F 49		175	
8	21 Aust Inf Bde A Wave	(S)	F 92			
9	21 Aust Inf Bde A Wave Collective Code Sign				182	
10	2/14 Aust Inf Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				180	
11	2/16 Aust Inf Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				177	
12	2/27 Aust Inf BN Bde A Wave Terminal				179	
13	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn Bde A Wave Terminal				178	
14	21 Aust Inf Bde B Wave	(P)		3790	175	
15	21 Aust Inf Bde B Wave	(S)		3690		
16	21 Aust Inf Bde Collective Code Sign Bde B Wave				182	
17	2/14 Aust Inf BN Bde B Wave Terminal				180	
18	2/16 Aust Inf Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				177	
19	2/27 Aust Inf Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				179	
20	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn Bde B Wave Terminal				178	
21	21 Aust Inf Bde (208 Set)			3187		
<u>ARTY</u>						
22	CRA NET		F 80			
23	CRA NET RAA Terminal				145	
24	CRA NET Collective Code Sign				146	
25	2/5 Aust Fd Regt (CRA's NET)				154	
26	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Regt-Btys		F 63			9
27	9 Aust Fd Bty		F 77	2792		10
28	10 Aust Fd Bty		F 88	3310		11
29	55 Aust Fd Bty		F 99	3405		12
30	7 Aust Bty 2/2 Tk A Regt			2706		22
31	Naval Bombardment Wave			2716		
				3155		
<u>ENGRS</u>						
32	CRE NET		F 30			
33	CRE NET RAE Terminal				161	
34	CRE NET Collective Code Sign				145	
35	2/6 Aust Fd Coy (CRE's NET)				176	
36	2/8 Aust Fd Coy; Coy-Pls		F111	2835		25
37	2/9 Aust Fd Coy (CRE's NET)				119	
38	2/9 Aust Fd Coy; Coy-Pls		F 69	2807		49
<u>BEACH SIGS ARMY</u>						
39	Army Beach Wave	(P)		3930		
40	Army Beach Wave	(S)		3690		
41	Right ABSS Army Beach Wave Terminal				184	
42	Left ABSS Army Beach Wave Terminal				185	

Ser No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq No	Row No	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row No
43	MBSS on ABW				190	
44	Beach Group HQ ABW				151	
45	Collective Code Sign ABW				197	
46	AIMBW Collective Code Sign				193	
47	AIMBW	F 28				
48	AIMBW Bde Terminal				192	
<u>MBSS</u>						
49	Div A Wave Terminal				186	
50	Div B Wave Terminal				187	
51	Bde A Wave Terminal				189	
52	Bde B Wave Terminal				189	
53	AIMBW Terminal				121	
54	Corps A Wave				194	
<u>INF</u>						
55	2/14 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(P)		2520		29
56	2/14 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(S)		3482		
57	2/16 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(P)		2903		30
58	2/16 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(S)		3236		
59	2/27 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(P)		2747		31
60	2/27 Aust Inf Bn; Bn-Coy	(S)		3350		
61	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn; Bn-Coy	(P)		2660		32
62	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn; Bn-Coy	(S)		3110		
63	Coy 2/2 MG Bn; Coy-Pls (Allotted from X Bde)			2587		41
64	COMMON USER FREQUENCY			3690		

COY - PL SCR 536 SETS FIXED FREQUENCIES

3540	5180
4360	5360
4680	5920

ARTY SCR 536 SETS FIXED FREQUENCIES

4305
4495
4930

65	Bde HQ Ship and Alternate Bde HQ ashore	148
66	Div HQ Ship	164
67	Ship's Collective Code Sign	157

25 AUST INF BDE DIRECTORY

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APPX "B"

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Ser No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq Row No	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row No
1.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde & 1 Aust Para Bn (Div A Wave)	P.F58		196	
2.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde & 1 Aust Para Bn (Div A Wave)	S.F39			
3.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde & 1 Aust Para Bn (Div A Wave) Bde terminal			141	
4.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde & 1 Aust Para Bn (Div A Wave) Para Bn Terminal			181	
5.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde & 1 Aust Para Bn (Div A Wave) Collective Code Sign			144	
6.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde (Div B Wave)	P.F46		113	
7.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde (Div B Wave)	S.F119			
8.	HQ 7 Aust Div - 25 Aust Inf Bde (Div B Wave) Bde Terminal			139	
<u>BDE LINKS</u>					
9.	25 Aust Inf Bde, (Bde A Wave)	P.F31		156	
10.	25 Aust Inf Bde, (Bde A Wave)	S.F93			
11.	25 Aust Inf Bde (Bde A Wave) Collective Code Sign			117	
12.	2/25 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde A Wave)			116	
13.	2/31 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde A Wave)			153	
14.	2/33 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde A Wave)			155	
15.	25 Aust Inf Bde (Bde B Wave)	P.	3830	156	
16.	25 Aust Inf Bde (Bde B Wave)	S.	3690		
17.	25 Aust Inf Bde (Bde B Wave) Collective Code Sign			117	
18.	2/25 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde B Wave)			116	
19.	2/31 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde B Wave)			153	
20.	2/33 Aust Inf Bn Term (Bde B Wave)			155	
21.	25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn	P.F53		142	
22.	25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn	S.F108			
23.	25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn Bn Terminal			165	
24.	25 Aust Inf Bde (208 Set)		3260		
<u>ARMED</u>					
25.	C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sqn to Tanks	F25		183	17
<u>ARTY</u>					
26.	CRA NET	F80		149	
27.	2/6 Aust Fd Regt - CRA Net			140	
28.	2/6 Aust Fd Regt, Regt - Btys	F74			27
29.	11 Aust Fd Bty	F60	2747		28
30.	12 Aust Fd Bty	F82	3080		47
31.	56 Aust Fd Bty	F94	3350		48
32.	One Bty 2/4 Aust LMA Regt				37
<u>ENGRS</u>					
33.	CRE NET	F30		161	
34.	CRE NET, 2/5 Aust Fd Coy Terminal			160	
35.	2/5 Aust Fd Coy, Coy - Pls	F85	2903		36

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25 AUST INF BDE DIRECTORYSECRETAPPX "B"

43

Ser No	UNIT OR SIG STATION	Freq No	Row	Fixed Freq	Code Row No	Sign Row No	Code Row No	Name
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BEACH SIGS ARMY

36. Right ABSS

37. Left ABSS

122

123

INF

38. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

P.

2520

18

39. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

S.

3110

40. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

P.

2587

19

41. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

S.

3236

42. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

P.

2660

20

43. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

S.

3035

44. Bde HQ Ship & Alternate Bde
Hq Ashore

168

1 AUST PARA BN DIRECTORYSECRETAPPX "B"

Ser No	UNIT OR SIG STATION	Freq Row No	Fixed Freq	Code Row No	Sign Row No	Code Row No	Name
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1. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn &
25 Aust Inf Bde (Div A Wave) P.

F58

196

2. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn &
25 Aust Inf Bde S.

F39

3. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn &
25 Aust Inf Bde: Bn Terminal

181

4. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn &
25 Aust Inf Bde: Bde Terminal

141

5. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn &
25 Aust Inf Bde: Collective Code Sign.

144

6. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn
Forward Base

F56

169

7. Hq 7 Aust Div - 1 Aust Para Bn
Forward Base: Bn Terminal

170

8. 25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn. P.F53

142

9. 25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn. S.F108

10. 25 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Aust Para Bn
Bn Terminal

165

11. 1 Aust Para Bn - Coys

P.

2792

12. 1 Aust Para Bn - Coys

S.

3095

40

13. Aust Mountain Bty

3175

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"X" AUST INF BDE DIRECTORY

SECRET

43

Ser No	UNIT OR SIGNAL STATION	Freq No	Row	Fixed Freq	Code Sign Row No	Code Name Row
1	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave					
2	HQ 7 Aust Div A Wave (P)	F 24			198	
3	Collective Code Sign Div A Wave (S)	F113				
4	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave				120	
5	HQ 7 Aust Div B Wave (P)	F 34			199	
6	Collective Code Sign Div B Wave (S)	F117				
7	X Aust Inf Bde Div A Wave				153	
	Terminal					
8	X Aust Inf Bde Div B Wave				257	
	Terminal					
					240	
<u>BDE LINKS</u>						
9	X Aust Inf Bde					
10	X Aust Inf Bde - Bde-Bns				241	
11	X Aust Inf Bde - Bde-Bns (P)	F 23			242	
12	Collective Code Signs Bde-Bns (S)	F116			242	
13	X Aust Inf Bde (208 Set)				243	
14	2/13 Aust Inf Bn			2857		
					244	
15	2/15 Aust Inf Bn				245	
16	2/17 Aust Inf Bn				246	
<u>CAV</u>						
17	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn Bde					
	Terminal					
18	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Fwd HQ				247	
19	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn - Tps				248	
	(208 Sets)			3226		52
				3397		
				3443		
<u>ARMD</u>						
20	A Sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Bde Terminal				249	
21	A Sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Fwd HQ				250	
22	A Sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt to Tks	F118				51
<u>ARTY</u>						
23	CRA NET					
24	CRA NET RAA Terminal	F 80				
25	CRA NET Collective Code Sign				149	
26	2/12 Aust Fd Regt CRA Net				146	
27	2/12 Aust Fd Regt - Btys				251	
28	A Aust Fd Bty	F 96				53
29	B Aust Fd Bty	F 62		3050		54
30	C Aust Fd Bty	F100		2850		55
31	11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	F 89		3330		56
32	Tp LAA 2/1 Comp AA Regt					58
						57
<u>ENGRS</u>						
33	CRE NET					
34	CRE NET RAE Terminal	F 30				
35	CRE NET Collective Code Sign				161	
36	2/13 Aust Fd Coy Bde Terminal				145	
37	2/13 Aust Fd Coy Fwd HQ				254	
38	2/13 Aust Fd Coy; Coy-Pls	F 73		3080	256	58
<u>INF</u>						
39	2/13 Aust Inf Bn - Bn-Coys			2617		59
40	2/15 Aust Inf Bn - Bn-Coys			3020		
				3005		60
41	2/17 Aust Inf Bn - Bn-Coys			2865		
				2954		61
				3273		

APPENDIX "E" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

7 AUST DIV ADM INSTR No. AG 7/45

FUNERAL OF MAJ-GEN G A VASEY, MAJ-GEN R M DOWNES, LT-COL

G BERTRAM

7 Mar 45

1 The funeral of the abovenamed officers will be held at the Military Cemetery CAIRNS on 8 Mar 45 at 1200 hours.

2 The funeral service will be conducted by Chapla in D REDDING in conjunction with a chaplain made available by 1 Aust Corps.

3 Funeral parties will be provided by 7 Aust Div as follows:-

(a) No 1. Party (for lining route at cemetery)

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
18 Aust Inf Bde	1	50
21 Aust Inf Bde	1	50
25 Aust Inf Bde	1	50
2/4 Aust Fd Regt		13
2/5 Aust Fd Regt		13
2/6 Aust Fd Regt		12
2/1 Aust MG Bn		12
Total	3	200

(b) No. 2 Party (Bearers)

	<u>Warrant Officers</u>
25 Aust Inf Bde	3
2/6 Aust Fd Regt	1
RAE 7 Aust Div	2
Sigs 7 Aust Div	1
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	1
2/1 Aust MG Bn	1
Total	9

- Notes: (i) This party will be trained by 25 Aust Inf Bde.
(ii) 25 Aust Inf Bde will provide one additional warrant officer as reserve.

(c) No. 3 Party (Bearers)

	<u>Warrant Officers</u>
18 Aust Inf Bde	3
21 Aust Inf Bde	3
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	1
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	1
AASC 7 Aust Div	1
Total	9

- Notes: (i) This party will be trained by 21 Aust Inf Bde,
(ii) 21 Aust Inf Bde will provide one additional warrant officer as a reserve.

(d) No. 4 Party (Bearers)

	<u>Serjeants</u>
18 Aust Inf Bde	3
21 Aust Inf Bde	3
25 Aust Inf Bde	<u>3</u>
Total	9

Notes: (i) This party will be trained by 18 Aust Inf Bde.
(ii) 18 Aust Inf Bde will provide one additional sjt as a reserve.

(e) No. 5 Party (Firing Party)

This party will comprise one sjt, one cpl and 12 ptes. It will be provided and trained by 18 Aust Inf Bde.

BAND

3 25 Aust Inf Bde will make available 2/33 Aust Inf Bn Band which will be augmented under mutual arrangements between 21 Aust Inf Bde and 25 Aust Inf Bde, by members from 21 Aust Inf Bde bands.

BUGLER

4 A bugler to play "Last Post" and "Reveille" will be provided by 25 Aust Inf Bde.

ASSEMBLY

5 The above personnel will assemble at the cemetery gates on 8 Mar 45 at 1000 hours.

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PARTIES

6 21 Aust Inf Bde will make available one major who will be in charge of all funeral parties and the convoy. This officer will be instructed to report to Lt-Col COX (AAG 1 Aust Corps) at the cemetery gates on 8 Mar 45 at 1000 hours. He will travel with 18 Aust Inf Bde personnel.

SENIOR OFFICERS

7 (a) The Corps Comd desires that all Brigadiers attend.

(b) In addition it is desired that Lt-Cols who served under the late Maj-Gen G A VASEY and those who have been closely associated with the other deceased officers also attend.

(c) These officers are required to assemble at the cemetery on 8 Mar 45 at 1145 hours.

DRESS

8 (a) Officers

Hat, khaki, fur felt (caps for brigadiers only)
Shirts (KD or JG)
Trousers (KD or JG)
Belts Web or Sam Browne less shoulder strap.
Boots
Ankle's Web

(b) Other Ranks (including Warrant Officers)

Hat, khaki, fur felt
Shirt (JG)
Trousers (JG)
Belts Web
Boots
Anklets Web

MESSING

- 9 (a) Personnel will provide own pannikins and eat lunches.
- (b) CAIRNS L of C Provost will pick up convoy at WORRE map ref 706651 CAIRNS SHEET 1 in to 1 mile at 0900 hours and guide convoy to NORMAN PARK where hot tea will be provided by CAIRNS L of C.
- (c) OC Party Maj W RUSSELL 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will contact Maj FARRY DAAG CAIRNS L of C at the cemetery and make arrangements for midday meal. It is anticipated the midday meal will be partaken at NORMAN PARK. CAIRNS L of C is providing hot tea.
- (d) 18, 21 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes will be responsible for providing personnel with an evening meal. Each Bde will send a kitchen truck and party by 1100 hours down gate to vicinity MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL map ref 682424 GORDONVALE SHEET 1 in to 1 mile. These parties will be prepared to provide a hot meal for their respective personnel at 1530 hours.
- (e) OC Convoy will
- (i) Arrange to depart from CAIRNS in time to reach MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL by 1530 hours.
- (ii) Depart from MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL in sufficient time to catch 1730 hours up gate.
- (f) Due allowance will be made for drivers and personnel from 2/1 Aust MG Bn when preparing meals.

MOVEMENT

- 10 (a) Movement Table is attached at Appx "A".
- (b) Senior officers will travel independently. Staff cars will be timed to arrive at down gate by 0745 hours.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

- 11 (a) Traffic Control for movement will be under arrangements DAPM 7 Aust Div.
- (b) CAIRNS L of C Provost will assist where necessary.
- (c) One MG escort will report to each 18, 21, and 25 Aust Inf Bdes 10 minutes prior to start time from unit lines.
- (d) OC Convoy will be responsible for marshalling and departure from SP at correct time.

RETURN TO KAIRI

12 Convoy will return by 1730 hours up gate, gate closes at 1900 hours. OC Convoy will be responsible that convoy arrives at gate in time.

13 This instruction confirms verbal arrangements made this day.

Geo. H. H. H. H. H.
Lt-Col
AA & QMG 7 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

18 Aust Inf Bde
21 Aust Inf Bde (2)
25 Aust Inf Bde
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
RAA 7 Aust Div
RAE 7 Aust Div
Sigs 7 Aust Div
2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
1 Aust Corps (2)
Comd
G
Q
AA&SC 7 Aust Div
ADMS 7 Aust Div
DAPM (2)
Senior Chaplain C of E
Camp
File
War Diary (2)

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17 Aust L of C Sub Area

APPX A TO 7 AUST DIV ADM
INSTR AG7/45 OF 7 MAR 45

MOVEMENT TABLE

SP 480352 Map Ref GORDONVALE 1 in to 1 mile
ROUTE. KAIRI - GILLIES HIGHWAY - GORDONVALE - CAIRNS CEMETERY
VTM 17
MIH 15

SERIAL NO	UNIT	PERSONNEL	VEHS	SUPPLIED BY	REPORT TO	TIME OF REPORT-ING	START TIME FROM UNIT LINES	PASS START POINT AT		REMARKS
								HEAD	TAIL	
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
1	18 Aust Inf Bde	87	5x3 ton	AASC	HQ 18 Bde	0530K	0545	0615	0620	(a) OC Convoy Maj W RUSSELL 2/14 Aust Inf Bn (b) Bde TOs will be responsible for embussing
2	25 Aust Inf Bde	74	5x3 ton	AASC	HQ 25 Bde	0530K	0545			
3	21 Aust Inf Bde	112	8x3 ton	AASC	HQ 21 Bde	0530K	0545			
4	2/1 Aust MG Bn	12	1x3 ton	AASC	2/1 MG Bn	0530K	0545			

APPENDIX "F" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

SECRET
EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO DIVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FORCE TO CONVOYS-
ISSUED AS APPENDICES TO 7 AUST DIV OUTLINE PLAN OF 23 FEB 45

The following amendments will be made to appropriate Brigade Extracts from Divisional Distribution of Force to Convoys:

Serial	Unit	Pers	Jeep	2½T	3T	Misc Vehs	Mech Lqpt	Jeep Trailers	Various Trailers	Stores	Remarks
<u>18 AUST INF BDE</u>											
5	Det C Aust FS Sec	4	1								
19	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	190	2	1	2			2	1	12	
27	3p A/c Party	12	1					1			
55	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	5	2					2		1	
56	Delete all reference										
67	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	80	2	1	2		1(a)		3		(a) D4 Tractor
<u>21 AUST INF BDE</u>											
5	Det C Aust FS Sec	4	1								
23	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	160	2	1	2		1(a)		3	12	(a) D4 Tractor
24	Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	8			1	1(a)	2(b)				(a) Semi Trailer (b) D6 Dozers
25	Det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec	3	2					2			
44a	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	25									
45	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	87		2	4		2(a)		2	47½	(a) D4 Tractors
64a	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	55	2	1	2		1(a)	1	2		(a) D4 Tractor

Serial	Unit	Pers	Jeep	2½T	3T	Misc Eqpt	Mech Eqpt	Jeep Trail- ers	Var- ious Trail- ers	Stores	Remarks
	<u>25 AUST INF BDE</u>										
23	Det C Aust FS Sec 2/5 Aust Fd Coy (less Pl)	4 174	1 9	4	14		2 (a)	1 6	5 (b)		(a) D4 Tractors (b) 3 Water, 2 Air Compressors
24	Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	6			1	1 (a)	2 (b)			189 (c)	(a) Semi Trailer (b) 1 D4 Dozer (c) Incl 180 tons Engr Stores.
38	7, 8 and Det 9 SFCs	21	3								
40	Det 1 Aust Beach Gp	212	8	34	1	5	2	3		4½	
42	Det Tp 2/3 Aust Indep Fd Sqn	13	1		1			3		3	

SECRET
EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 7 AUST DIV
OPERATION ORDER NO.1 OF 9 MAR 45

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

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7. AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER No.1
OPERATION "SEAGULL"

Ref Maps : MORONES 1 inch to 4 miles
PORT TUBAN 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION

- 1 Topography } See 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL"
- 2 Enemy } Intelligence Summary No 1 and Sitrep
- 3 Own Troops } No 1 of 22 Feb 45.
 - (a) US Forces control LEYTE and SAMAR and have established two bomber strips and four fighter strips with an additional seven strips on MINDORO.
 - (b) 6 Aust Div has completed mopping-up operations in the AITAPE - WEWAK area and is now concentrating at WEWAK and upon completion of concentration is to come into Corps Reserve.
 - (c) 9 Aust Div is at Staging Area No 2.
 - (d) 1 Aust Corps is to capture MORONES ISLAND to permit its development as an advanced base and the establishment of air and naval facilities on this Island.
 - (e) 1 Aust Para Bn is available to 7 Aust Div for the operation.
- 4 Guerilla Forces
 - (a) On MORONES IS there are approximately 17000 guerillas.
 - (b) Their tasks prior to D Day are sabotage and raiding.
 - (c) From the night of D-1 / D Day they will:-
 - (i) Cut communications
 - (ii) Demolish bridges
 - (iii) Halass enemy movements, particularly in the BEBINNIE area.
 - (iv) Furnish information regarding enemy strengths and movements.

6 Naval Support

(a) Allied naval forces are co-operating by:

- (i) Protecting convoys
- (ii) Bombarding the beaches in support of landings.
- (iii) Intercepting any enemy attempts to reinforce or supply MORONES IS.
- (iv) Carrying out a diversionary raid on SIRAWAI at first light on D Day.
- (v) Establishing motor torpedo boat bases on MORONES Is. D+2 from which 30 craft can be expected to operate.
- (vi) Providing destroyers and cruisers on call for support of operations subsequent to D Day.

(b) Co-ordinated Naval and Air Bombardment Programme is attached at Annexure 2 to Appendix "D".

6 Air

(a) Enemy

- (i) For the composition and location of enemy air strengths see 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL" Intelligence Summary No 1.
- (ii) Enemy aircraft expected in the objective area are shown at Annexure 1 to Appendix "E" attached.

(b) Own

(i) Composition

See Annexure 2 to Appendix "E" attached.

(ii) Strategic Air Support

Land based aircraft operating from SAMAR LEYTE, MINDORO and LUZON are providing general strategic support.

Naval aircraft operating from carriers of the Naval Support Group are giving protection to convoys and naval forces.

(iii) Tactical Air Support

Close air support is being provided until D+8 by an escort carrier group of 8 (eight) CVEs (128 fighters and 96 Dive and Torpedo Bombers). On D+8 this group is leaving the objective area and responsibility for air support is being taken over by land based aircraft, exact time to be mutually arranged by the two commanders.

Until D+8 land based aircraft are being employed on tasks outside the area of the landing and will NOT, except in an emergency, be available for close support of assaulting troops.

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(iv) Transport Aircraft

Fifty-two (52) land based transport aircraft (C47s or equivalent) will be available to convey paratroops.

(v) Auster Aircraft

Six (6) AUSTER Aircraft will be available as soon as landing strip is constructed on D Day, until D plus 4 when they revert to command of 1 Aust Corps - Divisional allotment will then be based on operational requirements.

7 Beach Reports

As for 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL" Intelligence Summary No 1.

INTENTION

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7 Aust Div will land in the MONACO area and:

- (a) Seize and hold a covering position in the area GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN as shown at Appendix "A" attached Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45 to:-
- (i) Protect the landing of the remainder of the forces.
- (ii) Cover the establishment of an Aust Base Sub Area in the area of landing.
- (iii) Permit the early establishment of light naval and air facilities in this locality.
- (b) Command the landing of "X" Aust Inf Bde Gp and control the further operations of this Bde Gp against TOMAKINE until HQ 9 Aust Div takes over command.
- (c) Capture NUSI to secure harbour facilities for the Allied forces.

METHOD

9 Summary

D Day

- (a) 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp simultaneously assault CHARLIE and DOG sectors.

Tasks:-

(i) Phase 1

21 Aust Inf Bde capture GILLAMATONG and river crossing VIGA RIVER 850388.

18 Aust Inf Bde capture PORT TUBAN.

(ii) Phase 2

21 Aust Inf Bde on orders from HQ 7 Aust Div capture high ground across coastal track in areas 7543 and 7545 to secure a firm base through which "X" Aust Inf Bde will pass to capture TOMAKINE.

- (iii) 18 Aust Inf Bde secure the line 952182 to 950290.

Inter-brigade boundary - main road to KENAPAI running North along West shore of LAKE MURDI from 870293, inclusive to 18 Aust Inf Bde.

- (b) "X" Aust Inf Bde land on CHARLIE DOG sector on D Day and come into Divisional Reserve prepared to pass through 21 Aust Inf Bde in area 7543 - 7545 NOT before D+2.
- (c) 25 Aust Inf Bde not committed.
- (d) 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (less one Sqn) under command 18 Aust Inf Bde for landing only reverts divisional command on landing of HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (e) One Sqn 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt under command 18 Aust Inf Bde reverts divisional command 1600H on D+1.

10 D + 1.

1 Aust Para Bn airborne landing morning D+1 KENAPAI area to secure a suitable beachhead whereby 25 Aust Inf Bde may make unopposed landing.

11 D + 2.

- (a) "X" Aust Inf Bde pass through 21 Aust Inf Bde in area 7543 - 7545 and advance to TOMAKINE with view to its capture.
- (b) 21 Aust Inf Bde comes into Divisional Reserve.
- (c) 18 Aust Inf Bde remains responsible for securing East flank of beachhead area.
- (d) 25 Aust Inf Bde lands by sea at KENAPAI to secure an area for the temporary maintenance of a brigade group and patrol beyond TAGANI with a view to the subsequent advance of the Division to MUSA.

12 Order of Battle

See amended Appendix "B" with Annexures 1 to 8 attached to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

13 Beaches

Division of coastline into beaches -
see Appendix "C" attached to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

PART 1 - ASSAULT BRIG DES

1. 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Comd - Brig F O CHILTON DSO)

(a) Composition

See amended Annexure 2 to Appendix "B" attached to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

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(b) Tasks

(i) Phase 1

Land at H Hour on CHARLIE YELLOW and GREEN beaches and capture PORT TUBAN.

(ii) Phase 2

Capture gun positions in areas 8918 and 9117 and destroy field guns marked "A" to "D" in Appendix "E" to 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL" Intelligence Summary No 1.

(iii) Phase 3

Secure the line 952182 - 950290.

(iv) Phase 4

Secure Eastern sector of covering positions from and inclusive main road to KENAPAI running North along West shore of LAKE MURDI from 870298.

25 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Comd - Brig I N DOUGHERTY DSO)

(a) Composition

See amended Annexure 1 to Appendix "B" attached to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

(b) Tasks

(i) Phase 1

Land at H Hour on DOG GREEN and CHARLIE RED beaches and capture GILLAMATONG and river crossing VIGA RIVER 850388.

Capture GILLAMATONG airfield and destroy guns marked "A" to "F" in Appendix "E" to 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL" Intelligence Summary No 1.

(ii) Phase 2

On orders from HQ 7 Aust Div capture high ground across coastal track in areas 7543 and 7545 to secure a firm base through which "X" Aust Inf Bde will pass to capture TOMAKTOK.

(iii) Phase 3

Secure Western sector of covering position from and exclusive main road to KENAPAI running North along West shore of LAKE MURDI from 870298.

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(iv) Phase 4

After "X" Aust Inf Bde has passed through for advance on TOMAKINE. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp comes into Divisional Reserve.

16 Naval Support

- (a) Naval support available - see Appendix "D" attached.
- (b) Naval Bombardment Plan D Day - see Annexure 1 to Appendix "D" attached.
- (c) Naval bombardment other than pre-arranged will be through SFCPs as required.

17 Air

See Appendix "E" and Annexures 1 to 11 attached.

18 Cav

- (a) 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron, under command 18 Aust Inf Bde for landing only, reverts Divisional command on landing of HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (b) One squadron 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt under command 18 Aust Inf Bde reverts Divisional command at 1600H D plus 1.
- (c) Tasks
 - (i) Regiment less one squadron will advance on main track to KENAPAI running North along West shore of LAKE MURDI from 883339.
 - (ii) One squadron will provide left flank protection for 18 Aust Inf Bde and subsequently will advance to KENAPAI on track South of LAKE MURDI under orders of HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (d) 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt will come under command 25 Aust Inf Bde on arrival KENAPAI area.

19 Armd

- (a) Amphibious Tk Bn less two Coys and Amphibious Tractor Bn less one Coy will land in support of 18 Aust Inf Bde on D Day. On D plus 4 command reverts to 1 Aust Corps.
- (b) Two Coys Amphibious Tk Bn and one Coy Amphibious Tractor Bn will land in support of 21 Aust Inf Bde on D Day. On D plus 4 command reverts to 1 Aust Corps.

20 Arty

- (a) 10 DUKWS available 18 Aust Inf Bde and 12 DUKWS available 21 Aust Inf Bde for landing arty on D Day.
- (b) Additional two DUKWS available each 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes for ammunition supply on D Day.

21 Tk A and 4.2-in Mortars

- (a) 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt in support 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Bty will be equipped with 8 X 6-pr guns and 4 X 4.2-in mortars.

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22 AA Protection

- (a) 53 Aust Comp AA Regt (less one LAA Tp) under command 18 Aust Inf Bde for landing only.
- (b) Priority of Landing -
 - (i) one LAA Tp will be landed by H+120.
 - (ii) one HAA Bty will be landed by H+360.
 - (iii) Remainder of regiment.

23 Engrs

- (a) 2/4 Aust Fd Coy with under command -
Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
in support of 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Tasks

- (i) Clear 12 gaps for LVTs to CHARLIE YELLOW and GREEN beaches by H Hour.
- (ii) Clear and buoy three gaps for LSTs to CHARLIE YELLOW and GREEN beaches by H+3 hrs.
- (iii) Construct road from BMA to 878348.
- (iv) Support advance of 18 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 2/6 Aust Fd Coy with under command -
Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
in support 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Tasks

- (i) Clear 12 gaps for LVTs to DOG GREEN and CHARLIE RED beaches by H Hour.
- (ii) Clear and buoy three gaps for LSTs to DOG GREEN and CHARLIE RED beaches by H+3 hrs.
- (iii) Provide Class 5 and subsequently Class 30 crossing of VIGA RIVER.
- (iv) Support advance of 21 Aust Inf Bde.

PART II - FOLLOW UP BRIGADES

24 "X" Aust Inf Bde Gp (Comd - Brig WYE)

(a) Composition

- (b) See Annexure 4 to Appendix "b" attached to outline Plan of 23 Feb.
Time of landing - H+5 hrs approximately.
- (c) Concentration area ashore 84553380, 84353440, 84833440, 84873390.

(d) Tasks

(i) Phase 1

Floating Reserve to Divisional
landing in CHARLIE and DOG Sectors.

(ii) Phase 2

Land through DOG-GREEN and CHARLIE
RED beaches on D-Day under orders HQ 7 Aust
Div and come into Divisional Reserve prepared
to pass through 21 Aust Inf Bde in area 7543-
7545 not before D+2.

(iii) Phase 3

On orders HQ 7 Aust Div, pass through
21 Aust Inf Bde (not before D+2) in area 7543-
7545 and advance on TOMAKINE with view to its
capture.

(iv) Phase 4

Revert to command HQ 9 Aust Div
on landing of that HQ.

25 Armd

A squadron 2/5 Aust Armd Regt under
command "X" Aust Inf Bde.

26 Engrs

(a) "X" Aust Inf Bde. 2/13 Aust Fd Coy under command

(b) one sec 2/3 Aust Ind Fd Sqn under
command "X" Aust Inf Bde.

PART III - AIRBORNE LANDING

27 1 Aust Para Bn Gp (Comd - Lt-Col J W OVERALL MC)

(a) Composition

1 Aust Para Bn with under command -

One sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty - to be provided by
1 Aust Corps

1 Aust Para Tp RAE

Det Sigs 7 Aust Div (22 Set and operators).

One SFCP

- to be provided by
25 Aust Inf Bde.

Det "M" Special Unit (6)

Lo 25 Aust Inf Bde.

RAN Beach Recce Party

- to be provided by
1 Aust Beach Gp.

one ALP (3)

- to be provided by
1 Aust Corps.

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(b) Task

(i) Airborne landing in KENAPAI area on morning of D+1 to secure suitable beachhead whereby 25 Aust Inf Bde may make unopposed landing. Beachhead to conform with 25 Aust Inf Bde requirements.

(ii) After landing of 25 Aust Inf Bde, 1 Aust Para Bn will be withdrawn into reserve and will be used as infantry only in emergency.

(c) Emplaning Point

LEYTE.

(d) Movement to LEYTE

Instructions for movement to LEYTE by sea will be issued separately.

(e) 1 Aust Para Bn Command

1 Aust Para Bn Gp will be under command HQ 7 Aust Div until landing of HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde at KENAPAI on D+2 when that HQ will assume command.

(f) Allotment of Aircraft

Fifty-two (52) C47s or equivalent aircraft available LEYTE for carriage of paratroops.

(g) Engrs

1 Aust Para Tp RAE comes under command 2/5 Aust Fd Coy after landing of 25 Aust Inf Bde.

(h) Naval Support

Naval support available - see Appendix "D" attached.

(i) Air Support

Air support available - see Appendix "E" attached.

(j) Smoke

Aircraft will be available for laying smoke to cover landing of 1 Aust Para Bn Gp as required.

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PART IV - KENAPAI LANDING

28 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Comd - Brig K W EATHER CBE DSO ED)

(a) Composition

See amended Annexure 3 to Appendix "B"
attached to outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

(b) Tasks

(i) Phase 1

D+1 - Divisional Floating Reserve.

(ii) Phase 2

Move by sea to KENAPAI and land on D+2
to secure an area for the temporary maintenance of a brigade group.

(iii) Phase 3

Patrol beyond TAGANI with a view to
subsequent advance of the Division to NUSA.
Link with 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt on
roads PORT TUBAN-KENAPAI.

(iv) Construct AUSTER airstrip and 647 fine
weather strip in KENAPAI area as early as
practicable.

29 Naval Bombardment

(a) Naval support available - see Appendix
"D" attached.

(b) One SFCP provided by 25 Aust Inf Bde will
drop with 1 Aust Para Bn and will support 1 Aust
Para Bn and landing of 25 Aust Inf Bde as necessary.

(c) Subsequent Naval Support through 25 Aust
Inf Bde SFCPs as required.

30 Air

See Appendix "E" and Annexures 1-11 attached.

31 Armd

"C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt under command
25 Aust Inf Bde.

32 Engrs

(a) 2/5 Aust Fd Coy less one pl with under
command Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy under command 25 Aust
Inf Bde.

(b) One Sec 2/3 Aust Ind Fd Sqn under command
"C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.

(c) 1 Aust Para Tp RAE comes under command
2/5 Aust Fd Coy after landing of 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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PART V - GENERAL

33 Naval Support

- (a) Naval Support available - see Appendix "D" attached.
- (b) Naval Bombardment Plan D Day - see Annexure 1 to Appendix "D" attached.
- (c) Detailed Naval Bombardment Plan will be shown in extracts from Naval Plan to be issued later.

34 Air Support

See Appendix "E" and Annexures 1-11 attached.

35 Armd

2/9 Aust Armd Regt less one Sqn will land as under and come into Divisional Reserve:-

- (a) one Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt lands D+1.
- (b) one Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt lands D+2.
- (c) 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three Sqs lands on D+3.

36 AA Protection

HAA-gun areas allotted to 53 Aust Comp Ar. Regt are shown at Appendix "F" attached to outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

37 Engrs

- (a) HQ RAE 7 Aust Div with under command -
2/9 Aust Fd Coy.
one Pl 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy less Dets -
Det RAN Commando (to revert command HQ Beach Sub Area at H+12 hrs).

Tasks

- (i) Bridge Water Gap (launching NL Pontoons) for ISTs on D Day.
- (ii) Provide Class 30 crossings of VIGA and FIGALOO RIVERS.
- (iii) Provide exits from BMA to GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN Highway.
- (iv) Develop road GILLAMATONG-KENAPAI to carry all weather one-way traffic with maximum number of passing points.

SLR

- (v) Establish AUSTER airstrips on D Day in following order of priority:-

Gun areas.
HQ 7 Aust Div.

- (vi) Establish water points for force as early as practicable.

- (vii) Establish and operate Div RAE Dump by D+2.

- (b) RAE Beach Sub Area will be responsible for the undermentioned tasks:-

Tasks

- (i) Clear mines and obstacles above High Water Mark.
- (ii) Complete initial clearance of underwater obstacles.
- (iii) Develop and maintain roads within the BMA.
- (iv) Water storage in "Canarc" Tanks from LSTs and discharge from tanks.
- (v) Establish water points within the BMA.
- (vi) Assist in establishment of BMA.
- (vii) Operate NL Pontoons after D Day.

- (c) RAE Works Table - See Appendix "G" attached to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

38 RAAF Works Wing

7 Aust Div will be responsible for facilitating the work of RAAF Works Wing in construction of airfields until D+4 when 1 Aust Corps will assume the responsibility.

39 Beach Defence

CO 2/1 Aust MG Bn will co-ordinate beach defences with Beach Sub Area Comd and Brigades.

40 Shipping

(a) Distribution of Force to Convoys

- (i) Divisional Distribution - attached at Appendix "H".
- (ii) 18 Aust Inf Bde - attached at amended Appendix "I" to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45
- (iii) 21 Aust Inf Bde - attached at amended Appendix "J" to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45
- (iv) 25 Aust Inf Bde - attached at amended Appendix "K" to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45
- (v) "X" Aust Inf Bde - attached at amended Appendix "L" to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45

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(b) Consolidated Distribution of Force to Convoys

Attached at Appendix "M."

41 Scales

- (a) 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes land on D Day with modified Assault Scale. "X" Aust Inf Bde lands on D Day with modified Light Scale. 25 Aust Inf Bde lands on D+2 with Light Scale.
- (b) 18, 21 and "X" Aust Inf Bdes will build up to Light Scale by D+1 and all units of 7 Aust Div will reach normal scale by D+12.

42 Tactical Loading

All convoys on D Day, plus the KENAPAI convoy, will be tactically loaded except for maintenance stores. . . .

43 Labour

follows:-

Labour is allotted Beach Sub Area as

- (a) 1 Aust Beach Gp - 2/1 Aust MG Bn to revert to Division on D+4 when command of Beach Sub area passes to 1 Aust Corps.
- (b) 2 Aust Beach Gp - 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.

44 LOB

As per 1 Aust Corps G/6161/SD of 12 Jan 45.

45 Reserves

On D Day will be landed -

2 days POL
4 days ammunition
6 days supplies

By D+4 -

10 days of all categories will be landed.

46 Reinforcements

2400 will be in objective area by D+15.

47 D Day

28 Mar 45.

48 H Hour

0730H.

49 Command

- (a) Naval Forces under command Admiral DEEP.
- (b) Airforces under command Air Vice Marshal FLIGHT.
- (c) 7 Aust Div is in command of all troops in the objective area until D+3.
- (d) Brig ANTINE will command HQ Beach Sub Area under which command are placed 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps. Beach Sub Area reverts to Corps command on D+4.
- (e) Boat Bn Engineer Special Bde reverts to command 1 Aust Corps on D+4.

50 Rehearsals

- (a) Rehearsal of 7 Aust Div Gp will be conducted by 1 Aust Corps in the Staging Area on a date to be determined.
- (b) The object of the rehearsal will be to land all personnel, vehicles and stores of 7 Aust Div Gp landing on D Day and to carry out necessary development of Beachhead and tactical moves inland.
- (c) Stores and vehicles will be reloaded at the conclusion of the rehearsal.
- (d) Sufficient aircraft for 1 Aust Para Bn to carry out a rehearsal at LEYTE will be available about D - 8.

51 Security

Instructions for security measures are attached at Appendix "Q" to Outline Plan of 23 Feb 45.

ADM

52 Maintenance project as for 7 Aust Div Outline Maintenance Project and Administration Plan of 23 Feb 45 and Divisional Distribution of Force to Convoys attached at Appendix "H".

INTERCOM

53 7 Aust Div Sig Instruction

- (a) See Appendix "P" attached.
- (b) Wireless diagrams will be issued with Sigs 7 Aust Div 00 No 1.

54 Location of HQ Afloat

- (a) Command Group HQ 7 Aust Div - HMS "GLENBARN".
- (b) Stand-by Command Group HQ 7 Aust Div - HMS "LOTHIAN".

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55 Moves of HQ

- (a) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div - Tentative Area D Day 8834.
Opens approximately H+4 hrs.
- (b) Main HQ - Opens PORT TUBAN area D+8.
- (c) Rear HQ - Closes Staging Area No.1 D+2.
- (d) Rear Party remains Staging Area No.1.

56 Wireless Silence

Wireless silence will be maintained by all army wireless stations afloat until H-1 hour. Emergency communications afloat will be passed over Navy channels prior to H-1 Hour. Listening watch will be kept from 1800H on D-1 by HQ ship sections only.

57 Netting of Wireless Stations

- (a) All wireless sets in the assault force will be calibrated at Staging Area.
- (b) Wireless stations to be used as control stations plus one reserve set will be checked against sub standard frequency measuring set and the transmitter dials locked.
- (c) Calibration and netting will be carried out strictly in accordance with the time table to be notified. NO other transmissions are authorized.

58 Ground to Air Communications

- (a) See 7 Aust Div GS Instruction No.20 of 29 Sep 44.
- (b) Unit identification panel display numbers issued separately.

59 Time Zone Suffix

Time Zone Suffix will be "H". To determine the time from this Zone, eight hours will be added to GMT or two hours subtracted from Australian Eastern Standard Time.

60 Frequencies
Codes and Ciphers

Issued separately.

61 Synchronization

- (a) Afloat
Ships time. Zone HOW.
- (b) Ashore
BBC Time Signals.

62 Code Word for the Operation - "SEAGULL".

63 Code Word for Postponement of 1 Aust Para Bn Landing at
KENAPAI

"SNAFU"

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Signed at 1345 K 9 Mar 46
Issued through Sigs

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Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

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18 Aust Inf Bde	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1	1-2
21 Aust Inf Bde	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	2	3-4
-- 25 Aust Inf Bde	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	3	5-6
x X Aust Inf Bde	7-8	7-8	7-8	7-8	4	7-8
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	9	9	9	9		9
RAA 7 Aust Div	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	5	10-11
RAE 7 Aust Div	12-13	12-13	12-13	12-13	6	12-13
Sigs 7 Aust Div	14-15	14-15	14-15	14-15		14-15
1 Aust Para Bn	16	16	16	16		16
2/1 Aust MG Bn	17	17	17	17		17
-- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	18	18	18	18		18
x HQ Beach Sub Area	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-20	7-8	19-20
1 Aust Beach Gp	21-22	21-22	21-22	21-22	9-10	21-22
x 2 Aust Beach Gp	23-24	23-24	23-24	23-24	11-12	23-24
1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	25	25	25	25	13	25
1 Aust Corps	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	14-19	26-31
Comd	32	32	32	32	20	32
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2 Aust Ops Report Team	42	42	42	42	26	42
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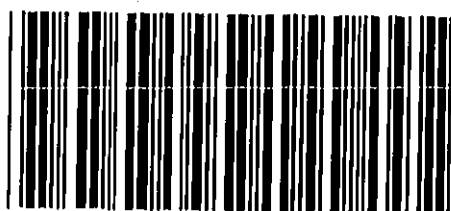
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NAVAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

D DAY	D plus 1	D plus 2	D plus 3	D plus 4	D plus 4 onwards
1 DD per SFCP (2 DD in reserve) 3 CL available if required by SFCPs 2 CA (for tasks against targets 27 and 28) 4 LOI (G) 6 LOI (R)	2 CA) available 2 CL) if requir- 10 DD) ed by 18 or 21 bdes 4 LOI (G) 6 LCI (R) 1 CL) available 2 DD) to support paratroop landing at KENAPAI	25 Bde 1 CA 2 DD X Bde) 1 CA 18 Bde) 2 DD 21 Bde) 4 LCI (G) 6 LCI (R)	25 Bde 1 CA 2 DD X Bde) 1 CA 18 Bde) 2 DD 21 Bde) 4 LCI (G) 6 LCI (R)	25 Bde 1 CA 2 DD X Bde) 1 CA 18 Bde) 2 DD - 4 LCI (G) 6 LCI (R)	2 DD Heavier units on 6 hrs call

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ANNEXURE-2 to Appendix 'D' to 7 Aust Div
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CO-ORDINATED NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT PROGRAMME - D DAY

Serial No.	Task	Timings	Remarks
1	12 Cmn Guns - Targets 27 & 28	AIR - H-117 to H-60 NAVY - H-60 to H Hour	Navy need NOT necessarily bombard continuously during whole period but to be on call by Air Spotting to silence or neutralize as required.
2	CHARLIE-DOG Sector Landing Beaches	NAVY - H-117 to H-90 AIR - H-90 to H-30 NAVY - H-60 to H-30 H-30 to H-7 H-30 to H-7 H-7 to H-3 H-7 to H Hour	OL & DD Bombardment. Bombing and Strafing. LCI(G) available for protection of RAE demolition party and fire by observation when position of aircraft permits. OL Bombardment. DD Bombardment. LCI(R) Bombardment. LCI(G) Bombardment.
3	GILLAMATONG Airfield	AIR - H-117 to H-60 NAVY - H-60 to H-30	Navy need NOT necessarily bombard continuously during whole period but to be on call by Air Spotting to silence or neutralize as required.
4	GILLAMATONG	NAVY - H Hour to H+60	DD Bombardment.
5	PGT TUBAN	NAVY - H Hour to H+60	DD Bombardment.

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Air Support Plan, details of enemy aircraft and procedure to be adopted are shown in Annexures 1 to 11 attached as follows:-

- Annexure 1 - Enemy Aircraft.
- Annexure 2 - Support aircraft available.
- Annexure 3 - Air Support Plan prior to D Day.
- Annexure 4 - Air Support Plan D Day.
- Annexure 5 - Air Support Plan D plus 1.
- Annexure 6 - Air Support Plan D plus 2 -
until land based aircraft
assume responsibility on
D plus 8.
- Annexure 7 - Air Support Plan D plus 2
in event of parachute force
not landing.
- Annexure 8 - Procedure to be adopted -
carrier borne aircraft.
- Annexure 9 - Procedure to be adopted -
land based aircraft.
- Annexure 10 - Communications Diagram -
close air support -
carrier borne aircraft.
- Annexure 11 - Communications Diagram -
close air support -
land based aircraft.

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Annexure 1 to Appendix "E" to
7 Aust Div Operation Order No 1
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ENEMY AIRCRAFT

The following types of enemy aircraft
may be expected in the objective area:-

OSCAR
TONY
ZEKE
HAMP
TOJO
JACK

VAL
KATE
JILL
JUDY
RUFÉ
EMILY

BETTY
SALLY
LILLY
IRVING
NICK
FRANCIS

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ANNEXURE 2 to Appendix 'E' to
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SUPPORT AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE

1 TYPES (From D Day to D plus 7 inclusive)

(a) CARRIER BASED

Normal Bomb Load

VF - WILDCAT	- Fighter	- 6x.50 Cal MGs plus 500lb bomb
VF - CORSAIR	- Fighter	- 6x.50 Cal MGs plus 500lb bomb
VF - HELLCAT	- Fighter	- 6x.50 Cal MGs plus 500lb bomb
VTB - DAUNTLESS	- Torpedo and Dive Bomber	- 1000lb.
VTB - AVENGER	- Torpedo and Dive Bomber	- 2000lb.
VTB - HELLDIVER	- Dive Bomber	- 2000lb or 8 rockets

(b) LAND BASED

A20 - BOSTON	- Attack Bomber	- 2000lb.
B25 - MITCHELL	- Attack Bomber	- 3000lb.
O47 - DOUGLAS	- Transport	
AUSTER	- Air CF	

(c) FLYING BOATS

PBY - CATALINA - Rescue and possibly communications.

2 ARMAMENT AND BOMB LOADS

Bomb loads, within the capacity of the aircraft, will include - 1000lb, 500lb and 100lb. AP, GP, and SAP bombs and incendiary bombs. Aircraft will carry varying numbers of .50 calibre MGs, firing AP and incendiary bullets. Rockets, smoke curtain installation (SCI) and white phosphorous (WP) smoke bombs will be available.

3 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE

(a) Land Based Aircraft

Prior to D Day and until D plus 8 number of land based aircraft available for support is not known, but it is expected that all reasonable demands will be met.

Dependent on the progress of airfield construction six fighter, one Tac R and three medium bomber squadrons will be available for close support from D plus 8 to D plus 30.

(b) Carrier Based Aircraft

The following carrier based aircraft will be available for close support from D Day until land based aircraft assume responsibility on D plus 8 :-

(i) D Day

First light until H Hour - 24 VFs and 27 VTBs
H Hour until H plus 10 hrs- 12 VFs and 17 VTBs
H Hour - Last light - 12 VFs and 18 VTBs

(ii) D plus 1

First light until 1800 hrs- 24 VFs and 35 VTBs
To support paratroop)
landing KENAPA I) - 16 VFs and 12 VTBs

(iii) D plus 1 to D plus 8

First light until 1800 hrs- 24 VFs and 35 VTBs

4 SMOKE

From first light until H plus 120 four (4) VTBs will be continuously "On Station" available at call for smoke laying. From H plus 120 on D Day until land based aircraft take over on D plus 8 four (4) VTBs will be available for smoke laying at four hours notice.- to remain on carriers until ordered off.

On D+-1 four (4) BOSTONS (land based) will be available to lay smoke co-ordinated with Paraforce landing.

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Annexure 3 to Appendix 'E' to 7 Aust
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AIR SUPPORT PLAN - PRIOR TO D DAY

LAND BASED AIRCRAFT

Serial No (a)	No of A/C (b)	Type (c)	Time		Target (f)	Role (g)	Remarks (h)
			From (d)	To (e)			
1	1	C 47	D-12	D - 9	Available to parachute force at LEYTE	Training	For personnel who have NOT previously made a parachute decent.
2		C47s	D-9	D--7	Available to parachute force. at LEYTE.	Parachute force rehearsals.	If possible, same aircraft as will be used in opera- tion.
3	1	Bomber	Prior to	D -9	TAGANI - KENAPAI areas.	Carrying paraforce Recce Party to do recce of LZ areas.	Co-ordinated with strike on another part of island.
4		Photo- graph- ic A/C	-	-	PORT TUBAN, TOMAKINE, KENAPAI, NUSA, SIRAWAI and BINBINNIE areas.	Vertical and oblique photographs as required.	For planning, interpre- tation, air support and operational use.

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Annexure 4 to Appendix "E" to
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AIR SUPPORT PLAN - D DAY.

CARRIER-BASED A/C

Serial (a)	No of A/C (b)	Type (c)	Time		Target (f)	Role (g)	Remarks (h)
			From (d)	To (e)			
5	18 16	VF) VTB)	H-117	H-60	Four gun posns ref map PORT TUBAN 1" Series 894187, 895182, 913172 911170.	VFs - attack with rockets and MGs. VTBs - Phosphorous bombs and dive bomb (SAP) to destroy gun posns.	Naval Bombardment Targets Nos 27 and 28 from H-60 to H Hour.
6	8 8	VF) VTB)	H-117	H-60	Six gun posns vicinity GILMATONG Airfield.	VFs - attack with rockets and MGs. VTBs - Dive bomb (SAP) to destroy gun posns.	Naval Bombardment Targets Nos 1 to 3 incl from H-60 to H+30.
7	8 8	VF) VTB)	H-90	H-30	Defended posts parallel to beach: from ref map PORT TUBAN 1" Series 830528 to 853307.	Bomb and strafe. Bombline - NOT to seaward of waterline.	Naval bombardment targets Nos 13 to 20 incl at various times NOT during air strike.
8	12 9	VF) VTB)	H Hour	H+10 hrs.	As directed.	Close support.	"On station" continuously circling area of landing at call for close support tar- gets as required by ground troops.
9	4	VTB	H-117	Last Light		Carry airborne observers for continuous observation and aerial recce of beachhead area, message dropping, arty and naval ranging if necessary	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
10	12 18	VF) VTB)	H+60	Last Light	As directed	Bomb and/or strafe special targets as required.	Two sorties per A/C per day. Will remain on carriers until ordered to strike.
11			First Light	Last Light	As directed.	Photo/R	Remaining on carriers. On 2½ hrs call.
12	4	VTB	First Light	H+120	As directed.	Smoke laying as required.	"On station" continuously circling landing area at call for smoke laying.
13	4	VTB	H+120	Last Light	As directed.	Smoke laying as required.	Remaining on carriers for smoke laying on 4 hrs notice.
	<u>LAND BASED A/C</u>						
14	1 Sqn	Bostons or Mitchells	H+4 hrs	H+5½ hrs	Targets of opportunity along coastline and coastal roads excl area from TOMAKINE EAST SAN LANGOE and area around NUSA and BINBINNIE.	Bomb and strafe, espec- ially shipping, road movement and troop con- centrations. Recce only in BINBINNIE and NUSA areas.	Targets in NUSA and BINBINNIE areas. See serials 17 and 18.
15	1 Sqn	Bostons or Mitchells	H+6 hrs	H+7½ hrs			
16	1 Sqn	Bostons or Mitchells	H+8 hrs	H+9½ hrs			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
17	3 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	H 7 hrs	H 8 hrs	Troop concentrations, bivouac areas, MT, supply dumps in SPANINIE area.	Bomb and strafe.	Pinpoint targets, if possible, from recce in serial 14.
18	3 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	H 7 hrs	H 8 hrs	Troop concentrations, bivouac areas, MT, supply dumps in NUSA area.	Bomb and strafe.	Pinpoint targets, if possible, from recce in serial 14.
19	6	<u>ARMY COOPERATION A/C</u> Austers As soon as strip is constructed		1800		Air OP, limited recce and emergency comms.	

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Annexure 5 to Appendix "E"
to 7 Aust Div Operation
Order No 1 of 9 Mar 45.

AIR SUPPORT PLAN - D+1

CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT

Serial (a)	No of A/C (b)	Type (c)	Time		Target (f)	Role (g)	Remarks (h)
			From (d)	To (e)			
20	12 9	VF VTB	First light	1800 hrs	As directed	Close support main beachhead area, also KENAPAI area if required by Parachute force after landing.	"On Station" continuously circling area of landing at call for close support targets as required by ground tps.
21	12 18	VF VTB	First light	Last Light	As directed.	Bomb and/or strafe special targets as required.	Two sorties per aircraft per day. Will remain on carriers until ordered to strike
22	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	GILLMATONG - PORT TUBAN beachhead area	Carry airborne observers doing continuous observation and aerial recce.	
23	4	VTB	0645H	1045H	KENAPAI area during and subsequent to paratroop landing.	Carry airborne observers doing continuous observation and aerial recce.	
24	9	VTB	0645H	0715H	Br SW of MARAMAG ref map MORONES IS 4 miles to 1 inch 221104.	Dive bombing - endeavour to destroy bridge.	Priority target.

Page 2 (ANNEXURE 5 Cont'd)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
25	6	VF	0600H	0615H	Enemy positions. Troop concentrations area TAGANI.	Attack with rockets and strafe to harass troops and destroy enemy positions.	
26	5	VF	0600H	0615H	Dropping Zone 2 - 230073	Attack with rockets and strafe to harass troops and destroy enemy positions.	Naval bombardment this area 0620H to 0640H.
27	5 3	VF VTB	0600H	0615H	Enemy positions. Troop concentrations area KENAPAI	Dive bomb, attack with rockets and strafe to harass troops and destroy enemy positions.	
28	5	VF	0600H	0615H	Dropping Zone 1 - 228072	Attack with rockets and strafe to harass troops and destroy enemy positions.	
29			First Light	Last Light	As directed	Photo/R	On 2½ hours call
30	4	VTB	First light	Last Light	As directed	Smoke laying	On 4 hours call

LAND BASED AIRCRAFT

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(Annexure 5 continued)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
31	2	Bostons	0644H	0647H	1. Line from ref map MOROES IS 4 miles to 1" 230072 to 232074. 2. Deceptive DZs at 222109 and 231109.	1. Smoke laying to blind KENAPAI from DZs 1 and 2 2. Act as pathfinders for deceptive dropping.	Co-ordinated with Paraforce landing troops commence to drop at 0645H
32	2	Bostons	0645H		1. To load in troop carriers to DZs 1 and 2 along the line of SUGAWA River (228072 and 230073). 2. Deceptive DZs at 222109 and 231109.	1. Act as pathfinders for parachute force. 2. Smoke laying to blind KARAMAG from deceptive DZs at 222109 and 231109	Co-ordinated with troop carrying aircraft.
33	52	C47s Douglas	0645H		1. KENAPAI area - DZs 1 and 2 (228072 and 230073). 2. KARAMAG area.	1. Transporting Paraforce. 2. 20 planes only transporting paragoons to deceptive DZs at 222109 and 231109 and dispersing WINDON at NUDAR River area.	Co-ordinated with pathfinders and smoke laying aircraft.
34		Fighters			KENAPAI and KARAMAG areas.	Fighter cover for troop carrying aircraft.	
35	6	C47s Douglas	0645H	Until parachute force is relieved	As directed	Supply dropping if required.	On "ground readiness" at EYE.
36	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	0900H	1000H	Road leading WEST from TOMAKINE to BINBINNIE.	Bomb road and bridges. Strafe targets of opportunity.	To delay movement by enemy along road.
37	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	1200H	1300H	Road leading WEST from TOMAKINE to BINBINNIE.	Bomb road and bridges. Strafe targets of opportunity.	To delay movement by enemy along road.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
38	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	0900H	1000H	Road North of NUDINAR RIVER (ref map MORONES IS 4m ; 1" 254083) to NUSA	Bomb road and bridges. Strafe targets of opportunity incl barges	To delay movement by enemy along road and sea.
39	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	1200H	1300H	Road NORTH of NUDINAR RIVER (ref map MORONES IS 4m ; 1" 254083) to NUSA.	Bomb road and bridges. Strafe targets of opportunity incl barges.	To delay movement by enemy along road and sea.
40	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	1000H	1100H	Troop concentrations, bivouac areas, MT and supply dumps BIN BINNIE area.	Bomb and strafe.	
41	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	1200H	1300H	Troop concentrations, bivouac areas, MT and supply dumps BIN BINNIE area.	Bomb and strafe.	
42	6	Austers	First Light	Last Light		Air OP, limited recce and emergency communica- tions.	

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Annexure 6 to Appendix "E" to
7 Aust Div Operation Order
1 of 9 Mar 45.

AIR SUPPORT PLAN FROM D+2 (INCL) UNTIL
LAND BASED A/C TAKE OVER ON D+8

CARRIER BASED A/C

Serial (a)	No of A/C (b)	Type (c)	Time		Target (f)	Role (g)	Remarks (h)
			From (d)	To (e)			
43	12 9	VF } VTB }	First Light	1800 hrs	As directed	Close support	"On station" as in serial 8.
44	12 18	VF } VTB }	First Light	Last Light	As directed.	Bomb and/or strafe special targets as required.	As in serial 10.
45	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN area.	Carry airborne observers doing continuous observation and aerial recce.	As in serial 9.
46	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	KENAPAI area	Carry airborne observers doing continuous observation and aerial recce.	As in serial 9.
47			First Light	Last Light	As directed	Photo/R	on 2½ hrs call.
48	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light.	As directed.	Smoke laying.	on 4 hrs call.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	<u>LAND BASED A/C</u>						
49 50 51 52	6 6 6 6	Bostons or Mitchells	Four missions per day each of 1½ hrs over target. Times to be staggered each day.		Enemy L of C and coastline of MORONES IS excl portion between TAMUK SOUTH EAST and NORTH to MARAMAG.	Armed recce. Bomb and strafe targets as opportunity.	
53	4 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	As requested.		Strategical targets on MORONES IS as required.	Bomb and strafe.	On "ground readiness.
	<u>ARMY CO-OP A/C</u>						
54	6	Austers	First Light	Last Light		Air OP, limited recce and emergency comms.	Revert to control 1 Aust Corps on D+4 when allotment to this Division will be in accordance with operational requirements.
	<u>FROM D DAY TO D+3</u>						
55	Carrier-based A/C		First Light	Last Light		Aerial protection of beachhead area and protection of ground forces from enemy interference.	

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Annexure 7 to Appendix "E" to
7 Aust Div Operation Order No
1 of 9 Mar 45.

AIR SUPPORT PLAN FOR D+2 IN EVENT OF
PARACHUTE FORCE NOT LANDING

CARRIER BASED A/C

Serial (a)	No of A/C (b)	Type (c)	Time		Target (f)	Role (g)	Remarks (h)
			From (d)	To (e)			
56	12 9	VF) VTB)	First Light	1800 hrs	As directed.	Close support	"On station" - as in serial 8.
57	12 8	VF) VTB)	First Light	Last Light	As directed.	Bomb and/or strafe special targets as required.	As in serial 10.
58	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	GILLIMSTONG- PORT TUBAN area.	Carry airborne observers doing con- tinuous observation and aerial recce	As in serial 9.
59	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	KENAPAI area.	Carry airborne observers doing con- tinuous observation and aerial recce	As in serial 9.
60			First Light	Last Light	As directed	Photo/R	on 2½ hrs call
61	4	VTB	First Light	Last Light	As directed	Smoke laying.	on 4 hrs call.
62	8 8	VF) VTB)	0735H	0750H	Beach area from 1000 yds NORTH of SUGAWA RIVER to SUGAWA RIVER mouth.	Bomb and strafe. Bomblines NOT SOUTH of SUGAWA RIVER.	Timings in accordance with 25 Aust Inf Bde, H Hour being 0745H.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
63	8 8	VF) VTB)	0711H	0745H	Beach area ABLE RED and ABLE GREEN from 1000 yds SOUTH of SUGAWA R to SUGAWA R mouth.	Bomb and strafe. Bombline NOT to seaward of water line.	Timings in accordance with 25 Arst Inf Bde H Hour being 0745H	
64	<u>LAND BASED A/C</u> 2 Sqns		Bostons or Mitchells	0900H	1000H	Road NORTH of NUDINAR R to NUSA.	Bomb road and bridges, strafe targets of opportunity incl barges. Bombline NOT SOUTH of NUDINAR R.	To delay enemy movement along road and by sea.
65	2 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	1200H	1300H	Road NORTH of NUDINAR R to NUSA.	Bomb road and bridges, strafe targets of opportunity incl barges. Bombline NOT SOUTH of NUDINAR R.	To delay enemy movement along road and by sea.	
66 67 68 69	6 6 6 6	Bostons or Mitchells	0800H 1000H 1200H 1400H	0930H 1130H 1330H 1530H	Enemy L of C and coastline of MORONES IS excl portion between TAMUK SE and NORTH to MARAMAG.	Armed recce Bomb and strafe targets of opportunity.		
70	4 Sqns	Bostons or Mitchells	As requested		Strategical targets on MORONES IS as required.	Bomb and strafe.	On "ground readiness."	
71	<u>ARMY CO-OP A/C</u> 6		Austers	First Light	Last Light	Air OP, limited recce and emergency comms.		

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Annexure 8 to Appendix
"E" to 7 Aust Div Oper-
ation Order No 1 of 9
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AIR PROCEDURE - CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT

1 SUPPORT

(a) All support aircraft are to be controlled by the Support Aircraft Controller (SAC) afloat in the HQ Ship. Requests for air support may be granted or disallowed at his discretion.

(b) Requests for support may originate from assaulting Bn, Bde or Div HQ. For this purpose, HQ of each assaulting Bn have an Air Liaison Party attached and a Support Aircraft Party is attached to each Bde and Div HQ.

Air Liaison Parties and Support Aircraft Parties are in Wireless communication with the Support Aircraft Controller, afloat. The Support Aircraft Controller may delegate full control of the support aircraft to OC No 1 Support Aircraft Party (Corps) who is Deputy Support Aircraft Controller ashore, or partial control to OSC Nos 2 and 3 Support Aircraft Parties (Divisions) for operations on their own respective fronts.

(c) Requests originating at Bns, Bdes or Divs will be passed to the attached Air Liaison Party or Support Aircraft Parties direct to the Support Aircraft Controller. Any senior army formation commander may refuse any request by a subordinate HQ, but silence on the part of the senior formation will be interpreted by the Support Aircraft Controller as confirmation of the request.

(d) Approved requests are passed from the Support Aircraft Controller to the Air Co-ordinator, who is airborne over the area of operations. The Air Co-ordinator identifies the target and guides the supporting aircraft on to it. He is also able to converse with any Air Liaison Party and receive any supplementary direction which may assist him to identify the target.

(e) After Command Group 1 Aust Corps goes ashore, control of support aircraft is to pass from the Support Aircraft Controller afloat to the Support Aircraft Controller ashore, who retains control until the departure of carrier based aircraft.

(f) Army Air Liaison Officers, specially trained as airborne observers, have been allotted to the escort carrier group. These officers will fly in carrier based aircraft and report activities of own and enemy ground troops, carry out naval and field artillery ranging and message dropping.

(g) Six (6) AUSTER aircraft will be landed on D Day and as soon as an airstrip has been constructed these aircraft will be available for artillery observation of fire, limited short-range reconnaissance and emergency communication flights. Tasks given to these aircraft

will be advised to the Support Aircraft Controller through Support Aircraft Net. On D +4 these aircraft revert to control of 1 Aust Corps and divisional allotment will be based on operational requirements.

- (h) Information to be given when requesting air support is laid down in 7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 20 of 29 Sep 44 (copy forwarded to 1 Aust Para Bn).

2 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

- (a) Demands for air photography will be passed by the Air Liaison Party to Command Group 1 Aust Corps, who are co-ordinating all requests and passing them direct to Support Aircraft Controller.
- (b) Missions will be flown by carrier based aircraft, films developed aboard the carrier and two copies of prints will be dropped on the requesting agency. If required, further copies can be obtained later, but two copies only are dropped as soon as possible.

3 GROUND-AIR SIGNALS

- (a) CCBP 8 will be the basis for ground panel displays. For identification panel numbers allotted to units, see 7 Aust Div Sig Instruction Exercise "SEAGULL".
- (b) Recognition and identification systems will be in accordance with GHO SOI 28 to 32 incl, extracts from which appear in Appendix "F" to 7 Aust Div GS Instruction No 20 of 29 Sep 44.

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Annexure 9 to Appendix
"E" to 7 Aust Div Op-
eration Order No 1 of
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AIR PROCEDURE - LAND BASED AIRCRAFT FROM D PLUS 8 ONWARDS

1 Communications

RAAF will provide the following communications:-

- (a) Air Support Parties allotted on a scale of one per divisional HQ and a further two per division for allotment to forward brigades at the discretion of the divisional commander.
- (b) All air support parties linked on the air request net to the air support section situated with HQ 1 TAF
- (c) Communications between the air support section and supporting aircraft bases as shown in Annexure 11.

2 Control and Submission of Requests

- (a) Requests originated by forward troops will be passed back over army communications to Bde HQ where they will be considered by the Brigade Commander, advised by the air support party officer.

Requests approved by brigades, and those originating at divisional level will be passed by the respective air support parties over the air request net to the air support section where they will again be considered by the air support section officer, acting on behalf of the AOC RAAF in collaboration with a Corps representative before supporting aircraft are ordered to attack.

- (b) All stations on the air request net will maintain listening watch, and higher headquarters may veto any request by subordinate stations.
- (c) When supporting aircraft are airborne, they will be controlled on the ground-air net from either the air support section or any one of the air support parties at the discretion of the air support section officer. Strike result may be passed from supporting aircraft direct to air support party concerned over the ground-air net.

3 Air Photography

Requests for air photography will be passed over the air request net in the same manner as requests for close air support.

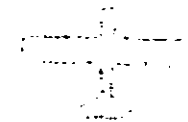
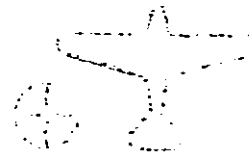
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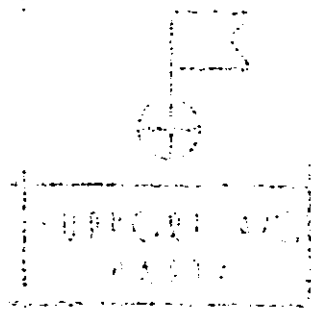
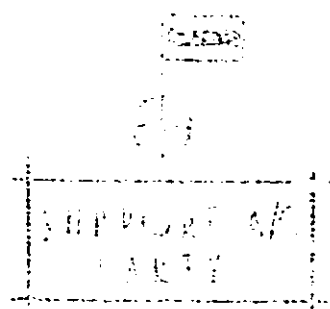
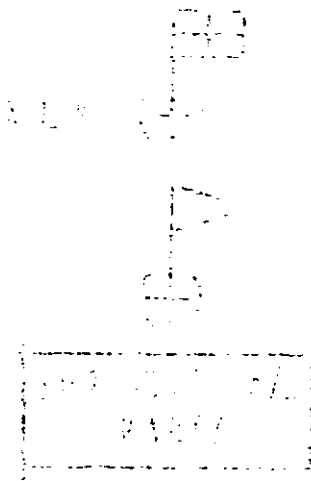
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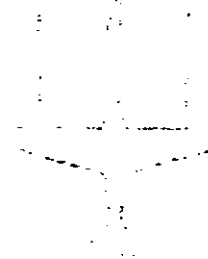
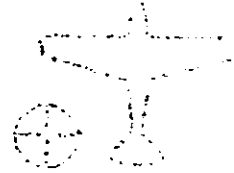
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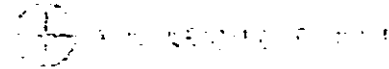


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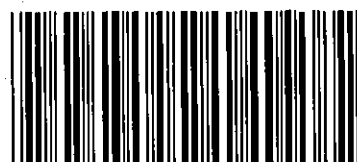


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APPX "P" TO 7 AUST DIV 00

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7 AUST DIV SIG INSTRUCTION

1. This Signal Instruction has as Annexures the following :
 - (i) Daily Change Frequencies.
 - (ii) Column Changing Sequences for Frequencies, Code Signs and Code Names.
 - (iii) Unit Identification Panel Display Numbers.
 - (iv) Instructions re Codes and Ciphers.
2. Frequency - Code Sign - Code Name directions for the Force have been issued separately.


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DAILY CHANGE FREQUENCIES

(Power up to 75 watts)

	A	B	C	D	E
F22	2012	2196	21 32	2092	2064
F23	2064	2012	2196	2132	2092
F24	2092	2064	2012	2196	2132
F25	2132	2092	2064	2012	2196
F26	2196	2132	2092	2064	2012
F27	2300	2488	24 48	24 20	2372
F28	2372	2300	2488	2448	2420
F29	2420	2372	2300	24 88	2448
F30	2448	2420	23 72	2300	2488
F31	2488	2448	21 20	2372	2300
F32	2556	2732	2692	2640	2572
F33	2572	2556	2732	2692	2640
F34	2640	2572	2556	2732	2692
F35	2692	2640	2572	2556	2732
F36	2732	2692	2640	2572	2556
F37	2820	3196	2992	2936	2888
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F48	3828	3980	3940	3900	3860
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F111	7365	7285	7495	7470	7440
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F114	7495	7470	7440	7365	7285
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F116	7620	7590	7750	7850	7800
F117	7800	7620	7590	7750	7850
F118	7850	7800	7620	7590	7750
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F120	8825				

Day Frequency Task Force - 8820 K/cs
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ANNEXURE (ii)
to

APPX "P" 7 AUST DIV 00

1. Freqs

- (a) Coln will be changed at 0600 hrs daily from D plus 3 onwards.
(b) Coln Sequence will be as follows:

D	D plus 1	D plus 2	D plus 3	D plus 4
A	A	A	C	E
D plus 5	D plus 6	D plus 7	D plus 8	D plus 9
D	B	A	C	D

D Day freq will apply from H minus 1 hrs D Day to 0600H hrs D plus 3.

2. Datum Freq

Datum freq will be 5610 Kc/s and the associated code word DONAT.

3. Code Signs

- (a) Army Code Sign Book G26/3 will be used.
(b) Colns will be changed at 0600H hrs daily from D plus 3 onwards.
(c) Coln Sequence will be as follows:

D	D plus 1	D plus 2	D plus 3	D plus 4
17	17	17	3	9
D plus 5	D plus 6	D plus 7	D plus 8	D plus 9
18	14	8	10	4

- (d) D Day code Signs will be used from H minus 1 hrs D Day to 0600H hrs D plus 3.

4. Code Names

- (a) Army Code Name List already distributed will remain in use.
(b) Colns will be changed at 0600H hrs daily from D plus 3 onwards.
(c) Code Name coln change sequence is given below :

D	D plus 1	D plus 2	D plus 3	D plus 4
A	A	A	E	D
D plus 5	D plus 6	D plus 7	D plus 8	D plus 9
C	B	A	D	B

- (d) D Day Code Names will be used from H minus 1 hrs D Day to 0600H hrs D plus 3.

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ANNEXURE (111)

to
APPX "P" 7 AUST DIV 00

UNIT IDENTIFICATION PANELS

ALLOCATION

The following three figure groups for use with CCBP 8 are allotted to fm and unit HQs for Unit Identification Panels :

Serial	Fm or Unit HQ	Identification Panel
1	HQ 7 Aust Div	460
	<u>CAV</u>	
2	2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	450
3	2/3 Aust Cav Sqn	458
4	2/5 Aust Cav Sqn	467
5	2/6 Aust Cav Sqn	510
6	2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	496
	<u>ARMD</u>	
7	A Sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt	480
8	C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	473
	<u>ARTY</u>	
9	RAA 7 Aust Div	470
10	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	478
11	7 Aust Fd Bty	491
12	8 Aust Fd Bty	507
13	54 Aust Fd Bty	461
14	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	449
15	9 Aust Fd Bty	472
16	10 Aust Fd Bty	482
17	55 Aust Fd Bty	516
18	2/6 Aust Fd Regt	519
19	11 Aust Fd Bty	492
20	12 Aust Fd Bty	468
21	56 Aust Fd Bty	471
22	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	488
23	A Aust Fd Bty	462
24	B Aust Fd Bty	515
25	C Aust Fd Bty	454
26	2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	503
27	5 Aust Tk A Bty	474
28	7 Aust Tk A Bty	451
29	8 Aust Tk A Bty	476
30	53 Aust Comp AA Regt	493
31	Bty 2/4 LAA Regt	469
	<u>ENGRS</u>	
32	RAE 7 Aust Div	477
33	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	452
34	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	501
35	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	494
36	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	511

Serial	Emn or Unit HQ	Identification Panel
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INF

37	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	500
38	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	453
39	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	485
40	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	497
41	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	465
42	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	479
43	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	512
44	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	457
45	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	475
46	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	498
47	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	484
48	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	456
49	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	502
50	2/1 Aust Para Bn	495
51	HQ 1 Aust Inf Bde	459
52	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	463
53	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	481
54	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	499

BEACH GROUP

55	HQ 1 Aust Beach Group	464
56	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	483
57	Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	504
58	HQ 2 Aust Beach Group	513
59	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	505
60	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	466

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ANNEXURE (iv)

to

APPX "P" TO 7 AUST DIV 00

INSTRUCTIONS RE CODES AND CIPHERS

1. Codes

R/T Code Slidex with Div Keys and Unit Keys.

Appointment Code (vide STAA Pam 5).

Map ref Code as included in Slidex.

Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130D) for use in initial assault phase only. Will be replaced by normal field grade cipher 0600H hrs on D plus 3.

2. Ciphers

Army

Corps level - G19/4 with current G58C.

OTT as already issued.

Div level - G19/4 with current G58C.

Bde level - G33 with current G59C.

Unit level - Intra Div - Trencode with Div Keys.

Inter Div - Trencode with Corps Keys.

3. Combined AUST - US

Div-Bde level

(a) Combined Field Code (CCBP 0129) with current CCBP 0121D.

(b) Cipher documents on issue to Beach Sig Sec will NOT be taken ashore prior to the ldg of Bde HQs.

(c) Combined Assault Code will be used during the landing up to 0600H D plus 3 when Trencode will be brought into use. Trencode Keys as allotted for use from 0600H D plus 3 to D plus 14 will only be distributed in sufficient time to enable issue to Units prior to 0600H D plus 3. After D plus 14 distribution of keys will be by normal methods.

4. Reserves

(a) First res High Grade Cipher documents will be held by 21 Aust Cipher Sec ldg D plus 1.

(b) First res Medium Grade documents and two sets of res Trencode Keys will be carried by 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec.

5. Cipher Documents will be split into sets to minimise risk of loss. Loss or compromise of documents will be immediately notified to higher fms.

6. Special Code Words for Locations will be issued separately if circumstances require their use.

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APPENDIX "H" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

Subject: 7 AUST DIV RIFLE COMPETITION

HQ 7 Aust Div
10 Mar 45.

G21/1/598

Reference 7 Aust Div G21/1/564 of 6 Mar 45.

1 7 Aust Div Rifle Competition will be held on 30 and 31 Mar 45.

2 The following conditions will apply:-

(a) Safety precautions as laid down for DANEULIA RANGE will be observed at all times.

(b) Teams will consist of 11 members (incl 1 coach - NOT to shoot).

(c) Teams will be in position on mound ten minutes before commencement of each match.

(d) The committee will be situated in a control office. Protests will be handed to the committee, whose decision is final.

(e) Method of scoring:-

(i) Application matches

each shot marked

Snap and rapid matches

marked at completion of each detail in "Bulls", "Eagles", "Magpies" and "Outers"

(ii) Value of score:-

Bull	-	5
Inner	-	4
Magpie	-	3
Outer	-	2

(iii) Scores will be indicated with marking disc as follows:-

Bull	-	Right hand bottom corner
Inner	-	Left hand bottom corner
Magpie	-	Right hand top corner
Outer	-	Left hand top corner.

(iv) Team coach will report to the control office 30 minutes before the commencement of each match to collect team score card.

(v) Scorers will fill in and sign score card at completion of each match. The card will then be handed to OC mound for checking and signature. OC mound will forward all completed score cards to control office. Alterations on score cards must be initialled by OC mound and scorer.

(vi) Scores will be marked on a blackboard in rear of each firer - this scorer will be a member of the team firing on the next target.

3 Shown below are particulars and conditions of each match:-

TIME	DATE	PARTICULARS OF MATCH
0900	30 Mar 45	<u>Application Teams Match</u> - Range: 200 yds Seven rounds application (incl 2 sighters not to count). Time limit for each shot - 20 seconds. Highest possible score - 250.
1045	30 Mar 45	<u>Snapshooting Teams Match</u> - Range: 200 yds Ten rounds snapshooting. Details in prone position - rifles loaded - safety catches forward - details fire on appearance of target - target remains up 4 seconds each exposure. Highest possible score - 500.
1345	30 Mar 45	<u>Tiles Match</u> - Range 200 yards. Ammunition: 20 rounds per man. Targets: 10 small tin hat discs. Teams in line on 225 yards mark - rifles unloaded - safety catches applied. On appearance of targets, teams double to 200 yards mound and engage. Targets remain up for 40 seconds. Match is conducted on "knock-out" basis. Two teams fire on each block and "oppose" each other. Winner to enter next round. As a target falls, so the corresponding man in opposite team is "knocked out" by umpire, e.g., if number 3 target belonging to left hand team falls, then umpire orders No 3 man of right hand team to cease fire. Team with most number of targets down at end of 40 seconds wins.
0900	31 Mar 45	<u>Application Match</u> : Range - 500 yards. Seven rounds application (incl 2 sighters NOT to count). Time limit for each shot - 20 secs. Highest possible score - 250.
1100	31 Mar 45	<u>Rapid Match</u> - Range: 500 yards. Ten rounds rapid - detail in prone position - rifles unloaded - safety catches applied. Target appears and remains up for 45 seconds. Details load and fire on appearance of targets. Highest possible score - 500.
1300	31 Mar 45	<u>Fire with movement Teams Match</u> - Range: 300-200-100 yards. Each team issued with 6 rounds per man on 350 yard mark - rifles loaded - safety catches applied. On signal, teams move forward at high port and as they reach 325 yards, targets appear and remain up for 15 seconds. On appearance of targets, teams double forward and fire two rounds from prone position on 300 yard mound. Same procedure for 200 and 100 yard mounds, except that at 200 yards, the two rounds are fired from kneeling position and from 100 yds

TIME	DATE	PARTICULARS OF MATCH
Continued		from a-standing position.-- Highest possible score - 150.
-	-	<u>Teams Championship Match</u> Team with highest aggregate score for matches 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 to be winners. Highest possible score - 1650.

TILES MATCH.

A separate trophy will be presented for the

4 Units will enter teams as decided with unit
representatives at the conference held 9 Mar 45. The total
number of teams competing will be 28.

5 In order that unit elimination contests may
be run, DANBULLIA RANGE will be re-allotted for the period
14 - 21 Mar 45 in accordance with attached Appendix "A".

Units firing on the range on the same day will
make mutual arrangements.

John H. Miles
for Lt-Col
GS 70 Aust Div

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Appendix "A" to 7 Aust Div
 G21/1/598 of 10 Mar 45

REALLOCATION OF RANGES - DANBULLA

Date	Period	Unit
14 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	18 Aust Inf Bde 18 Aust Inf Bde
15 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	21 Aust Inf Bde 21 Aust Inf Bde
16 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	25 Aust Inf Bde 25 Aust Inf Bde
17 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (2/1 Aust MG Bn (2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
19 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	RAA 7 Aust Div RAA 7 Aust Div
20 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	(RAE 7 Aust Div (Sigs 7 Aust Div 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
21 Mar 45	0800-1230 1300-1630	(HQ 7 Aust Div ("B" Coy 2/4 Aust Gd Regt (AEME (Sal (Med (ASC 7 Aust Div
22 Mar 45	0800-1230) 1300-1630)	All unit teams for practice on TILES MATCH.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 7 div

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TO: 18 inf bde 21 inf bde 25 inf bde 2/7 cav (cdo) regt
RAA 7 div RAE 7 div sigs 7 div 2/1 MG bn 2/1 pnr bn
2/4 pnr bn 1 beach gp 1 mil ldg gp comd G A Q
camp AASC 7 div med dental ord AEME pay
postal pro sal 7 div reception camp

Originators No.

002185 RESTRICTED (.) div rifle competition will now be held
28 and 29 mar 45 (.) advise NOT later than 26 mar approx number of
personnel who will be attending each day all informed

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except WIRELESS

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Signed..... *John H. Mules* Capt

APPENDIX "I" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

7 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION NO 40

DANBULLA CLASSIFICATION
RANGE

EQUIPMENT

- 1 Owing to the acute shortage of target paper and other range equipment, it is essential that every effort be made to conserve what is available. It is NOT known when further supplies of target paper will be received, and in the meantime, improvisation has been, and will continue to be, necessary to enable practices to be carried out.
- 2 Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of range instructions designed to assist in preserving the existing equipment.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 3 It has been reported that, in some cases, the safety precautions laid down for the range have not been carried out. These safety precautions, which are a unit responsibility are repeated in Appendix "B" and will be strictly complied with.

MAINTENANCE OF RANGE

- 4 Capt T H TILBROOK, "B" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, is the Divisional Range Officer. He has stationed at the range a detachment which is responsible for the maintenance of the butts, target frames and targets.

LIAISON WITH RANGE MAINTENANCE PARTY

- 5 It is suggested that, at least one day prior to using the range, the unit concerned, ascertain from the range maintenance party the availability of targets and the condition of the range. This procedure will assist unit planning.

10 Mar 45

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"B" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
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Howard G. Brett
for Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

RANGE INSTRUCTIONS - DANBULLA RANGE

DUTIES OF RANGE PARTY

- 1 The range maintenance party is responsible for the maintenance of the range. NO repairs will be carried out unless authorised by the Range Officer.

USE OF MGs, IMGs

- 2 MGs will NOT be fired on the rifle range.
- 3 IMGs will NOT be fired on rifle targets, except in accordance with the practices laid down in SAT Pam 14. Standard IMG screens are now available and will be used.

TARGETS

- 4 "Makeshift" targets will NOT be nailed to target frames as this practice shortens the life of the frame.
- 5 Markers will be instructed in the correct method of "patching out." Patches should be of minimum size, and the paste applied to the patch NOT the target.
- 6 As the only glue at present available for patching targets is a mixture of flour and water, targets will be placed under cover during rain.
- 7 All targets, paste pots and patching paper will be returned to the range maintenance party at the conclusion of each days shoot.

RANGE COTTAGE

- 8 The range cottage is out of bounds to all except range maintenance personnel.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - DANBULLA RANGE

ref map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

- 1 Units using the range will station sentries as follows:-
 - (a) One sentry at 534428 in telephonic communication with the unit officer in charge of the butts.
 - (b) One sentry at track intersection 527418 at entrance to range road.
- 2 The sentry at 534428 will halt any traffic approaching from the EAST and communicate with the officer in charge of the butts. This officer will, at the first available opportunity, order the firing to cease and instruct the sentry to allow traffic to proceed. Firing will NOT be recommenced until the traffic has passed beyond the firing point.
- 3 Traffic from the WEST will be halted at the firing point and held pending a suitable opportunity for a cessation of fire. The sentry at 534428 must notify the officer in charge of the butts that the traffic has passed his post, before firing is continued.
- 4 The sentry at the track intersection will ensure that all movement to and from the butts is along the main range road and that the side track is NOT used.
- 5 A telephone line is laid from the road at 534428 to the butts, but the two telephones will be provided by the unit using the range for the day.

APPENDIX "J" TO WAR-DIARY FOR MARCH 45

7 AUST DIV MEMORIAL SERVICE

in memory of the late

Maj-Gen G A VASEY CB CBE DSO

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY CHAPLAIN D L REDDING MBE.

on Sun 11 Mar 45.

(Chaplain Redding served under Maj-Gen Vasey as Padre of
2/31 Aust Inf Bn and later on his Staff as Senior Chaplain, CofE)

We meet to-day to honour the memory of one who was a great leader, an outstanding soldier and a true friend. We are not unmindful that the tragedy, which robbed Australia of Maj-Gen George Vasey, robbed her too of other valuable lives, some of whom have played a worthy part in the history of this Division. But George Vasey was our GOC, and everyone who knew him felt the force of his personality. To us he was an inspiration; he held our admiration - our respect and our affection. We loved him - and to-day we have come to honour his memory.

But, if that is the only purpose of this service it will be merely a matter of sentiment which will quickly evaporate and leave but little mark upon our lives. Our service to-day must be, above all things else, an offering of thanksgiving to God; for his great example, for his high ideals, and for his magnificent leadership.

Briefly, I would suggest to you three reasons why George Vasey was a great man, a good soldier and an outstanding leader. And first I would place his simple and direct nature. There was nothing complex in his outlook on life. You never left him with any doubt in your mind as to what he thought or wanted. You never had to look for any hidden meaning in his conversation. He was honest and straightforward, both in purpose and expression. That, I am sure, is the first essential of greatness.

Secondly, I would place the fact that, though he held an exalted and honourable post, he never lost the common touch. The General Officer Commanding an Army Division holds a very responsible position - thousands of men stand ready to obey his commands. There are continually around him men waiting to carry out his every wish. Within his command there is no-one to say him nay. He may well surround himself with dignity and prestige, and live alone. But George Vasey knew the very thoughts of the men he commanded. He knew of their work - their difficulties - their trials and disappointments because, as far as was possible, he lived amongst them. He talked with them not only on ceremonial occasions - not only in settled camps - but on the jungle tracks and mountain steepes - where the going was hard, and tucker poor. He talked with them as a man talks with his friends. Many of us learnt the inspiration of his presence - many of us took fresh heart because he was on the trail. He never lost the common touch, and that too is, I am sure, a mark of real greatness.

And thirdly, George Vasey had a very genuine appreciation of spiritual values. I am not trying to say he was a deeply religious man in the conventional sense of the expression - that would suggest humbug and hypocrisy such as he would despise. But

it was my privilege to serve under him, both as a battalion padre and later as a member of his staff, and I knew that his concern for and interest in the spiritual welfare of his troops was both great and sincere. And he gave practical expression to that interest by his regular attendance at Divine Worship in a manner which was an example to us all. And no man can be truly great who ignores the spiritual forces which, whether we like it or not, govern all our lives.

A great man - a great soldier - a great leader. And can you really believe that such a life as his was blotted out for all time because an aeroplane crashed into the sea? God has been well described as the great architect of the universe, and can you believe that so great a master builder would throw away such magnificent material? Never. We have the positive assurance of Jesus that "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" "In my Father's house there are many mansions". Somewhere, in a sphere that you and I can neither see nor understand, the work that is begun on earth goes on. Some of us, if we passed into Eternity to-day, would take but little with us. Little of ideals - little of purpose - little of achievement. But God would use even the little portion that we should bring.

Surely then we can rejoice when one we knew and loved takes into that greater sphere such fine ideals - such steadfast purpose and such worthwhile achievement as we know belonged to George Vasey. We could wish that his presence had been spared to us a little longer on earth. But, though his presence is withdrawn from us, his memory and inspiration live.

No one who served under George Vasey will ever forget him. But let us be resolved that his will be a living memory; that his example may spur us on to greater effort, and keep our purpose strong.

Few of us will ever be called to fill any position of such honour and responsibility as was his. But true greatness lies not in the outward state but in the heart of man, and such was the greatness of George Vasey.

Grant him O Lord Eternal Rest
And may Light perpetual shine upon him.

Amen.

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7 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION 27

FIGHTING IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES

GENERAL

1. With the extension of the war in the SWPA to more civilized and developed areas, it is apparent that this Division may be engaged in fighting in towns and villages.

TRAINING

2. Brigades and Units will include in their training programmes instruction to all ranks in this type of warfare, evolving a battle drill where applicable. It will be noted that in many cases fighting in towns becomes house to house rather than street fighting.

REFERENCE MANUALS

3. The following are some of the more important publications containing information on this subject :-

- (a) FSR Vol II FP 116, 136.
- (b) Infantry Minor Tactics (1941) Chapter XXI.
- (c) ATMG :-
 - Number 30 (1940) FP 20 - 22
 - Number 38 (1940) P 12
 - Number 2 (1941) FP 16 - 17, 25
 - Number 15 (1942) FP 6, 32 - 34
- (d) AFV Notes 25 issued Nov 44 FP 4 - 5, and Appendix "E".
- 4 Aust Armd Bde AFV Bulletin 6 P 12
- Current Reports from Overseas 69. FP 9 - 10
- Relevant extracts from the above AFV notes; bulletin and current reports are attached at Appendix "A".

VISUAL TRAINING

4. The following films are held and will be made available to units by arrangement with this Headquarters :-

FM 1 Street Fighting.
G191 Shoot to Kill.

5. It maybe anticipated that other films on this subject will be available in due course.

// Mar 45

DISTRIBUTION :

List "A" less serials 13, 14, 19 and 23.

Hevan A. Brett Capt.
for Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

1. Extract from Current Reports from Overseas 69
(ARNHEM Operations)

One of two survivors from a Parachute Battalion reports :-

" During the last day and a half of the battle, the Germans had methodically set about busting up the houses we occupied by Shelling them from tanks at close range and then firing them with phosphorus bombs. It was difficult to know how to counter such tactics. If ever again I have to take up a defensive position in a built up area, I shall, in the first place, occupy as large a perimeter as possible comprising as many houses as possible. Against attacks by shell fire and phosphorus bombs, the end may still be inevitable, but the process of reduction will take longer when there are more houses to subdue. The extra time thus given to the defenders might allow the burnt-out houses to cool down so that their ruins could be re-occupied ".

2. Use of Flame Throwing Tanks

(Extract from 4 Aust Armd Bde AFV Bulletin 6)

A report from Canadian sources of a battalion attack on MAY - SUR - ORNE is as follows :-

"(a) The Crocodiles moved forward, each tank closely followed by two sections of infantry, one just behind the trailer and the other 20 yards in rear. During the attack, any hedges or ditches previously known to contain MGs or snipers were seared with flame. When the village was reached, the Crocodiles moved away from the road and one tank in each troop advanced on a line directly behind the houses while the other tanks placed themselves so as to give covering fire.

(b) As each tank with the right two companies approached a house, it blew a hole in the building with its 75mm gun and squirted a jet of flame through the hole into the house, which then caught on fire. The leading section directly behind the tank at once dashed for the doorway and cleared the house as quickly as possible. This procedure may sound dangerous, but the liquid, once ignited, is unlikely to cause damage to the attacker. He should, however, beware of getting in the path of the jet, because everything touched by the liquid catches fire.

(c) While the leading section was clearing the first house, the Crocodile moved on to the next house and again blew a hole in it and squirted in some flame. This time, the second section following the tank dashed for the doorway and cleared the house, and the first section, having finished its work, came back to the tank. Thus the two sections alternately cleared the buildings set on fire by the tanks, while the sections of the reserve platoon followed farther in rear to occupy the houses once they were cleared. The fires, started, blazed all night and some of the buildings continued to burn all next day.

(d) The enemy withdrew, obviously demoralized from the amount of equipment he left behind. That morning and during the previous night - before the Crocodiles were used - he had resisted strongly. The Canadian infantry, therefore, had nothing but the highest praise for the Crocodiles, and they were greatly impressed by the courage and aggressiveness displayed by the tank crews. They were not in the least

Appendix "A" (Continued)

disturbed by the problem of having to clear the houses already ablaze; in fact, they were glad to have such effective support even though it cost them a lot of extra sweat."

3. Use of Flame Thrower (Man-Pack)

(Extract from AFV Notes 25 - BURMA Operations)

" On March 17 two columns, who had established themselves on the low hills above KENU, were attacked by two companies of the local garrison. The battle went on all day and had resulted by about 1600 hours in a decisive victory for the columns, the remnants of the enemy running in disorder south towards MAWLU. It was suspected that there might be a few enemy still hiding in HENU village itself; in any case the village was a good forming-up place for probable subsequent enemy attacks and needed to be cleared. Accordingly the Commando platoon, column was ordered to burn the village using its four Lifebuoys. It is worth noting at this point that these Lifebuoys, had been carried filled for a week, and on the previous day had been carried on the operators back for five miles.

The four operators, each covered by a Sten gunner behind, advanced into the village from the north over the road bridge, no enemy appeared, so they spread out and began to fire the huts. Reactions were immediate, Japs came out from air raid shelters in which they had been hiding, and a few started firing wildly. They were obviously scared beyond reason by the appearance of the flame and several were hit by the flame-throwers in the open and killed. Others were shot both by the Sten gunners and by a platoon firing from PAGODA HILL overlooking the village. The Lifebuoy operators now turned their attention to the air raid shelters, some of which had had the entrances converted into crude firing positions, and at ranges of about 15 - 20 yards succeeded in putting several shots into each shelter. More Japs came out, and several were burned to death inside. It is very doubtful if a single Jap who had seen the Lifebuoy lived to tell the tale.

Subsequent examination found sixteen bodies.

Three burnt to death in one shelter.
One Burnt to death in another.
Two burnt to death in huts.
Two burnt to death in the open.
Six shot in the open.

No casualties were sustained by our own troops, and at the end of the proceedings the whole village east of the railway was well ablaze. Throughout the action, all four Lifebuoys worked satisfactorily, and in one case a suspected hut was set on fire at 70 yards range by skilful manipulation of the nozzle."

APPENDIX "L" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

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Subject: 7 AUST DIV LOCATION LIST NO 11

HQ 7 Aust Div
/2 Mar 45

G19/2/572

Subtended is ~~46~~ Amendment No 1 to 7 Aust Div Location Statement
No 10.

John H. Miles
Lt-Col capt
GS 7 Aust Div

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As for Location Statement No 10.

LOCATION LIST NO 11

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO LOCATION STATEMENT NO 10

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
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C90					G483373	Att 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
C94		delete				
C95		delete				
C96a	47298	78/181	B Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	KAIRI	G483594	Att 2/27 Aust Inf Br. u/c local adm only
C97	45842	2-5/181				
C98	45842	2-5/181				
C99	45842	2-5/181				
C100	45842	2-5/181				
D5	47746					
D17		delete				
D17	47298	78/181	D Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	DEADMANS GULLY	G619857	Att AAMC 1 Aust Beach Gp u/c local adm only
D22			RAN Commando (A) and (C)			

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APPENDIX "M" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

S E C R E T

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

14 Mar 45.

DISCUSSION ON EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

- 1 A discussion on Exercise "Seagull" will be held at HQ 7 Aust Div Planning HQ at 0930K22 Mar 45.
- 2 Attendance - as for paragraph 2 of General Instructions - Exercise "SEAGULL" of 4 Feb 45.
- 3 The object of the conference is to:-
 - (a) Discuss the "Sequence of Planning" for an amphibious operation
 - (b) Determine requirements for orders and instructions for an amphibious operation
 - (c) Discuss any general points arising out of the exercise.
- 4 The following points have already been raised:-
 - (a) Brigade Planning Level
 - (i) Would a Div Information Centre be of assistance to brigades in the planning of an amphibious operation?
 - (ii) The OOB of the assault force is shown in the Distribution of Force to Convoys and extracts thereto; is a further OOB Appendix necessary? It is suggested by Div HQ that it is redundant in the order to brigades, although it must be prepared by Div HQ as a preliminary to the Distribution of Force to Convoys.
 - (iii) From the Bde point of view, what appendices, if any, could be deleted from the Outline Plan or the Operation Order?
 - (iv) In a two brigade assault, should phase lines be laid down by Div or is mutual liaison between brigades preferred?
 - (v) Is the allotment to brigades of LVT considered adequate?
 - (vi) Can assault troops land with two-gallon water containers (filled) on the basis of one container to three men, or should these be loaded as force stores? and
Is an infantry battalion capable of carrying with it all its first line ammunition or should a proportion be force stores?
Various methods of employing LVTs may be the solution.
 - (b) Div Planning Level
 - (i) It is proposed that, in future operations, after the issue of the Div Comd's Outline Tactical Plan to Corps, to issue to Div units bid sheets which will be completed by units by days and returned to Div Planning Staff. Pro forma is attached at Appendix "A".

- (ii) This exercise has proved the need for units to maintain at all times Unit Tonnage Tables and to keep them amended.
- (iii) Who should be responsible for engineer tasks in the BMA - CRE or Beach Group Commander?
Who will be in command of engineer units engaged in tasks below high water and to what extent will CRE be required to co-ordinate tasks after landing?

5

The following points have already been noted:-

- (a) It is expected that future planning will permit the planning staff to live together divorced from other duties.
- (b) More topographical and aerial photos would be available.
- (c) HMS "GIENEARN" does not fulfil all requirements as a HQ Ship.
- (d) Particularly in view of RAE demolition tasks, breaking of wireless silence before H - 60 is desirable.
- (e) Certain difficulties arise from the employment of two separate Beach Maintenance Areas.
- (f) Using US craft and crews, it would be necessary to adopt either US beach markings and seaward communications or train US personnel in the British methods.
- (g) It is desirable that mail deliveries begin before D+15.

6

Commanders may be required to comment on the matters set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and are invited to raise other points of general interest for discussion. Where possible, these additional subjects should be passed to this HQ by 20 Mar 45.

S. R. Williams
Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

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RAE 7 Aust Div	(2)	G	(1)
Sigs 7 Aust Div	(2)	A	(1)
1 Aust Para Bn	(1)	Q	(2)
2/1 Aust MG Bn	(1)	AASC 7 Aust Div	(2)
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		File	(6)

x Exercise only - NOT to be issued.

Appendix "A" to
DISCUSSION ON EXERCISE
"SEA GULL".

AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL UNIT BID SHEET

UNIT _____ LANDING ON _____ SECTOR _____ BEACH _____

NOTE : A SEPARATE SHEET MUST BE PREPARED FOR EACH UNIT.

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APPENDIX "N" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

Subject: FAULTY AMMUNITION

HQ 7 Aust Div
14 Mar 45

G3/2/661

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(d) of 7 Aust Div GS Instruction No.16 of 15 Sep 44, which reads as follows:-

"2. MISFIRES, BLINDS, PREMATURES, ACCIDENTS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE,
WATER ETC WITH AMMUNITION

(a) In the event of any misfire, blind, premature, accident or damage by fire, water etc occurring with any type of ammunition, the procedure as laid down in GRO 051/44 Part I will be adopted.

(b) In the case of misfires five copies of Appendix 'A' of GRO 051/44 will be prepared and forwarded to this HQ to be distributed as follows:-

One copy to IHQ.
One copy to 1 Aust Corps.
One copy to ICO 1 Aust Corps.
One copy for Ammunition Examiner AASG 7 Aust Div.
One copy for file HQ 7 Aust Div.

(c) In the case of blinds:- When more than 5% of blinds have occurred a signal will be sent immediately to IHQ with copies for information to Qld L of C Area and 7 Aust Div stating:-

- (i) Unit and location.
- (ii) Calibre and type of weapon.
- (iii) Type of ammunition, batch number or series number, filler and date of filling.
- (iv) Fuse mark lot, filler and date of filling.
- (v) Number of rounds fired.
- (vi) Number of blinds or failures which occurred.

Following this signal Appendix 'A' of GRO 051/44 will be prepared and dealt with as in paragraph 2(b). When less than 5% of blinds occur only Appendix 'A' of GRO 051/44 will be prepared - the signal will NOT be sent.

(d) In the case of prematures:- A signal will be sent as in paragraph 2(c) containing brief details. This signal will be followed by a report as set out in Appendix 'B' of GRO 051/44 which will be forwarded to this HQ to be distributed as in paragraph 2(b)."

2
From reports it would appear that this instruction is not being carried out. In future the returns required will be submitted to this Headquarters as soon as possible after firing.

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APPENDIX "O" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

Subject : AMENDMENT 1 TO 7 AUST DIV
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

HQ 7 Aust Div
16 Mar 45

G8/1/675

- 1 A direct line has been installed linking HQ 7 Aust Div with HQ 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.
- 2 The resultant changes to 7 Aust Div Telephone Directory are as follows:-

PAGE 6

2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt

CO	Lt-Col N L FIEAHY	Extn	1
Adj't	Capt W N HOOK	"	1

2/6 Aust Fd Regt

CO	Lt-Col F M St JOHN	"	1	φ
Adj't	Capt H R MAAS	"	1	φ
<u>3 Aust Fd Svy Coy</u>		"	1	φ

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2/1 Aust MG Bn

CO	Lt-Col H G HAUPT	"	1	φ
Adj't	Capt L B PETERS	"	1	φ

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2/1 Aust Med Regt

"	1	φ
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φ Through 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt switchboard.

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Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

APPENDIX "P" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

7 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION 41

MISFIRES BLINDS PREMATURES AND ACCIDENTS

Reference GRO 051/44 Part 1 as amended in GROs of 29 Dec 44.

GENERAL

- 1 From reports it appears that the provisions of GRO 051/44 are NOT being carried out.
- 2 Set out below is the procedure to be adopted with regard to the returns required for misfires blinds prematures and accidents.
- 3 This instruction will be read in conjunction with the above GRO and cancels 7 Aust Div GS Instruction 16 of 15 Sep 44 and G3/2/661 of 14 Mar 45.

MISFIRES AND BLINDS

- 4 (a) In the case where less than 5% of misfires and blinds occur:-
Five copies of Appendix 'A' to GRO 051/44 as amended will be prepared and forwarded to this headquarters to be distributed as follows:-
 - One copy to LHQ
 - One copy to 1 Aust Corps
 - One copy to IOO 1 Aust Corps
 - One copy to Ammunition Examiner AASC 7 Aust Div
 - One copy for file HQ 7 Aust Div
- (b) In the case where more than 5% of misfires and blinds occur:-
 - (i) A report will be sent immediately to LHQ with copies for information to 1 Aust Corps and this headquarters giving the information as laid down in paragraph 2 (d) of GRO 051/44.
 - (ii) Following the report Appendix 'A' to GRO 051/44 will be prepared and dealt with as in paragraph 4 (a) above.
- (c) Attention is drawn to paragraphs 15 - 23 of GRO 051/44 in connection with the destruction of blinds.

PREMATURES AND ACCIDENTS

- 5 In the case of prematures:-
 - (a) A signal will be sent immediately to LHQ with copies to 1 Aust Corps and this headquarters giving a brief summary of the fundamental details.
 - (b) Following the signal a report as per Appendix 'B' to GRO 051/44 will be prepared and dealt with as in paragraph 4 (a) above.

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APPENDIX "Q" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

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7 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION 42

NUMBERING OF DF AND SOS TASKS

GENERAL

- 1 This instruction allots blocks of numbers to infantry for use in the naming of SOS and Defensive Fire tasks, including Artillery SOS and Defensive Fire tasks.
- 2 This allotment of numbers to infantry rather than artillery will enable:-
 - (a) SOS and DF tasks arranged between infantry and artillery, Formation, unit or sub-unit commanders (e.g. between battalion and battery commanders), to be given from the start a permanent number which will remain constant.
 - (b) Mortar, SOS or DF tasks included in the fire plan, to be allotted a number from the same block of numbers as those used for naming the artillery tasks.

NUMBERS ALLOTTED

3	<u>Formation or Unit</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	201 - 212
	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	213 - 224
	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	225 - 236
	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	237 - 260
	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	261 - 272
	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	273 - 284
	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	285 - 296
	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	297 - 320
	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	321 - 332
	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	333 - 344
	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	345 - 356
	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	357 - 380
	HQ 7 Aust Div	381 - 400

USE OF NUMBERS

- 4 The numbers allotted are solely for use in the naming of SOS and DF tasks.
- 5 The groups of numbers can be sub-allotted as required by battalions to companies.
- 6 The following are attached at Appendices:-
 - (a) Appendix 'A' -
Extract from Artillery Training Volume 1 Pamphlet 3 "DF and SOS Tasks".
 - (b) Appendix 'B' -
Example showing the allotment of numbers to the DF and SOS tasks by an infantry battalion.
 - (c) Appendix 'C' -
Example of a divisional DF Task Table.

CODE WORDS

7. If a number of DF tasks are grouped, the group should be allotted a code word by HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. Defensive fire on all tasks within the group can then be called for by use of this code word.
- 8 To avoid duplication with other formations the code words used by 7 Aust Div will be the names of birds, (e.g. MAGPIE, SPARROW, EAGLE). Other formations have been allotted for use, the names of trees or animals.

26 Mar 45

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Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION:

18 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	1 Aust Beach Gp	(2)
21 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	1 Aust Mil Idg Gp	(1)
25 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	Comd	(1)
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	(1)	G	(1)
RAA 7 Aust Div	(6)	A	(1)
RAE 7 Aust Div	(1)	Q	(1)
Sigs 7 Aust Div	(1)	Camp	(1)
2/1 Aust MG Bn	(1)	War Diary	(2)
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	(1)	File	(1)

For Infm:

4 Aust Armd Bde (2)

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Appendix 'A' to 7 Aust Div
GS Instruction 42.

OF 26 Mar 45.

EXTRACTS FROM ARTILLERY TRAINING VOL 1 PAM 3

"DE AND SOS TASKS"

DEFENSIVE FIRE.

1. The object of this fire is to interfere with the enemy's attack by causing casualties, by disorganizing enemy headquarters and units whilst forming up for the attack, and by engaging assaulting troops, so assisting the occupants of the forward defended localities to break up the attack.
2. Subject to the ever-rising consideration that no concealed line of approach should be left uncovered by fire when the assault develops, the artillery should in principle employ observed fire; but as the attack will be in depth, so should the fire of the defence be in depth. In general the foremost waves of the attackers are best dealt with by observed small arms fire, and artillery should only be used to engage the main lines of attack which cannot be effectively engaged by small arms, e.g. woods, villages, defiladed ground. The bulk of the available artillery will thus normally be free to engage other targets, and should concentrate against the enemy reserves.
5. Predicted fire tasks must be arranged, however, for night and conditions of fog or smoke. For this purpose a number of suitable areas will be selected. These "defensive fire" tasks will be allotted numbers which will be communicated to both the infantry and the artillery. All batteries which may be required to engage them, will make the necessary preparations to do so.
In selecting these tasks, the principle that artillery should concentrate particularly on those localities which cannot be covered by small arms fire will be the governing factor. These areas will include not only dead ground close to the forward defended localities, but likely assembly positions, communications, defiles and headquarters further back. Each battery will thus have a number of alternative tasks, and concentrations of artillery can be directed within about 5 to 10 minutes on to any task either before the attack, if information is received that the enemy is assembling, or after the attack if it is desired to engage his reserves. Authority to order these concentrations will be vested in the infantry brigade commander unless contrary orders are issued. It will, however, often be necessary for the divisional commander to place some limit on ammunition expenditure. In principle fire on these defensive fire tasks should be intense and concentrated. Orders as regards ammunition, rate of fire and duration of the concentration will normally be issued beforehand by the CRA.
4. In addition to the above arrangements, a plan must be made to bring down artillery fire immediately if the enemy makes a sudden attack. For this purpose the most suitable of the areas selected for "defensive fire" will be called SOS tasks. Fire on these tasks will be called for by forward company commanders either by rocket or signal message.
"SOS" fire will only be called for when the enemy is actually attacking and not when he is reported to be assembling for the attack. Each artillery troop can only have one "SOS" task at one time though tasks can be changed to suit changed conditions. All orders including ammunition, rate of fire and duration of fire must be given beforehand.

The ground will normally be the deciding factor in selecting "SOS" tasks. If there is ground which is dead to small arms fire close to the forward defended localities, these areas should be selected. No attempt should be made to extend artillery fire thinly across the front. It must be sufficiently concentrated to ensure that it is effective. The maximum area for one battery task is about 250 yds by 80 yards. Guns will always be kept laid on these "SOS" lines when not otherwise engaged and sentries posted to watch for "SOS" rockets.

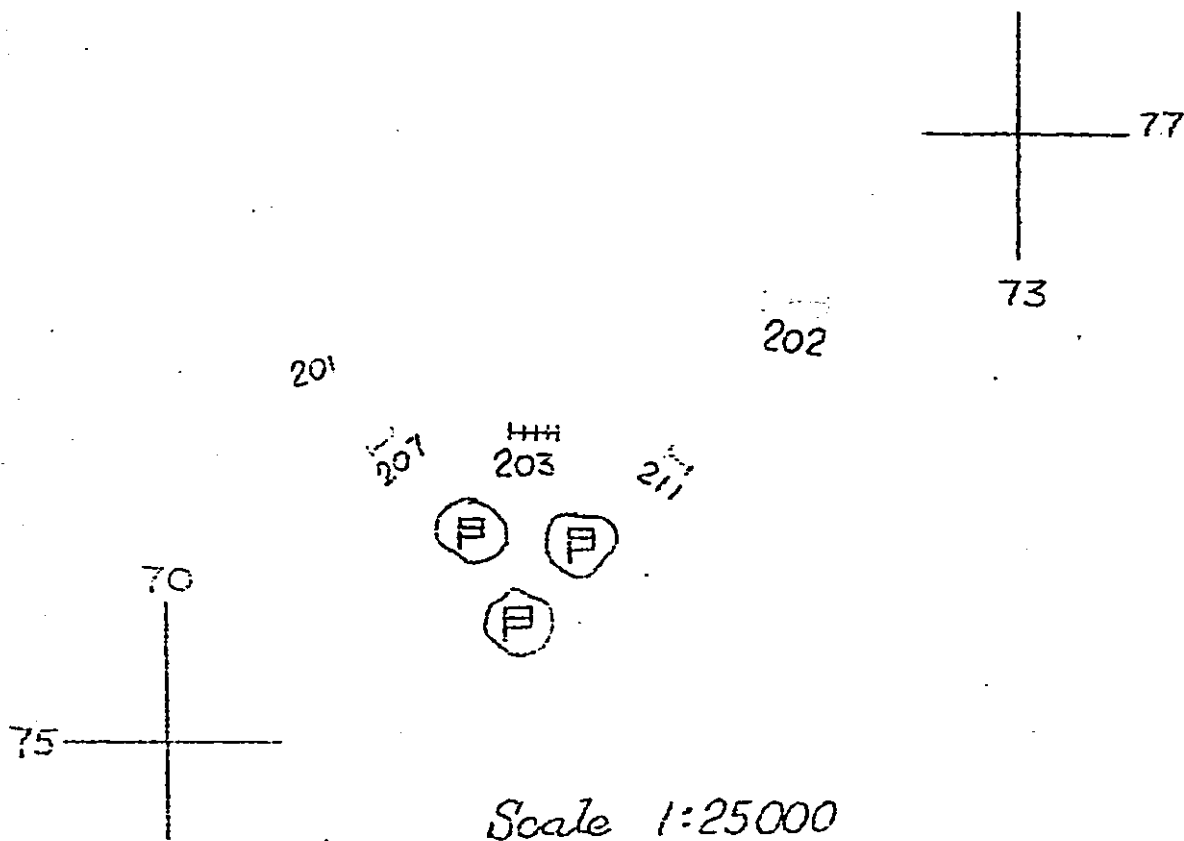
"SOS" tasks may on occasions be required in places which are invisible from OPs. The enemy who are visible to OPs will probably be vulnerable to automatic weapons. If the assault takes place during daylight, the artillery must know therefore whether it is to fire on its SOS lines or to engage by observed fire the enemy which can be seen from OPs. Whether the "SOS" task is to be engaged under all circumstances or only when observation is impossible, must be clearly stated in the Task Table.

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APPX B' to 7th Aust Div

GS INSTR 42 of 26 MAR 45.

ALLOTMENT OF NUMBERS TO DF & SOS
TASKS BY Y INF BATTALION.



— LEGEND —

X BTY DF TASKS

TROOP SOS TASKS

MORTAR SOS TASKS

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Appendix 4C' to 7 Aust
Div GS Instruction 42
of 26 Mar 45

DIVISIONAL DF TASK TABLE

(Issued in conjunction with RAA 7 Aust Div 00 No.2 dated 8 Feb 45)

Reference maps:

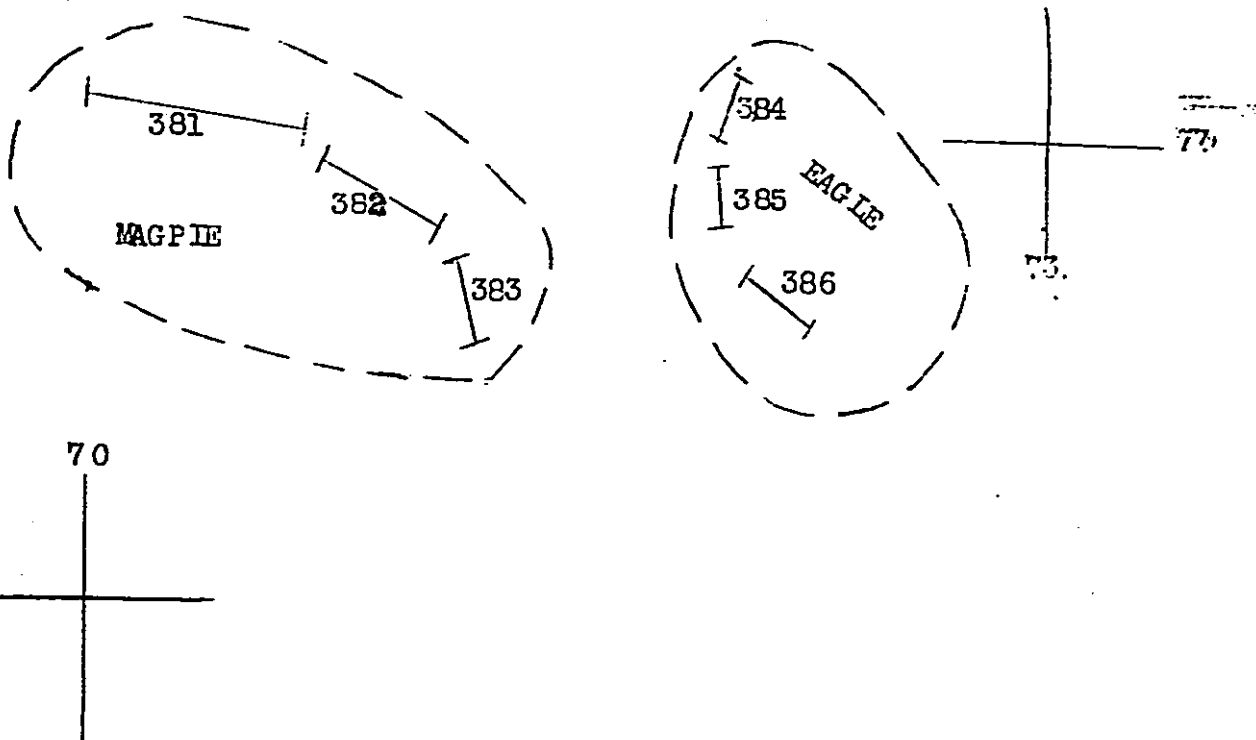


TABLE OF DF TASKS

CODE	2/4 AUST FD REGT	2/5 AUST FD REGT	2/6 AUST FD REGT
MAGPIE	381	382	383
EAGLE	384	385	386
SOS	384	382	-

It will be noticed that tasks 384 and 382 are considered of sufficient importance to be both SOS and DF Tasks.

SECRET

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

7 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION 43

EMBARKATION CONTROL OFFICERS' COURSE

Ref map: CAIRNS 1 inch to 1
mile.

GENERAL

- 1 A course of instruction for Embarkation Control Officers will be conducted by 1 Aust Mil Idg Gp from 5 to 19 Apr 45.

LOCATION

- 2 At TRINITY BEACH area 653853.

OFFICERS TO ATTEND

- 3 As for vacancies allotted in 7 Aust Div G18/34/747 of 24 Mar 45.

- 4 The following additional officers will report to Course Adjutant by 1600 hours 8 Apr 45.

(a) 18 Aust Inf Bde

SX 650	Capt A C BRAY) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
QX35816	Lt J L GREAVES	

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde

NX127267 Capt C M FISHER HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

(c) RAA 7 Aust Div

NX 16122	Lt K C McDONALD) 2/6 Aust Fd Regt--
QX 6181	Capt A DUNN	
NX104576	Lt R U BEST	

2/2 Aust Tk A Regt

(d) RAE 7 Aust Div

NX 34387 Capt I M McKENSEY 2/4 Aust Fd Coy

(e) AASC 7 Aust Div

TX 2658 Capt T W COLLIDGE
NX102470 Capt C P AYERS.

REPORTING

- 5 Students, as per paragraph 3 above, will report to Course Adjutant by 1600 hours 5 Apr 45 for allotment of quarters, etc.

MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS

- 6 Transport for movement of students and batmen to course will be provided by brigades and units concerned.

STUDENTS' EQUIPMENT

7 Students will take the following items of equipment:

Camp Stretcher
Bedding
Personal necessities
Camp chair (if in possession).

BATMEN

8 Batmen on the scale of one per two officers will be taken and will be provided as under:-

18 Aust Inf Bde)
21 Aust Inf Bde } each two batmen.
25 Aust Inf Bde)

2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt one batman.

RAA 7 Aust Div)
RAE 7 Aust Div } each two batmen.

Sigs 7 Aust Div)
2/1 Aust MG Bn } each one batman.
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn }
AASC 7 Aust Div }
AEME }

DIRECTING STAFF

9 Directing Staff will comprise:-

Maj A R ORR
Maj I B FERGUSON
Maj H. H. RANKINE
Maj E C PHILLIPSON.

10 The following additional officers will be required to attend during period 9 to 19 Apr 45 for planning the embarkation of "SEAGULL" Force, exact dates to be advised later:-

G Branch)
Q Branch } one officer each.
RAE 7 Aust Div }
Sigs 7 Aust Div }
AASC 7 Aust Div }
AEME }
FS }
Pro }

ADM

11 Administrative arrangements for movement of Camp Staff to TRINITY BEACH area are attached.

27 MAR 45.

W. H. Meyrick
for Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

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26, 27, 29, 30.

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APPENDIX "S" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

SECRET
EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Subject : DECISIONS REACHED FINAL CONFERENCE EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Hq 4 Aust Div
27 Mar 45

G23/1/772

GENERAL

- 1 The following notes are issued confirming decisions reached at Divisional Commander's Final Conference for Exercise "SEAGULL".

INFORMATION CENTRE

- 2 An Information Centre will be established by Division when planning an amphibious operation and any major points of policy referred to the Information Centre will in turn be referred to appropriate Staff Officer Head of Arm or Service.

PRODUCTION OF ORDERS

- 3 In the production of future orders and instructions for an amphibious operation the following amendments will be made :-
- (a) The OOB will be incorporated in the Distribution of Force to Convoys and Brigade extracts thereto.
 - (b) Brigade extracts from Distribution of Force to Convoys will be issued on a limited distribution.
 - (c) Traces showing covering position, beaches and AA layout can be incorporated in one.
 - (d) Signal Plan will be reviewed so that the Operation Order will contain intercommunication matters of general interest and all technical instructions will be contained in a separate Signal Operation Order issued to Signal Officers.

SECURITY

- 4 Much greater attention must be given to security by Officers engaged in planning. Leakages through telephones, orderlies, drivers etc., are common where there should in fact be none. Stricter definition of personnel who may be informed of planning is required. Better control can be exercised if the planning staff live together as such.
- 5 It was agreed that Brigade and Battalion Commanders should be called in at the appropriate levels to advise on the broad aspects of the Draft Outline Tactical Plan.

SUPPORTING ARMS

- 6 It is agreed that supporting arms such as tanks and artillery should be landed early by beaching LST, LSM etc., soon after H hour. Where this is not practicable smaller landing craft or amphibians will be used.
- 7 Consideration of shipping space and the time craft carrying tanks can be beached must be balanced with the employment of LVT (A) 4 outside the beachhead area. Increased armour and armament of LVT (A) 4 make their use in this role a greater possibility than with earlier marks of LVT (A).

ENGINEERS

8 The Beach Group Commander is responsible to the Force Commander for all personnel, stores and vehicles landed through the beach into the BMA and therefore command of all units necessary to performance of this task should be vested in the Beach Group Commander. The Beach Group Field Company will then normally remain under command of Beach Group Commander.

9 From H-hour until CRE lands Beach Group Field Company Commander will however, be responsible for coordinating all engineer work within and affecting the BMA.

WATER AND AMMUNITION

10 The problem of water supply in the initial stages of the landing may be overcome by :-

- (a) An issue of one additional water bottle per man to assaulting troops. This is being taken up.
- (b) Two gallon water containers being brought in by troops in LVTs.
- (c) Allotment of special vehicles.

11 In the case of ammunition it is noted that :-

- (a) Battalions with a distant objective will require more vehicles to be brought in.
- (b) And/or ammunition may be carried in LVT.

BATTALION LANDING CRAFT TABLES

12 The term "Battalion Landing Craft Table" is misleading, and will be replaced by the term "Ship Landing Craft Table". In most cases it is found necessary to distribute a battalion over two or more LSIs and LSTs. The "Battalion Landing Craft Table" should be a consolidated table, showing the landing of the whole Battalion Landing Team, irrespective of the number of ships over which it is distributed. This is the table in which companies and supporting arms are mainly interested.

The "Ship Landing Craft Table" is a table showing the discharge of all personnel, vehicles, guns and stores from one particular ship. This table is of little interest to the battalion but is the only one of any use to the Ship's Staff. It would be produced by the OC Troops; in most cases the Battalion LT Commander would have to produce two tables, but both are necessary.

NOMENCLATURE OF ORDERS

13 To clarify the nomenclature of the various orders issued on the Divisional level the following system has been adopted :-

- (a) Draft Outline Tactical Plan (for presentation to Heads of Arms and Services and Assault Brigade Commanders).
- (b) Outline Tactical Plan (submitted to higher formation).

- (c) Plan of Operation (issued to Brigades).
- (d) Operation Order.

US TROOPS

- 14 Using US craft and crews, it would be necessary to adopt either US Beach Markings and Seaward Communications or train US personnel in BRITISH Methods.

WIRELESS SILENCE

- 15 This question has already been discussed through Service Channels, but it is considered essential that wireless silence be lifted from H - 90 as reports will be required from the Demolition parties clearing the underwater obstacles. Representations are being made.

HEADQUARTERS SHIP

- 13 The HMS "GLENEARN" allotted the assault Division as a Headquarters Ship was considered unsuitable from the signals aspect.

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GS 7 Aust Div

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2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
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1 Aust Mil Landing Gp
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APPENDIX "T" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45
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M I N U T E

C1

1 Following is a summary of training of Flame Warfare since its introduction to this formation.

2 The LHQ Flame Warfare Training Team (Capt W JENSEN) trained operators and instructors for the brigades and divisional troops concerned.

- (a) Number of operators qualified at 5 day courses 118
- (b) Number of instructors qualified at 5 day courses 39
- (c) Also arranged demonstrations 3 to 6 Oct 44 1200
Observers

3 7 Aust Div Flame Warfare School with Chief Instructor (Lt N GRAY) and staff (4 officers, 14 NCOs (instructors) and 12 ORs (duties)) have completed to 29 Mar 45 seven courses.

- (a) Number of operators qualified at 6 day courses 265
- (b) Numbers of instructors qualified at 6 day courses 7
- (c) Platoon exercise at DANBULLA Range.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of Platoons</u>	<u>Date</u>
18 Aust Inf Bde	12	22 Feb 45
25 Aust Inf Bde	12	3 Mar 45
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	4	10 Mar 45
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	3	10 Mar 45
21 Aust Inf Bde	24	19 & 20 Mar 45
18 Aust Inf Bde	12	25 Mar 45 (at TANK ROCK)
25 Aust Inf Bde	12	29 Mar 45
25 Aust Inf Bde	6	2 Apr 45
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NOTE: The sixth day of each course is taken up by employing students as operators for the platoon exercises.

4 HQ 7 Aust Div conducted two demonstrations on 29 and 30 Dec 44 showing tactical employment of flame throwers - 2000 observers.

5 Training Objective

(a) Operators

One operator per infantry section or equivalent in Divisional Troop units concerned - 450.

(b) Platoon Exercises

Each infantry platoon or equivalent in Divisional Troop Units concerned - 141.

6 Equipment

(a) The full entitlement (36) of Flame Throwers Manpack M2-2 is now held by this formation.

(b) Present being used by 7 Aust Div Flame Warfare School.

7 Future Training - Tactical

Recommendations will be submitted later.

8 Flame Warfare Notes

These notes will be produced periodically for distribution on List "B."

9 Supply in the Field

This matter is under review.

28 Mar 45

(Sgd) H N FLAHERTY Capt
GS03(CW) 7 Aust Div


APPENDIX "U" TO WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 45

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF 35 AUST FS SEC (EE) FOR MONTH
OF MARCH 1945

35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
HQ 7 Aust Div
12 Apr 45
35/C6/497

GS 7 Aust Div

1. Herewith summarised account of this unit's activities for month of March.
2. Future summaries will be submitted by the 27th of each month.

 Sjt
AOC 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)

ACTIVITIES OF 35 JUST FS SEC (EE) DURING MARCH 1945

1. EDUCATION

(a) During the month lectures and/or demonstrations were given as follows:-

"Japanese Booby Traps"	-	27 lectures
"Functions of FS Secs (EE)"	-	9 "
"Intelligence Value of Enemy Equipment"	-	6 "

(b) The first two issues of the Section's Fortnightly Enemy Equipment Bulletin were distributed down to companies. The object of the bulletin is to provide units with the most recent information on enemy equipment so that comparisons can be made between the potentialities of Allied and Japanese equipment.

(c) Data on Japanese artillery was collated and distributed to artillery units.

2. TRAINING

(a) Section training included range practice, instruction in the MALAY language and participation in unit battle exercises.

(b) Five NCOs attended LHQ School of MI, D Wing, Southport.

3. GENERAL

(a) Penetration tests were made with Japanese body armour and the results promulgated.

FILMS TO BE SHOWN BY 3 AUST FILM LIBRARY FROM 1 MAR TO 31 MAR 45

Serial	Date	Unit	Period	Films	Location
A65 A66	1 Mar 45 "	2/117 & 2/124 Aust Bde Wkaps	1330-1630	C283 C358 C454 A03 C202 C307 C359 C392 C120	Unit lines
A67	"	Tk A School	1930-2130		2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
A68 A69 A70	2 Mar 45 " "	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	1930-2130	C474 C475 C453 A03 E304	Unit lines
A71	3 Mar 45	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	0830-1200	C99 C83 C359 C122	Unit lines
A72	"	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	1330-1630	C210 C232 C261 C358 C359 C484 C486 C567	Unit lines
A73	"	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	1930-2130	C307 C122	Unit lines
A74 A75 A76	5 Mar 45 " "	2/117 & 2/124 Aust Bde Wkaps HQ 7 Aust Div	0830-1200 1930-2130	C283 C358 C454 A03 C202 C307 C359 C392 C120 Notify 3 Mar 45	Unit lines Unit lines
A77 A78 A79	6 Mar 45 " "	MSC 7 Aust Div MSC 7 Aust Div 2/2 Aust CCS	0830-1200 1330-1630 1930-2130	C358 C359 C450 C454 C318 C293 as above C307 C454	KIRI Hall KIRI Hall Unit lines

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180	7 Mar 45	RM 7 Aust Div	0830-1230	C191 C441 (twice)	2/4 Aust Fd Regt
181	"	"			
182	"	"			
183	8 Mar 45	2/125 Aust Bde Akap	0830-1230	C58 C476 C33 C358 C359 C392	Unit lines
184	"	"			
185	"	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	1930-2130	C99 USC1 B11 C420 C261 C258 C486 C487	Unit lines
186	9 Mar 45	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1230	C475 C435 C191 C307	Unit lines
187	"	"			
188	"	AESG 7 Aust Div	1930-2130	"Divide and Conquer" "Battle of Britain"	2/6 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
189	10 Mar 45	2/117 & 2/124 Aust Bde Wkapa	0830-1230	C283 C358 C454 C3 C202 C307 C359 C392 C420	Unit lines
190	"	2/1 Aust Fnr Bn	1330-1630	C111 C115 C283 USC58 C93	No 2 Theatre
191	"	AESG 7 Aust Div	1930-2130	"Divide and Conquer" "Battle of Britain"	2/6 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
192	12 Mar 45	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1230	C129 C453 C476 C111 C444 C108 C109	Unit lines
193	"	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1330-1630	as above	Unit lines
194	"	2/2 Aust CCS	1930-2130	C392 C32 C210 C211 C362	Unit lines
195	13 Mar 45	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1230	C129 C453 C476 C111 C444 C108 C109	Unit lines
196	"	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1330-1630	as above	Unit lines
197	"	"			
198	14 Mar 45	RM 7 Aust Div	0830-1230	C115 C474 C475 C392 C454 C358 C359 C191	K.I.R.I. Hall
199	"	RM 7 Aust Div	1330-1630	C163 C527 C283 C3 C191 USC1	K.I.R.I. Hall
B1	"	"			

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B2	15 Mar 45		0830-1200		
B3	"				
B4	"	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	1930-2130	C122 C210 C450 C83 C108 C109	Unit lines
B5	16 Mar 45	2/1 Aust MG Bn	0830-1200	C283 C453 AC1 C476 C108 C202	KNIRI Hall
B6	"	2/1 Aust MG Bn	1330-1630	as above	KNIRI Hall
B7	"	2/1 Aust MG Bn	1930-2130	C318 C454 C392	Unit lines
B8	17 Mar 45	2/1 Aust Pwr Bn	0830-1200	C111 C115 C283 USC58 C83	No 2 Theatre
B9	"				
B10	"	HQ 7 Aust Div	1930-2130	Notify 16 Mar 45	Unit lines
B11	19 Mar 45				
B12	"				
B13	"				
B14	20 Mar 45	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1200	C261 C165 C166 C172 C509 C111	Unit lines
B15	"	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	1330-1630	C129 C283 USC19 C62 C302 C202	Unit lines
B16	"				
B17	21 Mar 45	RMA 7 Aust Div	0830-1200	C44 C108 C109	2/4 Aust Fd Regt
B18	"	RMA 7 Aust Div	1330-1630	B11 AC1 C476 C83 C358 C359	KNIRI Hall
B19	"	RMA 7 Aust Div	1930-2130	USC19 C122 C202	Unit lines
B20	22 Mar 45	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1200	C475 C435 C191 C307	Unit lines
B21	"				
B22	"				

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B23 B24 B25	23 Mar 45 " "	2/10 Aust Inf Bn Tk A School	0830-1200 1930-2130	C475 C435 C191 C307 	Unit lines 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
B26 B27 B28	24 Mar 45 " "	2/1 Aust Par Bn 2/1 Aust Par Bn	0830-1200 1930-2130	G108 C307 C359 A03 G108 C307 C359 A03	No 2 Theatre No 2 Theatre
B29 B30 B31	26 Mar 45 " "	21 Aust Inf Bde 21 Aust Inf Bde	0830-1205 1330-1545	C191 A03 C441 C466 C99 C232 C233 C237 C244 C247 C352 C464 C486 C509 C567 C511 C258 C283 C527 C202 C466 USC19 C210	No 1 Theatre No 1 Theatre
B32 B33 B34	27 Mar 45 " "	2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	0830-1205		Unit lines
B35 B36 B37	28 Mar 45 " "	 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	 1930-2130		 Unit lines
B38 B39 B40	29 Mar 45 " "	 Tk A School	 1930-2130		 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
B41 B42 B43	30 Mar 45 " "	2/31 Aust Inf Bn 2/31 Aust Inf Bn	0830-1200 1330-1630	HE1 C359 C420 C283 USC58 as above	Unit lines Unit lines
B44 B45 B46	31 Mar 45				