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29 Infantry Brigade  
December 1941 - March 1942

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of the 11 Fd. Amb. travelled with Bde. H.Q. and took part in the exercise. They also attended to the sick. The first night out from Brisbane one man was evacuated to Brisbane General Hospital with suspected appendicitis and Col. McGree considered it advisable to ask A.D.M.S. to detail an Ambulance to travel with the party for the rest of the exercise. The Lt. Fd. Amb. at Gympie sent along one of their ambulances, but the only other sick evacuation was a man with influenza to Gympie Hospital.

In spite of the wet weather the health of the tps did not appear to suffer to any extent.

It has already been suggested in a letter to A.D.M.S. that a trained and experienced medical orderly should be attached to an Inf. Bde. H.Q. Although it is customary in peace time for Bde. H.Q. to be located near a unit which has an R.M.O., it is not always possible for this to be arranged in the field. At present on the establishment of an Inf. Bde. H.Q. there is a man for hygiene duties, and it is suggested that if a medical orderly were added to the establishment the hygiene detail could be dispensed with. The medical orderly could easily supervise sanitation etc. as well as do any necessary first-aid work.

6.

Rations: Hard work, fresh air and the cold and wet weather made the men hungry, and although full meals rations were received there was nothing left over - even the army biscuits being eaten out.

It is usually impossible in the field for all men of Bde. H.Q. to feed at one kitchen and part of the training carried out was cooking by groups. The Q.M. found this very difficult as the war equipment does not provide for the issue of any scales and the standard ration is awkward to divide up into small portions. Fresh rations are also difficult to cope with when the unit is moving every day, and sometimes the "tactical situation" during the exercises had to yield to the necessity for remaining where we were until the fresh meat has been cooked.

7.

Wet Weather: It rained nearly the whole time. Most of the trucks issued are without canopies and in order to protect the war equipment it was necessary to sue tent flys instead. Such canopies as were issued were not rain proof and let in the water. The tent flys are also faulty in this respect, though some of them seem to have taken up after the good soaking they received. The rain, particularly on the very wet Sunday, gave the cooks an opportunity to exercise their ingenuity in overcoming difficulties and it also provided the M.T. drivers with invaluable experience in negotiating greasy roads and getting bogged vehicles back on to the road. The M.O.s were anxious for a rum issue to be made on the Sunday night when everyone was soaked, but as there was no summary means of obtaining it quickly the matter was dropped.

8.

M.T.: The Transport drivers came through the ordeal very well. The only damage sustained was two dented mudguards caused by striking trees when dispersing off the road. These have been straightened out by the fitter. As the damage was so trivial it is not proposed to make any other report about the matter. This record reflects considerable credit on the training of the drivers who all came from the L. of C. A.A.S.C.

The tyres with which the cars D.S. are equipped appear to be too small for the job in wet weather and it is suggested that instead of being equipped with 600 - 16 tyres, they should have 750 - 16. In the Middle East, all D.S. cars are equipped with outside tyres and they very rarely get bogged. The difficulty about the staff car is that it often travels independently and if

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it gets bogged there is very often no other vehicle handy to tow it out. I speak somewhat feelingly on this point, having had more exercise in de-bogging my car on arrival at Tiaro than I had made provision for in my programme of training.

9. Sigs: L. Sec. Sigs. and the detachment of A. Sec. Sigs have been very active. A. Sec. detachment has maintained almost constant communication by wireless with Brisbane, and L. Sec. has coped very satisfactorily with the problem of utilising existing P.M.G. signal communication as well as providing R/T and L/T for exercises.

The Bde. Staff were given some preliminary instruction in R/T procedure and they will be further exercised in this later.

10. General: The exercise was well worth doing. The Bde. H.Q., which a fortnight ago was nothing but a collection of individuals has now shaken down into something of a team, and the morale is consequently much higher. As an example of this, it may be mentioned that the fitter and mechanic, lent to us by the A.A.C. have expressed a desire to remain with the Bde. H.Q. if this can be arranged.

The only people who did not pull their weight were the two N.C.O.s from the N. Comd. Provost Coy., who began complaining the first day, and reported sick the second day. As it was obvious that they took no interest in the exercise, after communicating with the O.C. Provost Coy., arrangements were made to send them back to Brisbane.

(Sgd.) T.S. Louch, Brig.,  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

WAR DIARY.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

*20 Dec 41 to 31 Jan 42*

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT H.Q., 29 Inf. Bde.

DATE AND TIME \_\_\_\_\_

FROM 20.12.41 TO 31.12.41.

Serial No.	SOURCE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS
		20.12.41		MELBOURNE. Lt. Col. T.S. Louch M.C. from 2/11 Bn., A.I.F. appointed to command and instructed by Mil. Sec. A.H.Q. to report forthwith to Northern Command.	
		22.12.41		Lt. Col. Louch reported to Northern Command, but no advice has been received from A.H.Q. regarding his appointment.	
			to	After conference with G.O.C. it was decided that he should visit Bde. Area and 42 and 47 Bns. Col. Louch accordingly proceeded to Maryborough and spent five days there -	
		31.12.41		visiting PIALBA area, TIARO and BUNDABERG with C.O., 47 Bn. He then proceeded to ROCKHAMPTON by train to visit 42 Bn. at YEPPON, arriving Rockhampton on 31 Dec.	
				At this stage no steps had been taken to form a Bde. H.Q. or collect a Staff together. 42 Bn. was under command 11 Inf. Bde. and 47 Bn. under command 7 Inf. Bde. These two Bns. will eventually form 29 Inf. Bde.	

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Lt. Col.,  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

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APPENDIX 3

Headquarters,  
29 Inf. Bde.,  
ASCOT.  
27 Jan, 1942.

SECRET.

N. Comd.

As a result of recent visits and enquiries, I should like to draw attention formally to the following matters which appear to me to be of some importance.

- (1) In the towns of Rockhampton Gladstone, Bundaberg and Maryborough, there are large civilian food stocks varying from six months normal supplies to four months. In Rockhampton alone, there is sufficient food to keep an Army Corps going for probably six months. It is suggested that these supplies be removed inland.
- (2) The short length of road (approx. 10 miles) from the Railway near TALABA to BENARABY may be of considerable tactical importance as it by-passes Gladstone and saves 16 miles. It also avoids the stretch of road leading into Gladstone which is practically on the beach and commanded from the sea. I went over it recently in a car after rain without any difficulty and it would only need five or six hundred pounds to be spent on it (to improve creek crossings) to make it a serviceable military road.
- (3) The Bundaberg aerodrome and its two satellite landing grounds are virtually unprotected and nothing has been done to render them unserviceable as landing grounds. The local commander R.A.F. is awaiting some declaration of policy by his superior authorities.
- (4) I suggest the det. Garrison troops at Gladstone be given special instruction in the destruction of oil supplies - unless the Shell representatives on the spot are prepared to undertake responsibility in this connection.

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Brig.,  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

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UNIT H.Q., 29 Inf. Bde., ASCOT.

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Jan, 42 TO 31 Jan, 42.

<u>Source.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
	1 Jan		The Bde. Comd. visited Yeppoon Camp with Lt. Col. A.R. Heron, C.O. 42 Bn and also Emu Park, Pandoin Camp site, and the suggested alternative site at Gracemore.	
	2 Jan		Bde. Comd. visited Gladstone, accompanied by Col. Heron and inspected oil storage installation and discussed activities of V.D.C. with local representatives, later catching night train to Brisbane.	
	3 Jan		Bde. Comd. discussed matters generally with G.O.C.--in-Chief (Gen. Sir. Iven Mackay).	
	4 Jan		Bde. Comd. accompanied Sir Iven Mackay on visit to American camps and inspection of American equipment, later seeing the General off to Melbourne by 'plane.	
	5 Jan		Conference with G.O.C. N. Comd. and Col. in Charge of Administration regarding formation of Bde. H.Q., and it was finally decided that Military Secretary should be asked to provide Staff Corps Officer for B.M. and that Capt. Cossart, Northern Command H.Q. should be made available to assist Bde. Comd. in collecting other personnel for staff and H.Q. Subsequently G.O.C. telephoned Military Secretary, and it was arranged that Capt. W.D. Matthew should report forthwith for duty as B.M. New camp sites for 42 and 47 Bns. discussed with G.O.C.	
	6 Jan		Conferences between Bde. Comd. and Capt. Cossart regarding personnel, transport drivers, cooks, orderly room staff, C.Q.M.S., etc., and various people were interviewed and selections made. Arrangements were also made for Bde. H.Q. to be assembled at Ascot Race-course, as accomodation was available there in the member's stand.	
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UNIT H. Q., 29 Inf. Bde. ASCOT.

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Jan, 42 TO 31 Jan, 42.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	9 Jan		Capt. Matthew reported for duty as B.M. Message received that Ascot accomodation would not be available, and Bde. Comd., B.M. and Capt. Cossart, visited Groveley camp to try to arrange accomodation there, but nothing suitable could be made available. Eventually it was arranged that we should go to Ascot and take our chances of being turned out if more overseas troops arrived suddenly.	
	10 Jan		Bde. Comd. interviewed Capt. W.G.A. Mack, retired list, formerly 47 Bn. and it was arranged that he should report for duty forthwith as Liaison Officer and carry out the duties of Staff Captain for the time being. Final arrangements for nucleus of Bde. H.Q. to assemble at Ascot Race-course on 13 Jan were made, and instructions sent to Defence Platoon, Maryborough to report there for duty on 14 Jan.	
	11 Jan		Various interviews with Ordnance, "Q" Branch etc. and Camp Comdt.	
	12 Jan		Ascot in connection with opening of Bde. H.Q. It was also arranged that during the period of formation 42 and 47 Bns. should be administered as at present by 11 and 7 Bdes.	
	13 Jan		B.M., G.Q.M.S., Orderly Room Sgt. and Transport Drivers and Sgt. (transferred from A.A.S.C. L.O.C. Area) assembled at Ascot.	
	14 Jan		Defence Platoon arrived from Maryborough and various members allotted for the time being to perform duties at Bde. H.Q. Bde. Comd. had previously discussed camp sites with G.O.C., and it had been decided that 42 Bn. should move to area in the vicinity of Raglan and 47 Bn. to Tiaro, and it was arranged today that the process of assembling Bde. H.Q. and drawing war equipment should be left in the hands of the Staff Capt., and that the Bde. Comd. and B.M. should proceed North to meet Engineer, Q. and Medical Representatives and finally decide on sites for the new camps. It was also arranged that Bde. Comd. should meet G.O.C. at Rockhampton on 19 Jan.	

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UNIT H. Q., 29 INF. Bde., ASCOT.

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Jan, 42 TO 31 Jan, 42.

<u>Source.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	<u>Remarks.</u>
	15 Jan		Bde. Comd. and B.M. left by car for MARYBOROUGH and spent the night there.	
	16 Jan		Lieut. Dexter was picked up from 47 Bn. and the party proceeded via BOOVAL to GLADSTONE. Weather very hot and dry.	
	17 Jan		The party proceeded to MT. LARCOM where they were met by an Engr. Offr. - Capt. Lahey, Q. Representative - Capt. Green, Medical representative - Major McGree, and the I.O. 42 Bn. - Lieut. Whyte. During the morning the proposed camp site 3½ miles South of Mt. Larcom was thoroughly inspected and the party returned to MT. LARCOM for lunch. The party then proceeded to RAGLAN and inspected the proposed site 2 miles South of the township. The Engr. and Q. representatives then returned South and the remainder proceeded to ROCKHAMPTON.	
	18 Jan		Bde. Comd., B.M. and Lieut. Dexter drove to YEPPOON to discuss various matters with 42 Bn. After lunch in ROCKHAMPTON, the party drove out to inspect the 42 Bn. MAGAZINE near KABRA, then proceeded by the road that follows the railway line from KABRA to MT. MORGAN. Although approximately 3" of rain had fallen during the previous night on this road, which is little used, it was in good condition and would stand up to fairly heavy traffic. Return to ROCKHAMPTON was along the STOPFORD HIGHWAY, all bitumen.	
	19 Jan		Bde. Comd. met G.O.C., N. Comd. at Aerodrome. After a conference, the G.O.C. proceeded to 42 Bn. and Bde. Comd., B.M. and Lieut. Dexter proceeded south to BUNDABERG, using the BENARABY shortcut to by-pass GLADSTONE. The road was greasy at a few places but on the whole was good and would take heavy traffic. The camp site at Raglan was examined on the way and the ground was found to have dried out very well after the heavy rain.	



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UNIT H.Q., 29 INF. BDE., ASCOT.

DATE AND TIME -- FROM 1 JAN, 42. TO 31 JAN, 42.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	20 Jan		The party visited the coastal area in the morning and called in at the Aerodrome. It was found that practically no provision had been made for the defence of the Aerodrome, except for a few A.A.M.G.'s. The party then proceeded to MARYBOROUGH, via CHILDERS, TORBANLEA, PIALBA.	
	21 Jan		Bde. Comd. and B.M. together with Lt. Col. Paterson, C.O. 47 Bn, Capt. Lahey and Capt. Green and a medical representative, inspected the proposed camp site at TIARO. Bde. Comd. and B.M. then proceeded to BRISBANE.	
	23 Jan		Lieut. Dexter H.E. marched in from 47 Bn. for duties of Bde. I.O.	
	22 Jan		Spent in getting further personnel and equipment to bring Bde. to something like W.E. Bde. Comd., B.M., S.C. and I.O. personally contacted heads of the various services.	
	29 Jan			
			Bde. Comd. set various exercises for his Staff and showed ways of dealing quickly with administration and operational problems.	
			Bde. Comd. prepared an exercise of 10 days duration to begin Wednesday 4 Feb. and most of the above problems were in connection with this exercise. At the end of the 10 days training, the administration of 42 and 47 Bns. will be taken over and 29 Inf. Bde. will actually be in existence.	
	27 Jan		W.O. Stammers marched in on loan from N. Comd. for organising Bde. Office.	
	28 Jan		Lieut. J. Weight from 42 Bn. and Lieut. D.C. McKenzie from 47 Bn. were marched in as Liaison Offrs. 3 O.R.s marched in. S/Sgt. Stevenson who had been on loan from Ordnance, left for 47 Bn. He had been extensively helpful in securing equipment.	

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UNIT 29 INF. BDE., ASCOT.

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Jan, 42 TO 31 Jan, 42.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	30 Jan		<p>Allotments of vehicles was made and a practise move of all equipment and personnel was held in the afternoon.</p> <p>2 Intelligence personnel from 42 Bn. marched in. I. Sec. is now complete.</p> <p>Lieut. N. Faulkner and 4 personnel marched in to complete the A.A.S.C. attached.</p> <p>At 2030 hrs. the Bde. Comd. addressed the Staff on the movement of an embussed Bn., the layout of a bivouac area and the activities of the various cffrs, using diagramatic lay out.</p>	
	31 Jan		<p>3 orderlies from 47 Bn, 2 Cooks from 42 Bn. marched in.</p> <p>A great deal of trouble is still being experienced in getting some of <del>the</del> W.E. equipment, but on the whole we have done rather well, having now our full complement of M.T., except for 2 Staff cars.</p> <p>Strength as at 31 Jan 42 - 8 offrs 74 O.R.s.</p>	<p>Order 2 See Annexure - Problem and Solution.</p> <p><i>NEW</i></p> <p><i>the smaller articles of</i></p> <p><i>NEW</i></p> <p><i>Shaw</i> <i>Big</i></p>

H.Q. 29 INF. BDE.

WAR DIARY - JANUARY, 1942.

Bde. Commander's notes for the month.

The main ~~tasks~~ of the month have been team-building and getting together so much of our War Equipment as is available.

Team Building:

Bde. Major: Capt. W.D. Matthew, Staff Corps, joined early in the month as Bde. Major. His previous two years Military experience has been mostly in the Artillery and like the rest of the Staff he is inexperienced in Staff duties.

Staff Captain: Captain W.G.A. Mack, Retired List, formerly 47 Bn., was selected for this appointment. He is a Brisbane barrister and had volunteered for A.I.F. It was considered that his lack of recent Military experience and training in Staff Duties would be compensated for by his practical knowledge of the world.

Intelligence Officer: Lieut. H.E. Dexter, 47 Bn. was chosen. He has done courses in I. work and understands his job. He also has a very thorough knowledge of the ground over which the Bde. will work in Central Qld.

Liaison Officers: Lieut. J.W. Weight and Lieut. D.C. McKenzie, 42 Bn. and 47 Bn. respectively, were selected by their C.O.'s for Liaison duties. Both are young, active and keen. Weight has been a Sig. Officer and McKenzie a Vickers gunner, so they bring some specialist knowledge with them.

Bde. Supply Officer: Lieut. N. Faulkner has recently joined.

We are short of a B.M.G.O., T.O. and a senior Liaison Officer.

I do not know enough about the senior Officers of 42 and 47 Bns. to pick a B.M.G.O. yet - and in any event with only two Bns., and these separated by 200 miles, there will be very little for him to do.

Bde Transport Sgt. is favourably reported upon by his C.O. and I have decided to see more of his work before appointing anyone else as Bde. T.O. My present arrangement with Major Laffan (A.A.S.C. L. of C. Area) is that if I think the Sgt. deserves a commission but is too junior for Bde. T.O., he will take him on his strength and give me someone more senior.

As we only have two Bns., I have not considered the appointment of a third L.O.

W.E.:

We have done remarkably well for W.E. - at least that is how it strikes one back from M.E. The only important things we lack are two cars, Bren guns, and some odd things like I gear, Stationery Boxes, etc.

Staff Training:

I arranged with G.O.C. early in the month that I should not take over administration of 42 and 47 Bns. for the time being, and this has given me a chance to train the Staff to some extent. On 4 Feb, we start on a ten days exercise in conjunction with the move to TIARO, which should enable everyone to "run in".

Future Policy:

I am not proposing to settle down anywhere in a permanent Camp. When we move we will carry our War Equipment and some tentage and Camp gear and live a gypsy life for some weeks.

On arrival in Maryborough Area, I propose to direct some Bn. exercises for 47 Bn lasting two or three weeks, and then do the same thing for 42 Bn.

N. Command has approved this policy and it remains to be seen whether the Japs will permit it to be carried out.

Today's newspaper is for the most part unrelieved gloom, but the general idea seems to be that "it can't happen here". In this country, we don't seem to have got down to a sufficiently realistic view of the War. Troops are disposed all over Australia - some in quite useless places - and there is an immediate outcry from the local inhabitants if there is any suggestion of moving them. Unfortunately the civilian population seem to regard soldiers merely as consumers of local produce and spenders of their pay in the town where they happen to be camped.

A.M.F. and A.I.F.:

In view of the fact that I have just had two years service with A.I.F., it may be of interest to record my general impressions for what they are worth, of the A.M.F. Units based on what I have seen in Western Australia and Queensland.

The Officers as a whole are probably more knowledgable individually than their opposite numbers in A.I.F., but much less practical, and not nearly as hard and fit physically.

The men are better trained than they were in A.M.F. in pre-war days, but not nearly as tough or practical as the A.I.F. The leave complex has bitten most of them, and many feel military duties should be subordinated to home ties.

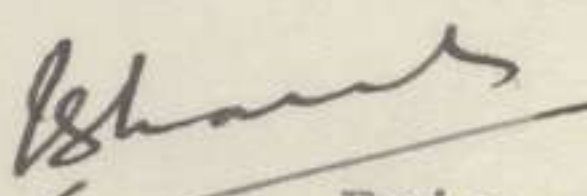
Training has been unimaginative, and the practice of leaving Units in the same camp for year after year has led to "lazy" programmes - the same tactical exercises being repeated ad nauseam, because people cannot be bothered to think out something different.

Lack of M/T has led to immobility, but more might have been done to build sub-units up to their proper W.E. for a limited period and enable them to carry out training with all the transport they would have in War.

Such M/T as has been available, seemed to have been used on occasions to save the feet of the troops when it would have been much better for them to have walked.

Morale is a very difficult thing for a new-comer to assess, and I am not going to try to do so at this stage.

2 Feb, 42.

  
Brig.,  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

W.D.  
Original.29 INF. BDE.STAFF EXERCISE NO. 3.Move of an embussed Infantry Bn.

1. 72 Bn. complete with 1st Line transport as per latest W.E. (11/12/2) is moving from TWEED HEADS to join 29 Inf. Bde in BUNDABERG area.
2. There is an air threat from Japanese sea-borne aircraft; and the unlikely possibility of encountering small parties of enemy parachute troops landed in open fields or on beaches.
3. N. Command Base Instructions for the move lay down speed and density at 15 m.i.h. and 20 v.t.m., and direct C.O. to bivouac on night 30/31 Jan. between CABOOLTURE (MILE POST 35) and LANDSBROUGH (M.P. 56), and to continue the move North on the following morning.
4. There are mile posts all along the road. There is considerable up and down military traffic between BRISBANE and GYMPIE. Assume that any place just off the road between CABOOLTURE and LANDSBROUGH is as suitable as another for bivouacking. There are Water Points at CABOOLTURE and LANDSBROUGH.
5. Blackout restrictions are to be observed. The sun rises at 0618 hrs. and sets at 1945 hrs.
6. The following troop-carrying vehicles have been allotted to 72 Bn for the move - 1 Car D.S. for O.C. section and 30 lorries 3-ton, each carrying 16-20 men with their gear.
7. At 1700 hrs the head of the column reached M.P. 35 (CABOOLTURE) but owing to traffic blocks and road repairs the column was strung out over 15 miles.
8. SYNDICATE TASKS: (1) Draw diagram showing position in the column of every vehicle.  
(2) Draw diagram to approx. Scale of 3" to 1 mile showing the position of every vehicle at 2000 hrs.  
(3) Write out the order issued by C.O. 72 Bn. at 1710 hrs. which produced the lay out of the Bn. described in (2) and also included orders for next days move. (Not more than 100 words).
9. Consider for discussion the activities between 1730 hrs. and 2000 hrs of

C.O.  
2 i/c.  
I.O.  
Sig. O.  
Q.M.

T.O.  
O.C. Tp. carrying vehicles.  
Fitter and Mechanics M.T.  
Petrol lorry.  
Water trucks.

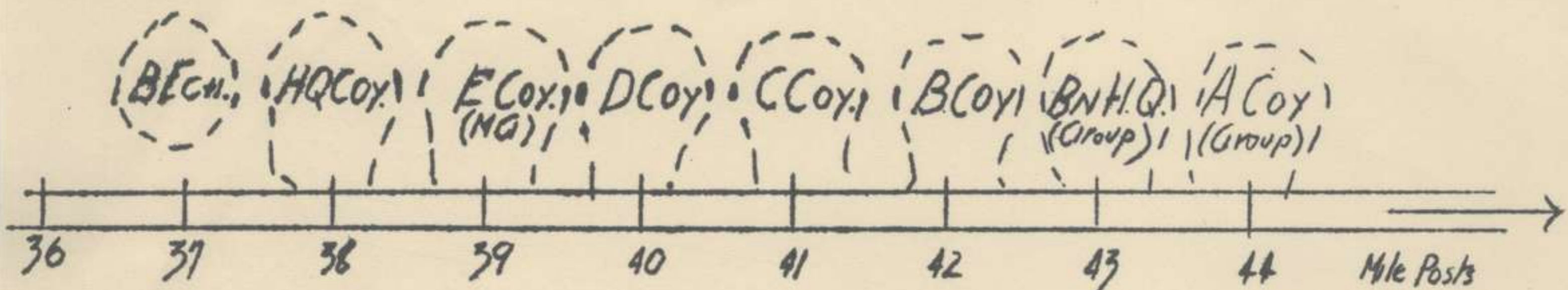
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Packs  
Blankets

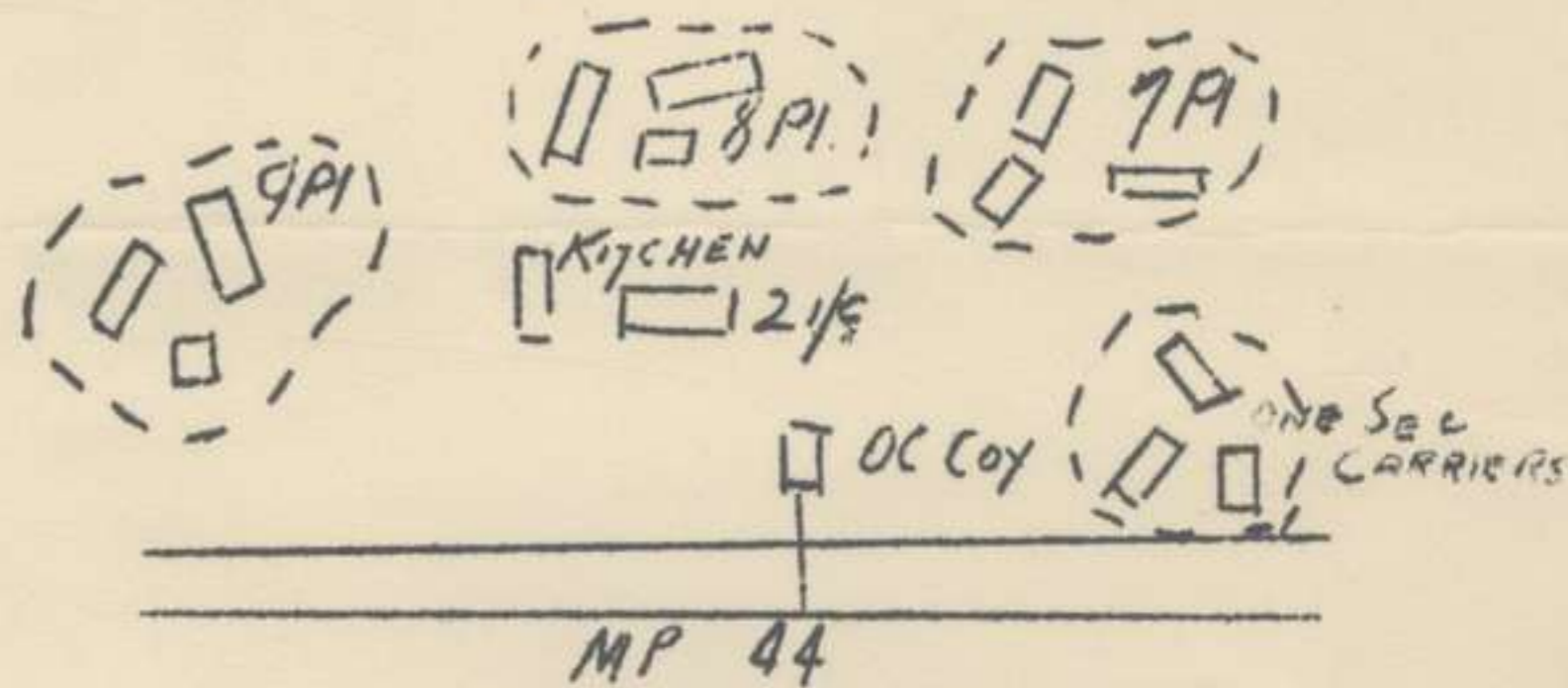
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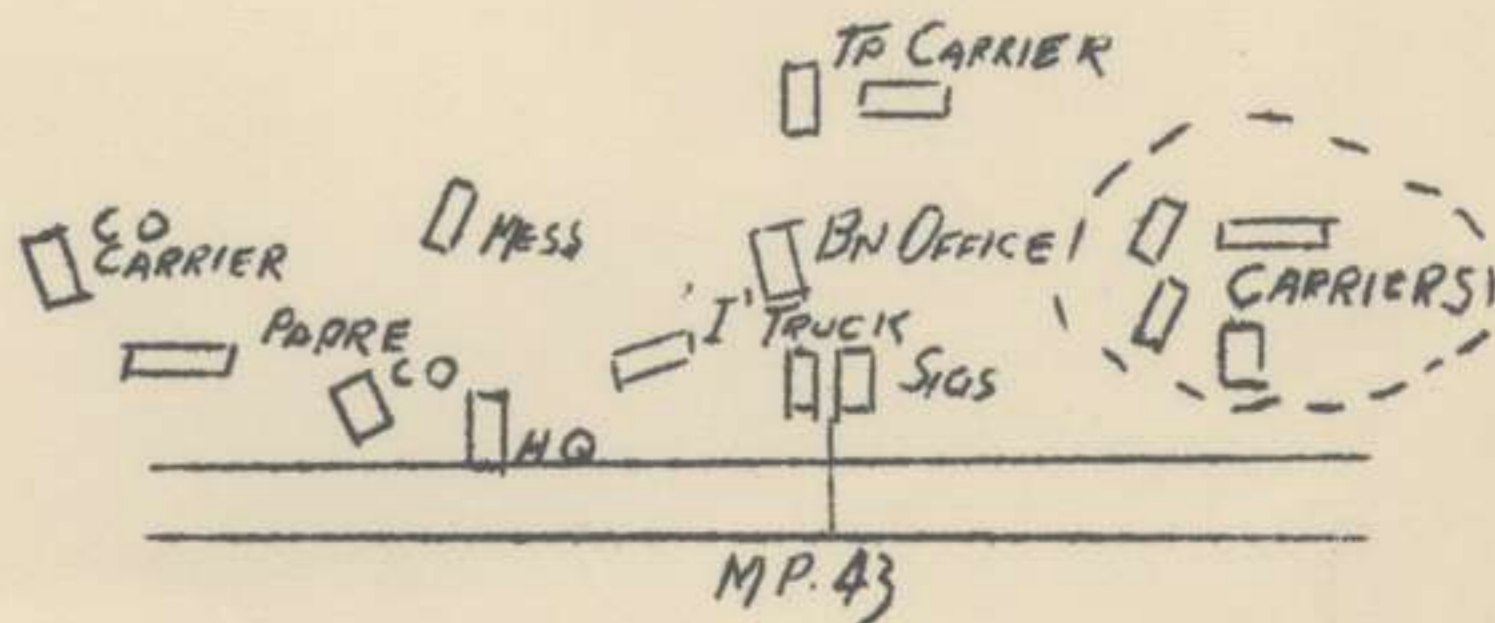
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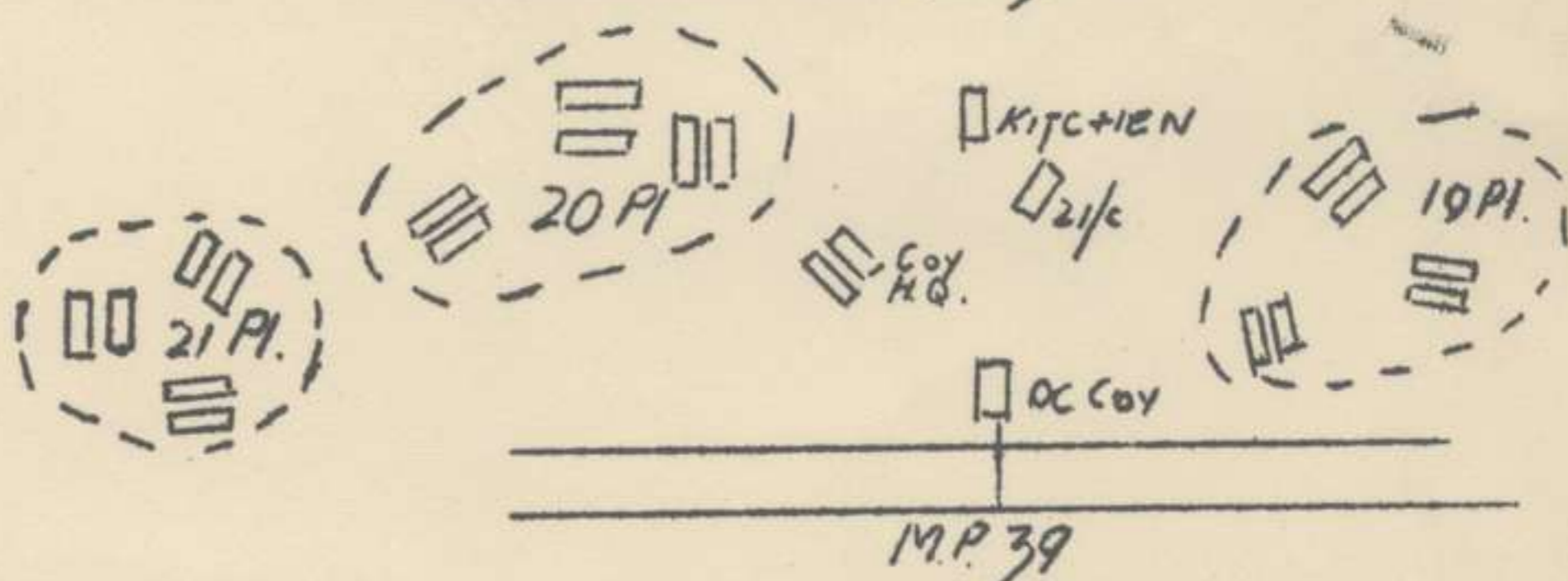
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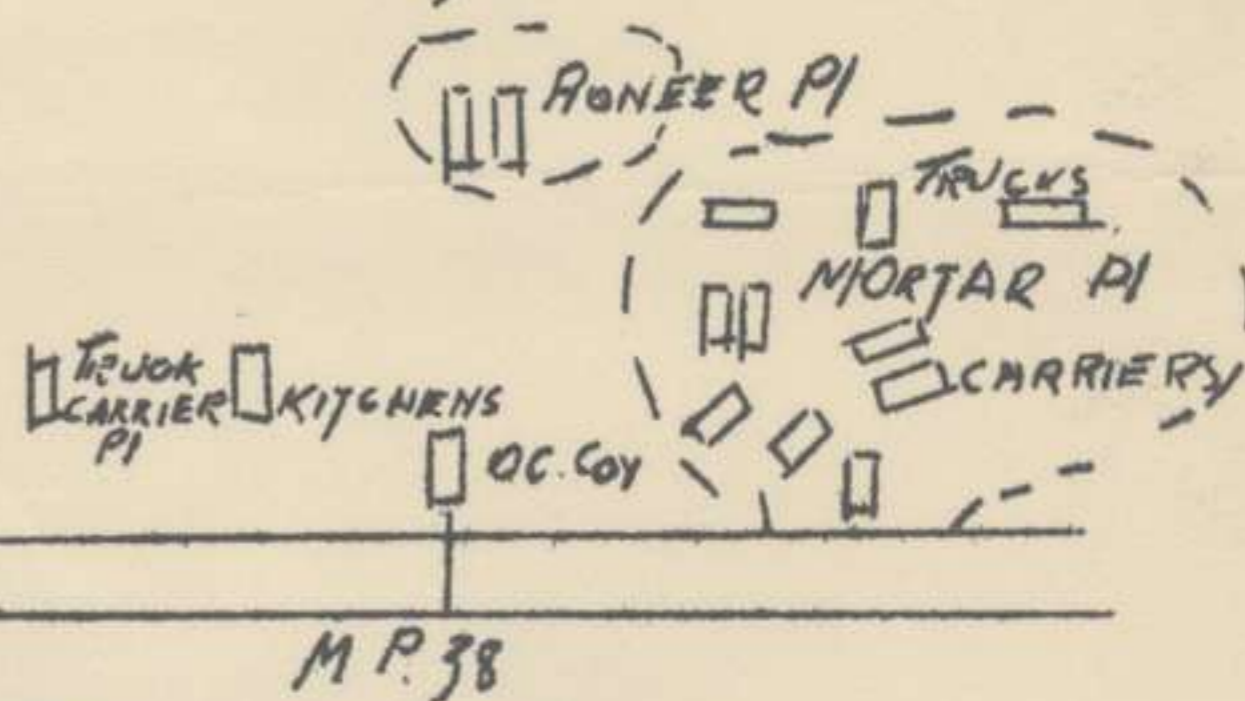
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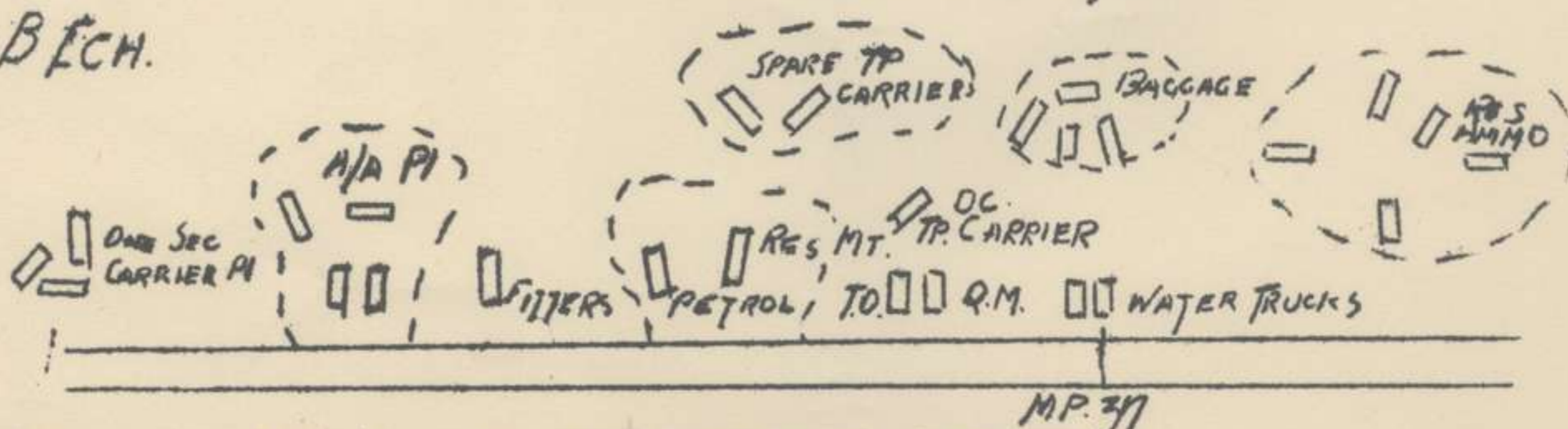
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DETAIL OF HQCOY GROUP



DETAIL OF BECH.



All vehicles (when possible) on the NEAR side of the road.  
 At 0745 next day each Group Comd. assembles his group on the road forward of his bivouac position and at 0800 hrs (the time ordered - see solution to Problem 3) every vehicle starts off at 15 m.p.h.

STAFF EXERCISE - NO. 3.

1. A suggested solution to Problem 8(1). There is no sealed pattern answer. Any common sense solution is as good as another.

Answers to problem 8(2) will be based on this solution.

Vehicles in order of March.

- 1 - 3 One Sec. Carrier Pl. under command "A" Coy. (Carriers)  
"A" Coy. Group.  
 4 O.C. A. Coy.  
 5 O.C. 7 Pl.  
 6 - 7 Tp. carrying vehicles - personnel 7 Pl.  
 8 - 10 8 Pl. (as for 7 Pl.)  
 11 - 13 9 Pl. (do.)  
 14 Kitchen truck.  
 15 2/1/6.
- Bn. H. Q. Group.  
 16 C.O. & Adjt (followed by 4 D.R.s & 3 Police on M/Cycles).  
 17 I.O.  
 18 Sig. O.  
 19 C.O.'s Carrier.  
 20 - 23 Carrier Pl. (less 2 Secs and Pl. H. Q. truck) (Carriers)  
 24 - 26 Mortar Pl. (less 4 dets.) (Carriers)
- "B" Coy. Group.  
 27 - 38 (as for A. Coy.)
- "C" Coy. Group.  
 39 - 50 (as for A. Coy.)
- "D" Coy. Group.  
 51 - 62 (as for A. Coy.)
- M. G. Coy. Group.  
 63 O.C.  
 64 - 65 Coy. H. Q.  
 66 - 71 19 Pl.  
 72 - 77 20 Pl.  
 78 - 83 21 Pl.  
 84 Kitchen.  
 85 2/i/c.
- H. Q. Coy.  
 86 O.C.  
 87 Sigs.  
 88 Officers Mess.  
 89 Office  
 90 - 91 Tp. carrying vehicles with Sigs. & Bn. H. Q. personnel } When the column bivouacs  
 92 - 94 Trucks. Mortar Pl. } for the night - these  
 95 - 98 4 dets. Mortar Pl. Carriers. } vehicles move up and  
 99 - 102 A.A. Pl. } join Bn. H. Q. Group.  
 103 Pioneer Pl.  
 104 Tp. carrying vehicle for Pioneers.  
 105 Truck Carrier Pl.  
 106 Kitchen.
- B. Ech. Group.  
 107 Q.M.  
 108-109 Water trucks.  
 110 - 114 S.A.A. & Martar Ammunition.  
 115 - 118 Q.M. for Baggage - stores etc.  
 119 Fitters.  
 120 Petrol.

- 121 Petrol (Res. M.T. Sec.)
- 122 -123 Empty tp. carrying vehicles (Spare)
- 124 O.C. tp. carrying vehicles.
- 125 T.O.
- 126 M.O.
- 127 Padre and 2/i/c/ (Car attached from Bde. H. Q.)
- 128 -130 Pl. Sec. carriers.

1 - 3 One Sec. Carrier Pl. under command "A" Coy.

"A" Coy. Group.

4 O.C. A. Coy.

5 O.C. V Pl.

6 - 7 Tp. carrying vehicles - personnel V Pl.

8 - 10 8 Pl. (as for V Pl.)

11 - 13 9 Pl. (do.)

14 Kitchen truck.

15 2/i/c.

16 O.O. 2 Mtr (followed by 4 D.R.s & 3 Police on bicycles)

17 I.O.

18 Sig. O.

19 O.O.s Garrison.

20 - 23 Carrier Pl. (less 2 Secs and Pl. 2. Pl. truck)

24 - 26 Motor Pl. (less 4 data.)

"B" Coy. Group.

27 - 30 (as for A. Coy.)

"C" Coy. Group.

31 - 34 (as for A. Coy.)

"D" Coy. Group.

35 - 38 (as for A. Coy.)

"E" Coy. Group.

39 - 42 (as for A. Coy.)

43 O.C.

44 - 45 Coy. H.Q.

46 - 47 19 Pl.

48 - 49 20 Pl.

50 - 51 21 Pl.

52 Kitchen.

53 2/i/c.

"F" Coy. Group.

54 O.C.

55 Sig.

56 Officers Mess.

57 Office

58 - 61 Tp. carrying vehicles with 8 Pl.

62 - 64 Br. H.Q. personnel

65 - 66 Trucks, Motor Pl.

67 - 68 4 data, Motor Pl. Garrison.

69 - 72 A.A. Pl.

73 Pioneer Pl.

74 Tp. carrying vehicle for Pioneer.

75 Truck - Carrier Pl.

76 Kitchen.

"G" Coy. Group.

77 O.M.

78 - 79 Water trucks.

80 - 82 S.A.A. & Motor Ammunition.

83 - 85 G.M. for baggage - stores etc.

86 Bitters.

87 Petrol.



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A SOLUTION TO PROBLEM A.(3).

Column will halt and bivouac - groups establishing H.Q. at mileposts as follows -

A.	44
Bn. H. Q.	43
B.	42
C.	41
D.	40
M. G. Coy.	39
H. Q. Coy.	38
B. Ech.	37

Carriers and troop vehicles remain under command as now @ Rations DID CABOOLTURE @ Water and POL LANDSBOROUGH @ Casualties to C.D.S. CALOUNDRA @ Resume move 0800 hrs. 31 Jan same ordre speed density @ route LANDSBOROUGH KENILWORTH GYMPIE MARYBOROUGH @ 20 minute halts 0940 1140 and 1340 hrs.

- Notes: (a) The column must halt just after clearing CABOOLTURE otherwise the last groups in will not have time to eat and service their vehicles in daylight. Carriers require more time for maintenance than trucks. Water Carts have to refill water-bottles - this should be done in daylight. Other people ( Q.M. Fitters 4) need daylight also.
- (b) Sun rises at 0618 hrs. Fires cannot therefore be lighted before about 0545 hrs. Breakfast will not be cooked before 0630. It will take an hour to serve, issue and eat where troops are dispersed. They must NOT be allowed to congregate at the Kitchen truck. To resume move at 0800 hrs. trucks will have to start assembling on the road at 0745 hrs. This leaves a little time after breakfast for men to attend to their personal needs.  $1\frac{3}{4}$  hours after sunrise is about the best time to start, if you are able to choose. An earlier, or a rushed start, means that you must have a halt within an hour of starting for men to relieve themselves. Remember when doing an embussed move on service that you generally have a number of men with diarrhoea. This necessitates halts for the whole column at regular intervals, otherwise odd vehicles will continually be asked to halt by the occupants, and this will ruin any organised movement.

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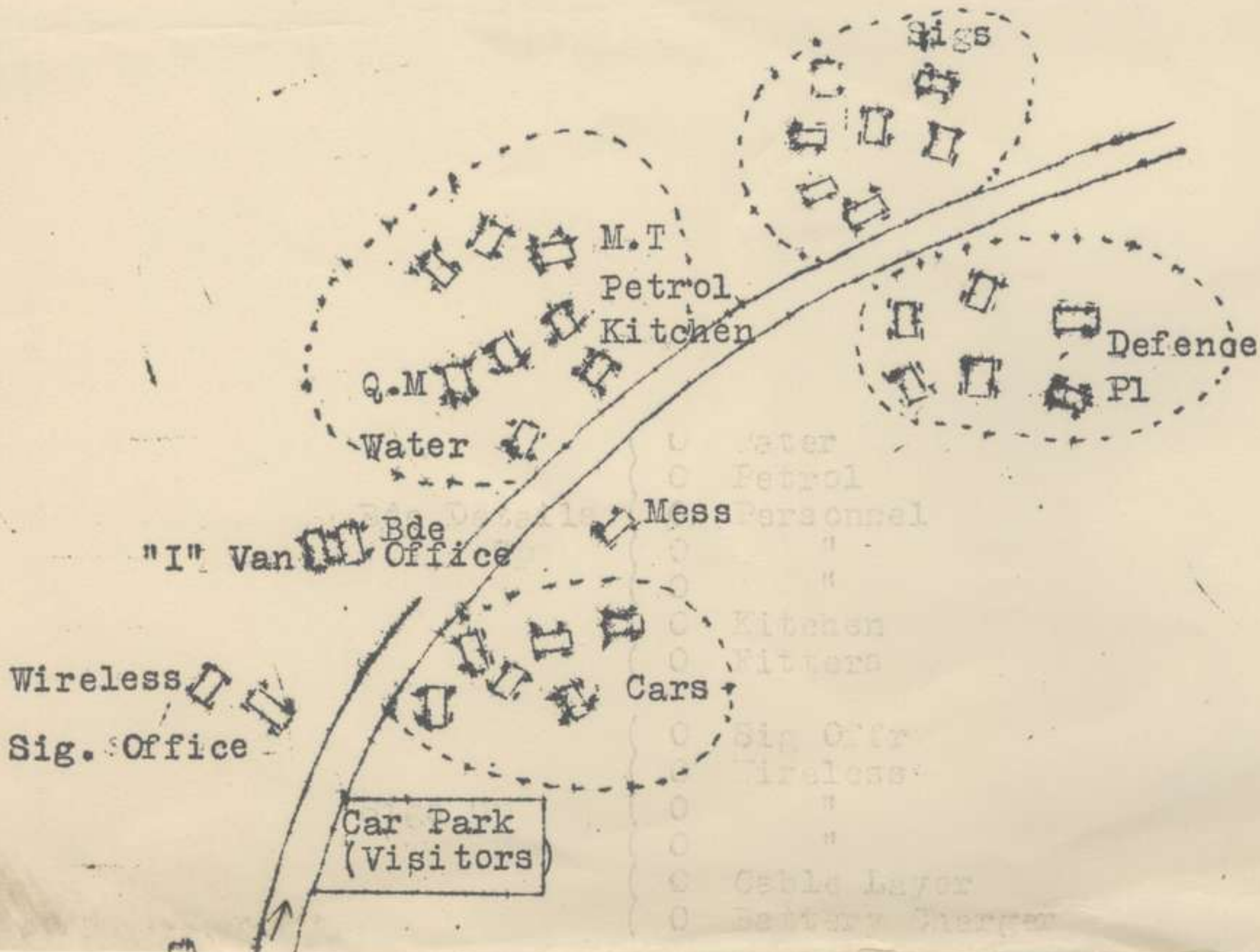
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STAFF EXERCISE No. 4

- 1. 29 Bde H.Q. at full W.E. .. plus L Sec Sigs, Defence Pl and Det Provost Coy is moving from A to B.
- 2. Order of March.

- Defence Pl
  - O O.C. Convoy
  - O No. 1 A/A
  - O Pl H.Q.
  - O No. 2 A/A
  - O No. 3 A/A
  - O Pl Truck
  - O 3 Ton Personnel
- Bde Office Gp
  - O Bde Office
  - O I Van
  - O Signals Office
  - O Wireless Van
  - O Wireless (Rear Link)
  - O Offrs Mess
- Bde Details Gp
  - O Q.M.
  - O Water
  - O Petrol
  - O Personnel
  - O "
  - O "
  - O Kitchen
  - O Fitters
- Sigs Gp
  - O Sig Offr
  - O Wireless
  - O "
  - O "
  - O Cable Layer
  - O Battery Charger

- 3. The sketch plan for the bivouac area at 'B' is as follows:



4 Consider and be prepared to discuss on Monday morning at 0930 hrs the action of every member of the party on arriving at, and for one hour after arrival, at the bivouac area.

5 As Camp Commandant write out a detail showing allotment of personnel to the following duties, timetable etc.

- (a) Party to assist Hygiene man.
- (b) Digging of slit trenches for Orderly Room staff, Offrs, men etc.
- (c) Assistance for Cooks
- (d) Sig. Communications
- (e) Orderlies
- (f) Duty Offrs & clerks
- (g) Erection of Tentage
- (h) Unpacking of Vehicles
- (i) Q.M. Store
- (j) Petrol
- (k) Digging of defensive positions for Defence Pl to occupy
- (l) Maintenance of Vehicles
- (m) Refuelling
- (n) Refilling water bottles
- (o) Arrangements for sleeping
- (p) Close picquet over bivouac at night (apart from Defence Pl).
- (q) Traffic Control
- (r) Ration Strengths of various kitchens.

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## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Defence Platoon, 29 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	1		

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

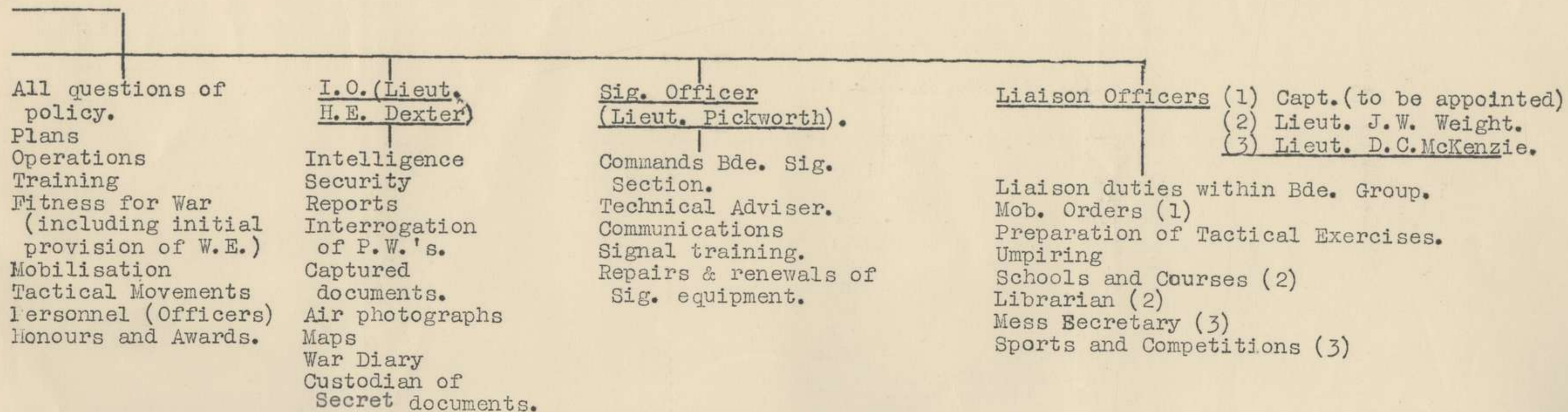






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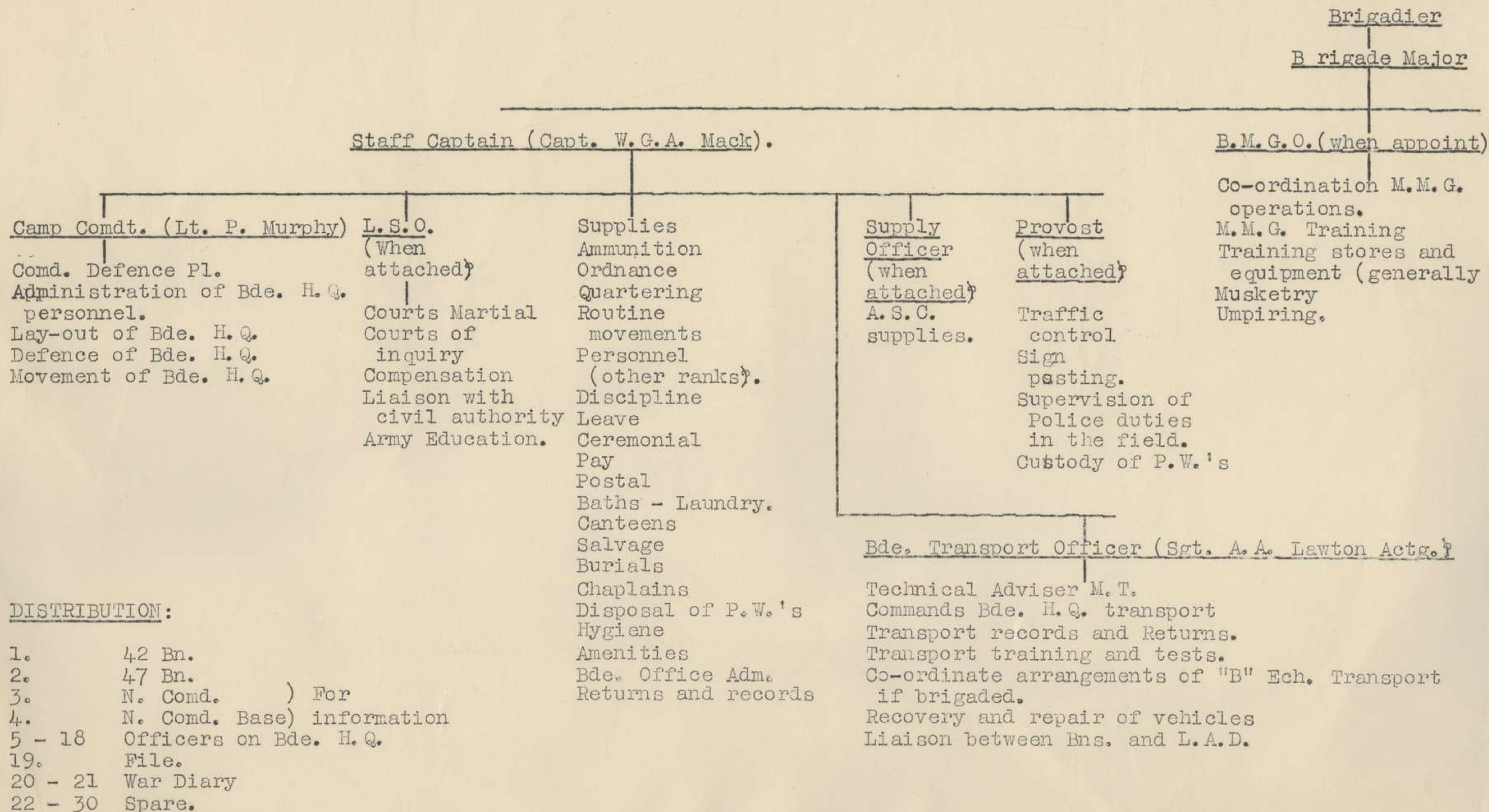
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*A. D. Matthew* Capt.,  
Brigade Major, 29 Inf. Bde.

28 Jan, 1942.



ALLOCATION OF STAFF DUTIES

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DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	1 Feb		Routine. Staff completed exercise. Continuous details were working on M.T. camouflaging.	See Annex A
	2 Feb		Routine. Still "flat out" getting equipment. We have now 3 Fowler stoves instead of the 1 on W.E. The Bde Comd has also managed to secure a 2 gallon water tin for each vehicle. We have NO tin boxes for secret documents, and the boxes seem to be unavailable. The I.O. was sent to see the I people at N. Comd Base who seemed to think that the only thing we could do would be to send an "urgent memo" about the lack of boxes to N. Comd and meanwhile hang on to the documents. Anyhow they know our position and that the Bde will not be responsible for the documents while they are kept as at present in a wooden box.	NEW
		1930 1900	Staff at <del>week</del> Bde Comd gave a dinner. Guests were G.O.C - Maj. General Durrant, Brig. General <sup>McCull</sup> <del>Warrington</del> - C.O. Ascot Camp, Col. Woodrow - C.O. Cav Bde, Capt Cassart - who had been a great help during the formation of the Bde, Capt Rogerson - Adjt Ascot Camp, Capt Palmer - G.M. Ascot Camp, and the Bde Staff. Col Fullerton send his apologies as he was sick.	The guests were delighted with the dinner. A great deal of credit is due to Capt Mack for his organizing (and his "dying horse" wit) <del>HW</del>

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	3 Feb	0315	Capt Palmer dashed in with a message that a Jap. Aircraft Carrier was 300 miles off the coast and an A.C. Raid was expected at dawn.	The Yanks had this information (?) by 2100 hrs the previous night. It apparently came from a <del>MT</del> station in Hawaii which thought it picked up signals from the Carrier and by direction finding placed it in position as stated. W. Cond was not informed till 0400.
		0630	Def. Pl and O.R.s turned out and took shelter in ditches in the middle of the Racecourse. <del>At</del> A.A. positions were established. All clear. Back to camp.	
		0845	Bde Comd's conference with Staff, C.Q.M.S., Sgt Sjt and Orderly Sgt. Bde Comd has held these conferences every morning, principally about the progress made in getting equipment.	For administrative orders and record in connection with this exercise see Appdx
		1100	F.O. and 1 L.O. moved out on recess of <del>map</del> Bde H.Q. sites in Area BEERBURROM to BEERWAM. Preparations for move of Camp were being made during the day. L. Sec. Ligs arranged to meet us at 145289 CADOLTURE sheet at 1030 hrs 4 Feb.	
		1500	Lt/Col W. Gree and Major Grant and Driver of 11 Fd Amb arrived from Rockhampton. They are to accompany us on the exercise.	
		1900	Staff on another exercise in connection with the trip.	

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	4 Feb	0530	Reville	
		0900	I.O. & 2 L.O.s left on m/cycles to lay out Bde H.Q. area at BEEP BURRUM. B. by and Staff Capt left on recce of GLEN VIEW area. Capt <sup>(Comp Adjt)</sup> Hogerson, and Lieut Murphy inspected the premises before the Bde H.Q. moved out.	
		1000	Bde H.Q. <sup>Convoy</sup> passed Start Point at Kedron Park Hotel.	
		1030	L. Sec Sigs joined convoy at Bumpengary, but no A. Sec Sigs as had been arranged with Lt/Col Salisbury.	
		1230	Convoy arrived bivouac area. Drill of "1st hour." Bde Comd Lt Col gave a talk to all ranks on mistakes that had been made and methods of correcting them.	
		1900	Staff Exercise.	
		1900	The day had been beautifully fine till now, in contrast to the weather of the preceding six days, but now rain began falling again and continued intermittently all night. The tarpaulins which have had to be used on some of the trucks in place of the usual covers, leak, and in consequence some baggage got wet.	
		2200	The Q.M. found that he hadn't a very easy time distributing in the field rations for a permanent camp. One man of L Sec Sigs taken back to Brisbane with suspected appendicitis.	See Annex A

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UNIT 29 Ind Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 31 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	1 Feb	0530	Stand-to.	
		0800	Conference. Weather overcast. Bde Comd decided to move camp to GLEN VIEW Area.	
		0900	Correction of exercise. Discussion.	See Appdx. A
		1000	Rece Gp (S.C., M.O., Sig O., Hygiene man, W.R.S., left to lay out camp in Glen View Area.	Intermittent showers began falling at 1150 hrs.
		1100	Convoy moved off.	
		1145	Convoy arrived at area.	
		1215	Bde Comd and S.C. left on recce of tomorrow's area.	
		1300	Heavy shower.	
		1400	Conference. It was decided on account of the unsettled weather and the possibility of not finding a suitable bivouac area to remain in present position till Saturday 7th.	
		1430	B.M. and I.O. moved out on recce of possible bivouac areas in MAROCHYDORÉ - MOOLOOLABAH Area.	
		1630	Bde Comd's talk to all ranks. A Lic Sig has arrived and will maintain communication with H. Comd. 2 Provost personnel marched out. 1 Motor Amb. and 2 personnel arrived.	
		1600	Telegram to Bde Comd from H. Comd. instructing him to take over 29 Ind Bde.	Orig Telegram attached.
		1830	Stand Exercise issued. Still raining.	See Appdx A

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UNIT HQ 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	6 Feb	0530	Stand-to. Rain had fallen most of the night. Sky overcast now.	
		0830	Bde Comd's conference detailing work for the day. T.O. made rec for short route march.	
		0900	Lt/Cpl McGree (C.O. 17d Amb) commenced talk and discussion on evacuation of casualties.	
		0930	Rifle inspection of all O.P.'s <sup>for all ranks.</sup>	
		0945	Route march of 5 1/2 miles. Rain fell heavily during most of the march and 1/2 miles of the road was extremely "mucky". Many of the tps had evidently not done much marching before and were very "soft". The Bde Comd later decided to institute marching in slices for P.T. from 0535 to 0600 daily.	
		1145	Completion of march.	
		1200	Lt/Cpl McGree continued his talk on the evacuation of casualties.	
		1400	Lecture by Bde Comd on Battle Routine of Bde Staff, par- ticularly the handling of messages and the issue of O.O's.	
		1400	Practice in towing and being towed for M.T. personnel.	
		<del>1345</del>	Defence Pl exercise - constructing rough track through the bush and constructing road block.	
		1400	Defence Pl exercise - constructing rough track through the bush and constructing road block.	
		1545	Offrs. practice in R/T procedure.	
		1830	Bde Comd's talk to all ranks pointing out faults and the cor- rection of them, and talk on next days work.	
		2130	Issue of Staff Exercise for next day.	

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UNIT HQ 24 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	1 Feb	0530 0830	Stand-to marching. Bde Bn to H.Q. moved out to Area at Ref <u>LANDSBOROUGH</u> Sheet (1" on). Bde Comd directed an exercise involving defence against an imaginary landing of Jap forces at <u>CALOUNDRA</u> . The Bde Gp for the exercise consisted of three Bns, 7d Amb, L.A.D and a 7d Coy. X Bde was disposed in the vicinity of <u>LANDSBOROUGH</u> and a motorised Bn at <u>LANDSBOROUGH</u> . L Sec Sigs provided R/T, L/T and D.R.s, though of course no actual messages could be sent over the air. A Sec Sigs provided the Rear Link.	For Summary of Events see I Summary and Messages in Appdx A The exercise kept Bde HQ staff extremely busy and enabled the Bde Comd to point out many means to smoothen working.
		1030	Def. Pl and remainder of personnel not needed for the exercise arrived per foot from bivouac. The Bde Comd explained to them the working of all parts of Bde H.Q. during battle.	
		1200	Bde H.Q. moved motorised to the bivouac at <u>MOOLOOLABAH</u> .	
		1315	Midday meal.	
		1400	The afternoon and evening were free for all ranks except those on duty, half the Bn being allowed out till 1800 and the remainder till 2330.	
		1800	Light rain fell during the <del>afternoon</del> early morning but otherwise the day was beautifully fine. The Mess Secretary (Lieut McKenzie) excelled himself with dinner. He and the A.S.C. bloke made a race and brought back some marvellous steak and the W.O.s went bush and provided the necessary mushrooms.	

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	8 Feb	0530	Stand-to. Marching for all ranks.	
		0830	Bde Comd gave exercise for Bde Staff involving the move of a Bde Gp from the MAROOCHYDORE-BUDERIM area to the GYMPIE. The office were divided into 2 syndicates and allotted office and Sig clerks to have complete staffs necessary for the issue of an O.O. which had to be completed to the point where the O.O.s had been duplicated and were in addressed envelopes ready for delivery. Two hours <sup>was</sup> allowed for completion. Both syndicates finished a few minutes after the time allowed.	The Bde Comd pointed out the mistakes made and by doing the O.O. and necessary graphs and maps table showed how the O.O. could be produced and ready for delivery in half the time allotted.
		0930	Steady rain commenced falling about this time and increased in volume during the day. A blustering wind and the driving rain steadily made things more and more miserable. As before the tarpaulins and some of the tents leaked.	
		1400	I.O. and L.O.s left on recce of EUMUNDI area for bivouac site. The rain was very heavy by now and ground sheets were made quite protection. During the return journey a recce was made of the site near NAMBOUR for the proposed attack on Bde HQ. The L.O.s are to lead this attack. The B.M. was also there to co-ordinate the exercise.	The country round EUMUNDI was too open and the nearest site was at BELLI PARK.
		1430	Def Pl Comd and N.C.O.s made a recce of the area for the	



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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	8 Feb	1730	<p>attack on Bde H.Q. exercise. I Lic did enlargements of the area. Bde Staff Capt arranged accommodation for those personnel with inadequate shelter at a large, almost empty boarding house (ALEXANDRA HOUSE). The rain sounds almost pleasant now that we are under a roof with dry clothes on. Most remarks about the weather during the day were rather laud, but of course this is the wet month of the year. The rain and wind show no signs of abating.</p>	Bde Comd's comment - "This has been a bloody day!"
	9 Feb	0600	<p>Stand to. Staff Capt made a recce for accommodation <sup>ACU</sup> for those troops left in the Barrooquac Area, as the weather showed no signs of <del>abating</del> improving. Staff conference</p>	
		0815	<p>Staff conference. It was decided to billet Bde H.Q. and Details Cpls at ALEXANDRA HOSTEL and the Det Pl and Sigs at the DANCE HALL at MAROOCHYDORÉ. The training programme for Thursday 12 Feb was switched to today. All working was done in the big kitchen at the HOSTEL and taken in hot boxes to those troops at MAROOCHYDORÉ. Kit inspections were held during the afternoon. The day, though, the sky was overcast, was mainly fine with a good wind and all work washing to be done, and blankets, tentage and stores to be dried.</p>	For details see Appdx A
		1400	<p>The Bde Comd spoke to the Staff on the following subjects - Control of Evacuees - Functions of the L.A.D. - Prisoners of</p>	

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	9 Feb		<p>War - Disposal of Equipment of Casualties - Casualty Returns - War and Press Correspondents - Burials - Bathing and Laundry in the Field - Reinforcements - Salvage - Living on the Enemy - Army Postal Service - Pay in the Field - Preparations for the Visit of a High Personage - Employment of Artillery in this Area - Ammunition Supply in the Field - Supply (A.A.S.T.) arrangements.</p> <p>Arrangements were made by phone for billeting at BELL PARK HALL on Tuesday night (10th) and at MONKLAND SCHOOL on Wednesday and Thursday nights (11th and 12th).</p> <p>Staff Exercise for shifting the Bde HQ to the Area for tomorrow's exercise and thence to Bell Park bivouac area.</p>	<p>As 29 Bde is an independent mobile Bde, many arrangements as per F.S.P.B. are useless. The Bde Comd was able, from his practical experience, to lay down workable arrangements.</p>
		1900	Staff Exercise for shifting the Bde HQ to the Area for tomorrow's exercise and thence to Bell Park bivouac area.	See problem and staff solution in Appendix A
	10 Feb	0440	Reveille. Folding of dried tentage, packing of equipment. Bde HQ was actually ready to shift an hour ahead of the time set down (0900). The rain is still holding off.	
		0845	I.O., S.C. and B.M. left to lay out Bde HQ in exercise area.	
		0900	Convoy moved out to exercise area. The cooks were left behind to prepare the evening meal as the meat would not keep. This was rather fortunate as it turned out later.	
		1015	Bde Comd addressed all ranks, explaining the exercise.	
		1050	Exercise - attack on Bde HQ and hasty withdrawal covered by	

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UNIT 29 HQ 29 Ind Bde

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	10 Feb.	1300 1330 1400 1545  1630  1730 1900	<p>Def. Pl. Bde Comd was not satisfied as one sec. of Def. Pl de-camped too hurriedly. The second exercise was very much better.</p> <p>Lunch.</p> <p>Brig. S.C., I.O. &amp; Sig.O. left to lay out bivouac at Belli Park.</p> <p>Convoy followed. Light rain had set in by now.</p> <p>Convoy arrived at bivouac area. The ground is soaked now (about 1.5" of rain have fallen in this area) and it was rather difficult to get the vehicles off the road on to hard patches. One vehicle was bogged twice but was on firm ground by 1700, by which time all tops were under cover.</p> <p>N.B., who had been sent to Gympie for mail, returned, not having been able to cross Happy Jack Creek. Looks as though we may have difficulty getting to Gympie if the rain continues - and there is <del>not</del> no sign of the weather clearing. There are three possible routes, however.</p> <p>Evening meal.</p>	
	11 Feb	0530    0645	<p>Raining.</p> <p>Messville. Bde Comd set exercise for staff "Immediate Action" to produce O.O. for movement of embussed Bde Gp to Gympie Area. Lieut McKenzie sent off on motor cycle to discover whether direct (Duchko) Route to Gympie was open. Staff Capt phoned Pomona to find out if the two routes from there were open. They were.</p> <p>Lieut McKenzie returned with the information that Happy</p>	

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	11 Feb		<p>Jack and Blackfellow Cts were down. He was sent out again to recon the whole route to Gympie.</p> <p>0700 Breakfast.</p> <p>0720 Bde Comd discussed and corrected exercise. Discussion on movement of Bde HQ to Gympie Area.</p> <p>0845 I.O. and guides left for MONTKLAND SCHOOL to lay out billets.</p> <p>0900 Nef. Pl's vehicles on Rd blocked Sig Sec vehicles, which were to leave first so Nef. Pl. was sent to rear of column.</p> <p>0915. Sig Sec left bivouac for M.P. with guides at KYBONG HALL, followed at 1000 <del>minute</del> intervals by Bde HQ Office Gp and Q Gp and at 1030 by Nef. Pl. Sigs Gp moved too fast and missed the Kybong Hall and were sent back by Bde Comd.</p> <p>1000 Recon party arrived at Montkland School and found the place much too small.</p> <p>1030 Bde Comd arrived and decided to place Bde HQ and Q Gp at the School, the Sigs at a Church Hall near by, and Nef. Pl over the road. Later Nef. Pl moved to billets at the One Mile School.</p> <p>1300 Lunch. The remainder of the day was free for most personnel, but the Staff found almost a week's accumulation of mail waiting to be cleaned up.</p> <p>1800 Steak and mushrooms for dinner again. The Bde Comd "promoted" the Secretary to Field-Marshal tonight.</p>	

Col W. G. G. must have an eye for mushrooms, or rather what makes them grow.

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	12 Feb.	0830	Reveille. Short Route march.	
		0900	Staff thought up errors of commission and omission during yesterday's move and Bde Comd discussed.	
		0945	Staff Problem - March graph involving change of pace and density.	
		1000	I. Sec. sent on recce of railway through Gympie for possible demolitions.	
		1025	Solution to problem and discussion.	
		1030	Def. Pl. Exercise.	
		1115	Bde Comd lectured Staff on Rearguards and Withdrawals.	
		1220	Discussion on tomorrow's move to TIARO. Problem of move set for Staff.	
		1300	Bde Comd to lunch with Mayor of Gympie.	
		1345	B.M. on tomorrow's move. Remainder of Staff attending to outstanding and administrative and routine problems. Def. Pl still on recce, I Sec completes report.	
		1630	Bde Comd and Staff Capt visited S.M.R. at Showgrounds. The river was over the bridge (Channon St.) yesterday, but fell during the night and was well under the bridge level today.	
		1915	Order for Move 13 Feb issued.	
		1800	Gilled chops and what not for dinner tonight. Up goes the Secretary's graph again.	

See Appdx. A  
Results unsatisfactory.

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	13 Feb	0530	Reville. Packing of vehicles. Still raining.	
		1000	I Gp and guides arrived at TIARO Area. Light showers fell on the way, but the road, though greasy, was firm underneath. The bivouac area is the site selected for Bde H.Q. when 47 Bn is in camp here. As can only be expected after the heavy rains of the past fortnight, the ground is very soft in patches.	For suitability of move to Tiaro Area see Appdx A
		1100	Def. Pl arrived and took up position.	Metal roads would have to be laid from Tiaro if permanent camps were established here.
		1130	Sigs. arrived and had some difficulty getting into their area, 2 vehicles being bogged.	
		1240	Bde H.Q. and Bde Details arrived and the "fun" started when the 3 ton F.W.D.s and the water lorry struck the soft patches. However, application of 'manpower' solved the bogging problem.	The smooth tyres on some of the M.T., and the staff cars are N.G. in soft soil.
		<del>1245</del>		
		1315	Lunch. The Sig Ofcr has had some difficulty in getting permission from the local P.M. to run a line to the exchange. This is the first time the post-telegraph people have not been co-operative.	One of the F.W.D.s broke the front wheel drive. It is a great advantage to be able to carry lunch (incl. tea) in hot boxes while we are living on Camp rations, as the meal can be distributed immediately a halt occurs.
		1200	Lt Col Paterson (C.O. 47 Bn) talked with Bde Comd.	
		1500	I.O. and Sig O. left for MARYBOROUGH to arrange for billeting and communications there. Postal people still non-co-operative. <del>but</del> NEWTOWN School was made available for us. It is large	

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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	13 Feb		<p>enough to accommodate all Bde HQ and there is timber nearby to conceal the vehicles. One of 2 Sec wireless vans also went in but could not raise the bivouac. Possibly a "dead" area.</p> <p>1830 I.O. &amp; Sig. O. returned. P.M. commenced order for move to Maryborough tomorrow.</p> <p>1900 The sky has cleared at last. It is very pleasant to see the sun and blue sky again.</p>	
	14 Feb	0530	Resville. Packing of vehicles etc.	
		0800	I.O. & Sec left for NEWTOWN SCHOOL to lay out billets and dispersal area for M.T.	
		0835	I. Sec arrived NEWTOWN SCHOOL. Mr Fletcher, the H.T., gave us every assistance and later he and his wife had the offer to morning tea.	
		0900	Det. PL left for NEWTOWN.	
		1000	Sigs. " " "	
		1030	P.M. HQ and Q Gp left for NEWTOWN.	
		1200	Lunch.	
		1400	Bde Comd addressed all ranks on the move from Ascot to here on future moves and the reasons for "hopping in" to intensive training.	
			As is usual in billets in towns, everyone wants leave.	
		1445	Bde Comd had Staff and Office Staff to lecture and demonstration	

g.R.N.

The 30 min. intervals of between gps allowed just sufficient time to unload the vehicles and get them out to the dispersal area before the next gp arrived.

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UNIT HQ 29 Div Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	14 Feb.	1600	<p>on the routine for dealing with correspondence.</p> <p>The surroundings here are delightful and so is the weather. The whole of Bde HQ. has now settled down into something like a team but there is room for great improvement yet. The Bde Comd's programme for next week includes rifle try and drill for all possible personnel, and range practice.</p> <p>Wakel leave has been granted to most of Mayborough personnel and night leave to those not on duty.</p>	Various routine administrative arrangements were dealt with during the day.
	15 Feb	0530	Reveille	
		0600	R.C. personnel paraded to R.C. Church	
		0700	Prot. personnel paraded to 47 Bn for service.	
		0830	Breakfast.	
		0900	<p>Bde Comd issued no problem for indoor exercise to 47 Bn.</p> <p>The Staff spent the day in attending to routine matters and making arrangements for next week's programme.</p> <p>The weather is still fine.</p>	See Appendix A
		1500	L.O.s and I.O. received a poem at Bidwell for M.H.G. Postal exercise.	
	16 Feb	<del>0415</del> 0415	I.O. (and incidentally the remainder of the Staff) wakened by W.O. with cipher messages from W. Comd.	Only practice!
		0510	The cooks and batmen were rather ambitious this morning and appeared with tea, much to the disgust of the Bde Comd and those who had been rather late going to bed.	



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UNIT 29 Ind Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	16 Feb	0530	Reveille.	
		0550-0640	P.T. for all ranks. Lieut Faulkner has done a P.R. Course and took A.Q. GP.	Tomorrow morning we'll pick a place where there aren't so many mosquitoes.
		0800	Drill (squad) and elementary rifle training for all those personnel not engaged on Admin. and Camp duties.	
		1100	Bde Comd demonstrated with floor model, and lectured offrs and N.C.O.'s of 47 Bn at Drill Hall on order of march of an embussed inf. bn.	See Appdx. The solutions of syndicates to the various problems showed a wide variety.
		1500-1700	Bde Comd at Drill Hall on problems 2, 3 + 4 of above Exercise.	
		0800-1730	Staff on routine admin. and training.	
		1900	The Sigs produced a cricket bat and Mr Fletcher kindly loaned a ball and stumps so we were able to have some rather pleasant exercise.	
			The weather is still fine, but is getting rather cloudy again. <i>MLL</i>	
	17 Feb	0530	Reveille	
		0540-0620	P.T.	
		0800-1200	Staff on admin. duties. Drill + rifle exercises for O.R.'s.	
		1240	Bde Comd issued Staff Exercise.	
		1300	Bde Comd watched debussing and bivouaching exercise done by 10 Coy, 47 Bn. Exercise was done several times, in different types of country.	Exercise - B.M. + S.C.'s syndicates to do a T.E.V.I. involving battle procedure, to be demonstrated to offrs, N.C.O.'s of 47 Bn.
		1640	Bde Comd talked to 10 Coy + offrs + N.C.O.'s of 47 Bn, pointing out faults and better methods, <sup>but expressed the opinion that</sup> exercise was actually well carried out. <i>MLL</i>	

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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	18 Feb	0530	Reveille.	
		<del>0645-0645</del>	P.T. for all ranks.	
		0800-1230	Staff on admin duties. O.R.s on drill and rifle training.	
		1345	Bde Comd inspected exercise by Mortar Pl. 47 Bn. Exercise - engaging opportunity targets. Bde Comd's opinion - a workmanlike job, patchy at times, N.C.O.'s uneven, the younger ones being better. Bde Comd talked to Mortar Pl 47 Bn 1545-1600.	
		2015	Rain fell in light showers during the day and at 2015 steady rain was falling.	
		<del>0700-0700</del>	Route March. Everyone got wet but hot soup at the conclusion of the march made things a lot brighter.	
		1900-2100	D.M. to Brisbane.	
		2200	Reveille. P.T.	
	19 Feb	0530	Range shoot for most personnel not on camp duties. Staff on admin. work.	
		1345	Bde Comd to Yengarie Area to watch M.M. Co by 47 Bn on firing at opportunity targets. Very miserable weather. Everyone got wet.	
		1945	The morning's butt party had their shoot.	
		-2100	Offrs to Drill Hall to watch demonstration of dressing of wounds and handling of wounded by stretcher bearers 47 Bn. Capt Fox, M.O., pointed out reasons for various treatment and in some cases showed better methods.	
		-2200		

Considering the weather conditions (Scott mts), the shooting showed good standard. The most distressing part of the afternoon was the milk curdling in the sun.

The day's graph for the I.O. & the H.S.C. plot showed a distinct decline (for the weather & some milk)

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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	20 Feb	0530	Reveille. Raining, so no P.T.	
		0800	Staff on admin and on for T.E.W.T. for demonstration to 47 Bn offes and N.C.O.s. Training was conducted round Bde HQ. This morning as rain was still falling.	
		1000	Bde Comd to 47 Bn Exercise	
		1400	Bde Comd to Gen. Hosp. and Dr. Baker's surgery for Medical Board.	
		1530	Bde Comd to Dinana for 47 Bn exercise - tank-hunting and destruction.	
		1900	Staff on <del>exp</del> T.E.W.T.	
		2300	Drizzling rain.	
	21 Feb	0530	Reveille. P.T.	
		0800	All O.P.s not on duty to range for practice.	
		0930	Bde Comd to Aerodrome to watch 47 Bn Coy exercise - Defence against paratp attack. While Bde Comd was addressing tps a training plane from R.A.A.F station made a practice dive, flew around for a while, then went into a spin and crashed. One R.A.A.F offe was killed, one seriously injured.	Might be worth while looking for a brace of mushrooms in the morning. <span style="float: right;">AED</span>
		0800 - 1230	Remainder of Staff on admin duties.	
		1500	Offes to Rifle Range for shoot. Good scores were registered, the Bde Comd topping the list and consequently buying the beer.	
		1800	The acting Mess Secretary (Lieut Weight) put on a special dinner.	
	22 Feb	0530	Reveille. No P.T.	
		0600	R.C. Church parade to R.C. Church.	
		0700	Prot. parade to 47 Bn. Sermon "Four Square Life".	
		0900	Winter parade. Men put on camouflaging tents with slurry.	
		1300	so % leave till 2359.	
		1700	Bde Comd inspected 47 Bn guard.	
		1830	Orig. S.C. + L.O. + reced <del>guard</del> bridges for night attack by 47 Bn.	Quite good efforts. Offes participated. Good guard. <span style="float: right;">AED</span>

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DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Feb TO 28 Feb.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	23 Feb	0530	Keville. P.T.	
		0800	Def. Pl & Q. Gp to Hosp. Area for exercise - pl in attack and defence.	
		1000	Route march and shower parade to 47 Bn.	
		0930	Bde Comd to Sunbury Area to watch 47 Bn Signal Exercise.	
		1200	After exercise Bde Comd received an area at Yengarie for 14.14.5. Exercise.	Area no good.
		0500-1230	Staff on admin.	
		1400	Lectures on Gas and Respirator Drill for O.R.s.	
		1400	Brig. and base party to BAY area on recce for proposed exercise for 47 Bn. Route - Kibinbah, Urraween, Dorynag, Bundowran, Jahura, Stockyard Ch, Maryborough.	Incessant dive bombing attacks were fiercely repelled. The German Stukas could learn a lot from our mosquitoes. A different brand of mossy took up the warning, shut off engines, volplaned to the attack and just bit.
		1650	Admin work.	
	24 Feb	0530	Keville. P.T.	
		0800	Training for O.R.s. Staff on admin duties.	
		1000	Bde Comd to 47 Bn exercise. Paratro hunting (Sec. exercise)	
		1400-1500	Training and admin.	
	25 Feb	0530	Keville. P.T.	
		0800	Staff on Admin duties. Brig. to Timara to watch 47 Bn march out on 4 day water march. O.R.s to rifle range for shoot. Those officers who had not shot on Saturday had a shoot today.	
		1400	Staff on Admin. O.R.s to baths for swimming parade.	
		1845	Brig. to Tiara to confer with C.O. 47 Bn. Weather today fine and hot.	

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	26 Feb	0530 0800-1230 1015 1400 1240  1445 2030  22 <sup>20</sup> <del>20</del>	<p>Reville. P.T.</p> <p>Staff on admn, especially arrangements for 47 Bn exercise. O.R.s training - fieldcraft.</p> <p>5 min parade.</p> <p>Admn and training.</p> <p>Unidentified plane flew low over H.Q. heading South. Local R.A.A.F. knew nothing about the plane. Bde Comd wrote letter to N. Comd pointing out danger of aircraft without sufficient identification markings flying low over military encampments, as most encampments have A.A. posts with live S.A.A.</p> <p>Bde Comd to NIVA XING to inspect 47 Bn after 2nd day of route march. Convoy move by night <sup>without lights.</sup> - 13 H.T. and all motorcycles participating. The night was clear and a half moon provided fairly good light. No trouble was experienced. Distance and speed were maintained very well.</p> <p>Return to camp.</p>	<p>From a visit to the R.A.A.F. Station it appears that this station has no information of movements of large aircraft.</p>
	27 Feb	0530 0800 0900  1400  1600  1830	<p><del>P.T.</del> Reville. P.T.</p> <p>O.R.s training. Staff on admn.</p> <p>Bde Comd, I.O. &amp; L.O.s 2 &amp; 3 made recce of Exercise Area - TORBANLEA-TAKUHA UURAWEN-NIKENBAH.</p> <p>Admn instructions and maps for exercise issued.</p> <p>Due to re-opening of schools on Monday, Bde Comd decided to shift P.Q. to SCARNESS tomorrow morning.</p> <p>Troops on digging trenches for re-opening of school.</p> <p>Lieut Faulkner, on cycle tried conclusions with a bus but the bus won. Injuries about the tree not serious, but sufficient to send him to hospital. He also sustained a broken finger.</p> <p>B.M. and L.O.s to Liaro to inspect 47 Bn after route march.</p>	<p>See Appdx A</p> <p>Mr Fletcher, H.T., has been very kind during our stay and has placed every facility at our disposal including the use of his own shower.</p>

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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	28 Feb	0530 0830 0930 1015 1400  1800	Reveille. Preparations for move. I. Sec & Ligs Hq. moved out to recess area and lay out bivouac. Bde Hq. moved out. Bde Cmd to BRUCE HIGHWAY to patch 47 Bn marching in from Diaro. Arrival at Scarsness. General leave for O.R.S. Staff on O.O. in connection with forthcoming exercise with 47 Bn. Bde Cmd later discussed solutions. The weather is perfect: Cloudless skies and a cool southerly breeze.	The I.O.'s and Sig O's efforts to beguile a fish or two were not exactly successful, much to the dejection of the remainder of the Staff.

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M.T. NIGHT EXERCISE - 26/2/42.

1. All Bde. M.T. Drivers and motor cycle personnel will participate in Night Driving Exercise tonight 26/2/42, commencing at 2030 hrs.
2. TRANSPORT. All 4-ton vans and motor cycles. 2 Drivers to each Van.
3. ROUTE BRUCE HIGHWAY to HARYBOROUGH CEMETERY, thence GAYNDAH Rd, to YENGARIE - OAKHURST and return same route.
4. START POINT & TIME. Start point - HEWTOWN SCHOOL  
" Time - 2030 hrs.
5. SPEED & DENSITY Speed 10 m.i.h. Density 40 v.t.m.
6. ORDER OF MARCH Signals, Defence Pl. H.Q. Group.
7. LIGHTS Leading Vehicle - side lights  
Last Vehicle - tail light  
Other Vehicles - no lights.
8. GUIDES One Officer will ride in front, and one in rear of column to warn traffic of convoy moving without lights. Traffic Guides will be stationed at the following places.  
JUNC. of ARIADNE ST. & BRUCE HIGHWAY.  
BRUCE HIGHWAY at CEMETERY.  
JUNC. OF CHERRY RD AND GAYNDAH RD.  
Traffic Guides will ride in front and will be stationed by Officer leading Convoy.
9. HALTS A Halt will be made at YENGARIE where drivers will change over.
10. DRESS Shorts, shirts, Boots, Socks, Belt Hat.

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1. Brig.
2. B.M.
3. S.C.
4. I.O.
5. L.O. (1)
6. L.O. (2)
7. T.O.
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## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H. O., 29 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier * .....	1		
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....			2
Captains .....	2	1	3
Lieutenants.....	1	1	2
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).









## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Headquarters, 29 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier * * .....	1		
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....			
Captains .....			2
Lieutenants .....	2	1	3
2nd Lieutenants .....	1	1	2
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	4	2	7

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HEADQUARTERS 29 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

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Brigadier * .....	1		
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....	—	—	2
Captains .....	2	1	3
Lieutenants.....	1	1	2
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	4	2	7

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 29 INF. BDE, Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>brigadier</i> *	1		
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	—	—	2
Captains	2	1	3
Lieutenants	1	1	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	4	2	7

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig. Capt.	W 9365	LOUGH, T.S.	29 Inf Bde	Yes	
Capt.	379	MATTHEW, W.D.	do.	Yes	
Capt.	1	MACK, W.G.A.	do.	Yes	
Lieut.	R 25441	DEXTER, A.E.	do.	Yes	

(ii) **OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut.	R 2669	WEIGHT, J.W.	42 Bn.	25.1.42	Liaison Officer
Lieut.	R 2677	MCKENZIE, D.C.	47 Bn.	25.1.42	Liaison Officer
Lieut.	R 2696	FALKNER, N.	A.H.S.C.	21.1.42	Supply Officer
Lieut.	R 1174	PICKWORTH, W.A.	W. Land Sq	4.2.42	Sig. Officer
Lieut.	R 1203	WATMAN, D.	W. Land Sq	4.2.42	Sig. Officer

**H.Q. 29 INF. BDE.**

(Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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(Date of Despatch.)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Brig. T. S. LOUCH, M.C. - Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 24 Feb. 42.

NO. 4.

1. PETROL SUPPLIES:

Approval has been given by the A.A. & Q.M.G. for the issue of 4 gallon petrol drums to units on the following scale:-

Carriers, Universal	10
Lorries, 3 ton	5
Lorries, 30 cwt.	4
Utilities )	
Cars, D.S.)	2

Drums will be issued on a pro rata basis pending the arrival of additional stocks and Unit C.Os. are directed to ensure that all available empty containers are returned daily so that they can be forwarded for refilling in the shortest possible time.

N.C.I. Q/2/42 will be now read in conjunction with the above pending promulgation of new instructions.

2. COURTS OF INQUIRY -  
ACCIDENTS TO MOTOR  
VEHICLES:

With further reference to N. Comd. memo No. 48029 of 7 Nov, 41 further up-to-date lists of officers considered suitable to act on Courts of Inquiry, showing any Officer with Legal, Motor Accident Insurance or Garage and Mechanical Experiences, will be submitted by Units to reach this H.Q. by 2 March, 42.

The names of Junior officers to attend the sittings of Courts for instructional purposes will also be included.

*J.W. Weight Lieut.*  
*Capt.,*  
for Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS 1 PART I.

by  
Brig. T. S. LOUCH, M.C. - Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 20 Feb. 42.

No. 3.

1. CHANNELS OF  
CORRESPONDENCE:

Bns. will not correspond direct with N. Comd. unless specifically instructed to do so in any particular instance; or in reply to an enquiry addressed direct to the Unit by N. Comd. In any such cases, one copy of the correspondence should be sent to Bde. H.Q. for information.

Units may correspond direct with Ordnance and N. C. Records Office without sending copies to Bde. H.Q. for information. Other correspondence addressed to N. Comd. Base or services should normally go through Bde. H.Q., but if this course is not followed for any particular reason, one copy of the correspondence should be sent to Bde. H.Q. for information.

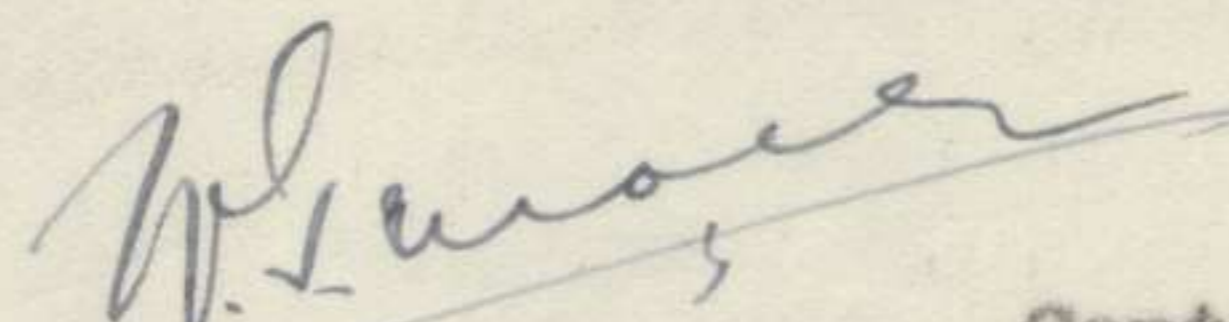
2. N. COMD.  
M.T. SCHOOL  
COURSE NO. 5 D.M:

Copy of instructions in this matter is forwarded herewith to 47 Bn.

47 Bn. will submit nominal roll of candidates selected to attend this course, to reach this H.Q. by 24 Feb, 42.

3. HISTORY SHEETS -  
STUDENTS ARMY  
SCHOOLS:

Attention is drawn to the necessity of complying with this H.Q. memo 42/7/5 of 12 Feb, 42 which requires that History Sheets will be submitted with Nominal Rolls of students selected to attend Army Schools.

  
Capt.,  
Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.

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by

Brig. T. S. LOUCH, M.C. - Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 19 Feb, 42.

No. 2.

1. RETURNS  
SECRET  
DOCUMENTS:

Reference N. Comd. Base R.O. No. 1 of 42.

Units will submit to N. Comd. Base through this H.Q. by 23 Feb, 42, return of Secret Documents, which are to be accounted for annually, in duplicate, on A.A. Form A. 53.

2. SOIL  
COLOURATION  
OF TENTS:

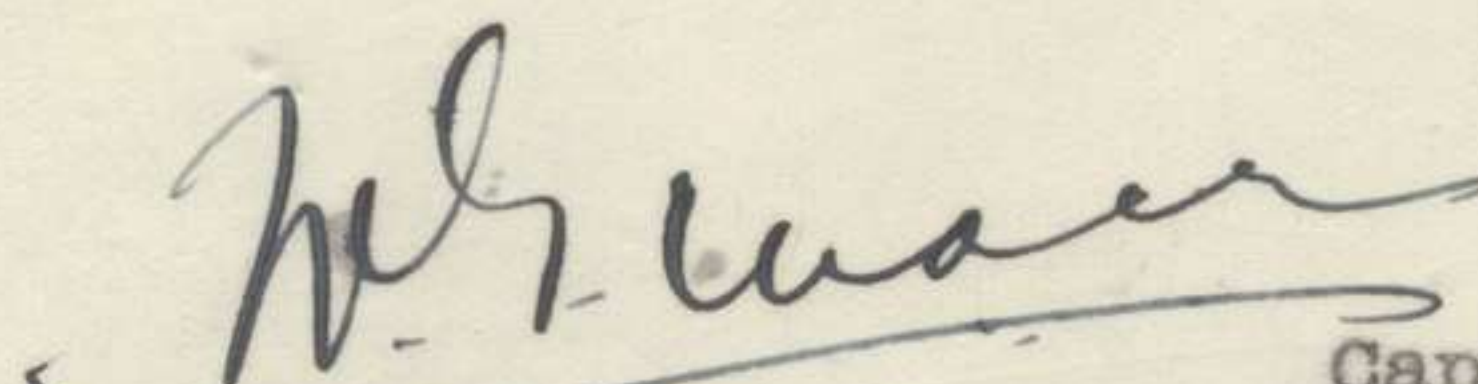
Copy of this instruction is forwarded to Bns. herewith.

3. SECRET  
DOCUMENTS:

Three copies of N. Comd. G63/4 are forwarded herewith to Bns. under separate cover.

4. REVIEW OF  
C.O.'s AWARDS:

In future when forwarding a Charge Report to Bde. H.Q. for review of C.O.'s awards by the Bde. Comd., Units will attach relative A.F. B.122 (Field Conduct Sheet) so that when considering the punishments awarded, the Bde. Comd. will have before him the man's previous record. If there are any unusual circumstances not disclosed by A.F. B.122, C.O.'s will attach a very brief manuscript note (one copy only) to the Charge Report.

  
Capt.,  
Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

42 Bn.  
47 Bn.  
For information:  
N. Comd.

N. Comd. Base.  
File.  
War Diary - 2.  
Bde. H.Q. Officers.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by.

Brig. T.S. LOUCH, M.C., Commanding 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 13 FEB, 42.

No. 1.

1. ISSUE OF  
BRIGADE ROUTINE  
ORDERS:

Brigade Routine Orders will be issued from time to time as necessary to save correspondence, as many instructions and orders (not SECRET) as can reasonably be issued at one time on one document, will be included in Bde. R.O.s.

2. DISTRIBUTION  
OF BRIGADE ROUTINE  
ORDERS.

The normal distribution of Bde. Routine Orders will be as follows -

One copy to each unit in 29 Bde. Group, one copy each to N. Comd. and N. Comd. Base for information, one copy to file, two copies for War Diary, and one copy to circulate amongst Bde. H.Q. Officers.

3. SECURITY  
OF SIGNALS:

One copy of "Notes on Signal Security" is issued herewith to each Bn. These notes should be carefully studied by all Sig. Officers and the necessary instructions issued to all concerned to carry them into effect (N. Comd. G.506/2).

4. BN. ROUTINE  
ORDERS:

It is noticed from a perusal of daily Routine Orders Pt. I issued by Bns. that these comprise in many instances little more than a detail of the duties for the following day. It is not necessary to issue Routine Orders every day and C.O.s will consider whether it is not possible to detail all the duties for a week ahead in one order. This system has the advantage that personnel detailed know well beforehand what duties they will have to perform. It may also effect some economy in typing, paper and postages.

5. CORRESPONDENCE  
WITH BDE. H.Q.

Units need not send any carbon copies of letters to Bde. H.Q. unless it is likely that the original communication will have to be sent on to higher authority. In such cases only, letters to Bde. H.Q. will be forwarded in duplicate.

6. ALLOCATION  
OF STAFF DUTIES  
AT BDE. H.Q.

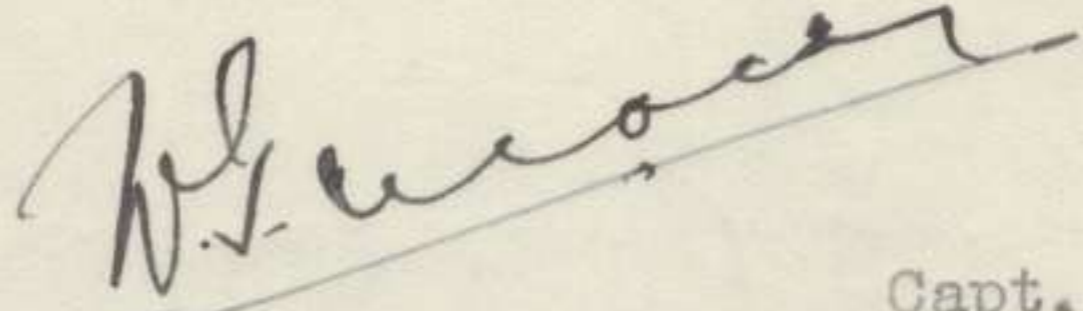
A table shewing the allocation of Staff Duties at Bde. H.Q. has been issued to units. All Bn. H.Q. Officers who may have occasion to communicate with Staff Officers at Bde. H.Q. by telephone will study this table so that they will be able to ask for the Officer dealing with the particular matter about which they propose to talk. If a member of the Bn. Staff wishes to discuss a number of matters it may be advisable for him to ask for the Liaison Officer from his Bn. and let the L.O. make a note of all the points raised. The L.O. can then approach the Staff Officers dealing with the various matters and answer all the Bn's enquiries later.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I. - NO. 1 - Dated 13 FEB, 42 (Cont'd).

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7. POSTAL ADDRESS  
BDE. H.Q.

As from 16 Feb, 42, the postal address of 29  
Inf. Bde. H.Q. will be C/O Post Office,  
Maryborough.



Capt.,  
(Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.)

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42 Bn.

47 Bn.

For information:

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JDE COMD'S REVIEW OF  
10 DAYS TNG EXERCISE

Headquarters,  
29 Inf. Bde.,  
MARYBOROUGH.  
15 Feb, 42.

N. Comd.

Copies for information to -

- N. Comd. Base.,
- C.S.O., N. Comd.,
- A.D.S. & T., N. Comd. Base,
- A.D.M.S., N. Comd.
- War Diary (2).

H.Q. 29 INF. BDE. - 10 DAYS TRAINING EXERCISE.

1. This exercise concluded on 13 Feb on arrival of 29 Inf. Bde. H.Q. at Tiaro. Owing to adverse weather conditions the exercise was even more valuable than had been anticipated. Nearly the whole programme was carried out, with the exception of the Convoy Driving at Night without lights Exercise which was cancelled owing to rain and the extremely greasy state of the roads.

2. The training of Bde. H.Q. personnel comprised moving into bivouacs, layout of Bde. H.Q., Signals, etc., the drill of rapidly settling in, erecting shelters, digging latrines, slit trenches etc., dispersal, cooking by groups, packing up and moving, cleaning the bivouac area etc.

At first as was only to be expected, the personnel who are organised in little groups, and had hardly seen each other before, were very slow. When the first bivouac was occupied, it took the cooks 2½ hours to serve a meal. After a few days they were able to get this time down to half an hour.

Battle procedure was practised - Disposal of incoming messages, liaison between Sigs. and orderly room, keeping a battle map, intelligence reports etc. Another exercise was the drill of getting out a typewritten Bde. order with Signals Plan for delivery etc. The defence of Bde. H.Q. from ground and air was practised, and one day the defence pl. was exercised with batmen, drivers, etc. organised into an enemy to make an attack on Bde. H.Q. All tps, sigs, orderly room staff etc. occupied alarm posts and were later exercised in packing up and moving to another H.Q. covered by the Defence Pl. The last stage of the exercise was the withdrawal of the Defence Pl. by sections.

3. Training in Staff Duties: During the period the Officers of Bde. Staff were given T.E.W.T.s and exercises covering nearly all matters included in the syllabus issued previously. Those items that were missed will be covered at a later date.

4. Billeting: On Sunday 8 Feb, the troops were bivouaced near Mooloolaba, but it rained incessantly all day. The following morning arrangements were made to move into billets so that the troops could dry their clothes, bedding and tent flys. The owner of the "Alexandra Hostel" at Mooloolaba, and a dance hall at Maroochydore, and the Maroochydore Surf Club kindly made accomodation available without charge, and everyone was able to move on Tuesday with dry bedding and clothing.

On Tuesday night we bivouaced at Belli Park but as it rained again it was considered advisable to occupy billets in Gympie for the two nights we proposed spending in that area. Two schools and a church hall were made available. The only expenses incurred in this connection were 6d. for electric light, and approximately 10/- for sanitary services.

5. Medical Arrangements: Lt. Col. McGree and Major Grant

SCHEDULE 1.

1. Route Through GYMPIE.

River Road - Reef St. - Shannon St. - Bruce Highway  
to Corella turn-off.

Detour at Monkland Railway gates will be used if gates  
are shut.

2. Group comds will ensure that traffic is controlled at  
following points while their group is passing:

Corner River Rd - Brooloo Rd.  
Junction River Rd - Reef, Monkland & Young Sts.  
Corner Reef St - Shannon St.  
Rd. Junc. Reef St - Corella Rd  
Overhead bridge on detour if used.

4. I. O.

H. Q. 29 INF. BDE.

MOVE FROM TIARO TO MARYBOROUGH 14 FEB. 42.

- (1) H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde will move from TIARO to MARYBOROUGH 14 Feb. 42.
- (2) Route BRIDGE HIGHWAY.
- (3) Order of March :  
Def. Pl.  
L. & A. Sec. Sigs.  
Reminder less I Truck.
- (4) Speed & Density  
20 m.i.h. 20 v.t.m.
- (5) Movement of Groups  
as per table below :

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Time.</u>
1.	Def. Pl.	Bivouac Area TIARO	0900
2.	L. & A Sec Sigs	Do.	<del>0900</del> 0930
3.	Reminder less I Truck	Do.	<del>0930</del> 1000

- (6) On reaching MARYBOROUGH groups will proceed to NEWTOWN SCHOOL and move into bivouac areas as directed by I personnel.
- (7) Bdc. I. Sec. will move out to recess area at 0800 hrs. in I Truck.
- (8) Def. Pl. will supply guides to G. Group and Sig Sec to direct them from TIARO to NEWTOWN SCHOOL. Guides to report to respective group comds at 0900.
- (9) Time Table :

Stand To	0530.
Packing of Trucks & Kits	0540 - 0630.
Sick Parade	0630.
Breakfast	0700.
Lunch	1300.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. Brig.
2. B.M.
3. S.C.
4. I.O.
5. L.O. (1)
6. L.O. (2)
7. & 8. Sigs.
9. Def. Pl.
10. B.A.S.C.O.
11. C.C.M.S.
12. Tpt. Sgt.
13. File.



INDOOR EXERCISE WITH MODELS.MOVE OF AN EMBUSSED INF. BN.

1. 72 Bn. complete with 1st line transport as per latest W.E. (11/12/2) is moving from TWEED HEADS to join 29 Inf. Bde in BUNDABERG area.
2. There is an air threat from Japanese sea-borne aircraft, and the unlikely possibility of encountering small parties of enemy parachute troops landed in open fields or on beaches.
3. N. Comd. Base Instructions for the move lay down speed and density at 15 m.p.h. and 20 v.t.m., and direct C.O. to bivouac on night 30/31 Jan. between CABOOLTURE (MILE POST 35) and LANDSBOROUGH (M.P. 56), and to continue the move North on the following morning.
4. There are mile posts all along the road. There is considerable up and down military traffic between BRISBANE and GYMPIE. Assume that any place just off the road between CABOOLTURE and LANDSBOROUGH is as suitable as another for bivouacking.
5. Blackout restrictions are to be observed. The sun rises at 0618 hrs and sets at 1945 hrs.
6. The following troop-carrying vehicles have been allotted to 72 Bn for the move - 1 Car D.S. for O.C. section and 30 lorries 3-ton, each carrying 16-20 men with their gear.
7. On his way through BRISBANE earlier in the day the C.O. had called at N. Comd. Base and ascertained:
  - (a) that there was a water point at LANDSBOROUGH.
  - (b) that rations were to be drawn from D.I.D. at CABOOLTURE.
  - (c) that petrol, oil and lubricants could be drawn from LANDSBOROUGH and
  - (d) that any casualties en route were to be sent to C.D.S. CALOUNDRA.
8. At 1700 hrs the head of the column reached M.P.35 (CABOOLTURE) but owing to traffic blocks and road repairs the column was strung out over 15 miles.
9. FIRST TASK Officers and N.C.Os will be divided into syndicates (under Bn arrangements) and each Syndicate will draw a diagram showing its idea of the position in the column of every vehicle while on the move.
10. Syndicate solutions will be discussed and then a D.S. solution will be given.
11. SECOND TASK. Taking the D.S. solution to the first task as the order of march, each syndicate will produce a diagram showing the position of every vehicle at 2030 hrs.
12. Second problem will be discussed and D.S. solution given.
13. THIRD TASK Each syndicate will write out the order of C.O. 72 Bn issued at 1710 hrs which produced the layout shown in D.S. solution to Problem 2, and also included:
  - (a) everything that the Q.M., T.O., and M.O., would want to know, and
  - (b) orders for the move the following day giving route and halting times. (Not more than 100 words).
14. FOURTH TASK Syndicates will consider for discussion the activities between 1730 hrs and 2000 hrs of
 

C.O.	T.O.
2 i/c	O.C. Tp. carrying vehicles.
I.O.	Fitter and mechanics M.T.
Sig. O.	Petrol lorry.
Q.M.	Water trucks.,

 and also how and when the following are carried:  
 Rations, Packs, blankets, L.M.Gs. M.M.Gs. Water.
15. Discussion on fourth problem.



*War Diary*

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29 INF. BDE.

STAFF AND BDE. H.Q. EXERCISES 4-13 FEB. 42.

1. In conjunction with the move of 29 Inf. Bde H.Q. from ASCOT to MARYBOROUGH District, training will be carried out en route.

Director: Bde. Comd.

2. The exercises will comprise partly of the training of Bde. H.Q. personnel, Sigs and Defence Pl. in their actual duties, and partly a T.E.W.T. for the training of Bde. H.Q. Officers in Staff duties.
3. For the purpose of the T.E.W.T.s it is assumed that 29 Bde. Group comprises the following Units all at W.E. and fully equipped.

- 29 Inf. Bde. H.Q.
- L. Sec. Sigs.
- Det. A. sec. Sigs (for Rear Link)
- Defence Pl.
- Det. N. Comd. Provost Coy.
- 101 Fd. Regt. (incl 501 L.A.D. attached).
- 29 Fd. Coy.
- 42 Bn.
- 47 Bn.
- 72 Bn.
- 606 L.A.D.
- 11 Fd. Amb.

For certain exercises troop carrying vehicles will be allotted from 1 Res. M.T. Coy.

4. All ranks will assemble in vicinity of Sig. Office truck at 1900 daily when the director will discuss the days work and outline the programme for the following day. Conferences of Officers on the T.E.W.T.s will be held as ordered.
5. During the course of the exercises all ranks including Office Staff, Sigs, Cooks, M/T. drivers and D.R.s will do a certain amount of marching and digging to harden them physically.

*A. M. ... (initials)*  
for Capt.,  
B.M. 29 Inf. Bde.

<u>Day.</u>	<u>Tactical Background.</u>	<u>Bde. H.Q. exercises.</u>	<u>T.E.W.T. Staff Duties.</u>
4 Feb.	A landing by enemy sea-borne troops North of Brisbane is anticipated X Bde has been moved to CALOUNDRA area and 29 Bde. Group is ordered to move from ASCOT to a Reserve Area near Glasshouse Mountains.	Move of Bde. H.Q. Road discipline Advance Party. Lay-out of Bde. H.Q. Truck Discipline. Concealment. Defence of Bde. H.Q. Ground & Air. Alarm posts. Routine Duties - Latrines - Slit trenches. Sig. communications - local resources. Location reports & sitreps.	March table for move of an embussed Bde. Group March Graph. Tactical and adm. recces. Allotment of areas to Units. Guides - meeting places. Traffic Control. Supply arrangements. Water. Warning orders for next day.
5 Feb.	Decision to move fighting troops to a close support area LANDSBOROUGH - CALOUNDRA.	Move of Bde. H.Q. - Routine. Sigs - L/T to nearby units. I Sec. - map enlargements. M/T - instruction and demo towing vehicles.	Recces. Allotment of areas. Brigading of M.T. - to be or not to be? Readjustment of rear areas. Normal Medical arrangements. Orders for Bde. Conference. Hasty despatch - Sigs - L.O. Conduct of Bde Conference. Verbal orders for next day.
6 Feb.	Change of plan - Bde Group to move to area NAMBOUR-MAROOCHYDORE-MOOLLOOLABAH with a view to blocking any move NORTH by enemy landing at CALOUNDRA.	Move of Bde. H.Q. routine. Refuelling vehicles during a halt on the road. Practice in towing. Sigs R/T procedure. Water Duties - testing and purifying.	Recces. Allotment of areas. Traffic problems - refugees. Reorganisation lines of supply and evacuation. Functions of L.A.D. Office Routine in the field. Liaison between Sigs and Orderly Room.

Day.	Tactical Background.	Bde. H. Q. Exercises.	T. E. W. E. s Staff Duties.
7 Feb.	Enemy landing at CALOUNDRA -- Battle for LANDSBOROUGH with 29 Bde. Group co-operating in a Southerly direction.	<p><u>Morning:</u> Battle procedure at Bde. H. Q. What happens to (1) messages received by Sigs through L/T, W/T and R/T.</p> <p>(2) Telephone and R/T conversations.</p> <p>(3) Messages received per D. R. or L. O.</p> <p><u>Battle Map.</u> Int. reports &amp; Sitreps</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> Searching &amp; Int. P. W. s.</p> <p>Routine move to MAROOCHYDORE Area.</p>	<p>Arrangements for disposal of P. W. s cage, water, food, escorts, transport etc.</p> <p>Evacuation of casualties.</p> <p>Disposal of rifles, equipment etc.</p> <p>Casualty Returns.</p> <p>War Correspondents - visitors.</p> <p>Burials - sites - returns - duties of Chaplains - disposal of personal effects.</p> <p>Ammunition supply.</p>
8 Feb.	(Break in the exercise)	Reserved for discussions and Recreation. Routine Move in evening to NAMBOUR area.	
9 Feb.	Withdrawal by day under pressure and in close contact with enemy from LANDSBOROUGH area to EUMUNDI.	<p>Move of Bde. H. Q. during battle.</p> <p>Establishing new H. Q. before closing old.</p> <p>Recces - advance party.</p> <p>Attack on Bde. H. Q. - by para-troops.</p> <p>Hasty move of Bde. H. Q. covered by Defence Pl.</p> <p>Withdrawal of Defence Pl.</p>	<p>Conduct of a withdrawal.</p> <p>Demolitions.</p> <p>Devastations - fire - flood.</p> <p>Umpiring duties in Defence Pl. exercises.</p>
10 Feb.	Breaking off contact with enemy and withdrawing by night to TUCHEKOI area.	<p>Move of Bde. H. Q.</p> <p>Night driving in convoy</p> <p>Establishing new H. Q. in darkness</p> <p>Sig. communications.</p>	<p>Technique of withdrawal.</p> <p>Recces. alternative route.</p> <p>Orders for withdrawal.</p>

<u>Lay.</u>	<u>Tactical Background.</u>	<u>Bde. H. Q. Exercises.</u>	<u>T. E. W. T. Staff Duties.</u>
11 Feb.	Drill of refitting, reorganising and resting after battle.	Move of Bde. H. Q. Bathing and laundry in the field. M/T practising towing and being towed. Staff Officers. R/T procedure	Reinforcements. Replenishment of clothing arms and equipment. Cleaning the battlefield - Salvage Recovery and replacement of vehicles. Bath - laundry - postal - pay Arrangements for visit of a personage.
12 Feb.	Tactical recce. GYMPIE area - roads, railways and demolitions, tank obstacles, sites for road blocks - water supplies - oil reserves - explosives stored locally - foodstuffs.	Move of Bde. H. Q. to GYMPIE. showgrounds area (subject to approval of local comd.) Simple tasks recce and report. N. C. O. s & O. R. s. Sigs - R/T procedure.	Technique of Writing Reports. Plans for destruction of oil supplies. - explosives and stores required. Supply of Engineering stores and materials. Bulk and weight of various loads Work tables and working parties. Liaison with Civil authorities.
13 Feb.	Move of Bde. Group to TIARO. Only one sec. tp. carrying vehicles available for 3 Bns.	Routine move of Bde. H. Q. Preparation of Camp for several days occupation. Erection of tentage. Establishment of L/T to local exchange.	Recce of routes. Orders. March Graph.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 - 8 Bde. H. Q. Officers.	13 11 Fd. Amb.	19 A. D. M. S., N. Comd.	26 - 27 War Diary.
9 C. Q. M. S.	14 N. Comd. Provost Coy.	20 N. C. R. O.	28 File.
10 Transport Sgt.	<u>For Information:</u>	21 D. F. O.	29 - 31 Spares.
11 Defence Pl.	15 N. Comd.	22 7 Inf. Bde.	
12 L. Sec. Sigs.	16 N. Comd. Base.	23 42 Bn.	
	17 Sigs N. Comd.	24 47 Bn.	
	18 A. D. S. & T., N. Comd.	25 Camp Comdt. ASCOT	

*A. H. (List)*  
for  
Capt.,  
B. M. 29 Inf. Bde.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH  
TACTICAL EXERCISE AND MOVE FROM BRISBANE  
TO TIARO.

1. In conjunction with the move from ASCOT to TIARO, 29 Inf. Bde. H. Q. will carry out exercises and training in Staff Duties as per Syllabus issued separately.
2. Troops taking part in exercise:

Unit.	Offs.	O. Rs.	Cars D.S.	Trucks		M/Cy cles	Remarks.
				Trucks 1 ton.	30 cwt. & 3ton.		
H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde. & Att.	7	44	4	7	4	5	
L. Sec Sigs.	2	36		3	2	3	
det. A sec. Sigs.		4					
Defence Pl.	1	38		5	1	3	
A. A. O. C. (Att.)		1					
11 Fd. Amb.	2	1	1				
Provost		2					
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	

3. Itinerary:
  - Wed. 4 Feb. Move from ASCOT to GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS.
  - Thur. 5 Feb. Move to LANDSBOROUGH area.
  - Fri. 6 Feb. Move to FOREST GLEN area.
  - Sat. 7 Feb. Move to MAROOCHYDORE area.
  - Sun. 8 Feb. Move to NAMBOUR area.
  - Mon. 9 Feb. Move to EUMUNDI area.
  - Night 10/11 Feb. Move to TUCHEKOI area.
  - Wed. 11 Feb. Move to GYMPIE area.
  - Thur. 12 Feb. Mt GYMPIE.
  - Fri. 13 Feb. Move to TIARO.
4. Assembly: All troops taking part will rendezvous at ASCOT Racecourse by 1000 hrs. 4 Feb.
5. Move: Orders for the first days move will be issued at 0930 hrs 3 Feb. at Bde. H. Q. Members Stand, Ascot. All Officers taking part in exercise and Bde. Tspt Sgt will attend.
6. Rations: Bde Supply Off (Lieut. Faulkner) and 4 O.R. will accompany Bde. H. Q. Bde. C. Q. M. S. will submit A. A. B. 55's for whole trip to B. A. S. C. O on 2 Feb. 41 at 0700 hrs. for rations for the whole party for delivery on night 4 Feb. (consumption 5 Feb.) and thereafter Ration arrangements will be as per Appendix "A" (to recipients 1 to 9 and 15, 16 and 18 only).
6. Petrol: M/Cs and vehicles will start with full tanks. All vehicles will carry 1-4 gal. drum of petrol. Bde. H. Q. petrol Convoy will convey 60- 4 gal. drums of petrol. Estimated requirements of petrol en route 800 gals to be drawn as required through Bde. Supply Officer.
8. Water: R. A. E. report Water Supplies available at:-
  - Glasshouse Mts. - Creeks and rain tanks as available.
  - Landsborough. - Railway Water Tanks.
  - Yandine. - Railway Water Tanks.
  - Maroochydore. - Wells in Recreation Area.
  - Eumundi. - Creeks.
  - Gympie. - Town Supply.

9. Medical: Lt. Col. McGree, one other Officer and one other rank of 11 Fd. Amb. will be attached 29 Inf. Bde H. Q.
10. Disposal of W.E. & Camp Stores which cannot be carried in vehicles: Mob. stores which are not to be carried on Bde. transport will be sent by rail to 47 Bn, by arrangement with Q. Movement, N. Comd. Base. Surplus tentage will be returned to Ordnance (by request) and reissued later on demand. 47 Bn. will be advised of number of packages being forwarded to Maryborough and will arrange for safe custody. All such packages will be clearly marked for 29 Inf. Bde. H. Q.
11. Return of Camp Stores to Q.M. Ascot: Camp stores, blankets etc. drawn from Camp Q.M., Ascot which have been replaced with W.E. will be returned forthwith. Remainder of Camp stores will be returned to Camp Q.M., Ascot by 0900 hrs. Wed. 4 Feb.
12. Communications: Det. A. sec. N. Comd. Sigs will maintain touch daily with N. Comd through existing line communications (P.M.G.) Dept. and W/T (if possible).
13. Postal Arrangements: Mails posted on 4- 7 Feb. (incl) should be addressed C/- Post Office Nambour.  
Mails posted on 8-10 Feb. (incl) should be addressed C/- Post Office, Gympie.  
Mails posted on or after 11 Feb. should be addressed C/- Post Office, Tiaro.  
Sig. D.R. will collect from P.O. daily.  
Private letters for individuals should be addressed No...Pte. WX Jones, 29 Inf. Bde. H. Q., C/- Post Office, Gympie (or as the case may be).
14. Canteen: Personal requirements of tobacco, cigarettes, etc. will be ascertained at various times and the required articles purchased in bulk from canteens at Caloundra and Gympie.
15. Pay: Pay on 13 Feb. will be arranged through Camp Paymaster, Maryborough.

*H. J. Jones*  
 Capt.,  
 Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

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| 1 - 8 Bde. H. Q. Officers. | 19 A.D.M.S., N. Comd.          |
| 9 C. Q.M.S.                | 20 N.C.R.O.                    |
| 10 Transport Sgt.          | 21 D.F.O.                      |
| 11 Defence Pl.             | 22 7 Inf. Bde.                 |
| 12 L Sec. Sigs.            | 23 42 Bn.                      |
| 13 11 Fd. Amb.             | 24 47 Bn.                      |
| 14 N. Command Provost Coy. | 25 Camp Commandant ASCOT Camp. |
| <u>For Information:</u>    | 26- 27 War Diary.              |
| 15 N. Command.             | 28 File.                       |
| 16 N. Command Base.        | 29- 30 Spare.                  |
| 17 Sigs N. Comd.           |                                |
| 18 A.D.S. & T. N. Comd.    |                                |



APPENDIX "A".

RATIONS:

Supplies will be picked up as follows:-

<u>Delivery Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Consumption Date.</u>
4.2.41	1600	Landsborough	5.2.41
5.2.41	1600	Landsborough	6.2.41.
6.2.41	1600	Landsborough	7.2.41.
7.2.41	1600	Landsborough	8.2.41.
8.2.41	1600	Landsborough	9.2.41.
9.2.41	1600	Landsborough	10.2.41- 11.2.41.
11.2.41	1700	Gympie	12.2.41.
12.2.41	1700	Gympie	13.2.41.
13.2.41	1600	Maryborough	14.2.41.

An iron ration for one day will be carried as a reserve.

<u>Delivery Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Consumption Date.</u>
4.2.41	1600	Landsborough	5.2.41
5.2.41	1600	Landsborough	6.2.41.
6.2.41	1600	Landsborough	7.2.41.
7.2.41	1600	Landsborough	8.2.41.
8.2.41	1600	Landsborough	9.2.41.
9.2.41	1600	Landsborough	10.2.41- 11.2.41.
11.2.41	1700	Gympie	12.2.41.
12.2.41	1700	Gympie	13.2.41.
13.2.41	1600	Maryborough	14.2.41.

An iron ration for one day will be carried as a reserve.

29 BDE. STAFF EXERCISE 4 FEB.

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At 1530 hrs 4 Feb the Div. L.O. arrived at Bde. H.Q. with a marked map and his note-book and said:

The Japs now seem to be heading in this direction but according to the air they are still 200 miles away. As anticipated yesterday 29 Bde gp are to move to LANDSBOROUGH - GLEN VIEW area tomorrow morning.

You can take your own time as there are no convoys using the rd before 1400 hrs.

Reserve positions to deal with any enemy penetration along rd. The G.O.C. wants you to put one Bn astride CALOUNDRA Rd at about 282723; one Bn covering road junction at 221743, the other Bn close handy in the GLEN VIEW area so that it can move across to cover the NAMBOUR area if necessary.

The tps will have to foot it as there may be a squeeze getting transport into Bn. areas, so you might have to brigade it somewhere.

The field company and field regiments are to be moved to LANDSBOROUGH area. No tactical role at present. Probable that they will revert to Div. control.

Fd Amb to move MOOLOOLAH as they are thinking of sending casualties to GYMPIE instead of BRISBANE, and medical line of evacuation will in that event be North.

Rations, water, petrol and other Q arrangements as for today.

I heard the G.1 talking about the chances of enemy tps landing and pushing up North instead of South and from what he said I wouldn't be surprised if Bde Gp is moved further around astride NAMBOUR Rd, but there is nothing official about that at present.

They do not seem to think it is worthwhile unless they can give you a fd regt, and they cannot make up their minds to do with less guns than they have at present to cover the rd to BRISBANE.

Note The units in the Bde gp were in bivouac on 4 Feb as follows:

42 Bn BEERWAH  
47 Bn COOCHIN CREEK  
72 Bn GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS.  
Other units vicinity BEERBURRUM.

Tasks: (a) How would recce of new areas be carried out by Bde and Bn staffs. State procedure and give rough time table.  
(b) Draw up march table for the move.  
(c) You are the liaison officer detailed to deliver the Bde orders for the move and recce of new area, to 47 Bn. Mark your map and write out what you would say to the C.O.

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29 INF. BDE - STAFF EXERCISE 5 FEB, 42.

By 1600 hrs 5 Feb the Bde. <sup>move</sup> was completed. Bde H.Q. was at 203733 (Landsborough Sheet) 42 Bn astride rd at 282722, 47 Bn covering rd junction 222743 and 72 Bn at GLEN VIEW. 11 Fd. Amb at MOOLOOLAH, and 29 fd coy in area square 1871.

The Div. L.O. arrived at Bde. H.Q. at 2200 hrs and the gist of his conversation with the Brig. was as follows:

Jap convoy is hanging about off Cape MORETON and there are no indications to show where the forces propose to land. It might be anywhere. Brisbane is being heavily bombed and the population has got the breeze up. The roads are blocked with traffic. Everyone who laid up his car when the petrol rationing came in, seems to have found some petrol somewhere, and the roads are a traffic policeman's nightmare. It took me seven hours to get up here from H.Q.

G.O.C. is not satisfied with the disposition of X Brigade. He thinks they have far too many tps on the beach and not enough depth. He has told them to send a Bn back to take over the positions at present occupied by 42 and 47 Bns, and he wants you to move 29 Bde gp up north clear of the rd junction at 222743, so that they can help if the Japs land at CALOUNDRA or be in a position to move north if they land further up.

G.O.C. is still worrying about the arty position. C.R.A. thinks that the country north of CALOUNDRA would not give much scope for the employment of arty, as the observation is poor and the country hilly and heavily timbered. Thinks the fd regt would be more use elsewhere. G.O.C. would like your views.

The general idea seems to be that the 29 Bde gp will be organised as a more or less independent gp gp working from GYMPIE as its base. EUMUNDI will be the railhead for all supplies and ammunition. 11 Fd Amb will have to be responsible for dealing with casualties right back to GYMPIE hospital. No C.C.S or M.A.C. available.

G.O.C. wants you to talk this over with the C.O. Fd Amb. and let him know if they can do this without any extra assistance or equipment.

The Div. staff are complaining about the time it takes for orders and messages to get from your headquarters to Div. and the Gen. wants you to overhaul your office routine and the way they work in with sigs to see if you can cut down the time.

- Notes:
- (1) Col. McGree 11 Fd Amb will open a discussion on the normal method of evacuating wounded and the possibility of improvising emergency measures such as those outlined above.
  - (2) All officers will make a brief recce by car of the area south of NAMBOUR and be prepared to discuss tactical employment of fd regt in such country.
  - (3) There will be a discussion on the evacuee problem in relation to traffic control.
  - (4) There will be a discussion on office routine in the field getting out orders quickly, signals plan for delivery, and liaison between orderly room and sigs.

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29 INF. BDE.

STAFF EXERCISE - 6 FEB.

1. At 1500 hrs on 6 Feb, 29 Inf. Bde. Group was disposed as follows (Landsborough Sheet).

Bde. H. Q.	228798
Bde H. Q. Tspt, L.A.D.	FOREST GLEN
42 Bn.	vicinity rd. junc. 228578
47 Bn.	Astride Main Rd. at SIPPY CREEK,
72 Bn.	GLENVIEW.
29 Fd. Coy.	GLENVIEW.
11 Fd. Amb.	NAMBOUR.
11 Fd. Amb.	had reverted to Div. control.

2. Enemy planes had been active during the afternoon bombing and machine gunning CALOUNDRA - LANDSBOROUGH and the BRISBANE road. No air activity further North.

3. Drastic measures had been taken to divert all civilian traffic to roads leading in a westerly direction from NAMBOUR and EUMUNDI and to keep the BRUCE HIGHWAY clear for military traffic. There had been considerable civilian opposition and scenes and it had been necessary to send senior officers to control posts to ensure that the orders were carried out.

4. At 1600 hrs orders were sent to 11 Fd. Amb. to make arrangements for evacuation of all casualties to GYMPIE Civilian hospital. Estimate of casualties in Bde. Group for first 24 hours after enemy landing at CALOUNDRA (if it took place) 50 stretcher cases and 180 walking wounded.

Notes: (1) Exercise on morning 7 Feb. will be in Battle procedure at Bde. H. Q.

(a) How to deal with "in" and "out" messages, information and orders sent or delivered by

- (1) L/T,
- (2) Telephone conversations,
- (3) W/T,
- (4) R/T,
- (5) R/T conversations between Bns. and Staff Officers at Bde. H. Q.
- (6) D.R.,
- (7) L.Os

(b) Keeping the Battle Map and "in" and "out" message files.

(c) I. Diary.

(d) Sitreps.

(e) Duty Officer.

(f) Message writing.

(2) Exercise in the afternoon will be the drill of getting out and despatching an order to multiple addresses in minimum time.

(a) Issue of plan by Brigadier.

(b) Simultaneous writing of paragraphs for order by B.M., S.C. and I.O.

(c) Warning of Sigs and Orderly Room.

- (d) Checking of map references.
- (e) Typing and layout of order.
- (f) Checking of print before signature.
- (g) Preparation of envelopes.
- (h) Signal plan for delivery.
- (i) Degrees of urgency - special D. R.
- (j) Registration.
- (k) Checking of acknowledgments.
- (3) C.O. 11 Fd. Amb. will make his plan and discuss detailed arrangements for evacuation of casualties
- (4) Sigs will arrange for a Wireless Van (control) to be parked alongside Brigadier's car while he is directing the exercise. All "in" messages to Bde. will be originated at this station, which will also be connected by L/T with Bde. Sig. Office. Bde. Sig. Office will have L/T communication with Bde. Orderly Room (Duty Officer).

All "out" messages from Bde. will be sent to control station except those handled by det. "A" Sec. Sigs operating Rear link to Div.

DEF PL. EXERCISE.

Divide men into parties each under an N.C.O. and send them out to investigate and bring back written reports on:

- (a) MARY BRIDGE. Length, width, description, present state of river - whether rising or falling - estimate as to when it will be fit for traffic. - rough sketch.
  - (b) Report on Railway Line from Bde. H. Q. to GYMPIE Station with rough sketch showing position of bridges, cuttings, culverts, etc, and suitability for demolition.
  - (c) How many mines are operating in GYMPIE area, and location and quantity of explosives held by each.
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H.Q. 29 INF. BDE.

I. O.

MOVE TO TIARO.

1. H.Q. 29 Inf. Bde will move to TIARO, 13 Feb, 42.
2. Route: GYMPIE - CORELLA - GUNALDA - GOOTCHIE - BAUPLE - TIARO.
3. Order of March.  
Defence Pl.  
L. & A. Sec Sigs  
Remainder less I Truck and Recce Car.

4. Speed & Density:  
20 m.i.h      20 v.t.m.

5. Movement of Groups as per Table below:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	Defence Pl	4 Mile school	0900
2.	L. & A. Sigs	Christian Chapel	0930
3.	Remainder less I Truck & Recce Car.	Monkland School	1000

Guides  
1100

6. Halt will be made at 1040 - 1100.
7. Groups will halt at garage on right angle bend on road  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of TIARO.
8. Bde. I group and guides supplied by group comds will move out to recce area at 0800 hrs 13 Feb in I and Recce Car. (Guides supplied by groups to report to Bde I.O. at Monkland School at 0745 hrs).
9. Guides will meet groups at road bend  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of TIARO.
10. Traffic Guides through G.M.P.I.E as per attached schedule.
11. Timetable.

Reveille	0530
Packing of Trucks and Kits	0530 - 0630.
Sick Parade	0630.
Breakfast	0700.
Cleaning Up Parade	0800
Lunch	1330.
Pay Parade	1630.
Tea	1730.
Tattoo	2200.
Lights Out	2215.
12. Lunch will be cooked by kitchens before leaving bivouac area and served cold after arrival at TIARO.
13. Dress. shirts, shorts and socks must be worn.

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| 1. Brig.    | 7 & 8 Sigs.    |
| 2. B.H.     | 9. Def. Pl.    |
| 3. S.C.     | 10. B.A.S.C.O. |
| 4. L.O.     | 11. G.C.H.S.   |
| 5. L.O. (1) | 12. Tpt. Sgt.  |
| 6. L.O. (2) | 13. File.      |

Battle Exercise.

D. Summary.  
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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Source.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	<u>Remarks.</u>
L. Bde. per L.O. (3)	7	0915.	5 Jap transports 4 plato. no tanks yet- landed. Information vague, contacted Bde's but made no progress. Some parties working round towards Landsborough. Small parties in between Bde & round flanks.	
COMO. D/R.	7	0925	L.O. reporting to you with orders @ No alterations your dispositions to be made until arrival.	
TONI.	7	0932	Heavy fire on our front @ Sent 1 Sec barriers to investigate	
DIV. per L.O.:	7	0940	Telephone message from LANDSBOROUGH. M/c. broken down attempting get van from arty and will arrive as soon as possible.	
	7	0945	Advised. BETA. TONI. BESA. SUPI. ROTA. Enemy landing probably down. @ Frontal attack checked @ Small parties infiltrating square 2871. square 2774. square 2771. direction LANDSBOROUGH. @ Information vague	



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Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
DIV 4/0	7.	0950	<p>Don't involve 29 Bde unless enemy pass 112743. and pushed LANDS BOROUGH @ Ifit happens 42 &amp; 47 Bns. attack NORTH. but not to hurry. air reports not more than 2 Bdes. landed @ Attack from NORTH. more effective @ X. Bde. heavily involved - very few casualties. Bridges over MOOLOOLA RIVER. ready for demolition - only emergency.</p>	
Teni.	7	1005	<p>McC. carriers contacted @ 84 Bn at Rd junct. 221743. 84 Bn at Rd through their Bde H.Q. 282723 still clear. all traffic fired on by MIMC to NORTH.</p>	
Runner (from C Coy 84 Bn)	7	1	<p>Reports Lis Coy (C) of 84 Bn being pushed asks for more Tommy ammo. Capt wounded. no 84 left at rd junct 221743.</p>	
29 bde L.O.	7	1030	<p>Enemy carriers at <del>at</del> Rd junct. 221743 cannot locate 84 Bn. L.O. fired on by carrier.</p>	
B.M. to super	7	1040	<p>ask 72 Bn to send out patrol of three carriers to endeavour ascertain Enemy strength.</p>	

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Beta.	7	1045	inquire if there is anything they can do standing by.	
Commo	7	1115	Air report enemy inf N/T ✓ carrier moving West along main R 221743 in direction Landborough act in accordance with orders delivered by L.O.	
To COMD.	7	1116.	advised Div. of Enemy carriers at Rd Junc 221743. no word from NENI. BETA preparing bldgs over Kookelak R for demolition	
To Base.	7	1132	R.M. has decided to move 42 Bn south to Rd Junc. 222743. 72 Bn move south cross country to Bruce Highway. 47 Bn will take up original 42 Bn posn. Annno us at 230760. Motor Bn will stand by.	
Bdr Co.	7	1134	no news from 72 Bn.	

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXERCISE.

1. DIRECTION & UMPIRING DIRECTOR - Bde. Comd. UMPIRES - Officers of Bde. H. Q.  
White arm bands will be worn by Director and Umpires.
2. TROOPS TAKING PART IN EXERCISE - 47 Bn (less details left in camp to guard stores etc)  
Battle H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde.  
The action of 47 Bn will be in accordance with orders issued during the exercise by 29 Inf. Bde  
Dress: Fighting order (less respirator) Trousers W.D. and steel helmets.
3. ENEMY. Enemy (comprising troops as under) will be controlled by D. S. so as to bring about certain tactical situations.
  - (a) Detachment of L. Sec. Sigs (representing enemy Sig. detachment and garrison at HOWARD)
  - (b) Defence Pl. 29 Inf. B de (representing enemy A/A dets. and guards on dumps)
  - (c) Details H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde (3 camouflaged 1-ton trucks representing one troop of enemy A. F. Vs.  
Dress: Shorts, blue pullovers felt hats.
4. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY INSTALLATIONS
  - (a) Ammunition and supply dumps will be represented by stockades of saplings.
  - (b) A/A emplacements will be represented by stockades containing a dummy A/A gun.
  - (c) Enemy camp will be represented by camouflaged tents.
5. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

Fire of A/A guns will be represented by blanks.  
Fire of L.M.G.s and M.M.Gs by gas rattles. Other fire as described by umpires.
6. ASSEMBLY AND DISPERSAL 47 Bn. moving under Bn. arrangements will be in position indicated to C.O. by L.O. by 1800 hrs. 2 Mar. 29 Bde. Battle H. Q. will be established in the same vicinity by the same time.  
Separate instructions are being issued to troops representing enemy..  
The exercise will conclude on the afternoon of 5 Mar.  
47 Bn. will return to camp on 6 Mar. under Bn. arrangements.
7. MAPS 1" - 1 mile Maps of NIKENBAH area are issued herewith on the scale of one per Officer and Sgt.
8. RATIONS 47 Bn. will arrange with Bde. Supply Officer to split indents for the period of the exercise to cover (a) troops on the exercise and (b) troops remaining in camp. Rations for troops remaining in camp will be delivered by A.A.S.C. to Showgrounds, MARYBOROUGH  
29 Bde. H. Q. will allot necessary transport (neutral) to A.A.S.C. for the purpose of delivering rations daily to troops of 47 Bn. on exercise. Meeting point RD. JUNC. approx 1½ miles South West of HOWARD (Map ref. 714528 @ Sheet BURRUM operational) 47 Bn. to send guides to M.P. by 1530 hrs daily.
9. WATER Water point (Neutral) - HOWARD Railway Tank.
10. PETROL All petrol tanks to be filled before exercise starts. Bn. Petrol Truck to be taken fully loaded with petrol in containers. No further supplies to be drawn from A.A.S.C. during exercise unless absolutely necessary.

11. MEDICAL R.M.O., det 11 Fd. AMB, and ambulance vehicles will remain neutral. Sick and casualties to C.D.S. MARYBOROUGH
12. ADMN. ARRANGEMENTS BDE. H.Q. Rations for Bd. H.Q. will be delivered to NEWTOWN School and conveyed thence to enemy detachments, Battle H.Q. under Bde. arrangements.
13. NEUTRAL VEHICLES Neutral vehicles conveying water, rations, sick, etc. and umpire's cars will carry a Signal flag and be allowed free passage through all posts, road blocks, etc.
14. PRISONERS Neither side will retain prisoners. They will be released and left in the area where they are captured.
15. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT Army Telephone Cable may be cut, but no damage is to be done to any other equipment, nor will any captured material be removed from the custody of its owner or the place of capture. There must be no interference with P.M.G. telephone lines or poles.
16. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS Bayonets will NOT be fixed during night operations by either side. No person taking part in this exercise will carry ball s.a.a. Violent horseplay must not be permitted.

*J. W. Wright Lieut.*  
S.C. 29 Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 1.     | Director of Exercise. |
| 2 - 13 | 47 Bn.                |
| 14.    | Bde. Supply Officer.  |
| 15-17  | Enemy.                |
| 18-23  | Umpires               |
| 24.    | Bde. T.O.             |
| 25.    | C. Q. M. S. (Bde)     |

For Information

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| 26 - 27 | N. Comd.       |
| 28.     | N. Comd. Base. |
| 29-30   | War Diary.     |
| 31.     | File.          |

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Date and Time.—From 1 Year To 31 Year

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Scarness	4 Year	0530	Kewville.	No P.T. as most O.R.s were suffering from effects of vac. The last two easy days have put the men in good fettle, good heart
		0800	Bde Comd and Staff to 47 Bn at HOWARD. Bde Comd addressed troops on the exercise. Plt Beery played the part of a gill (!) who had been in contact with the enemy at BURRUM BRIDGE.	
		1400	Admin & Staff working out details of umpiring for exercise.	
		1800	Staff to HOWARD to take up various positions for umpiring. Exercise commenced with recon by day and attack by night on small enemy party at BURRUM BRIDGES, then approach march by night to positions in vicinity DUNDOWRAN. Coys of 47 Bn were acting independently and Bde officers were att. to each coy.	
Scarness.	5 Year	0500-0630	Staff returned by cars to Bde HQ and slept till 0800.	All  WRP
		0800	Various N.C.O.s were sent out to umpire feeding arrangements, concealment, movement etc. of Coys during the day.	

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Scarness	5 Mar	0800	Bde Comd and Staff worked out change of situation involving rapid move of Coy's after attacks on various objectives. Bde order conveyed by N.B. to Bn HQ.	
		1430	A little sleep. Very welcome.	
		1730	Staff left on various tasks. Some of Bde dep-ent to 47 Bn for transport carriers. Exercise during the night consisted of attacks on 'enemy' dumps and A.A. posts and rapid withdrawal through 'plugs', by M.T. and foot. All moves were complete by 0400. I.O. with <del>Bde</del> Bde M.T. returned to Bde HQ by 0445. A little sleep. I.O. brought out break-fast at 0630. Staff had had a little sleep when the exercise permitted.	The exercise was very valuable for M.T. personnel in night-driving experience (no lights). Fortunately the moon was full but dust was very bad.
6 Mar	0645	J.C., L.O. and Dep. Pl Comd disguised themselves as A.F.V.'s and made a highly successful sortie on A Coy which was		

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	6 Year	0800	holding a Red June- Breakfast. Chops cooked over the open fire were highly ap- preciated.	
		1100	A.F.V.s attached and took TAKURA HEIGHTS (held by E Coy).	
		1200	A.F.V.s attached and took STRATHDEE LINE (held by D Coy). This concluded the exercise. 47 Bn route marched back to MARYBOROUGH and Staff returned to Bde HQ.	
		1430	Sleep till 1630. Med Pl & Sig Secs returned to local bivouacs.	
		1630	Bde Comd collated comments from each company, covering the whole exercise.	
	7 Year	0530	Wesville. Telegram advising <sup>approval of</sup> <del>that</del> move of Bde HQ to ROCK- HAMPTON by road.	
		0900	S.C., S.O. & L.O.s to 47 Bn to clean out orderly room files & check Q. Store for surplus equipment, so that it a	The Great Fire of London had nothing on the blaze from the

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<u>Scarnes</u>	<u>7 Mar</u>		<u>Sudden move were ordered the whole show could move on the 1st</u>	<u>accumulated files of 10 yrs.</u>
			<u>allotted.</u>	
		<u>0915</u>	<u>Bde Comd to 47 Bn where he addressed all ranks for an hour on the exercise. Very many valuable lessons were learned.</u>	
		<u>1400</u>	<u>Bde Comd and Staff working out <sup>admn</sup> details of move to ROCKHAMPTON.</u>	
		<u>2100</u>	<u>Bde Comd to MARYBOROUGH to catch mail to BRISBANE for conference with N. Comd. Wiv L.O. accompanied him.</u>	<u>AKW.</u>
	<u>8 Mar</u>	<u>0530</u>	<u>Reveille</u>	
		<u>0630</u>	<u>H.C. Church parade. Prot church parade at camp.</u>	
		<u>0900-1130</u>	<u>Route march all ranks to <del>the</del> Trangow.</u>	
		<u>1130</u>	<u>Swim parade.</u>	
		<u>1400</u>	<u>Bathing and laundry.</u>	<u>AKW.</u>

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Scarcess	9 Mar	0530	Kewville P.T.	
		0615	Bde Comd returned from BRISBANE from conference with <del>the</del> G. Y. Comd.	
		0815	Bde Comd's conference with Staffs, giving details of confer- ence, and plans for future moves. Bde Hq. was to move to Hoyle Area by road and meet there 42 Bn and 11 Fd Amb.	
		1430	B.M. and S.O. left by car for Yeppoon to direct process of sep- arating 42 Bn <del>and</del> from its floorboards, pallets, surplus equipment etc.	
		1530	S.O. & J.O. to Hayborough to conduct a similar show with the 47th.	
		1645	Phone message from G. Comd. Complete change of plans. 42 Bn and 11 Fd Amb to move by rail and road to Diaro Area for concen- tration of Bde Gp. 104 I.B.G. Fd Wk/Pls moving to Mura King	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Mar To 28 31 Mar

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Scarness.	9 Mar		It was arranged to despatch the A.S.C. office by train to Rockhampton with further instructions for A.S.C. the B. Co, 42 Bn and the A.S.C.	See Appdx.
		1900	Bde Comd and Staff working out further details.	
Scarness	10 Mar	0530	Meville. P.T.	
		0400	Lieut Faulkner left for Rockhampton.	
		0850	S.O. and Sig. O. left for TIARO to recon area for bivouacking BdeHQ, 42 & 47 Bns and 11 Id Amb. The remainder of Staff on admn.	
		2100	Lieut W. Kenzie (L.O.S) left for B. Comd with letters from Bde Comd to G.O.C. and various queries to be answered by Div. Staff.	AKL
Diaro	11 Mar	0530	Meville. Packing of M.T.	
		0830	I. Sec moved out to Diaro to act as guides.	

*W.P.*

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit *A.G. 29 Inf Bde*

Date and Time.—From *1 Year* To *31 Year*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Diaro</i>	<i>11 Year</i>	<i>0930-1000</i>	<i>Bde Hq. moved out in three gps at 15 min intervals.</i>	
		<i>1200</i>	<i>Hq. established at TIARO 1 m East of R'way Station.</i>	
		<i>2000</i>	<i>King to 42 Bn showed preparations well in hand for move. Adv. party left at 1430 today. M.T. convoy and three trains leave early tomorrow.</i>	
<i>Diaro</i>	<i>12 Year</i>	<i>0530</i>	<i>Reville.</i>	
		<i>0830</i>	<i>Bde Comd inspected various areas round Diaro and chose sites for 42 Bn and 11 Fd Amb.</i>	
		<i>1000</i>	<i>Adv Party from 42 Bn &amp; 11 Fd Amb arrived and were shown areas allotted.</i>	
			<i>Remainder of day on admin.</i>	
<i>Diaro</i>	<i>13 Year</i>	<i>0530</i>	<i>Reville. Working party to Diaro Ltr to boil water for tea for personnel 42 Bn &amp; 11 Fd Amb. &amp; unload 10 + W.P.'s for 42 Bn</i>	
		<i>0600</i>	<i>42 Bn convoy arrived.</i>	<i>Ahead of time (0700)</i>

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 29 Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar To 31 Mar

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Icaro	13 Mar	0640	1st Train 42 Bn arrived.	
		0735	2nd Train 42 Bn & " Fd Amb	
			3rd Train (baggage) arrived.	
		1130	Convoy " Fd Amb arrived. It was decided to establish and A.P.S. and an M.P.S.	
		2230	Marching personnel of 47 Bn moved in to biv. area. Convoy moved in later.	
Icaro	14 Mar	0530	Keseille. The weather has been very muggy for the past few days and very light showers fell during the night. At 2000 hrs last night - Lieut. Gebmann (Enges) and party arrived by truck to erect a tank near the lagoon on the Mary R for water supply. There are now approx 2200 tps in the area.	
		0830	Enges party to Mary R. to erect tank and pump.	

WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit *29 Inf Bde*

Date and Time.—From *1 Mar* To *31 Mar*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Diary</i>	<i>14 Mar</i>		<i>Remainder of day spent in admin.</i>	
		<i>1200</i>	<i>B. M. returned by car from ROCKHAMPTON</i>	
		<i>2300</i>	<i>L. O. 2 returned by train from Rockhampton.</i>	<i>HEA</i>
<i>Diary</i>	<i>15 Mar</i>	<i>0530</i>	<i>Reville</i>	<i>A fresh, sunny morning. <sup>and</sup> Possibly the usual March break in the weather.</i>
		<i>0820</i>	<i>Church parade conducted by padre of 47 Bn.</i>	
		<i>1000</i>	<i>Staff conference.</i>	
		<i>1145</i>	<i>S. C. &amp; J. O. to Gundiach to inspect proposed site for Bde Amn Dump.</i>	
		<i>1400</i>	<i>B. M., J. O. and L. O. 2 to 42 Bn to pick site for 25* range, hence to GOOTCHIE to pick sites for 42 &amp; 47 Bns for exercise, hence 47 Bn to pick site for 25* range.</i>	
<i>Diary</i>	<i>16 Mar</i>	<i>0530</i>	<i>Reville. P.T.</i>	
		<i>0500-1300</i> <i>1400-1700</i>	<i>Admin and training.</i>	
		<i>1700</i>	<i>Net. 104 I. S. G. O. 7d Wk/Shop arrived and went on to 47 Bn to check pt.</i>	
		<i>2100</i> <i>17 Mar</i>	<i>Staff Capt &amp; Sig. O. left by car for Brisbane.</i>	<i>HEA.</i>

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 29 Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar To 31 Mar

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Diary	17 Mar	0400	S.C., L.O., and Sig Offr left by car for Brisbane.	
		0530	Keveille. P.T.	
		0800	Admn and training.	
		0900	Bde Comd to Shire Hall for lecture and discussion with <sup>H.C.O.s</sup> <del>to</del> offrs of 42 Bn.	Same exercise as set to offrs + H.C.O.s of 42 Bn
		1300	Maj. Grottridge arrived and made arrangements for blood-grouping of personnel of Bde Gp.	
		1400	Admn. and training.	
Diary	18 Mar	1430	Bde Comd to Shire Hall - lecture and discussion.	AEN.
		0530	Keveille. P.T.	
		0630	S.C., L.O., & Sig O. arrived from Brisbane.	
		0815	Admn and training.	
		1040	G.O.C. (Maj. Gen. Durrant) & A.D.C. (Lieut. Nixon-Smith) arrived by car from Brisbane. G.O.C. conferred with Bde Comd	

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UNIT H.Q. 29 Ind Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Mar TO 31 Mar

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
Drais	18 Mar	1100	and visited Water Point. After lunch the G.O.C. & Bde Comd visited 41 & 42 Bns, after which the G.O.C. & A.D.C. returned to Brisbane.	How long will this last?
		1400	Samples for blood grouping taken from all ranks.	
		1615	Swim parade.	
			G.O.C. & A.D.C. returned with Bde Comd, had afternoon tea and then left for Brisbane. About this time also Col. Talbot (N.D.W.S.) and Major Kaffan (N.A.D.S.T.) arrived and conferred with Bde Comd.	
		1900	Chorship began tonight and <sup>at with</sup> all units there was no lack of volunteers to attend to the matter.	A.D.
	19 Mar	0530	Reveille. P.T.	
		0830 -	Adm and Training.	
		1245 -	Swim parade. Adm.	
		1400	Patrol exercise for all ranks not on duty. Four parties got close to the objective (by compass). The remaining two were some hundred yards wide of the mark.	More training in movement at night by compass is needed
		2000	Duty Offr (S.C.) was awakened by call from Brisbane to arrest mail men in uniform from early morning mail train. With personnel of Dep. Pl. he thoroughly searched all the trains - with no result.	Remarks of various personnel concerned were probably unprintable.
	20 Mar	05	Reveille. P.T.	
		0530	I.O. on recce of roads West of Mary H. for next week's exercise with Bde Gp.	
		0800	Bde Comd & L.O.s to 42 Bn. Bde Comd addressed Bn, interviewed potential offrs and held conference with Coy Comds.	
		0830	H.Q. & S.C. to Maryborough.	
		1400	Capt Cahy (Eng) has been laying out 47 Bn camp nearby during the past two days and work has <sup>already</sup> been started by the contractors. Bde Comd had a visit from Senator Brown during the afternoon.	A.D.

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UNIT A.G. 27 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Mar TO 31 Mar

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	21 Mar	0600 0815  1400	<p>Heville. P.T. Draining and Adm. I.O. on road recce in connecting with Pde Exercise next week. Yesterday a member of 11 Hd Amb was drowned <del>in</del> below the Water Pt. and the body not recovered. That meant that the W.P. would have to be shifted. However the body was recovered today.</p> <p>Swim parade.</p>	
	22 Mar	0600 0900 0930 1400 1545 1715  1930	<p>Heville. Church parade. Adm. Pde Comd explained details of next week's exercise to Staff. Pde H.Q. cricket team versus Tiaro (?) Pde Comd and L.O.s to river to watch inter-bn sports. W. Y. brought a flock of invitations to a "Shower" Evening, from a redoubtable local lady. Fortunately (!) we shall be on manoeuvre next week. Apropos of this, there seems to be great stir among the matrimonially minded mothers consequent on the arrival of so many eligible young men in the district. Pde Comd &amp; Staff working out details of exercise. The opportunities for the L.O.s to show their prowess seem to be unlimited.</p>	<p>One fails to see how Talbot from Bundaberg and the girls from Brisbane can be Tiaro residents. The remainder of Pde HQ. were so disgusted with the showing of the top team that a challenge has been issued for a match next Sunday.</p>
	23 Mar	0600 0830 1400  2130	<p>Heville. P.T. Adm. &amp; Reg. Adm. Issue of Anti Gas equipment. I.O. on recce of Netherby Bridge &amp; Rds down from Emery's Bridge. During the afternoon 42 Bn moved out to 11 miles West Tiaro for commencement of exercise. Pde Comd &amp; Staff to 42 Bn. L.O. 2 arrived 2300 and gave his orders from Pde with the information that Tiaro Bridge had been blown; 42 Bn's rations were in Goolbie Area. Bn to cross river and rejoin Pde as soon as possible.</p>	



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UNIT A9 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Mar TO 31 Mar

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	29 Mar	0600	Kerrie. P.V. During the night word came through that Lieut Murphy, Det. Pl. Comd, had been seriously injured in a motor bike accident, while practising night riding. His Sgt, who was riding pillion was also injured but not seriously.	The Bde Gp has been particularly unfortunate in accidental deaths & injuries during the past month - two deaths from road accidents, one from drowning and now "Pete". In the opinion of every one he was one of the best.
		0830	Det. Pl. less one Sec already on Emery's Bridge, moved out to Miva Xing to act as enemy to 42 Pw. Adm. Training. Bde Comd went to Bridge near Yeshelby and caught 42 Pw's water truck, or rather the crew who were having a swim, leaving the truck and themselves unprotected. Result - 42 Pw had only half a tank of water, due to suppositious bullet hole in tank. Bde Comd then contacted A Coy, sent <sup>on</sup> to capture Emery's Bridge and had the Bridge burned just before the Coy arrived, leaving them only Miva Bridge as a means of getting <sup>on</sup> across the Mary R. Bde Comd received back route to Miva Xing and returned to Bde Hq for lunch.	
		1100	Word from Maryborough that Lieut Murphy had died of his injuries.	
		1400	Bde Comd visited A.D.S. established by 42 Pw Amb in rear of 42 Pw then moved down track cleared by 42 Pw to Emery's Bridge. From there to Miva Xing by a track with several thousand gates to Miva Xing, where A Coy had eventually succeeded in capturing the Bridge, after being repelled on a frontal attack. Efforts to locate remainder of 42 Pw led us up a track with one or two less gates than the previous one. The Pw was finally located not far from Emery's Bridge.	
		1900	Dinner in the open was extremely welcome. Bde Comd learned of his selection to attend a demonstration for Senior Comds at Puchapanyal from 30 Mar to 4 April.	
		2300	B.M. & S.C. visited A.S.C. at MIVA - still waiting to deliver rations to 42 Pw.	

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UNIT 49. 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Mar TO 31 Mar.

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	25 Mar	0900	<p>D Coy 47 Bn had adv. from the Bn. biv. area and were in position to attack Enemy's Bn. However it was ruled not possible to take by frontal attack and some time elapsed before a pl. could be sent to cross river some distance away and att. from the rear.</p>	
		1130	<p>Bde Comd visited 42 Bn and addressed troops.</p>	
		1600	<p>During the afternoon the Staff Capt &amp; some of Med. Pl went to Maryborough to attend Lieut Murphy's funeral. The Bde A.S.C. officer (Lieut Faulkner) had another fall from his motor bike <sup>this</sup> yesterday afternoon and this time did not get off so lightly. 17 Stitches were inserted in a gash over his eye.</p>	
		2000	<p>42 &amp; 47 Bns had moved to Gootchie Area and all-in patrolling was carried out during the night. The B.M., S.I., I.O., L.Os 2 &amp; 3 and the I Cpl formed a patrol of five and moved up and down between the Bns with rather negative results.</p>	
	26 Mar	0900	<p>Bde Comd and S.C. visited the Bns and remainder of HQ. which was camped out during the exercise returned to Jiara.</p>	
		1500	<p>Message was recd that owing to presence of 5 Jap Aircraft Carriers and some M.L.C. in the CELEBES attack on AUSTRALIA was imminent!</p>	
		2300	<p>Bde Comd addressed all officers of Bde Gp on 61 Exercise just concluded and lessons to be learnt therefrom (b) the present situation.</p>	
			<p>Bde Comd left by train for Puchapiungyal and Lt Col Paterson became Acting Bde Comd.</p>	
	27 Mar	0600	<p>Reveille. P.T.</p>	
		0830	<p>Adms and Training. During the day the S.O. made a recce for a position for a Mortar and Mr. G. Short. Lieut Simon, W. Comd, arrived to conduct a fortnight's M.V. Course.</p>	
	28 Mar	0600	<p>Reveille. P.T.</p>	
		0830	<p>Adms. Route march for Med. Pl. &amp; remainder of Bde HQ personnel not on duty.</p>	
		1400	<p>Swim parade.</p>	

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UNIT A.G. 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Mar TO 31 Mar

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	29 Mar	0530 0800 0900 1400 1900	Reville. Change back to Standard Time F.O. to vicinity BAUPLE MT to arrange with local residents for mortar and M.H.G. Shoot. Church parade. Cricket match - H.G. rep team v. The Rest. <sup>Hep team</sup> <del>Hep</del> won but not easily.	
	30 Mar	0530 0800 0930 1400 1900	Weather is very hot and dusty during the day at present & cold at night. <del>all.</del> Reville. P.T. Adm & Drg. Acting Bde Comd, S.C., P.O. & L.O.s to Bauple Mt. to watch mortar shoot by 47 Bw. Act Bde Comd & B.M. to Maryborough. The day has been one of the hottest this year.	
	31 Mar	0530 0800 1700	Reville. P.T. Adm and Draining. Another very hot day.	HED HED

*Cam Dawson  
 Lt Col  
 For C/o 29 Inf Bde*

Appdx A.

Original

Field Returns W3008 W3009.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Headquarters, 29 Inf Bde* Unit

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Regiment</i> *	1		
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Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....	2	1	1
Captains .....	2	1	1
Lieutenants .....	1	1	2
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....	4	2	7

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig.	W 9245	LOUGH, T.S.	29 Inf Bde	Yes	
Capt.	2479	MATTEN, W.D.		Yes	
Capt.	225041	MALN, W.G.A.		Yes	
Rank.		ROSTER, H.C.		Yes	

(ii) **OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Rank	W 22007	WRIGHT, T.D.	29 Inf Bde	20.1.42	acting officer
Rank	W 22011	MURPHY, D.C.	29 Inf Bde	20.1.42	acting officer
Rank	W 22016	SMITH, W.H.	29 Inf Bde	20.1.42	acting officer
Rank	W 22024	SMITH, W.H.	29 Inf Bde	20.1.42	acting officer
Rank	W 22025	WATSON, D.	29 Inf Bde	20.1.42	acting officer

H.Q. 29 Inf. Bde  
7 Mar 42  
(Unit.)  
7 Mar 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
H. Condon  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)







## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Headquarters, 29 Inf. Bde. Unit*

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigade</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
Captains	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).







## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Headquarters, 29 Inf Bde, Unit*

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigade</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	7	7	3
Captains	7	7	3
Lieutenants	1	1	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	4	2	7

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).









# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Headquarters, 29th Inf Bde* Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .....			
* .....			
Lieut.-Colonels .....			
Majors .....			
Captains .....			
Lieutenants .....			
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....			
Totals .....			

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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Appdx B.

Original

Part: Routine Orders.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I.

By

Brig. T.S. LOUCH, M.C. - Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 27 Mar, 42.

No.6.

1. LATRINES: Each Bn. will arrange that pioneer and hygiene details visit the M.D.S. to inspect the deep trench latrine system there.

Bns. will then institute such system in their own camp areas.

2. BATHING IN MARY RIVER There will be an officer in charge of each swimming party. Bathing will only take place at such places as are selected and approved by Bn. Comds.

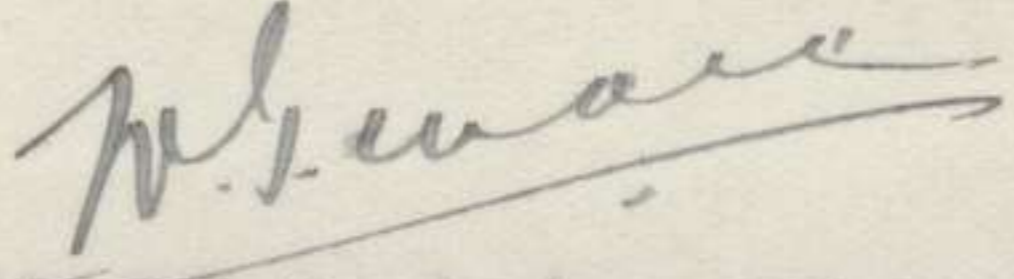
Those members of Units who cannot swim across the river will be classified as non-swimmers and will not be permitted to swim in any part of the river out of their depth.

Bns. will arrange for swimming lessons by competent instructors for non-swimmers as above classified. If Bns. have insufficient instructors, application will be made to Bde. H.Q.

That a man of military age cannot swim, particularly when his Bn. has been camped alongside the sea, usually means that he is water-shy and sensitive about others knowing he is a non-swimmer.

Instructors must therefore be patient and try to instil confidence in the man. In the early stages instruction should be given in shallow water.

There is nothing new in these instructions but in view of the fact that one man, believed to be a fair swimmer, was recently drowned in the river, it is desirable to repeat the existing instructions on the subject.

  
Capt.  
Staff Captain, 29 Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ORDER 7 MAR 1942  
ROUETTE ORDER PART I

by

Brig. F. S. LOUGH, M.C. - Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

Date - 13 Nov. 42.

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1. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

C.D.S. at Maryborough has been closed and sick and casualties will in future be evacuated to A.D.S. on main TIARO - BAWLES Road 3 miles from TIARO.

Unit R.M.Os will telephone 11 Ml. Amb. daily at 0830 to report number of men to be evacuated to A.D.S. and a Motor Ambulance will be sent to collect them. Men being evacuated to A.D.S. will take their rifle, equipment and all personal kit with them.

During manoeuvres R.M.Os. will report to 11 Ml. Amb. location and new Ml. R.A.P. immediately on completion of move. R.M.Os. will arrange for Blue Light treatment at R.A.Ps.

2. ORDERLY BUSINESS

It is not intended to appoint Field Officers or Orderly Medical Officers as a regular routine. From time to time, Unit areas will be inspected by a member of Bde. Staff in company with a Senior Medical Officer from 11 Ml. Amb.

3. TIARO LEAVE AND PIGEON

Ordinary leave will not be granted at Tiaro except on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. On these nights each Bn. will supply a pigeon of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl. and 10 men. Each Bn. in turn will nominate a Captain to command the Pigeon Bn. Details will report to C.C. Pigeon at Tiaro Police Station at 0630 hrs, and remain on duty until the town is clear of troops. 47 Bn. will detail C.C. Pigeon on 14 Nov. and 42 Bn. the following night, and thereafter on leave nights in rotation. Hotels will be cleared of troops at 2000 hrs, and the town by 2300 hrs. Each Bn. will provide two trucks for the use of the pigeon.

The primary duty of the pigeon is to prevent any man from getting into trouble by taking him home immediately he shows signs of becoming a nuisance to himself or the public, or discrediting his Bn. It does not invariably follow that a man sent home by the pigeon need be charged with any offence.

Men must be trained to realise that pigeons are sent to prevent trouble, not to make it.

*W.S.*

*W.S. Lough*  
Capt.  
Staff Capt. 29 Inf. Bde.

Original

Appdx C

Exercises + Admn Arrangements.



WAR DIARY.

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UNIT 29 Inf Bde

DATE AND TIME - FROM 1 Year TO 31 Year

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8/2/20

Source.	Date.	Hour.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks.
	1 Year	0530 0630 0700 1030 1145-1230 1400	Reville. W.C. Church parade } To local churches. Prot. church parade } Swim parade. Lecture to O.R.s on traversing by compass. Compass traverse and plotting by O.R.s. Staff on exercise - O.O. for next weeks exercise with 47 Bn. Bde Comd gave his solution and discussed.	
		1430	L.O. to 47 Bn with further details about exercise.	
	2 Year	0530 0800 1030 0815 0810	Reville. P.T. Route march to URANGAN. Swim parade. I.O. on recc to NIKENSAH for site for Bde HQ during exercise.	
		1400	Bde Comd decided from L.O.'s report on 47 Bn order with march that it would be better to allow them to rest during the day. 47 Bn ordered to march approx half way to HOWARD and continue exercise tomorrow.	
		1430	Def. Pl. left for HAMMOTT'S HILL	
		1430	Sigs. Sec less details left for BURRUM RIVER }	
		1430	Bde Comd on visit to 47 Bn.	
		2215	Bde Comd's lecture to Staff on internal admin, and directions for improvement	
	3 Year	0530 0800 1100 1200 1400	Reville. P.T. Training and admin. Bde Comd gave further talk on filing systems. I.O. & L.O. held Court of Enquiry for disposal of surplus files. Bde Comd to 47 Bn (at Howard) and addressed offrs and N.C.O.s on exercise. Staff on admin.	
			Lieut Graham (Div. L.O.) arrived. He will stay with us during the exercise.	

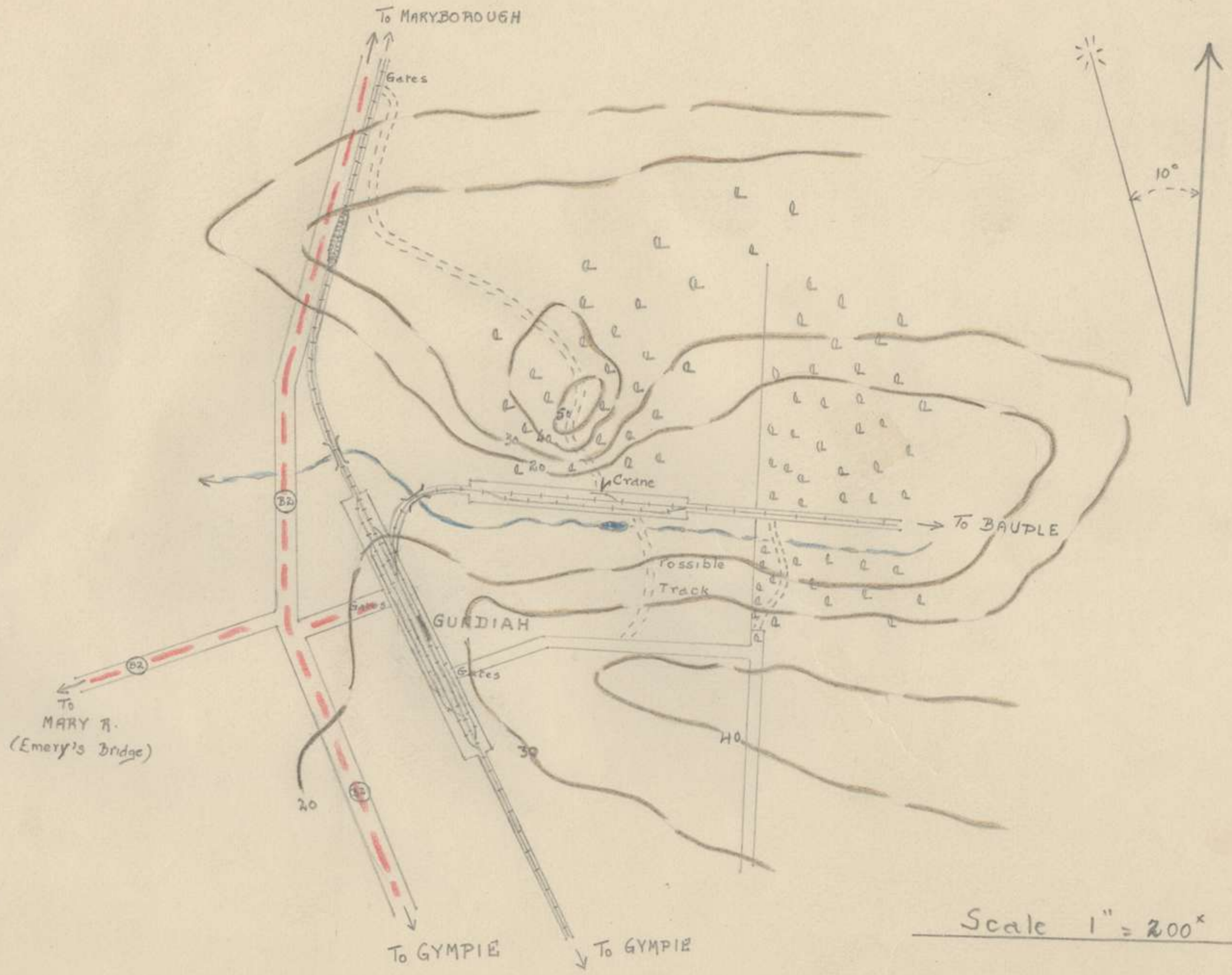
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H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde.  
16 Mar, 42.

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N. Comd.

REPORT ON PROPOSED ANTL. DUMP AT GUNDIAH.

Sketch att.

SITE: Approx. 600 yards East of GUNDIAH RY STA on a light branch line which runs to BAUPLE SUGAR MILL and which is only used during the crushing season. GUNDIAH is 163 m. by rail North from BRISBANE.

ACCESSIBILITY: (a) Rail Trucks can be moved up the line by any types of engines.

(b) Road - Tracks lead to the site (1) From the GUNDIAH - MARYBOROUGH RD through KY GATES  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of GUNDIAH (2) From GUNDIAH - MARYBOROUGH RD through GUNDIAH STA.

COVER: Thick timber on North side of line provides good cover from air and ground observation. A low spur hides the site from GUNDIAH village.

FACILITIES. A crane used for loading cane may be useful. Water for drinking may be obtained from a tank at GUNDIAH Hall.

Water for washing may be obtained from a water-hole nearby. Bush Timber for building of sheds is available in any quantities.

*For* *29*  
Brig.  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

(d) The hotel proprietor at Torbanlea rang Bde. H. Q. four days ago to ask if he should get any extra supplies of beer as he had heard there would be a lot of troops camped there in the next few days. 47 Bn. exercise goes through Torbanlea, but no troops have been camped there.

*Shank*

Brig.,  
Comd. 29 Inf. Bde.

*CS*

S/42/42

Headquarters,  
29 Inf. Bde.,  
4 Mar, 42.

29 INF. BDE. I. REPORT NO. 3.

1. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Own Tps:

- (i) 47 Bn. Route March of 70 miles in 4 days showed that though there were few casualties, the Unit cannot yet be regarded as "tough" enough to stand up to continuous mobile warfare.
- (ii) A few cases of Mumps have occurred in 47 Bn. but as yet there is no evidence of an epidemic.
- (iii) On morning 28 Feb, Bde. H. Q. moved to a bivouac area at SCARNESS.
- (iv) Morale. Generally good in both 42 and 47 Bns.

(b) Enemy Tps:

Nil.

2. TOPOGRAPHY.

(1) Affecting Own Tps:

- (a) Roads in GYMPTIE-BUNDABERG Area are all in good condition but are becoming <sup>dusty</sup> again. All rivers and streams are in normal condition. There is plenty of surface water in depressions allowing cross-country movement away from main streams and waterholes.

3. METEOROLOGY:

The weather has been fine and warm for the past fortnight. Cloud is developing at present but there is no sign of anything more than occasional light showers. Visibility is very good and will probably remain so for some time yet.

4. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Military Information:

The propensity of troops and civilians to gossip about military movements is shown from the following happenings:

- (a) Recently Bde. H. Q. numbering approx. 130 all ranks bivouacked in the bush half a mile from MOOLOOLABAH. A local inhabitant telephoned the owner of the Alexander<sup>rd</sup> Hostel who lives in Brisbane to say that 350 troops were living in his house, and the owner came up on the night train to see what was happening.
- (b) 47 Bn. are bivouacked at the moment in the bush near Howard. Local gossip reported 4,000 troops billeted in Howard.
- (c) For the purposes of an exercise - enemy troops to the number of five or six men are occupying one tent in HIKENBAR Station yard. Local reports say 500 troops camped there.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

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FROM

VAKO

Originator's Number

Int Rep 6

Date

26

In Reply to Number.

due	to	at 0900	KILMIVAN	FROM	9
water	still	good	9	METEOROLOGY	Storms
likely					

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In Reply to Number.

Road	TIARO	GLIMBAR	now	in	good
order	making	possible	move	from	TIARO
WEST	•	VAKO	has	repaired	creek
crossings	and	cleared	tracks	enabling	move
SOUTH	in	dry	weather	along	WEST
bank	MARY	RIVER	•	Roads	very
dusty	•	MARY	RIVER	slightly	muddy

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TO NUMU (2), KIKA, PZBA, ZENA, GODA, VUJO, GUBO, NOLI, War Diary (2), File.

FROM VAKO

Originator's Number  
Ins Rep 6

Date  
26

In Reply to Number.

OPERATIONAL	INT	OWN	TPS	6	VAKO
moved	out	on	Bdc	exercises	Monday
23	Mar	returned	Thursday	26	Mar
6	Noticed	that	while	in	field
sick	parades	practically	NIL	6	Considerable
interference	our	wireless	caused	by	R.A.A.F
stations	wandering	from	frequencies	6	TOPOGRAPHY

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*As written  
hint*

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*By post*

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Original

Intelligence Reports.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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*W. H. King*  
*Luis*  
 for B.M. 29 Inf. Bde.

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42 Bn.	S.C.	For information:
47 Bn.	B.A.S.C.O.	N. Comd. (3)
11 Fd. Amb.	File.	A.D.M.S.
104 Ind. Bde Gp. Workshop Coy.	War Diary (2)	A.D.S. & T.
Brig.	L. Sec. Sigs.	S.O.M.E.
B.M.		D.D. Posts
		Canteen Service.

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B.M.		D.D. Posts
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5. (Ctd) The rifle is still the most accurate of all weapons at short ranges in the hands of a good shot, and it doesn't waste ammunition.
6. Battle sentry duties will be constantly practised. Young soldiers find keeping awake at night one of the most difficult parts of their job. Sentries should always be posted in pairs. Tour of duty two hours, one man of the two being changed every hour. Sentry duties are trying on the nerves, and unless men have had plenty of practice they are apt to be jumpy and disturb everyone for no reason.
7. M.T. will be overhauled after the recent moves. A det. of 104 O.F. Wk/shops will arrive at 47 Bn on Monday 16 Mar and will go on to other units in rotation. 47 Bn. will arrange rations.
8. Vickers Gun training for the immediate future will be designed to produce gunners who can come into action rapidly, recognise and hit their targets and keep their guns firing notwithstanding stoppages. The more technical aspects of Vickers gunnery can be dealt with later.
9. The training of carrier personnel is of the utmost importance, but the vehicles themselves must not be driven any more than is necessary. A carrier is what its name implies - it is neither a tank nor an omnibus. Carriers have a very short life and cannot easily be replaced. They must be nursed for the time when they will be wanted.  
  
The tactical handling of carriers does not appear to be understood. The Bde. Comd. will give a talk and demonstration on this subject to officers and carrier personnel during the week. Further instructions will be issued.
10. Mortar personnel must be given some opportunity of training with carriers. They do not need to ride any distance but should study the problem of loading and packing a mortar and bombs on to the carrier and coming into and out of action rapidly.
11. 42 & 47 Bns will reserve the period from midday 18 March to midday 19 March for an exercise set by Bde. H.Q.
12. C.O. 47 Bn. will arrange training programme for the week ending 21 March, in conformity with these instructions.
13. C.O. 42 Bn. will arrange a similar programme, but will include some of the exercises set out in the training memorandum issued on 2 Feb. particularly those numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12.
14. On Tuesday 17 March, C.O. 42 Bn. will arrange for his men to do a route march under the R.S.M. and N.C.Os. On this day the Bde. Comd. will conduct an exercise for all officers of 42 Bn. on the move of a Bn. with M.T. (morning and afternoon). Further instructions will be issued.
15. Concurrently with training, Units will take any further steps necessary to rid themselves of all impedimenta and luggage that is not authorised W.E., so that real mobility may be achieved. A conference of C.Os. will be held shortly when disposal of surplus gear, camp stores, surplus ammunition will be discussed.
16. Units will reserve the period 23-28 March for Brigade exercises. 11 Fd. Amb. will co-operate. Separate instructions will be issued.
17. The general policy while in this area will be to spend as much time out of camp as possible.

*J. Wood*  
*for*  
B.M. 29 Inf. Bde.

War Diary  
42/20/16.

H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde.  
14 Mar, 42.

42 Bn. (8)  
47 Bn. (8)  
11 Fd. Amb. (2)  
104 Ord. Fd. W/Shops.  
Brig.  
File  
War Diary (2)  
N. Comd. ) For information.  
N. Comd. Base)  
Spares (6)

BRIGADE TRAINING POLICY.

1. 14 - 15 Mar are at disposal of C.O.s for settling into new area, administration, laundry and swimming parades. Church Parades will be held under Unit arrangements on Sunday 15 Mar.
2. Normal week-day training when in camp will comprise 8 hours per day of which  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour may be devoted to swimming, if this can be fitted into the syllabus, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to P.T.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at least two of the eight hours will be worked at night.

Sundays will be devoted to Church Parades, Laundry, swimming, and organised games.

3. All ranks will march at least five miles per day of which three will be over rough going, and two on a good road.

During the latter special attention will be paid to those points of march discipline which make marching easier for everyone, viz. keeping in step, covering off, dressing in threes, uniformity in the slinging of rifles. All marching will be done at ease. Men forget to do these things when not marching at attention, and they must be trained until easy rhythmic marching becomes second nature. Singing and whistling will be encouraged. Smoking will only be permitted at regular halts. The fitting of equipment will be frequently examined, also the state of boots and feet.

During these training marches officers will move in rear of their men and check faults.

4. Night training must not become stereotyped. Every company will spend at least one night a week out on bivouac. Kitchen trucks and cooks will go with their companies and cooking must be done away from camp.

Two sided platoon and section exercises will be arranged. Construction of road blocks will be done in the dark. A "token" road can be cleared through bush country and proper road blocks constructed, which will not interfere with civilian traffic. The practice of erecting only "token" road blocks on existing roads is of little value for training, and consideration must be given to the actual siting of the block.

Compass marching by night will be taught to all ranks. In two sided exercises bayonets will NOT be fixed. Experiments may be made in exercises without rifle or equipment and travelling light. Suitable weapons could be tommy guns and "token" grenades, knives, bike-chains and knob-kerries.

5. Bren training will be carried out to the fullest extent with the guns available.

Rifle traing should occupy some part of every day's programme in camp. Snap aiming, rapid manipulation of the bolt and muscle exercises if carried out regularly will improve the standard of shooting considerably.

18. 104 I.B.G. FD. WK/SHOPS (Ctd) 104 I.B.G. F.W. (less detachment) will remain in BRISBANE until issue of W.E. has been completed. O.C. will report to Bde. H.Q. when unit is ready to move.

19. GENERAL The object of concentrating the Bde. Gp is to enable units to work together under active service conditions. While normally it is the duty of Unit Comdrs and all officers to ensure that their men are made as comfortable as possible, the value of the next few weeks training will be lost unless all ranks accustom themselves to the hardness and discomfort of active service conditions. No attempt must be made, therefore, to improve on the living conditions or arrangements laid down by Bde. H.Q., but within these limits Q.Ms, C.Q.M.Ss, cooks, Hygiene details etc. must do all they can to produce the best possible work under the conditions of life in the field without refrigeration, electric light, permanent water supply, Messes, sanitary services, huts, palliasses, mattresses, mosquito nets beds and floorboards etc.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 29 Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION AND METHOD:

42 Bn. (3) (L.O.)  
47 Bn. (3) (L.O.)  
11 Fd. Amb. (3) (L.O.)  
104 I.B.G. Ord. W/Shops (2) (Post)  
Brig.  
B.M.  
S.C.  
Sigs.  
Bde. Supply Officer  
File  
War Diary (2)  
N. Comd. (3) For information (Post)

10. BATHING & WASHING: No swimming is to take place in the MARY RIVER above the water point. Units will arrange swimming parades as frequently as training programmes permit. Washing is to be done in creeks and waterholes adjacent to camp sites. Men swimming near the water point must not wash soap off their bodies in the river, as otherwise it will become polluted. The tide backs the fresh water up the river.  
Units must arrange that once a week each man is given sufficient hot water to enable him to have a thorough wash. This can best be achieved by Coys etc. taking Soyer stoves down to the vicinity of the nearest water hole or creek and heating the water there.
11. LAUNDRY. Laundry parades should be held regularly and every man should wash his clothes as a drill. When operating under active service conditions, it is not always possible for shirts and shorts to be washed very frequently as they take a considerable time to dry. For this reason men should be trained to wear underclothes which can be rinsed out frequently and with very little trouble. Hot water should be provided once a week for washing clothes.
12. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS Mail will be handled by Field Post Office, which will be established under Bde. arrangements, either at Bde. H.Q. or the D.I.D. whichever is more convenient. Unit postal orderlies will receive incoming mail from the Field Post Office and deliver outgoing mail to the Field Post Office for despatch.
13. PAY. Pay will be drawn in the usual manner under unit arrangements from the Depot Paymaster, Maryborough.
14. CANTEEN. The revision of canteen arrangements to adapt them to active service conditions is under consideration. For the time being, units will follow existing practices as far as possible.
15. AMMUNITION, FIREWORKS ETC. Units will retain in their camp areas their full war establishment of ammunition, bombs, fireworks etc. Arrangements are being made to form a Bde. dump of all surplus ammunition, fireworks etc. including S.A.A. etc. Further instructions regarding this matter will be promulgated.
16. MAPS The only official map of TIARO area is 4 mile to 1", Maryborough Sheet. As soon as possible, Bde. I. Section will supply units other than 47 Bn. with larger scale maps compiled from local information.
17. SURPLUS CAMP STORES As soon as possible after arrival in the area, units will report what camp stores are available for dumping, and present situation, i.e. with the unit, or left at MARYBOROUGH or ROCKHAMPTON, as the case may be.  
Palliasses will be withdrawn. Cooking gear will be reduced to a minimum, and will on no account exceed what can be carried on unit transport at full war establishment. All ranks will retain two blankets only. Forty portable tables and 30 forms per Bn. may be retained for the time being for cooks, orderly rooms, etc. All other tables and forms will be treated as surplus.  
Instructions regarding dumping surplus stores will be issued later.
18. 104 I.B.G. Fd. VE/SHOPS. A detachment of 104 I.B.G.F.U. will report to 47 Bn on Monday 16 Mar. to overhaul its M.T. vehicles and will remain until this work is completed. 47 Bn will ration the party. Detailed arrangements have been made direct by C.O.s concerned.  
On completion of overhaul of 47 Bn. vehicles, the detachment will visit other units in rotation, 42 Bn, 11 Fd Amb. and Bde. H.Q.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - TIARO AREA

1. AREAS. Units will be located in areas already indicated on the ground, as follows:
 

Bde. H.Q.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile E. of TIARO
42 Bn.	3 Miles S.E. TIARO, on side road.
47 Bn.	2 Miles N. TIARO.
11 Fd. Amb.	3 Miles S.E. TIARO on main BAUNLE Rd.
104 I.B.G. Ord W/Shops	- (to be notified later)
  
2. DISPERSAL Units are to be dispersed in Coy etc. groups over a wide area. As far as possible vehicles will be kept close handy to roads. Tents, if erected, must be scattered haphazard and unevenly under trees. No tents or tent flies are to be erected unless they have been already camouflaged.  
Where M.T. has been definitely allotted to Coys, the vehicles should be dispersed in the respective coy areas.
  
3. COMMUNICATIONS. L. Sec. Sigs will run lines to H.Q. 42 and 47 Bns and 11 Fd. Amb. Units will not have independent telephones connected to P.M.G. lines. Outward calls will go through Bde. Exchange and will be reduced to a minimum. No private calls are to be permitted.  
D.R.L.S. service will be established as follows:  
D/R will leave Bde. H.Q. at 0900 hrs and 1700 hrs daily, proceeding to 47 Bn. and thence to other units and return to Bde. H.Q. As far as possible, units will utilise this service for transmission of all routine correspondence with Bde. H.Q. Special D/Rs will not be used except on matters of urgency.
  
4. CORRESPONDENCE. Now that the Bde. Gp has been concentrated, the factor of saving time by direct communication with N. Comd. has been eliminated and Units will cease to address N. Comd. direct (sending copies to this H.Q. for information) except where N. Comd. directly addresses Units. In such cases, the unit concerned will telephone to Bde. H.Q. for directions whether to send a reply through Bde. H.Q. or direct to N. Comd.
  
5. RATIONS For the time being, Bde. Gp Units will be maintained from D.I.D. Maryborough, but D.I.D. will shortly be established at TIARO. As D.I.D. Maryborough has no transport at present to deliver supplies to unit lines, M.T. will be furnished as a temporary measure by Bde. H.Q. Supply Officer will make necessary arrangements.  
The hour for delivery of fresh meat has not yet been decided on. As no unit will have refrigeration facilities all fresh meat must be partly cooked immediately it is received by units, as otherwise in muggy weather it will not keep.
  
6. P.O.L. Units will requisition on D.I.D. in the usual manner.
  
7. WATER R.A.E. Services will provide a water point on the MARY RIVER North of TIARO ROAD BRIDGE, from which units will draw drinking water by unit water trucks. Units will not draw more than 2 gals. per head per day from this source. It is possible that the water point may not be in operation before Saturday 14th March. In this event, further instructions will be issued.
  
8. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS 11 Fd. Amb. will establish a C.D.S. as soon as possible after arrival in TIARO area. Meanwhile units will evacuate to C.D.S. MARYBOROUGH. As soon as C.D.S. is established in TIARO area, C.D.S. at MARYBOROUGH will close, and personnel will rejoin 11 Fd. Amb. under Unit arrangements. C.O. 11 Fd. Amb. will notify R.M.Os and Bde. H.Q. when C.D.S. in TIARO area is ready to operate.
  
9. SANITATION. Trench latrines will be used. Each Coy area should have its own latrine. Pits will be dug at cookhouses for kitchen refuse.



11. MEDICAL R.M.O., det 11 Fd. Amb, and ambulance vehicles will remain neutral. Sick and casualties to C.D.S. MARYBOROUGH
12. ADMN. ARRANGEMENTS BDE. H.Q. Rations for Bd. H.Q. will be delivered to NEWTOWN School and conveyed thence to enemy detachments, Battle H.Q. under Bde. arrangements.
13. NEUTRAL VEHICLES Neutral vehicles conveying water, rations, sick, etc. and umpire's cars will carry a Signal flag and be allowed free passage through all posts, road blocks, etc.
14. PRISONERS Neither side will retain prisoners. They will be released and left in the area where they are captured.
15. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT Army Telephone Cable may be cut, but no damage is to be done to any other equipment, nor will any captured material be removed from the custody of its owner or the place of capture. There must be no interference with P.M.G. telephone lines or poles.
16. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS Bayonets will NOT be fixed during night operations by either side. No person taking part in this exercise will carry ball s.a.a. Violent horseplay must not be permitted.

*J.W. Wright Lieut.*  
S.C. 29 Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 1.     | Director of Exercise. |
| 2 - 13 | 47 Bn.                |
| 14.    | Bde. Supply Officer.  |
| 15-17  | Enemy.                |
| 18-23  | Umpires               |
| 24.    | Bde. T.O.             |
| 25.    | C. Q. M. S. (Bde)     |

For Information

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| 26 - 27 | N. Comd.       |
| 28.     | N. Comd. Base. |
| 29-30   | War Diary.     |
| 31.     | File.          |

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXERCISE.

1. DIRECTION & UMPIRING DIRECTOR - Bde. Comd. UMPIRES - Officers of Bde. H. Q.  
White arm bands will be worn by Director and Umpires.
2. TROOPS TAKING PART IN EXERCISE - 47 Bn (less details left in camp to guard stores etc)  
Battle H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde.  
The action of 47 Bn will be in accordance with orders issued during the exercise by 29 Inf. Bde  
Dress: Fighting order (less respirator) Trousers W.D. and steel helmets.
3. ENEMY. Enemy (comprising troops as under) will be controlled by D.S. so as to bring about certain tactical situations.
  - (a) Detachment of L. Sec. Sigs (representing enemy Sig. detachment and garrison at HOWARD)
  - (b) Defence Pl. 29 Inf. B de (representing enemy A/A dets. and guards on dumps)
  - (c) Details H. Q. 29 Inf. Bde (3 camouflaged 1-ton trucks representing one troop of enemy A.F.Vs.  
Dress: Shorts, blue pullovers felt hats.
4. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY INSTALLATIONS
  - (a) Ammunition and supply dumps will be represented by stockades of saplings.
  - (b) A/A emplacements will be represented by stockades containing a dummy A/A gun.
  - (c) Enemy camp will be represented by camouflaged tents.
5. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE  
Fire of A/A guns will be represented by blanks.  
Fire of L.M.G.s and M.M.Gs by gas rattles. Other fire as described by umpires.
6. ASSEMBLY AND DISPERSAL 47 Bn. moving under Bn. arrangements will be in position indicated to C.O. by L.O. by 1800 hrs. 2 Mar. 29 Bde. Battle H. Q. will be established in the same vicinity by the same time.  
Separate instructions are being issued to troops representing enemy..  
The exercise will conclude on the afternoon of 5 Mar.  
47 Bn. will return to camp on 6 Mar. under Bn. arrangements.
7. MAPS 1" - 1 mile Maps of NIKENBAH area are issued herewith on the scale of one per Officer and Sgt.
8. RATIONS 47 Bn. will arrange with Bde. Supply Officer to split indents for the period of the exercise to cover (a) troops on the exercise and (b) troops remaining in camp. Rations for troops remaining in camp will be delivered by A.A.S.C. to Showgrounds, MARYBOROUGH  
29 Bde. H. Q. will allot necessary transport (neutral) to A.A.S.C. for the purpose of delivering rations daily to troops of 47 Bn. on exercise. Meeting point RD. JUNC. approx 1½ miles South West of HOWARD (Map ref. 714528 @ Sheet BURRUM operational) 47 Bn. to send guides to M.P. by 1530 hrs daily.
9. WATER Water point (Neutral) - HOWARD Railway Tank.
10. PETROL All petrol tanks to be filled before exercise starts. Bn. Petrol Truck to be taken fully loaded with petrol in containers. No further supplies to be drawn from A.A.S.C. during exercise unless absolutely necessary.