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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec To 31 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PALUMA	1	1130	First edition of the "Jungle Times" produced. This is to be a daily newsheet while the Bde is in the PALUMA Area, notes being taken by the I Sgt from the wireless news and edited by Lieut CRAN, P.G.	See Copy att.
"	2	1430	Bde Comd's conference with Staff and CO's units and att offr. Bde Mule and donkey train arrived during the afternoon. Col THOMAS US Army visited the Bde Comd.	
"		3	1400	A flock of war correspondents and photographers visited units during the morning and took notes and photographs of the jungle training
"	1500		Heavy rain from a storm during the night had made things rather sloppy	
"	1945		Col THOMAS, US Army, Maj PEAKE, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 Dvr, AIF, constituting the LHQ Jungle Trg Team arrived. All of the party have had considerable experience in the fighting in New Guinea.	
"	2200		Address by Col THOMAS to Bde Staff, CO's and Coy Comds of units on various aspects of jungle fighting.	
"	4	0830	Mobile picture plant showed programme in 15 Bn area.	
"		0930	Heavy storm broke.	
"		1030	Bde Comd, Col Thomas, Maj Peake and the SC (Capt Windsor) visited units	
"		1400	Pte Arstall returned from Jungle Recce Party and reported progress	
"	4	1800	Bde Comds conference with Staff and CO's of units.	
"		1800	Col Thomas and Maj Peake continued their series of lectures. The NCO's of the Team visited units during the week and gave lectures and demonstrations.	
"	4	1800	Another storm, rain falling heavily most of the night and flooding most of the camp area. The wisdom of sleeping off the ground was certainly shown by this.	
"		1800	The Bde Comd decided to obtain the services of Mr West, a miner from WOLFRAM, and Constable Clay from EWAN, who both know the	

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			country and jungle very well, to accompany the Bde on the following week's exercise and to give advice to tps on living in the jungle.	
			Lieut Cran and Sgt Swanwick were sent to interview Mr West and Constable Clay.	
		2000	During the afternoon HQ practised loading the 4 mules and 3 donkeys allotted for the trek.	
PALUMA	5	0830	IO and party returned from recce and were sent straight to bed. During the previous days the Bde Pack Train had shifted 24,000 lbs of rations to an SP about 5 miles along the blazed track. From infm supplied by IO, Bde Comd decided to carry out his original plan for the exercise next week. Various duties were given to the staff in connection with this and the Bde Comd outlined to COs of units his plan for the week's exercise.	
		1400	Lieut Cran and Sgt Swanwick were sent off in the Jeep to collect Mr West and Constable Clay.	
		1500	Concluding lectures by Col Thomas and Maj Peake.	
BA LUMA-ROLLINGSTONE BLUEWATER	6-11 11		See History of Ops att Most of the day was spent in washing and drying clothes, and cleaning equipment. The Staff had plenty to do with the usual paper that had accumulated during the week. CO's 15 and 42 Bns to see Bde Comd.	
		1600	Maj-Gen Milford arrived and had a short conference with the Brig	
		1830	Lieut BATY turned on a five to celebrate his small win in a Camp Sweep and the Brig introduced the Mess to "dogs-noses" — with later rather drastic results, as every offr on the staff and the rather unfortunate IO of the 47 Aust Inf Bn, went into the creek.	
	12	0130	A storm in the mountains put a small rise in the Creek and those offr's whose tents were on the lower bank woke to find themselves and their belongings swimming, where upon a very hurried evacuation to higher ground took place. Rather ironical after the duckings a few hours earlier.	

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		0900	Bde Comd's conference with Staff and Cos of units, during which the exercise was discussed and the programme for the period till the New Year outlined. It was the Comd's policy to make trg fairly easy for the tps during this period after the strenuous period just experienced, with difficult hard work to keep the lads tough. At least two separate days leave to TOWNSVILLE for the purchasing of Xmas presents was to be granted. Capt Scott (Bde TO) with representayives from each bn was to go to INGHAM which has been comparatively untouched by tps, to see what could be bought there. The period Xmas - New Year was to be a free and easy one for the tps. Tentative plans for Xmas Day were also made, and further plans for the Bde Rodeo and Sports on New Year's Day formed.	
BLUEWATER	13	0900	During the day Lieuts Weight and Sully made a search for Nip and found him rather the worst for wear some miles further down the creek than where he was lost. The Bde Comd had a short salutary talk with the 39 members of D Company 42 Bn who had deserted in the jungle and asked them as men and soldiers to do the trip with those personnel of the Bde who for various reasons had not made the first trek. All accepted.	
		1000	Lieut Whitehouse, ICE called to discuss plans for aerial recce of the GULF country with Bde Comd and Lt-Col DAVIDSON, who is making the trip. We were able to get much very useful infm from Lieut Whitehouse, who is a geologist and knows the area intimately.	
BLUEWATER	13	1200	Capt RUSTON, OC the LAD with 18 Aust Inf Bde arrived to see the Bde Comd, who had known him overseas. Capt Ruston gave us a very interesting account of the MILNE BAY ops and some lessons learnt from them.	
"	14	0815	Col MURRAY and Capt PALMER called regarding reinforcements and offr	AKW
			for the 29 Trg Bn.	

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BLUEWATER	15	1400	All personnel of the Bde who had not been through the jungle left embussed for PALUMA under comd of the BM (Maj OLIVER) to do the course.	
		1030 1900	Bde Comd attended a conference at HQ 5 Aust Div A small party incl Lieut Weight and the IOs of 42 and 47 Bns (Lieuts Whyte and Sharpley) left to blaze a new track from ROLLINGSTONE to the old path ^{under the IO and} road ^{is} behind MT CIRCLE VIEW.	
"	16		A few of the Staff digging with much enthusiasm produced a large number of over-size scorpions from a few sq yds in the vicinity of the offrs tents. Div Amenities Offr (Lieut Thompson) called and introduced Lt FLETCHER, the new Bde AO. Div Concert Party arrived. Concerts will be given in HQ Area Thursday and Friday nights.	
"	17	1045 2100	Maj-Gen MILFORD and Maj-Gen BOASE (MGS-FAA) to see Bde Comd, leaving before lunch. IO and party arrived from Jungle Recce, not having completed the job.	
"	18	1400	HQ fishing party met with some success, bringing back 40-50 lbs of fish, mainly barramundi. The Bde Comd sent a barramundi to the GOC as a gentle reminder that we do catch fish sometimes.	
"	18	1500	AA & QMG (Lt-Col NORRIS) and CRE (Lt-Col ROUTLY) called to see the Bde Comd. Jungle party under the BM returned after a successful trip.	
"	19	0900	Capt Reynold and Capt Jenks of 29 LRRP reported to Bde Comd and gave a brief account of the trip and the progress of the report.	
"	20	2000 0830	Capt Mack (former SC) who has been at FAA Junior Staff School was interviewed by the Bde Comd and returned to duty with 47 Bn Education Offr exhibited some education films. Bde Comd to 5 Div to see GOC.	<i>NEW</i>

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BLUEWATER	20		Another HQ fishing party was not quite so successful as the last.	
"	21	0930	Bde Comd's conference with COs, QMs, TOs and RMOs of units and BM, SC and TO. The following is a precis of matters discussed. (1) Provision of requisite number of long sleeved shirts and trousers. These to be tied and dyed green (tied for camouflage effect). Boots to be in good condition and dulled (by use of neatsfoot oil and dubbin). (2) Mosquito nets to be used as a drill. This to be enforced. Every man to wear long trousers and long sleeved shirts for the evening meal and after. (3) Equipment to be properly fitted. (4) A rigid inspection of cooks, cookhouses etc to be maintained for the prevention of dysentery (5) Kits to be reduced to the correct battle scale and the surplus sent to the kit store. (6) Strict attention to personal hygiene to be maintained. (7) All personnel of the Bde to do 14 mile route marches on Thurs and Fri of this week.	
		1030	Bde Comd gave the gist of the above instns to the staff.	
		1200	G1 5 Aust Div (Lt-Col Daly) to see Bde Comd. Lt-Col Routley (CRE 5 Div) calld and remained most of the after-noon with the Bde Comd.	
"	22	0930	Bde Comd's conference with Staff	
		1000	Party from Bde HQ on 14 mile route march.	
"	23	0021	Air raid warning red	
		0040	Air rail green. No actual raid. No infm available.	
		0900	Long trousers and long sleeved shirts sent in for dyeing green. Capt James 27 ASC Coy relieved Capt Faulkner BASCO, who is going to No. 16 Supply Course, GEELONG, and then on leave.	
"	24		Remainder of HQ personnel granted town leave. The great event of the day was the effort put up by Minnie the foxie in producing six pups	<i>HEW</i>

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BLUEWATER	24		Mobile picture unit showed during the evening.	
"	25		Christmas Day - no reveille	
"		1030	Offrs of all bns attended morning tea at offr's mess.	
"		1100	GOC, G1 and ADC called on Bde Comd, departed 1130 hrs.	
"		1230	Christmas Dinner, a fine performance being made by the cooks of all messes. Menu: Ham, poultry, roast beef, baked potatoes, peas, spinach, salad, helly, fruit salad, ice cream, free beer. 312 LAD dined at Q Mess. HQ Offrs went around the tables at Q and Sigs Messes.	
"	26		Heavy rain during the morning and showers during the afternoon. Kit inspection was postponed.	
"	27		This is probably the most important day yet in the history of the Bde.	
"		0900	The Bde Comd held a conference with unit comds, BM and SC.	
"		0930	The Bde Comd left for Div where a Z message (from Gen Sir Thomas Blaney) had arrived. This was to indicate that 29 Aust Inf Bd would be prepared to move to MILNE BAY . The Bde was to be brought immediately up to WE, tropical scale, at the expense of the remainder of the Div. This hits 5 Div hard as it leaves only the remnants of one Inf Bde (11 Bde) and some Div tps. The previous plan was that 29 Bde was to move to an as yet undecided area, followed by Div HQ followed by 11 Bde.	
"		1350 - 1500	Bde Comd's conference with COs and Staff. Orders were given ref the packing and despatch of personal kits to the kit store at CHARTERS TOWERS , the return of issue surplus to tropical scale to Ordnance, the completion of the dyeing of clothing and webbing, preparation for the arrival of reinforcements from 11 Bde etc. The packing of a complete kit, tropical scale, was demonstrated.	
"	28	2000	Capt Chance Sig Offr, returned from School and leave.	
"		0730	Staff Capt (1) and BOWO left for ADOS 5 Div to make arrangements	<i>AW</i>

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BLUEWATER	28	0730	to procure all ordnance stores necessary to bring the Bde up to WE. Also boxes to pack stores for the trip.	
		0830	Parade at which packing of tropical kit was demonstrated. Surplus kits were packed during the day and stacked ready for despatch. Webbing was sent off to be dyed.	
		2000	The day had been intensely hot and "muggy". At this hour a violent storm broke and torrential rain flooded the whole Bde area. In HQ area the Q store was flooded and some of the stacked kits were soaked. All creeks between BLUEWATER and TOWNSVILLE rose rapidly and for some time were over the bridges. BLACK R and BOHLE R both remained up till early morning, cutting off traffic, the BOHLE till 1300 hrs next day.	
"	29	0600	Train from CAIRNS with reinforcements arrived at ARGEA. Bde Comd addressed and welcomed most of the personnel. Personnel were given a hot drink and then despatched to the various units. Maj WRIGHT, OC Draft Conducting Personnel was quartered at HQ.	
		1000	Bde Comd to 15 Bn to address the reinforcements.	
		1550	GOC 5 Div to see Bde Comd. It was indicated that the probable date of departure of the first of the two flights of the Bde would be 4 or 5 Jan 42.	
		1930	Conference of SC with Adjts and Orderly Room Sgts of units.	
		30	0730	Surplus kits were despatched to Kit Store at CHARTERS TOWERS
0830	Bde Comd's conference with COs of units, BM, SC and TO.			
0930	AA & QMG 5 Div (Lt-Col Norris) called to see SC.			
1600	G1 5 Div (Lt-Col Daly) to see Bde Comd, with the news that HQ 5 Div is also to move to MILNE BAY			
"	31		Lt-Col AMIES returned to 15 Bn this afternoon, having been recalled from leave.	
		0800	Bde Comd to a conference at Div, returning at 1200 with the Div LO 1, Maj Watch. Generally a very busy day. Since the receipt of advice that the Bde is at last to move to a battle area, the task of bringing the Bde to Tropical Scale WE has kept all personnel	AKW

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BLUEWATER	31		<p>particularly busy. Matters have been complicated by the absence of personnel on leave (return being delayed by floods between BOWEN and AYR).</p> <p>The end of the year sees 29 Aust Inf Bde at last on the eve of operations. Possibly no Bde has had more trg before going into action and though we are not bound for an area where active ops are in progress, it is an area that the Japs must reduce before doing anything with MORESBY or the MAINLAND. Any respite we are given will be extremely valuable for further jungle training.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>HW</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPENDICES</p> <p>A. HISTORY OF OPS 6-12 Dec.</p> <p>B. MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>C. ROUTINE ORDERS</p> <p>D. FORMS W3008 & W3009</p> <p>E. OLD SECRET FILES</p>
			<p><i>R. F. Walsh</i> Brig Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde</p>	

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HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
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29 AUST INF BDE GP JUNGLE TRAINING

EXERCISE 6 - 12 DEC 42

HISTORY OF OPS

Ref maps: PALUMA RANGE SPECIAL 1" to 1 m: ROLLINGSTONE TEMPORARY
1" to 1 m. THORNTON GAP SPECIAL 1" to 1 m.

Date History

28 Nov On this date the following units came under cmd for jungle training to be carried out in the general area PALUMA - ROLLINGSTONE - 17 Aust Fd Regt, 101 Aust A Tk Regt less two btys, 7 Fd Amb, 11 Fd Coy, 2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy. At a conference on 24 Nov the Bde Comd, Brig R.F. Monaghan, had given the assembled unit comds an outline of the first week's training and a forecast of the second week. The general plan was as follows:

The first week was to be devoted to training from static areas, vicinity PALUMA, the Arty and A/Tk being att to the inf units for inf trg after daily maintenance of their guns. The Engrs and Amb were kept under the Bde Comd's hand. During this week also, the Pack Tpt Coy were to move up their mules and donkeys from ROLLINGSTONE and establish SPs at PALUMA and in the jungle.

The second week was to be devoted to an exercise with a tactical background. An enemy force was envisaged vicinity ROLLINGSTONE and the MOTOR ROAD to PALUMA blown by sabotage. The Bde Gp was to move across country and destroy the enemy force.

Att to the Bde Gp during the first week, for instructional purposes, was an LHQ Jungle Trg Team consisting of Col THOMAS (USAFIA) Maj Peake, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 Dvr (AIF) This party had had actual experience of ops along the KOKODA TRACK and at MILNE BAY.

A party from 197 Coast Artillery (USAFIA) comprising Lieut J. Cooper and 4 Sgts, was also attached for experience.

29 Nov For the purpose of exploring the general area PALUMA - ROLLINGSTONE, and reconnoitring and blazing a suitable route for the Inf Bns to follow to a Dispersal area behind MT CIRCLE VIEW map ref 344105, a party of 14 under Bde IO, Lieut H.E. Dexter, was despatched to PALUMA with rations for 5 days.

30 Nov At 0430, the Bde Gp commenced moving embussed up the MOTOR ROAD to biv areas (see Trace 1 att).

1 Dec- Jungle Trg from biv areas. SP1 was established at PALUMA
5 Dec and SP 2 in the jungle at map ref 283140. The Pack Train shifted to SP2 rations for 6 days (2 days tinned and 4 days emergency dehydrated). Cable was also run from PALUMA Telephone Exchange to a mile past SP 2 along the track blazed by Lieut Dexter.

1 Dec The mules and donkeys for Bde HQ were loaded on a truck at ROLLINGSTONE and taken up the RANGE. The remainder of the Pack Train was droved up.

4 Dec Lieut Dexter and party returned. From infm supplied by this recce, the Bde Comd decided to proceed with his original plan, which is outlined hereunder. (See Trace 2 att).

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4 Dec (a) to envelop the enemy force vicinity ROLLINGSTONE. the inf bns plus Bde HQ were to move in line along the Blazed Track ~~from 6~~ behind MT CIRCLE VIEW squares 3309 and 3409. From here 47 Bn was to move down ROLLINGSTONE CK GORGE (WEST BRANCH) 42 Bn along the high RIDGE North of ROLLINGSTONE GORGE and 15 Bn along the high ground alongside OLLERA GORGE. Bde HQ was to move in rear 42 Bn. Comn was by land line, reeled out by leading bn, to PALUMA Exchange and by No.11 Wireless Sets packed in on mules. Rations were to be carried as follows:

- 6 Dec - unexpended portion on the man.
 - 7, 8, 9 Dec - collected on man at SP2 (1 Day tinned, 2 days ~~emergency dehydrated~~)
 - 10, 11, 12 Dec on mules and donkeys (1 day tinned and 2 days emergency dehydrated)
- Tpt for blankets and cable was supplied by mules and donkeys from 2 Aust Pack Coy.

(b) To prevent the enemy from driving towards TOWNSVILLE, all carriers and A/Tk guns were grouped under comd Capt H. McDonald, 42 Bn, and despatched via GILL'S TRACK - THORNTON GAP to block the ROLLINGSTONE-TOWNSVILLE HIGHWAY. Comn by No.11 Wireless Set. This track had been reported as almost impassable.

(c) To support the inf, the arty were ordered to take guns via the WOLFRAM TRACK to vicinity OLLERA CK. The task of getting guns along this track appeared almost insuperable but the arty people indicated they could get them through and were given all available Engrs to assist.

(d) To assist 15 Bn to find the best route down OLLERA valley, ~~the~~ the services of Mr. West, a miner from WOLFRAM FIELD, were secured.

(e) To give tps advice in living off the country, Constable Clay from EWAN, who knows NTH QUEENSLAND intimately, was able to move with the inf for the first day.

(f) Not being necessary in the tactical picture, A Ech tpt was to be moved back to camp areas on first day via the MOTOR ROAD.

6 Dec Order of March was - 47 Bn, 15 Bn, 42 Bn. The leading bn crossed the start line at ROAD and TRACK JUNC map ref 248163 at 0800 hrs. Rain had fallen often during the previous week and was coming down steadily now. The track was, from the passage of pack tpt to SP2, rather a quagmire. Thus conditions were very similar to those in NEW GUINEA. The G.O.C., 5 Aust Div arrived at 0730 hrs and with the Bde Comd witnessed the start. Some trouble was experienced and some congestion caused getting 47 Bn A Ech MT on to the MOTOR ROAD but in actual ops they would not have moved. Col Thomas and Maj PEAKE accompanied the Bde Comd and IO into the jungle at 0815 but returned after covering several miles. It was noted that during halts tps tended to bunch on the tracks instead of moving into the jungle. The Bde Comd explained the danger of this as he moved by.

At SP2 rations as above were picked up and the Bde Comd moved on ahead of 47 Bn and picked a spot for Bde HQ (see trace att.). Rain was still falling steadily and the IO's efforts to light a fire from damp twigs and the Brig's letter proved rather futile. However, Constable Clay came to light and produced one with three matches, wood shavings and interpolation of "Start it Little, Brigadier". The bns settled down for the night, 47 ahead and 15 and 42 behind HQ. During the trip from SP2 the mule carrying the N No. 11 set, fell and gave the set a nasty jolt but it still worked. Actually the set suffered four jolts during the exercise but very fortunately none impaired seriously its efficiency - fortunately because line comn to PALUMA was impossible owing to breaks. Line comn was in fact bad during the whole exercise and the lesson learned was that the line must be laid at least six feet from the track.

Bde HQ consisted, at this stage, of Bde Comd, S.C. (Capt Windsor) IO also acting as BM, Lieuts Cran and Baty (LOs), Lieut Warman (SigO) Lieut Cooper (197 Coast Arty), Capt Mann (7 Fd Amb), Lieut Webb (LO from 11 Bde), Capt Kershaw (11F_A Coy). The BM (Maj Oliver) returned

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6 Dec (Cont.) to B Ech to attend to the innumerable details connected with a trg camp.

Efforts to build shelters for the night from ground sheets and jungle material were not very successful, resulting in disturbed nights from the numerous leaks. Blankets were rather sodden and this in fact, made the trg problem difficult as the added weight of wet blankets and other material made the load of the animals double what was intended. The problem was overcome by carrying blankets on the man, but it was evident that blankets are unnecessary if fires can be maintained. The small extra comfort provided by blankets cannot be compared with the lessening of fatigue caused by the lightening of the load.

Map references of Bn locations were, even at this stage, sadly out. Possibly the inaccuracy of the ROLLINGSTONE Sheet had a little to do with this, but even when working on the contoured PALUMA Sheet the inaccurate estimations of distance travelled, and of locations, were astounding. At only two points during the whole trip was it possible to check locations by resection and even then some presumably well trained officers and NCOs refused to accept the evidence of the compass. It is evident that normal methods of distance judging cannot be used in close and rugged country of the nature traversed and the only possible method is to judge distance by time plus the nature of the "going". It would be better to indicate that places are so many hrs apart than so many miles. This again depends on the size of the party, e.g. a bn moving along a blazed track and having to clear a 6' "tunnel" for pack trg moves at a much slower rate than a party carrying its own supplies.

Heights also were invariably overestimated, mainly due to the fatigue caused by clambering through dense thickets of lawyer vine and the uneven and usually rocky surface.

In connection again with distance judging, some personnel made their estimations by the amount of sig cable reeled out, apparently NOT making allowance for "slack" which takes up at least 30% and for the fact that a drum of the DR cable used will carry only 4/5 of a mile.

The range of vision in the jungle is rarely more than 40 yds, often only 5 yds. The only accurate means of establishing position is to climb trees and get bearings on prominent features. Jungle trees are very high and difficult to climb owing to branches not spreading till some 40-50 feet from the ground. Therefore it is suggested that climbing irons be carried as an essential by all bodies, particularly recce and blazing parties.. It has been found by recce parties trying to follow a divide that the invariable tendency is to follow a subsidiary feature running off at the same height and in the same general direction, the main divide usually dipping in a sharp saddle. A quick look from a tree can obviate much unnecessary fatigue and time lost.

It was found that the compass, though regarded by some as useless weight, was most valuable. With an overcast sky and a visibility of 10 yards, direction is easily lost and the compass is the only means of keeping direction.

Camp was made at 1500 hrs and generally throughout the exercise at 1530 hrs. This gave four hours of daylight in which to prepare the night bivouac and though this period can be shortened when the situation demands it was found generally necessary to allow preparations for a reasonable degree of comfort and protection from the incessant rain. Units, by the end of the exercise had reached a high degree of skill in the utilizing of natural resources in the construction of shelters. Sections, etc., organised themselves so that immediately on the halt each man had his own job to do, - collecting firewood, lighting the fire, cutting palm fronds, preparing the meal, filling the water bottles, etc.

Water proved to be the least of worries on the exercise as even the heads of re-entrants were running, but in drier weather descents of 500' into gorges have to be made. The carrying of an empty 2 gal can or similar large container may be a nuisance during movement but obviates unnecessary trips with water bottles at night.

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6 Dec Cont. Great difficulty was experienced in keeping maps, documents and matches dry, as the individual was many times completely wet even with the protection of a ground sheet or cape. Pack bags on mules were NO protection and though keeping folded maps in a message book (AAB 155) inside the shirt was partly successful, a small waterproof container in the form of a valise is considered essential. Oiled silk (aeroplane fabric) covered with rubber dope is suggested for experiment.

Leeches though abundant and a nuisance, were of course not dangerous and individuals soon learnt to make frequent examinations of themselves and remove them before they could make an incision. Short puttees proved invaluable in keeping the leeches out, though an occasional one did get through the folds. Those that got under clothes unnoticed made some nasty holes and provided some amusing incidents. The IO and one or two others feared they were ruined for a day or so. Care should always be taken that the bites do not become infected from other causes. Two methods of removing leeches tried successfully were (a) by the application of a lighted match (b) by the application of salt. Scrub ticks are, of course, much more dangerous and though they were not abundant and NO serious incidents occurred, a pair of forceps and a little kerosene or petrol is not much extra burden to carry in a small medical kit. The forceps are also valuable for extracting thorns.

Stinging trees were not abundant and no serious mishaps occurred through them, though one or two personnel did suffer through brushing lightly against the leaves. The sticking plaster remedy was, unfortunately, not tried, nor the application of moistened fungus from rotting trees. The only other remedy was to leave the affected part severely alone, on no account scratching it. This worked fairly well and the pain disappeared in about 8 hrs though the affected area itched for some days afterwards. After a sting on the elbow a slight paralysant effect was noticed and a small lump came in the armpit.

The long trailing "catsclaw" tendrils, and the barbs on the fronds of the lawyer palm caused a network of scratches and rips on the hands, arms, necks and faces of recce and cutting parties. These tend to fester and some antiseptic should be carried and applied to them.

It was found that the addition of salt to the water bottle had ~~va~~ varying effects on the individual, sometimes very surprising in the lessening of fatigue.

A message that Div had authorized a rum issue arrived during the evening.

The Brig decided that in view of the extra weight the animals were carrying, the emergency tinned rations should be consumed first.

It was found during the exercise that the mules generally stood up to the work better than the donkeys, due probably to the fact that mules are scavengers and good "doers". The donkeys, however, were much more tractable.

7 Dec March resumed, 15 Bn leading past HQ 0800 hrs, followed by Bde HQ, 42 bn, 47 bn. The IO and a small party went on ahead to reconnoitre shorter and easier tracks to avoid crossing deep gorges, and succeeded in eliminating three during the morning. During the midday halt (1150 to 1300) the CO 15 bn (Lt-Col AMIES) and LO (Lt Cavanagh) succeeded in discovering a saddle that eliminated the deepest of all gorges on the route. Halt was made at 1530 hrs (see trace). Constable Clay had returned to Ewan but Lt Cran took on the job of fire bug and soon produced a large fire for the party. Bde comd took on the shelter building project and with the aid of a fallen log, a ground sheet and palm leaves produced a rainproof one for himself and IO. This was extended to accommodate the SC and two LOs and gave the party a needed and ~~ease~~ comfortable nights rest.

Orders for the morning were - Order of march unchanged - Starting time 0830 - COs of units to report to Bde Comd and move forward to a View Pt several miles in advance to discuss and receive orders for the remainder of the exercise.

The Bde Comd decided to push on himself next day after the conference, to attend to various urgent matters at B Ech and to have a look at the efforts of the Arty to get guns down the WOLFRAM FIELD track. The party, to consist of IO, Lieuts Cran and Baty, a cutting party of 4 from 42 bn and 2 ORs from HQ. Capt Windsor was to be left i/c remainder

Date	History
7 Dec Cont.	of Bde HQ. Also to go with the Brig's party was a donkey to carry rations.
8 Dec	<p>At 0345 hrs the Bde Comd's party moved forward some miles, not quite to the View Pt owing to the IO trying to discover a saddle, and losing some time (see trace). The Bde Comd's orders incl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Bns to move in present order to a dispersal area vicinity squares 3110 and 3210. (b) 15 bn to retrace and move down OLLERA valley. (c) 47 bn to follow 42 bn along the high ground N of ROLLINGSTONE CK (West branch). <p>The tactical background, always slight, was now discarded, as the exercise was designed as a test and proof to the Bde of stamina, and endurance of poor conditions.</p> <p>Orders were also given for the arrest and confinement in the FPC of 39 personnel of 42 bn who had deserted during the night and gone back to camp.</p> <p>Lieuts Cran and Baty caught up at this stage, having had trouble in securing the donkey from 15 bn. However, a little further along, a long rocky spur was encountered that the pack animals would not be able to negotiate. The Brig decided that the remaining rations should be carried on the man and the pack team sent back to ROLLINGSTONE. Also that Sigs and remaining ORs of HQ should move back to camp. The SC and att offrs were to travel in rear of 42 bn.</p> <p>The carrying of 4 days rations was no great hardship as these now consisted of 1 day tinned and 3 days emergency dehydrated.</p> <p>Bde Comd, IO and 2 of the cutting party now set out ahead, the remainder going back with the Comd's orders.</p> <p>Lieuts Cran and Baty and party caught up during the afternoon and camp was made on a small plateau covered with oak trees and grass (see trace).</p> <p>It was very pleasant to camp in the open after being so long in the jungle.</p> <p>From the plateau MT. CIRCLE VIEW could be seen very plainly, and a long vista down OLLERA GORGE, thus establishing the position. The party then had high hopes of finding the main divide and working out along the high ground behind CIRCLE VIEW the next day or early the following one. As it happens the camp was made on an old blaze that runs up the OLLERA GORGE, climbs onto the main divide, follows it for some distance and then swings slightly West into the STAR BASIN.</p> <p>This camp was a good one, practically free from leeches and the night promised to be fine. However rain fell as usual and nobody had very much sleep. Lieut Cran spent most of the night cooking the dehydrated M & V and with a little more practice he might make a good housewife.</p>
9 Dec	<p>Leaving at 0700 the Brig and IO got a little off the track and first struck the 15 bn bivouac but headed onto the divide and followed the blazed trail. This, unfortunately, soon ran down a spur into the head waters of the CLOUDY and for a while the party had difficulty in trying to establish the flow of a maze of small streams which ran in "S" bends in a flat, very close area. Eventually a compass course was followed which took the party on to feature 2400' in square 3308. The jungle in this area was the thickest yet encountered and progress was painfully slow. The party now tried to find the Main Divide which separates the OLLERA and STAR waters, but after following three spurs which broke suddenly into steep descents into what looked like a major gorge running approx North and South, gave it up in disgust, and eventually clambered down a re-entrant spur into a large stream running WEST (see trace). Moving East up this the party camped at a point 338082. Amazingly enough the night was almost fine, and although beds were made on boulder-strewn ground, some solid sleep was got in.</p> <p>During the day the Bns moved about generally in the area of feature 2400'. 15 bn retraced the Northern slopes of MT CIRCLE VIEW and found the spur that runs Nth from square 3511 very precipitous, bare and rocky with a razor-edge top. 15 bn then decided to follow generally the line of OLLERA GORGE from the plateau and spent the night not</p>

Date History

9 Dec Cont. far from FORD 356166. 42 bn and 47 bn spent the night on the top of feature 2400' (see trace).
Lieut Warman's party with the mules moved back from vicinity VIEW POINT and turning along the WOLFRAM FIELD track, got as far as LITTLE SALTWATER CK.

10 Dec The Bde Comd's party moved off at 0700 and struck generally East, crossed the head of ROLLINGSTONE CK (West Branch) and then swinging down a precipitous spur into ROLLINGSTONE GORGE. It was decided to follow the dangerous route down the gorge instead of climbing to the Spur North of the gorge, with the possibility of again being side tracked. The stream drops over 2000' in 5000 yards and there were many ticklish problems in negotiating waterfalls. The torrent had to be crossed many times and in places was waist deep. In addition to the danger of slipping on rocks in the bed of the stream, continuous rain had made the boulders at the sides very greasy. However, the trip was accomplished without mishap, except for a few painful bruises. Nip, the Bde Comd's dog, who had followed faithfully throughout the whole trip, and suffered many cuts and scratches and bruised paws, refused to cross the stream at one point and was left, the party thinking he would follow down the other side. At this stage the country on the right bank had flattened out and the Bde Comd, being somewhat ahead, moved out on this side and increased his lead while the remainder of the party crossed the stream. The party arrived at the end of TRACK 407083 at 1530 hrs but the Bde Comd had recrossed the stream, struck good going and continued right on to the MAIN ROAD, where he picked up a passing van and was back in camp before the others had begun to wonder where he was. The GOC and AIMS (Col Lovell) and Capt Stevens had been waiting to see the Bde Comd but proceeded to B Ech and saw him there. The remainder of the party returned to camp at 2000 hrs and made short work of a very excellent meal.

The Bde TO was, at this time having difficulty in extracting 42 and 47 bn MT from boggy ground half way along the ROLLINGSTONE CK track.

Lieut Warman and party moved down the WOLFRAM FIELD Track and were in camp by 1600 hrs.

15 bn moved down OLLERA, picked up tpt past the FORD and were in camp by 1400 hrs.

42 bn moved down OLLERA, picked up tpt early next morning and were in camp by 0600/11

47 bn, after vainly trying to find the DIVIDE between OLLERA and STAR waters, decided to follow 42, and camped the night vicinity of the PLATEAU.

Capt Winsor's party moved ahead of 42 bn and returned to camp at midnight.

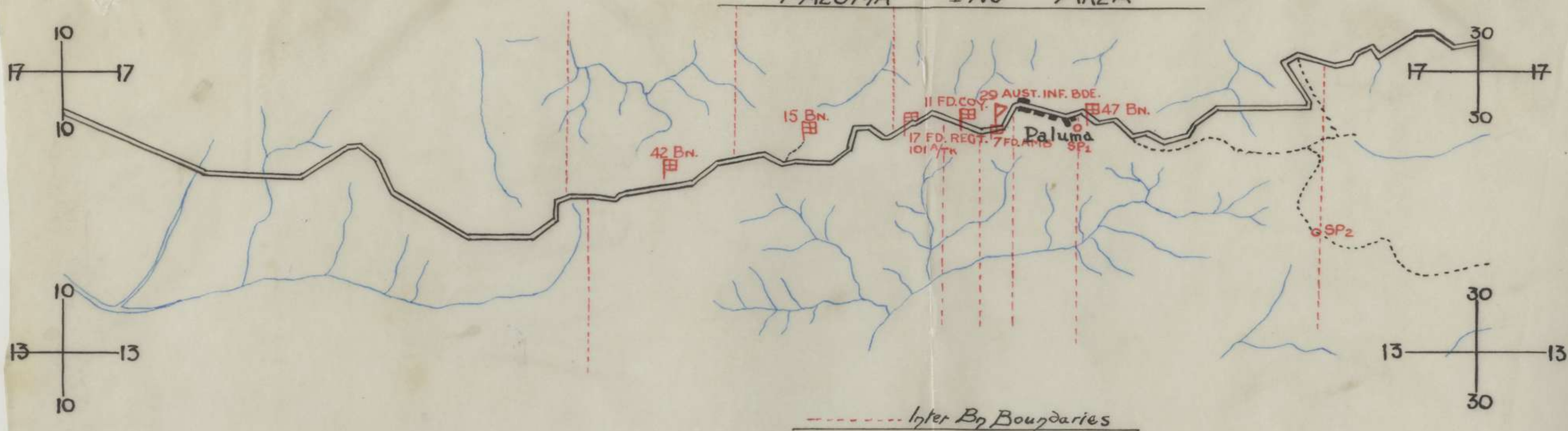
11 Dec 47 bn moved down OLLERA and was in camp by 1630 hrs.

CONCLUSION : The exercise was designed

- (a) To test the stamina and fitness of the Bde. The fact of NO casualties is sufficient evidence of that, as conditions could hardly have been more difficult.
- (b) To give the tps pride in their physical fitness. This was amply demonstrated by the bearing of every man who went through the show.
- (c) To consolidate the lessons already learnt in jungle trg. This was certainly done and many new ones learned.

It was shown that unless a track or blazed trail exists, a unit cannot, in this type of country, be expected to find its way to a point by a fixed time and date. Ample time for recon is essential.

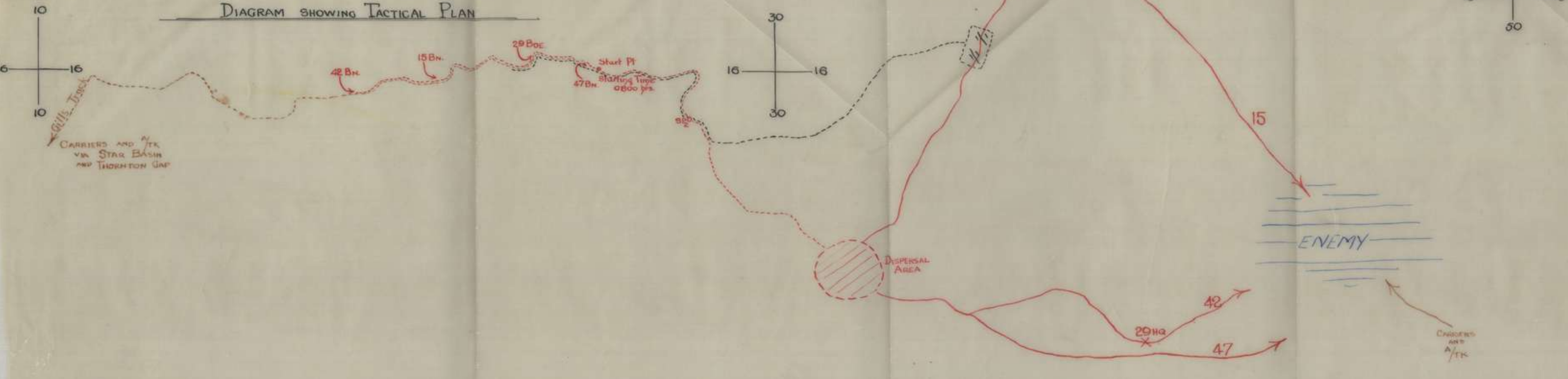
BIV DISPOSITIONS
PALUMA TRNG AREA



----- Inter Bn Boundaries

Ref. Map Rollingsstone Temp
1" to 1 mile

DIAGRAM SHOWING TACTICAL PLAN



Ref Maps Rollingstone Temp 1" to 2 mile
Paluma Special

----- Arty
..... Inf
----- Carriers & A/TK

UNIT ROUTES

EXERCISE 6-11 Dec 42

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LEGEND

- - - - - ROUTE 29 BDE
- 42 BN
- 47 BN
- ROUTE 15 BN.
- ■ ■ ■ ■ CAMPING PTS
- ▲ DATE

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REF MAPS ROLLINGSTONE TEMP 1" TO 1 MILE
PALUMA SPECIAL " " "

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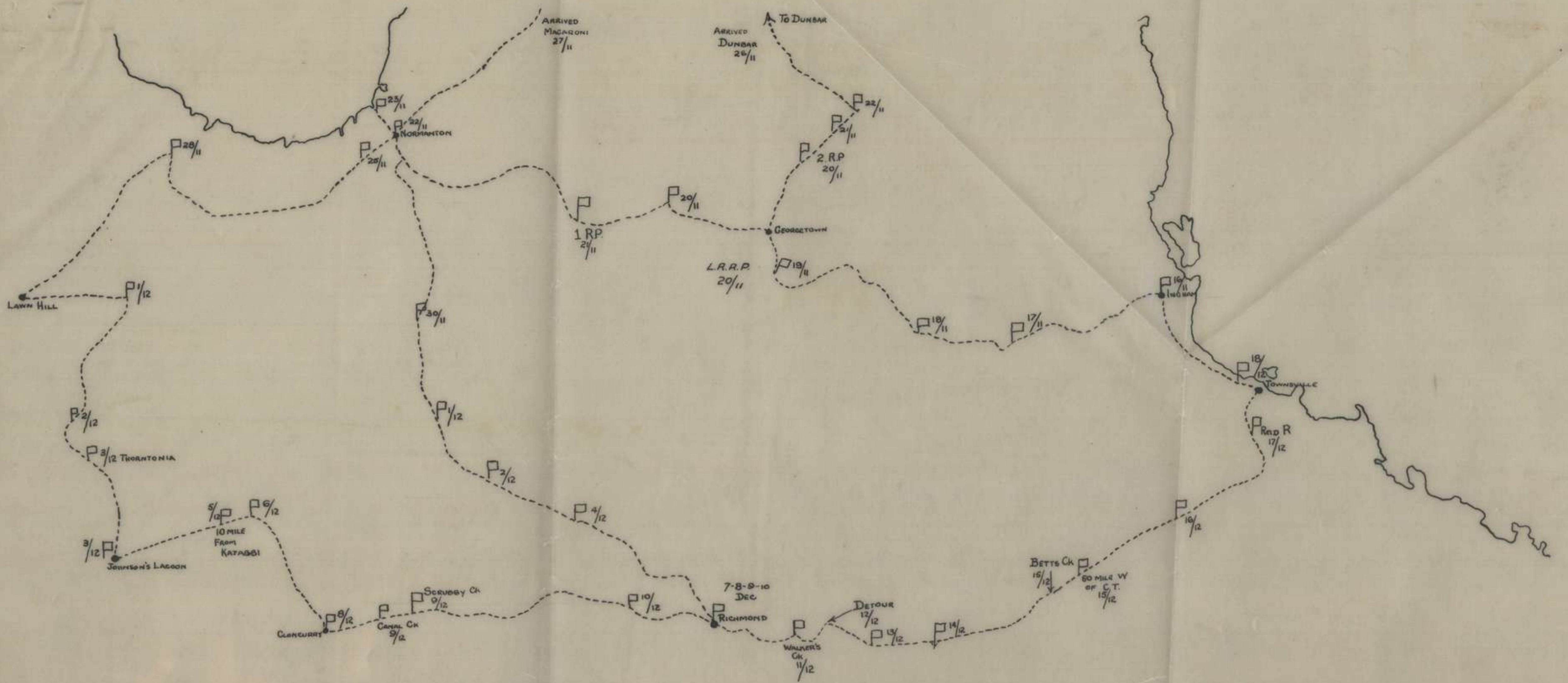
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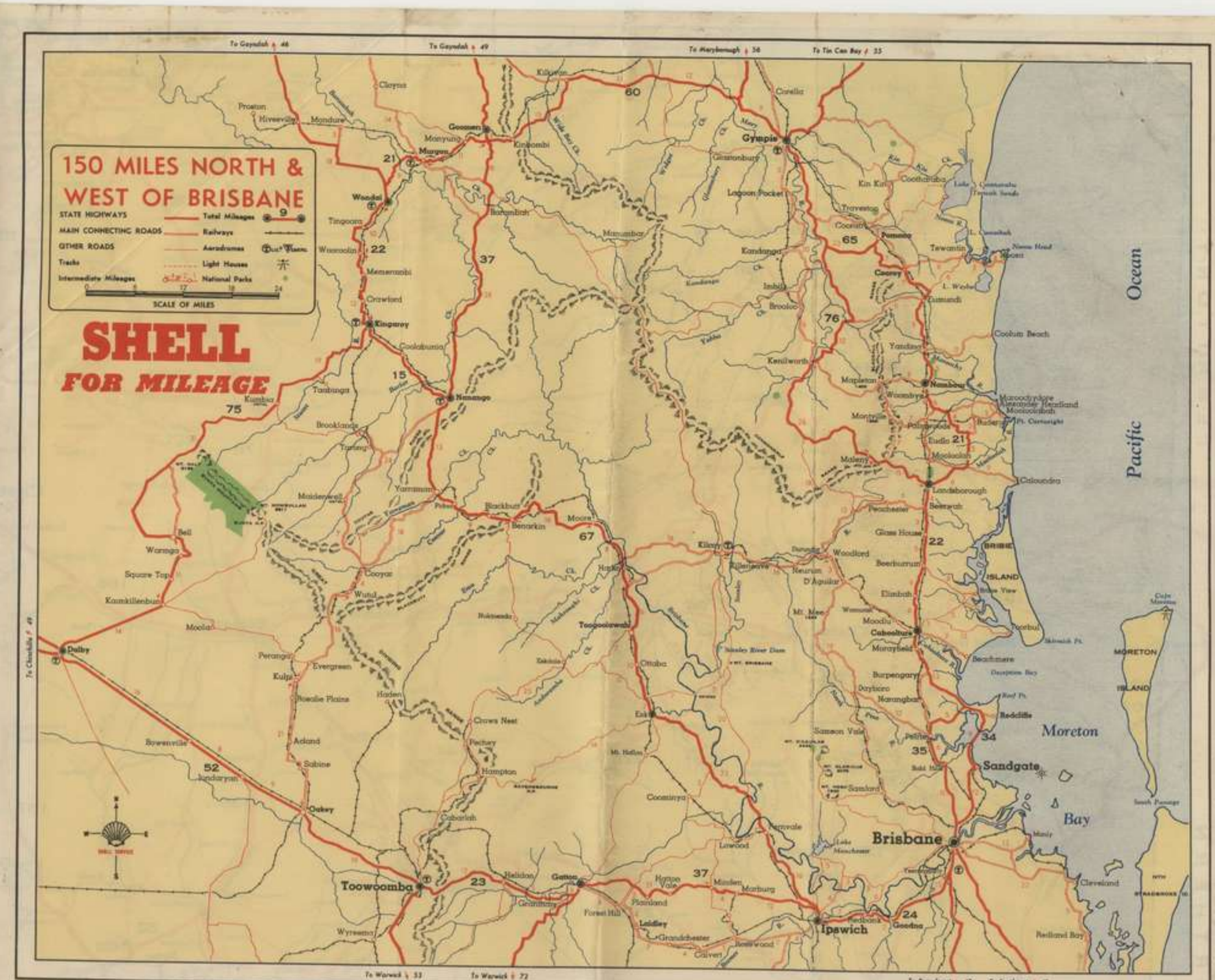
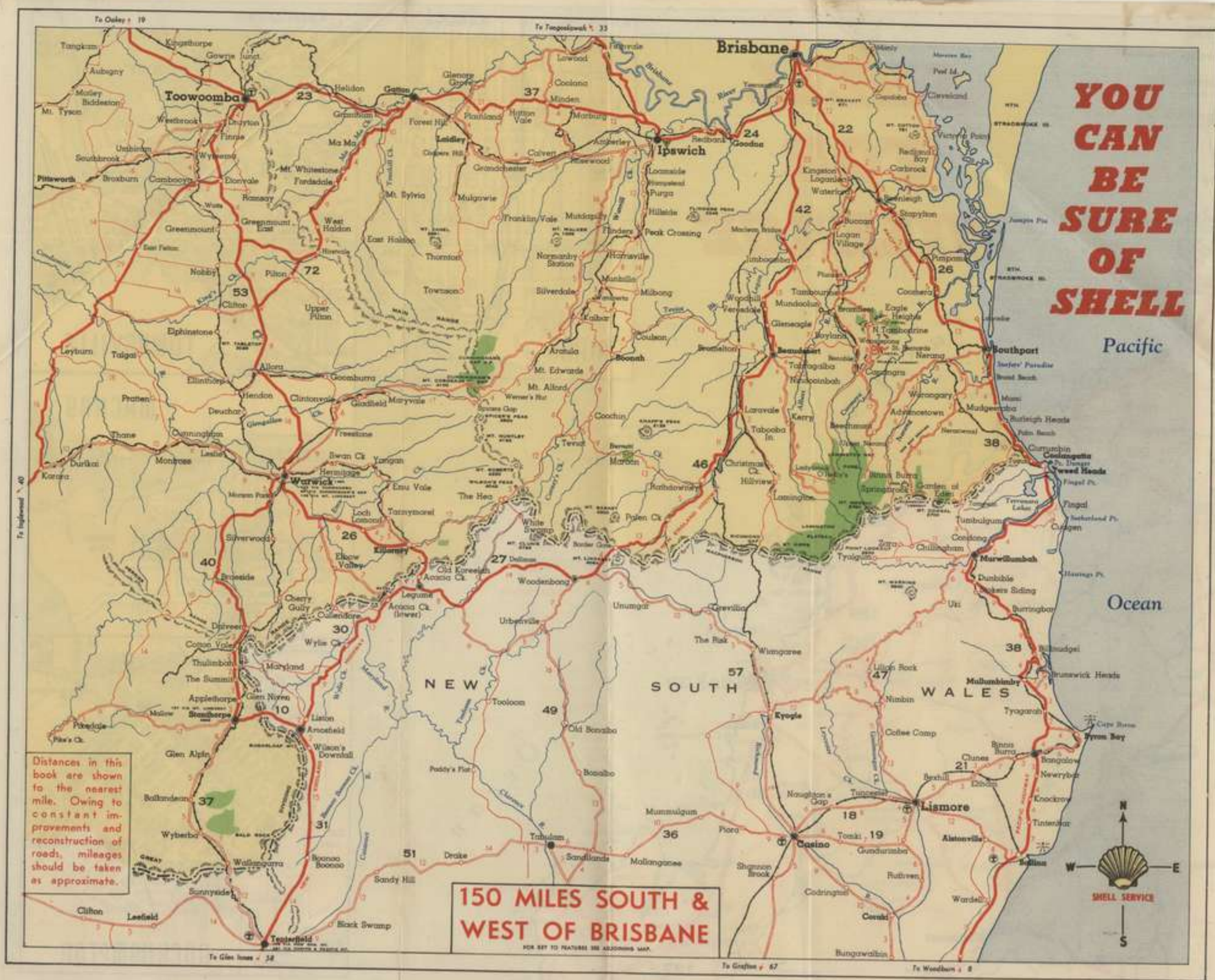
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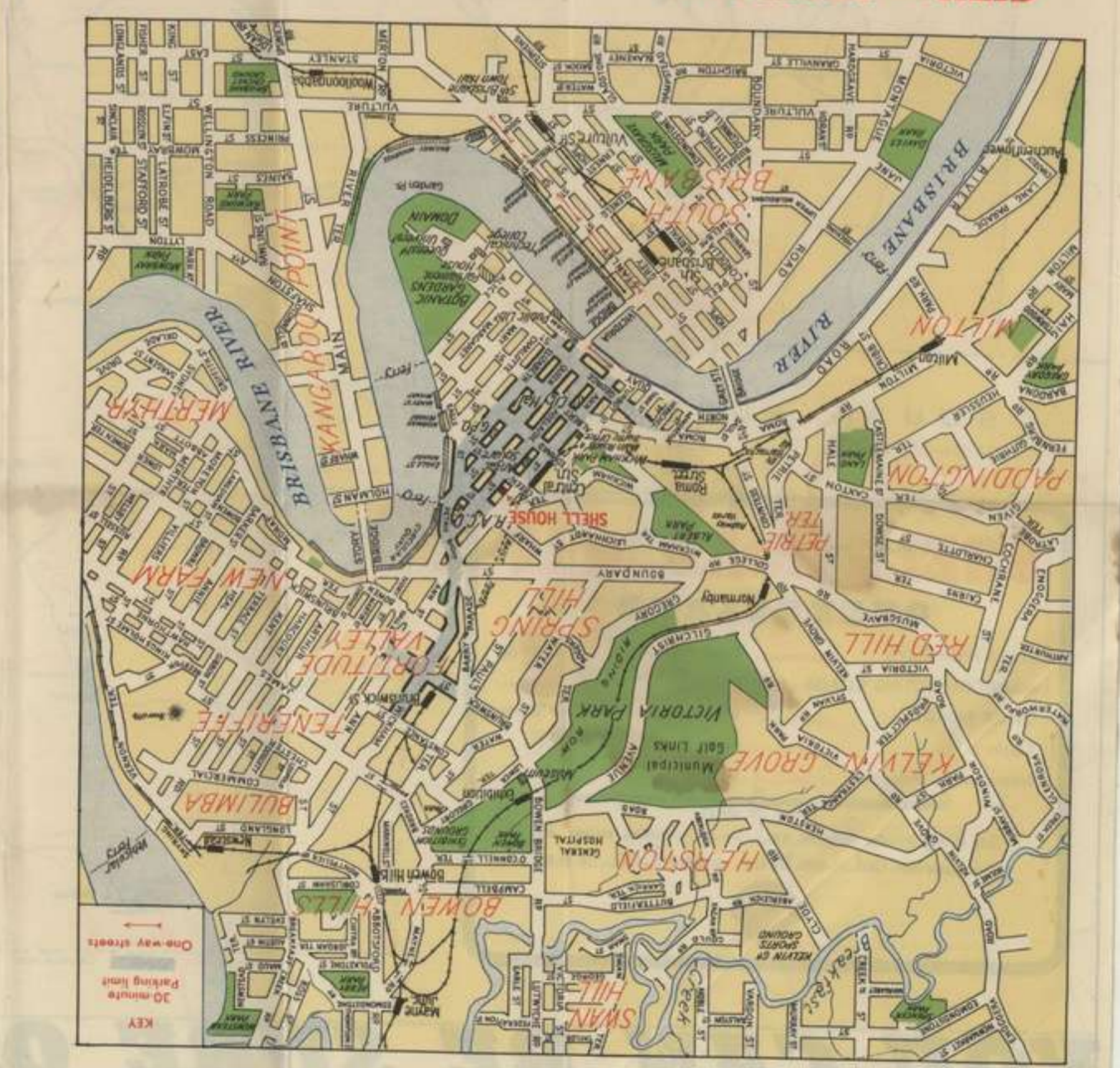


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- SUGGESTED TOURS**
1. **City View Points** - Bowen Terrace, New Farm, Bartley Hill, Albion, Camp Hill, Mackenzie, Tingalpa, Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and return.
 2. **Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and return.**
 3. **Sandgate, Woody Pt., Redcliffe, and return.**
 4. **Mt. Nebo, Mt. Clontarf, Samford, and return.**
 5. **Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and return.**
 6. **Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and return.**
 7. **Wellington Pt., Cleveland, Victoria Pt., Redland Bay, and return.**
 8. **Lone Pine, Brookfield, Gold Creek.**
- IN AND AROUND BRISBANE**
1. **City View Points** - Bowen Terrace, New Farm, Bartley Hill, Albion, Camp Hill, Mackenzie, Tingalpa, Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and return.
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- RECOMMENDED SCENIC TOURS**
1. **Southern, Burleigh Heads, Coolangubra, and Tweed**
 2. **Tamworth, Mount, Eagle Heights.**
 3. **Canberra, Beckenham, Southport and return.**
 4. **Binn Barre, Lamington National Park**
 5. **Esch, Somerset Dam, Woolford, Mt. Moo, and return.**
 6. **Ipswich, Gatton, Toowoomba, and return.**
 7. **Esch, Somerset Dam, Woolford, Mt. Moo, and return.**
 8. **Caloundra, Marcochydore, Mooloolah, Buderim**



Traffic and Parking Regulations

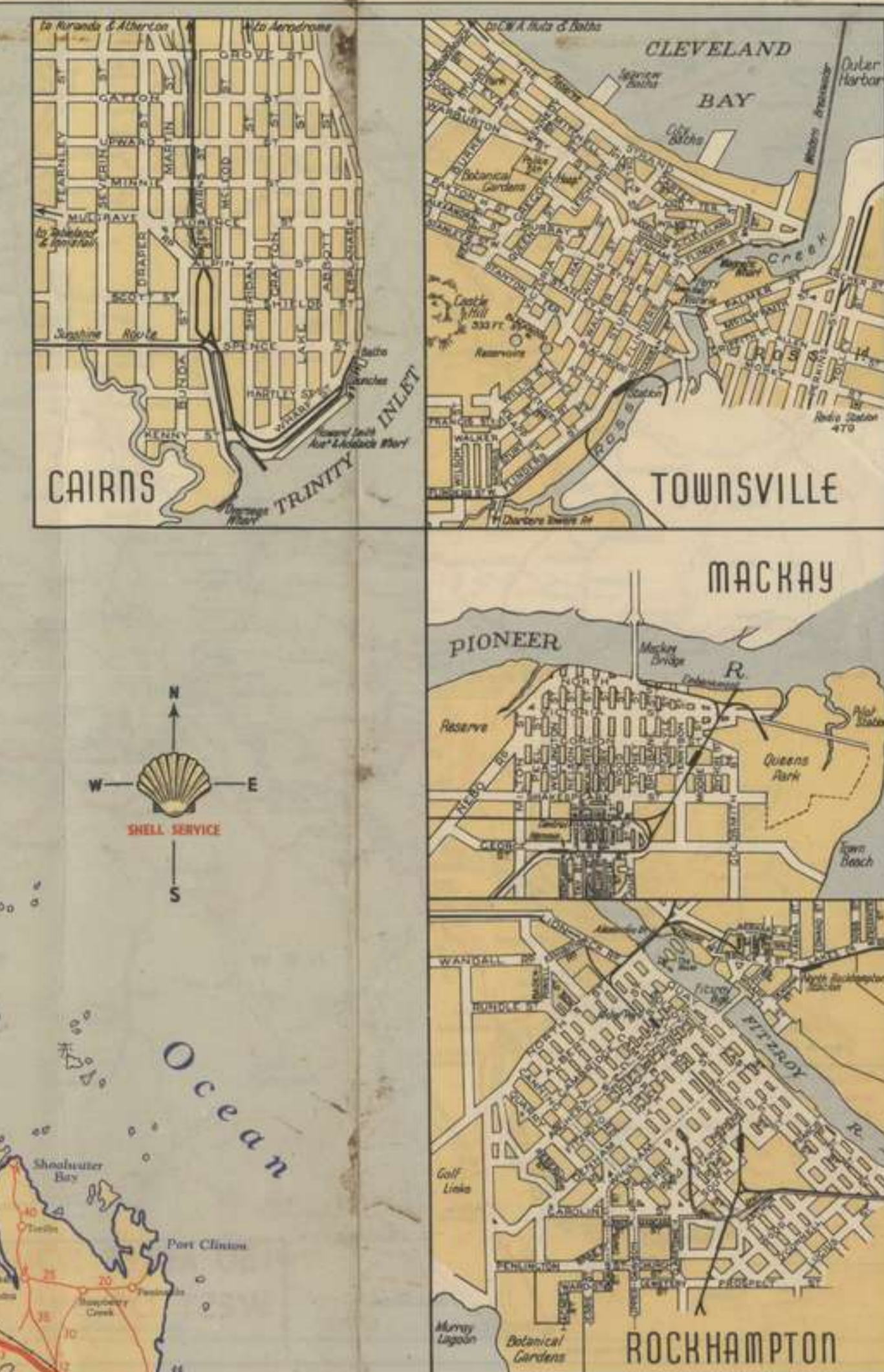
Turning 'U' TURNING—See these [L]. Also prohibited at intersections.

RIGHT-AND LEFT-AND TURNING—At turning intersections between a one-way street and a two-way street, a vehicle may turn right on a red light, and a left turn on a green light, if the vehicle is in the right-hand lane and the driver has given way to any vehicle in the left-hand lane.

STOPPING—A vehicle may stop on a road for any purpose, but it must not be left on the road for more than 10 minutes, unless it is being used for the purpose of loading or unloading goods or passengers, or for the purpose of repairing or maintaining the vehicle.

PEAK HOURS—SUNDAY—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on public holidays).

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**SHELL ROAD MAP
QUEENSLAND**

- STATE HIGHWAYS — Total Mileages
- MAIN CONNECTING ROADS — Railways
- OTHER ROADS — Aerodromes
- Tracks — Light Houses
- Intermediate Mileages — State Forests

SCALE OF MILES
Size of type indicates population, e.g., 24, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000, 1000000.
Popul., under 1000, Gat. 1-5000, War. 5-10,000, Cai. 10-30,000



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Subject: REINFORCEMENTS

15 Aust Inf Bn
42 Aust Inf Bn
47 Aust Inf Bn
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BTO.

1. It is anticipated that the following personnel will arrive ARGEA as shown hereunder:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Place of Arrival</u>
15 Aust Inf Bn	223	0530 hrs 29 Dec	ARGEA RY STA
47 Aust Inf Bn	72	0530 hrs 29 Dec	" " "
42 Aust Inf Bn	130	0530 hrs 29 Dec	" " "
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	11	0530 hrs 29 Dec	" " "

2. Detraining Officer Maj J.A. OLIVER 29 Aust Inf Bde

3. Transport Transport will be provided by units, to report to BTO as under:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Place of Reporting</u>	<u>Time of Reporting</u>	<u>No. of 3-ton or 30 cwt trucks</u>
15 Aust Inf Bn	BLUEWATER NORTHERN BANK	0515 hrs	2 (for carriage of kit bags)
47 Aust Inf Bn	Do.	0515 hrs	6
42 Aust Inf Bn	Do.	0515 hrs	10
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	Do.	0515 hrs	1

4. Supply units will have hot soup available for personnel on arrival at ARGEA STATION.

5. CO's and Coy Comds of units concerned will be present at arrival of trains.

6. Draft conductors will be accommodated by units as under:

15 Aust Inf Bn	4 Offrs	6 ORs
47 Aust Inf Bn	3 " "	7 " "
42 Aust Inf Bn	3 " "	7 " "

7. It is emphasised, once more, that special attention must be paid to the reception of these reinforcements, who are arriving due to special circumstances and it must be ensured that they are settled happily.

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Maj
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde.

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BTO

Subject : SPECIAL DUTIES - OBSERVATION POSTS



HQ 5 Aust Div
7 Dec 42
G1711

29 Aust Inf Bde
2 Aust Cav Regt
RAA 5 Aust Div

Copy to
11 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref 5 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 35 of 18 Nov 42.

STRENGTH

1. The suggested strength of each Observation Post at CASTLE HILL, MT MARLOW and DINGO HILL is 1 NCO and 5 OR.

DUTIES

2. In addition to any duties laid down by formations or units maintaining these Observation Posts, the following tasks are to be carried out:-

- (a) Maintenance of continuous watch.
- (b) Reporting as per 5 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 35
 - (i) Any unusual incidents or activity e.g. flares, rockets, firing, objects at sea, movement on land, etc, with compass bearing, estimated distance, etc.
 - (ii) Only aircraft as required by 3 FS.
 - (iii) Only shipping which comes within category (b)(i).
- (c) Preparedness to man AALMG at CASTLE HILL.
- (d) Care that no unauthorised person approaches Observation Post or camping area.
- (e) Confiscation of any camera being used or suspected of being used from CASTLE HILL unless the possessor has requisite authority. In case of doubt, this authority can be checked by a telephone ring to G3(I) 5 Aust Div.
- (f) All details referring to the above sub paras will be logged.

EQPT

3. A pair of binoculars have been in use at the CASTLE HILL Observation Post. Each detail manning the Observation Post is responsible for the preservation of these and for handing them over in good condition to the succeeding detail.

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for Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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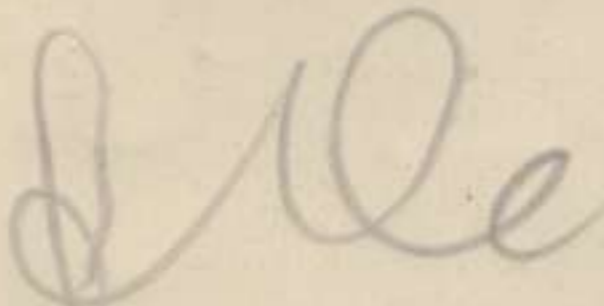
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11 AUSTR. PD. COY.

5 AUSTR. DIV.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 11 AUSTR. PD. COY. 5 AUSTR. DIV.

FOR THE PERIOD

5 DEC. - 11 DEC. 42.

BY *D. Higginson* LIEUT.
11 AUSTR. PD. COY. R.A.M.

REF. MAPS

INGHAM 4 MILES - 1 INCH

TOWNSVILLE 4 MILES - 1 INCH

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15 DEC. 42.

PART ONE

There has been no major change in the disposition of this Coy. for the period under review. A Det of 3 Off's & 29 C.R.'s are still carrying out work in conjunction with the requirements of 29 Aust. Inf. Bde in its period of jungle training. Major Frons attended conference at C.R.S. H.Q. on 11 Dec. 48. Due to very heavy rains falling continuously for this period progress on all work has been held up considerably.

PART TWO1. LOCATION - 11 Aust. Inf. Coy.

IRONAN : H.Q., 1 2 & 3 Secs. less Gats.

MT SPES: Sub Sec. of 11 C.R.'s

MT FOX : Sub Sec. of 6 C.R.'s.

KIRARANA: Sub Sec. of 8 C.R.'s.

PALEMA: Det of 3 Off's & 23 C.R.'s.

DIV. H.Q.: Sub Sec of 10 C.R.'s.

2. OPERATIONS1. DRIVE PREPARATIONS.

Slow progress has been made on all of drive jobs ~~since~~ due to heavy rains falling in the respective areas. Plans for drive points at Kirarana, Mt Spes & Mt Fox are being prepared.

a. KIRARANA DR.

Two 8 hour shifts have been worked on this job for the week and at present only another 4'6" has to be excavated. Trouble was encountered by the entrance of water into the tunnel due to the heavy rains. It is anticipated that No 1 job will be completed by the end of this week.

b. MT FOX.

The length of the shaft is now 18'6" and there is only another 4' left to excavate. Solid granite is still being met with and a fair amount of explosives have to be used. Two 8 hour shifts have been worked but wet weather has seriously hindered the progress of the work. It is anticipated that work will be completed some time this week.

c. MT SPES.

Due to heavy continuous rain little progress was made on this job and a fair amount of water in the drives had to be contended with. Both faces are being worked and debris is still prevalent. A further 7'7" ^{15'4"} is still to be excavated in the left hand drive & 10'4" in the right hand drive. As there is a scarcity of miners available this job will be at least another 3 weeks before being completed. Two 8 hour shifts are being worked.

d. RD CONNE - DIV. H.Q.

A small det of 10 men are constructing the new road through Div. H.Q. and although no report is to hand about the progress made it is assumed that due to heavy rains little work was carried out.

3. OPERATIONS WITH 29 AUST. INF BDE - PALEMA

The water point established for the Bde still continued to supply water as required. On 13 Dec Bde commenced its trek forward to Rollingsstone 1 Eng Off was attached to Bde H.Q. and 3 Off's & 29 C.R.'s were placed under command of Arty. The tasks allotted were to help clear the track by means of explosives - give advice and help on the erection of haulage gear reqd by Arty to haul the gear over the mountainous slopes and to recon for water for the journey. A distance of approx 10 miles was covered up to 11 Dec. It is expected that these men will return to Camp by 14 Dec. 48.

4. TRAINING.

Det at Paluma with 22 Aust Inf Bde has had a good deal of practice and hard work in handling explosives & block & tackle. Only sufficient Personnel to carry out essential camp duties were left in Camp & no training was carried out.

5. METEOROLOGICAL

Heavy rain has fallen during the period and a total of 1034 points were recorded at Ingham P.O. This and the fact of hot trying conditions has tended to slow up progress on all works.

6. INTERCOMMUNICATION

H.Q. 11 Aust. P.O. Coy. - Ingham Ingham Ingham P.O.

Don R every second day to CRE. HQ.

7. DISTRIBUTION.

1 & 2 H.Q. Ingham P.O. Coy. 5 Aust. Div.

3 & 4 War Diary.

✓ 5 22 Aust. Inf Bde.

6 File.

I.O. H.Q. H.A.S. 5 AUSTR. DIV.

Forwarded for your information.

S. H. James Major.
O/C 11 Aust. P.O. Coy. 5 Aust. Div.

117d Coy.

which with $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel bar

Carrier bogged. Nothing can

shift.

at 15th Bw.

Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
15 Dec 42

AERIAL RECON

PROPOSED ITINERARY

of

Lt-Col DAVIDSON - CO 42 Aust Inf Bn

Tuesday 15 Dec	-	GEORGETOWN
Wednesday 16 Dec	-	MITCHELL
Thursday 17 Dec	-	INVERTIGNA
Friday 18 Dec	-	"
Saturday 19 Dec	-	CLONCUNNY
Sunday 20 Dec	-	CAMBOVIAL - ME ISA
Monday 21 Dec	-	GARBUTT

29 INFANTRY BDE
RECEIVED
15 DEC 42
No. / /

*Lt Dexter
Receives Party Bde*

42 AUST INF BDE HQ NO. 3

SECRET
Copy No.
Date:

REF MAPS: ROLLINGSTONE Temp 1 in to 1 ml.
PALUMA RA Temp 1 in to 1 ml.

- INTENT. 1. As per 42 Aust Inf Bn HQ No. 2
- INTENTION. 2. Detail and Recce Party 42 Aust Inf Bn will carry out Jungle Training (Movement) commencing 16 Dec 42.
- METHOD. 3. Detail OC - Lieut. G.S. HARVEY
Personnel as per Appendix "A".
These personnel will report to OC Detail at HQ "D" Coy at 1245 hrs 15 Dec 42.
Detail will be formed into two PIs.
4. ASSEMBLY AREA: PALUMA.
5. S.P: Junc PALUMA RD and OLD PACK TRACK.
6. S.T: 0830 hrs 16 Dec.
7. ROUTE: OLD PACK TRACK - BLAZED TRAIL to OLLERA.
8. MOVEMENT TO ASSEMBLY AREA 15 DEC: Will be advised later.
No movement before 1300 hrs 15 Dec 42. OC Detail will report to Major OLIVER on arrival at Assembly Area.
9. RECCE PARTY: The following recce party will report to Lieut. J. T.J. WYTE at Bn HQ 1730 hrs 15 Dec. Lieut. Whyte with party will report to Lieut. DEXTER at Bde HQ 1830 hrs 15 Dec.
- Sgt. KNIGHT, G.A.
L/Cpl. WELSH, L.
Pte. DYER, T.W.
1 man from "B" Coy.
10. WEAPONS: The following will be carried by "D" Coy personnel - Personal PI weapons. Remainder of Detail - Rifle & Bayonet.
11. AMM: 50 rds per rifle, 500 rds per LMG will be carried.
12. TOOLS: Camp knives will be carried. One shovel per PI will be carried. Shovels will be supplied by "D" Coy.
13. TPT: TO will supply by 1300 hrs to HQ "D" Coy sufficient tpt to convoy detail to Paluma and by 1800 hrs to Bn HQ tpt for recce party to Bde HQ.
14. SUPPLIES: OC Detail will draw from QM and distribute before 1300 hrs one Emergency Dehydrated Ration per man as reserve. Lieut. Whyte will draw similar ration for recce party. Further rations will be drawn as follows:-
By Detail OC:

<u>DRAWN FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>How Carried</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
S.F.	16	Emergency	On man	Drawn 15 Dec
	17	Emergency	On mules	Loaded at
	18	Emergency De-hydrated	do.	PALUMA 16 Dec
	19	do	do	

By Recce Party - As arranged by Lieut. Dexter.

MEALS.

15. Midday Meal 15 Dec - OC's Coys will arrange for Detail personnel to have midday meal 1200 hrs 15 Dec.

Evening Meal 15 Dec - Detail Personnel: OC's Coys will arrange to deliver to OC "D" Coy, rations for evening meal 15 Dec for Detail Personnel. Evening meal for complete detail will be prepared by "D" Coy packed in Hot Boxes and transported to FALUMA by "D" Coy tpt.

Recce Party Personnel: Will have evening meal 1700 hrs. 15 Dec.

16. GENERAL: Dress - As for previous march except that Packs will be carried in lieu of Haversacks and blanket will NOT be taken.

17. JUNGLE TRACK DISCIPLINE: Halts 5 mins to clock $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
10 mins to clock hr.
1150 to 1300 hrs daily.
Marching ceases at 1500 hrs daily.

(Signed) J.F. FRAINEY, Capt.
Adj't 42 Aust Inf Bn.

ACK.

Signed at

Issued by Runner at

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No.	1-5	"A", "B", "C", "D", HQ Coys 1 each.
	6	Comd.
	7-8	QM (2).
	9	TO
	10	RMO
	11	Lieut. G.S. HARVEY
	12	Lieut. J.T.J. WIXTE
	13	Major OLIVER
	14	Lieut. DEXTER.
	15	29 Aust Inf Bde.
	16-17	War Diary (2).
	18	File.

APPENDIX "A".

LIST OF PERSONNEL.

"A" COY.

L/Cpl. MORGAN, H.F.
Pte. DINGWALL, C.C.
" THOMAS, L.J.
" CARSWELL, W.F.
" BUSH, L.V.
" QUINLAN, A.E.
" BARRY, R.T.
" HARTH, F.W.
" FLOREY, E.H.

"B" COY.

L/Up1. BATTAMS, D.P.
" WATTS, C.H.K.
Pte. GIBBS, H.
" DOMEROW, R.
" EDGERTON, A.G.
" CARSON, G.M.
" JONES, L.J.
" RENDELL, S.G.
" HORNE, J.F.
" MCGREGOR, J.B.

"C" COY.

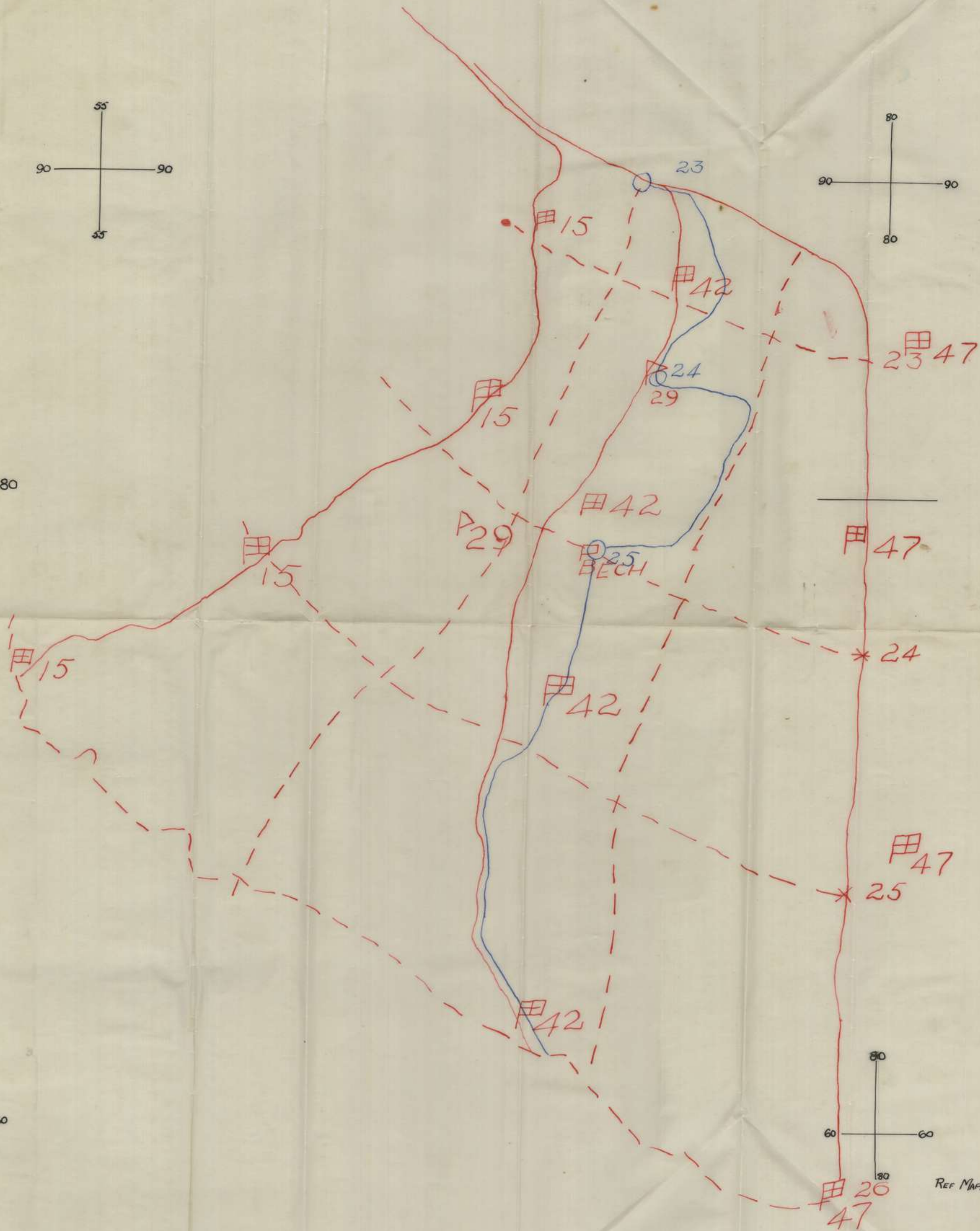
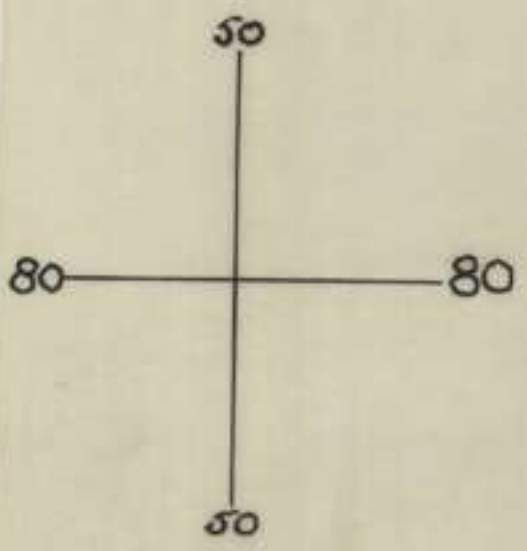
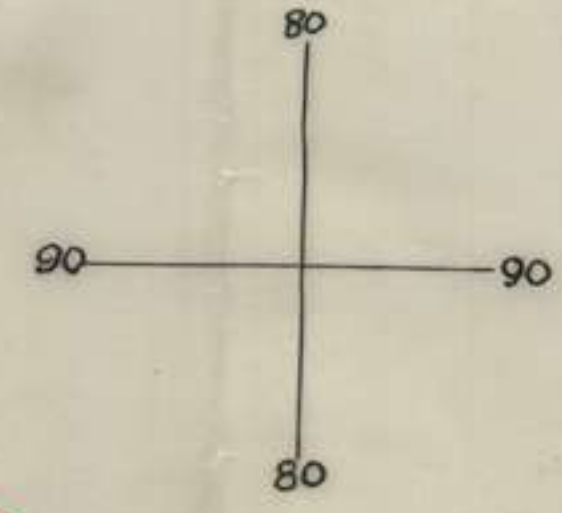
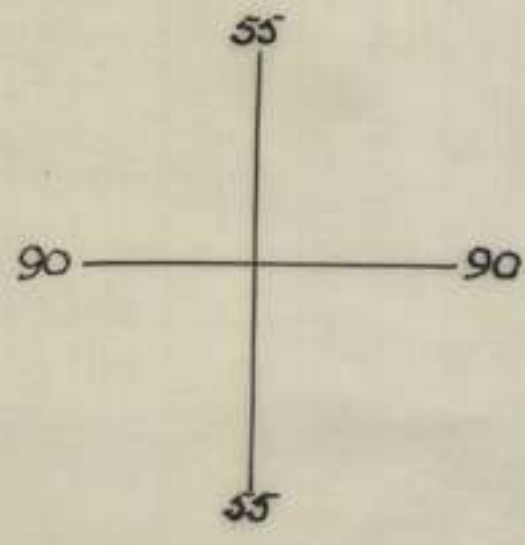
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"D" COY.

Lieut. HARVEY, G.S.
L/Sgt. BODEN, J.D.
A/Cpl. THOMAS, B.M.
A/Cpl. WATKINS, M.J.
L/Cpl. HEALY, T.R.
30 OR.

HQ. COY.

Sgt. THOMASSON, G.W.
Cpl. HOLLAND, L.G.
Pte. MATTHEWS, A.C.
" GREEN, J.
" CASE, M.
" MARSHALL, W.D.
" POULSEN, A.G.
" CLUNES, E.P.
" COUSINS, G.S.
" HIXON, R.



REF MAPS TOWNVILLE SPEC 1" TO 1 MILE
 PALUMA " " " "
 THORNTON GAP " " " "

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29 AUST INF BDE GP OO NO 4

Ref Maps ROLLINGSTONE temp 1"
PALUMA RA temp 1"
THORNTON GAP Spec 1"

INFM

- 1. Indications are that considerable organised subversive activity is centralised in ROLLINGSTONE AREA.
- 2. Due to landslides, which may or may not be sabotage RD PALUMA - MAIN NORTHERN HIGHWAY will be impassable for 14 days.

INTN

- 3. 29 Aust Inf Bde will move in accordance with att march table and OI's

METHOD

Allotment of Tps

4. Inf Gp

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (less all vehs)
 15 Aust Inf Bn } (Less 3, 4 & 5 pls. 1
 42 Aust Inf Bn } and all other vehs)
 47 Aust Inf Bn }
 Det 7 Aust A/B }

5. Arty Gp

Comd - Maj H. CANTOR, (17 Aust Fd Regt)
 17 Aust Fd Regt (less 18 guns and all vehs)
 3 Bty 101. Aust A/Tk Regt (less 11 guns and all vehs)
 Det 11 Aust Fd Coy (less all vehs)

6. Carr Gp

Comd - Capt H. McDONALD (42 Aust Inf Bn)
 CO's Carrs - 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
 Carrs 3 & 4 pls - 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
 No 5 pl - 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
 Det "L" Sec Sigs (one No 11 set)

- 7. 17 Aust Fd Regt will send one FOO with each of 15, 42, and 47 Aust Inf Bns to report 1600 hrs 5 Dec 42.
- 8. Units named in para 4-5-6 will come under comd from 1600 hrs 5 Dec 42.

ADM

- 9. Issued herewith appx D

INTERCOMN

- 10. W/T and L/T
- 11. Sig diagram issued herewith appx E.
- 12. Hrs of Comn
 - (i) L/T - 1200-1300 hrs
1500-0800 hrs
 - (ii) W/T - 1530-1630 hrs thence at 10 mins to hr until 0800 hrs.
- 13. Reports. Location statements to be rendered daily at 1530 hrs.

14. Issued with this order.

- Appx A - March Table
- Appx B - OI Arty Gp
- Appx C - OI Carr Gp
- Appx D - ADM Order
- Appx E - Sig diagram.

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 Maj
 BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

15 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No 1
42 Aust Inf Bn	2
47 Aust Inf Bn	3
17 Aust Fd Regt	4
3 Bty 101 A/Tk Regt	5
Det 11 Aust Fd Coy	6
Det 7 Aust Fd Amb	7
2 Aust Pack Coy	8
Bde Cond	9
BM	10
SC	11
BTO	12
BASCO	13
Lieut J. Cooper	14
Lieut C.B. Webb	15
5 Aust Div (for infm)	16
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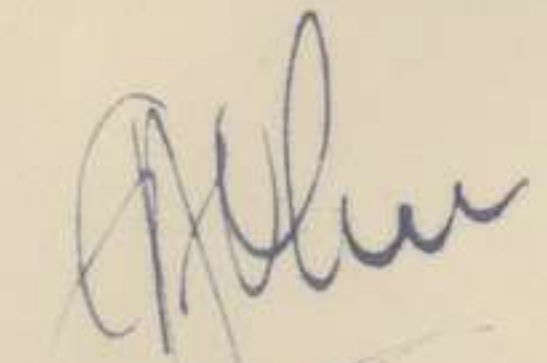
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MOVT TABLE
Appx "A" to 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp 00 No 4

Ser No	Date	Unit	Place From	S.P.	Time Past S.P. Hrs	Route	Numbers				
							Inf Gp			Carr Gp	
							Offrs	ORs	Animals	Offrs	ORs
1	6 Dec 42	47 Aust Inf Bn	PALUMA CIRCUIT RD	JUNG PALUMA RD TRACK	0800	OLD PACK TRACK - BLASED TRAIL - NEW BLASED TRAIL	19	188	20	2	95
2		HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	PALUMA RD		0830	PALUMA RD Thence as above	11	25	9		
3		15 Aust Inf Bn	PALUMA RD		0920	As above	18	501	20	1	74
4		42 Aust Inf Bn	PALUMA RD		1030	As above	18	361	20	2	79
5		Bde Pack Train (less dets as shown para 3 appx D)	PALUMA RD		1140	As above	2	57	45		
Total							70	932	114	5	248

+ Arty Gp	Offr	ORs	Animals
17 Aust Fd Regt	30	321	
Det 11 Aust Fd Coy	2	30	7
Total	32	351	7


 Maj
 RM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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OI NO 1 - APPX "B" TO 29 AUST
INF BDE OO NO 4

Maj H CANTOR, 17 Aust Fd Regt - Comd Arty Gp.

1. Object It is anticipated that by 11 Dec 42, the Inf Gp will be in posn to contact and destroy forces reported in ROLLINGSTONE area. To complete this destruction, it is necessary that the Arty Gp ~~be~~ in a posn to support from ROLLINGSTONE AREA, with as many guns as possible, an attack by the Inf Gp on 12 Dec 42.

The difficulties of the route to be followed are recognised but the presence of even one gun, for the task in view, will be of great assistance.

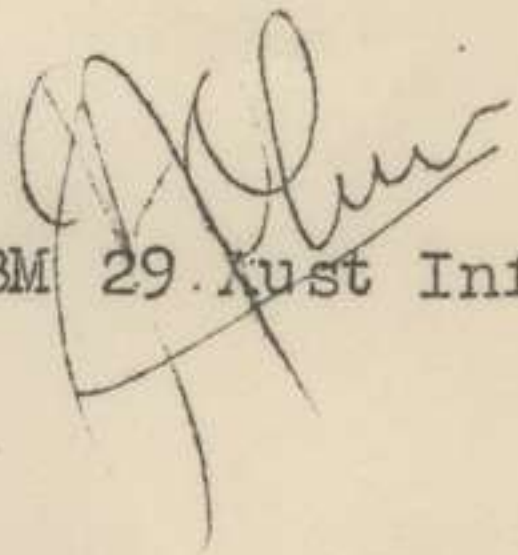
If the task cannot be performed by the 17 Aust Fd Regt it cannot be performed at all.

2. Route PALUMA RD - BLAZED TRAIL - WOLFRAM FD - OLLERA CK.
3. Start Time Not ~~later~~ than 0700 hrs 6 Dec
4. Intercomm One No 11 Set to be supplied and operated by 17 Aust Fd Regt in accordance with para 12, OO No 4. Wireless will NOT repeat NOT otherwise be used.

L/T will be maintained with HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde with line supplied by 17 Aust Fd Regt.

All comms outside 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be through HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde only

5. Pack Tpt 5 mules and 2 donkeys are allotted for use in tpt of Engrs and sig stores and rations.


Maj
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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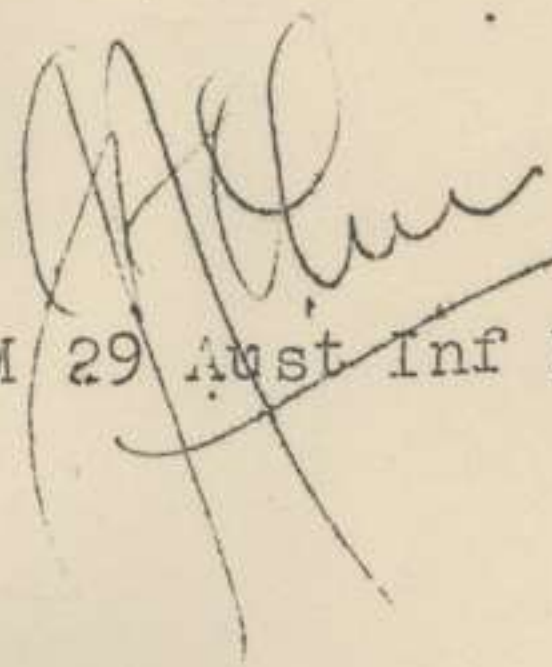
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3 Dec 42.

OI NO 2 - APPX C TO 29 AUST INF BDE GP OO NO 4

Capt H. McDONALD, 42 Aust Inf Bn, Cond Carr Gp.

1. Object It is anticipated that on 10 or 11 Dec there may be considerable movt of the forces in the ROLLINGSTONE area towards TOWNSVILLE. It is necessary to ensure that such movt is not permitted to extend beyond BLUEWATER CK. The Carr Gp will undertake this task.
2. Route PALUMA RD - GILLS TRACK - THORNTON GAP - BLUEWATER
3. Start Time No move before 1030 hrs 6 Dec
4. Intercomm One No 11 set will be supplied and operated by 29 Aust Inf Bde (vide para 12, OO No 4)


BM 29 Aust Inf Bde Maj

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4 Dec 42.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
(Appx D to OO No 4)

1. SUP

SP No 1 - PALUMA LOOP
SP No 2 - JUNGLE

Sups will be drawn as under

Inf Gp

Unit reps (RQMS) report to SP No 2 by 1600 hrs 5 Dec.

<u>Drawn From</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>How Carried</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
SP No 2	7	Emergency	On Man	Drawn 7 Dec
" " "	8	Emergency Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	9	" "	" "	
" " "	10	Emergency	On Mule	See para 3 Pack Tpt
" " "	11	" Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	12	" "	" "	
" " "	7-12	Grain 20 lb only per animal	" "	

Arty Gp

SP No 2	7	Emergency	On Man	Drawn 10 Dec
" " "	8	" Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	9	" "	" "	
" " "	10	Emergency	" "	
" " "	11	" Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	12	" "	" "	
" " "	7-12	Grain 20lb only per animal	" "	

Garr Gp

SP No 1	7	Emergency	On Veh	Drawn by 1600 hrs 5 Dec 42.
" " 1	8	" Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	9	" "	" "	
" " "	10	Emergency	" "	
" " "	11	" Dehydrated	" "	
" " "	12	" "	" "	

Petrol Carr Gp will draw through units sufficient petrol for 100 mls for each veh.

2. SIGNAL STORES

Wire for laying of telephone lines will be made available to Inf Gp at S.P. No 2. Anticipated tpt requirements - 8 animals per bn.

3. ALLOTMENT
PACK TPT

The following animals complete with drivers and saddlery have already been allotted.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
HQ 29	3	Donkeys	Blankets
Aust Inf			Office Eqpt
Bde			Rations
	2	Mules	No 11 Set
			Btys charging
			Plant
	2	Mules	Sig Wire
Each Bn	8	Donkeys	Sig Wire
	12	Donkeys	Blankets
Bde Pack	11	Mules	Rations
Train	41	Donkeys	Rations

As from dates shown the following animals will be available

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Supplied From</u>	<u>Time & Date to be available</u>
HQ 29	3	Donkeys	As above		
Aust Inf Bde	4	Mules			
	2	Mules	Sig wire	Bde Pack Train	1400 hrs 5 Dec
Each Bn	20	Donkeys	As above		
	13	Donkeys	Rations	" "	1600 hrs 6 Dec
	2	Mules			
Arty Gp	5	Mules	Engrs & Rations	" "	0800 hrs 6 Dec
	2	Donkeys			

4. A & B ECH TPT

A Ech Tpt will come under cond BTO 1600 hrs 5 Dec.
Clear PALUMA area 1400 hrs 6 Dec.

It is to be noted that all tpt and associated pers come under cond BTO from 1600 hrs 5 Dec.

5. WEAPONS

Weapons and amm to be carried

Rifle
TSMGs
LMGs
Pistols
Bayonets
Cane Knives (Scale at discretion of CO)
50 rd per rifle and 500 rds per LMGs as a minimum

6. MEDICAL

Each Bn will detail medical orderly to move with Carr Gp under cond Capt H. McDONALD
Det of twelve bearers from 7 Aust Fd Amb will be att each Bn.
CO 7 Aust Fd Amb will move with HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
Ambulance stns will be established as under.

<u>Date Inclusive</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>
6-8	JUNG TRACK & PALUMA RD	259160
9-10	OLLERA FORD	357166
11-12	ROLLINGSTONE TRACK	407083

7. JUNGLE TRACK DISCIPLINE

The following amendments will be made to memo on Jungle March Discipline previously issued by this HQ.

Halts (a) 5 mins to clock $\frac{1}{2}$ hr
(b) 10 mins to clock hr
(c) 1150 to 1300 hrs daily
Gaps between Bns 45 mins to allow extra halts if climbing demands (at discretion of CO)

All pers will clear track by 5 yds at each halt.

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Maj
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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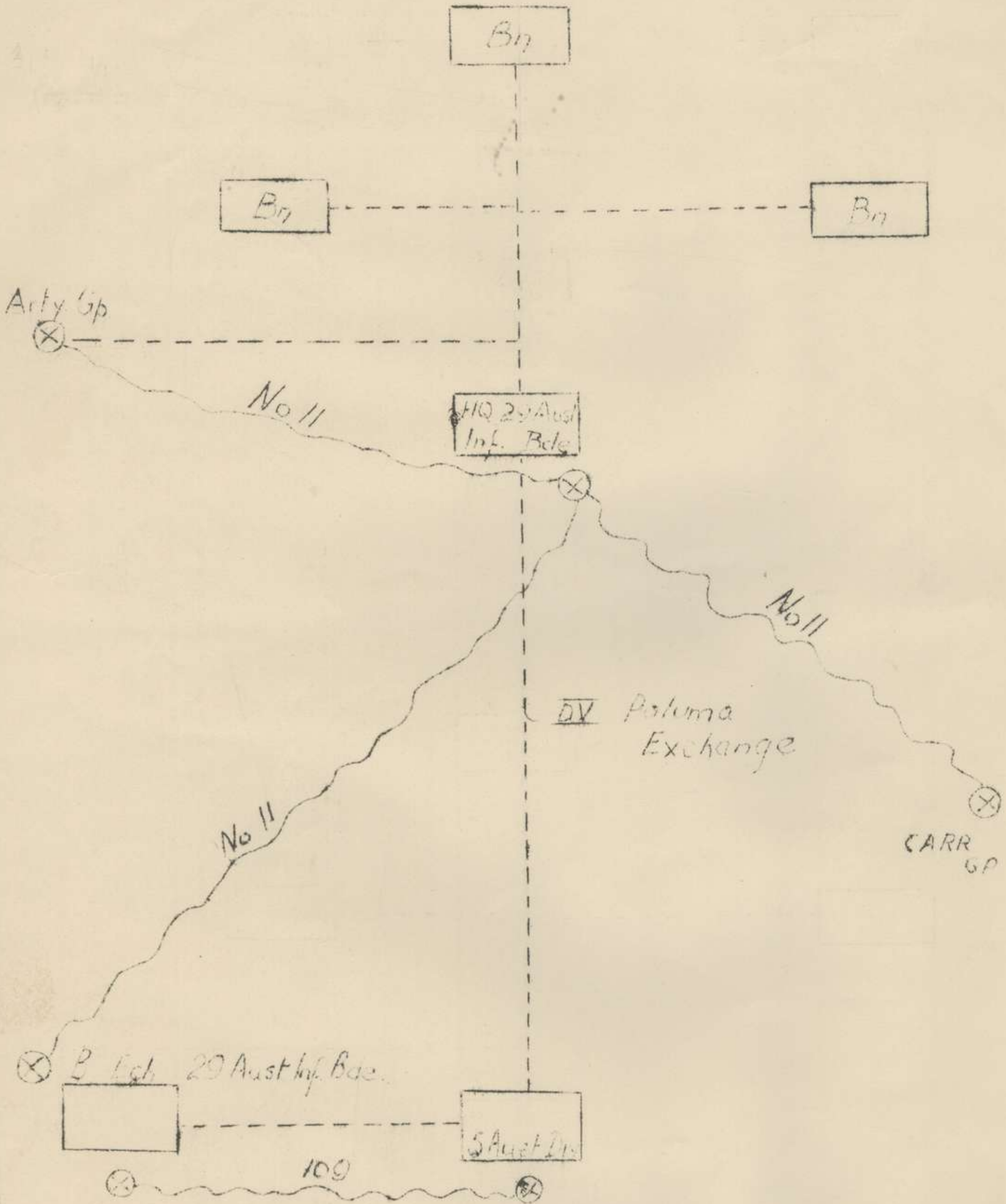
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SIGNAL DIAGRAM
Appx E To OO No 4

Diagram No 15



Hrs of Comm vide para 12, OO No 4
Method of calling on line.

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42 Aust Inf Bn	A
47 Aust Inf Bn	B
15 Aust Inf Bn	C
Arty Gp	D

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BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 29 AUST INF BDE OO NO 1

Ref Maps ROLLINGSSTONE temp 1"
PALUMA special 1"

- INFM 1. As contained in 29 Aust Inf Bde OO No 4.
- INTN 2. HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (less all vehs) will move from present location on 6 Dec 42.
- METHOD 3. Detail
- HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (in order of march)
Bde Comd
EM
IO
SC
Sig Orderly (Pte Kernke)
Batmen (2) (Cpl Gold & Pte Plater)
LO's (Lieuts J. Baty and P.G. Cran)
Sig Offr (Lieut D. Warmen)
OC Det 7 Aust Fd Amb (Capt C.B. Mann)
Lieut J. Cooper
Lieut C.B. Webb
I Sgt (Sgt E. Swanwick)
I Pte (Pte Sharland)
OC Det 11 Aust Fd Coy (Capt J. Kershaw)
Det "L" Sec Sigs (12)
Det 2 Aust Pack Coy (10)
4. Assembly
- The above detail will assemble along line of HQ TRACK by 0755 hrs 6 Dec.
5. Route
- PALUMA RD - OLD PACK TRACK - BLAZED TRAIL
6. Start Point
- VISITORS' CAR PARK
7. Start Time
- 0805 hrs 6 Dec
- ADM 8. Dress
- Ref Jungle Kit Instn dated 29 Nov 42.
9. Rations
- One Emergency dehydrated ration (to be carried by all personnel and used only in emergency)
Unconsumed portion of ration 6 Dec (to be drawn from kitchens at 0730 hrs)
10. Amm
- Ball normal issue
Blank 5 rds per man
(To be drawn by all personnel carrying rifles - CSM to arrange.)

11. Water

Water bottles will be filled in present area and 1 teaspoonful of salt added. Bottle will be re-filled and animals watered as opportunity permits throughout march.

12. Tpt

Pack Tpt will be loaded under supervision of Lieut J. Baty by 0755 hrs, 6 Dec. (instns issued separately)

13. Jungle Track Discipline

As contained in 29 Aust Inf Bde OO No 4. Appx D Para 7.

14. Latrines

Shallow trench latrines will be dug in central location off track by Sigs personnel at midday and evening halts.

INTERCOMN

15. Ref OO No 4 para 10, 11 and 12.

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Maj
EM 29 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

- Bde Comd
- EM
- SC
- Sigs Offr
- CSM
- Lieut C.B. Webb
- Lieut J. Cooper
- File
- War Diary

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *1111*

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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No. of Groups
GR.

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6/12/42

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TO

HQ 29 AUST INF BDE

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FROM

B.ECH. 29 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

<i>FOR</i>	<i>BDE</i>	<i>COMD</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>VEHS</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>BIN</i>	<i>AREA.</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>G.O.C</i>	<i>suggested</i>
<i>RUM</i>	<i>ration</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>BASCO</i>	<i>trying</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>obtain</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>cut</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>at</i>
<i>PALUM A</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>tracks</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>send</i>	<i>cable</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>repair</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>MACDONALD</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>GILLS</i>	<i>tracks</i>	<i>0</i>

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14 Dec 42

29 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN No. 1

INTN.

1. Details of 29 Aust Inf Bde will move in accordance with at march table on 16 Dec.

METHOD

2. Detail
Inf Gp

Comd Maj J.A. OLIVER Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
 det Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
 det 15 Aust Inf Bn
 det 42 Aust Inf Bn
 det 47 Aust Inf Bn

3. Salvage party

Comd Capt W.J. KING Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
 det L Sec Sigs
 det 1 NCO 10 ORs 15 Aust Inf Bn
 det 2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy.

4. Recce Party I.

Comd Lieut H.E. DEXTER Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
 Lieut J.W. WEIGHT " " " " "
 Lieut I.G. SHARPLEY 47 Aust Inf Bn
 Lieut J.T.J. WHITE 42 Aust Inf Bn
 det 4 ORs " " " "
 det 2 ORs 47 " " "

5. Recce Party II

Comd Lieut D. CAVANAGH 15 Aust Inf Bn
 det 4 ORs " " " "

ADM

6. Issued separately.
7. Issued with this instn.

- Appx A - Movt Table
- Appx B - Adm Instn
- Appx C - Instns Salvage party
- Appx D - Instns Recce party I
- Appx E - Instns Recce party II.

[Signature]
 Maj
 BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

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15 Aust Inf Bn	1
42 Aust Inf Bn	2
47 Aust Inf Bn	3
2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy	4
BM	5
Capt KING	6
Lieut DEXTER	7
Lieut CAVANAGH	8
BTØ	9
BASCO	10
File	11
War Diary	12)
	13)

MOV'T TABLE

APPX "A" TO 29 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN No. 1

Ser No.	Date	Unit	Numbers			SP	Time Past SP	Route	Remarks
			Offrs	ORs	Animals				
1.	16 Dec 42	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	4	33		JUNG PALUMA RD OLD PACK TRACK	0800	OLD PACK	
2.		det 15 Aust Inf Bn	2	194			0810	TRACK BLAZED	
3.		det 42 Aust Inf Bn	1	68			0830	TRAIL to OLLERA	
4.		det 47 Aust Inf Bn	5	152			0855		
5.		Salvage party	1	36	10		0830		
6.		Recce Party II	1	4			0755		
7.		Recce Party I	4	4			see separate instns		
		TOTAL	19	491					

x to end of laid wire only then return to PALUMA.

ADM INSTNS

1. SUP will be drawn as under

Drawn from	Date	Type	How carried	Remarks
SP	16	Emergency	On man	Drawn 15 Dec
	17	Emergency	On mules	Loaded at
	18	Emergency dehydrated	" "	PALUMA 16 Dec
	19	" "	" "	
	16/19	Forage	20 lbs per animal on animal	

All pers to carry one emergency dehydrated ration as reserve.

2. SIG STORES sufficient drums for reeling existing cable will be carried.
3. ALLOTMENT PACK TPT 10 mules salvage party. 5 for carrying wire. 5 other salvage.
4. WEAPONS AND AMN TO BE CARRIED

Rifle
 TSMGs
 LMGs
 Pistols
 Bayonets
 Cane Knives
 50 rds per rifle. 500 per LMG
 Tomahawks.

5. MEDICAL

Under separate arrangements

6. JUNGLE TRACK DISCIPLINE

Halts 5 mins to clock 1/2 hr
 10 mins to clock hr
 1150 to 1300 daily.
 Marching ceases at 1500 hrs daily.

7. MOVT

Movt to PALUMA area 15 Dec under separate instns.

[Handwritten Signature]
 BM 29 Aust Inf Bde Maj

Appx "C"

INSTNS TO SALVAGE PARTY

Capt W.J. KING HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

TASK

1. You will (i) take up all existing signal wire on jungle track, (ii) recover any article which may be left on route.
2. START TIME 16 Dec 42.
3. PARTY Capt W.J. KING
det L Sec Sigs (1 Sgt 5 ORs)
det 15 Aust Inf Bn (1 Sgt 10 ORs)
det 2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy (1 Sgt 10 ORs 10 mules)
4. ADM Rations for above party will be drawn on 15 Dec 42.

Appx "D"

INSTNS TO RECCE PARTY I.

Lieut H.E. DEXTER - 29 AUST INF BDE

1. TASK You will recce a track from ROLLINGSTONE to CIRCLEVIEW MT and prepare sketch map of route.
2. START TIME 16 Dec 42.
3. PARTY

Lieut J.W. WEIGHT	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut I.G. SHARPLEY,	47 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut J.T.J. WHYTE	42 Aust Inf Bn
4 ORs	" " " "
2 ORs	" " " "
4. ADM Rations will be drawn by OC party on 15 Dec.

(To report to Lieut DEXTER at 1830 hrs 15 Dec).

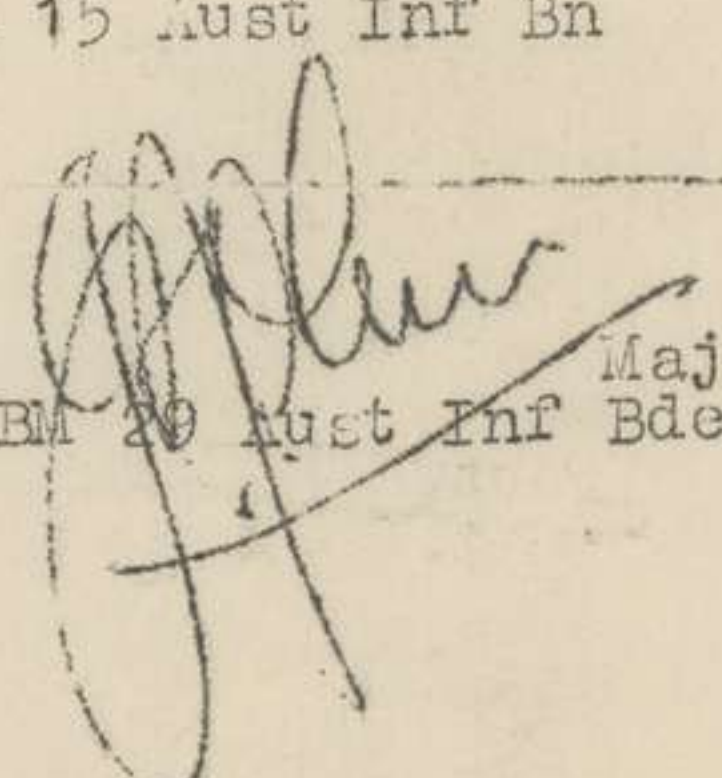
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INSTNS TO RECCE PARTY II

Lieut D. CAVANAGH - 15 AUST INF BN

TASK

1. You will compass traverse route followed by 15 Bn on 6 Dec 42 and following days.
2. START TIME 16 Dec 42.
3. PARTY Lieut D. CAVANAGH 15 Aust Inf Bn
4 ORs " " " "
4. ADM Rations will be drawn by OC party from 15 Aust Inf Bn on 15 Dec 42.


Maj
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde

"JUNGLE TIMES"Headline News and Topical NotesNEW GUINEAUnsuccessful Japanese Attempt
to Reinforce BUNA - GONA

Japanese forces have again failed in an attempt to reinforce their troops in the BUNA-GONA area.

Allied bombers scored five direct hits on a convoy while it was between NEW GUINEA and NEW BRITAIN. Two destroyers were hit by 500 lb bombs and were set on fire. When last seen they were blazing furiously and are considered to have been sunk. Two other destroyers fled North.

This is the fifth unsuccessful attempt to reinforce the troops in this area.

Heavy pressure is being maintained by the Allied forces on the beach headlands. Fighting is particularly severe near some Japanese food and ammunition dumps.

Seven Aircraft Destroyed

Allied aircraft strafed the landing ground at LAE and destroyed seven Japanese aircraft. Eight others were damaged.

Catalinas raided KAVIENG in TIMOR. They flew through heavy AA fire to get to the targets, but there was no fighter interception.

The only Japanese aerial activity was a raid on MILNE BAY area. No damage was done.

Japanese Pilots Not Easy

Capt Joseph Fox, American marine pilot, who is credited with having destroyed 22 Japanese planes (including 8 in one day) states that the Japanese pilots are not to be considered easy to beat. However their planes fall to pieces when hit in vital spots

S.W. PACIFICAnother Scuttle

A German auxiliary supply boat of 8000 tons was scuttled by her crew after being hit by our gunfire.

The exact whereabouts of the engagement is not known, but it is considered to be somewhere off the West Australian coast.

Seventy-eight Germans were taken prisoner.

SOLOMONS

Only patrol activity is reported from GUADALCANAL. American patrols were successful in destroying large

GREAT BRITAIN Hit and run raiders were over the Eastern Coast of England last night. Little damage was done.

Canadians flying Spitfires attacked shipping off the DUTCH COAST

quantities of Japanese ammunition.

NORTH AFRICATUNIS - BIZERTA Railway Line
Cut

The First Army has cut the railway line from TUNIS - BIZERTA.

Allied air forces have attacked enemy positions all along North Africa. TRIPOLI was the principal target. The moles and harbour installations were heavily bombed and a ship in the harbour set on fire.

Our fighters destroyed four enemy planes over TUNISIA for the loss of one.

Heavy land fighting is taking place near BIZERTA.

A Swiss message states that Hitler has called a special meeting of the High Command to discuss the position in North Africa.

It is considered that Hitler will need tremendous forces to retrieve his position on this front. He can ill afford to spare these men from the Russian front, and there is the transport problem to be considered.

ITALYTURIN Again Raided

TURIN was again raided last night. The weather was bad, and only a small force went out. Fires started on Saturday night were still burning fiercely.

A message from ZURICH states that people arriving in SWITZERLAND from ITALY are describing the chaotic position of internal ITALY.

It is considered that the suggestion that ITALY might ask for peace can no longer be entertained. Five German Divs with Panzer units and 100,000 members of the GESTAPO have arrived in ITALY.

RUSSIAN FRONTRed Army Widens Breach in
German Lines

The Red Army has widened the breach it has made in the German lines on the Central Front. The North Western army has broken through on the DON and has seized four important enemy strongpoints. Forty-nine tanks were destroyed or damaged.

The Germans attempted to reinforce their troops from the air, but were frustrated by the Red Air Force.

The weather is making the operations increasingly difficult.

"JUNGLE TIMES"Headline News and Topical NotesNEW GUINEAJapanese Forces Split

Allied troops have succeeded in splitting the Japanese forces between GONA and SALAMANDA. The latter area is under constant arty fire from our 25 pounders.

Landing barges carrying reinforcements for the enemy have to run a gauntlet of arty fire.

Air activity in this area resulted seven Japanese planes being shot down. We lost two fighters.

In a recent attack on Australian forward positions, seven Zeros heavily bombed and strafed two clearly marked casualty clearing stations, just behind the BUNA front line on the SOPUTA - SANAMANDA track.

About 25 were killed, most of the victims being either medical orderlies or wounded men just brought in from front line posns. Two medical officers were killed and much valuable medical eqpt was destroyed.

NORTH AFRICA8th army maintains Posns

A message from North African HQ states that forward units are maintaining their posns and are in contact with the enemy.

German prisoners taken during the advance are in poor health, many being affected with scurvy. They are badly clothed and their morale is low.

British patrols have penetrated as far as EL AGHELA.

It is reported that Gen Montgomery is nearly ready to launch a further attack.

Allied air activity continues to be considerable in the BIZERTA area. During the day two Messerschmidts and one Junkers were shot down.

Our fighter bombers caused considerable damage when they raided SICILY, two aerodromes being the targets. Two of our planes failed to return.

RUSSIAGermans told to hold Russians at All Costs

The German Armies on the Russian front are in a difficult if not desperate posn and Hitler has issued instrs that he positions are to be held at all costs. German machine gunners have occupied posns behind the German lines with orders to open fire on any troops showing signs of retreating.

GREAT BRITAINSecret Session of Parliament

There will probably be a secret

session of the British Parliament to discuss the position in NORTH AFRICA

Post War Social Security

The Beveridge report on post war social security created much interest when it was made public yesterday.

It was stated that the only nation with a similar scheme is NEW ZEALAND. The scheme provides for free medical and funeral grants and cash grants for each child. It covers every person, irrespective of income. The cost is expected to be £700,000,000 which will be raised by weekly contributions by wage earners, supplemented by the Government.

AUSTRALIAJute Now Controlled

From yesterday all second hand jute came under Commonwealth control. It was stated that this was necessary to assist in the conservation of bags which are needed for essential services. There is no shortage of new bags.

Post War Reconstruction Bill

The Post War Reconstruction Bill came up for further discussion by the Commonwealth Parliament yesterday.

It is expected that the Commonwealth will shortly define the part the States are to play in administering the bill when it is passed. It is considered that the duration of the bill will be for five years after armistice is signed.

Both sides of the house showed a give and take spirit during the discussion.

1000 Women Cotton Pickers Needed Next Season

The Cotton Board Manager who has just returned from the Burdekin Cotton area, states that 1000 women will be required to harvest the cotton crop in the central and northern areas next season.

"JUNGLE TIMES"Headline News and Topical NotesNEW GUINEAJapanese Counter-Attacks Unsuccessful

Despite counter-attacks, Allied forces in the BUNA area have succeeded in widening the gap in the Japanese front.

The Japanese troops are fighting fiercely, and desperate attempts are being made to land reinforcements. Flying Fortresses are being used to attack sea borne reinforcements but owing to the large Zero fighter escort are finding this very difficult.

One Fortress shot down two Zeros and was then engaged by further fighters. The pilot escaped by taking advantage of clouds after the plane had been riddled with bullets.

BURMAIndian Patrols Active

Patrols are active along the BURMA front and there have been a number of clashes. One Indian patrol surprised a Japanese force and killed more than 20 of the enemy, and in addition captured three machine guns.

On another occasion an Indian patrol ambushed a vehicle in which 16 Japanese were travelling. The vehicle was captured, only three of its occupants escaping.

The Japanese occupied airfields at JUNGGOO and AKYAIS were subjected to heavy raids by Allied air forces.

U.S.A.Pearl Harbour Losses Made Good

Colonel KNOX has stated that the US Navy is now stronger than it was before the attack on PEARL HARBOUR.

He said that AMERICA was spending £32,000,000 a day on munitions. This was far from what she was capable of. However with increased production, a man-power problem might have to be faced.

So far the US Army and Navy has lost 50,000 men. However it was known that the Japanese losses were five times greater, and that of this number a large proportion were naval personnel, whom it would be hard to replace.

NORTH AFRICAGermans Counter-Attack to Gain Time

The repulsing of heavy German counter-attacks is reported in a communique from MIDDLE EAST HQ. Axis forces are attempting to gain time to organise their defences.

Aerial activity continues to be heavy. Seven Axis planes were destroyed for the loss of five of ours. Our Air Forces are raiding enemy centres and are making the supply problem increasingly difficult. BIZERTA and TRIPANI (in Sicily) were visited and heavily bombed.

The Royal Navy is giving valuable assistance, bombarding enemy strongholds.

Fifty American tanks fought their way into one town and did much damage. Fires were started and a bridge blown up.

There is no foundation for a report that enemy aircraft are being withdrawn from this area.

Sixty per cent of a French garrison has deserted its post and crossed to the British lines, where the men expressed their willingness to fight beside, instead of against the British.

Patrol activity continues in the EL AGHELA area, where it is considered that the Axis forces are being marshalled. It is expected that a big battle will take place before EL AGHELA falls.

RUSSIARussians Gain Further Ground

The Germans in the RJEV area are trying desperately to stem the Russian advance, while on the STALIN-GRAD front, the RUSSIANS have gained more ground.

ITALYJapan's Entry Assured Axis of Victory

In the first speech he has made for some time, Mussolini claimed that JAPAN'S entry into the war was a guarantee of an Axis victory.

AUSTRALIAPotato Glut on Brisbane Market

A ban has been placed on the railing of potatoes to BRISBANE until the present over supply has ceased.

The resignation of the Minister without Portfolio (Mr Forgan Smith) is expected next week.

"JUNGLE TIMES"
Headline News and Topical Notes

NEW GUINEA23 Zeros Downed

In the biggest aerial dog fight of the NEW GUINEA campaign, 23 Zeros were shot down. We lost 12 planes.

The planes were part of an umbrella escort for a convoy which attempted to land Japanese reinforcements at BUNA. On previous occasions the convoys attempted to reach BUNA without fighter escort.

The engagement lasted 12 hrs and when last seen the naval force, which included four destroyers was headed northwards about 40 miles from BUNA.

The fighter escort made it very difficult for an Allied bomber force to get at the convoy.

SOLOMONSMopping up Continuing

Reports from the SOLOMONS state that daylight raids are being made by our aircraft on Japanese forces in the GUADACANAL area, and that mopping up operations are continuing.

PHILLIPINESAllied Forces in PHILLIPINES still resisting

Air intercepted radio message from JAPAN indicates that U.S. and FILIPINO troops are still resisting in parts of the PHILLIPINES. The natives are reinforcing the armed forces.

NORTH AFRICAEnemy loses Six Vessels off TUNISIA

A light naval force consisting of five destroyers engaged a large enemy convoy bound for TUNISIA and sank four transports and two destroyers. No casualty or damage was sustained by our force.

On the way home, our naval force was attacked by dive-bombers and torpedo bombers and the QUENTIN was torpedoed and sunk. Most of the crew was saved.

A despatch from Allied HQ in Nth Africa states that the Axis resistance is stiffening as the First Army pushes on. An enemy counter attack has been beaten back with considerable loss.

Enemy minefields are making our armoured advance very slow. Stores and amm are being left behind by the enemy. On the EAST the lull continues and there is slight patrol activity near EL AGHELA.

The Engineers are doing marvellous work rebuilding bridges and roads.

Our air forces attacked centres in TUNISIA on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. A transport ship was bombed and set on fire off SICILY.

GREAT BRITAINPocket Aircraft Carrier Lost

The First Lord of the Admiralty has announced the loss of the A/c carrier "Avenger". This is the first time that any reference has been made to the existence of pocket A/c carriers in the British Navy.

U.S.A.US. Army Strength

The American Army now has 4½ million fully trained and mobile troops ready for service. It is also revealed that over 12,000 enemy aliens are in custody in various parts of America.

Heaviest US Battleship

The battleship NEW JERSEY the heaviest ever built in the U.S. will be launched on Dec 7. Latest lessons learnt in battle have been incorporated. The vessel was originally intended to be a 45,000 tonner.

RUSSIARed Army Maintains Pressure

The Red Army is bringing increasing pressure to bear on all fronts. RJEV has been by-passed by the Russians. The weather is now causing the attack to slow down.

An enemy bn was destroyed on the STALINGRAD front when the Russians recaptured an important height.

The Russian Air Force is attacking enemy posns and has caused considerable damage.

AUSTRALIASugar Available for Jam Making

In order to avoid wastage of fruit this season an extra ration of sugar is being made available for jam making. The ration can be obtained by making a written application.

A further list is being prepared banning the manufacture of certain goods. This is being done so that people employed in non-essential industries may be released for work in war industries.

All beef will be ½d to 1d a lb dearer in Brisbane from today, owing to an increase in cattle prices.

The Canberra branch of the ALP has divided in favour of an amendment of the Defence Act to extend the area of compulsory defence service in the South-western Pacific theatre.

NEW GUINEA

Headline News and Topical Notes

Gona Practically Isolated

As a result of a gap having been made in the Japanese defences, enemy forces at GONA are practically isolated.

The area occupied by this force is only a few hundred yards wide and of very little depth. It is a mass of trenches and shelters, and owing to the concentration of weapons is difficult to attack successfully.

An allied force during a bayonet charge came upon a HQ dugout, the occupants of which refused to surrender and had to be bombed out. The only points remaining in Japanese hands are BUNA, SANAMANDA, and CAPE ENDAIADERE. All these points are being subjected to heavy pounding by our arty. Every sortie by our troops results in the capture of M.G. or Arty pieces.

The reinforcement convoy mentioned in yesterday's issue has not been sighted since.

S.W. PACIFICEnemy Submarines Active

Enemy submarines are active in the Indian Ocean, three vessels having been sunk in 24 hrs off LORENZO MARQUES. One submarine sank a British steamer with Italians prisoners on board. 500 were drowned. A Greek steamer was sunk and the boat loads of survivors machine-gunned.

NORTH AFRICAAllied Pressure Continuous

The First Army is keeping up the pressure in its advance in TUNISIA, but Axis resistance is stiffening. It is evident that a big reserve of A/c has been built up by the Axis and it is making its presence felt. Owing to the bombing it is difficult to keep the supply lines open.

The Germans gained a little ground in one sector west of TUNIS and Allied Forces repulsed a heavy counter attack in another area. German bombers have attacked our armoured columns. Our aircraft are disrupting German supply columns and two of their merchant men and an Italian torpedo boat have been sunk.

A heavily escorted German convoy was bombed and broken up.

A German message claims that their air forces have completely smashed JEBERBA and that dive-bombers made successful attacks on a British armoured column.

MALTA is playing a big part in the North African operations. A/c based on the island have assisted in bombing BIZERTE and TUNIS. For once they are not on the defensive and they have made over

AUSTRALIA The Victorian Labour Party decided by 17 votes to 5 not to allow the use of Australian troops outside the present areas.

500 sorties and have accounted for 11 ships sunk, 64 aircraft shot down, and many more damaged. In their latest effort they bombed a heavily laden Axis supply train and brought it to a standstill, after which it was severely strafed.

The British 8th Army is massing for another attack on ROMMEL's army, and large air forces have been built up. It is considered that it will be impossible for the Axis to regain the air ascendancy.

RUSSIA.

News from the Russian front indicates that the Red Army's advance has been slowed down. German counter attacks are gaining in strength and frequency. North-west of Stalingrad, however, a German counter attack was held and finally driven back five miles beyond its start point. A German counter attack on RJEV completely failed.

The wide wide distances between the places where the Russians launch attacks are having a demoralising effect on the German generals, as they have no way of knowing just which area to hold their reserve forces in.

GUADALCANALJapanese short of Food

A Washington message states that Japanese forces in the GUADALCANAL area are running short of food and that they have been observed scouring the beaches for anything in the nature of food washed up from wrecked transports.

Small groups of Japanese are in the vicinity of HENDERSON airfield, and are some of the force recently routed. They appear unwilling to rejoin the main body.

BURMAThis is Patrolling !

A recent patrol by members of an Indian Regt into BURMA to secure information, covered 316 miles in 16 days over mountains and streams. Only one man became ill.

GERMANYNew Type U-Boat

The Germans are reported to be building a new type of U Boat with a surface speed of 20 knots. It is understood that the boat is bigger and can therefore carry more fuel. The surface speed is much faster than that of the average vessel.

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War Diary

Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde
1 Dec 42
42/20/95

SUBJECT: LHQ JUNGLE TRG TEAM

- 15 Aust Inf Bn
- 42 Aust Inf Bn
- 47 Aust Inf Bn
- 17 Aust Fd Regt
- 7 Aust Fd Amb

1. LHQ Jungle trg team will be visiting 29 Aust Inf Bde from 2 Dec 42.

2. Conferences for the following officers (excepting when on recce party 2 Dec) will be held as under.

- Bde Staff
- COs 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
- Coy Comds 15, 42, 47 Aust Inf Bns
- CO 17 Aust Fd Regt
- CO 3 Bty 101 Aust A/Tk Regt
- CO det 7 Aust Fd Amb

- (a) 2 Dec 42 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs - Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 3,4,5 Dec 42 1400 " " 1700 " - " " " " "

3. Sgt Clemens will visit units and lecture from 0845 to 0945 hrs on day of visit as under:

- 42 Aust Inf Bn - 3 Dec 42
- 15 Aust Inf Bn 4 Dec 42
- 47 Aust Inf Bn 5 Dec 42

Maj
Hq 29 Aust Inf Bde.

copy No 29

W.D.

SECRET

TWENTY-NINTH

AUST INF BDE

STANDING ORDERS

31. DEC 42

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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Bde Comd	1
BM	2
BM (L)	3
SC	4
SC (L)	5
LO 1	6
LO 2	7
LO 3	8
IC	9
TO	10
BASCO	11
"L" Section Signals	12
312 Aust LAD	13
15 Aust Inf Bn	14-16
42 Aust Inf Bn	17-19
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29 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATIONAL STANDING ORDERS.

GENERAL

1. OBJECT

These orders will facilitate command by the performance of routine and battle drill on ALL training and battle occasions.

2. SECURITY

YOU MUST BE - SUSPICIOUS
SECRETIVE
SENSIBLE

YOU MUST NOT

- (a) Talk about operations moves or individuals at any time.
- (b) Carry cameras except those officially recognised (Scale - one per bn or equivalent unit)
- (c) Be careless about maps and official or private papers.
- (d) Give anything but your army number, rank and full name if captured.
- (e) Accept anybody for granted unless you know him well or have checked him by his paybook.

BATTLE PROCEDURE

3. The following terms will be used throughout 29 Aust Inf Bde:

R Gp to denote a Comd (or Recce) Gp
O Gp " " " Subordinate Comd (or Orders) Gp.
F Gp " " the main body.
T Gp " " the transport not required with F Gp.

4. The normal composition of the above Gps for 29 Aust Inf Bde and their means of transport is as under:-

<u>R Gp</u> -	Bde Comd	}	Bde Comd Car, 6 seater utility		
	BM				
	IO			M/C or Bde Comd car, 6 seater utility	
	Sig Offr				
	D/Rs	2			
	Fd Arty	}	Car		
	Adjnt				
	D/R			M/C	
	Fd Coy	}	Car } If required.		
	Adjnt				
	Orderly				M/C }
<u>O Gp</u>	Bn Comds	}	CO's car or carrier		
	Adjnt or IO				
	Sig Offr		Sig Van		
	Orderlies	2	M/Cs		
	Possibly	108	Set		
	Arty R Gp				
	A Tk R Gp				
	Other unit R Gps		if required		

BATTLE PROCEDURE (Continued)

F Gp Bde HQ Sig Sec
Three Inf Bns and units under command

T Gp Bde HQ Sig Sec
"B" Ech or units if brigaded.

5. When verbal orders are given, officers not required, orderlies and drivers will remain out of hearing under cover.

6. When Bde Comd calls for R Gps, COs will if possible order O Gps to a selected Rendezvous but must not allow them forward of Bde Rendezvous unless specially called for.

7. UNIT BILLETING PARTIES will consist of:

1 Officer per Coy or similar unit
1 NCO per Coy or similar unit.
instruction re Sec 3 Pam 5 1939 FSPB to be given.

8. UNIT DISPERSAL PARTIES to move ahead of each column when called for:-

1 Officer in charge
1 NCO per Coy or similar unit.

9. MARKING OF HEADQUARTERS

(a) Immediately after a move all formations and units will report the exact position of their Headquarters to the Headquarters under whose command they are at the time.

(b) When a Headquarters moves without giving at least one hour's notice to the Headquarters next above, an orderly will be left for a time at the old location to redirect despatch riders etc.

10. ROUTINE AT HEADQUARTERS

An officer or NCO who knows the exact whereabouts of all officers will be on duty at Headquarters day and night.

11. DUTY ROSTER

Duty Rosters at Headquarters will allow adequate periods of rest both for officers and NCOs and it must be a strict rule that those who are resting are not to be disturbed except in cases of emergency.

12. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Cars and motor cycles must not approach closer than one hundred (100) yards to any Headquarters.

I N F O R M A T I O N

13. You must always remember that information is vital to success and you must pass it on quickly.

14. The following pro formas will be prepared in quantities sufficient for three months ahead:-

Situation Report
Shelling Report
Gas Report
Air Intelligence Report
Prisoners of War
Captured documents
Minefields
Demolitions

14. (Continued)

These will be used to confirm verbal reports when verbal advice is the quicker.

P R O T E C T I O N15. RESPONSIBILITY

Every Comd of a body of troops whatever its size, is at all times responsible for its protection.

16. AIR AND GAS

- (a) Air sentries must be detailed and they will also act as Gas sentries. Sentries will be changed frequently.
- (b) Comds will use the fire of all small arms weapons on air targets within range.
- (c) Anti-aircraft LMGs will always be mounted and manned ready for immediate action.
- (d) Firing discloses position and fire will not be opened unless the position is definitely attacked.
- (e) A PAD officer for each Bn or equivalent body will be detailed.
 - (i) Gas alarm signals must be introduced and known to all ranks
 - (ii) Detectors gas spray and signs warning gas will be carried.
 - (iii) Detectors gas spray will be in position whenever necessary.

17. MOVEMENT IN CASE OF AIR ATTACK

- (a) In case of a direct air attack by day or night the column will continue with its move.
- (b) All troops, weapons, vehicles and works must be concealed if stationary, and dispersed if moving, at all times.

18. BE CAREFUL - ALL PERSONNEL ARE CARELESS AFTER SUCCESS
IT IS EASY TO CAPTURE BUT HARD TO HOLDC O M M U N I C A T I O N S19. ORDERLIES AND DESPATCH RIDERS AND DELIVERY OF MESSAGES

All ranks must give every assistance to orderlies or despatch riders who are looking for a headquarters or for an individual officer in order to pass a message. When a headquarters is on the move the vehicle acting as a signal office will carry a signal flag in a conspicuous position. Before returning to his own headquarters an orderly or despatch rider will always ask if there is any message to take back. He should not be retained for an unreasonable period for this purpose. If the headquarters is on the move he should follow immediately behind the signal office vehicle until he is permitted to return to his own headquarters. An orderly wishing to deliver a message to an individual officer who may, for example, be engaged, will not wait until somebody asks him what he wants, but will make his presence known by saying loudly "Message for".

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

20. FRANKING OF MESSAGES, PRIORITY OF TELEPHONE CALLS
DEMANDING OF SPECIAL OKPRIORITY SCHEDULE

Category	Prefix	Indication and Employment	Officers authorised to Frank
(i)	OiiU	Most Immediate. For messages of vital urgency	Bde Comd and comd of detached force when authorised by Bde Comd
	OiiA O	Emergency Air Attack Emergency operations	
(ii)	OiiPiAS	Immediate Air Support	Comd authorised to call for AS
	OiiP	Immediate	As for cat(i) also BM
	OiiPiMet	Meteor Immediate	
(iii)	P	Important	As for cat (i) & (ii) Comds & Staff Officers Messages in connection with signal system - signal officers.

Officers authorised to send immediate messages may demand a special despatch rider and make priority telephone calls.

21. MAP REFERENCE CODE

The following type of code will be used, as ordered by Bde Headquarters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
L	V	R	A	V	O	E	T	H	I
B	D	K	N	F	U	S	Y	J	Z
M	Q	C	P	G	X				

Thus map reference 749669 would be encoded and transmitted as ENJOXH.

22. SIGNAL PLAN

When warning has been received by signals that an Operation Order is to be issued they will show their signal plan for despatch of the order to the Staff Officer issuing the order.

23. TIME

(a) Army Time is EASTERN STANDARD WIRELESS TIME which should be signal time.

(b) Unit time will be synchronised daily at 0715 hours with Bde Sig Section. Units will be responsible that the time has been synchronised immediately before an operation in addition to the daily time signal. Any unit which has not received the daily time signal will send a despatch rider to Bde Headquarters to synchronise watches at 0800 hours daily.

24. S O S SIGNAL

(a) S O S signals by authority of coy comds and above. Put up only when the enemy infantry or tanks are advancing to the attack. The signal will be answered by all weapons on fixed lines, whose fire falls in the area in which the signal has gone up.

(b) Rates of fire for fixed line weapons on S O S will be -

LMGs 1 minute rapid 1 minute normal
 MMGs 2 minutes rapid 3 minutes normal
 Mortars. 5 rounds HE per minute for 3 minutes.
 Arty 3 minutes intense, retained for counter preparation - two bursts.
 2 minutes rapid with 2 minutes interval.

25. USE OF CIVIL LINES

Civil lines will not be used by units without reference to Bde Signal Officer.

M O V E M E N T26. MOVING OFF

When starting from bivouacs, billets etc MT (and dismounted troops if any) will move direct from dispersed sub-unit areas (e.g. platoon areas) without first forming up.

27. HALTS

(a) MOUNTED - 20 minutes to every even clock hour to the clock hour.
 (b) DISMOUNTED - 10 minutes to every clock hour to the clock hour.

28. VTM AND MIH

Normal VTM - 15
 Normal MIH - Wheels - 15
 Tracks - 10.

29. MOVEMENT OF "B" ECHELON

When "B" Echelon moves brigaded it will be under command of BTO.

30. TACTICAL MARKING OF VEHICLES (See Appendix "A")A D M I N I S T R A T I O N31. AMMUNITION CODE

Ammunition Code FSPB Pam 9A 1939 will be used.

32. POL

(a) Rigid economy must always be exercised in the use of petrol.
 (b) Units will give a receipt for all POL received on AB 55.
 (c) If petrol is distributed in non-returnable tins units will make some arrangement regarding disposal. All tins will be concealed from the air.

33. SUPPLIES

When units are required to collect supplies from AASC lorries SP will be used instead of MPs. The period of time a SP will remain open will be notified in Bde orders. Units will collect in kitchen vehicles.

34. ANTI-GAS RESERVES

Anti-Gas reserves other than that carried by units will be supplied to units on demand through Bde Headquarters. The demand will be made in writing and will show the name, rank and unit of the officer making it. Contaminated clothing will be collected in Anti-Gas bags by units and dumped. Location of dumps will be reported.

35. SALVAGE

- (a) The importance of salvage will be impressed on all ranks. Dumps will be formed in each unit area.
- (b) Unserviceable stores other than ammunition will be returned in Supply column vehicles.
- (c) Ammunition boxes, empty cartridge cases etc will be returned to Ammunition Echelons.
- (d) Arms and equipment removed from casualties by Fd Amb or CCS will be reported by them to Bde for disposal instructions.

36. TRANSPORT

- (a) As little transport as possible will be located forward. The remainder will be sent to "B" Echelon area.
- (b) The following vehicles will constitute "B" Echelon.

VANS

Baggage
Petrol
Armourers and fitters MT

LORRIES

Officers Mess
Kitchens
Water tanks
Reserve clothing
Store vehicles

37. HYGIENE

MALARIA & DYSENTRY: COs are responsible that adequate preventive measures are carried out.

MALARIA:

He will ensure that

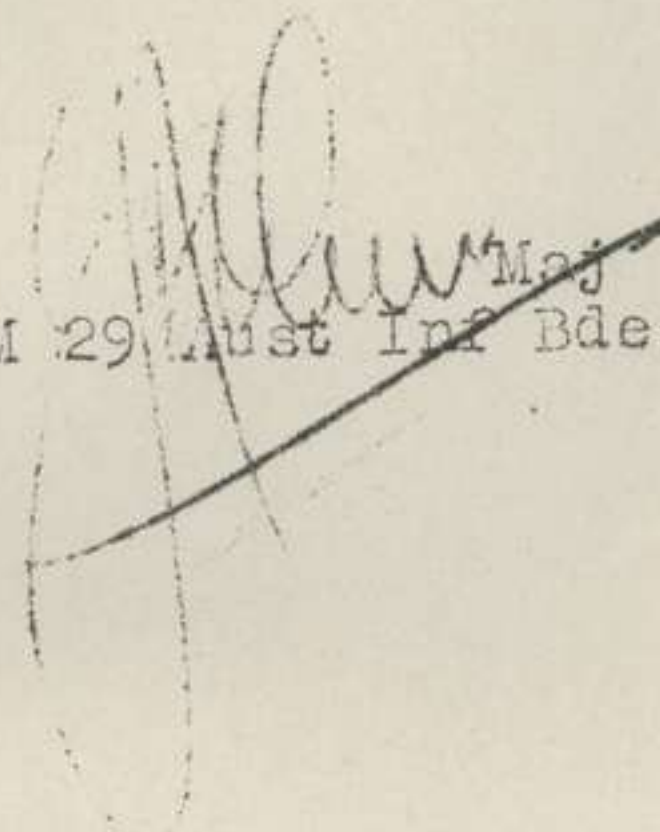
- (i) Mosquito nets are used throughout the night by all ranks not on duty.
- (ii) Measures are taken to prevent mosquitoes breeding within the camp area.
- (iii) Action is taken for cases and suspected cases of Malaria Fever to be kept under mosquito nets as long as they remain in the unit area. The same action will be taken in respect of febrile cases of all kinds unless diagnosis can definitely be excluded.
- (iv) An Anti-Mosquito Squad is formed from unit personnel. This will consist of 1 NCO and 3 men per infantry battalion or similar unit and a proportionate number for other units. Their work will be supervised by the Unit Medical Officer.
- (v) Every officer, NCO and man, has a container with anti-mosquito cream, and that the cream is used on the face, hands and other exposed parts of the body after dusk.
- (vi) At dusk until sunrise all ranks wear long trousers, boots and puttees or gaiters, and long sleeved shirts or jackets with sleeves turned down.
- (vii) All occupied quarters, tents or bivouacs are closed and sprayed with fly spray each morning as soon as possible after Reveille, and that the detailed instructions for

- (vii) spraying as given in the Pamphlet "The Prevention of Malaria" are followed.
- (viii) Guards and sentries are provided with veils and gloves, to be used after dusk when circumstances permit.
- (ix) When recommended by the Senior Administrative Medical Officer of the Force, he will also ensure that suppressive treatment with quinine or atabrin is carried out by every officer.

DYSENTRY

He will ensure that measures are taken towards:

- (i) Prevention and destruction of flies.
- (ii) Complete and rapid fly-proof disposal of excreta.
- (iii) A sufficient supply of safe drinking water.
- (iv) General hygiene.
- (v) No man will be used in the preparation and handling of food who is suffering from diarrhoea or dysentery or has suffered, until certified as safe by RMO.
- (vi) Slightest signs of diarrhoea or dysentery must be immediately reported to RMO.


BM 29 ~~Just Inf Bde~~ Maj

APPENDIX "A"

TACTICAL MARKINGS

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde Tactical Markings of Vehicles will be shown on a 4 inch Red Strip with white letters and/or figures above the Unit Serial Number.

<u>VEHICLE</u>		<u>MARKING</u>
Car DS	Bde Comd	
Car 6 seater util	BM	G
Truck 15 cwt GS	BM (Learner)	GL
Truck "	SC	A
Truck "	SC (Learner)	AL
Truck "	LOs	L
Truck "	TO	T
Truck "	IO	I
Truck "	Office	O
Truck "	BASCO	S
Truck "	CQMS	Q
Truck "	AO & EO	A1
Truck "	CSM	A2
Truck "	Armourer & Fitters	A3
Truck 3 Ton	Officers' Mess	K1
Truck 3 Ton	Q Kitchen	K2
Truck 15 cwt GS	Chaplain	C1
Truck "	Chaplain	C2
Truck "	Chaplain	C3
Motor Cycle	I Sgt	I
Motor Cycle	LO	L
Motor Cycle	LO	L
Motor Cycle	Transport Sgt	T
Motor Cycle	BASCO Orderly	S
Motor Cycle	HO	H
Motor Cycle	BOWO	O

312 AUST. LAD.

Tactical Markings of 312 Aust LAD will be shown on a 4 inch red strip with white figures above the Unit Serial Number.

<u>VEHICLE</u>		<u>MARKING</u>
Van 12 cwt	CO	M1
Van 12 cwt	WO II	M6
Truck 3 ton GS	Kitchen	M4
Truck 3 ton	Stores	M2
Truck 3 ton	Garage	M3
Truck 3 ton	Breakdown	M5
Motor Cycle		LAD

L SECTION SIGNALS

Tactical Markings of L Section Signals will be shown on a 4 inch red strip with white figures above the Unit Serial Number. The Serial Number in red letters on a blue and white background will denote that the vehicles belong to L Section Signals.

Van 1 ton	CO	1
Vans 1 ton	Wireless	2 - 9
Truck 30 cwt	Cable Truck	10
Truck 3 ton	Signal Office	11
Truck 3 ton	Stores	12

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17 P1	Truck (D Coy colour Marking)	17
18 P1	Truck " " " "	18
19 P1	Truck " " " "	19

MOTOR CYCLES

Numbered throughout Bn in sequence of WE.

<u>Bn HQ</u>	Motor cycles	1 - 8	(Red with white figures)
<u>HQ Coy</u>	Motor cycles	9 - 28	(White with black figures)

APPENDIX "B"REPORTS AND RETURNS TO BE RENDERED BY UNIT

Serial No.	Subject	When rendered	Rendered to	Remarks
1.	Location HQs	immediately	Bde HQ	
2.	Shelling	"	"	
3.	Gas	"	"	
4.	Air Intelligence	"	"	
5.	POW	"	"	
6.	Captured documents	"	"	
7.	Identification reports	"	"	
8.	Minefield	"	"	
9.	Demolition	"	"	
10.	SITREP	As necessary	"	
11.	Ammunition Expenditure	daily	"	1200 hrs daily
12.	AAF W3006	"	"	0630 " "
13.	AAF W3010	"	Records	
14.	AAF W3011	"	Records	
15.	AAF W3012	"	Records	
16.	AAF W3008	weekly	Bde HQ	Sat of each week.
17.	AAF W3009	"	" "	Do.
18.	AAF B2069	"	{ Div Records	Sunday of each week
19.	AAF C2118	monthly	Records	
20.	AAF W3114	As necessary	Records	

PRO FORMAS

(a) SITREP rendered on A.F. C2128. If nothing of importance to report, word SITNOR will be signalled.

(b) SHELLING REPORT

Unit

Date

29 Aust Inf Bde

1. Ref Map

2. Time Commenced hrs
finished hrs

3. Location of Source flash/report^x
Bearing from
..... ° True.

4. Area Shelled

5. Damage

6. Nature of Fire

7. No. of Guns

8. Rate of Fire

9. Gun/How^x

10. Calibre

11. Groove (direction)

..... Signature

..... Rank

..... Appt.

..... T.O.O.

^x Strike out word not required.

(d) AIR (I) REPORT

Unit.....

Date

29 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. Ref Map
- 2. Particulars of Enemy Raid:-
 - (a) Tactics Employed
 - (b) Number and nature of bombs dropped
 - (c) Size of craters
 - (d) Location of "DuGs"
- 3. Pyrotechnic or Light sigs employed by enemy A/C
- 4. Type of A/C
- 5. No. of A/C

..... Signature
 Rank
 Appt
 T.O.O..... Hrs

(e) CRASHED A/C REPORT

Unit

Date

29 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. Ref Map
- 2. Particulars and location of crashed enemy A/C
- 3. Statement of Equipment salvaged
- 4. Action taken with enemy pilots and airmen
- 5. Nature of Casualties to:
 - (a) Own A/C
 - (b) Allied A/C

..... Signature
 Rank
 Appointment
 T.O.O..... Hrs

(f) CAPTURED DOCUMENTS
& POW REPORTS

Unit

Date

29 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. Ref Map
- 2. No. of Officers0/Rs
- 3. When captured
- 4. Time captured
- 5. By whom captured.....
- 6. Documents captured

 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)

7. Disposal

8. Additional information ..
.....
.....

..... Signature
 Rank
 Appointment
 T.O.O.

(g) GAS REPORT

Unit

Date

29 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. Ref Map
- 2. Time of Attack
- 3. Type of attack
- 4. No. of bombs or shells
- 5. No. of aircraft used
- 6. Area contaminated
- 7. Casualties
- 8. Type of Gas
- 9. Samples found (1)
- (2)
- 10. Details on enclosed sketch.
- 11. Additional information
-

..... Signature
 Rank
 Appointment
 T.O.O.

Unit

Date

(h) MINE AND DEMOLITION REPORT

29 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. Ref Map
- 2. Map Ref
- 3. Date of preparation of work and by whom
- 4. Type of mine or charges
- 5. Number of separate mines or charges
- 6. Method of Firing.
- 7. Details of mechanism and firing arrangement
- 8. Details of charge and Type of Explosive
- 9. Date of Actual demolition and by whom
- 10. Report on effect of Demolition
- 11. Details of sketch attached to this Report

..... Signature

..... Rank

..... Appt

T.O.O. Hrs

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

By

Brig R.F. Monaghan - Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde

1 Dec 42

No 3535

6. PACK ANIMALS

Pack Animals will not be ridden faster than at a trot. Units will ensure that these animals are kept well shod. Arrangements for shoeing will be made with 312 Aust LAD. Donkeys will NOT be ridden.

7. MOVEMENT BY RAIL

All movt of pers by rail on leave or on duty will be arranged through 5 Aust Div. In order to save time units requiring to move pers will originate a signal to 5 Aust Div rptd 29 Aust Inf Bde setting out all the necessary info incl Army number, rank, name, initials and destination. Reason or authority for movt must be quoted and 48 hrs notice is required except in urgent cases. The practice of contacting RTO to arrange movt of pers will be discontinued forthwith.

8. SPEED LIMITS

The speed limits as laid down in 5 Aust Div Adm Instr A2 of 27 May 42, are reprinted hereunder. These limits still apply. They will be widely promulgated in ROs and units will ensure that correct limits are entered on AAF GIs when issued to drivers.

TYPE	LIMIT	
	Through Town	On Country Rds.
Cars DS	25	35
MG	25	40
Vans 12 cwt and 15 cwt	20	30
Vans 1-ton	20	25
Truck 30 cwt and 3-ton	15	20
Carriers, MG (tracked)	15	20

9. PILLION RIDING

M/C PILLION RIDING is to be discontinued except where necessary during operational trg.

10. CARRIERS TRACK MILEAGE

Attention is dra n to the necessity of conserving carrier tracks. A carrier is only of use to the extent of its remaining track mileage. Units will ensure that trg of new drivers is confined to the carriers specially issued for trg purposes, which will be plainly marked on both sides and front and rear with a large yellow "L" to indicate learner driver. The measurements of this "L" will be 12" x 8" x 1 1/2".

11. WATER POINT BLUEWATER

As from the issue of this order, Duty Bn will supply one water duty man at Bluewater Point during daylight hrs who will be responsible for the care and operation of the water pumps. A daily inspection will be made by A.A.O.D. fitter att HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde. Duty man will be instr to report to SC HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde immediately any breakdown occurs.

12. OUT OF BOUNDS

SHAMROCK HOTEL and VICTORIA BR HOTEL, TOWNSVILLE are out of bounds to all allied tps as from 0900 hrs 21 Nov 42, until further notice. CAUSEWAY HOTEL, TOWNSVILLE, is out of bounds to all allied tps until further notice

13. RESULT OF TRIAL BY D.C.M.

A DCM was held on 16 November 1942 in the Field pursuant to a Convening Order dated 13 November 1942 made by Maj-Gen E.J. MILFORD, DSO, GOC 5 Australian Division.

ACCUSED Q101302 Pte T.A. McSHANE
15 Australian Infantry Battalion

CHARGE Absent without Leave (A.A. 15(1))

FINDING Guilty

SENTENCE Field Punishment for 35 days.

Confirmed 18 November 1942 by GOC 5 Australian Division.

14. CAPTURED NAVAL WEAPONS - DISPOSAL OF

The Department of the Navy has requested that when possible all enemy naval weapons recovered be handed intact to the nearest Naval Officer-in-charge for examination by naval weapons experts. In the event of recovery of such weapons by personnel of First Aust Army the request of the Department of the Navy must be complied with. Attempts will NOT be made to strip weapons for examination before delivery to naval experts.

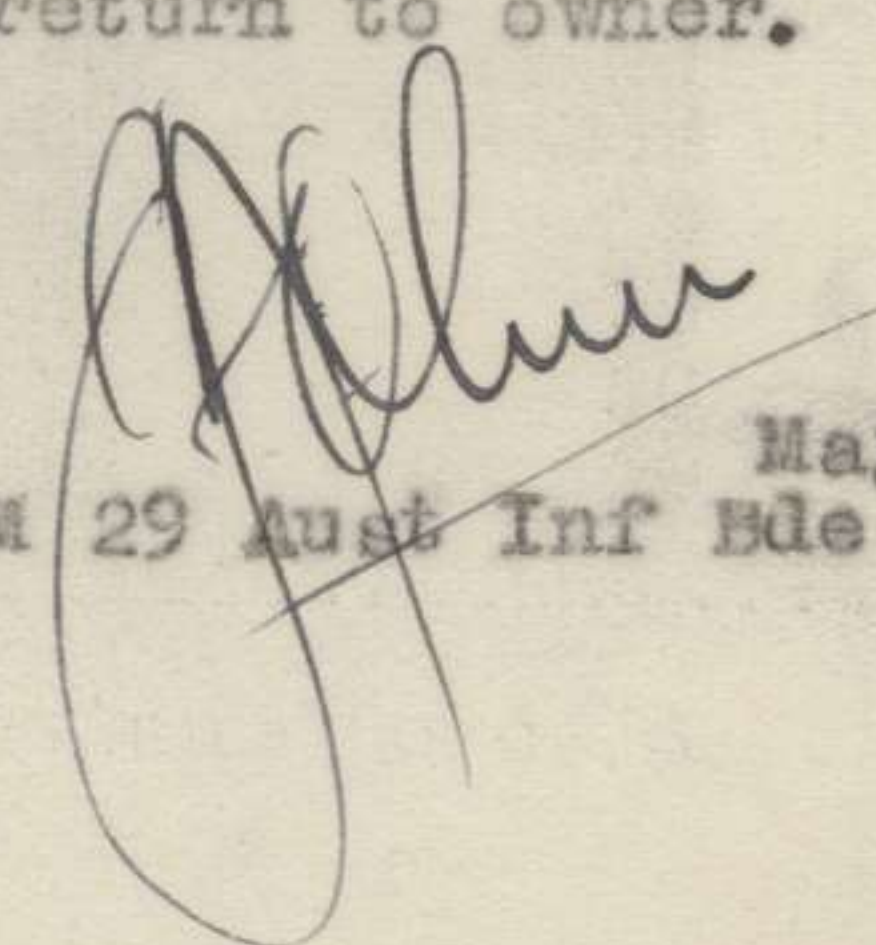
(To be repeated in orders to all units under comd)

15. WATER

During Jungle Trg period, it is advisable for health reasons to put one level teaspoonful of salt into a quart waterbottle each time it is refilled to replace the salt expended in perspiration

16. LOST

A blanket, wrapped in a ground-sheet was lost during the movt on night 23/24 Oct from MAIN NORTHERN HIGHWAY along the Bde centre line. The ground-sheet has a small tear in the centre. Finder please fwd to Bde Hq for return to owner.


Maj
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

By

Brig R.F. Monaghan - Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde

21 Dec 42

No 36

17. RODEO &
SPORTS
MEETING

A Rodeo and Sports Meeting will be held at BLUEWATER on Jan 1st commencing at 1400 hrs. Nominations are called for the following events.

Rodeo

Buckjumping (Mules) (Rodeo rules - Halter, one hand in air, spurs and poley saddles)
Donkey dozing (6 loose at a time with competitor on foot with halter).

Musical Chairs (on Donkeys)
Goat Races (for civilian children)
Bareback Wrestling (Donkeys)
Greasy Pig Race

Athletics

100 yds Championship
220 yds Championship
440 yds Championship
Broad Jump Championship
High Jump Championship
Hop Step and Jump Championship
Relay Race 4 in team - 1 team per unit
Tug of War 8 in team - 1 team per unit

Swimming

100 yds Freestyle Championship
50 yds Freestyle Championship
50 yds Breaststroke Championship
50 yds Backstroke Championship
Relay Race 4 in team - 1 team per unit
Medley Relay 4, do

(Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle)

Nominations are limited to three per unit for each championship event and one team per unit for team events. Elimination trials will be staged if necessary.

Nominations close on Dec 24th at 14.00 hrs, and will be taken by Amenities Officer.

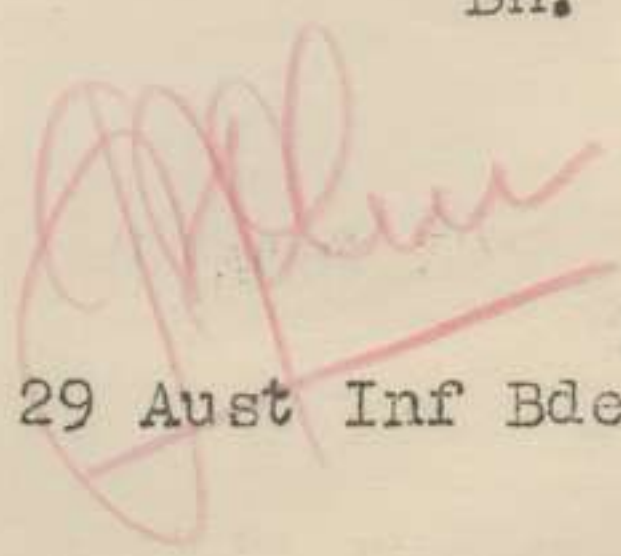
18. CORRES-
PONDENCE

In all cases where correspondence addressed to this HQ is minuted on to units for necessary attention, units will ensure that the original correspondence is returned with the reply thereto.

19. MOBILE
TALKIE
PROGRAMME

Mobile Talkie Plant will be operating as under

Thur 24 Dec	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	Site - HQ 29
& Fri 1 Jan	42 Aust Inf Bn	Aust Inf
	15 Aust Inf Bn	Bde
Fri 25 Dec	47 Aust Inf Bn	Site - 47
& Sat 2 Jan		Aust Inf
		Bn.


Maj
BM 29 Aust Inf Bde.

Serial No. 19

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/2/2

W.E. 15 X 67 (PLUS 2 STAFF LEARNERS)

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 5 DEC 42

HQ 29 AUST INF BDE Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
BRIGADIER *	1		
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4	1	
Lieutenants	6	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
CHAPLAINS			
Quartermasters	3		
Totals	15	2	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	KING W.J.	47 AUST INF BDE	1/12/42	FROM LEAVE

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL (TRK)	QX6152	MONAGHAN R.F.	BRIGADIER	YES	
<u>STAFF</u>					
LIEUT (TRK)	VP7539	OLIVER J.A.	BDE MAJOR	YES	
CAPT	QX33403	MAKIN W.G.A.	STAFF CAPT	NO	AT FIRST AUST ARMY JUNIOR TACTICAL SCHOOL
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>					
LIEUT (TRK)	QX35169	KING W.J.	LEARNER S.C.	YES	
LIEUT (TRK)	Q23702	ROSS J.H.	LEARNER D.M.	NO	AT FIRST AUST ARMY JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL
LIEUT (TRK)	QX40339	SCOTT D.J.	BDE T.O.	YES	
LIEUT	QX40838	WEIGHT J.W.	L.O.	YES	
LIEUT	QX35770	DEXTER H.E.	L.O.	YES	
LIEUT	QX40840	CRAN P.G.	AMENITIES OFFR	YES	
LIEUT	Q19435	DALE E.R.	L.O.	YES	
LIEUT	Q105366	BATY J.R.	L.O.	YES	
<u>SERVICES</u>					
CHAPLAIN	Q141221	HENRY W.J.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 15 AUST INF BN.
CHAPLAIN	Q143512	M'PHEAT W.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 47 AUST INF BN.
CHAPLAIN	Q141925	WARSTAFF A.T.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 42 AUST INF BN.
LIEUT (TRK)	QX40883	FINKNER H.	BDE SIG OFFR	YES	
PLIEUT	Q193346	O'HEA J.P.	HYGIENE OFFR	NO	ATT HQ 11 AUST INF BDE
<u>ATTACHED FOR DUTY FROM 15 AUST INF BN. BUT NOT POSTED</u>					
LIEUT	Q18623	SULLY J.H.R.	EDUCATION OFFR	YES	

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

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
LIEUT	QX40789	WARMAN D.	SIGS 5 AUST DIV	14/11/42	SIG OFFR	YES
LIEUT (TRK)	NP 9897	WINDSOR G.	17 FD BATT	23/11/42	ACTG STAFF CAPT	NO

HO 29 AUST INF BDE
(Unit.)

5 DEC 42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

5 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

Serial No. 20

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 4443

A.M.F. 59

W.E. 17 X 59

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 13 Dec 42

HQ 29 MUST INF BDE Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* <u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
* <u>1</u>			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Captains	<u>5</u>		
Lieutenants	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	<u>3</u>		
Totals	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<u>LIEUT</u>	<u>DALE, E.R.</u>	<u>29 MUST INF BDE</u>	<u>10/12/42</u>	<u>LEAVE</u>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT (TEMP)	OX 6153	MONMOUTH, R.E.	COMMANDER	YES	
<u>STAFF</u>					
LT (TEMP)	OX 44025	OLIVER, J.A.	DEPT. CLERK	YES	
LT	OX 25413	WALKER, H.D.A.	STAFF LT	NO	AT FIRST AUST ARMY TUNICA TACTICAL SCHOOL
<u>REGIMENTAL REQUISITIONERS</u>					
LT (TEMP)	OX 25769	LONG, W.T.	QUARTER MASTER	YES	
LT (TEMP)	OX 25762	ROSS, J.A.	LEARNER R.M.	NO	AT FIRST AUST ARMY TUNICA STAFF SCHOOL
LT (TEMP)	OX 44025	WALKER, H.D.A.	STAFF LT	YES	
LT	OX 25762	ROSS, J.A.	L.O.	YES	
LT	OX 25770	DEATER, H.E.	L.O.	YES	
LT	OX 40540	COOK, P.G.	QUARTER MASTER	YES	
LT	OX 40574	DALE, E.K.	L.O.	YES	
LT	OX 40536	BATEY, T.K.	L.O.	YES	
<u>SERVICES</u>					
CHAPLAIN	OX 11331	HENRY, W.T.	CHAPLAIN	NO	AT 5 AUST INF BDE
CHAPLAIN	OX 11332	M. CHEST, W.	CHAPLAIN	NO	AT 77 AUST INF BDE
CHAPLAIN	OX 11333	WINDSTAR, H.T.	CHAPLAIN	NO	AT 42 AUST INF BDE
LT (TEMP)	OX 40545	COOK, P.G.	QUARTER MASTER	YES	
LT	OX 10346	FISHER, J.T.	QUARTER MASTER	NO	AT 41 AUST INF BDE
<u>ATTACHED FOR DUTY FROM 15 AUST INF BDE, BUT NOT LISTED</u>					
LT	OX 11333	SULLY, J.H.K.	QUARTER MASTER	YES	

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

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
LT	OX 40549	WINDSTAR, H.T.	5 AUST DIV	14/11/42	SIG OFFICER	YES
LT (TEMP)	NP 9297	WINDSOR, B.	12 AUST DIV	23/11/42	STAFF	NO

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE
(Unit.)
12 DEC 42
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
5 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Serial No. 21

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 177
A.M.F.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 17 X 17

Date 19 Dec 72

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* <u> </u>			
* <u> </u>			
Lieut.-Colonels <u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		
Majors <u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Captains <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	
Lieutenants <u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	
2nd Lieutenants <u> </u>			
Quartermasters <u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		
Totals <u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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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.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LTJG	21422	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21423	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21424	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21425	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21426	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21427	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21428	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21429	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21430	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21431	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21432	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21433	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21434	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21435	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21436	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21437	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21438	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21439	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21440	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21441	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21442	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21443	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21444	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21445	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21446	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21447	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21448	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21449	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21450	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21451	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21452	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21453	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21454	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21455	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21456	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21457	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21458	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21459	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21460	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21461	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21462	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21463	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21464	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21465	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21466	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21467	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21468	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21469	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21470	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21471	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21472	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21473	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21474	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21475	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21476	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21477	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21478	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21479	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21480	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21481	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21482	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21483	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21484	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21485	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21486	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21487	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21488	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21489	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21490	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21491	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21492	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21493	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21494	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21495	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21496	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21497	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21498	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21499	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	
LTJG	21500	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
LTJG	21422	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
LTJG	21423	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
LTJG	21424	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
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LTJG	21435	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
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LTJG	21498	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
LTJG	21499	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes
LTJG	21500	ROBERTSON, R.A.	1942			Yes

_____ (Unit.) _____ (Signature of Commander.)
 _____ (Date of Despatch.) _____ (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

SUMMARY

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

AIF - 40

HQ 29 MUST INF BDE (Unit)

19 Dec

19 42 (Date)

CMF - 19

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			1
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	9	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	42		11
TOTALS	59	* 3	* 13

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST WIR</u>		<u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS</u>	
		29 ORs	505 5 MUST DIV
		3 ORs	F.P.D.
		2 ORs	15 MUST INF BN
		4 ORs	47 MUST INF BN
		1 OR	11 PD REGT.
		1 O.R.	2.4.4.6.
		2 ORs	11 MUST PD COY
		1 OR	12 HQSB.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

Serial No. 22
W.E. Reference A.I.F. 113/3
A.M.F. _____
W.E. 17 X 69
Attached _____
Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 26 DEC 42

HQ 29 AUST INF BDE Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* PRIVATIER *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2		1
Captains	5	1	
Lieutenants	6	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
CHAPLAINS Quartermasters	3		
Totals	17	2	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
1LT (T/ART)	JAMES, M.L.	AASC.	22/12/42	TO DUTY AS A16 BASCO

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
1LT (T/ART)	KING, W.J.	47 AUST INF BN	21/12/42	TO DUTY AT 47 AUST INF BN
1LT	DEXTER, H.E.	47 AUST INF BN	21/12/42	LEAVE
1LT	BATY, J.R.	47 AUST INF BN	21/12/42	TO FIRST AUST ARMY PAY BRANCH CSE.
1LT (T/ART)	FRANKNER, N.	AASC	25/12/42	TO NO. 16 SUPPLY CSE 47 AUST INF BN

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL (T/BRIG)	QX 6152	MONAGHAN, R.F.	BRIGADIER	YES	
<u>STAFF</u>					
LIEUT (T/MAT)	YX 114025	OLIVER, J.A.	BDE MAJOR	YES	
CAPT	QX 55403	MACK, W.G.A.	STAFF CAPT	NO	ATT 47 HUST INF BN PENDING CESSATION OF SECONDMENT.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS</u>					
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 35769	KING, W.J.	LEARNER SC.	NO	Do. Do.
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40511	ROSS, J.A.	LEARNER DM	NO	AT FIRST HUST ARMY JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40839	SCOTT, D.J.	BDE T.O.	YES	
LIEUT	QX 40138	WEIGHT, J.W.	L.O.	YES	
LIEUT	QX 35770	DENTER, H.E.	L.O.	NO	LEAVE
LIEUT	QX 40540	CRAN, P.G.	IDENTITIES OFF	NO	LEAVE
LIEUT	QX 40514	DALE, E.R.	L.O.	NO	LEAVE
LIEUT	QX 35316	CATY, J.R.	L.O.	NO	AT FIRST HUST ARMY COY ASSULT COURSE
<u>SERVICES</u>					
CHAPLAIN	6141251	BERRY, W.F.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 15 HUST INF BN
CHAPLAIN	6141252	MURPHY, W.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 47 HUST INF BN
CHAPLAIN	6141258	WHOSTAFF, A.J.	CHAPLAIN	NO	ATT 36 HUST INF BN
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40533	Faulkner, N.	BDE SUP OFF	NO	AT M.I. SUP. B. HASC.
LIEUT	6141346	O'SHEA, J.P.	HYGIE OFF	NO	ATT 11 HUST INF BDE
ATTACHED FOR INTY AND RECOMMENDED FOR SECONDMENT BUT NOT POSTED					
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	NX 1009197	WINDST, G.	BDE LEARNER SC.	YES	PENDING CESSATION SECOND
LIEUT	615623	SULLY, J.H.R.	EDUCATION OFF	YES	

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

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40810	MACKAY, A.W.	42 HUST INF BN	15/12/42	A TO STAFF CAPT	NO
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40824	JAMES, M.L.	HASC	22/12/42	ATTG B.A.S.C.O.	NO
LIEUT	Q 40789	WARMAN, D.	SIGS SPART BN	14/1/42	SIG OFFR	NO

HQ 29 HUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

26 DEC 42

(Date of Despatch.)

SERIAL No. 22

(Signature of Commander.)

5 HUST. DIV.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

29 AUST INF BDE

STRENGTH POSITION - 1200 HRS 30 DEC 42

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total WE			122	2622	
" attached			3	44	
			<hr/>	<hr/>	
			125	2666	2791
			<hr/>	<hr/>	
Total WE Posted Strength			118	2511	
" attached" " (x)			3	20	
			<hr/>	<hr/>	
			121	2531	

Losses

- (a) Under 19 yrs age 9 ✓
- (b) Medically unfit 2 ✓
Awaiting disposal
- (c) Transfer pending 1 ✓
- (d) Surplus Tradesmen 80 45

Probable Losses

Medically unfit				96	
Require board	1 ✓	41	3	131	
			<hr/>	<hr/>	
			118	2400	2553
					2518
				2435	<hr/>

Net Deficiency

273
238

(x) includes nursing orderly available for transfer to AAMC

(y) includes

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29 AUST INF BDE

STRENGTH POSITION - 1200 HRS 30 DEC 42

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total WE			122	2622	
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" attached" " (x)			3	20	
			<hr/>		
			121	2531	

Losses

(a) Under 19 yrs age		9		
(b) Medically unfit				
Awaiting disposal	2			
(c) Transfer pending		1		
(d) Surplus Tradesmen		80		

Probable Losses

Medically unfit				
Require board	1	41	3	131
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			118	2400
				<hr/>
				2518

Net Deficiency 273

(x) includes nursing orderly available for transfer to AAMC

29 AUGST INF BDE

ATTACHED PERSONNEL - ALLOWED BY W/E AS AT 1200 HRS 30 DEC 42

SECRET

Unit and Detail	A A M C				A E M E			A A P C		Postal Services	TOTAL	
	Capt	Sgt Hyg	Sgt	Ptes	Arm ^d Sgt	Fitters MV (Gp 1)	Shoe maker Cpl	Sgt	Cpl	Sgt	Oftrs	O/Rs
V E	1	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	14
15 Bn - at present attached	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	7
Deficient	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	(1)	-	-	7
42 Bn - at present attached	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	6
Deficient	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	(1)	-	-	8
47 Bn - at present attached	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	6
Deficient	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	(1)	-	-	8
TOTAL DEFICIENCIES	-	-	-	6	-	14	-	-	3	-	-	23
Less Nursing Orderly available for tfr from 15 Bn to AAMC & re-attachment as AAMC detail to 15 Bn				1								1
				5		14			3			22

Note: suitable clerks available in 42 & 47 AUGST Inf Bns for tfr to AAPC as Cpls and attachment to those units.

[Signature]
 Brig
 Comd 29 Avst Inf Bde

29 ADST LHP 30E

SECRET

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STRENGTH STATEMENT AS AT 1200 HRS 30 DEC 42

WE 11/12c/1

WE 11/11a/1 1/25A/1

WE 17/65

Detail	15 Bn		42 Bn		47 Bn		L Sec Sigs		312 LAD		29 Bde HQ		Total	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
WE Attached	34 1	833 14	34 1	833 14	34 1	833 14	2	43 2	1	15	17	65	122 3	2622 44
	35	847	35	847	35	847	2	45	1	15	17	65	125	2666
<i>Deficiency</i>	3	5	-	Surplus 2	Surplus 1	109	-	1	-	-	2	-	4	111
<u>Posted Strength</u>														
1. Present in Camp	15	636	21	687	25	461	2	31	1	11	8	52	72	1878
<u>Absent from Camp but still on Posted Strength</u>														
2. Hospital	1	8	3	2	2	10			1				6	21
Schools	9	43	7	44	5	38		5			3	2	24	132
Leave	5	88	2	48	3	125		5		3	1	9	11	278
AWL - from camp		7		26		11								44
Overdue from Leave		51		14		60		3						128
N.G. Forces				9										9
Detention - Ch Towers Brisbane		1				1								1
ARD Canungra	1		1	2									2	2
15 Bn											1	1	1	1
42 Bn											1	1	1	1
47 Bn											1	-	1	-
29 Bde Guard						4								4
NGRO				1		1								2
29 Bde - Water Pump						1								1
5 Div Camflg Unit				1		4								5
104 Pd Wk/shops						1								1
FPC 5 Div				2		1								3
Sub Total Posted Strength	31	834	34	836	35	718	2	44	1	15	15	65	118	2512

Add Inter Unit Transfers

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1878
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Detail	15 Bn		42 Bn		47 Bn		L See Sig		312 LAD		29 Bde HQ		Total	
	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs	Offrs	O/Rs
Less Inter-unit Transfers	31	834 6	34	836 1	35	724	2	44	1	15	15	65	118	2518 7
Total Posted Strength	31	828	34	835	35	724	2	44	1	15	15	65	118	2511
Losses														
(a) Under 19 years age		1		4		2				1		1		9
(b) Medically unfit - awaiting disposal			2	-									2	-
(c) Transfer to 33 AGH pending						1								1
(d) Tradesmen surplus (Tradetested)		34		14		32								80
sub-total Tradesmen deficient on WE (see note X) to be received	31	793 1	32	817 10	35	689	2	44 1	1	14	1	64	116	2421 14
	31	794	32	827	35	691	2	45	1	14	15	64	116	2435 2421
Probable Losses														
Personnel whose medical fitness is doubtful - require boarding	1	14		7		20							1	41
	30	780	32	820	35	671	2	45	1	14	15	64	115	2390 80

Note (a) 15 Bn Posted strength will increase by (1) one should transfer of nursing orderly to AAMC and re-attachment to 15 Bn as AAMC detail, be finalized.

(b) Under-age personnel of 312 LAD is a technical storeman.

Brig
Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde.

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H.Q. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
31 May, 42.

42/9/138

SUBJECT: TROPICAL WARFARE.

5 Aust. Div.

Your Q20/16/2 of 29 May.

Very little time has been given for consideration of this matter, but the following points are submitted.

1. WAR ESTABLISHMENT A.M.F. INFANTRY BN.

In my opinion this establishment is altogether too unwieldy. The average C.O. is not able to control his unit except in static defence. To my mind the M.G. Coy should be withdrawn and the personnel formed into M.G. Bns. The A/A Pl. could be dispensed with now that everyone is trained in A/A work. Rifle sections should be reduced in number to 1 H.C.O. and 6 men. To man 6 3" mortars the mortar pl. needs more men. The present type of carrier needs modification to carry a mortar crew and its equipment.

2. WAR ESTABLISHMENT H.Q. INF. BDE. ETC.

I would suggest a section of carriers in lieu of the present Defence Pl. If a Bde H.Q. cannot conveniently establish itself in the Reserve Bn. area, it can always borrow a Pl. temporarily from the Reserve Bn. The Defence Pl. lacks the benefit of Coy and Bn. control when not engaged on active operations.

3. TPT. INF. BN.

The above suggestions, if adopted, would reduce the tpt of an Inf. Bn. by 29 vehs.

It is, of course, very convenient to have a truck for each Rifle Pl. but I am not convinced that it is really necessary. 1 - 3 ton lorry and 2 vans would be nearly as efficient as 5 Vans. This would save in number 2 vehs. per Rifle Coy or 8 per Bn. Two 3-ton lorries could be substituted for the 5 vans allotted for carriage of s.a.a. and mortar bombs. The only other vehs. which could be left out, in my opinion, are the two 3-ton lorries allotted for gas clothing. These could be withdrawn from Bns. and form a Div. reserve.

4. TPT. H.Q. INF. BDE.

Except that I think the tyres fitted to D.S. cars and the reece car too small, I have no suggestions to offer at this stage.

5. GENERAL

(a) Clothing Shorts are very comfortable to wear but I doubt whether they are as serviceable as trousers K.D. which can be tucked into socks or worn with gaiters and save many scratches and mosquito bites etc.

At present, far too much clothing is on issue to the men, most of it will have to go to the kit store. In Libya we got on quite well for weeks with what the men wore plus a pair of shorts and a change of underclothes. For this to work satisfactorily, D.A.D.O.S. must be able to replace clothing whenever necessary. In other words, reserve stocks must be held well forward.

Men should be trained to wear underclothes - these can be frequently wrung out and dried quickly. It doesn't matter then if their outer garments are not washed so often.

I think steel helmets could be dispensed with in jungle warfare - they are very hot and heavy and often give away a position

5. GENERAL (Cont'd)

(b) Respirators. In my opinion these should be carried in Coy vehicles and not worn. The respirator is an embarrassment to movement, and moreover, if worn, quickly wears out.

In extensive tropical warfare the risk of being gassed is about equivalent to that of being taken by a shark at Manly, and considerably less than that of being killed on the Charters Towers Road by an American Army vehicle. Sooner or later, if we are to be really mobile, someone will have to take the responsibility of saying that we will carry our respirators in M.T. until the enemy actually starts to use gas in such a form and concentration that quick adjustment of the respirator is essential.

A few might suffer from this policy, but the great majority will benefit and it is a risk well worth taking in the interests of mobility.

(c) Boots and Sandshoes. The second pair of boots issued to the men could be withdrawn into Div. Reserve. If a Bn. has a good bootmaking show it can keep all its men going with 50 or 60 pairs on hand for men to change into for a day while their own boots are being repaired. The Q.M. also needs to keep on hand a supply of new boots - say 40 pairs for issue as required. The second pair of boots represents in weight on present W.E. $910 \times 4 \text{ lbs} = 3640 \text{ lbs.}$ or rather more than the capacity of $1\frac{1}{2}$ 1-ton vans.

If a pair of sandshoes per man was issued the saving would be roughly the load of one van.

If boots are withdrawn the man can get all the kit he needs plus groundsheet and one blanket into his pack, which he always has with him on the Coy tpt.

(d) The secret of mobility is an efficient Ordnance organisation so that a unit only needs to carry what it is actually using and relying on D.A.D.O.S. for immediate replacements.

Brig.

Comd. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIRST AUST ARMY ADM INSTN 3.

ORDNANCE SERVICES - MAINTENANCE SYSTEM.

2 Jun 42

The system for the Supply and Maintenance of Ordnance Stores, and Amn, and the repair of Vehs and Eqpt etc in First Aust Army Area, is as follows :-

1. STORES:

(i) Units located in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 L of C Sub Areas will be supplied from Depots shown hereunder -

<u>L of C Sub-Area</u>	<u>Issuing Depot etc.</u>
1.	{ FOD - HUGHENDEN
	{ FOD - CHARTERS TOWERS
2.	3 Adv Ord Depot - TOOWOOMBA, except as shown in para 1 of First Aust Army Order No. 82.
3.	1 Adv Ord Depot - MUSWELLBROOK
4. }	2 Adv Ord Depot - BATHURST.
5. }	

(ii) AD'sOS Formations are permitted to form divisional dumps where such are considered necessary. Approved Scaling for these dumps and instns for their operation are laid down in DOS Routine Instn No. 51 of 14 May 42.

(iii) Instns in regard to the submission of War Eqpt Tables and Extracts (E2 Series and AAF E2a) also indents for maintenance requirements, other than Controlled Stores, are laid down in First Aust Army Orders 43 and 64.

(iv) Controlled Stores - Instns relating to these are contained in HQ First Aust Army 'Q' memo No. 36/1/184 of 16 May 42 and GHQ (Aust) SM.7927 of 2 May 42 and para 4 of First Aust Army Order 43.

(v) Returned Stores - All unserviceable No. 2 Sub-Depot Stores will be collected and returned to RSD under Formation arrangements. They will not be returned to Salvage Depots.

(vi) The collection and disposal of used parts and components will be in accordance with First Aust Army Order No. 39.

(vii) AD'sOS Formations will ensure that units do not hold Ordnance Stores in excess of authorized requirements.

2. AMN ETC:

Amn and Service Explosives will be issued as follows :-

<u>L of C Sub-Area.</u>	<u>Issuing Depots etc.</u>
1.	FADs - TOWNSVILLE - SELLHEIM - HUGHENDEN.
2.	Adv Amn Depot - WALLANGARRA - HELIDON - ENOGGERA. Units in MARYBOROUGH Area - FAD BLACKBUTT.
3.	Adv Amn Depot - DENMAN.

2. AMN ETC: cont.

L of C Sub-Area

Issuing Depots etc.

4. *

FAD - MOOREBANK

5. *

Adv Amn Depot - MARRANGARDO.

* Units located in ALBURY Area will be supplied from Base Amn Depot ALBURY.

Ann Empties - Action will be taken to ensure that all empty Cartridge Cases, bandoliers, containers and packages etc. are returned through the appointed channel to the Ordnance Service. In view of their value, great care will be exercised that brass cartridge cases and amn packages are not damaged.

Recovery and Repair of "A" and "B" Vehs and Ord Stores, other than Amn. Clothing and Necessaries.

Rec and repairs will be performed by Units as detailed below :-

1. 1st Echelon: By att LAD's vide MBI G50 dated 23 Mar 42. .X.
2. 2nd Echelon: By Div Ord Wkshops under Div Comds and 110, 111 and 112 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshops under comd 2 Aust Corps. Repairs for First Aust Army Tps will be performed by nearest 2nd or 3rd Ech Wkshops
3. 3rd Echelon:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Unit to perform repairs.</u>
5 Aust Div	CHARTERS TOWERS Adv Ord Wkshop.
1 Aust Corps	3 Army Ord Wkshop, or if authorised by ADOS(E) 1 Aust Corps, one of the following :- BRISBANE L of C Ord Wkshop TOOWOOMBA Adv Ord Wkshop.
2 Aust Corps	2 Army Ord Wkshop, or one of the following Wkshops as arranged by ADOS(E) 2 Aust Corps:- MUSWELLBROOK Adv Ord Wkshop BATHURST " " " NEWCASTLE L of C Ord Wkshop PADDINGTON L of C Ord Wkshop MOOREBANK L of C Ord Wkshop.
First Aust Army Tps	Nearest 3rd or 4th Ech Wkshop.

4. 4th Echelon:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Unit to perform repairs.</u>
5 Aust Div	CHARTERS TOWERS Adv Ord Wkshop
1 Aust Corps	TOOWOOMBA Adv Ord Wkshop, or if authorised by ADOS (E) 1 Aust Corps - BRISBANE L of C Ord Wkshop
2 Aust Corps	One of the following Wkshops as arranged by ADOS (E) 2 Aust Corps - MUSWELLBROOK Adv Ord Wkshops BATHURST " " " NEWCASTLE L of C Ord Wkshop PADDINGTON " " " " MOOREBANK " " " "

First Aust Army Tps Nearest 4th Ech Wkshop.

Procedure for Evacuation and Replacement of "A" and "B" Vehs, will be the subject of First Aust Army Routine Orders to be promulgated.

- .K. War Office letter 20/Ord/1033(SDI) dated 10 May 41 details the classification of Ord rec and repairs into four Echelons which correspond to the classification in Para 58 FSR Vol 1 1930 as follows :-

First Line	-	First Ech.
Second Line	-	Second and Third Ech.
L of C	-	Fourth Ech.

S. J. J. Col
Maj-Gen.,
DA & QMG First Aust Army.

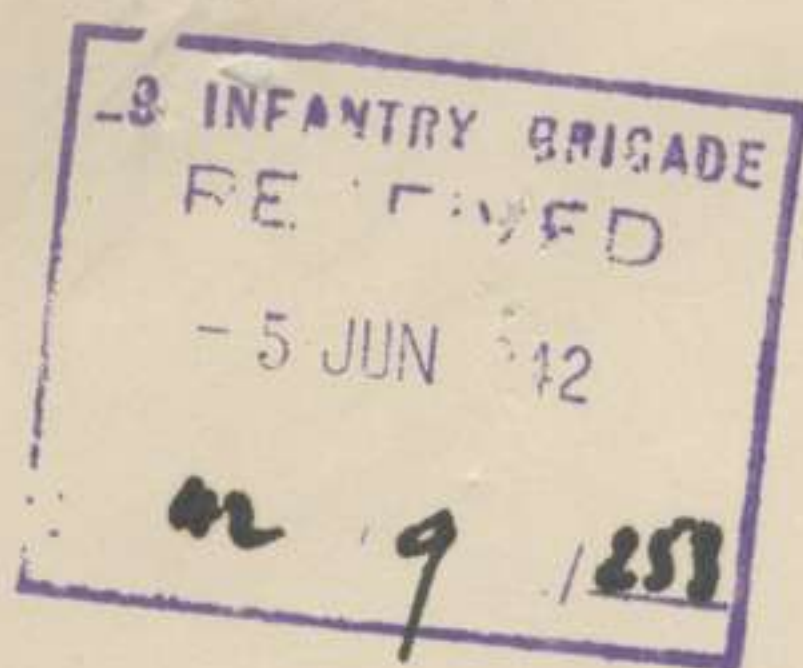
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9 AL Sec	1
E Sec FSS	1
1 Fd Censorship Sec	1
6 Fd Censorship Sec	1
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

H.Q. 5 Aust. Div.
5 Jun 42.

Subject: ORD SERVICES - MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

7 Aust. Inf Bde
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H.Q. R.A.A. 5 Aust. Div.
H.Q. R.A.E. 5 Aust. Div.
Sigs 5 Aust. Div.
H.Q. A.A.S.C. 5 Aust. Div.
25 Bn
2/1 Fd. Svy Coy.
5 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy
A.D.M.S.
Camp

Copy G., A-Q., A.D.O.S.

1. The attached copy of First Aust. Army Admn Instn No. 3 is forwarded for information.
2. The First Aust. Army and G.H.Q.(Aust) memos referred to in Para 1(iv) were incorporated in or attached to our Q51/1/1 of 12 May 42 and Q51/1/2 of 18 May 42, both on the subject of the Monthly Census of Warlike Stores.
3. A 5 Aust. Div. Admn Instn on the maintenance system of Ord Services is being prepared and will be forwarded when completed.

W.C. Murphy

Lt.-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 5 Aust. Div.

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42-110

H. Q. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
15 Jun 42.

SUBJECT: MOVE BY 29 AUST. INF. BDE.

5 Aust. Div.

Ref. your Q15/6/10 of 13 May and Q15/6/13 of 5 Jun, which duly reached us on 13 Jun.

Forwarded herewith are reports by O.Cs. Trains for Serials 21 to 25, 27 to 36.

Train 26 was commanded by O.C. 11 Fd. Amb. This unit is NOT now under cmd. this Bde.

These reports suggest that there was little or no basis for the general accusations made by Movement Control - which are always difficult to meet in the absence of particulars.

The meal arrangements, or lack of them, were the principal cause of whatever trouble there may have been. For this Movement Control itself must accept the major portion of the blame. To take a concrete instance. Mungar Junction was one meal station, yet the lessee of the refreshment rooms was told nothing of the arrangement and in point of fact no train stopped there. In any case the lessee could never have provided meals there as he had insufficient plant. On my instructions this was all pointed out to Movement Control by a member of my staff after the first few trains had gone through but this officer was politely told to mind his own business, and it was not until Lieut. Cox reported at TIARO for duty as R.T.O. and was actually sent by me to Mungar Junction to satisfy himself as to the position that any attempt was made to make other arrangements.

There were other unsatisfactory features in connection with the move, viz:

- (a) NO provision was made for trucks for carriers belonging to 42 and 47 Bns.
- (b) 29 Bde. Gp. was ordered to entrain all its tpt at TIARO where there was a ramp 9'6" long. If there had not been sufficient time and the materials on the spot for 47 Bn Pioneers to build a ramp 50 yards long the move could never have been carried out within the time allowed.

(c) similar arrangements were left entirely to them.

I would not have mentioned these small points if Movement Control had not been so ready to find fault with other people.

W
Comd. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde. *BBig.*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

H.Q. 5 Aust. Div.
5 Jun 42.

Subject: LACK OF DISCIPLINE - MOVE OF H.Q.
5 AUST. DIV. AND ATT TPS - 29 AUST.
INF BDE - BRISBANE TO TOWNSVILLE COMM.
30 APR 42.

29 Aust. Inf Bde
H.Q. R.A.A. 5 Aust. Div.
H.Q. R.A.E. 5 Aust. Div.
Sigs 5 Aust. Div.
H.Q. A.A.S.C. 5 Aust. Div.
5 Aust. Div. Pro Coy.
Camp

Copy to G., A.

1. Further to our Q15/6/10 of 13 May 42 giving extracts from a report by Movts Townsville on alleged lack of discipline during the move referred to above.
2. A full report will be obtained from Os.C. Trains as to the allegations.
3. For information following were the units providing Os.C. Trains in accordance with our Operation Instruction No. 6 of 29 Apr 42 -

<u>Train</u>	<u>O.C. Nominated By</u>
A	H.Q. R.A.A. 5 Aust Div.
1	Sigs 5 Aust. Div.
2	H.Q. R.A.E. 5 Aust Div.
3	H.Q. 5 Aust. Div.
4	H.Q. R.A.A. 5 Aust. Div.
5	5 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy
6	H.Q. A.A.S.C. 5 Aust. Div.
7	" R.A.E. " "
8	" R.A.E. " "
9	" A.A.S.C. " "
10	" A.A.S.C. " "
11	" A.A.S.C. " "
12	" A.A.S.C. " "
13	" R.A.A. " "
14	" R.A.A. " "
15	" R.A.A. " "
16	" R.A.E. " "
17	" R.A.A. " "
18	" R.A.A. " "
19	" R.A.A. " "
20	" R.A.A. " "
21-31	29 Aust. Inf Bde
32-36	15 Bn.

4. Reports are to reach HQ 5 Aust. Div. not later than 12 Jun 42.

W.C. Murphy
Lt.-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 5 Aust Div.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

29
1 MAY 42
No. 42 110°

H.Q. 5 Aust. Div.

13 May 42.

Subject: MOVE 5 AUST. DIV.

- 7 Aust. Inf. Bde
- 11 Aust. Inf. Bde
- 29 Aust. Inf. Bde
- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- C.A.A.S.C.
- Sigs. 5 Aust. Div.
- 5 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.
- 5 Aust. Div. D. & E. Pl.
- A.D.O.S.
- A.D.M.S.
- Det. 2 Recce Bn
- 2/1 Aust. Fd. Svy Coy.
- 1 Svy Coy.
- Camp.

Copies to G.O.C., G, I, A, Pro., Pay, Postal.

1. The attached extracts from a report by Movts Townsville on the recent move of 5 Aust. Div. Units from Brisbane to Townsville are forwarded.
2. As this was the first large movement by rail carried out by this Div., it was not to be expected that 100% efficiency would be achieved.
3. However, there is no necessity for the acts of indiscipline mentioned and Comds are to bring the various points referred to in the strongest terms to the notice of ALL ranks.
4. It is expected that the remarks of Movts Townsville together with actual experience gained by all ranks will be of the greatest value in carrying out efficiently and expeditiously any subsequent movements which this Div. may have to make.

A. A. & Q. M. G.
Lt.-Col.
A. A. & Q. M. G. 5 Aust. Div.

MOVE 5 AUST. DIV. - 1st FLIGHT

The following are extracts taken from a report by Movts Townsville :

1. "5 Aust. Div. might be informed of the necessity to instruct O.Cs. of units to be prepared to put up with a little "Hardships" and inconvenience without complaining. They do not seem to be impressed with the fact they are moving under war conditions. Some officers have complained bitterly even that there was no hot meal awaiting them. They will have to be toughened up very considerably.

(ii) "Next there is the question of censorship. Telegrams pour in here telling their people they would be passing through with the result that we have had to contend with anything up to 2000 people on the platform. I have informed the Railways Staff that all telegrams lodged by military personnel must be sighted by me and I have cancelled dozens worded to friends at stations in advance 'will be passing through about

(iii) "Security was extremely bad throughout this move, with special reference to units containing personnel enlisted from towns passed through. Telegrams and telephone messages poured into the town concerning the move and civilians knew of expected arrival times of trains and SUB-UNITS long before Movements staff.

(iv) "Discipline was practically non-existent, with the exception of some units, on these trains. One officer informed me that 'my troops will tear down the station if they can't have a meal'. This statement was made at 0100 hours when the R.R.R. staff had been working for 18 hours non-stop, and the writer had already arranged for a meal for the train at the next feeding point.

(v) "Officers and men were noticed repeatedly riding on the tops of coaches and in all cases the arrival of trains via MACKAY was heralded by prolonged horn blasts from every vehicle on the train. Except in very few cases no attempt was made by officers or N.C.Os. either to keep troops on the train until ordered to detrain, or to ensure that troops entrained stayed aboard when the train was ready to leave.

(vi) "As it was considered the move was a secret one, it was decided here, after consultation with the A.D.T.S., to keep the platform closed whilst troop trains were in the station. Civilians resented this strongly and made efforts to break through the locked gates. The civil police co-operated but could not supply more than three men. "

1/38

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
6 Nov 42

Subject: FRAGMENTATION TESTS
7 NOV 42

42 Aust Inf Bn

1. Ref my signal O 52 of 6 Nov 42.
2. Att are copies of instns re above.

J.R.
Capt for Maj
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **1138**

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29 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

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Date

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HQ RAA 5 Aust Div
5 Nov 42

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRAGMENTATION TEST 7 NOV 42.
(Ref Map PALUMA RANGE Special 1" to 1 ml)

INTENTION: (1) Fragmentation Tests on water of 18 and 25 pr HE shell (fuzed with 117 and 119 fuzes) and Mortar Bombs will be carried out in BLUE WATER CREEK Area on 7 Nov 42 from 0630 hrs until 1300 hrs.

METHOD: (2) Equipment to be used in test -

- 1 - 18-pr Mk.IV
- 1 - 25-pr
- 1 - 3" Mortar.

(3) Troops taking part

17 Aust Fd Regt will provide all personnel necessary to carry out test with the exception of crew for Mortar which will be supplied by 29 AUST INF BDE. Guide from 17 AUST FD REGT will meet party from 29 AUST INF BDE at ANN'S PANTRY (map ref 637959) at 0600 hrs on 7 Nov 42.

(4) Targets. The tests will be carried out against targets anchored around a Ranging Point 600 yds off the beach at No. 7 Beach Gun site map ref 645003.

(5) Ranges at which test to be fired.

- 18-pr - At 600 yds
- 25-pr - At 4000 yds
- Mortar - At 600 yds

(6) O.P. A Fwd Observation Post will be established in vicinity of No.7 Beach Gun Site.

(7) Gun Positions.

- 18-pr to fire from No.7 Beach Gun Site.
- 25-pr from position in north-eastern portion of sq. 6396.
- Mortars from vicinity No.7 Beach Gun Site.

(8) Sequence of Test

0830 hrs	25-prs	-	1st Series
0915 hrs	25-prs	-	2nd series
1000 hrs	Mortar		
1045 hrs	18-pr	-	1st Series
1130 hrs	18-pr	-	2nd Series

(9) Ranging. As soon as Ranging Point is fixed and launch clear, ranging will be carried out to ensure that m.p.i. is on target; on completion on ranging launch will anchor 4 targets around Rg Pt in diamond formation, each target to be 20 yds from Rg Pt.

to be completed by 0830.

(10) Viewing of Targets. Targets will be viewed by launch ^{party} after each series.

ADM:

(11) Amn. (a) Regn - 15 rds per gun for regn of Rg Pt. Mortar necessary rg rds.

- (b) Tests - 18-pr - 20 rds HE.117
20 rds HE.119
- 25-pr - 20 rds HE.117
20 rds HE.119

Mortar - 20 rds

(12) Targets. 8 (2 sets) hessian targets with paper covering to be provided by 17 AUST FD REGT. After each series holes in targets will be pasted over. 1 Offr and 2 ORs will travel with launch party for this purpose.

Launch to be at beach in vicinity of No.7 Beach Gun site Map ref 645003 at 0615 hrs on 7 Nov 42. Targets, Target Party and Signallers to be ready at that point by 0600 hrs. 17 AUST FD REGT will provide anchor and rope for targets as per verbal instructions of Capt Dixon HQ 5 Aust Div.

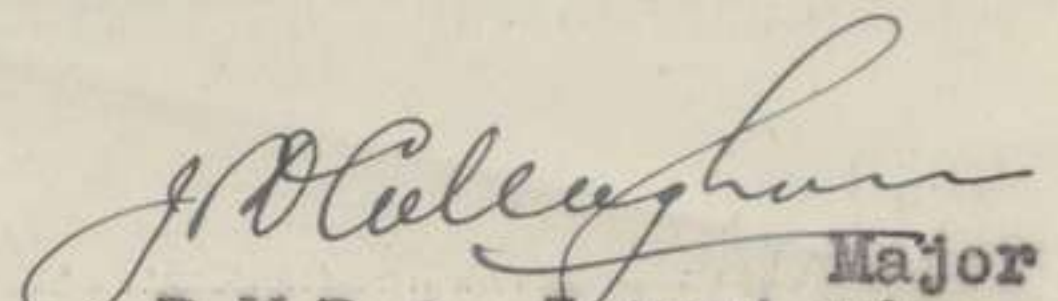
- (13) Safety. The GPO at 25-pr gun position will act as Safety Offr; he will satisfy himself that the gun is laid safe before giving the order to fire.
- (14) Sentries. Sentries with Red Flags will be posted as under to prevent any civilian traffic whilst firing is in progress:-
- (a) Track junc. at approx 636966
 - (b) Track junc. at approx 638964
 - (c) In vicinity of houses at 648971
 - (d) On beach at approx 635012
 - (e) On beach at approx 668998.

(15) Medical. RMO will attend at Gun Position on Beach.

INTERCOM:

- (16) 17 AUST FD REGT will establish communication as follows:-
- Between Launch and No.7 Beach Gun Site - R/T and Visual.
 - Between O.P. and 25-pr gun position - Line and R/T
 - Between O.P. and No.7 Beach gun Site - Line.
- (17) Lucas Lamp to be provided on beach between No.7 Beach Gun Site and O.P. Line to contact launch at first light.

Signed at 1600 hrs.


Major
B.M.R.A. 5 Aust Div.

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