# 2nd Australian Imperial Force and Commonwealth Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/27

2/27 Infantry Battalion
June 1945

#### MONTHLY SUMMARY - JUNE 1945

After so many months of uncertainty, confusion, and disappointments there was a general feeling of relief that, at last, there was something definite to look forward to.

The Bn sailed on the USS GENERAL ANDERSON. There were over 5000 troops aboard and, as a consequence, movement was very restricted. Fortunately the sea was calm for the most part. Meals were American type and there were only two of them a day. Appetites were healthy and queues began to form long before the times appointed for mess parades. Although no infm had been given as to our destination general confecture had it as MORATAI, and once again conjecture proved correct.

After two days in the transit area, we moved to a Bn area ten or more mibes away. Heavy rain and traffic made conditions unpleasant and we were soon ploughing through much ankle deep. When the weather was fine many of the troops wended their way to the beach to swim and fish. In the latter occupation there seemed to be the usual "fisherman's luck".

The CO and IO spent most of their time at Adv LHQ planning for the coming operation. The remainder of the planning party, which left Aust some time before the main body, arrived when most of the preparations had been made.

There was great curiousity about the time and place for the operation. There were the "knowing boys" who, as usual, proved wide of the mark.

When eventually the place and the day were announced all ranks were given such information as has rarely been given to any body of tps before an operation. To aid in the comprehension of the infm there were excellent models of the areas and the CO himself explained to all coys what the task of every part of the Div was to be.

There was astonishment and satisfaction when the amount of fire support to be given was detailed. The confidence of the troops was assured from that moment.

The period prior to moving was one of great activity. There were stores to be packed, rolls to complete, vehicles to be prepared and waterproofed. No one was spared in the great rush.

# MONTHLY SUMMARY (CONT) JUNE 1945

The issue of new equipment brought surprises. There were torches, water proof match boxes and compasses combined, water proof bags, and cellophane covers for rifles - all very useful.

Bn HQ and C Coy embarked on the WESTRALIA while the remainder of the Bn were on LSTs. Some days were spent in and around MORATAI.

The time was spent in drills of various forms and in a mock landing - pronounced a great success.

Before the convoy left MORATAI ships were visited and the tps inspected by the C in C and staff. Sir Thos spoke to tps and wished them good luck in the operation.

The sea was calm and it was a pleasant trip. June 30 came and went and we had not sighted BALIKPAPAN. But "to-morrow" was to be the big day when we should have our first view ofwhat we had come so far to attack.

SECRET

OONOOMBA STAGING CAMP

JUNE 45

Route march during the morning.

Sport again during the afternoon, cricket being favoured.

Bn embarkation adm instructions issued.

D Coy plus 4 Pl move on to boat.

Picture for evening "Mr and Mrs SMITH".

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Conference held - general adm and camp inspection.

Need for security stressed.

Bn to move on to boat today by 1940 hrs

ABOARD USSGENAE ANDERSON

&3 JUNE

Boat, Gen A E ANDERSON, sailed 030630K.

Whilst on board tps to have two meals daily.

# WAR DIARY AW

#### ABOARD USSGENAE ANDERSON

4 Jun 45

At sea. Tps very crowded. Ship named "Hell Ship" by tps.

Moderate sea. Conditions too much for some, however, and many
did not appear very happy.

ABOARD USSGENAE ANDERSON

JUNE

45

At sea. Sea very calm. Boat steamed into Finschhafen. Received orders to proceed to BIAK immediately.

1900K clocks put back ½ hour.

ABOARD U S S GEN A E ANDERSON

JUNE 45

At sea. Sea remained calm and sailing very pleasant.

Clocks retarded a further ½ hour on entering I zome at approx

1900hours.

ABOARD USSGENAE ANDERSON

June

45

1030I arrived at BIAK. Ship's c aptain received orders to Proceed to MORATAI. Announcement was made over the ship's amplifying system that ship would reach its destination at or about 081600I - loud cheers from all tps

ABOARD USSGENAE ANDERSON

JUNE 45

Sea continued calm. 1330I arrived at MORATAI and dropped anchor. 6 0 came on board.

WAR	DIARY	,
MORATAI	TRANSIT CAMP	
9	JUNE 45	

O930I Bn dis-embarked and proceeded to Transit Camp.

Tps were pleased to get back to the three meals a day routine.

Recce party sent to new camp site during afternoon.

"LAURA", a pre-release show, was screened inkthe area.

Field Returns

Appx 1

WAR DIARY
MORATAI TRANSIT CAMP

10 JUNE 45

Maj NICHOLLS, as unit security officer, lectured all tps on security of infm whilst on the island. Tps also informed of permissible information in letters home.

MORATAI TRANSIT DAMP

11 JUNE 45

Bn commenced move to staging area.

Pictures to be shown nightly in the area. Tonight's show

"CONFIRM OR DENY".

MORATAI STAGINE CAMP

12 JUNE 45

Day was spent settling in new area. Heavy rain during night.

and heavy traffic during the morning turned the area into a

quagmire.

Picture for the evening was "THE NAVY COMES THROUGH".

WAR DIARY
MORATAI STAGING CAMP

13 JUNE 45

Morning route march; remainder spent in "Make and Mend".

Planning party arrived after an eventful trip lasting 19 days.

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

14 JUNE 45

Bn ration strength

42 Offr

754 OR

Total

796

See Appx 2

Route march in morning.

Preparations for impeding operations, OBOE TWO? began

S/Edr Shepherd paid a social call on Maj Nicholls.

The picture show was a repeat of the previous night's show.

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

15 JUNE 45

Bn Ration strength

42 Offr

752 OR

Total

794

See Appx 3

CO and planning nparty returned from Adv LHQ, having completed their planning for coming operation "OBOE TWO". See Appx 4

Further preparations made for operation - waterproofing of vehicles, checking of stores etc.

MO lectured all offrs on tropical diseases and their prevention.

Picture for evening "BRIDE BY MISTAKE" - light, amusing show

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

16 JUNE 45

Bn Ration Strength

43 Off#s

761 OR

Total 804 See Appx 5

Field Returns See Appx 6

Splendid models of the BALIKPAPAN beachhead area were received from Bde. These models were brightly coloured and were full of interesting detail. Numerous air photos and mosaica, well annotated, were also received.

co commenced his briefing of tps - A and B Coys - on the landing operation.

MO lectured C Coy on Tropical Diseasess
Pictures "CONFIRM OR DENY".

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

17

JUNE

45

Bn Ration Strength

43 Offrs

762 OR

Total 805 See Appx 7

All Offrs went to Bde HQ for briefing.

CO briefed C Coy on operation.

There were torches - with hopes for batteries later on - a water proof match boxes and compasses combined, cellophane covers for rifles, and water proof bags. The were surprised and delighted generous with such a \*\*Maker\*\* and useful issue. The covers will save a godd deal of worry and care brought about by rust and mould.

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

18 JUNE

45

Bn Ration Strength

43 Offrs

766 OR

Total

809 See Appx 8

Preparations for move continued. BHQ was a hive of industry.

CO continued his briefing of tps - HQ Coy

Personnel, mainly Tpt and Q staff, moved on tomLST

There was a general exodus from camp in the evening. The attraction was Bing Crosby in "GOING MY WAY". Discomforts were forgotten in interest in the picture.

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

19

JUNE

45

Bn Ration Strength

44 Offrs

859 OR

Total 903 See Appx 9

Preparations for forthcoming operation continued. Orderly Room Staff burned "all night oil".

A loading party departed to load stores.

The fine warm weather made the sea a pleasant place. Many spent the day enjoying fishing and swimming.

WARD DIARY

MORATAI STAGING CAMP

20 JUNE 45

Brig spoke to Bn during the morning on the forthcoming operation.

He expressed his confidence in the ability of the Bn to perform

the task allotted to it.

C Coy and most of the attached tps moved out to embark.

MORATAI

21 JUNE 45

1020Intps board LCIs for tpt to WESTRALIA - boarded at 1530I.

Quarters were less crowded than on GENERAL ANDERSON and there was promise for a good trip.

MORATAI

22 JUNE 45

1050I Boat drill and allocation of boat posns
1400I Net drill with and without equipment.
Brig came on board for an informal visit.

MORATAI

23 JUNE 45

Ship's Routine Orders. See appx 11

During early hours of the morning Air Raid alert was sounded and darken ship ordered. Lone ENEMY bomber dropped six bombs inland and was driven off by AA fire.

1345I convoy moved out for routine exercise - mock landing - to be staged the following morning.

At

AT SEA

#### 24 JUN 1945

0400 Reveitte.

0630I assualt waves disembark for mock landing. 1130I exercise completed, returned to MORATAI.

1400I Protestant and R C Church Parades conducted on board.

#### REAR DETAILS

Awaiting word for movement.

# AT SEA

# 25 June 45

nets.

0830I net drill with equipment. Once down and up scrambling

Brig. Eather came on board WESTRALIA.

Pictures in cafeteria " The More The Merrier".

### REAR DETAILS

up completed, area cleaned up, moved to Bde. area.

Working party to embarkation area to cut wood - no axes.

WAR DIARY
AT SEA

26 JUNE

SECRET

1000I C in C and high ranking officers of army and navy c came abpard and inspected troops. Sir Thos addressed officers and men and wished them luck in the future operation.

1330I convoy left MORATAII harbour for operation.

#### REAR DETAILS MORATAI

Losding of stores began at midnight. - trucks few and loading parties through the day.

WAR DIARY
AT SEA

SECRET

27 JUNE 45

2000I net station drill.

# REAR DETAILS MORATAI

Clean up of old area. F plus 5 personnel departed.

WAR DIARY AT SEA

28 JUNE 45

At sea

REAR DETAILS
MORATAI

Remainder of stores loaded. "Another " final clean up of area.

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WAR DIARY
AT SEA
29 JUNE 45

SECRET

Concert organised by Padre Dryden held in cafeteria at 1400hrs. 1200I net station drill.

REAR DETAILS

MORATAI

Inspection - Route March

WAR DIRRY

AT

30 JUNE 30

Final check on weapons, stores etc. 1400I Church Parade in cafeteria.

REAR DETAILS
MORATAI

Tents struck - move to pre-embarkation area.

#### FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

APPX Army Form W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943) (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 /6 /1945 . 3/27 Aust Intunit) W.E. 1203 OFFRS. 33 O.R. 769 + OFFRS. 2 O.R. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A .- POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194 ...

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#### PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 /6 /194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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# PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

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## PART E .- NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

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# PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO ALSO/44

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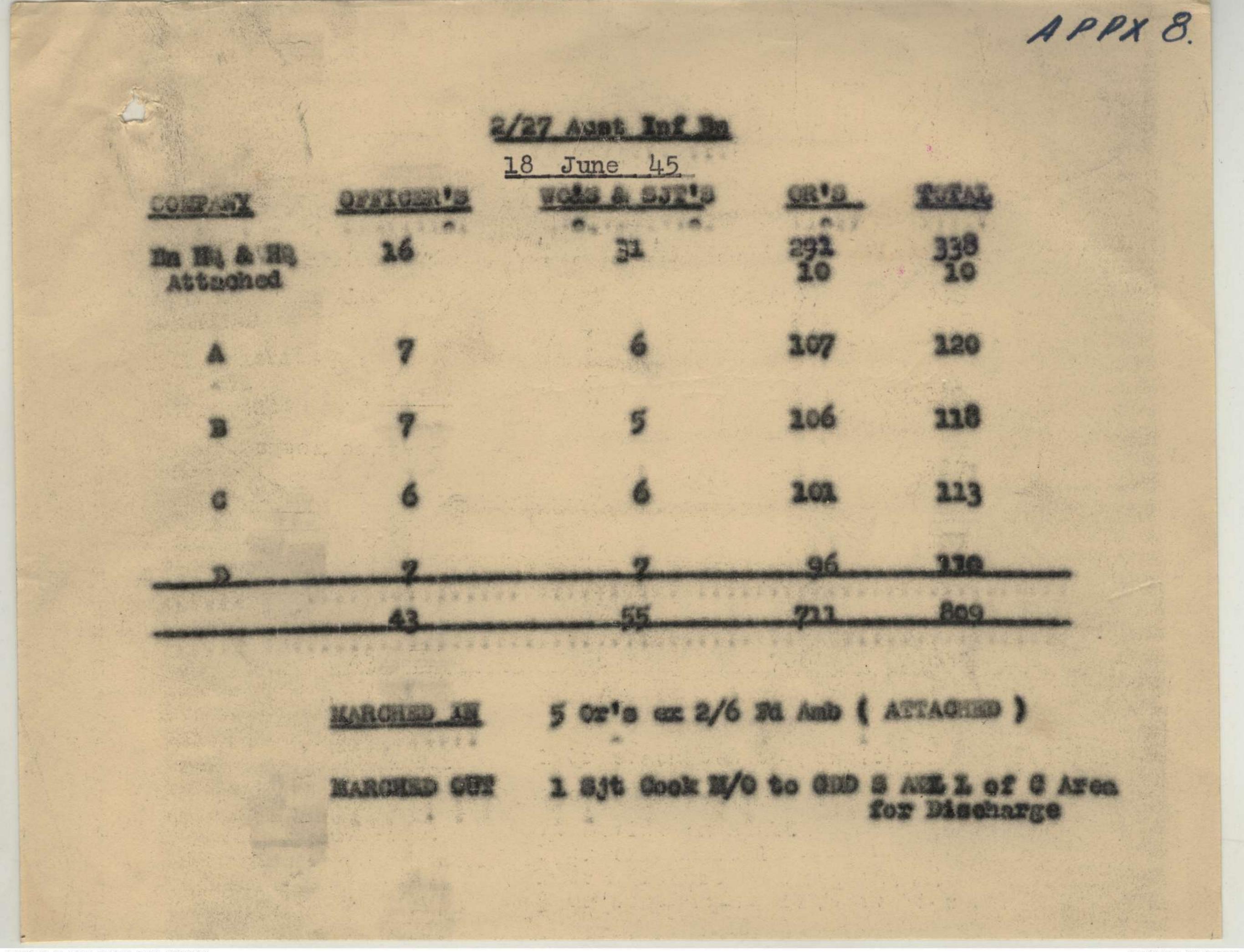
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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTITE ORDER

by

# Lt-Col K.S. PICKEN DSO

OC TROOPS - HMAS "WESTRALIA"

AT Ses

1/45

22 Jun 45

## 1. Compartment Commanders.

Listed horeunder are names of Officers in charge of compartments.

Compartment 1 2 }	Lt DEVITE Lt OR.M	2/27 Aust Inf Bn 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
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#### 2. DUTIES

### (a) Orderly Officers

Mounting 1700 hrs	22 Jun 45	Lt DAVENPORT - 2/4
	23 Jun 45	Aust Fd Regt Lt HAM - 2/5 Aust Fd
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	25 Jun 45	Lt JONES - 2/4 Aust
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	27 Jun 45	Lt PORTER - 2/6 Aust
	28 Jun 45	Fd Coy Lt McDONALD - HQ 7
		Aust Div
	29 Jun 45	Lt WHITING - 2/4 Aust Fd Regt

He will be required to

(i) Assist Adjt and Ship's Adjt
(ii) see that duties are mounted on time and at their post

(iii) ensure that Ships Standing Orders are observed (iv) ensure that accommodation spaces are in order for

inspection at 0930 hrs and 2100 hrs daily (v) to be present at all troop'd meal parades

#### (b) Orderly Sit and Orderlies

Compartment Comds will supply an Orderly Sjt and 2 Orderlies on days as shown

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Duties will report to Orderly Officer.

# 3. Atebrin

May be drawn daily from Orderly Room.

### 4. Postal

- (a) Postal NCO (Sjt PIERCE) situated "O" dock aft Port side While in port consered mail is required at Post Office by 0730 hrs
- (c) At sea, mail may be delivered to Postal NCO. Mail will close at 1600 hrs 30 Jun.

AAAA CILT Ships Asst Adjt

#### MOTICE

LOST One: dollar note. Finder please return to Ship Orderly Room.

#### RISTRIBUTION

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