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BASE AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION AREAS (SUB)

9 Tasmanian Line of Communication Sub Area

June 1942 - May 1943, October 1943

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H.Q. No 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 42 To 31 Jul 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town			H.Q. commenced to function at Powell's Hotel Campbell Town on 1 Jul 42. Personnel reported for duty on 29 Jun 42. Comdr. Lt.Col. F.S.Dickinson O.B.E., G.S.O. 111 Capt. F.C.George M.C., S & T. Lieut A.R.Ellis and 28 O.Rs from H.Q. and other units of Tas Force. H.Q. Office established and Sub Area units brought under Command. Training of H.Q. personnel confined to elementary drill and anti - gas tng. W.E. 1V/10A/1 received but not yet shown in Order of Battle.	

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Unit. Q. No 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Aug 42 *To* 31 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	1 Aug 1942		Tas Force Op Instn No 2 received, defining boundaries and functions of Sub Area in connection with Operations. Comdr. and G.S.O. carried out a recce of Sub Area boundaries from Swansea - Lake Leake road SOUTH to Sorell - Bridgewater - Glenora. Comdrs. of NORTHERN GP., SOUTHERN GP., Comdrs. No. 2 and No. 5 Bns. V.D.C. contacted and Operations discussed; details settled.	
	27 Aug 42	0900	No. 9 L of C Sub Area Operation Order No. 1 issued; Copy annexed hereto.	

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No.9 (Tas) L OF C SUB - AREA = OPERATION ORDER No.1

DATED 31 AUG 42.

Ref Strat Map Tasmania,K55, Sheets 6,7,11,15 - 4m to 1 inch

INFORMATION

1. Tasmania is liable to sea-borne raids until such time as the Allied Nations regain Command of the Pacific Ocean.

2. Invasion with a view to occupation is unlikely unless, and until, the Allied Nations suffer a major defeat at sea.

3. The coast line of Tasmania is vulnerable to attack, particularly in the north, east and south.

4. It is NOT possible to determine the point or points of his attack.

5. With the limited forces available in Tasmania effective resistance to attack can only be offered by a concentration of field tps within striking distance of the point or points attacked.

6. Tas Force plan provides for a Fd Force of maximum strength with covering tps in the most vulnerable area.

7. Covering tps, including V.D.C will provide static def.

8. For planning and organization TASMANIA has been divided into five (5) fwd Sectors and an L of C Sub-Area.

9. Three definite situations are envisaged in Tas Force Operation Instruction No.2 as follows :-

   (a) Emergency action with a period of warning from nil to six (6) hours.
   (b) The period of Mob of Fd Units i.e. D1 - D3.
   (c) After completion of Mob.

10. It is estimated that the recall of enlisted personnel from seasonal leave, the provision of tpt and the completion of issues to war scale will entail a Mob period as above.

11. Tas Force Operation Instn No.2 defines the organization of Sectors, the distribution of tps, the role of Comds of Sectors, and provides for concentration of tps at their Battle posns on D3.

12. The boundaries of fwd Sectors and L of C Sub-Area conform as closely as possible with the boundaries of Municipalities, and are shown on sketch map K att.

13. FORWARD SECTORS (5)

   (a) SOUTHERN SECTOR (Comd - Comd Hobart C.F.)
   (b) S E SECTOR (Comd Southern Gp V.D.C)
   (c) NORTHERN SECTOR } (Comd - Comd Northern Gp V.D.C)
   (d) N W SECTOR }
   (e) WEST COAST SECTOR (Comd - Comd D Coy No.5 Bn V.D.C)

14. L of C SUB-AREA

The Comd L of C Sub-Area is responsible for Comd, inc def, internal security, maintenance and movement, throughout the L of C Sub-Area and on Mob will comd all tps and V D C in area including Trg Depots but NOT Fd Tps.

15. TPS & V D C UNDER COMD OF COMDR L of C SUB-AREA ON MOB

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn (less composite Coy detached)
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less 3 Pls detached)
9 Aust Sup Per Coy (less 1 Sec detached)
6 Aust Amb Car Sec
Tas L of C B I P O D
9 Aust C C S
Tas L of C Area Med & Vet Stores
111 Aust Gen Hosp
110 Aust Con Depot
296 Aust Dental Unit
297 Aust Dental Unit
299 Aust Dental Unit
61 Aust Dental Unit A I F
62 Aust Dental Unit A I F
13 Aust Amb Train
Tas L of C Area Ord Wk/shop
6 Aust Vet Hosp
Tas L of C Det Bks
Tas L of C Gen Details Depot
6 Aust Remt Sqn
6 Aust L of C Pro Coy
Tas L of C Records Office
9 Aust Camouflage Unit
Tas L of C Area Guerilla Warfare School
No.2 Bn V D C (C & D Coys)
No.5 Bn V D C (less D & E Coys)
30 Aust Grn Bn Gds at BRIDGEWATER, MONA VALE, WESTMORE, OATLANDS, TUNBRIDGE, TARRALEAH, MIENA, WADDAMANA, SHANNON, MT AUGUSTA.

16. TPS DETACHED ON MOB

To Hobart C.F. - 1 Pl 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
1 Sec 9 Aust Sup Per Coy
To 12 Aust Inf Bde - 2 Pls 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
To Northern Gp - 1 Composite Coy 12 Aust Inf Trg Bn (3 Inf Pl, 1MMG Pl)
Tas L of C Area Guerilla Warfare School

17. L of C Sub-Area is the central part of TASMANIA and comprises the Municipalities of NEW NORFOLK, HAMILTON, BOTHWELL, BRIGHTON, RICHMOND, GREEN PONDS, OATLANDS, ROSS, CAMPBELL TOWN, and the southern portions of LONGFORD and DELORAINE.

18. L of C Sub-Area boundaries are defined as a general line commencing incl SNOW HILL N W to inc LLEWELLYN thence N W along the river ESK to map sheet K55/7 ref C 72595 thence - HUMMOCKY HILLS - inc BLACKWOOD CREEK NORTH end of GREAT LAKE excl BREONA - thence N W excl MOLE CREEK - thence S W excl CRADLE MT - thence SOUTH to MT ARROWSMITH - thence SOUTH to JUNC of DENISON and GORDON RIVERS - thence EAST to MT WEDGE - MT MUELLER - thence EAST to SNOWY MOUNTAINS - EAST to COLLINS CAP - NORTH to GRANTON - thence NORTH incl BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE - thence along EAST bank of DERWENT RIVER incl OLD BEACH - thence EAST excl PENNA - thence NORTH - BLACK CHARLIES - excl RUNNYMEDE - excl LEVENDALE - WOODSDALE - N E incl HOBBS LAGOON incl TOOMS LAKE - incl LAKE LEAKE to SNOW HILL.

19. L of C Sub-Area is sub-divided into zones as follows :-

Zone A - (See sketch map K att.)
(a) Comd of Tps - Comd L of C Sub-Area
(b) Comd of V D C - Comd No.2 Bn V D C - CAMPBELL TOWN

BOUNDARIES. - NORTH - NORTHERN boundary of L of C Sub-Area inc BLACKWOOD CREEK thence SOUTH - BRADY LOOKOUT - MT PENNY - TABLE MT - JONES PT - excl MELTON MOWBRAY - WEEDON HILL - GOAT HILL - excl BRIDGEWATER thence S and E to PENNA thence N along EASTERN boundary of L of C Sub-Area.

20. ZONE B (See sketch map K att.)

(a) Comd of Tps - Comd L of C Sub-Area
Comd of V D C - Comd No.5 Bn V D C - GLENORA
(b) BOUNDARIES. - NORTHERN boundary - NORTHERN boundary of L of C Sub-Area excl BLACKWOOD CREEK to excl MOLE CREEK - WESTERN boundary along WESTERN boundary of L of C Sub-Area - SOUTHERN boundary along SOUTHERN boundary of L of C Sub-Area to incl BRIDGEWATER - EASTERN boundary commencing BRIDGEWATER - by northerly route GOAT HILL - WEEDON HILL - incl MELTON MOWBRAY - JONES PT - TABLE MT - MT PENNY - BRADY LOOKOUT to BLACKWOOD CREEK.

21. INTENTION

To destroy enemy wherever found.

22. METHOD

No.2 Bn V D C will establish road blocks on the following roads and will destroy and delay the enemy until the arrival of the Fd Force :-

SWANSEA - LAKE LEAKE - CAMPBELL TOWN.
STONEHENGE - LITTLE SWANPORT.
ORFORD - BUCKLAND - WOODSDALE.
BUCKLAND - LEVERDALE.
BUCKLAND - RUNNYMEDE.
SORELL - RICHMOND.
OLD BEACH - BRIDGEWATER.

For this purpose Comdr No.2 Bn V D C will place 2 Pls "D" Coy and 3 Pls "C" Coy at the disposal of Comdr SOUTHERN Gp V D C D Coy - ROSS and BARTON Pls to take up posns in depth selected on EASTERN TIERS, Rd SWANSEA - CAMPBELL TOWN.
CAMPBELL TOWN Pl will be employed on static defence.
C COY STONEHENGE and WOODSDALE Pls to take up posns in depth selected on Rd LITTLE SWANPORT - STONEHENGE and Rd ORFORD - BUCKLAND.
BRIGHTON Pl to take up posn selected at OLD BEACH.
Remainder of Coy will be employed on static defence or held in reserve.

23. STATIC DEFENCE

The following Rd and Ry Brs and Rd Junc will be defended by No.2 Bn V D C :-

BRIGHTON - Rd and Ry Brs - KEMPTON Pl
PONTVILLE - Rd Br - KEMPTON Pl
CAMPANIA - Rd and Ry Brs - KEMPTON Pl
S of MT PONSONBY - Rd at - OATLANDS Pl
RHEINDASTON - Ry tunnel - OATLANDS Pl
TUNBRIDGE - Rdbr - YORK PLAINS Pl
TUNBRIDGE - LANDING Gd - YORK PLAINS Pl
ROSS - Rd and Ry Brs - CAMPBELL TOWN Pl
CAMPBELL TOWN - Rd and Ry Brs - CAMPBELL TOWN Pl
CONARA - Rd and Ry Junc - CAMPBELL TOWN Pl

24. V D C personnel of "C" Coy No.2 Bn not required for static defence under para 23 above will be formed into a Pl and held in reserve at OATLANDS under the orders of Comdr No.2 Bn.

25. No.5 Bn V D C will defend :-
BRIDGEWATER Rd and Ry Brs at all costs unless, and until, orders are received from TAS FORCE for their destruction. Such orders will be in writing signed by a senior G S offr of TAS FORCE.
V D C Personnel allotted for this task - "A" Coy plus 4 Secs "C" Coy (Reserve).
Additional tasks - No.5 Bn V D C :-

NEW NORFOLK - CRABTREE TRACK - OUSE Pl
NEW NORFOLK - Br - OUSE Pl
YATES - Ry Br - ELLENDALE Pl
BETWEEN YATES - MACQUARIE PLAINS - Br - ELLENDALE Pl
MACQUARIE PLAINS - Ry Br - ELLENDALE Pl
BOYER WORKS - "C" Coy - 3 Secs
PLAINS N of BUTLERS GORGE - "C" Coy - 2 Secs
MELTON MOWBRAY - WADDAMANA - Rd - BOTHWELL Pl

26. Tps and V D C employed on static defence will :-
(a) Destroy any enemy penetrating the area.
(b) Co-operate with the civil authorities and assist in :-
i. Preservation of order and organization of traffic within the area.
ii. Protection of the system and agencies of Comm and intercomn.
iii. Protection of essential services.
iv. Anti-sabotage and fifth column activities.
v. Organization of P A D.
vi. Protection of installations and organizations vital to our War maintenence.
(c) Establish Intelligence service within the Sector.

27. EMERGENCY ACTION

Action to repel a sea-borne raid is covered by Annexure 1 of Tas Force Op Instn No.2.
1 Pl 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will immediately be placed under orders of Comdr 12 Aust Inf Bde Gp for tp carrying.
No.2 Bn V D C and No.5 Bn V D C will occupy posns and assume tasks allotted in preceding paras.
All personnel to be in position within 6 hours.

28. MOB

On receipt of orders to "MOBILIZE" all tps and V D C in L of C Sub-Area will take up posns and tasks allotted without waiting for further orders.

29. RESERVE TPS

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn (less Composite Coy) will be organized as a fighting unit and, on completion of organization, will form the L of C Area Reserve Tps.

30. All maintenence units in L of C Sub-Area will arm all personnel NOT employed in actual maintenence, e.g. clerks, cooks, batmen etc. for the defence of unit H Q and for the destruction of the enemy within unit areas. Special attention to be paid to the possibility of attack by paratps.

31. INTELLIGENCE

No.2 Bn V D C and No.5 Bn V D C will establish intelligence system within Bns; reports will be logged and collated at Bn HQ. Every report having or appearing to have an urgent bearing on ops will be forwarded to HQ Lof C Sub-Area immediately, without verification, but action to verify the report will be immediately instituted.

32. DEMOLITION

L of C Sub-Area Plan for demolition of Brs and destruction of roads, subject to approval of Tas Force, is attached as Appendix "A".

33. ADM

Adm Plan is attached as Appendix "B".

34. INTERCOMN

HQ L of C Sub-Area will remain at Campbell Town on Mob Telephone numbers 74 and 75 - HQ sign - 142.
Existing telephone lines are NOT to be interfered with. Units NOT in posession of field telephones, W/T sets or other signal equipment will establish a system of cyclists and runners from fwd posns to nearest telephone on existing lines. Bicycles will be available for this purpose.

35. TRG ON MOB

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn will adopt 7 weeks Tng Syllabus.

36. All units L of C Sub-Area will amend their Orders and Instructions to comply with this Operation Order.

37. ADJUSTMENT OF TROOPS WITHIN SECTORS

All L of C Sub-Area units located outside the Sub-Area boundaries will on MOB automatically come under the command of the Sector Comdr concerned, vide Tas Force Op Instn No.2 para 27.

38. Ack.

Signed at 0930 hrs.
27 Aug 42.

H G Lemage. Capt.
G.S.

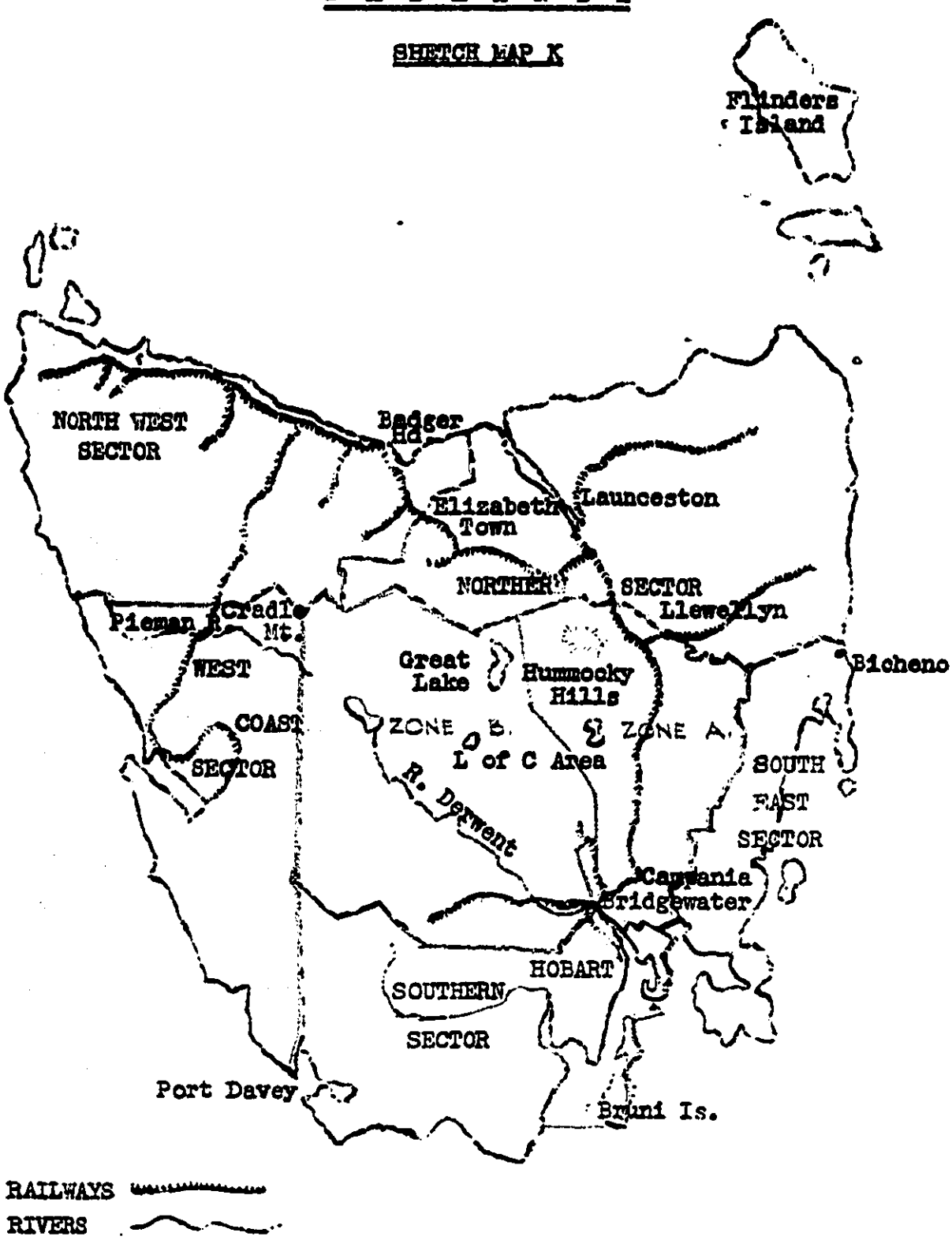
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1. No.2 Bn V D C
2. No.5 Bn V D C
3. 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn
4. 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
5. 6 Aust L of C Pro Coy
6. 9 Aust Sup Per Coy
7. 6 Aust Amb Car Sec
8. Tas L of C B I P O D
9. 9 Aust C C S
10. 111 Aust Gen Hosp
11. 6 Aust Vet Hosp
12. Tas L of C Area Det Bks
13. Tas L of C Gen Details Depot
14. 6 Aust Remt Sqn
15/16. Tas Force
17. Northern Gp V D C
18. Southern Gp V D C
19. 12 Aust Inf Bde Gp
20. Hobart C F
21. West Coast Det V D C
22. Comd
23. G S
24. D A A & Q M G
25. S & T
26. 30 Aust Grn Bn
27. Comdr V D C
28. War Diary
29/40. Retained spare by G S.

T A S M A N I A

SKETCH MAP K



APPROXIMATE SCALE : 32 MILES TO 1 INCH

WAR DIARY

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AMENDED APPENDIX "A"

TO REPLACE APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH No.9 L OF C SUB-AREA OPERATION ORDER No.1

LIST OF BRS AND RDS RECOMMENDED TO BE PREPARED FOR DESTRUCTION IN THE EVENT OF A WITHDRAWAL.

BRIDGES	CONSTRUCTION	METHOD OF DESTRUCTION
1. BRIGHTON JUNC	RD - TIMBER	FIRE
2. RD and RY (over JORDAN River)	RY - CAST IRON	EXPLOSIVES (Supply available at Brighton Camp)
3. PONTVILLE (over JORDAN River)	REINFORCED CONCRETE	EXPLOSIVES (Supply available at Brighton Camp)
4. RD - CAMPANIA - WHITE KANGAROO RIVER (over COAL River) near CAMPANIA HOUSE	TIMBER	FIRE & EXPLOSIVES (Supplies NOT available locally)
5. RD - CAMPANIA - RICHMOND - EAST COAST (near LABURNAM PARK) over COAL River	TIMBER	FIRE & EXPLOSIVES (Small supply Richmond Council)
6. RICHMOND (over COAL River)	STONE MASONRY	EXPLOSIVES (Small supply Richmond Council)
7. RD - BRIDGEWATER - OLD BEACH (over JORDAN River)	TIMBER	FIRE & EXPLOSIVES (Brighton Camp and Bridgewater Br workshops)
8. ROSS RD - HOBART - LAUNCESTON	STONE MASONRY	EXPLOSIVES (No known supplies)
9. TUNBRIDGE RD - HOBART - LAUNCESTON	STONE MASONRY	EXPLOSIVES (No known supplies)
10. INTERLAKEN K55/11 map ref 506810	CONCRETE & TIMBER	FIRE & EXPLOSIVES (Supplies NOT available)
11. SWANSTON RD - LITTLE SWANPORT - STONEHENGE (over LITTLE SWANPORT River)	TIMBER	FIRE

BRIDGES	CONSTRUCTION	METHOD OF DESTRUCTION
12. NEW NORFOLK (RD over River DERWENT)	REINFORCED CONCRETE	EXPLOSIVES - 6 men (half-day labour) Supplies at A.N. MILLS at STYX River CAMP (About 40 cases gelignite) Addnl supplies at BUTLER'S GORGE - quantity unknown
13. PLENTY (RD over River DERWENT)	TIMBER & STEEL - Masonry piers 6 SPANS	EXPLOSIVES - 6 men - 3 hrs For supplies see above
14. PLENTY (RD over River PLENTY)	TIMBER - 72 ft SPAN - Abutments rock filled with MASONRY FRONTS	EXPLOSIVES - 6 men - 4 hrs

ROADS	LOCATION	REMARKS
SWANSEA - LAKE LEAKE	K55/11 map ref 574824 (near Tel pole) No.292	Stone retaining wall on hillside to be destroyed by EXPLOSIVES (No known supplies)
- do -	Near Tel pole No.417	Stone causeway to be demolished by EXPLOSIVES (No known supplies)
NEW NORFOLK - PLENTY	About 2 m WEST of NEW NORFOLK	Road cut into embankment - demolition to create ROAD BLOCK. A F V obstacle
LYELL HWY	½ m WEST of PLENTY BR over River DERWENT	Road cut into hill - demolition to create ROAD BLOCK. A F V obstacle
NEW NORFOLK - DROMEDARY	1 m EAST of NEW NORFOLK RD BR	Very steep cutting - RD and RY track run together. SHOTS into CUTTING would cause RD and RY track to slip into River DERWENT.

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No. 9 (Tas) L of C Sub-Area - OPERATION ORDER

No.1.

A P P X . "B"

1. AMN

No.2 and No.5 Bns V D C will make own arrangements for conveyance of all SAA held by unit.

2. PET

V D C Bn Comdrs will make arrangements for drivers of cars to fill their tanks at bowsers or local resources on mob: Thereafter pet will be drawn from P P's as under:-

(a) P P for No.2 Bn will be located at main gate "WETMORE", MONA VALE.
(b) P P for No.5 Bn will be located at Drill Hall, NEW NORFOLK.

3. SUPS

On Mobilization V D C personnel will report with three days rations. All water bottles will be filled. Thereafter personnel will use local resources and live on the country.

4. MED

Each Bn will establish R A P's from unit personnel. No.6 A A C S will arrange to evacuate V D C casualties to C C S or A G H or nearest hospital direct from R A P's, until such time as fd tps come into action.

5. TRAFFIC

Mobile T C P's will be established by HQ L of C Sub-Area at selected points.

6. TPT

V D C will use its own tpt for all purposes.

7. BAGGAGE

Blankets will be carried under unit arrangements.

8. TOOLS AND COOKING UTENSILS

If tools and cooking utensils are not available from local resources, indents will be submitted to Corps H Q., V D C.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit. Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Aug *To* 31 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	20 Aug	1215	Minister for Defence - Hon Frank Forde M.H.R.	
			Comdr. Tas Force - Brig. E.L.Vowles M.C. A.A. - Q.M.G.	
			Lt. Col. K.A. Hall and party - total 16 called at H.Q.	
			and were provided with lunch on passing through Campbell	
			Town on visit to Camps.	
	31 Aug		P A D Scheme issued. - Copy att.	
	4 Sep		Tng Instn No. 1 issued - Copy att.	
			H.Q. personnel commenced Anti - gas tng and S A T.	
	15 Sep		Sub Area Units seen at tng by G.S.O.	
	25 Sep		Tng Instn No 2 issued. - Copy att.	
	26 Sep		Lt. Col. E.S.Dickinson O.B.E. vacated Comd. of Sub Area	
			Major. D.McPhee apptd. to admn. Comd.	

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H Q No.9 (TAS) L of C SUB-AREA CAMPBELL TOWN
31 Aug 42

P A D SCHEME

1. OBJECT

The preparation of P A D measures to protect personnel, buildings and stores situated at Sub-Area H Q, against gas and air raids.

2. NATURE OF ATTACK TO BE EXPECTED

H E Bombs
Incendiary Bombs
Gas Bombs
Gas Spray
Parachute Troops
M G fire from low flying aircraft

Any one or a combination of the above may be employed.

3. H Q AREA

See sketch plan Appendix "A".

4. CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER SCHEMES

H Q Provost Offr will act as Liaison Offr to C D L and A R P organizations and Tasmanian Police. At Campbell Town the WARDEN is Chief AIR WARDEN - SIREN is operated from POLICE STATION.

P A R T 1

ACTION TO BE TAKEN NOW

5. GENERAL ORGANIZATION

H Q Provost Offr will be P A D Offr and will carry out duties as enumerated in P A D Pam No.3 Chapter 11, Sec 7.

6. PROTECTION

(a) PERSONNEL: Individual personal Anti-gas equipment will be issued to all personnel who will be trained to the prescribed standard in its care and use.

(b) COLLECTIVE: A breastwork will be constructed in the paddock at rear of H Q buildings for the protection of all H Q personnel NOT detailed for essential duties in the buildings.

(c) AIR AND GAS SENTRIES WILL BE TRAINED

All personnel will be instructed in Air Raid and Gas Alarms including the action to be taken with each alarm.

(d) DEFENCE AND GAS CLEANSING CENTRES will be prepared - see sketch plan Appendix "A". Personnel for Decontamination Squads and Gas Cleansing Centres will be selected and trained. All personnel will be drilled in the use of the Gas Cleansing Centre.

(e) STANDING ORDERS for protection against Gas and Air Raids will be prepared.

(f) P A D CENTRES: All P A D Centres e.g. First Aid Post, Gas Cleansing Centre, Police Post, Shelter etc, will be clearly sign posted to ensure that all personnel are aware of their respective positions.

7. BUILDINGS AND STORES

(a) S & T Offr will arrange for dispersion of all amn and inflammable stores held.

(b) FIRE FIGHTING SQUADS will be trained, and will be responsible that all fire fighting equipment and stores are at posts (vide sketch plan Appendix "A") and ready for immediate use.

8. DOCUMENTS

All important documents will be kept in the safe, room 18, or in steel cabinets.

9. ALARMS — AIR RAIDS

(i) SIREN controlled by C D L - POLICE STATION

(a) WARNING Series of long blasts each of 5 secs duration with 2 secs interval between blasts.

(b) ALL CLEAR Continuous blasts for 2 mins duration.

(c) GAS - Spray - As for Air Raid Warning.
Other than Spray - Rattle.

10. LIGHTING

Shutters or suitable blinds will be prepared for all windows in rooms used or likely to be used at night. Provision will be made for essential offices and other buildings to have alternate lighting to replace electric supply when cut off. Internal electric lighting will be controlled by P A D Offr who will be responsible that the current is "cut off" IMMEDIATELY the WARNING is sounded. M T Vehicles will have lights dimmed at all times.

11. INTERCOMMUNICATION

Existing telephone channels will be used for P A D Communication Alternate method - runners who will report to Area Sigs at Signal Office.

12. POLICE

H Q Provost Offr will train and arrange for provost to control traffic and carry out duties as enumerated in P A D Pam 3 Sec 9.

13. MEDICAL

First Aid Parties will be trained under arrangements to be made by P A D Offr with 111 A G H (see P A D Pam 3 Sec 47).
No.6 A C S will supply transport for casualties evacuated.

14. DECONTAMINATION

(a) All contaminated personnel will proceed to Gas Cleansing Centre situated at N C O's and O R's ablution shed (see sketch plan Appendix "A").

(b) A Vehicle Decontamination Centre will be situated at GARAGE (see sketch plan Appendix "A").

(c) Contaminated clothing will be placed in bags A/Gas and forwarded to Decontamination Centre.

(d) Decontamination Squads will operate from Defence Centre situated in paddock (see sketch plan Appendix "A").

15. RESCUE PARTIES

Rescue squads will be detailed by P A D Offr and stationed at Defence Centre.

16. DUTIES AND TRAINING

P A D Offr is responsible for detailing personnel for duties and for their training.

P A R T II

17. ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT OF AIR RAID "WARNING"

(a) On the alarm being sounded all personnel except ESSENTIAL and P A D duty personnel will be marched by senior Offr or N C O present to breastwork. Steel helmets will be worn, respirators adjusted to alert position, rifles and amn carried.

(b) All personnel detailed for ESSENTIAL and P A D duties will proceed to their allotted posts.

18. GAS ALARMS

(a) Should spray be used a verbal warning "SPRAY" will be given by the first person detecting it and passed on by individuals. Alternatively a series of short blasts on the whistle will be used.

(b) Should a gas be used that necessitates the wearing of Respirators the "RATTLE" will be used to sound the alarm.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN DURING AN AIR RAID

19. FIRE DETECTION

All outbreaks of fire will be reported to Defence Centre.

20. GAS DETECTION

Gas sentries will visit all groups of "DETECTORS GAS SPRAY" at least once during every ten minutes. On finding that any one or more detectors have reacted (by day) the spray warning will be given. At night the detector will be taken to the P A D Offr who will inspect it. If the reaction has been caused by spray he will give the spray alarm.

21. POLICING

Provost personnel will enforce lighting restrictions, will report damage by H E bombs, location of incendiary bombs, location and extent of fires, and any unusual occurrence direct to P A D Offr.

22. FIRE FIGHTING

Fire fighting squads will deal with all fires in H Q Area.

23. FIRST AID & RESCUE WORK

(a) All casualties will be taken to First Aid Post and given appropriate treatment. Those requiring the services of a medical Offr will be grouped and 111 A G H notified. No.6 A C S will supply transport for casualties evacuated.

(b) Rescue squads will operate as ordered by P A D Offr.

24. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The following will be deemed essential services and will remain on duty :-

G S O and G Clerks
Signal personnel on duty
All personnel detailed for P A D duties
Personnel on duty from other sections of Staff
H T personnel will remain with their horses.

P A R T 111

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER ATTACK

25. ALL CLEAR SIGNAL

This will be sounded by C D L (when ordered).

26. RECCE

P A D Offr will carry out a recce of H Q area. Buildings unsafe for occupation and contaminated areas will be marked out. Samples of contaminated earth and water, pieces of bombs showing marks etc will be collected and handed to "G" staff. Unexploded bombs will be located and reported to "G" staff.

27. PERSONNEL

Personnel will return to normal duty where recce has shown it as safe to do so. Contaminated personnel will attend Gas Cleansing Centre.

28. DECONTAMINATION

Contaminated buildings, areas, stores etc will be decontaminated by decontamination squads. Vehicles will be taken to Vehicle Decontamination Centre and decontaminated by M T personnel.

29. DEMOLITION & REPAIRS

6/6 Asst D C R E will arrange for demolition and repairs where necessary.

T. George. Capt.
G.S.O. III No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area

H.Q. (Tas) L of C Sub Area

4 Sep 42.

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No 9 L of C Sub Area.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 1/1942/43

DISTRIBUTION

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
9 Aust Sup Per Coy
6 Aust Amb Car Sec
Tas L of C Area Ord W/shop
Copies to Comde; "G"; "A Q": S & T FILE.
6 Aust Vet Hosp
Tas L of C Det Bks
Tas L of C Gen Details Depot
6 Aust Remt Sqn
6 Aust L of C Pro Coy
Tas L of C B.I.P.O.D.

1. Tas Force Training Instruction No 11 is forwarded herein.

2. L of C Sub Area units abovementioned will undertake Small Arms weapon tng for all personnel on strength for whom rifles or pistols are held.

3. This training will be in accordance with S A T Vol 1 Pams 1 2 & 3 for personnel armed with rifles and S A T Vol 1 Pam 11 A for personnel armed with pistol.

4. T O E T ~~training practices and procedures with S A T~~ on pages 68, 69 & 70 S A T vol 1 Pam 3 will be carried out by all units other than 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn to assist in grading personnel; those failing to pass will receive extra instructions and the tests repeated later.

5. Units requiring range accommodation will submit application through this H.Q not later than 30 Sep 42

6. All weapon tng and range practice to be completed by 31 Oct 42.

(Sgnd) F.C.George Capt.
G.S.

No 123/1/17

25 Sep 42

(C O P Y)

No. 9 TAS L OF C SUB AREA

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 2/1942/43

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

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
9 Aust Sup Per Coy,
6 Aust Amb Car Sec
Tas L of C Area Ord Wkshp
Copies to A.Q; S & T
6 Aust Vet Hosp
6 Aust Remt Sqn
6 Aust L of C Pro Coy
Tas L of C B.I.P.O.D.
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NIGHT TNG LESSONS FROM MILNE BAY

1. L.H.Q. Tng Instn No 1 stresses the necessity for night tng as the JAPANESE specialise in night fighting and will attack, whenever opportunity occurs, by night; preferring if possible a stormy or rainy night., for their operations.

2. It is absolutely essential that our troops are fully trained in night fighting and trained to a higher standard that formerly.

3. One week in 3 will be spent in training solely by night. During the night tng period the day will be spent in rest and the night wholly devoted to tng. H.Q. of units will also practise working by night.

4. A syllabus for night training will be found in A T M (Aust) No 11 Pages 21/24; units will compile a syllabus to suit their own conditions

5. A copy of the syllabus will be sent to this H.Q before the first night tng week is commenced.

6. Weapon tng will be completed before units commence the first night tng week.

(Sgnd) F.C.George Capt.
G.S.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted).

Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Oct *To* 31 Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	13/15 Oct		Course in A & Q subjects held at Town Hall Campbell Town	
			average attendance 30 Offrs. Copy of syllabus and of	
			report on course att.	
	17 Oct		Capt. W.C.H.Robinson joined H.Q. on appt. as G.S.O. 111	
			vice. Capt. F.C.George apptd. to V.D.C as G.S.O.11.	
	20 Oct.		Capt. F.C.George left for Hobart.	

(C O P Y)

REGISTRY
H.Q. No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area
No. 140 / 1 / 154

H.Q. (Tas) L of C Sub Area

16 Oct 42.

H.Q. Tas Force.

T R A I N I N G.

1. In accordance with arrangements made verbally by Lt-Col H.M. Cruickshank at my request, and with the concurrence of the Comdr 12 Aust Inf Bde Gp a three day course in A and Q subjects was held at this H.Q. from 13 Oct to 15 Oct 42.

2. The subjects covered are shown in the syllabus att.

3. Suitable accommodation for lecture purposes was provided by the Campbell Town Council in the Campbell Town Hall, free of cost.

4. A total of 33 Officers attended, the average attendance at each session being 30.

5. Units represented were:-
   H.Q 9 L of C Sub Area.
   22 Aust Motor Regt.
   12/50 Aust Inf Bn
   123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
   31 Aust Coy A A S C
   6 Aust Amb Car Sec
   Tas L of C B I P O D
   111 A G H
   6 Aust Vet Hosp
   No 2 Bn V D C

6. Students received a precis of the lectures by Capt. Marsh, and it is felt that as a result of his lucid explanations officers will benifit and the necessity for referring papers back to units by H.Q. Tas Force will be greatly diminished.

7. In view of the undoubted success of this Course it is recommended that approval be given for a continuance of these lectures at intervals of 5/6 weeksto enable officers and senior N C Os from all units between Oatlands and CONARA to attend.

Major.
Adm. Comd. Tas L of C Sub Area.

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DAY	TIME	No.	SUBJECT	LECTURER
1	0900	1	Staff Duties - Organization of Staff	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	0945	2	Command & Discipline - Officers duties in relation to -	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	1100	3	Evidence - Admissible and otherwise.	Captain Marsh
	1200	4	Supply in the Field.	Major McPhee
	1400	5	Arrest - Charge Reports - Orderly Room.	Captain Marsh
	1500	6	Summary of Evidence.	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	1600	7	Quartering & Accommodation.	Major McPhee
2	0900	8	Offences - Powers of O C and C O - Punishments.	Captain Marsh
	1000	9	Courts of Inquiry and Boards generally.	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	1100	10	Rations - Petrol and Ann Issue.	Capt Murdoch
	1200	11	Application for Court Martial - Convening & Subsequent Pedgs.	Capt Marsh
	1400	12	Courts of Inquiry - Injuries - Personnel & animals.	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	1500	13	Absence without Leave - Unit procedure.	Capt Marsh
	1600	14	Courts of Inquiry - Losses & damages.	Lt-Col Cruickshank
3	0900	15	Requisitions and Indents.	Ord Rep.
	1000	16	Movements.	Major Baker
	1100	17	Reports & Returns - correctness of	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	1200	18	Accidents - Vehicles - Negligence.	Captain Marsh
	1400		Tableau - Offence - Arrest - Orderly Room Etc.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. Date and Time.—From 18 Oct 42 To 31 Oct 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	18/19 Oct		G.S.O.111 attended No 2 Bn V D C Exercise LAKE LEAKE Area	
			(D Coy and B Coy less 3 Pl.)	
	21 Oct		Inspection of WETMORE, OATLANDS and MT AUGUSTA Dumps by G.S.O.111.	
	22 Oct		Inspection CONARA Dumps by G.S.O.111	
	27 Oct		H.Q. personnel completed Range Practices.	
	29 Oct		Received Tas Force Op Instn No. 4	

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(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 42 To 30 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	1 Nov		G.S.O.111 attended Test Mob No 2 Bn V D C at INGLEWOOD and inspection by SOUTHERN Gp Comd Recce SWANSTON BRIDGE Area.	
	3 Nov		G S O 111 attended conference 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn and No 3 Bn V D C at LAUNCESTON reference new L of C Sub Area boundaries and training.	
	4 Nov		Issued No 9 L of C Sub Area Op Order No 2 (Copy attached.)	
	5 Nov		Lecture V D C CAMPBELL TOWN by G.S.O.111 on Map reading.	
	11 Nov		Recce of training area for 40 Aust Inf Bn to carry out field exercises vicinity MILFORD by G.S.O.111.	
	12 Nov		Lecture V D C CAMPBELL TOWN by G.S.O.111 on Map reading.	
	14 Nov.		Recce OATLANDS, KERMODE, MONA VALE and CONARA Dumps in connection with preparation of report on demolition by G.S.O.111.	
	15 Nov		Recce "A" Installations, Ammn Dump and Supply Depot LAUNCESTON in connection with preparation of report on demolition by G.S.O.111.	

...ISTRY
H.Q. ...
No. 5/8/123

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COPY NO. 28

NO. 9 (TAS) L OF C SUB-AREA OPERATION ORDER NO 2.

Ref Strat Map Tasmania K55, Sheets 6,7,11,15 - 4 m. to 1 inch.

1. Consequent upon the re-allocation of boundaries and tps, amendments will be made to No.9 (Tas) L of C Sub-Area Operation Order No 1 of 31 Aug 42 as below.

2. (a) Para 11. After "No 2" insert "Amended by Tas Force Op Instn No.4".

(b) Para 13 (e). Amend "Comd-Comd D Coy No 5 BN VDC" to read "Comd-2 i/c No 5 Bn VDC".

(c) Para 14. After "Tps" in line 4 add "and VDC allotted to North Gp VDC".

(d) Para 15. Delete :- 296 Aust Dental Unit
297 Aust Dental Unit
299 Aust Dental Unit
Insert :- 78 Aust Dental Unit
Delete :- Tas L of C Gen Details Depot.
9 Aust Camouflage Unit.
Tas L of C Area Guerilla Warfare School.
After "No 2 Bn VDC (C & D Coys)" add "less BRIGHTON and KEMPTON pls."
Amend "No 5 Bn VDC (less D & E Coys)" to read "No 5 Bn VDC (less A D & E Coys)".

(e) Para 16. Delete "Tas L of C Area Guerilla Warfare School".

(f) Para 17. Delete all after "Tasmania" and insert "and comprises those portions of the Municipalities of ST LEONARDS and EVENDALE West of gen North and South line incl EVENDALE incl ST LEONARDS incl MOWBRAY, Municipalities of CAMPBELL TOWN, ROSS, OATLANDS, GREEN PONDS, and RICHMOND less that portion of the Municipality of RICHMOND South and incl CAMPANIA. The Municipalities of HAMILTON, BOTHWELL, LONGFORD, and those portions of the Municipalities of DELORAINE and WESTBURY South of a gen East and West line incl MOWBRAY excl ELIZABETH TOWN.

(g) Para 18. Delete all after "commencing" and insert "incl SNOW HILL N.W. to incl LLEWELLYN thence N.W. along the river ESK to and incl EVENDALE thence excl WHITE HILLS incl ST LEONARDS to incl MOWBRAY - thence Westerly excl ELIZABETH TOWN to excl MT ROLAND - thence a gen S.W. line excl MT CLAUDE incl LIENA to and excl CRADLE MT- thence South incl MT ARROWSMITH to June of GORDON and DENISON RIVERS - thence East excl MT WEDGE to and excl MT MUELLER - thence N.E. to and excl MT FIELD W - thence East to and excl MT FIELD E - thence in a gen East Line excl MT FENTON to June of DERWENT and RUSSELL rivers thence N.E. excl ELDERSLIE to and incl DYSART - thence gen S.E. line excl BUTLERS HILL to and incl LOWDINA - thence East to and excl RUNNEMEDE - thence North to and excl LEVENDALE - thence N.E. incl WOODSDALE incl HOBBS LAGOON incl TOOMS LAKE incl LAKE LEAKE to and incl SNOW HILL."

(h) Para 19. Delete all after "BOUNDARIES" and substitute "SOUTH ESK RIVER at C729 (K55/7 First Ed) thence West incl HUMMOCKY HILLS to and incl BLACKWOOD CREEK - thence South excl BRADY LOOKOUT excl MT PENNY excl TABLE MT.

excl JONES PT excl MELTON MOWBRAY excl WEEDON HILL TO and incl DYSART - thence along Southern bndy of L of C Sub-Area to and excl RUNNYMEDE - thence North along Eastern bndy of L of C Sub-Area to point of commencement".

(i) Para 19. Delete all after "BOUNDARIES" and substitute "excl BLACKWOOD CREEK West to and excl BREONA - N.W. to and excl MOLE CREEK - S.W. to and excl CRADLE MT - Along Western bndy of L of C Sub-Area - along Southern bndy of L of C Sub-Area to and excl DYSART - thence North incl WEEDON HILL incl MELTON MOWBRAY incl JONES PT incl TABLE MT incl MT PENNY incl BRADY LOOKOUT TO AND EXCL BLACKWOOD CREEK".

(j) Insert Para 20 (a)

ZONE C.
(a) Comd of Tps - Comd of L of C Sub-Area.
(b) Comd of VDC - Comd. No 3 Bn VDC, LAUNCESTON.
BOUNDARIES. - Along Northern bndy of L of C Sub-Area - Along Western bndy L of C Sub-Area - incl MOWBRAY to excl CRADLE MT - thence N.E. to and incl MOLE CREEK - thence S.E. to and incl BREONA - thence East excl BLACKWOOD CREEK excl HUMMOCKY HILLS to and incl SOUTH ESK RIVER at C729 (K55/7 First Ed) - thence along Eastern bndy L of C Sub-Area bndy to and incl MOWBRAY.

(k) PARA 27. Delete from "by.....No 2" in first para and substitute "Annexure IA of Tas Force Op Instn No 4".

(l) Para 29. Delete heading and all of para and substitute,

12 AUST INF TNG BN

To prevent penetration towards LAUNCESTON 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn will est Coy defended localities in vicinity of DILSTON on LAUNCESTON-GEORGETOWN rd and at LEGANA on LAUNCESTON - KELSO rd. Pls which have reached third training stage will carry out this tng at BELL BAY. If threatened with attack these pls will hold the LAUNCESTON - GEORGETOWN rd.

(m) Para 30. Add "Comds of L of C Tps are responsible for P.A.D."

(n) Appx "B" para 2 (a) Delete all after "at" and substitute "MT AUGUSTA - CAMPBELLTOWN".

(o) Where "D1, D2, D3" etc appears substitute "D, D plus one, D plus two" in reference to days of Mob (vide Tas Force GSR 0/5/12 dated 28 Sep 42.

(p) Cancel Sketch Map "K" and substitute Sketch Map "K (a)" att hereto

3. ACK.

Signed at 1030 hrs.

4 Nov 42.

Capt. G.S.

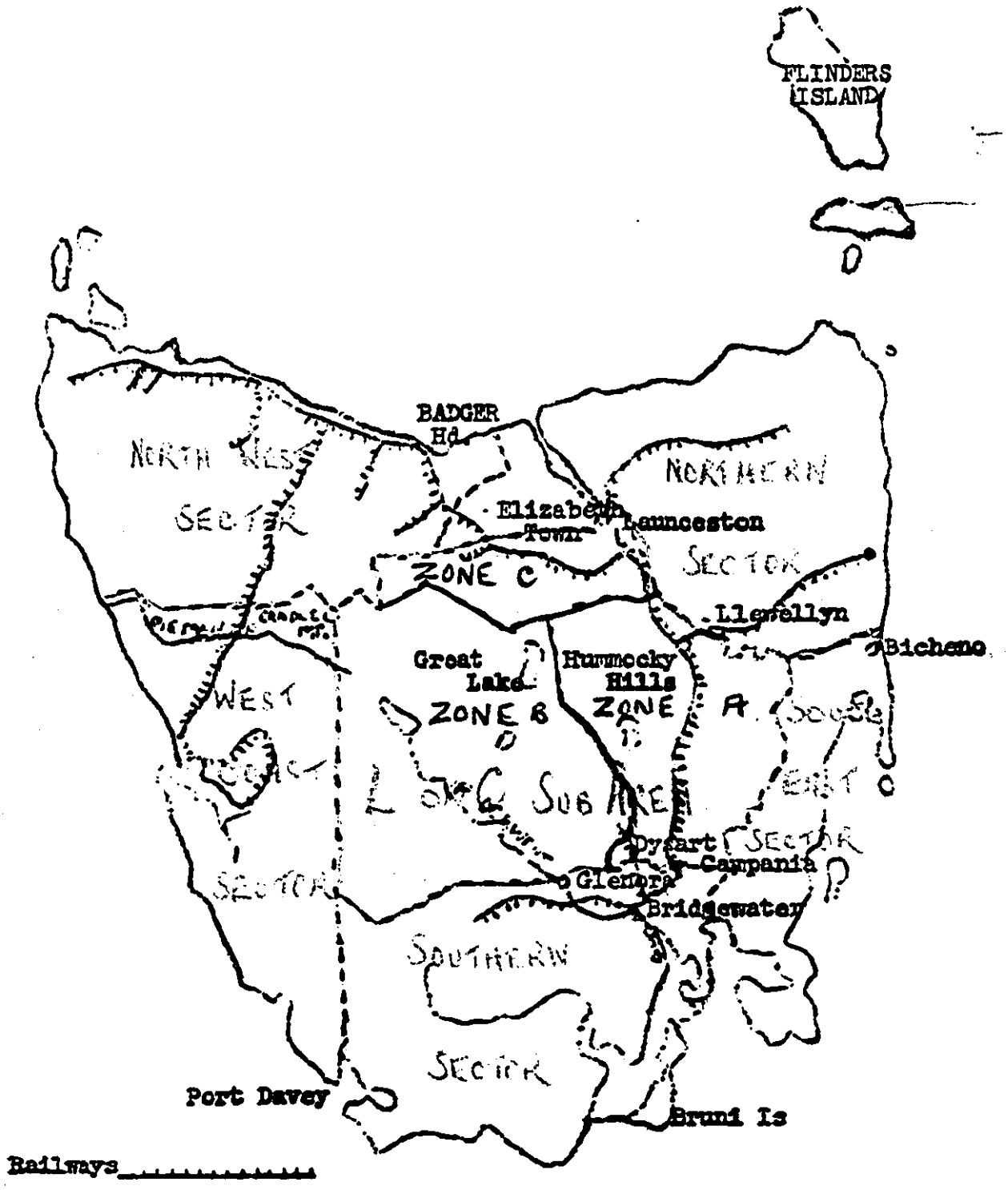
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1.	No 2 Bn V.D.C	10	111 Aust Gen Hosp	20	Hobart C F
2.	No 5 Bn V.D.C	11	6 Aust Vet Hosp	21	West Coast Det V D C
3.	12 Aust Inf Tng Bn	12	Tas L of C Det Bks	22	Comd
4.	123 Aust Gen Tps Coy.	13	No 3 Bn V D C	23	G S
5.	6 Aust L of C Pro Coy	14	6 Aust Remt Sqn	24	D A A & Q M G
6.	9 Aust Sup Per Coy	15/16	Tas Force	25	S & T
7.	6 Aust Amb Car Sec	17	Northern Gp VDC	26	30 Aust Gren Bn
8.	Tas L of C BIPOD	18	Southern Gp VDC	27	Comd V D C
9.	9 Aust C.C.S.	19	12 Aust Inf Bde Gp	28	War Diary
					29/45 retained spare by G S.

TASMANIA

SKETCH MAP K (a)



APPROXIMATE SCALE : 32 MILES TO 1 INCH.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 42 *To* 30 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	16 Nov		Major D. McPhee evacuated to Hospital.	
	16/19 Nov		No 9 L of C Sub Area A & Q Course No 2 (Copies of Syllabus and report attached.)	
	19 Nov		Demolition report forwarded to H.Q. Tas Force (Copy attached.)	
	23 Nov		G.S.O.111 attended Conference with G S O 1 Tas Force and Comd. Northern Gp V D C at PERTH with reference to training.	
	24 Nov		G.S.O.111 attended conference with G S O 1 Tas Force and 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn at LAUNCESTON reference preparation of new Syllabus and training generally.	

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H.Q. No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area
No. 140 / 1 /41

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No 9 L of C SUB-AREA

"A" & "Q" COURSE NO.2

1. DURATION OF COURSE	16/19 Nov 42
2. LOCATION	H.Q. No 9 L of C Sub Area CAMPBELL TOWN
3. OBJECT	To instruct Officers and Senior N.C.Os, by means of a series of lectures, in method, channels and procedure relating to A & Q with a view to improved and more expeditious handling of correspon - dence and returns by Units.
4. VACANCIES	Units are requested to nominate at least two Officers and one Senior N.C.O. if possible.
5. NOMINAL ROLLS	To be forwarded to this H.Q. NOT later than 11 Nov 42
6. LECTURERS	Lt-Col Cruickshank Major Mc Phee Major Marsh Major Turnbull Major Parker Major Baker Major Davies Capt Murdoch Capt Portwin Capt Cramp
7. TRAVELLING & REPORTING	Units except those located at LAUNCESTON and OATLANDS will provide own transport Personnel will report at TOWN HALL CAMPBELL TOWN At 0845 hrs. each morning Personnel located at LAUNCESTON will travel by train leaving LAUNCESTON at 1500 hrs Sunday 15 Nov 42. Personnel located at Oatlands will travel by train leaving PARATTAH at 1720 hrs Sunday 15 Nov 42. Warrants will be endorsed "No 9 L of C Sub-Area A & Q Course No. 2." Transport will be provided from CAMPBELL TOWN RLY STN.
8. MESSING & QUARTERING	Units will make their own arrangements relating to messing & quartering. If any units require accommodation for their personnel attending this Course advice MUST be forwarded to this H.Q. giving full particulars NOT later than 11 Nov 42
9. TEXT BOOKS	Students should bring the following books if available:- A M R & O M M L 1941 (Aust Ed) F S R Vol 1

Capt

SYLLABUS - "A" & "Q" COURSE - 16 to 19 NOV 42

Day	Time	SUBJECT	LECTURER
1	0900	Duties, responsibilities and powers of Staff Officers	Lt-Col Cruickshank
	0945	Evidence - Admissible or otherwise	Major Marsh
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	Arrest - Charge Reports Orderly Room	Major Marsh
	1145	Maintenance Principles - Tas Force Plan	Major Mc Phee
	1245	Luncheon period	
	1400	Offences	Major Marsh
	1445	Supply in the Field .. Rations	Captain Murdoch
	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Courts of Inquiry and Boards generally	Lt-Col Cruickshank
2	0900	Reinforcement Policy and "X" List	Captain Portwin
	0945	Punishments - Powers of O.C and C.O.	Major Marsh
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	A Soldier's Personal and Medical	Captain Portwin
	1145	Courts Martial - Summary of Evidence, Application etc.	Major Marsh
	1245	Luncheon period	
	1400	Records - General Topics	Captain Portwin
	1445	Courts of Inquiry - Injuries, Losses & Damages.	Lt-Col Cruickshank

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Day	Time	SUBJECT	LECTURER
2	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Supply in the Field - Ammn and Petrol	Appt. Murdoch
3	0900	Ordnance Store Services - Internal Procedure	Major Turnbull
	0945	Hygiene and Sanitation	Capt. Cramp
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	Some points on Hospital Adm - Contrasts between Mil and Civ Hospitals.	Major Parker.
	1145	Ordnance Store Services in relation to Units.	Major Turnbull.
	1245	Luncheon period	
	1400	Hygiene and Sanitation (Cont.)	Capt. Cramp
	1445	Problems of Medical Adm in the field.	Major Parker
	1540	Afternoon Tea.	
	1550	Absence without leave - Unit procedure.	Major. Marsh.
4	0900	Movement Control	Major Baker
	0945	Accidents - Vehicles - Negligence	Major Marsh.
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	Office Routine	Major Davies

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Day	Time	SUBJECT	LECTURER
4	1145	Railway Organisation	Major Baker.
	1245	Luncheon Period	
	1400) to 1445)	Tableau - Offence - Arrest - Orderly Room etc.	
	1540	Afternoon Tea.	
	1550	Final Address.	Major Mc Phee.

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H Q Tas L of C Sub Area.,
26 Nov 42.

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H Q.,
Tas Force.,

TRAINING

1. "A & Q" Course No.2 was held at this H Q from 16 Nov 42 to 19 Nov 42.

2. The subjects covered are shown in the syllabus att.

3. Suitable accommodation for lecture purposes was provided by the Campbell Town Council in the Campbell Town Hall free of cost.

4. A total of 38 Officers, W.Os. and Senior N.C.Os were nominated for the Course, the average attendance being 36.

5. Units represented were :-
H Q 9 L of C Sub Area
6 Aust Fd Regt
40 Aust Inf Bn
12 Aust Inf Trg Bn
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
Tas L of C., B I P O D
31 Aust A S C Coy
6 Aust Amb Car Sec
6 Aust Vet Hosp
111 A G H
Area Sigs
No.2 Bn V D C

6. It is recommended that approval be given for Course No.3 to be held at this H Q from 16 Dec 42 to 19 Dec 42. Subject to approval being given it is intended to include a greater percentage of W.Os and Senior N C Os and to extend an invitation to Bde Units at BRIGHTON to nominate candidates for the Course in accordance with the expressed wishes of Bde Comd.

E Davis Major
Adm Comd Tas L of C Sub Area

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OPERATIONAL DEMOLITION - NO. 9 L OF C SUB-AREA. SECRET

REGISTRY
H.Q No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area
No. S 1271

DUMPS AND DEPOTS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	Depot	Location	Estimated amount of Explosives	Proposed location for storage of explosives	Personnel responsible for carrying out demolitions	Estimated time to carry out demolitions	Remarks.
1.	Advanced Supply Depot.	Launceston	-	-	9 Aust Sup Per Coy (10 men)	15 min.	Destruction of this Depot can be effected by fire. Bldgs brick with wooden floors, ceilings and partitions. Bulk Stores mainly inflammable. Petrol Stocks can be used to ensure complete demolition. R
2.	Amun Depot (15 Ord Amun Sec	Launceston	150 lbs Gelignite (3 cases) 10 dets, 100' Safety Fuse.	State Govt Magazine adjacent	No 3 Bn VDC (3 men)	1 hour	3 Magazines - brick - Iron doors - one wooden floor - two concrete floors - H.E. Personnel responsible for demolition to be experienced.
3.	L.H.Q Main Base Engrs Dump	Conara	200 lbs Gelignite. 150 dets 300' Safety Fuse	8 Army Tps Magazine Conara	8 Army Tps (22 men)	1½ hours	Machinery can be smashed by Sledge hammer and demolition with explosives. Dumps destroyed by fire - use petrol and other inflammable liquids held in initial stocks.
-	Reserve Petrol Depot.	Conara	-	-	30 Gn Bn Guard	1 hour	At date 37 stacks - 5379 drums Destruction by fire - Few Drums on each stack perforated with axe or pick - one axe and two picks on hand. Demolition party to work against wind.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	Reserve Ammn Depot	Conara	200 lbs Gel ignite (4 cases) 50 dets, 200' Safety Fuse	8 Army Tps Magazine Conara	8 Army Tps (2 Sappers) 30 Gn Bn Guard (8 men)	1½ hours	Two bldgs - H.E S A A 3" Mortar Sig.Cart, Guard personnel pile [redacted] brush wood inside bldgs Sappers responsible for demolition charges.
6	Reserve Petrol Depot	Mt Augusta	-	-	30 Gn Bn Guard (15 men)	1 hour	At present 4662 drums. Demolition effected by fire as for Serial 4 (Res Petrol Depot Conara.)
7	Reserve Ammn Depot	Mt Augusta	400 lbs Gel-ignite (8 cases) 20 Dets, 200' Safety Fuse.	Ammn Depot Kermode.	10 Adv Ammn Depot, Kermode (4 men)	2 hours	8 Sand bag magazines - Iron roofs - H.E., S A A Demolition party should be experienced in handling charges.
8	Reserve Supply Depot	Ross	-	-	9 Aust Sup Per Coy (1 man)	20 mins	Wooden bldg. Destruction by fire.
9	Base Supply Depot Detail Issue "	Kermode	-	-	9 Aust Sup Per Coy (16 men)	30 min.	3 Iron Bldgs - Wooden floors one wooden bldg (canteen) Destruction by fire - 5/600 gall Petrol on sight.
	Ordnance Depot	Kermode	-	-	6 A.O.D. (12 men)	30 min	2 Iron bldgs - Wooden Floors No 1 Sub Depot Gp 1, No 2 Sub Depot Bulk Store Destruction by fire - contents No. 1 55% inflammable No 2 90%. Petrol available at Base Supply Depot 200 yds distant.
11	Ammn Depot	Kermode	700 lbs Gel-ignite (14 cases) 40 Dets 500' Safety Fuse.	Gelignite in "C" & "F" Magazine Dets & Fuse in "D" Magazine.	10 Adv Ammn Depot (9 men)	2 hours	6 Bldgs Fibro Cement - Concrete Floors - H.E. 1 smaller similar bldg - Sig Cart & smoke.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	Reserve Supply Depot	Jericho	-	-	9 Aust Sup Per Coy (1 man)	20 mins	Wooden Bldg - Destruction by fire.
13	Reserve Petrol Depot	Oatlands	-	-	30 Gn Bn Guard (8 men)	30 mins	At date 8 Dumps (1527 drums) Demolition effected by fire as for Serial 4 (Res Petrol Depot Conara.)
14	Tas L of C Area Med & Vet Stores	Campbell Town	-	-	111 A G H (7 Man)	15 mins	Small brick bldg. Destruction by fire.
				INSTALLATIONS			
15	Ordnance Workshop	Conara	300 lbs Gel ignite, (6 cases) 150 Dets 60-Dets (elec) 300' Safety Fuse	8 Army Tps Magazine Conara	8 Army Tps (30 men)	1 hour work shops, 2 hours complete demolition	Five Bldgs Workshop Iron Bldg Destruction of light Machinery by sledge hammer, Heavy Machinery and complete demolition by explosives. Spare Parts Bldg. Iron, Destruction by fire. 3 Sig repair shops - Wooden - Destruction by fire.
16	Shell "A" Depot.	Launceston	100 lbs Gelignite, 168 Dets, 1200' Safety Fuse	Magazine, Rifle Range	B.I.P.O.D. (7 men)	2 hours.	9 Special containers required to hold 5 lb charges for insertion in 2" dip pipes of underground tanks.
17	Vacuum "A" Depot	Launceston	100 lbs Gelignite, 168 Dets, 1200' Safety Fuse.	Magazine Rifle Range	B.I.P.O.D. and "POOL" Staff (5 men)	2 hours	9 special containers as in Serial 16.
18	C O R "A" Depot.	Launceston	40 lbs Gelignite 70 Dets 600' Safety Fuse.	Magazine Rifle Range	B.I.P.O.D (3 men)	1 hour	5 special containers as in Serial 16.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19	Caltrex "A" Depot	Launceston	40 lbs Gelignite, 70 Dets, 450' Safety Fuse	Magazine Rifle Range.	B.I.P.O.D. (2 men)	45 mins	5 Special containers as in Serial 16.
20	Av Gasoline Depot	Ross	100 lbs Gelignite, 20 Dets. 100' Safety Fuse	10 Adv Ammn Depot - Kermode.	B.I.P.O.D. (5 men)	1 hour	Under construction - concrete

N.B. Detailed orders for Demolition of "A" Depots Launceston. based on att copy of Op Order No 18 by N Comd. B.I.P.O.D. are being prepared by Tas L of C B.I.P.O.D.

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SUMMARY OF EXPLOSIVES ETC. REQUIRED

NO. 9 L OF C SUB-AREA

SERIAL	Depot	Location	Gelignite	Detonators	Detonators (Elec)	Fuse Safety feet	Spec containers to hold 5 lb charges for insertion in 2" dip pipes of underground tanks.
2	Ammn Depot	Launceston	150	10		100	
3	LHQ Main Base Engrs Dumps.	Conara	200	150		300	
5	Reserve Ammn Depot	Conara	200	50		200	
7	Reserve Ammn Depot	Mt Augusta	400	20		200	
11	Ammn Depot	Kermode	700	40		500	
15	Ordnance Work/ shop	Conara	300	150	60	300	
16	Shell "A" Depot	Launceston	100	168		1200	9
17	Vacuum "A" Depot	Launceston	100	168		1200	9
18	C O R "A" Depot	Launceston	40	70		600	5
19	Caltrex "A" Depot	Launceston	40	70		450	5
20	AW Gasoline Depot	Ross	100	20		100	
	Total		2330	916	60	5150	28

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M. 1600 2/42

Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Dec 42 *To* 31 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	2 Dec		Issued No 9 L of C Sub Area Op Order No 3 (Copy attached.)	
	12 Dec		Col H.B.Hester and Capt Pozzy Q.M.G. U.S.Army provided with car to replace Tas Force car grounded to enable them to proceed to WESTERN JUNCTION to catch plane for MELBOURNE.	
	15 Dec		Capt. V G N Mills posted as Capt. "Hirings" and detached to H.Q. Tas Force for duty.	
	16 Dec		Submitted report to H.Q. Tas Force on protection Petrol and Ammn Dumps from bush fires (copy attached). Capt. D.B.Gatehouse reported from 40 Aust Inf Bn and posted as Capt. "Provost".	
	17 Dec		Major. D.McPhee reported back from HEDELBERG Hosp.	
	20 Dec		Lieut A.R.Ellis marched out to 9 Aust Sup Per Coy - Capt. J. Tebbe marched in from 31 Aust A A S C and posted Capt. "S & T"	
	21 Dec		Capt. A. Manning marched in from 9 Aust V C C and posted Capt. "S & T".	

REGISTRY
H.Q. No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area
No. J 18 136

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COPY NO. 25

NO. 9 (TAS) L OF C SUB-AREA OPERATION ORDER NO 3

DATED 2 DEC 42

Ref Strat Map Tasmania K55, Sheets 6,7,11,15 - 4 m. to 1 inch.

(1) The following amendments will be made to No 9 (Tas) L of C Op Order No 1 dated 31 Aug 42 to comply with the re-distribution of Tps on Mob within Southern Sector as now defined in accordance with Tas Force Op Instn No 4 dated 28 Oct 42.

(2) (a) PARA 15
Amend "No 5 Bn V D C (less D & E Coys)" to read "No 5 Bn V D C (less A D & E Coys)".
Delete "BRIDGEWATER".

(b) PARA 22

Delete "OLD BEACH - BRIDGEWATER".

Delete "BRIGHTON ----------OLD BEACH".

(c) PARA 25

Delete "No 5 Bn V D C----------(Reserve)" and insert "4 Secs C Coy No 5 Bn V D C will act as reserve for the defence of BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE".
After "Additional Tasks" insert "B & C Coys".

(3) ACK.

Signed at 1730 hrs.
2 Dec 42

C H Johnson Capt.
G.S.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

1.	No 2 Bn V D C	17.	Northern Gp V D C
2.	No 5 Bn V D C	18.	Southern Gp V D C
3.	12 Aust Inf Tng Bn	19.	12 Aust Inf Bde. Gp.
4.	123 Aust Geh Tpt Coy	20.	Hobart C.F.
5.	6 Aust L of C Pro Coy	21.	West Coast Det V D C
6.	9 Aust Sup Per Coy	22.	Comd.
7.	6 Aust Amb Car Sec	23.	G.S.
8.	Tas L of C BIPOD	24.	D A A & Q M G.
9.	9 Aust C C S	25.	S & T
10	111 Aust Gen Hosp	26.	30 Aust Grn Bn
11	6 Aust Vet Hosp	27.	Comd. V D C
12	Tas L of C Det Hks	28.	War Diary.
13	No 3 Bn V D C	29/45	Retained spare by G.S.
14	6 Aust Remt Sqn.		
15/16	Tas Force.		

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H.Q. Tas L of C Sub Area.
16 Dec 42.

H.Q. Tas Force (G Branch) (D A Q M G, D A D O S, War Diary (2), File)

PROTECTION OF PETROL & AMMUNITION DUMPS ETC. - BUSH FIRES

Ref General Staff Memo V/2/1 of 9 Dec 42 the following report is submitted :-

1. Conara Petrol Dumps Area adjacent to railway line has been cleared of all rubbish, bark, etc. and area around petrol stacks have been similarly cleared. Grass and bushes along the embankment of the railway line should be cleared as soon as possible. The use of a flame thrower would be the easiest method of doing this. There is also a lot of fallen timber in the area, some of which has been cleared away. It is suggested that the remainder be cleared and stacked near the garrison camp and used as firewood.

2. Mt Augusta Petrol & Ammo Dump A firebreak has been ploughed around the area and the grass between will be burnt off when sufficiently dry for a clean burn. On the area itself grass and ferns are very thick and there is a lot of dead timber and rubbish.
A party of approx 28 men from Det Hrs with cross - cut saws, axes, mattocks, picks and shovels are clearing an area around each dump. Timber will be stacked and other debris carted to a suitable area for burning.
These dumps are situated in a honey - suckle grove and although the trees are excellent for camouflage they are definitely a menace if a fire started in that area.

3. Oatlands Petrol Dump This area has a growth of ferns and grasses, but by burning off ferns and grass the firebreak can be made thus isolating the area. A flame thrower would be of great assistance in this work. There is a quantity of bark and light timber over the area which should be raked up and burnt outside the dump area. It is suggested that a working party of 6 men be detailed to carry out this work. They could be rationed with the garrison guard but would require a tent for sleeping plus the necessary tools. The Garrison Guard is not available for this work, being already understaffed.

4. General (a) It is considered that each dump either petrol or ammo should be equipped with 10 firebreaks.
(b) It is recommended that all dumps should have telephone communication to enable them to call for urgent assistance if necessary. Telephone communication will be necessary when petrol dumps are being operated for receipt of orders from supply depots. It is therefore recommended that they be installed immediately. Requisition for telephone services have already been submitted to C S O Tas Force by B.I.P.O.D.
(c) Ref Tas Force R O 558 para 11, it is recommended that two flame throwers be made available to B.I.P.O.D. as soon as possible. These should be forwarded to Oatlands with the necessary fuel and a trained operator to instruct B.I.P.O.D. personnel in their use. Owing to the danger of using these in or near petrol dumps when the grasses etc are dry it would be appreciated if the issue of flame throwers to B.I.P.O.D. could be given first priority. It is estimated that the flame throwers will be required for approx 10 days. Requisition (S18) has been forwarded.
(d) O C B.I.P.O.D. reports that advice was forwarded to Engineer Services on 13 Jul 42 of requirement of 35 gallon foam type extinguishers for petrol dumps in accordance with G R O Q128/42. Can information be obtained regarding the provision of this equipment

Firefighting Equipment - requirements

Location	Reserve Stores	Unit Personnel	Equipment
Kermode	Ration stores	A A B C	6 Firebeaters 6 Buckets 2 Knapsack Sprays

Location	Reserve Stores	Unit Personnel	Equipment
Kermode	Ordnance stores	A A S C	6 Firebeaters 6 Buckets 2 Knapsack Sprays
	Ammn Dumps	30 Garr Bn Guard	2 " " 6 Fire buckets 6 " beaters

There are eleven (11) Hydrants with 100 ft of hose to each located in or around the A A S C and Ordnance Stores at Kermode Siding.

Mt Augusta	Ammn Dump	30 Garr Bn Guard	4 - 400 gal Tanks 12 Buckets 6 Firebeaters 2 Knapsack Sprays
	Petrol Dump	Garr Guard B.I.P.O.D.	6 - 400 gal Tanks 24 Buckets 12 Firebeaters 6 Knapsack Sprays
Conara	Ammn Dump	Garr Guard	2 - 400 gal Tanks 2 Knapsack Sprays 6 Buckets 6 Firebeaters
	Petrol Dump	Garr Guard	4-400 gal Tanks 12 Buckets 4 Knapsack Sprays 6 Firebeaters

It should be noted that if Knapsack sprays are not available stirrup pumps would be quite suitable as a substitute.

The 400 gal square tanks are not suitable for fire fighting having a small opening in the top making it hard to dip out water, nevertheless it is recommended that these tanks be made available immediately. These tanks are held in reserve stocks and could be returned to reserve as suitable fire tanks become available.

Requisitions (518) are attached to cover unit requirements as set out above.

Attention is invited to para 2 of General Staff memo 8/2/1 of 6 Oct 42, it would appear that 6 C Midlands Guard did not receive this instruction.

Engineer dumps will be the subject of a further report.

Major
Actg. Comd. 9 Tas L of C Sub Area

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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W. 1008 2/42

Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Dec 42 *To* 31 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	22 Dec		G.S.O.111 inspected Tas L of C B.I.P.O.D., N.C?O's school	
			at OATLANDS	
	26 Dec		Received No 5 Bn V D C Op Order No 2	

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H. 1008 2/42

Unit H.Q. 9 L of C Sub Area. *Date and Time.—From* 2 Jan 43 *To* 31 Jan 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	2 Jan 43		Major. E.F.Davies evacuated to Hosp.	
	8 Jan 43		Inspection of Conara Ammn and Petrol Dumps by Major. McPhee and G.S.O.111	
	16/17Jan		Recce of forward areas and inspection of No 2 Bn V D C Coys at Buckland Levendale Triabunna Swansea and Bicheno by G S O 111 with Bn Comd and Adjt.	
	19 Jan 43		Major. E.F.Davies discharged from Hosp and reported for duty.	
	21/22 Jan 43		Recce of Bell Bay - George Town training area by G.S.O.111 with Bn Comd and Adjt 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn.	

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M. 1000 2/42

Unit H.Q. 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Feb 43 *To* 28 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	1/11 Feb 43		Sub Area M R & F S Course No 1 (Copy of Syllabus and report attached.	
	7 Feb 43		Capt. D B Gatehouse and Lieut W G Stephens detached to Tas Force (Census of Warlike Stores.	
	15/17 Feb 43		Demonstration Jungle Warfare by Col. P.L.Thomas U S Army and Major E J F Peck 2/9 Bn	
	16 Feb 43		Major E F Davies admitted to 111 A G H.	
	20 Feb 43		C.O. and G.S.O.111 attended demonstration Unarmed Combat and Assault Course exercises 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	25 Feb 43		H.Q. personnel completed range practice. Table A part 1 on Ross range.	
	2 Mar 43		Inspection of Coy training 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn BELL BAY = GEORGE TOWN area by G S O 111.	

NO 9 L of C SUB AREA.

MAP READING AND FIELD SKETCHING COURSE NO 1.

A Course of M.R.& F.S. will be held at CAMPBELLTOWN from 1 - 11 Feb 43.

ALLOTMENTS.

12 Aust Inf Trg Bn.	4.
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	3.
Tas L of C BIPOD.	2.
6 Aust Amb Car Sec.	2.
9 Aust Sup Per Coy.	2.
6 Aust Rem Sqn.	1.
110 Aust Con Depot.	1.
6 Aust Vet Hosp.	1.

All vacancies MUST be filled. Officers will be nominated where possible but if the strength of any Unit does NOT permit this, senior N.C.Os. of a suitable type may be nominated.
A Roll of selected personnel will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. by 18 Jan 43.

TRAVELLING AND REPORTING.

Personnel will selected will travel and report to GSO111 No 9 L of C Sub Area as follows:-

9 Aust Sup Per Coy.	By train leaving	HOBART	1435 hrs	31	Jan 43.
12 Aust Inf Trg Bn.)					
6 Aust Remount Sqn.)	"	"	" LAUNCESTON 1500	"	"
110 Aust Con Depot.)					
6 Aust Vet Hosp.)					
Tas L of C BIPOD.	"	"	" WAATTAH 1705	"	"
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	Own transport - Report at		1900	"	"
6 Aust Amb Car Sec.	Report each morning at 0845 hrs.				

Transport from CAMPBELLTOWN RY STN will be arranged for personnel arriving by train.
Return Railway Warrants will be issued by Units and endorsed "No 9 L of C Sub Area MR&FS Course No 1".

ACCOMMODATION AND MESSING.

Arrangements will be made by H.Q. No 9 L of C Sub Area for accommodation and messing of personnel except those of 6 Aust Amb Car Sec who will mess with their Unit.

INSTRUCTORS.

General control by GSO111 No 9 L of C Sub Area.
Chief Instructor - Capt. E Lane.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.

Personnel other than those from 6 Aust Amb Car Sec will report in full marching order.
All students will parade for field work in KWD.
The following manuals and equipment will be brought by students:- MMR&FS 1929 (Amend to 1939), FSR Vol 2, FSEB, ATM (Aust) No 13 Supp. if available, Prismatic Compass, 6" Service Protractor, Dividers, Hard Pencils, Erasers, Board approx 15"X10" fitted with two stout rubber bands.
Any other map making instruments in possession may also be brought.

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TERMINATION.

The Course will terminate on 11 Feb 43 and personnel will rejoin Units on that day as follows:-

9 Aust Sup Per Coy.	By train leaving CAMPBELLTOWN for HOBART at 1903 hrs.
12 Aust Inf Trng Bn. 6 Aust Remount Sqn. 110 Aust Con Depot. 6 Aust Vet Hosp. Tas L of C BIPOD.	By train leaving CAMPBELLTOWN FOR LAUNCESTON at 2121 hrs.
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. 6 Aust Amb Car Sec.	By train leaving CAMPBELLTOWN for PARATTAH at 1903 hrs. Own transport reporting at 1800 hrs, After last parade.

G H Robinson Captain.
GSO111 No 9 L of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION.

12 Aust Inf Trg Bn. (4)
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. (3)
Tas L of C BIPOD. (2)
6 Aust Amb Car Sec. (2)
9 Aust Sup Per Coy. (2)
6 Aust Remount Sqn.
110 Aust Con Depot.
6 Aust Vet Hosp.
Tas Force. (2)
Comd.
"G"
"A & Q"
"S & T"
War Diary.
File.
Spare. (4)

NO 9 L OF C SUB AREA - M R & F S COURSE NO1

REF EVANDALE MAP 1 In. to 1 MILE

1. What points are indicated at 290620, 942731, 228903 ?

2. Give Map references for :-

   (a) CLARENDON Ry Sta.
   (b) Junc. BRUMBYS Ck and LAKE Rd.
   (c) MILE Church

3. State the scale in words of the following RFs :-

$\frac{1}{63360}$ $\frac{1}{15840}$ $\frac{1}{250000}$ $\frac{1}{7200}$

4. What vertical height is represented by the ring Contour at 257472 ?

5. Is the slope between the following pairs of points Concave or Convex ?

   (a) ~~374514~~ 309438 and ~~396528~~ 300456
   (b) 208389 and STREANSHALH

6. What is the R.F. of the following scales?

   (a) 2 ins. to one mile.
   (b) 2 miles to one inch
   (c) 1 inch to 400 feet

7. What are the gradients of the road between 200401 and 196397 and thence to 194396 ?

8. A Patrol has to proceed at night from a post at 266463 to the Rd Junc Sq 3147, follow the road to rd Junc Sq 2949 and return across country to its starting point. What compass bearings will be necessary for the outward and homeward journeys ?

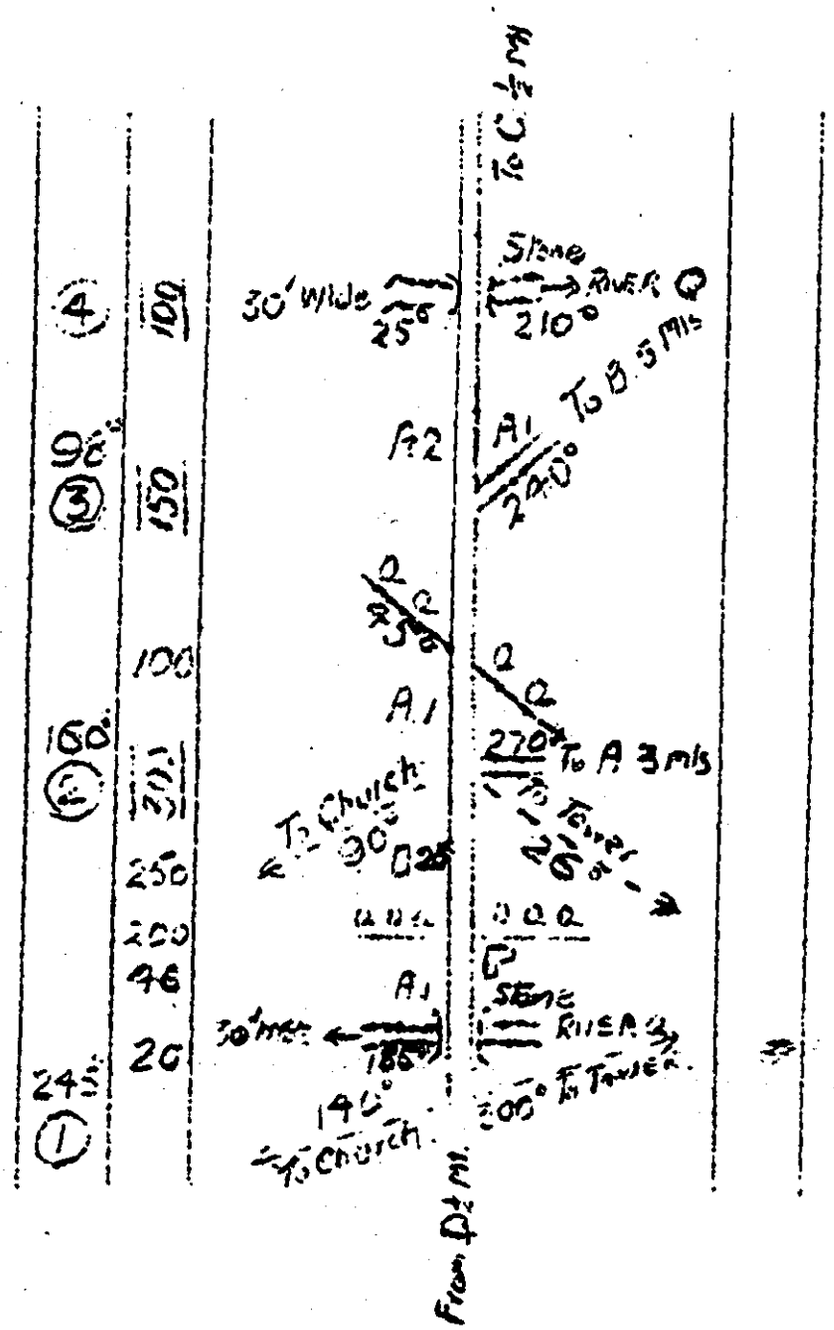
9. A Scout found that CAIRN 842 (Sq 3043) was on a compass bearing of ~~264°~~ 162, while a feature at 246482 was ~~152°~~ 204. Where was he?

10 If the distance between two points on an aerial photo is 3" and the distance between the same two points on the ground is 3000' and photo was taken with 6" focal length lens, what is the scale of the photo and at what height was it taken?

NO 9 L OF C SUB- AREA

M R & F S COURSE NO. 1

Plot the following entries of a field book at a scale of 200 yards to 1 Inch.



Furnish a report in the correct form and under the proper headings, making use of any information available on the sketch.

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H Q9(Tas) L of C Sub Area,
18 FEB 43.

Comd.
No 9 L of C Sub Area.

REPORT ON MR & FS COURSE No 1.

PERIOD 1 Feb 42 - 11 Feb 43 (10 Working Days)

OBJECT To prepare suitable personnel to act as Unit Instructors.

SYLLABUS Copy attached hereto. The Course was essentially Practical throughout, 8 of the 10 days being spent on field work.
Elementary instruction was reduced to the minimum as it was taken for granted that the type of student called for - Officers and Senior N.C.O.s - would at least have that knowledge. In some cases this was not so.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

	NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT	PERCENTAGE Theory	Prac.	Av.	REMARKS
1.	T23373	Sgt	King F.B.	123	77	80	78	V. Good.
2.	TX6215	Lt.	Grace C.N.	BIPOD	70	84	77	"
3.	T22464	Lt.	Thompson T.W.	6 Aust.	72	80	75	"
4.	T215	Lt.	Horner C.J.	BIPOD	62	84	73	Good.
5.	TX6309	Lt.	Lane A.K.	9 Sup Pet	61	88	72	"
6.	T17971	Sgt.	Gilley L.J.	6 Aust	57	84	70	"
7.	T51802	W.O.11	Binns J.H.	12 TgaBn	62	68	65	Fair
8.	T205	Capt	Morey R.L.	123	64	60	62	"
9.	TX11868	Sgt.	Stevens R.	Vet Hos	55	64	59	Pass
10.	TX11088	"	Marsden T.L.	123	52	53	52.5	"
11.	T11361	Lt.	Salter M.A.	12 Tg Bn	52	51	54.5	"
12.	TP6620	"	Johnson K.A.	6 Remt Sq	45	51	48	Failed
13.	TX6155	"	Bain A.A.	12 T.B.	41	53	47	"
14.	T9538	"	Hollingsworth R.	110 C.D.	29	58	43	"
15.	T204	Capt	Walters C.K.	123	33	52	42	"
16.	T25998	Lt.	George E.A.	12 Tg Bn	29	40	34	"

COURSE AVERAGE 65.5%

NUMBER IN COURSE. 16.

GENERAL. The results prove conclusively that some Units are not paying sufficient attention to this important subject and it has been impressed on all students who attended the Course that they are expected to pass on the knowledge gained on return to Units.
In view of the apparent lack of elementary knowledge it is recommended that every effort be made for these Courses to be continued and their duration extended in order that more time may be given to elementary Map Reading.

The Conduct of all Students was excellent and they were keen.

Confidential Reports on students attached.

Captain.
G S O 111 9 L of C Sub Area.

No 9 L OF C SUB AREA MR & FS COURSE - CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

Sgt KING F.B.-123 AUST GEN TPT COY.

Good grasp of subject and shows marked ability.

Lt. C.V.N. GRACE - TAS L OF C BIPOD.

Made good progress and shows marked ability.

Lt. T.W. THOMPSON - 6 AUST AMB CAR SEC

Made good progress and shows marked ability.

Lt. G.J. HORNER - TAS L OF C BIPOD

Practical work good. Should improve by further study of the theory..

Lt. A.K. LANE - 9 AUST SUP PER COY.

Practical work good. Should improve by further study of the theory.

Sgt. GILLEY L.J. - 6 AUST AMB CAR SEC.

Practical work good but needs more study of theory.

WO11 FINNS J.H.- 12 AUST INF TNG BN.

Made good progress. His progress is NOT reflected in his marks, as he had very little previous knowledge of the subject.

CAPT.R.L. MOREY - 123 AUST GEN TPT COY.

Worked very hard and should with practice show a marked improvement.

A/SGT STEVENS H. - 6 AUST VET HOSP

Worked hard and needs continued study.

SGT MARSDEN T.L. 123 AUST GEN TPT COY.

Hard Worker. Should improve with more practice.

Lt. H.A. SALTER - 12 AUST INF TNG BN.

Worked very hard. Should with practice show a marked improvement.

Lt. K.A.JOHNSTON - 6 AUST HOSP SQN.

Worked very hard and made progress which is NOT reflected in his marks as he had NO previous knowledge of the subject.

Lt. A.A. BAIN - 12 AUST INF TNG BN

Showed lack of application. NOT an industrious student.

Lt. A. HOLLINGSWORTH - 110 AUST COM DEPOT.

Slow to grasp principles. Tried hard and showed improvement.

Capt C.M.

CAPT C.N. WALTERS - 123 AUST GEN TPT COY

Appeared to be unable to make progress and recommend that he does some intensive private study.

Lt. E.A. GEORGE - 12 AUST INF TNG BN.

Progress retarded by lack of application, No previous knowledge of the subject.

SYLLABUS.

H Q 9 L OF C SUB AREA - MAP READING AND SKETCHING.

L - Lecture
EI - Exercise Indoor
EO - Exercise Outdoor

COURSE No. 1

1 - 11 FEB.

	SERIAL	PERIOD	SUBJECT	REF
1 FEB 43.	1 L	0900 - 0945	Introductory, Topo forms, Technical terms	MMRFS Chap 2 ATM 13 (s...
	2 L	0950 - 1035	Scales	MMRFS Chap 3
	3 EI	1050 - 1235	Construction of Scales	
	4 L	1400 - 1445	Conventional signs, Relief & its representation	MMRFS Chap 4 & 5 ATM 13 Sup.
	5 L	1450 - 1535	Map Refs & thrust lines	" " 7 ATM 16
	6 L	1550 - 1635	Conversion of bearings	" " 6
	7 L	1640 - 1725	Prismatic compass, its description & use	" " 10 (64/8)
	8 L	1930 - 2030	Service Protractor	" " 10 (61/3)
2 FEB 43	9 L	0900 - 0920	Setting map & locating posn on map	" " 8
	10 EO	0925 - 1045	Setting map & identifying map refs on ground	
	11 EO	1050 - 1230	Pacing & observing with prismatic compass.	
	12 L	1400 - 1500	Recce & Recce reports	FSR Vol II (35) App 9 FSPB 3 (8/9)
	13 EO	1505 - 1725	Rd Recce	
	13 EI	1930 - 2030	Completing report	
3 FEB 43	14 L	0900 - 1035	Aerial Photos	MMRFS Chap 12/13
	15 L	1050 - 1235	Description of use of Fd sketching instruments	" " 19
	16 EO	1400 - 1735	Fixing & plotting framework resection (Prismatic Compass)	
4 FEB 43	17 L	0900 - 0925	Map Enlarging	MMRFS Chap 9
	18 EI	0930 - 1020	Map Enlargement	
	19 EO	1030 - 1230	Adding Detail to Enlargement	
	20 EO	1400 -	Map Reading	
	21 L	1930 - 2030	Visibility	" " 5 36/7
5 FEB 43	22 EO	0900 - 1225	Prismatic Compass - Recording Traverse	
	EI	1400 - 1725	Prismatic Compass - Plotting Traverse	
	23 L	1930 - 2030	Slopes & Gradients	" " 5 (34/5)
6 FEB 43	24	0900 - 1225	Principles of Plane Table sketching - Setting plane table, Choice of Base.	" " 15 (118/21)
	25 EO	1400 - 1725	Fixing Ruling Pts & Detail Resection	" " 15 (122, 124/7)
		1930 - 2030	Spare period	
7 FEB 43			REST DAY.	
8 FEB	26 EO	0900 - 1225	Plane table Sketching, Lining Up, Lining in, Cutting in	" " 15 (128/30)
	26 EO	1400 - 1735	Sketching Form lines	" " 15 (138/9)
		1930 - 2030	Spare period	

SERIAL		PERIOD	SUBJECT	REF
9 FEB 43	27 L	0900 - 1000	Panorama Drawing	LMRFS Chap 11 (69)
	28 EO	1015 - 1725	" "	
	29 EO	2200 - 2300	Night Compass march	" Appx 2
10 FEB 43	30 EO	0900 - 1225	Eye Sketching	" Chap 17 (145)
		1400 - 1725	Memory Sketching	" " (149)
11 FEB 43	31	0900 - 1225	Recapitulation	
	32	1400 - 1600	Examination	
	33	1600 - 1630	Return Stores.	

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

COURSE_____

NO_____ RANK_____ NAME_____

UNIT_____

EXAMINATIONS

Theory_____% Practical_____% Total_____%

No in Course_____ Position on Course_____

Average % of Course_____

Classification - Pass 50%_____

General Remarks_____

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Date_____

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Unit H.Q. 9 (Tas) L. of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 2 Mar 43 *To* 31 Mar 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	2 Mar 43		Inspection of Coy training 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn BELL BAY GEORGE TOWN area by G S O 111	
	4 Mar 43		H.Q. personnel completed Gas T O E T . Capt L Murdoch trfd to 123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Lieut Piggott J A W taken on strength from 1 Aust Base Ord Depot and detached to H.Q. Tas Force.	
	9/17 Mar 43		Lieut M Dawes visited Sub Area Units supervising P & R T	
	10 Mar 43		Lecture by Lt./Col D Cameron "Fighting in New Guinea" (Memo att) 135 officers and N C O's attended.	
	16/19 Mar 43		Conducted Administrative Course No 3 (Syllabus and report attached).	
	20 Mar 43		Major D McPhee proceeded on 12 days A R L. Relieved by Major R H Smith.	
	9 Mar 43		Major E F Davies returned from 111 A G H.	

HQ NO.9 (TAS) L OF C SUB AREA.

123 1 86

5 Mar 43.

TAS FORCE (2) For info.
COMD.
122 AUST GEN TPT COY.
6 AUST AMB CAR COY.
111 AUST GEN HOSP.
8 AUST ARMY TPS.
34 COY A A S C.
110 A/TK REGT.
NO.2 EN T D.
WAR DIARY
F I L E.

LECTURE - VICTORIES IN NEW GUINEA

1. Lt/Col D.CAMERON will deliver a lecture on the above subject 1930 hrs 10 Mar 43 at the Library Hall, CAMPBELL TOWN.

2. Addressees are requested to ensure the attendance of as many officers and N.C.O's as possible.

Capt
S.S.O. 111 L of C Sub Area.

TASMANIAN FORCE.
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HQ NO.9 (TAS) L OF C SUB AREA.

140 1 146

22 Mar 43.

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TAS FORCE.

T R A I N I N G

1. Administration Course No.3 was held at this HQ from 16 Mar 43 to 19 Mar 43.

2. The subjects covered are shown in att. syllabus.

3. 49 Officers, W.Os and N.C.Os were nominated for the Course, the average attendance being 38. The low average was caused by certain Units cancelling or restricting nominations owing to circumstances over which they had no control.

4. Units represented were:-
H.Q. 9 (Tas) Lof C Sub Area.
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
40 Aust Inf Bn.
6 Aust Rest Sqn.
Tas L of C E.T.P.O.D.
110 Aust Com. Depot.
9 Aust. Sup Par Coy.
30 Aust. Grn Bn.
111 Aust Gen Hosp.
6 Aust Amb Car Coy.
6 Aust Fd Regt.
12 Aust Inf Trg Bn.
6 Aust Vet Hosp.
31 Coy A.A.S.C.
81 Camp Hosp.
Tas L of C Det Hks.

R. H. Lovell
Major,
Comd No 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area.

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NO.9 L OF C SUB AREA CIRCULAR 140/1/146

ADMINISTRATIVE COURSE NO.3.

Amendment to para 6 of the above Circular.

Add "Capt W.J.SMITH
Capt R.L.MOREY".

Capt
G.S.O.111 No.9 L of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION as per circular.

REGISTRY
H.Q. No. 9 L. of C. Sub-Area
No. 140 / 1 / 1146.

HQ NO.9 (TAS) L OF C SUB AREA.
4 MAR 43.

All Lecturers.

ADMINISTRATIVE COURSE NO.3 - 16/19 MAR 43

1. Please advise accommodation required.

2. It would be appreciated if precis of lectures could be made available for distribution to students if possible.

Capt
SSO III No.9 L of C Sub Area.

HQ No.9 (Tas.) L of C Sub Area

ADMINISTRATIVE COURSE NO.3

1. DURATION OF COURSE — 16/19 Mar 43.

2. LOCATION — HQ No.9 L of C Sub Area, CAMPBELL TOWN.

3. OBJECT — To instruct, and extend the knowledge of, Officers and senior N.C.O's in matters relating to Administration, Procedure, Supply etc with a view to obtaining the highest possible standard of efficiency in Unit Administration.

4. VACANCIES — Units are requested to nominate at least three Candidates if possible.

5. NOMINAL ROLLS — To be forwarded to this HQ NOT later than 11 Mar 43.

6. LECTURERS — Col P.A.CHAPMAN
L/Col M.H.CRUICKSHANK
L/Col P.C.NUNAN
L/Col B.W.CARRUTHERS
Major D.PARKER
Major J.A.TURNBULL
Capt R.K.GREEN
Capt G.G.GIBSON
Capt D.E.PORTWIN
Capt B.J.JACKSON
Lieut C.V.GRACE
Lieut PAICE
Lieut TOWNSLEY.

7. TRAVELLING & REPORTING — Units except those located at LAUNCESTON and OATLANDS will provide own transport. Personnel will report at LIBRARY HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN at 0845 hrs each morning. Personnel located at LAUNCESTON will travel by train leaving LAUNCESTON at 1725 hrs Monday 15 Mar 43.
Personnel located at OATLANDS will travel by train leaving PARATTAH at 1933 hrs Monday 15 Mar 43.
Warrants will be endorsed "No.3 L of C Sub Area Administrative Course No.3". Transport will be provided from CAMPBELL TOWN RY STN.

8. MESSING & QUARTERING — Units will make their own arrangements in connection with Messing and Quartering. If any Units require accommodation for their personnel attending the Course, advice MUST be forwarded to this HQ giving full particulars NOT later than 11 Mar 43.

9. TEXT BOOKS — Students should bring the following publications if available :-

A M R & O,
M M L 1941 (Aust Ed.),
F S R Vol.1.

C.H.Robinson Capt
G S O 111 No.9 L of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION

Tas Force (3)
12 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Comd
A & Q
S & T
— For Infn.

12 Aust Inf Tng Bn
123 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
6 Aust Amb Car Coy
Tas L of C BIPOD
111 Aust Gen Hosp
Tas L of C Area Det Bks
6 Aust Remt Sqn
110 Aust Con Depot
81 Camp Hosp
6 Aust Vet Hosp
6 Aust Fd Regt
40 Aust Inf Bn
8 Aust Army Tps
9 Sup Per Coy
31 Coy A A S C
30 Aust Grn Bn
Lecturers (15)
War Diary
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No. 9 L OF C SUB AREA = ADMINISTRATION COURSE NO. 3 = 16/19 MAR 43

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT	LECTURER
1	0855	Opening Address	Major D.McPhee
	0900	Petrol Distribution in War in Australia	Lt. C.V.Grace
	0945	Basis of Military Law - Status of the soldier - arrest - charge reports	Lt.Col P.C.Nunan
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	General Administration and Office Organisation	Col. J.A.Chapman
	1145	Powers of C.O. and O.C? - punishments	Lt.Col P.C.Nunan
	1245	Luncheon Period	
	1400	Delivery of P O L to the Services	Lt. C.V.Grace
	1445	C A B and technique of Instruction	Lt. Townsley
	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Some Points on Medical Hygiene	Major D.Parker
2	0900	Reinforcement Policy and "X" List	Capt. D.E.Portwin
	0945	Conduct of an Orderly Room - Awards and their consequences	Lt.Col P.C.Nunan
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	A Soldier's personal and Medical Records	Capt. D.E.Portwin
	1145	Courts Martial - Summary of Evidence - Application etc - A A 47	Lt.Col P.C.Nunan

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT	LECTURER
2	1245	Luncheon Period	
	1400	Supply in the Field - General	Capt. G.G.Gibson
	1445	Education - Tng in the Army	Capt. B.J.Jackson
	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Supply in the Field - Rations	Capt. G.G.Gibson
3	0900	Supply in the Field - Ammn and P O L	Capt. G.G.Gibson
	0945	Evidence	Capt. R.K.Green
	1045	Morning Tea	
	1100	Hygiene and Sanitation	Lt.Col B.M.Carruthers
	1145	Desertion and A W L - Courts of Inquiry as to illegal absence	Capt. R.K.Green
	1245	Luncheon Period	
	1400	Hygiene and Sanitation	Lt.Col B.M.Carruthers
	1445	Educational Activities	Lt. Paice
	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Medical Administration in the Field	Major D.Parker
4	0900	M.T. Maintenance	Capt W.J.Smith
	0945	Courts of Inquiry generally	Capt. R.K.Green
	1045	Morning Tea.	

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT	LECTURER
4	1100	M.T. Inspection procedure	Capt R.L.Morey
	1145	Accidents - Vehicles - Negligence	Capt. R.K.Green
	1245	Luncheon Period	
	1440 to 1445	Tableau - Offence - Arrest - Orderly Room etc.	Lt.Col H.H.Cruickshank
	1540	Afternoon Tea	
	1550	Final Address	Major D.McPhee

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Unit H.Q. 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 2 Mar 43 *To* 31 Mar 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	24 Mar 43		Inspection exercise 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn BELL BAY area by G S O 111.	
	31 Mar 43		Major D McPhee returned from leave. Major R H Smith returned to Tas Force.	

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(adapted.)

Unit H.Q. 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Apr 43 *To* 30 Apr 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	1 Apr 43		Capt. D B Gatehouse departed for Provost School Melbourne.	
	2/3 Apr 43		Combined exercise OATLANDS area Tas L of C B I P O D and	
			No 2 Bn V D C attended by G S O 111 as Independent Observer	
			(Narrative and Orders att.)	
	4 Apr 43		Capt. A Manning proceeded on 12 days A R L.	

TAS L OF C BIPOD.

COMBINED EXERCISE WITH VDC 2 - 4 APR 43.

DIRECTOR: Lieut C V N GRACE ASSISTANTS: Lieut T L MOLLOY
Sgt K C J FOSTER

INDEPENDENT OBSERVER: Capt C H ROBINSON.

TYPE OF OPERATION: Outdoor exercise with co-operation of VDC pers.

AREA IN WHICH EXERCISE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT: Ref Strat Map K55/11 Second Edit -
From OATLANDS via main highway to rd junc 525806 - rd junc 543796 - via LEMONT to rd junc 539787 - STONEHENGE - WHITEFOORD - WOODSDALE - rd junc 540766 - TUNNACK - rd junc 528777 - STONOR - rd junc 520783 - OATLANDS.

FORCE TO BE EXERCISED: BIPOD Trg wing and VDC pers.

MAIN LESSONS TO BE EMPHASISED: Methods of protection on the move and at rest.

DURATION OF EXERCISE: 1400 hrs 2 Apr to 1200 hrs 4 Apr 43.

OBJECTS OF EXERCISE: (a) To train BIPOD pers in:-

(i) Movement of MT and protection on the move.
(ii) Map reading and use of route cards.
(iii) Selection of area and establishment of bivouac.
(iv) Concealment and camouflage.
(v) Defence of bivouac area.
(vi) Handling and using explosives.

and check for weaknesses in training.

(b) To test VDC organization, communications and training.

GENERAL IDEA: A Mobile sub-sec of BIPOD to move around area and endeavour to conceal movement, mislead VDC observers and protect themselves from attack by VDC personnel. If VDC unable to locate whereabouts of BIPOD Sub-Sec by 1700 hrs SATURDAY 3 Apr 43 they will open sealed envelope giving approximate location and organize attack. RV at given point at 0800 hrs SUNDAY 4 Apr 43 and arrange movement of BIPOD Sub-sec along given route, to give VDC personnel practice in ambushing and guerilla tactics.

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Lieut C V N GRACE
Lieut L T LITTLE
Capt C. ROBINSON
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.....Lieut.
(C V N GRACE) A/OC TAS L OF C BIPOD...

TAS L OF C BIPOD.

COMBINED EXERCISE WITH VDC.

PROTECTION ON THE MOVE AND AT REST.

TIME: 1600 hrs
31 Mar 43.

OPENING NARRATIVE.

Ref Map: Strat Map K55/11 second edit 4 miles to 1 inch.

Main enemy forces have been driven from the OATLANDS area and now occupy the country NORTH of CAMPBELL TOWN but isolated groups are still operating as guerillas in the country around OATLANDS. The local inhabitants are hostile and may be expected to report troop movements etc.

No 10 Sub-Sec (Mobile) Tas L of C BIPOD is encamped at OATLANDS recreation ground and is responsible for delivery aviation gasoline and oil to aerodrome at WOODBURY. Intelligence reports indicate that certain roads are blocked, damaged or otherwise unavailable, and the most practicable route to use is:-

OATLANDS - PARATTAH - MT SEYMOUR - BADEN - TUNNACK - WOODSDALE - WHITEFOORD - STONEHENGE - rd junc 539786 - LEMONT - rd junc 543796 - WOODBURY Aerodrome.

TASK : To move supplies of aviation gasoline and oil from OATLANDS camp to WOODBURY aerodrome via abovementioned route, by 1800 hrs 3 Apr 43.

(SPECIAL NOTE : For the purpose of the exercise, the sub-sec will move from OATLANDS at 140^{0} hrs 2 Apr 43, bivouac at approximately 533770 that night, move to alternative area at 544785 during the same night and bivouac at 542795 the following night.)

TAS L OF C BIPOD.

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No

Ref Map K55/11 ZONE 7
Second Edit - HOBART.

COPY NO

DATE 1 APR 43.

1. Information: Main enemy forces have been driven from OATLANDS area and now occupy the country NORTH of CAMPBELL TOWN but isolated groups are still operating as guerillas in the country around OATLANDS. The local inhabitants are hostile and may be expected to report troop movements. Enemy air attacks on small scale may be expected but no indication that use of gas, is likely. Enemy AFVs are still harassing supply lines in L of C Area.

120 Aust Inf Bn have advanced to CAMPBELL TOWN supported by detachments of 29 Fd Regt, 48 A/TK Regt, 55 Div Recce Regt, 17 Fd Coy and other attached troops. A squadron of RAAF fighters is operating from WOODBURY aerodrome.

No 10 Sub-sec (Mobile) TAS L OF C BIPOD is supplying the latter with aviation gasoline and oil from PARATTAH railhead and is encamped at OATLANDS recreation ground. Intelligence reports indicate that certain roads are blocked, damaged or otherwise unavailable and the most practicable route to use is -

OATLANDS - PARATTAH - MT SEYMOUR - BADEN - TUNNACK - WOODSDALE - WHITEFOORD - STONEHENGE - rd junc 539786 - LEMONT - rd junc 543796 - WOODBURY aerodrome.

2. Intention: To deliver 45 drums aviation gasoline "100" from PARATTAH rly sta to WOODBURY aerodrome by 1800 hrs 3 Apr 43.

3. Method: No 10 Sub-sec will move from OATLANDS camp 1400 hrs 2 Apr 43 to PARATTAH rly sta load and proceed via abovementioned route to WOODBURY aerodrome. Return route will be notified later. Movement table Appx "I" Att.

4. Administrative arrangements:

Ammunition	:	10 rds .303 SA Blank per man. 50 rds .303 SA Blank in reserve. 18 Aldershot grenades in reserve.
P O L	:	Reserve of 20 gins pet, 4 gins "30" 4 gins "60".
Water	:	200 gins carried. No water supplies en route.
Medical	:	Medical orderly att.
Rations	:	Two days hard rations will be carried.
Baggage & Eqpt:		Packs carried in MT. One blanket and ground sheet per man.

5. Intercommunication: HQ with sub-sec during rest periods. Otherwise as advised from time to time M/C orderly. Telephone will NOT be used.

.....Lieut.
(C V N GRACE) A/OC TAS L OF C BIPOD.

TAS L OF C BIPOD.

OUTDOOR EXERCISE - INCL 2 - 4 APR 43.

(NOMINAL ROLL - NO 10 SUB-SEC (MOBILE) .

Sub-Sec Comd		:	Lieut L T LITTLE
2 i/c (in turn)		:	Cpl PRETYMAN R D) Eqpt with Cpl REES A H) M/C.
Drivers	1 - 12 cwt	:	Dr DABNER A L
	1 - 30 cwt		Dr FIELD F W AALMG
	3 - 3-ton		Dr RUSSELL V
			Dr ~~O'MEARA F~~ SAUNDERS T.R
			Dr RIDLER E
M/C Orderlies		:	Dr ~~SAUNDERS T R~~ O'MEARA F.
			Dr FELMINGHAM G
Cook		:	PTE BLAKE G E
AALMG Lorry		:	CPL MAYNE C W C PTE SLORE W A PTE LOWE G R
Offsiders & Loaders		:	PTE CURRANT R T PTE MARTIN C PTE QUILL W PTE SEALY H B PTE STANLEY PTE WILLIAMS A PTE SYMONDS A G CPL HAMMOND L L/CPL BROOKS E J
Medical Orderly att		:	PTE WILSON M A

APPX "I" to OP ORDER NO

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MOVEMENT TABLE.

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SERIAL NO.	DATE	FROM	TO	TIME DEPART.	ROUTE	VTM	MTH	REMARKS.
1	2 Apr	OATLANDS	PARATTAH rly sta	1400	Direct road	20	20	Load 45 drums Avn Gas "100"/
2	2 Apr	PARATTAH	Bivouac area 533770.	1430	Rd PARATTAH - MT SEYMOUR - BADEN - TUNNACK	20	20	
3	2 Apr	Bivouac Area 533770	Bivouac Area 543778	2300	Rd WOODSDALE - WHITEFOORD - STONEHENGE - rd junc 539786 - Bivouac Area 543785	30	15	No lights when moving out of bivouac area. Headlights on when 300 yds away from entrance to area.
4	3 Apr	Bivouac Area 543785	WOODBURY aerodrome.	0900		20	20	

NOTES FOR DIRECTING STAFF.

1. Place notice "DESTROYED BY ENEMY ACTION" on bridge at 532774, to force sub-sec to take alternative route.

2. Stage AFV attack along road 528777 - TUNNACK.

3. Stop scouts on rd NORTH of LEMONT and tell them rd ahead mined - force alternative route through PAWTELLA. 535793

4. At PAWTELLA inform scouts bridge ahead destroyed - force alternative route westward.

5. On arrival WOODBURY aerodrome, instruct secn leader return to rd junc 543796 and select bivouac area for night. VDC attack may be expected any time after 1800 hrs.

6. R V with VDC at bivouac site 0800 hrs 4 Apr and arrange with VDC comd route to be followed, to allow VDC to practice ambushes etc and give BIPOD sub-sec experience in protection on the move.

7. Return to camp by 1200 hrs 4 Apr 43.

4a. Stage air attack with explosives along rd approaching Woodbury aerodrome.

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Unit HQ No.9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 6 Apr 43 *To* 26 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	6/13 Apr 43		GSO 111 Conference with Comd V.D.C. ,Comds Nos 2 & 3 Bns and Coy Comds relating to proposed Tactical Exercises and preparation by GSO111. Recce of No 2 Bn Coy positions VALLEYFIED Area.	
Campbell Town	14/15 Apr 43		L.H.Q. Official photographer (Lt. Saunders) recording activities of Sub Area Units	
Campbell Town	16 Apr 43		Recce. by GSO 111 of No 3 Bn Coy positions routes etc, LONGFORD Area. Arranging provisionof Umpires by 12 Aust Inf Tng Bn.	
Campbell Town	17/18 Apr 43		Tactical Exercises "D" Coy No 2 Bn V.D.C. & "F" Coy No 3 Bn V.D.C. (Report Exercises Etc att.)	
Campbell Town	19 Apr 43		40 Aust Inf Bn entrained MILFORD.	
Campbell Town	26 Apr 43		Inspection by GOC 1 Tas L of C Area (L/Col D.Cameron)	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—6TH MILITARY DISTRICT.
TAS L OF C AREA.

Please quote this Number when replying.

9 L of C Sub Area.
21 Apl 43.

H.Q.,
Tas L of C Area.

REPORT ON V.D.C. EXERCISE 17/18 APL 43.

TROOPS TAKING PART.

"D" Coy No 2 Bn V.D.C.
"F" Coy No 3 Bn V.D.C.

EXERCISES ARRANGED.

Details of the four exercises arranged as attached hereto were handed to and discussed with the Coy Comds prior to the commencement of the exercise and the broad outline of the scheme was chronologically as follows:-

1. 1500 hrs 17 Apl 43. "D" Coy occupies defensive position VALLEYFIELD.
2. 1500 hrs 17 Apl 43. "F" Coy leaves LONGFORD by convoy. (Aircraft attached to "D" Coy picks up convoy, drops message and returns to "staff" convoy)
3. Night 17/18 Apl 43. "F" Coy attacks VALLEYFIELD position.
4. First light 18 Apl 43. "F" Coy proceeds NORTH to take up Defensive position WOOLMERS BRIDGE.
5. 0900 hrs 18 Apl 43. "D" Coy leaves VALLEYFIELD for Assembly area - Deliberate attack on WOOLMERS. (Aircraft attached "F" Coy picks up convoy, drops message and returns to "staff" convoy.
6. Umpires' conference.
7. Discussion.

Although the exercise as conceived was almost a complete wash-out owing to insufficient tactical knowledge by the majority of the Officers and NCOs coupled with adverse weather conditions which prompted the Coy Comds to cancel the exercise to be held 18 Apl, my observations were sufficient for me to come to the conclusion that it had a certain value of a negative nature in emphasising the urgent need for tactical tuition in the form of very elementary TEWTs for Officers and NCOs. These should be prepared by VDC HQ to ensure that the training is co-ordinated throughout the State, as it is apparent that most exercises undertaken by the VDC are "shot off the cuff" in a haphazard manner with little regard for preparation, criticism and discussion.

As the VDC under present circumstances may possibly be called upon to act as "infantry" rather than "guerillas" I submit that training should be based on infantry tactics, special attention being given to battle procedure.

The outstanding features observed which should have the immediate attention of those concerned were:-

(a) Lack of control which was appalling especially by NCOs whose ability to "take charge" of their men was negligible. One exception noted was the Mortar Pl No 2 Bn.
(b) Poor knowledge of Battle Procedure.
(c) Intercommunication confusion. As one instance the NCO i/c "F" Coy transport did NOT know where Coy HQ or his Coy Comd were.

REPORT ON V.D.C. EXERCISE 17/18 APL 43 (Contd).

The difficulty in concentrating members of the VDC is fully appreciated but I feel that greater efforts could and should be made by individual members to arrive at RV punctually. "Barton" Pl should have been at "D" Coy HQ at 1500 hrs. although domiciled in that area they had NOT arrived when aircraft made contact at 1530 hrs. The remainder of the Coy did NOT arrive until very much later. In view of the fact that the WESTBURY Pl of "F" Coy No 3 Bn were ready to move at 1400 hrs and the whole of "F" Coy left LONGFORD at 1500 hrs I fail to see why "D" Coy No 2 Bn could not have made a special effort to conform to the times laid down as necessary for co-ordination.

The reason given by the Coy Comds for cancellation of the remainder of the exercise was that the boots issued were NOT waterproof and as a result the men were wet footed (this should call for an investigation as to how the boots are treated). It was pointed out that the rain had stopped and the weather was improving, and as they were occupying a good sheltered bivouac area with plenty of wood it would be better to spend the rest of the night drying out rather than subjecting them to another 2/3 hours standing about and sitting in trucks before they reached their homes. If weather conditions were favourable in the morning the exercise could then be finished but in the event of deterioration they could then get home dry. I received the impression that VDC Comds are more concerned with "wet nursing" men who do NOT want to be "wet nursed" than going all out to train under adverse conditions when necessary.

Reports received from Lieut Tilley, VDC LO, and Lieut Coe, ALO, are attached hereto.

Captain.
CSO [redacted] No 9 L of C Sub Area.

REPORT ON AIR CO-OP WITH NO. 2 BN. V.D.C. 17/4/43

From the point of view of the V.D.C.; any lessons learned from the Air Co-op Scheme were negligible.
The original intention was that the plane was to locate the ~~xxx~~ enemy, return, locate and establish identity with No. 2 Bn. V.D.C., and drop a message as to strength, position of, and speed of enemy.
At approx. 1530 hrs. the plane was over No. 2 Bn. area. At this time, in this area, there were 3 Umpires, O.C. C Coy. No. 2 Bn. and approx. 8 o.rs.
Upon the plane's firing WHITE signal, 'T' Strip was laid out and a RED signal was fired from ground. Flags Air Recongntion were waved by 2 umpires, after which the plane answered with a RED signal. Plane then signalled "I have a message for you" and the message was dropped.

POINTS NOTED.

1. At the time of the planes ~~xxxxx~~ appearance there were no troops of No.2 Bn. present to work signals or observe procedure; consequently from this aspect, the Air Co-op. given was wasted.

2. Incorrect signal, i.e. RED instead of WHITE fired from ground, indicating no knowledge of procedure.

3. Plane was over No. 2 Bn. area before O.C. D Coy. aware of fact.

S.D.L.

Lieut. A.L.O.

VALLEYFIELD COMPANY IN DEFENCE.

Ref Map EVANDALE 1" to 1 mile. Exercise - Secret.

OBJECT.
To exercise "D" Coy No 2 Bn VDC in occupation of a defensive position.

LESSONS.
(a) Battle Procedure.
(b) Standing Patrols.

OPENING SITUATION.
The enemy has landed on the NORTH coast of TASMANIA and the main force is being held by Nos 3 and R Bns VDC. The situation is confused and it is reported that certain elements reinforced by paratroops to the strength of approx one Coy are known to have infiltrated in the vicinity of LONGFORD and are advancing in a SOUTHERLY direction with the intention of denying us the use of AIRFIELD at VALLEYFIELD. No 2 Bn VDC in reserve has been ordered to take up dispositions on a general line NORTH of road BARTON-EPPING to protect our lateral communications along that road.
"D" Coy has been allotted the defence of AIRFIELD as its task and the Coy Comd has been advised that the enemy might attempt to land paratroops in the vicinity of AIRFIELD.
The occupation of his position is to be completed before....hrs 17 Apl 43.
It is NOT expected that the enemy can make contact before....hrs 17 Apl 43.

NARRATIVE.
"D" Coy Comd who received his orders had ordered his Coy to move to Assembly area under cover of trees at.....
Upon completion of his recce he met his Pl Comds at.....R.V. and issues the following orders:-
Maps gentlemen please. We are at.....(points out features of the country and gives them names,i.e."On our left you see a bridge call it BARTON BRIDGE", "In fron yousee a clump of wattles, call it WATTLE CLUMP" etc.

INFORMATION.
Enemy)
Own troops) Give all known information.

INTENTION.
"D" Coy will occupy a defensive position from inclusive road at 160514 EAST.....yards to fence with a Standing patrol on each flank.

METHOD.
R.D.Ls. - Pls forward - right - left - Standing Patrols.
Reserve - role, counter attack.
Fire plan. No...Pl will arrange for fixed line in front ofFDL area
Occupation to be completed by.....hrs.
Field work Wiring and digging to be simultaneous and will be progressive.
Patrols are being provided by Reserve Pl.
Sentries Double sentries will be posted from EVENING STAND TO to MORNING STAND DOWN.,Single sentries by day.

ADMINISTRATION.
Ammunition reserve will be at rear of Coy H.Q.
Tools.....Picks and.....shovels per Pl will be drawn from Coy H.Q. at Coy Assembly area.
Wire Dannert and pickets(quantity) available at.....at.....hrs.
Sanitation. Posts responsible for own sanitation.
R.A.P. at.....
Dress Battle order, steel helmets. Password.....
INTERCOMMUNICATION.
Coy H.Q.- Bn H.Q. - Comms between forward Pls and HQ by runner.
S.O.S. - Gas Alarm.
Synchronise watches.
Any questions?

VALLEYFIELD NIGHT ATTACK.

Ref Map EVANDALE 1" to 1 mile Exercise - Secret.

OBJECT.
To exercise "F" Coy No 3 Bn VDC in night attack.

LESSONS.
(a) Control and maintenance of direction.
(b) Recce and preparation.

OPENING SITUATION.
The enemy has landed on the SOUTH EAST coast of TASMANIA and the main force is being held by Nos 2 and 5 Bns VDC. Paratroops of an estimated strength of one Coy have landed at and are in possession of VALLEYFIELD AIRFIELD. Our patrols report that they have thrown out posts immediately NORTH of road BARTON-EPPING covering AIRFIELD. In view of the open nature of the country in front of the posts it was decided to assault the position by a night attack on the night of 17/18 Apl. "F" Coy No 3 Bn VDC was ordered to carry out the attack.

NARRATIVE.
At 1500 hrs the Coy Comd having ordered his Coy to the Assembly area at.....commenced his recce and ordered his Pl Comds to meet him at R.V.....at 1630 hrs. He gave them his outline plan which was as follows:-

INFORMATION.
"F" Coy will capture from road to fence, consolidate, and exploit the position SOUTH of AIRFIELD.

METHOD.
Forward Pls. No.....Pl. Objective.....
No.....Pl. Objective.....
Reserve Pl. No.....Pl. will provide a covering party to protect forward Pls at F.U.P. and will be in position at zero-.....
After forward Pls have passed through, No....Pl will move 300 yards in rear and halt approx half way between F.U.P. and objective Upon success signal they will move SOUTH of objective and cover consolidation of forward Pls.
No.....Pl will provide patrols to protect flanks.
Position of Assembly will be.....
Order of march from position of Assembly will be.....
Formation.....Route.....
Distance and bearing to F.U.P.....
Forming up place.....Formations from F.U.P.....
Bearing.....Distance.....yards.
Time table

Arrive at Position of Assembly	Zero-
Covering Pl leave Assembly area	Zero-
Forward Pls leave Assembly area	Zero-
Covering Pl arrive at F.U.P.	Zero-
Forward Pls arrive at F.U.P.	Zero-

Zero hour will be.....hrs.
Forward Pls will conform to movement of No....Pl at zero.

The attack will NOT be supported by Arty or MMG fire.

Password will be given at Place of Assembly and all troops taking part will wear a white patch on back between shoulders.

<u>VALLEYFIELD NIGHT ATTACK (contd).</u>

Troops MUST be impressed with the following:-

Absolute silence.
NO smoking or lights.
Magazines charged but NOT loaded.
There will be NO firing until the objective is reached.
Troops MUST keep their correct place in the formation.
If obstructions are encountered troops will lie flat until passage is made.
In the event of the enemy opening fire the advance will continue.

<u>ADMINISTRATION.</u>
Dress - Battle order, felt hats.
Two guides per Pl will report to 2 i/c Coy at Assembly area at Zero-.....mins.
Coy comm reserve will be at.....at zero plus.....mins.
Watches will be synchronised at position of assembly.
R.A.P. at.....

<u>INTERCOMMUNICATION.</u>
Coy H.Q. - Bn H.Q.
Reports to.....

<u>SUCCESS SIGNAL.</u>
.....Very Light.

EXERCISE - SECRET.

Ref map EVANDALE 1 inch to 1 mile.

OBJECT.
To exercise ....Coy No 3 Bn VDC in occupation of a defensive position.

LESSONS.
(a) Battle procedure (I.T. 1937 Chap VIII)
(b) Siting weapon pits. (I.S.L. Sec 71)

OPENING SITUATION.
The enemy has landed on the SOUTH coast of TASMANIA and the main force is being held by Nos 2 and 7 Bns VDC. The situation is confused but air observation has disclosed that certain elements to the strength of approx one Coy are advancing in a NORTHERLY direction. No 3 Bn Comd is of the opinion that they intend to form a bridge head at WOOLMERS and has ordered ....Coy Comd to occupy a defensive position covering WOOLMERS BRIDGE. Our aircraft are attempting to locate the enemy force and have been instructed to report any movement to ....Coy Comd.
The occupation of his position is to be completed before .....Hrs 18 Apl 43.
It is NOT expected that the enemy can make contact before.....hrs 18 Apl 43.

BATTLE.
.....Coy Comd having received his orders had ordered his Coy to move to assembly area at.....under cover of trees.
Upon the completion of his recce he met his Pl Comd at R.V..... and issues the following orders:-
Maps gentlemen please We are at.....(points out features of the country and gives them names, i.e."In front you see a clump of wattles, call it WATTLE CLUMP" etc.

INFORMATION.
Enemy) Give all known information.
Own troops)

INTENTION.
F.D.Ls. Pls forward - right - left - objectives.
Reserve, role - counter attack.
Fire plan No....Pl will arrange for fixed line in front of FDLarea
Consolidation to be completed by .....hrs.
Field work Wiring and digging to be simultaneous and will be progressive.
Patrols are being provided by reserve Pl.
Sentries Double sentries will be posted from EVENING STAND [illegible] TO to MORNING STAND DCW. Single sentries by day.

ADMINISTRATION.
Ammn reserves will be at rear of Coy H.Q.
Tools .....picks and .....shovels per Pl will be drawn from Coy H.Q. at Coy Assembly area.
Wire Dismant and pickets (quantity) available at.....at....hrs
Sanitation Posts responsible for own sanitation.
Password.....
Dress Battle order, felt hats.
R.A.P.at.....

INTERCOMMUNICATION.
Coy H.Q. - Bn H.Q. - Comms between forward Pls and H.Q. by runner.
S.O.S. - Gas Alarm.-
Synchronise watches.
Any questions?

EXERCISE - SECRET.

Ref Map DERWENT 1 inch to 1 mile.

OBJECT.
To exercise "D" Coy No 2 Bn VDC in deliberate attack.

LESSONS.
(a) Battle procedure. (I.T. 1937 Chap VIII)
(b) Use of ground. (I.S.L. Chap VIII)

OPENING SITUATION.
The enemy has landed on the NORTH coast of TASMANIA and the main force is being held by Nos 3 and 4 Bns VDC. Paratroops of an estimated strength of one Coy have landed in the vicinity of WOOLMERS BRIDGE and recce aircraft have reported that they have formed a bridge head at WOOLMERS BRIDGE their F.D.Ls. being approx 1000 yards SOUTH of the BRIDGE. The loss of the BRIDGE would vitally affect the our communications and "D" Coy No 2 Bn VDC has been ordered to capture the BRIDGE at all costs.

BACKGROUND.
At.....hrs the Coy Comd having ordered his Coy to the Assembly area at.....commenced his recce and ordered his Pl Comds to meet him at R.V.....at.....hrs. He gave them his outline plan which was as follows:-

INFORMATION.
SEE-Coy The enemy posts are located (point out). They are the only posts known to me.

INTENTION.
"D" Coy will attack and capture from.....to.....

METHOD.
No...Pl right, objective.....) Forward Pls.
No...Pl Left, objective.....)
You will consolidate upon reaching your objective.
No...Pl will be the reserve Pl. Upon consolidation it will pass through the forward Pls and provide fighting patrols to exploit WOOLMERS BRIDGE.
Your start line will be.....
You will cross the start line at.....hrs.
The direction of the attack is due NORTH.
The attack will NOT be supported by Arty or MMG fire.
Zero hour will be.....hrs.

ADMINISTRATION.
Dress - Battle order, steel helmets.
Coy Ammn reserve will be at.....at zero plus.....mins.
Watches will be synchronized at position of assembly.
R.A.P. at.....

INTERCOMMUNICATION.
Coy H.Q. will remain at Assembly area till zero plus 5 and then move to.....
Forward Pls will fire a .....Very light upon capture of objectives.

The time is now.....

Any questions?

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Ref Map Evandale 1" to 1 mile — Night Attack

Serial No.	Time	Situation	Instruction to Umpiries
1	Z-	Coy arrives at Position of Assembly	Note action of Pl Comds.
2	Z-	2 i/c party leaves position of Assembly	Note composition of party.
3.	Z-	Forward Pls leave assembly area	Note formation and distance (no noise smoking talking etc.)
4.	Z-	Reserve Pl. arrives at F U P.	———
5.	Z-	2 i/c party arrives at F.U.P.	Note procedure re guides
6.	Z-	Forward Pls arrive at F.U.P.	Formation on start line, control etc.
7.	Z-	Forward Pls on start line in formation	———
8.	Zero	Forward Pls move commenced	Note formations, keeping touch etc.
9.	Z+	Objectives reached.	

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

OCCUPATION OF A DEFENSIVE POSITION

Ref Map Evandale 1" to 1 mile

Serial No.	Time	Situation	Instructions to Umpires
1		Coy arrives at Coy Assembly Area	———
2		Pl Comds meet Coy Comd at R V	———
3		Orders by Coy Comd finished	Pl Comds send messages to Sec Comds also Pl Sgts re issue of tools and moves to Pl Assembly Area.
4		Pl Comds Recc completed and Sec Comds report at R.Vs.	Note if Pl Comds coordinated fire plan with flanking Pls.
5.		Pls arrive at Assembly Areas	Note action of Pl. Sgts. (cover, air sentry Etc).
6.		Sec Comds recce completed	Note siting of weapons pits.
7.		Sec Comds lead Sec to Sec Posts	———
8.		Secs arrive at Sec Posts	Note Sec Comds procedure and orders to personnel.

21st April, 1943.

To Captain Robinson, G.S.O.I.,
L of C Hdqrs,
No 9 Sub Area,
CAMPBELL TOWN.

From Lieut. Hallett,
No.3 Bn,
V. D. C.,
LAUNCESTON.

Following is the sequence of events as I observed them. I was equipped with map K 55/7. not Evandale 1" to 1 mile.

It early became obvious that Coy. Cmdr. was trying to do all the jobs he should have delegated to his officers and N.C.O.s. This coy needs more field exercises and especially night training. Men made no attempt to take advantage of cover and orders to do so were very seldom given.

I suggest that although rain spoilt the chance of a successful exercise, the men found it very difficult to raise any enthusiasm, owing to lack of blank amm. When advancing on a position from which a mortar had fired, it was impossible for the attackers to convince the mortar crew that by shouting out "bang, bang", levelling a rifle and snapping the trigger at them that their intentions were really hostile. As usual this caused many arguments between the two forces, which I believe could be largely overcome by providing/means of producing the sounds of small arms fire.

I regret being unable to give a report on the forecast of events handed to me, as lack of orders by the Coy Cmdr precludes this.

N. W. Hallett. Lieut.

No.3 Bn, V.D.C.

Unit "F" Coy., No.3 Bn, V. D. C., Exercise Night Attack Date 17/4/43 Ref. K 55/7

Time	Place	Action Taken
1514 hrs	Longford Drill Hall	Coy embussed in five 3-ton lorries
1605 hrs 1624 "	B 7,3090 (Fairfield)) " ")	Convoy delayed through taking wrong road, returned to corner. Captured two men who apparently lived there, and had not yet taken part in exercise.
1700 hrs	B 7,5540	Coy de-bussed, lorries hidden off road, coy marched by plns in column of route along road.
1725 hrs	B 7,6530	Coy arrives at Pos of assembly
1730 hrs	B 7,6530	Plns well hidden amongst trees. Scouts sent forward, men ordered to take tea
1805 hrs	B 7,6530	Coy cmdr and his officers moved forward to make his recce; this developed into recce to determine his position. Scouts posted front and flanks.
1840 hrs	B 7,7528	Coy cmdr. sent back for his company to advance and join him at this position. Trucks brought forward to B 7,6530.
1905 hrs	B 7,7528	Plns arrive in column of route
1920 hrs	B 7,7528	Coy cmdr having decided to attack in two arrowheads, coy moves forward, in line
2000 hrs		Plane heard overhead going in southerly direction
2008 hrs	N. W. boundary fence or aerodrome	Shot heard followed by red flare from S. W. direction. Troops ordered to move in that direction
2028 hrs	On Aerodrome	Green flare put up by defenders followed by a mortar shot. Coy Cmdr ordered left flank pln to work round to the flank and remainder to advance. Contact was made with defenders. A LMG put out of action and several encounters took place. Eight of defenders out of action, either killed or taken prisoners. Action continued.
2150 hrs	B 7,9515 (approx.)	Bitumen road or runway reached. Coy cmdr held consultation with pln cmdrs, when scouts reported three trucks and cars close by.
2205 hrs	B 7,9515	Coy cmdr ordered sgt. and six men to attack and capture trucks. They were held up with LMG fire, so he brought up reinforcements and overwhelmed the opposition.
2230 hrs	B 7,9515	Exercise concluded.

H.W. Hallett. Lieut.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted.)

W. 1008 2/42 *Unit* HQ No 9 (Tas) L of C Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 3 May 43 *To* 29 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Campbell Town	3 May 43		Cipher Sec. Tas L of C Sigs transferred to Hobart.	
			Approval requested for establishment of Pig Farm CONARA.	
	4/6May 43		HQ Officers fired Table W. Parts 1 & 2, HQ Personnel fired	
			Table A Part 2. (order attached)	
	8 May 43		Approval granted by DAQMG for establishment of Pig Farm CONARA.	
	10 May 43		HQ Personnel passed Gas T.O.E.T. and Gas Chamber Test.	
	12 May 43		Major D.McPhee to 110 Aust Con Depot on Court of Inquiry	
	14 May 43		61 D.C.R.E. transferred to CONARA.	
	16 May 43		12 Aust Inf Tng Bn transferred from ELPHIN CAMP to BRIGHTON	
			less "B" Coy transferred to MILFORD.	
	18 May 43		Capt. D.B. Gatehouse marched in from L.H.Q. Provost School.	
	27 May 43		Inspection by Comd Tas L of C Area (Col. J.R. Chapman)	
	29 May 43		Major D. McPhee concluded Court of Inquiry at 110 Aust Con	
			Depot Area returned to H.Q.	

H.Q. NO 9 L OF C SUB AREA.

RANGE PRACTICES.

1. DATE. 5 & 6 May 43.

2. PRACTICES.
H.Q.Officers - Table "W" Parts 1 & 2.
H.Q.Personnel - Table "A" Part 2.

3. RANGE. ROSS.

4. RANGE OFFICER. W.O.Cusick.

5. TRANSPORT.
Utility. 0730 hrs transport Sgt Sice, Butt party and telephones - return to H.Q.
3 ton Lorry. 0800 hrs transport personneland stores - remain on Range.
Utility. 1200 hrs transport cook and hot meal - return to H.Q.

6. STORES.
Ammunition. 51 rds .303 per man (incl Offrs).
48 rds .455 per Offr.
Telephones. Two.
Patches.
Paste.
Brushes. Two.
Flags, red. Three.
Target, pistol.
Registers for Target Practices - C2 & C3.

7. DRESS.
Battle Order, Steel helmets, Respirators.

8. NOMINAL ROLLS.
W.O.Cusick and W.O.Ware will arrange duties over the two days to ensure that all personnel attend the Range. W.O.Ware will hand Nominal Rolls to Cpl Long who will prepare C2s.

9. CLEANING OF RIFLES.
S/Sgt Curwen will arrange for a supply of boiling water to be available for cleaning rifles on return of personnel from the Range.

10. INSPECTION OF RIFLES.
All rifles used on the Range will be inspected as soon as practicable after cleaning by W.O.Cusick.

11. CERTIFICATE BALL AMMN. A.A.F. C.7.
Will be rendered by W.O.Cusick at conclusion of each day's practice.

Captain.
GSO111 No 9 L of C Sub Area.

DISTRIBUTION.

Comd.
S & T.
W.O.Cusick.
W.O.Ware.
S/Sgt Curwen.
Sgt Sice.
Cpl Long.

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Unit HQ AWAS Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 43 To 23 Oct 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	Oct 5		Parade opening War Loon Campaign - Detachment of AWAS units were placed second in Drill and Marching Competition.	
HOBART	Oct 12		Major E.F. Parry travelled to Brighton (7Aust Trg Coy AWS) Lecture to Recruit Training Course No 19.	
HOBART	Oct 13		AWAS HQ moved from 272 Davey Street to AASC Drill Hall Anglesea Barracks.	DCR 403/1/97
HOBART	Oct 14		Unit Draft Movement Order - Signal Personnel transferred to Vic L of C Area	MCS/ 114/43
HOBART	Oct 16		HQ Administration Course No 1 - Senior Officers (AWS- 18 Oct - 15 Nov 43. Major E.F. Parry marched out to attend School.	325/4/15 AWAS
HOBART	Oct 16		Capt F.M. Hawker has been appointed Act/Assistant Controller during absence of Major E.F. Parry from 16 Oct 43 - 19 Nov 43.	DCR 403/1/97
HOBART	Oct 19		Lieut L.I. Gurr travelled to 7 Aust Trg Coy (AWS). Lecture to Recruit Training School No 19.	
HOBART	Oct 21		Movement Order for 6 AWAS Personnel transferred to A D Canteens Services Q'Land L of C Area.	MCS 120/43.
HOBART	Oct 23		Capt F.M. Hawker visitied 7 Aust Trg Coy (AWS) Brighton for "Marching out" parade of Recruit Training School No 19.	

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HOBART	Oct 25		Lieut Gurr interviewed applicants for AWAS in Launceston	
HOBART	Oct 25		Lieut E. Rogers returned to Ingleburn, NSW L of C Area	
HOBART	Oct 27		War Loan Publicity Parade of Women's Services - March through city - 250 AWAS personnel marched in two companies	DCR 471/1/43
HOBART	Oct 28		Capt F. M. Hawker inspection Barracks and Personnel at Ft Pierson	
HOBART	Oct 30		Number of Discharges formonth - two	C/10

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