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WONDECLA NQ
2 OCT 44

An Exercise in Amphibious Warfare was carried out in 2/6 Bn area. The object of the exercise was to practise Officers of the Bde in the preparation of landing craft tables for an LSI operation. The exercise was conducted as laid down in instr att as appx. Each Bn supplied 2 syndicates and one syndicate was supplied by Bde HQ.

Bde Syndicate.

Maj	NELSON	2/7 Bn	CO
Capt	HIRST		Adjt
Capt	COUGHLIN		QM
Capt	JOHNSON		ULO
Capt	MARSDEN		IO

WONDECLA NQ(a)
3 OCT 44

This morning, Bde Comd and offrs of the Bde witnessed a demonstration in the use of 4.2" mortars by 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy.

(b) VX3837 Lt-Col H.M. STEWART, who was Maj OC HQ Coy 2/6 Bn leaves to take over command of 2nd NG Inf Bn.

WONDECLA NQ(a)
5 OCT 44

6 Aust Div Op Instr No 1 of 4 Oct 44 and Op Instr No 2 of 4 Oct received 051410K.

(b) A series of lectures by LHQ Enemy WT Team on enemy equipment was commenced today. The series is to cover a period of 3 days, the object being to familiarize personnel of the Bde in the handling and recognition of enemy equipment.

(c) Conference of Bde Comds and BMs at 6 Aust Div HQ.

WONDECLA NQ(a)
7 OCT 44

Conference of Bn Comds at this HQ 1000 hrs.

(b) This morning, under direction of DAD H 6 Aust Div, a demonstration in the use of the FREON bomb as an anti-malarial measure was given in the 2/6 Bn area. Personnel from each of the Bns attended the demonstration.

WONDECLA NQ
8 OCT 44

6 Aust Div Adm Movement Order No 2 received, ref movement of advance party vehicles to port of embarkation.

WONDECLA NQ(a)
9 OCT 44

Bde Comds conference in 6 Div Model Room with BMs, COs, IO, where topography and future role of the Bde was discussed.

(b) Elements of 17 Bde Sig Sec and 11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt att to 17 Bde, who are taking part of the enemy in Bn Test Exercise TIGER moved out into field in preparation for the exercise.

(c) This afternoon, Capt ROBINSON of ATIS, delivered a lecture to Int personnel of the Bde on functioning of ATIS and some impressions which he had gathered of Japanese Characteristics from captured enemy documents.

WONDECLA NQ(a)
10 OCT 44

2/7 Bn moved out into KABAN area to carry out Bn Test Exercise TIGER. The object of the exercise is to gauge the standard of tactical training of the Bns. For particulars see att appx.

The 2/7 Bn is the first Bn to do the Test exercise as stipulated in 17 Bde Trg Instr No 27. The Directing Staff with Brig M.J. MOTEN Director and the umpires moved out to the area, as they will do when 2/5 and 2/6 Bns do the exercise. The enemy formed from Bde HQ personnel remain in the area until the Exercise has been completed.

(b) Sig Pl and Int Sec of 2/5 Bn moved out into BUTCHER Ck area to carry out telephone battle as laid down in 17 Bde Trg Instr No 27. The tactical situation is being made up by the Bn IO, and is designed to train Int Personnel in all phases of Int work.

(c) 17 Bde Trg Instr No 28 issued today to cover period 16-31 Oct 44. The scope of the training is comprehensive and covers phases of infantry training on Coy basis and patrol work.

WONDECLA NQ

11 OCT 44

(a) BM convened a conference in 2/6 Bn area of syndicates which took part in the Amphibious TEWT. Corrected solutions to the Exercise were handed out and discussed.

(b) A conference of umpires who are taking part in Exercise TIGER was held at Bde HQ this morning to discuss exercise as carried out by 2/7 Bn.

WONDECLA NQ

12 OCT 44

2/6 Bn moved out into KABAN area to carry out Test Exercise TIGER.

WONDECLA NQ

13 OCT 44

2/5 Bn carried out Bn Test Exercise TIGER.

WONDECLA NQ

14 OCT 44

Bde Comd, Brig M.J. MOTEN addressed Officers, WOs and Sjts of the Bde in the Cinema building today. Verbatim report of the address is att as appx.

WONDECLA NQ

16 OCT 44

(a) This morning, Bde Comd and all Officers of the Bde attended address by GOC 6 Aust Div in 16 Bde theatre. The GOC touched briefly on the initial phase following our arrival in operational area. He then went on to discuss patrolling, Hygiene, Discipline and care of the men.

(b) Bde Comd, Bn, Sc and IO, also WOs attended lecture in 6 Div Model room by Capt MARSHALL of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Capt MARSHALL lectured on the topography and general conditions of the country into which the Div is to move.

(c) A lecture by 6 Div representative on Carrier Pigeons was given to Officers of 2/5 Bn this evening. The lecture is to be repeated at 2/6 BN on 18 Oct and 2/7 Bn on 20 Oct.

WONDECLA NQ

17 OCT 44

(a) 1. 6 Aust Div Movement Order No 3 received. General instr re movement in accordance with 6 Aust Div Adm Order No 12.

11. Addendum No 3 and amendment No 2 to 6 Aust Div Adm Order No 12 received.

(b) Following on the demonstration of 4.2" Mortars recently, two 4.2" Mortars have been loaned to the Bde for training. Shoots to be carried out by the Bns on 17 and 18 Oct. See att appx.

WONDECLA NQ

18 OCT 44

Bde Comd, BM and Bde IO reced area NW of HERBERTON for the forthcoming Bde night attack.

WONDECLA NQ

19 OCT 44

(a) This morning Bde Comd conducted a party of Bn Cos and Officers on a recce of area NW of HERBERTON in which the Bde night attack, Exercise TUDAK is to be carried out, night 23/24 Oct. The object of the Exercise is:

(a) to practise troops in night attack

(b) to practise passing one bn through another at night

(c) to practise and study the detailed planning necessary for night attack.

(d) to practise troops in patrolling.

This Exercise is the execution with troops of Phase 1 of problem 5, 6 Aust Div TEWT No 3. OOs and Instrs att as appx.

(b) To assist 2/2 Aust Fd Regt to gain experience in patrolling, 2/5 and 2/6 Bns have been instructed to include parties of Officers, Sjts and ORs from the Regt on their patrols.

WONDECLA NQ

21 OCT 44

This morning on a ceremonial Parade, Bde Comd presented 1939-1943 Star to members of Bde HQ and att personnel who are eligible for this decoration. Personnel receiving award listed overleaf:

WONDECLA NQ
21 OCT 44

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
 Capt BLACKSTONE
 " COUGHLAN
 " JOHNSON
 Lt WHITLEY
 S/Sjt RUSE
 Pte KIRKWOOD
 Cpl PAHL
 " RUMPF
 L/Cpl HURT
 Pte PIGDON
 " HOWER
 " McKENZIE
 " McKEE
 " KITSON
 " ROSS
 " SNELLING
 " SWINTON

2/46 Aust LAD
Cfn PEDDAR

11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
 Pte JANE
 " SMOKER
 " RAYNER
 " WILLIAMSON
 " BROWN R.G.
 " GELZANO
 " WILSON
 " STEELE

Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
 Cpl HONEYSETT
 " DARK
 " LEMMER F
 " LEMMER H
 Sjt CLARE F

17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 Sigm WILLIAMS G
 " REIFFEL R C
 " JACOBS L

WONDECLA NQ
23 Oct 44 TUDAK.

The Bde moved out into area HERBERTON to carry out Exercise

WONDECLA NQ(a) Exercise TUDAK successfully completed. The GOC 6 Aust Div
24 OCT 44 was present to witness the final phases and expresses complete satisfaction with the planning and execution of the exercise.

(b) 17 Bde Training Instr No 29, to cover period 1 - 8 NOV 44 issued today.

WONDECLA NQ 17 Bde Sig Sec and elements of Gd Pl att to the HQ moved out
26 OCT 44 into the FLAGGY CREEK area to commence week of training.

WONDECLA NQ(a) 6 Aust Div Movement Order No 1 received ref movement of
28 OCT 44 vehicles to embarkation Vehicle Pool.

(b) A conference of Amenities Officers of the Bde was held at Bde HQ this morning to discuss details of amenities to be put into being when the Bde arrives at operational area.

(c) This afternoon, Bde Comd was present at a sports meeting held by 2/6 Bn as part of the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the formation of Bn in the AIF.

WONDECLA NQ(a) Bde operational vehicles moved out to embarkation veh pool.
29 OCT 44 Bde TO leaves in charge of vehicle escort.

(b) Bde Comd inspected 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

(c) Preliminary meeting of unit representatives to discuss proposed Bde Sports Meeting.

WONDECLA NQ(a) Bde Comd inspected 2/5 Bn
31 OCT 44

(b) Bde Adm Instr and Syllabus for No 3 Jungle Warfare School issued today. Object of the school is to practise officers who have not had operational experience in NEW GUINEA, in jungle craft. Period of School, 6 - 15 Nov 44. See att appx.

M.J. Motien
Brig.
(M.J. MOTIEN)

Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.

WB

17 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE TRG SCHOOL No 3

Ref map: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile

GEN

1. The above school will be held from 6 Nov to 15 Nov 44.

LOCATION

2. School location 346145.

OBJECT

3. To practise offrs, who have NOT had operational experience in NEW GUINEA, in Jungle Craft.

SCOPE

4. Outline syllabus att as appx A.

CHIEF INSTR

5. Capt A N ROOKE

VACANCIES

6. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn - 10
2/6 Aust Inf Bn - 10
2/7 Aust Inf Bn - 10

BATMEN

7. Scale one per two offrs.

EQPT

8. (a) Each unit will equip students as a rifle coy sec.

- (b) Each student will bring -

rifle and bayonet
full web eqpt
ground sheet
gas cape
blankets
mosquito net
change of clothing
bed board
messing and toilet gear
tent shelter half
note book and pencils

NOMINAL ROLLS

9. In duplicate, will reach this Hq by 1800h 3 Nov 44.

REPORTING

10. Students will report to school adjt by 1330h 5 Nov 44.
Mov to school under unit arrangements.

ADM

11. Issued separately.

K C Clarke Maj

(K C Clarke)
Bm 17 Aust Inf Bde

31 Oct 44

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn (2)	CI School (2)
2/6 Aust Inf Bn (2)	6 Aust Div (4)
2/7 Aust Inf Bn (2)	War Diary (2)
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SYLLABUS FOR 17 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE TRG SCHOOL No 3

Day	Time	Subject	Remarks
Sun 5 Oct	1600 Nov	Opening address	Brig M J MOTEN, CBE DSO ED
1	0800- 0845	Security	Lecture by Bde Int S/Sjt
	0900- 1200	Hyg	Lecture by Hyg Offr. Inspection of models and practice in making improvised latrines, etc
	1330- 1630	Booby traps	Demonstration and practice by squads
	1800	GD	On day's work - CI
2	0800- 0900	Tropical diseases	GD
	0915- 1000	Eqpt	TD by squads
	1015- 1200	Shelters	Squad demonstrations and practice
	1330- 1430	Patrols and reports	TD by squads
	1430- 1630	Patrolling Patrol reports	OD exercise Discussion of reports by squads
3	0800- 0845	Tracks and track fms	TD
	0900- 1015	Evac of wounded and stretcher making	TD and practice
	1030- 1200	Food and preparation of Fd Op Rations	Demonstration by squads followed by practice
	1330- 1600	Close sp weapons	TD and demonstration on Tka range
4	0800- 0930	Weapon pits	Digging of all types weapon pits, incl food, water and amm recesses and cam
	0945- 1045	Sup	BASC017 Aust Inf Bde
	1100- 1200	Intercomm code from ground to aircraft	Demonstration
	1330- 1430	Methods of crossing rivers	Demonstration
	1430- 1530	Bush craft	Demonstration
	1545- 1630	Def	Lecture by CI
5		Def	OD exercise
6		Def	OD exercise
7	0800- 0900	Comms	Bde Sig NCO
	0915-	Bill box attack technique	1. Demonstration 2. Students try out own ideas
	PM	Jap characteristics Natives and native practices	

SYLLABUS FOR 17 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE TRG SCHOOL No 3

Sun ^{Nov}
5 Oct 0800- Opening address

Brig M J MOTER, CBE, DSO, ED

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Day	Time	Subject	Remarks
8	AM PM	Ambushes Attack	TD followed by OD exercise Lecture by CI
9		Attack	OD exercise
10		Attack	OD exercise
11			Students RTU

NOTES: GD - Gen discussion
TD - Tutorial discussion
OD - Outdoor

17 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL NO.3

Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde School Instruction of 31 Oct 44.

2. The following administrative instructions are issued:

3. STA FF

(a) Adm Staff for 17 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Warfare School No.3 will be provided by units as follows :-

Serial	Detail	No.	Unit
1.	Adjt	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Lt O L EDWARDS)
2.	School QMS	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Sjt BOYLAND P)
3.	Cooks	2	2/5 Aust Inf Bn - 1 2/7 Aust Inf Bn - 1
4.	Clerks	1	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
5.	Storeman	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
6.	General Duties Personnel		
	(a) Asst Cooks	2	2/5 Aust Inf Bn - 1 2/6 Aust Inf Bn - 1
	(b) Hyg Dutymen	1	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
7.	RA P Orderly	1	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
8.	MF Dvrs	1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
9.	Batmen	21	
	(a) For Student Offrs		1 per 2 Offr Students
	(b) For Offr Instrs		1 per Offr Instr

(b)

(i) Staff (incl all batmen) will report to School Adjt at school site by 0900 hours 4 Nov 44.

(ii) Personal gear incl blanket and bed-boards will be carried.

(iii) Unexpired portion of days ration will be taken and handed to School QMS.

(iv) Transport will be provided under unit arrangement.

(c) Nominal rolls of staff detailed will be submitted to reach HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hours 3 Nov 44.

4. ACCOMMODATION STORES :

Will be provided by units in accordance with Appendix "A" attached and will be delivered to School QMS at school site by 0900 hours 4 Nov 44. Transport to be provided under unit arrangements.

5. RATIONS :

17 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Warfare School will be a separate rationing unit and A AB 55s will be submitted to BASCO 17 Aust Inf Bde three days in advance.

Rations will be collected by School QMS from DID WONDECLA at 1730 hours daily.

6. TRANSPORT :

2/7 Aust Inf Bn will provide one truck 15 cwt for duration of school. Vehicle to report to school Adjt at school site at 0900 hours 4 Nov 44.

POL requirements will be drawn from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

7. CANTEEN SUPPLIES :

Canteen Supplies will be purchased by units and CI will arrange to collect same from units concerned for distribution to personnel.

8. PAY :

Pay will NOT be available at 17 Aust Inf Bde Jungle Warfare School.

9. POSTAL :

(i) Outward mail (censored) will be delivered to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 1000 hours daily.

(ii) Inward mail will be delivered to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 0800 hours daily.

10. HYGIENE DEMONSTRATION AREA :

Hygiene Officer 17 Aust Inf Bde will arrange for provision of demonstration model camp site in school area.

11. STATIONERY :

Stationery and typewriter will be provided by HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

12. WATER :

(a) 400 gallons of water will be delivered to school daily under arrangements HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Strictest economy with use of water will be observed.

13. FIRE PRECAUTIONS :

CI will ensure that adequate fire precautions are taken.

14. INTERCOMMUNICATION :

17 Aust Inf Bde Signal Section will arrange a DRLS between HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and School.

DRLS departs HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde at 0810 hours daily.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION :

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	2

Comd

BM

CI

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SC

Sig 0 (less Appendix " A")

BASCO " " "

TO " " "

Hyg 0 " " "

Bde QMS

File

War Diary

Appendix "A" to
 17 Aust Inf Bde Q192
 of 31 Oct 44

Stores	No Reqd	To be supplied by			
		Bde	2/5	2/6	2/7
Water Tanks	2	2			
<u>TENTAGE</u>					
Marquee	1	1			
Tents 12 x 14	24	-	8	8	8
Latrines	2	2			
Abultion Benches	2	2			
Showers (buckets)	6		2	2	2
Buckets	24		8	8	8
Abultion Bowls	24		8	8	8
Fowler Stoves	2		1	1	
Soyer Stoves	2		1		1
Tables	21		7	7	7
Forms	39		13	13	13
Tubs 8 gall	3		1	1	1
Hot boxes	6		2	2	2
Containers Cook 4 gall	6		2	2	2
Containers Cook 2 gall	6		2	2	2
Kettles Camp Oval	9		3	3	3
Baking Dishes	3		1	1	1
Knives Cook	4		2		2
Knives Opening Can	2		1		1
Forks Cook	4		2		2
Implements Butchers Cases	1			1	
Buckets Tea	6		2	2	2
Ladles Cook	2		1		1
Dishes baking (Small)	3		1	1	1
Axes Felling	3		1	1	1
Picks	21		7	7	7
Shovels	21		7	7	7
Shovels RE	6		2	2	2
Hammers	4		1	1	2
Wire barbed	18	18			
Pickets long	40	40			
Pickets short	80	80			
Containers Water 2 gall	6		2	2	2
Ropes Toggle	51		17	17	17
Twine Balls	1	1			
Matchettes	21		7	7	7
Stretchers Ambulance	1		1		
First Aid Outfits	3		1	1	1
Blackboards	1	1			
Nails 2 inch lbs	3	3			
Nails 3 inch lbs	3	3			

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

by


BRIG M J MOTEN CBE DSO ED

Serial No. 31

26 Oct 44

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NIL


 Maj
 (K C CLARKE)
 BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

"AQ"

112. ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWS OF PAY

A unit paying officer or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a member's pay book, except as set out hereunder :-

- (a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the pay book by a member of the AAPC.
- (b) In exceptional circumstances, an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Finance Officer.

(To be published in unit Routine Orders)

113. ADVANCES AGAINST DEFERRED PAY

1. Advances may be made against the security of deferred pay in cases in which the advance

- (a) would be to the member's immediate advantage; or
- (b) would obviate hardship

and would assist in the member's ultimate re-establishment in civil life.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6, an advance **not** exceeding £50 in the case of an officer, or £20 in the case of a soldier, may be made by the Staff Paymaster, 1 Aust Corps Accounts Office, or the District Finance Officer of an L of C Area.

3. The approving authority will, in every case, require strict proof of the grounds upon which the application is made. All applications will be forwarded through unit pay representatives to Paymaster, 6 Aust Div and must show full particulars and reasons for the advance being made.

4. Conditions governing advances will be as follows :-

- (a) In the case of a member about to be discharged or whose appointment is about to be terminated, the advance will not exceed 75% of the member's deferred pay credit.

(b) In the case of a member not likely to be discharged or whose appointment is not likely to be terminated in the near future, the advance will not exceed 50% of the member's deferred pay credit and the member will consent to a restriction in drawing rate in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraph.

5. Restrictions on drawing rate will be applied in accordance with the following directions :-

- (a) The restriction will be sufficient to provide for repayment of the advance within fifteen months.
- (b) No restriction will be such as will leave available to the member a drawing rate of less than 3/- per day in the case of an officer, or 2/- per day in the case of a soldier, in addition to field allowance and exchange allowance, if any.
- (c) Where, by reason of the member's rate of pay, allotments, or any other reason, the restriction permitted by sub-paragraph (b) will not provide for repayment within 15 months, the question of the restriction to be applied will be referred to LHQ for decision, unless the member has made a request in accordance with sub-para (d).
- (d) A member may, by written request contained in the application, be restricted to a drawing rate less than the amounts specified in paragraph (b) provided the restriction still leaves available to him the minimum drawing rate prescribed by W F R.

6. Authorities will not sanction an advance against the security of deferred pay to a member whilst he is on leave without pay unless such leave is for a period of at least three months. Where the member is on leave without pay for less than three months and the authority receiving the application considers there are grounds for making an advance such authority will refer the application to LHQ for decision, together with the information required and details of the member's leave without pay. Where a member on leave without pay is given an advance the appropriate restriction of his drawing rate will be applied as from the date of the member's return to duty.

7. Where under special circumstances the application is for an amount exceeding £50 in the case of an officer or £20 in the case of a soldier, the application will be referred to LHQ for decision.

114. DRIVING OF VEHS BY PERSONNEL OTHER THAN DRIVERS MT

Attention is again directed to 6 Aust Div A5791 of 22 Jan 44.

For the information of Commanding Officers, officers in general, Senior NCOs and others who have control of transport or who issue Work Tickets, Sec 2 Para 38 of Standing Order for Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles (AUSTRALIA) is reproduced below :

- "(a) it is not the duty of officers or NCOs above the rank of Sergeant to drive and maintain army vehicles on normal duties, and they will not be employed in the capacity of Drivers MT; provided that in certain units, motor cycles are driven and maintained by NCOs above the rank of Sergeant.
- (b) In special cases it may be necessary for officers and NCOs above the rank of Sergeant, to drive in connection with some particular military duty, such as authorised instructions in driving, or demonstration of vehicle capabilities at schools, courses, or testing grounds by qualified MT Instructors.

114. (Contd)

(c) Owing to the exigencies of the Service, it may also be convenient for officers or warrant officers to drive cars or other vehicles for short periods. Such cases are to be kept to a minimum, and will be confined to journeys not involving periods of absence during which essential maintenance requirements become due."

W P Bolger
Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Sunday 29 Oct 44

R C

Mass 2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation hut
0645 hrs and 0830 hrs.

Confession Saturday 28 Oct 44 - Padre O'Keefe's
tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lines.

PROTESTANT

Holy Communion Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0700 hrs
(C of E) (Padre Richardson)

Parade Service HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/5 2/6 2/7
Aust Inf Bns. Bde Cinema 0830 hrs
(Padres Richardson & Wallace)

Holy Communion Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0915 hrs.
(C of E) (Padre Richardson)

Communion Service Bde Cinema 0915 hrs.
(P D) (Padre Wallace)

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

BRIG M J MOTEN CBE DSU ED

Serial No 30

24 Oct 44

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109. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIPPART A - INTRODUCTION1. Interpretation

(a) For the purposes of this order -

"Australia" means the Commonwealth of Australia, the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

"communication" means any letter, registered letter, lettercard, field service postcard, green envelope, newspaper, parcel, packet or telegram.

"member" means a member of the Australian Military Forces.

"prohibited information" means any naval, military or air force information which has not been published and which may be directly or indirectly of use to the enemy if received by him.

(b) The provisions of this order will not apply to any communication prepared or despatched by a member in the course of his duty.

(c) Part B of this order deals with security and will be observed by all members at all times.

Part C sets out the type of information which must not be written and the type of article which must not be enclosed in communications and will be observed by all members at all times.

Part D contains the orders which will be followed when members are subject to unit censorship and only affects those members to whom the provisions of paras 7 and 8 apply.

PART B - SECURITY2. Security of information

A member will not communicate any prohibited information except for the purpose of carrying out his duty. A breach of this provision is also an offence under the Defence Act 1903-1941, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both.

3. Diaries and notebooks

(a) A member will not send through the post any diary or notebook.

(b) The CO of each unit will ensure that all diaries and notebooks are collected by an officer appointed for the purpose -

(i) before any movement by sea or (except within the Commonwealth of Australia) by air;

(ii) whenever contact with the enemy is imminent;

(iii) on the 31st December in each year and at such other time as are notified in formation or L of C area routine orders.

- (c) Diaries and notebooks will be sent by units to the nearest detachment of 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or to the nearest Base Censor. All such diaries and notebooks will be clearly marked as such and will show the regimental number, name, rank and unit of the owner. After examination, they will be sent by Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor to Echelon and Records of the L of C area of enlistment of the owner of the diary or notebook for storage and safe custody.
- (d) A similar procedure will be followed for disposal of official notebooks kept by officers and other ranks containing technical notes or records of details connected with their duties, notes of army schools etc (except to the extent to which other official unit arrangements for the safe custody of such notebooks are made with the approval of the formation concerned.
- (e) Diaries and notebooks may be returned to the owner on application to the Echelon and Records of the L of C area of the member's enlistment, after return to Australia, provided that such diaries and notebooks have been approved by the OC Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor for release. If such diaries and notebooks are not approved for release, they shall not be returned until after the termination of hostilities.
- (f) No member will carry with him when returning to the Commonwealth of Australia, or send, deal with or dispose of any diary or notebook except in accordance with the provisions of this order.

PART C - CENSORSHIP

4. Prohibited information

A member will not post or send any communication containing any prohibited information. In particular, reference shall not be made to any of the following matters:-

- (a) strength of any organization of our own or allied forces (including navy and air forces) or reference to their morale;
- (b) location of any naval, military or air force unit or detachment except -
- (i) to the extent to which the official address of the unit includes the name of the location;
- (ii) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Commonwealth of Australia may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in a State of the Commonwealth or in the Northern Territory, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in that State or territory;
- (iii) that, in a communication to an address outside Australia, a member may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say he is in Australia or a Pacific Island, but he may not give any indication of the State in Australia or which island in the Pacific;
- (iv) that, in a communication, to an address in Australia, a member in the Territory of Papua or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea or Dutch New Guinea may, subject to any restrictions imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in such territory or country, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in such territory or country;

- (c) movements of any naval, military or air force units or detachments (including reference to reinforcements);
- (d) armament or equipment of any kind;
- (e) distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;
- (f) plans or forecasts of orders for current, future or cancelled operations or movements, whether known, rumoured or surmised;
- (g) communications, such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc;
- (h) state of the maintenance services (including any reference to reserves);
- (i) position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps;
- (j) casualty figures before official publication;
- (k) the effect of any action by the enemy. This includes any remark that may tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people or to prejudice good relations between our own people and people of neutral or allied countries;
- (l) criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

5. Prohibited articles

A member will not, save in the course of duty, include in a communication -

- (a) any document or equipment captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or any document containing information about the enemy, other than documents or equipment stamped with a War Souvenir Stamp, signed by an authorized officer certifying that the article is not required by Intelligence. In this regard, the attention of all members is directed to GRO G.473/1943;
- (b) official documents, including Intelligence summaries, orders, maps etc;
- (c) official documents belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory;
- (d) propaganda leaflets, whether issued by the enemy or by Australian or allied forces or authorities.

6. Codes and ciphers

A member will not post or send any communication containing -

- (a) any writing which bears any meaning other than that contained on the face of it;
- (b) any instructions or requests to use any means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording any information or to use any form of code, cipher or shorthand;
- (c) any writing, mark, sign or thing secretly conveying or recording information;
- (d) any code, cipher, shorthand or any writing, mark or sign in any form of code, cipher or shorthand.

PART D - UNIT CENSORSHIP

7. Areas where unit censorship applies

All communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members in any area outside Australia and from members in the following areas within Australia are subject to unit censorship:-

- (a) that part of Western Australia north of 20 deg south latitude;
- (b) the Northern Territory of Australia;
- (c) that part of Queensland north of the northern boundaries of the shires of Barkly Tableland, Cloncurry, McKinley, Wyangarie, Flinders, Dalrymple and Thuringowa;
- (d) the shires of Barkly Tableland, and the districts of Haslingden, Heywood and Mt Isa in the State of Queensland;
- (e) the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

8. Special circumstances in which unit censorship applies

The following communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members outside the areas specified in para 7 of this order shall also be subject to unit censorship:-

- (a) communications from members of any formation or unit when so directed by LHQ;
- (b) communications from a member who is rationed and quartered by the Army when his unit is under orders to move outside Australia or to any of the areas mentioned in para 7 of this order;
- (c) at the discretion of his unit commander, any communications from a member who has been guilty of a breach of security or censorship.

9. Attached personnel

Unit censorship extends to all accredited war correspondents, members of philanthropic organizations and naval, air force or allied personnel attached to a unit.

A commissioned naval, air force or allied officer, an accredited war correspondent or an accredited member of a philanthropic organization with officer status and entitled to wear uniform may frank letters written by himself and censor or frank letters written by his assistants or other ranks who are not members.

10. Only officers to censor

No member other than a commissioned officer to whom a communication has been submitted in the course of unit censorship will censor or frank or purport to censor or frank a communication from any member of the forces.

11. Officer responsibility

The signature of an officer will imply a certificate by that officer that the communication does not contain any matter of an article which would be a breach of this order. An officer who franks a communication containing any matter or thing, the despatch of which is prohibited by this order, shall be guilty of an offence. The franking of a communication containing such matter will not in any way absolve the member who wrote, made or sent the communication from being proceeded against for his breach.

12. Secrecy of censorship

An officer will not disclose to, or discuss with, any person whatever the contents of a communication submitted to him for franking or censoring or permit any other person to examine such a communication, provided, however, that -

- (a) in any case of doubt, an officer may refer a communication to another officer of his unit for franking or may send the same to a Base Censor or to a Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy; and
- (b) an officer may refer a communication or make an official report disclosing the contents of a communication if, in his opinion, such communication contains any prohibited matter or article.

13. Official address

All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written, in the case of a telegram, on the back; in the case of a letter or letter-card, on the top right hand corner of the first page; and, in the case of a packet, parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein. A member shall not use any address other than his official address or receive any communication except through that address or request any person to send to him any communication except to that address; Provided, however, that in writing to a prisoner of war or neutral country, the addresses as provided by Appendix E to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 4 shall be used.

14. Despatch of communication

A communication, other than a telegram from a member who is rationed and quartered by the Army, will not be despatched until it bears a unit censor stamp or a Department of the Army censorship stamp. Every communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship will bear, in addition to the unit censor stamp, the signature of a franking officer.

15. When civil posting prohibited

A member, whose communications are subject to unit censorship, will submit to unit censorship all communications made subject thereto by this order. He will not despatch or attempt to despatch any communication through civil postal channels.

16. Carrying communications for others

A member will not carry, convey, send or post any communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

17. Green envelopes

A member may use a green envelope to send letters which contain private or family matters.

Green envelopes will be issued on the scale of one per ten days for each member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

A member who is guilty of a breach of security may have the privilege of using green envelopes withdrawn by his CO.

As a disciplinary or security measure, LHQ may direct that the issue of green envelopes to formations or units be stopped.

18. Newspapers

A member in any of the areas specified in para 7 of this order will not post or send any newspaper unless authority so to do has been given by the GOC formation. Other members whose communications

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are subject to unit censorship may send newspapers under unit censorship arrangements, subject to any restrictions imposed by the formation or L of C area.

No unit newspapers will be sent by post unless the issue of such newspaper has been passed for publication by an assistant or Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations.

19. This order will be published forthwith in all unit routine orders.

It (and any amendments) will be published at intervals at least twice every year in unit routine orders -

- (a) by every unit in any of the areas mentioned in para 7 of this order;
- (b) by every other unit whose members are, or become, subject to unit censorship under para 8 of this order.

20. Penalties

Penalties imposed for a breach of security or censorship will be notified in formation routine orders and, whenever practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation.

21. Cancellations

GRUs G.466/1942, G.561/1942, G.296/1943, G.835/1943 and G.27/1944 are cancelled.

LHQ Field Censorship Instructions No 4 is cancelled, but the procedure for franking and unit censorship detailed in Appendices A and B thereof will continue to be followed pending the issue of a new field censorship instruction.



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BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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110. INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND LIVE AMMUNITION

1. Members of the public have been killed or seriously injured recently as the result of handling explosives and live ammunition which either -

- (a) have been taken or sent home by members of the forces as souvenirs; or
- (b) have been negligently left in places to which the public has access.

2. To prevent a recurrence of such accidents, the following instructions will be observed strictly.

3.

(a) Unless acting in the course of his military duties or unless so authorized by or under the National Security (Firearms and Explosives) Regulations, a member of the AMF will not have in his possession or deliver or transmit or attempt to deliver or transmit to any other person any bomb, shell or other explosive or live ammunition of any kind.

(b) All units will take vigorous action to ensure that members comply with the terms of this paragraph.

4.

(a) When any member serving outside Australia and Tasmania is to return to Australia or Tasmania, his kit and baggage will be inspected thoroughly, prior to his embarkation or emplaning, to ensure that he is not in possession of any explosives or live ammunition of any kind other than such as may be necessary in the course of his military duties.

(b) His kit will again be inspected thoroughly at any LTD from which he is to be released on leave, prior to his being so released.

5.

(a) Units will ensure that all prescribed safety precautions for the handling and storing of explosives and live ammunition are carefully observed.

(b) Explosives and live ammunition used for training purposes will be carefully safeguarded.

(c) Under no circumstances will explosives or live ammunition of any kind be left unguarded in any place to which members of the public have access.

(d) In areas where training with explosives and live ammunition is carried out, the utmost care will be exercised to ensure that all blinds are searched for and destroyed in accordance with the prescribed safety precautions.

(e) If a member is charged with an offence against this order, a summary of evidence will be taken and an application submitted to superior authority for trial by court-martial.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

111. CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TENTAGE

1. A world wide shortage of cotton duck has resulted in a serious shortage of tentage in Australia. It is essential, therefore, that the useful life of every tent be prolonged to the utmost.
2. A system of regular weekly maintenance will be instituted immediately in all formations (including L of C areas) and close supervision will be exercised to ensure its efficiency.
3. Weekly maintenance of tentage will cover the following points:-
 - (i) correct pitching (vide MGO Equipment Memorandum Nos 9 and 10);
 - (ii) immediate repairs of any tears in seams or canvas;
 - (iii) immediate striking of all tent bodies and flies requiring repairs which cannot be effected while tents are erected and their immediate despatch to an RSD;
 - (iv) correct adjustment of bracing lines and pegs;
 - (v) freeing of outer surfaces from foliage and other foreign matter;
 - (vi) internal contents not to be in contact with canvas at any place and no unauthorized attachments to be pinned to walls or ropes;
 - (vii) flies, well clear of tent bodies;
 - (viii) drainage adequate;
 - (ix) in tropical areas, poles of all accommodation tents to be raised to clear walls from ground. Improvised frames or saplings etc to be used wherever practicable;
 - (x) tentage held in store to be in well ventilated stacks and turned over fortnightly.
4. General points in the care and maintenance of tents include:
 - (i) insistence on doorways being laced before pitching (whether raised or not) to ensure correct roof angle;
 - (ii) instruction and supervision in the slackening of lines in wet weather and in the tightening of lines in dry weather;
 - (iii) thorough drying of bodies, flies and cordage before folding for either storage or movement;
 - (iv) camouflage paints and emulsions etc not to be applied except for operational purposes, and then as directed in GPO O.671/1943.
5. All cases of excessive delay in the repair of tentage, either in units or in depots, will be reported, with full details, to formation commanders. Should the commander concerned have insufficient facilities under command, he will refer immediately to LHQ.

W. P. Bolger Capt
(W P Bolger)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bds

17 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR No 29

of 24 Oct 44

This instr covers the period 1 to 8 Nov 44.

GEN

1. This period is available to units to cover any trg discrepancies noticed by COs, but will incl:

- (a) Hyg and Malaria
- (b) Water purification
- (c) Route marches

SYLLABUS

2. Will be submitted in duplicate to this HQ NOT later than 30 Oct 44.

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17 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE TUDAK

Ref maps: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
HERBERTON ENLARGEMENT 4 in to 1 mile

GEN

1. A bde tactical exercise with tps will be conducted on 23 and 24 Oct 44 in the area HERBERTON - MOOMIN.

OBJECT

2. (a) To practise bns in night attack
(b) To practise passing one bn through another at night
(c) To practise and study the detailed planning necessary for night attack
(d) To practise tps in patrolling.

DIRECTING STAFF

3. Director: Brig M J MOTEN, CBE DSO ED
Chief Umpire: Maj K C CLARKE, MC
Other umpires as detailed.

TPS

4. (a) Own
17 Aust Inf Bde less 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less one coy
(b) Enemy
Comd: Maj St E NELSON
Tps: 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less one coy
(c) Each unit will move out complete for the exercise, only essential duties being retained in camp.

DRESS

5. Own tps: Battle order, hat khaki fur turned down
Enemy: " " " " " " " up
DS and Umpires White arm band on each arm
DS veh: White flag

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

6. Own tps
 - (a) Blank amn will be used to represent rifle fire
 - (b) SMG and LMG fire represented by rattles.
 - (c) Grenades 69 and Grenades Aldershot will be used.
 - (d) Tk A guns - blank 2 pr
7. Enemy
As above except that LMG will fire live rounds into pits. Pits will be sited by OC enemy.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

8. (a) Care will be taken to ensure that NO avoidable damage is done to private property, particularly fences. Where fences are unavoidably damaged, they will be temporarily repaired and the pt clearly marked and noted.
(b) All damage to private property will be reported to Bde HQ prior to or immediately on conclusion of the exercise.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

- 9. (a) The greatest possible care will be taken by all ranks to ensure against outbreaks of fire.
- (b) Immediate action will be taken by the senior offr in the vicinity of any outbreak to put the fire out irrespective of the capacity in which he is functioning. All tps in the area will be regarded as at his disposal for fire-fighting purposes.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 10. (a) Token 2 in and 3 in mortar amn will be taken on the exercise.
- (b) Blank .303 amn will NOT be fired at shorter ranges than 20 yds.
- (c) Blank .303 amn will NOT be fired, nor bayonets fixed during darkness.
- (d) Token grenades will NOT be thrown before shouting a warning.

CAS

- 11. (a) Cas will indicate their posn by calling for SBs and demonstrating the fact they are cas.
- (b) Cas will NOT be relieved of arms.

PW

- 12. (a) May be taken and evacuated through normal channels.
- (b) On conclusion of exercise PW will return to own lines under Bde arrangements.
- (c) PW will NOT be relieved of arms.

AGENTS

- 13. Use will NOT be made of agents.

CONFERENCE

- 14. A conference will be held of all offr taking part at the conclusion of the exercise on KINGS SPUR.

PRELIMINARY MOVES

- 15. Prior to the exercise, units will march to exercise areas.

Serial	Unit	Destination	SP	Time past SP	Route
1	D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	area 304145	337068	0750K 23 Oct 44	MAIN RD
2	2/7 Aust Inf Bn less D Coy	" 299137	"	0800K "	" "
3	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	" 314148	"	0830K "	" "
4	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	" 300153	"	0900K "	" "

ADM

- 16. Rations - 2/5, 2/6 Aust Inf Bns and D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) Under unit arrangements for midday meal, evening meal and supper 23 Oct 44.
- (b) Unit B Ech will be located as under:
 - D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 304146
 - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 302149
 - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 313152
- (c) Rations for breakfast 24 Oct 44 will be delivered under Bde arrangements between 0300K and 0400K 24 Oct 44 to each unit B Ech. Unit tpt will meet Bde TO at rd bend 300148 at 0730K 24 Oct 44 who will guide vehs to FARM 295134 where breakfast will be served at 0800K 24 Oct 44.

17. Rations - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less D Coy

Under unit arrangements. D Coy to rejoin 2/7 Aust Inf Bn for breakfast.

18. Water

Water pt - FORD 315156.

INTERCOMN

19. Neutral sigs will be available to Director, Chief Umpire and enemy.

20 Oct 44

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BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	2	-
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	3	3	1
D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	4	4	-
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	5	5	2
6 Aust Div	1	6	6	3
Comd	1	7	7	4
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EXERCISE TUDAK

17 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 24

From 0001K 20 Oct to 1800K 22 Oct 44

Ref Maps: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
HERBERTON ENLARGEMENT 4 in to 1 mile

1. At 1800K 20 Oct after a series of encounters with the enemy on old rd ATHERTON - HERBERTON, 17 Aust Inf Bde reached line from 284148 to 304146.
2. 17 Aust Inf Bde was held up by intense arty, MMG and SA fire over a wide front, and intense patrol activity was commenced.
3. At 0900K 22 Oct 44 patrols had located enemy posns as shown on ENEMY DISPOSNS and PATROL MAP (already issued). It was estimated that total enemy tps in the HERBERTON area was approx 6,000 with 10/12 med and lt tks and arty sp.

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17 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE TUDAK
INSTR TO ENEMY

1. The Aust Force which recently landed at CAIRNS has made a rapid adv via MAREEBA and is now in possession of ATHERTON. One force, believed to be 6 Aust Div, advanced along the old ATHERTON - HERBERTON rd and is the force now opposing us.
2. 5 Jap Div has been ordered to carry out a withdrawal to the RAVENSHOE area, via KABAN, leaving a delaying force in the HERBERTON area.
3. 2 Jap Bn of 11 Inf Regt will be the delaying force and will prepare a def posn disposed as follows:-
 - Two coys KNOLL 2
 - Two Coys KINGS SPUR
4. Vigorous patrolling will be carried out up till 2300K 23 Oct 44 to gain infm of the str and direction of enemy mov and deny to the enemy unimpeded approach to our own localities.
5. From air observation and interrogation of prisoners it appears the enemy are preparing to launch an attack on HERBERTON.

20 Oct 44

17 AUST INF BDE 00 98

Ref maps: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
HERBERTON ENLARGEMENT 4 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. ENEMY

No change from 17 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary issued 1800K 22 Oct 44.

2. OWN

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bde is capturing TWIN KNOLLS MOTEN SPUR and remaining enemy defs WEST of rd AHERTON -- HERBERTON, consolidation along gen line HOSP CONVENT track HERBERTON -- MT GARNET in square 2812 right flank approx track junc 283120. Start time 230615K.

(b) 19 Aust Inf Bde less 2/4 Aust Inf Bn is div res. One bn is relieving 2/5 Aust Inf Bn by 2100K 23 Oct 44.

(c) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn is moving WEST of HERBERTON, bypass enemy posns, cut his L of C denying him use of rds HERBERTON -- EVELYN HERBERTON -- RAVENSHOE and contact 1 Aust Para Bn which will come under cmd. No move before 230800K.

(d) 1 Aust Para Bn drop area 3206 3306, cut enemy L of C, deny him use of rd HERBERTON -- EVELYN, HERBERTON -- RAVENSHOE soon after 230700K, weather permitting.

(e) Additional tps 17 Aust Inf Bde

Under Comd: A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
B Coy 2/1 Aust Fd Amb

In sp: RAA 6 Aust Div
2/3 Aust MG Bn less two coys

(i) After capture KINGS SPUR, RAA 6 Aust Div and 2/3 Aust MG Bn less two coys revert Div.

(ii) On capture KINGS SPUR one coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn will assist from KINGS SPUR by observed fire 16 Aust Inf Bde.

INTENTION

3. 17 Aust Inf Bde will capture KNOLL 2 KINGS SPUR.

METHOD

4. Summary

(a) Two phase night attack:

2/6 Aust Inf Bn capture KNOLL 2 and consolidate.
2/5 Aust Inf Bn capture KINGS SPUR.

(b) Res: 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

5. Move to assembly areas

(a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will move fwd 400 yds from present posn to assembly area between 2000K and 2300K 23 Oct 44.

(b) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn after relief will move from present posn to assembly area spur 311147 between 2300K 23 Oct 44 and 0300K 24 Oct 44.

6. Routes

- (a) Marching personnel: 304152 to creek crossing 308152 to rly br 315152 to assembly area.
- (b) Tpt: 304152 to ford 315156 to track junc 316154 thence by SW track to assembly area.

PHASE I

- 7. Tps - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 8. Objective - KNOLL 2
- 9. SL - See trace P att; each flank will be marked by lts under Bde arrangements; GREEN on Right, RED on Left.
- 10. Axis of adv - See trace P att.
- 11. Centre Line - To be marked during adv by tape and lts.
- 12. Start time - H hr 0330K 24 Oct 44.
- 13. Rate of adv - 100 yds in three mins.
- 14. Distinguishing Marks - HORIZONTAL white strip on rear face of haversack.
- 15. Liaison
 - (a) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn taping party move with 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 - (b) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will liaise direct with 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn re SL, and contact from KNOLL 2 to MT IDA by patrols.
- 16. Action on capture of objective
 - (a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn consolidate on KNOLL 2 and will contact 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn by patrol. Thereafter will patrol vigorously from KNOLL 2 to MT IDA.
 - (b) First lt 24 Oct 44 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will take over responsibility for def MT IDA from 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
- 17. 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn is to attack on immediate left of 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.
- 18. Objective - MT IDA
- 19. FUP - See trace P att.
- 20. Axis of adv - As for 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 21. Start time - As for 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 22. Rate of adv - As for 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 23. Arty - As per Appx A.
- 24. MMGs - As per Appx B.

PHASE II

- 25. Tps - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 26. Objective - KINGS SPUR
- 27. SL - See trace P att.
- 28. Axis of adv - See trace P att.
- 29. Start time - 0445K 24 Oct 44.

30. Rate of adv - From assembly area to SL 100 yds in four mins.
From SL to objective 100 yds in three mins.
31. Distinguishing Marks - VERTICAL white strip on rear face of haversack.
32. Liaison - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will liaise with 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and send taping party to move with 2/6 Aust Inf Bn to mark SL on completion PHASE I.
33. Action on capture of objective
 (a) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will consolidate on fwd and Northern slopes of KINGS SPUR.
 (b) Patrol vigorously NORTH and WEST to rly.
34. Arty - As per Appx A.
35. MMGs - As per Appx B.
36. Res - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

On capture KINGS SPUR A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt revert to comd 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.

37. Mortars

Serial	Unit	Task	Time		Rate	
			From	To		
1	3 Pl 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	KNOLL 2	H minus	H plus 12	3	PHASE I
2	"	KINGS SPUR	H	H plus 6	3	PHASE II

38. Tk A

4 Pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will move on capture KINGS SPUR and be disposed in area between KNOLL 2 and WILD RIVER.
Task: cover tk approaches to KNOLL 2 and KINGS SPUR.

39. Recce

Minimum parties after 0600K 23 Oct 44.

40. Patrols

- (a) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will patrol vigorously from present posn fwd to enemy FDLs on KINGS SPUR and KNOLL 2. Limit of patrolling to flanks:
 Right rly cutting 295144
 Left re-entrant between KNOLL 2 and MT IDA
- (b) Patrolling will be carried out until 2/6 Aust Inf Bn patrols take over protection of FUP.

ADM

41. Issued separately (NOT issued).

INTERCOMM

42. Bde HQ

Opens vicinity 306146 1200K 23 Oct 44.

43. Success sigs

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Lt sig</u>	<u>Code word</u>
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	MT IDA	WHITE GREEN	WASAT
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	KNOLL 2	RED RED	YUPELA
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	KINGS SPUR	GREEN GREEN	POLIS

44. Sign and countersign

As from 231200K: Sign LOVELY
Countersign LULU

45. 17 Aust Inf Bde will set up swbd vicinity creek crossing 304141.
Units will be responsible for comn fwd of swbd.

46. 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will lay line to -

Bde HQ
2/6 Aust Inf Bn assembly area
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

47. 2/5 and 2/6 Aust Inf Bns will each connect two lines to swbd after
crossing SL (one line for Bn HQ, one line for Mortars).

ACK

Signed at: 201400K

Issued through: LO

K C Clarke Maj

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BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

EXERCISE SECRET
 Appx A to 17 Aust Inf Bde
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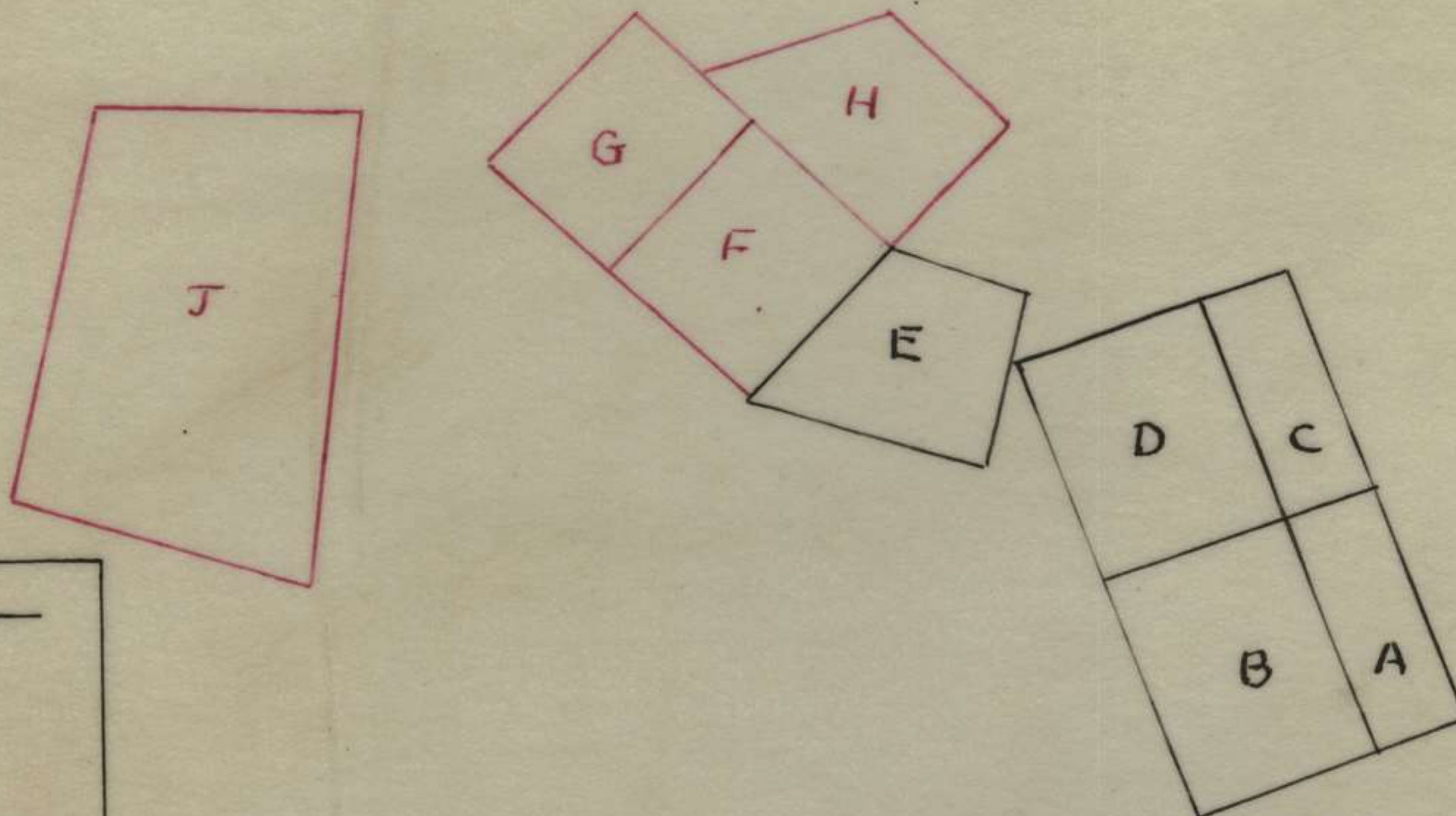
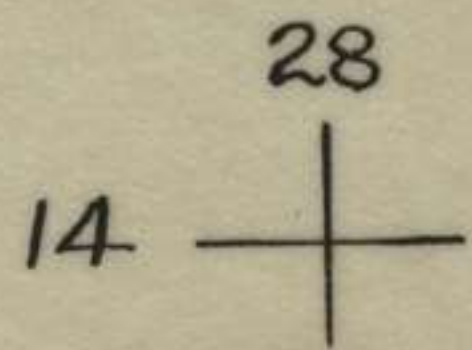
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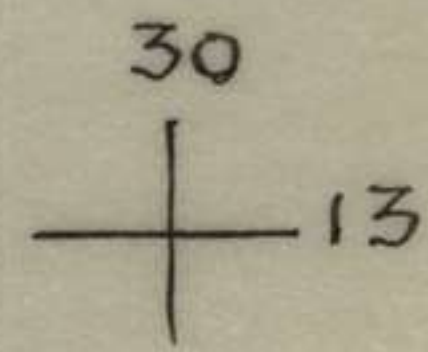
Serial	Task	Unit to engage			Time		Rate	Remarks
		2/1 Aust Fd Regt	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	From	To		
				<u>PHASE I</u>				<u>H hr 0330K 24 Oct 44</u>
1	C	6			H minus 6	H minus 2	3	
2	D	6			H minus 2	H plus 20	2	
3	E		2		H	H plus 30	1) Thence by observation
4	F		2		H	H plus 45		
5	J		2		H plus 30	H plus 45	2	
6	A			5	H minus 6	H minus 2	3) One bty to remain) on call to 2/6) Aust Cav (Commando)) Sqn, after H plus) 20 one tp under) comd 2/1 Aust Para) Bn
7	B			5	H minus 2	H plus 20	2	
				<u>PHASE II</u>				<u>H hr 0445 K 24 Oct 44</u>
8	F	6	6		H minus 6	H plus 3	2) To remain in sp 17) Bde until success sig) from KINGS SPUR
9	G	6			H plus 3	H plus 6	3	
10	H		6		H plus 3	H plus 6	3	
11	J			5	H	H plus 12	1) One tp under comd) 2/1 Aust Para Bn.) One bty still remain) on call 2/6 Aust Cav) (Commando) Sqn
12	J			5	H plus 12	H plus 20		
13	J			5	H plus 20	H plus 30		

ANNEXURE 1 TO APPENDIX "A"

17 AUST INF BDE O.O. 98



— LEGEND —
PHASE 1 ABCDE
PHASE 2 FGHJ



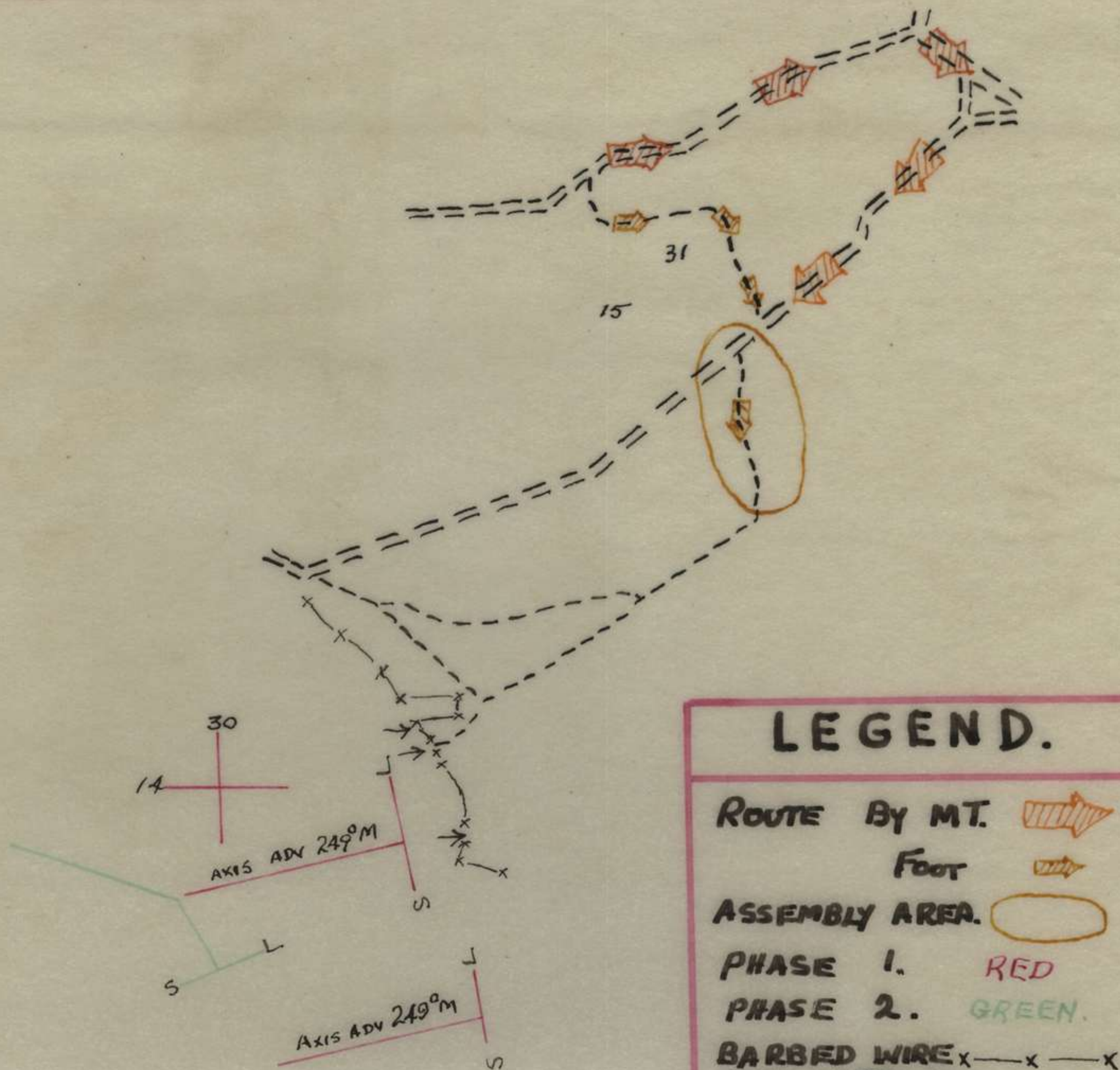
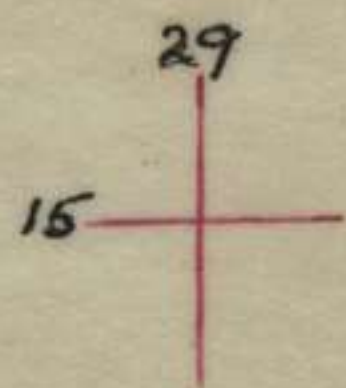
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17 AUST INF BDE
20 OCT 44

OVERLAY




TRACE P TO
17 AUST INF BDE 0.0. 98

REF MAP :- ENLARGEMENT HERBERTON 1:63360.
TO 4 INCHES TO 1 ML.

SHOWING PHASES & ADDITIONAL DETAIL



LEGEND.

ROUTE BY MT. 
FOOT 
ASSEMBLY AREA. 
PHASE 1. RED
PHASE 2. GREEN.
BARBED WIRE x—x—x
GAP IN FENCE: →

Trace by 17 Aust Inf Bde Int sec.

R.F. 1:15,840

REF MAP HERBERTON linch



PATROL ENCOUNTERED LMG
MORTAR LMG FIRE FROM
MOYEN SPRING AND TWIN KNOLLS
AREAS.

EMPRESS
3781

2/5

2/6

2/7

ESTIMATED ONE ENEMY
BN FIGHT AREA

ESTIMATED ONE
ENEMY BN

PATROL (3-4 JAPS)
ENCOUNTERED EACH AREA
3 KILLED 1 PW TAKEN
29 SEP.

JAP PATROL 2 BY
11 BN ENCOUNTERED
2 KILLED

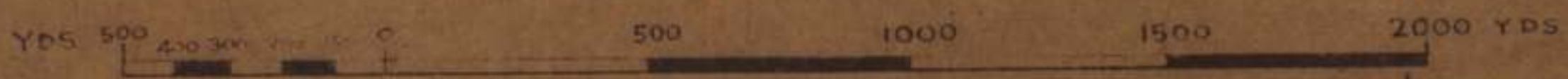
NOTE: TALK. REPORTS
FOLLOWING HOSTILE BN'S
3 x 75 MM AT 299109
4 x 75 MM - 303000
4 x 75 MM - 281105

ESTIMATED ONE ENEMY BN
HOLDING MAIN RIDGE
BACK RIDGE.

OUR PATROLS FIRED ON
RIFLE L.M.G MORTAR
FROM MT. IDA ESTIMATED
101 ENEMY

LEGEND. OWN TPS
BN POSNS
PATROL ROUTES
POSSIBLE ROUTE FOR
TR. REG'D. IN SOUND
P.D.-LS

SCALE
4 Inches to 1 Mile



LEGEND ENEMY.
LOCATED LMG
REGTL GUN
MORTAR
BN HQ
APPROX AREAS
HELD BY ENEMY.

WCD

S E C R E T

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AMENDMENT NO. 1.

to

17 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO. 1.

(Instructions to OC 17 Aust Inf Bde Rear Party)

1. Para 3. DUTIES OF OC REAR PARTY

Sub-para (c) after "duty" add "Water tanks will be left in camps. Meat safes, shower buckets and ablution benches will be returned to Camp Staff dump situated alongside ADOS dump".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 2	(One copy of this instruction will be handed to OC Unit Rear Party)
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	3 - 4	
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	5 - 6	
Capt H J COUGHLAN	7	do
Comd	8	
B M	9	
S C	10	
6 Aust Div (for infm)	11	
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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIG M J MOTTEN CBE DSO ED

SERIAL NO. 29

19 Oct 44

"G"

NIL

K C Clarke Maj
(K C CLARKE)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

"AQ"

107. ISSUES OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO PERSONNEL - RECORDS OF

Attention is directed to GRO 369/44.

APPENDIX "B"

1. Personal equipment cards (AAFs F204) are being introduced as records of personal equipment on issue to all members of the AMF on full time duty and will be issued whether personal equipment is on issue to them or not.
2. Members will carry AAF F204 at all times, subject to the same conditions as if it were part of AAB 83. AAF F204 will be carried in the cover provided for AAB 83.
3. Members will be required to sign in the column provided on units "Statement of Clothing and Necessaries" or "Statement of Personal Equipment", respectively, for all issues of clothing or personal equipment made to them, except where issues are made in exchange for articles withdrawn, i.e. on a one for one basis. Before the member signs for the articles he will ensure that the blank squares on the appropriate line of the statement are ruled through.
4. Whenever an article which has been entered in a member's AAB 83 or AAF F204 is withdrawn from him, and no article is being issued in replacement, it is the duty of the unit QM to issue and the duty of the member to obtain a receipt on AAF F25A for the article handed over. Members are required to keep these receipts and to produce them when called upon to do so.

Subject: PATROLLING - TRG FOR 2/2 AUST FD REGT

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

17 Oct 44

G333

**2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Copies to: 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
War Diary (2)**

- 1. To assist 2/2 Aust Fd Regt gain experience in patrolling, addressees will arrange to incl arty personnel in their patrol trg.**
- 2. Vacancies are allotted to 2/2 Aust Fd Regt as follows:-**

19 Oct 44	- 2	offrs	2	sjts	8	OR	- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
20 "	"	- 2	"	2	"	8	" - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
27 "	"	- 2	"	2	"	8	" - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
30 "	"	- 2	"	2	"	8	" - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 3. These personnel will report to 2/5 Aust Inf Bn by 0800K and 2/6 Aust I nf B n by 0900K on the days laid down with cut lunches.**

K C Clarke Maj

**(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde**

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This Bde is about to move on tropical service

- (a) to some a new experience
- (b) to others not very novel
- (c) to all of us there is a good deal of thought required if we are to profit from our previous experience.

The things I wish to talk to you about today, you may regard as simple and unimportant, but I consider them sufficiently important to get you together to talk them over.

Where we are going and what our tasks to be are known only to a few.

In the first instance we are going to an area which is already occupied by our troops but which is in close proximity to a large force of Japs.

At present it is reported "all quiet"

Remember that WAU was reported a nice quiet peaceful little spot and what a hot corner we walked into.

We may be in the area some weeks possibly months.

There will be some fighting to do - patrol work demanding a high standard of physical fitness.

When we have finished this immediate job there is, I understand, a really big job for us to do.

Our first task then is to utilize this opportunity to break in our new Officers NCOs and men to active operations under the most favourable conditions. To let them prove their superiority to the Jap. To crack the idea that the Jap is a highly trained and efficient soldier - whereas in fact we know him to be a poor stupid animal who can be easily outwitted and outfought.

Our next task is to preserve our force intact, to maintain it in the pink of condition and to see that its strength is not fritted away by tropical diseases which are preventable.

How are we going to maintain our Brigade - your Platoon - in perfect physical condition over a period?

(1) By insisting on the highest standards of hygiene and sanitation in the smallest sub-units at all times.

- (a) this requires careful thought and planning ahead by all leaders for every move you make.
- (b) it requires constant supervision and inspection to maintain the standards you have laid down.
- (c) pay attention to seemingly unimportant things, the sterilization of water, flies.

(2) By maintaining the closest supervision on the personal cleanliness of the men

- (a) to see that they bathe all over daily
- (b) to see that they shave first thing every day
- (c) to see that their clothes are clean always and in good repair.
- (d) to see that their dress and turnout is smart spick and span at all times.

The traditional spit and polish of the Guardsman on active service is not all eyewash. Not one of you will dispute that this breed of Tommy is a magnificent soldier.

There are some among you who may regard this all as a bore and unnecessary, and that a lower standard of personal cleanliness can be accepted in an operational area.

There is something vitally wrong with a Platoon where men don't shave. You would find that -

- (a) the men don't wash or attempt to keep themselves clean (the body can get very smelly in the tropics)
- (b) these dirty soldiers are bad soldiers
- (c) the men don't worry to keep their rifles and other arms clean
- (d) they neglect to keep a sharp lookout on patrol or sentry
- (e) the pl comdr probably doesn't worry to post sentries at night and if he does he neglects to inspect them himself.
- (f) he is careless in carrying out instructions in all things and there is a feeling of slackness and boredom in his pl.
- (g) the morale of the pl comdr and his men is low.

When you have done a hot dirty job, or played a hard game, doesn't it feel good to shave and bathe and put on fresh clothes? Not only physically good but it is a mental uplift. A way to raise and maintain the morale of your men is to keep them clean.

- (3) By an all out 100% anti-malarial, anti scrub typhus drill. These diseases are preventable by well disciplined troops. I am not going to lecture on the precautions necessary - at this stage. They are clearly laid down in the recent instructions issued by Div.

The drill prescribed will be made known, thoroughly understood and consistently practised by every officer and man in the Brigade. There must be no let up, even for an instant. We cannot afford to sacrifice the health and strength of the men in the Brigade and its fighting efficiency by tolerating any slackness from any one of you in seeing that these precautions are fully implemented.

This is not a threat, but I give you fair warning now, that where there is incidence of malaria or other preventable disease in any one unit, and this incidence is considered to be higher than is warranted the officer or officers concerned, irrespective of rank will be "fired" on the spot and subsequently courtmartialled.

OPERATIONAL.

PATROLLING.

At the commencement of last year (in the WAU - SALAMAUA Ops), our patrolling was poor, but towards the end of the campaign, when the patrol leaders and their men had become more experienced our patrolling had reached a high standard of efficiency.

I expect patrol activities against the Jap will commence almost immediately we arrive at our destination.

Patrolling is a Platoon Comdrs war.

Good Pl Comdrs - Good Patrols

Essential ingredients as for football

- (a) Good team work within the pl.
- (b) Perfect understanding between every man in the pl as to his own task and the task of the sections.
- (c) Good drills worked out now to deal with every likely situation which might crop up.
- (d) These drills or tactics thoroughly practised by the pl, discussed by the men and improved where possible. This is work to do here at WONDECLA.
- (e) Put patrol scheme into operation without hesitation and in full confidence.

Have a good ambush drill worked out

- (a) How to avoid being ambushed
- (b) How to "do over" the people trying to trap you
- (c) How to set and spring an ambush yourself which will wipe out an enemy patrol without loss to yourself.

Look over your pl now and see that

- (a) The men have completed mastery of their weapons
- (b) Highest standard of fire control and fire discipline
- (c) Good section leaders in whom the men have confidence

Finally - don't try and win your fight by sheer guts and the use of the bayonet. These are admirable, but usu ally expensive in human lives. Use your brains and see that you support your men by a quick, sound and effective fire plan to help get the men on to the objective.

You get a few bob a day more than the men because you are expected to use your brains - See that the King gets a run for his money.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION.

No commander can function effectively unless he is supplied with good, sound, accurate information about the enemy strengths and dispositions

and the country over which he is to operate.

So much information which is passed back is inaccurate and misleading. In fact it is positively dangerous. Instance - Patrol reports which came from all Bns in this Bde, of enemy strength etc on OBSERVATION HILL. Some patrols were supposed to have gone as far as KITCHEN CREEK. Result - 2/6 Bn committed to an attack which may have been disastrous. As it was, unnecessary lives were lost.

Why do people send back inaccurate and untrue reports?

- (a) The excitable person who lets his imagination run away with him and multiplies the number of Japs he saw by 10.
- (b) You have the patrol leader who is sent out on a mission and does a good job. He spoils his good work by a desire to pitch a good yarn or dramatize his efforts.
- (c) The inefficient who is lost and, or, afraid to push on and do the job he is sent out on. He tries to cover up his inefficiency and says that the enemy are in places where in fact no enemy exists.
- (d) The leader who says he is held up, when in fact he could push on with a little resolute leadership.

These people are a menace to any unit and they may be the cause of untold casualties and suffering to their own troops owing to plans misfiring due to them being based on inaccurate information.

Instance of successful patrolling and accurate information obtained by Americans at MT TAMBU
2/5 Bn at GOODVIEW JUNCTION
2/6 Bn at STEPHENS RIDGE
Arnolds Coy of 2/7 Bn - ORODUBI area.

Result - accurate picture of every enemy post, locality, strength, ration position. Position of reserves, positions not occupied.

A plan was prepared which resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy troops in this area. It was faultlessly executed by all who took part with a negligible number of casualties to us - all because of accurate information.

This I want you to do -

- (a) Carefully brief your patrols before you send them out
- (b) Carefully check up information they bring back. Question and cross question the men who took part until you are thoroughly satisfied that the report you send in to your Coy or Bn is absolutely reliable.

PUBLICITY.

You owe it to your unit to see that in your report on the operations of your command and in your daily sitreps that full credit is given to the men for the work they do.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.

Normally, citations for awards will be initiated by Coy Comdrs, but that does not prevent any officer NCO or MAN from bringing to the notice of the Coy Comdr the action of any man deserving of recognition. Coy Comdr satisfy himself as to the facts before passing the recommendation to the CO.

You should see that any man who performs an outstanding act of gallantry or who is in other ways worthy of an award is duly written up in a brief report and brought to the notice of your Coy Comdr.

Many outstanding acts of heroism are not reported because the people who could have reported the matter did not consider it their business to do so.

Report the incident immediately - don't leave it until next week. You may be dead.

Again be accurate- Write up the citation carefully, It is not what the man did which will bring him recognition, but the way the account of his action reads to someone in CANBERRA.

CARE OF THE MEN.

All officers and NCOs who are privileged to lead these men of ours in battle must be imbued with the fact that theirs is a sacred trust. The men must of necessity place themselves and their lives in your absolute care. They are required to trust you - see that you don't misplace this trust.

The care of your men must be your first and foremost consideration. See to their comfort before your own. Look to their feeding and the place where they sleep. Don't mollycoddle them - they won't appreciate it. Where there is the greatest discipline - there is the greatest comfort. Insist on the highest standard of discipline and performance at all times. It is easy to get these standards when conditions are good, but the officer or NCO who is worth a damn will insist on them when the going is tough and the conditions are lousy.

FINALLY.

This Brigade has a reputation second to none of any Brigade in the AIF. Even TOKIO radio paid us this tribute towards the end of last year when they broadcast to the world:

" In the WAU-SALAMAUA Campaign the Japanese fought against the 17 Aust Brigade, the most experienced Brigade in the Australian Army!"

The coming operations will be the first occasion since GREECE that we shall be working alongside the other Brigades of the 6 Aust Div in active operations. I have no doubt that these Brigades which are very highly trained will acquit themselves with distinction. We are fortunate to be placed among such excellent units and be lead by such a capable and experienced divisional Commander and staff.

The other units of the Division will be watching our doings with more than usual interest and a lot will be expected of us. We must see that we live up to our reputation. This reputation is not in my hands, but rests equally with every officer and man in the Brigade.

Our success in the past has been brought about by perfect teamwork and a complete confidence in one another.

Personally I have every confidence in you, I have watched you at WORK, at PLAY, IN ACTION.

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIG M J MOTEN CBE DSO ED

SERIAL 1, No 28

13 Oct 44

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103. SECURITY OF INFORMATION - UNIT NAMES IN VISITORS' BOOKS

Many instances have been reported recently of troops signing visitors' books at Service Hostels and civilian establishments and adding their full unit address. As this practice may prejudice security within the formation, troops when signing these books in future, will give only their home address. Periodical checks of all these books are carried out, and in cases where troops have offended against this order, they will render themselves liable to disciplinary action.

(To be repeated in unit ROs)

K C Clarke
Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

"AQ"

104. AFRICA STAR AND 1939/8 STAR

Ref 6 Aust Div RO 484.

Returns will be submitted to reach HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 1000 hrs 14 Oct 44.

105. PRECAUTIONS IN THE ISSUE OF PAY

Attention is directed to GRO F367/44.

106. VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY

Attention is directed to GRO F368/44.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P Bolger)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

LOST: Chromium plated oblong wristlet watch with leather cover attached, vicinity Herberton Picture Theatre and Military Car Park on night of Tuesday 5 Oct 44. Any information concerning this watch to be forwarded to HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div.

(To be repeated in Unit ROs)

CHURCH PARADES

SUNDAY 15 Oct 44

R C

Mass

2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation hut 0645 hrs and 0830 hrs.

Confession

Saturday 14 Oct 44 - Padre O'Keefe's tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lines.

PROTESTANT

Holy Communion
(C of E)

Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0700 hrs (Padre Richardson)

Parade Service

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns.
Bde Cinema 0830 hrs. (Padre Richardson).

Holy Communion
(C of E)

Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0915 hrs (Padre Richardson)

of 10 Oct 44

This instr covers the period 16 to 31 Oct 44.

SCOPE OF TRG

1. Coy fd firing exercise.
Def, pl and coy localities, siting and constr.
Standing patrol sentries, traffic through post.
Patrolling, recce and fighting, pl, sec and 3 men.
Range practices.
Hyg and malaria.
Route marches.
Int trg

FD FIRING EXERCISE - Ref ATM 16

2. Each bn will prepare a coy exercise and submit the exercise to this HQ two days prior to the conduct of the exercise.

Each coy in turn will carry out the exercise under unit arrangements.

DEF. PL AND COY LOCALITIES - Ref MTP No 3 1943, Inf Trg Part I

3. (a) Units will arrange for each coy to select two coy localities for def in close country.
- (b) Pl areas will be allotted to pl comds who in conjunction with sec comds will site weapons and split loc pl localities.
- (c) Coy comds will after a critical examination of the pl locality, pt out to junior offrs any apparent weakness.
- (d) Pts to be considered and studied as set out in this HQ Trg Instr No 27 will be followed.

STANDING PATROLS - Ref MTP No 3 1943, Inf Trg Part I

4. (a) The task of standing patrols is to obtain infm of the str and direction of enemy mov and to deny to the enemy unimpeded approach to our own localities.
- (b) Instr and practical trg of all ranks will be carried out particular attention to be paid to the conduct and duties of sentries, also the method by which tps may pass through the posn they occupy.

PATROLS - Ref ATM 30, 31, Inf Trg Part I

5. RECCE PATROLS

All ranks will be instructed in and carry out a recce patrol of at least four miles.

The primary object of recce patrols is to gain infm about the country or the enemy. In jungle they usually consist of a leader and two or three men. These patrols should be well armed and able to extricate themselves if necessary.

6. FIGHTING PATROLS

To practise pls in fighting patrols the course set up for recent patrol exercises will be used.

Pls will be matched one against the other, SP for each pl will be at opposite ends of the track. Each pl will endeavour to move along the track and occupy the posn vacated by its opponent.

Fighting patrols must always remain on the offensive and retain freedom of mov.

Attention is drawn to Standing Orders for Int para 11, ref Patrol Reports.

RANGE PRACTICES

7. Ranges are available to units as under:

6 Aust Div 200 yds open range

23 Oct 44	}	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
24 "		
26 Oct 44	}	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
27 "		
30 Oct 44	}	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
31 "		

This range is only available until 1230K daily.

Tk A - IRVINEBANK

19 Oct 44	-	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
20 "	-	2/6 "
21 "	-	2/7 "

2/1 Aust Fd Regt is using range on these dates and provision has been made for units to use the range in conjunction with the Regt. TKA offrs will contact Adjt 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 1000K 13 Oct 44 in this regard.

RAE 200 yds Range

29 Oct 44	-	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
30 "	-	2/6 "
31 "	-	2/7 "

Mortar Range - 19 Aust Inf Bde

17 Oct 44	}	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
18 "		
19 Oct 44	}	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
20 "		
23 Oct 44	}	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
24 "		

Fd Firing Range - WALSH RIVER Range

18 Oct 44	}	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
19 "		
23 Oct 44	}	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
24 "		
25 Oct 44	}	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
26 "		

HYGIENE AND MALARIA

8. (a) Bde Comd directs the strictest attention will be paid to this aspect of trg.
- (b) Bde Hyg Offr is conducting and will continue to conduct exercises for bn anti-malaria squads; this trg will be covered by lectures and practical fd work. Full use should be made of this offr for lectures, advice and instr.
- (c) In addition, all ranks will be constantly lectures and practised to give effect to the appropriate protection routine required.

9. WATER PURIFICATION

It has been noticed that the tps do not practise the rigid requirements of water purification. All offrs will at all times enforce the use of Individual Outfits WSP when using bottles during collective trg. The water bottle method will be used.

ROUTE MARCHES

10. Attention is drawn to 17 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No 27.

INT TRG

11. Continuous trg of all Int per sonnel will continue. Syllabus of trg for period 16-31 Oct 44 will be submitted to this HQ NOT later than 15 Oct 44.

SYLLABUS

12. Units will submit syllabus in duplicate to this HQ NOT later than 15 Oct 44.

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
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6 Aust Div
File (2)
War Diary (2)

Subject: 4.2" MORTAR TRG

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

9 Oct 44

G266

2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Copies to: Comd
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File (2)
War Diary (2) ✓

1. Two 4.2" mortars have been made available on loan to 17 Aust Inf Bde, also a quantity of amn for trg. The amn has been allotted as follows:-

Lt MOSS	10 HE	2 Smoke
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	30 HE	6 "
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	30 HE	6 "
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	30 HE	6 "

2. IRVINEBANK arty range is available for firing practice to units as under:-

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	0800K to 1200K	17 Oct 44
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1300K to 1700K	17 " "
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	0900K to 1300K	18 " "

3. The instructing and demonstrating team will be -

Lt MOSS	-	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Lt HUMPHREY	-	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Sjt MANN	-	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Lt REEVE	-	2/5 Aust Inf Bn

4. It is desired that units make the following personnel from MORTAR Pls available for trg:-

10 NCOs
2 men per det

also up to six offr, preferably coy comds, should witness the trg and demonstration.

5. Tpt for the team will be made available by this HQ. Units will move out to the range under unit arrangements.

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

17 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE

EXERCISE TIGER

Ref maps: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
MT GARNET 1 in to 1 mile

GEN

1. A tactical exercise will be conducted for units under Bde arrangements on the following dates:-

2/7 Aust Inf Bn 10 Oct 44
2/6 Aust Inf Bn 12 Oct 44
2/5 Aust Inf Bn 13 Oct 44

OBJECT

2. The object of the exercise is to test the standard of tactical trg of each bn.

SCOPE

3. The scope of the exercise will incl:-
(a) Org and op of a bn as adv gd to a bde gp
(b) The org and op of the van gd
(c) The van gd in attack
(d) The main gd in attack.

DIRECTING STAFF

4. Director: Brig M J MOTEN, CBE DSO ED
Assistant Directors: Maj HAWKINS - Arty
Lt-col SMIBERT, OBE - Med
Chief Umpire: Maj K C CLARKE, MC
Other umpires as detailed.
Umpires will report to bns NOT later than 0700K each day.

TPS

5. OWN
(a) Each inf bn will move out complete for the exercise, only essential duties being retained in camp.
(b) One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt to be represented by a skeleton bty HQ. Arrange direct with CO 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
(c) One coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will be placed under comd each bn. Arrange direct with CO 2/2 Aust Fd Amb.

6. CONTROLLED ENEMY

Comd: Capt D C McLEAN
Tps: 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

Comd enemy tps will contact local inhabitants and advise them that exercises will be conducted and blank amn will be used.

DRESS

7. Own tps: Battle order, hat khaki fur turned down
Enemy: " " " " " " up
DS and Umpires: White arm band on each arm
DS veh: White flag

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

8. OWN TPS
(a) Blank amn will be used to represent rifle fire.
(b) SMG and LMG fire represented by rattles.

8. (c) Grenades 69 and Grenades Aldershot will be used.
- (d) TxA guns - blank 2 pr

9. ENEMY

As above except that LMG will fire live rounds into pits. Pits will be sited by OC enemy.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

10. (a) Care will be taken to ensure that NO avoidable damage is done to private property, particularly fences. Where fences are unavoidably damaged, they will be temporarily repaired and the pt clearly marked and noted.
- (b) All damage to private property will be reported to Bde HQ prior to or immediately on conclusion of the exercise.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

11. (a) The greatest possible care will be taken by all ranks to ensure against outbreaks of fire.
- (b) Immediate action will be taken by the senior offr in the vicinity of any outbreak to put the fire out irrespective of the capacity in which he is functioning. All tps in the area will be regarded as at his disposal for fire-fighting purposes.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

12. (a) Token 2 in and 3 in mortar amn will be taken on the exercise.
- (b) Blank .303 amn will NOT be fired at shorter ranges than 20 yds.
- (c) Blank .303 amn will NOT be fired, nor bayonets fixed during darkness.
- (d) Token grenades will NOT be thrown before shouting a warning.

MED

13. (a) 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will set up MDS at 325073.
- (b) Umpires will be provided with gas labels, number and type to be determined by med director.
- (c) Cas will indicate their posn by calling for SBs and demonstrating the fact they are cas.
- (d) Cas will NOT be relieved of arms.
- (e) It may be necessary for some cas to remain in the hands of 2/2 Aust Fd Amb at MDS overnight. Personnel retained will be returned to unit lines the following morning by 2/2 Aust Fd Amb.

PW

14. May be taken and evacuated through normal channels. On conclusion of exercise PW will return to own lines under Bde arrangements. PW will NOT be relieved of arms.

AGENTS

15. Use will NOT be made of agents.

CONFERENCES

16. (a) A conference of umpires and OC enemy will be held at BM's office 1000K 9 Oct 44.
- (b) A conference will be held of all umpires taking part at the conclusion of the exercise.

ADM

17. RATIONS

- (a) All personnel taking part in the exercise will carry a cut lunch and full water bottle.
- (b) Evening meal will be taken out under unit arrangements at 1700K to 368986.

18. TPT

- (a) Requisition for vehs to tpt the evening meal will be lodged with SC two days prior to exercise.
- (b) 4 vehs will be made available to each unit as prime movers for TKA guns. These vehs will report to units at 1800K the day prior to the exercise.

INTERCOM

19. BDE HQ

- (a) A skeleton Bde HQ will be set up in Bde HQ Int office.
- (b) This HQ will function as in ops: all infm and sitreps will be sent back by bns; Bde HQ will send fwd to bns such infm as is normally available.
- (c) 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will provide WT link from Bde to bn HQ.
- (d) Neutral sigs will be available to DS, umpires and enemy.

Oct 44.

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

	Gen Instr No of	Int Summary copies	Comd's Orders Copy No	Sequence Of Events No of copies
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1	-
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	2	-
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	3	-
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1	1	4	-
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	5	-
DS and Umpires	10	10	6-15	10
Comd	1	1	16	1
SC	1	1	17	1
IO	1	1	18	1
Sig Offr	2	2	19-20	2
6 Aust Div	2	2	21-22	2
File	2	2	23-24	2
War Diary	2	2	25-26	2

Int Summary and Comd's Orders will be issued separately as under:-

2/ 2 Aust Fd Regt	-	9 Oct 44
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	-	9 Oct 44
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	-	11 Oct 44
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	-	12 Oct 44
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	-	9 Oct 44

17 AUST INF BDE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 1

(Based on infm received from 0001K Oct 44 to 1500K Oct 44)

Ref maps: HERBERTON 1:63,360
MT GARNET 1:63,360

PART I

1. LAND

HERBERTON area

As reported in this HQ previous summary on Oct 44, enemy force estimated at two bns at approx two-thirds their full str entered the township of HERBERTON.

Yesterday morning Oct 44 a counter attack was launched by 17 Aust Inf Bde. After fighting the complete recapture of the town was achieved during night Oct, the enemy leaving 177 dead.

At 0630K Oct 44, our tps commenced an adv to the SE in pursuit of the enemy who was definitely withdrawing his adv forces and whose tps were showing signs of weariness and lack of an adequate sup system.

Opposition to 1200K consisted of two enemy reargd posns of approx 30 strong and one posn on high ground astride the rd at 325074 held by estimated force of 150.

Bn attack was launched against this posn at 1130K and was successful by 1230K.

Adv was continued and by 1500K our tps were in posns in squares 3306 - 3406 where a halt was made for the night. Patrols to the EAST are out at time of writing.

Main body of enemy force is reported to be withdrawing along rd to SOUTH from 368046.

Enemy is known to have portion of an arty bn with force but this has NOT been used or located since enemy withdrawal from HERBERTON.

2. AIR - ENEMY

Enemy air activity has been only of a minor nature with four raids of a "hit and run" variety, each by four aircraft since morning 8 Oct 44.

17 AUST INF BDE TEST EXERCISE

EXERCISE TIGER

Ref maps: HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
MT GARNET 1 in to 1 mile

At 1700K (D-1), Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde gave orders for the continuation of the move; the following were extr acts:-

INFM

1. ENEMY

- (a) NO enemy have been located WEST of rd junc 392037 and rd junc 372036.
- (b) Enemy str in HERBERTON - EVELYN area is now estimated to be no more than 800. NO enemy arty has been encountered or located.

2. OWN TPS

NO change.

INTENTION

3. 17 Aust Inf Bde will adv to KABAN.

METHOD

4. ROUTE - as per trace "P" att.

5. ADV GD

- (a) Comd - Lt-col.....
- (b) Tps - 2/ Aust Inf Bn with under comd from 1300K Oct 44
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
One coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb

(c) Tasks

Secure in order the follo wing bounds:-

- (i) high ground 382024 astride rd by 0930K Oct 44.
- (ii) track junc 376004
- (iii) track junc 368986
- (iv) rd junc 331977

6. MAIN BODY

As per March Table att (NOT att).

7. SP - 344064

8. START TIME - 0830K Oct 4 4.

9. RATE OF ADV - 2 mih

ADM

10. Issued separately (NOT issued).

INTERCOMN

11. BDE HQ

Bde HQ closes present location 0900K Oct 44, reopens same time and moves with main body.

12. CODE WORDS

Ref this order	TIGER
Bound (a)	BILL
(b)	JACK
(c)	TOM
(d)	KEN

13. Wireless silence until contact established.

ACK.

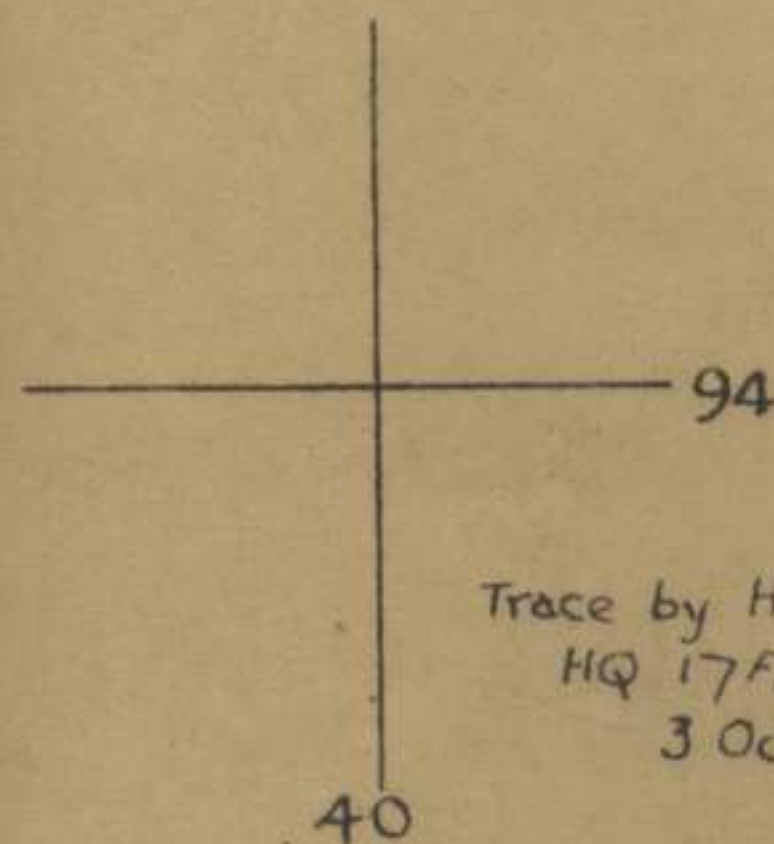
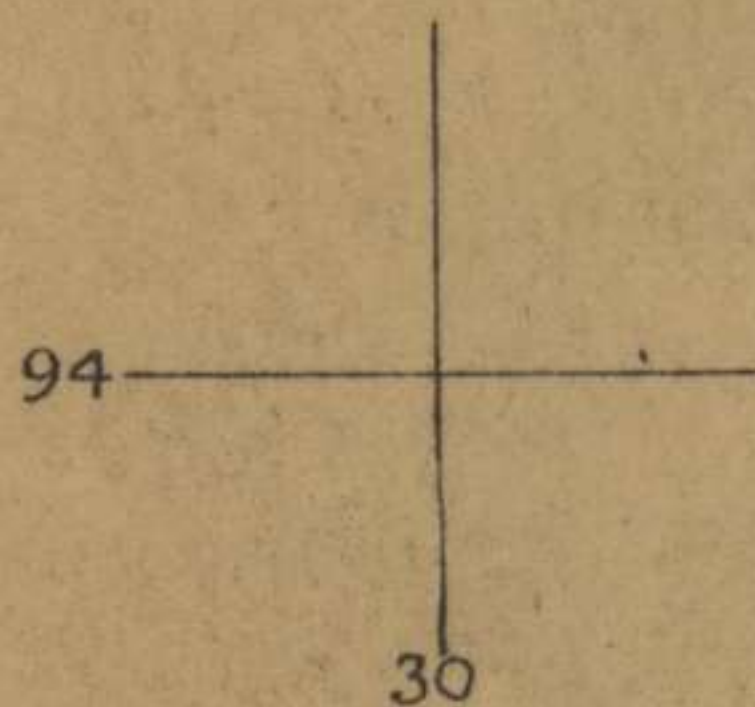
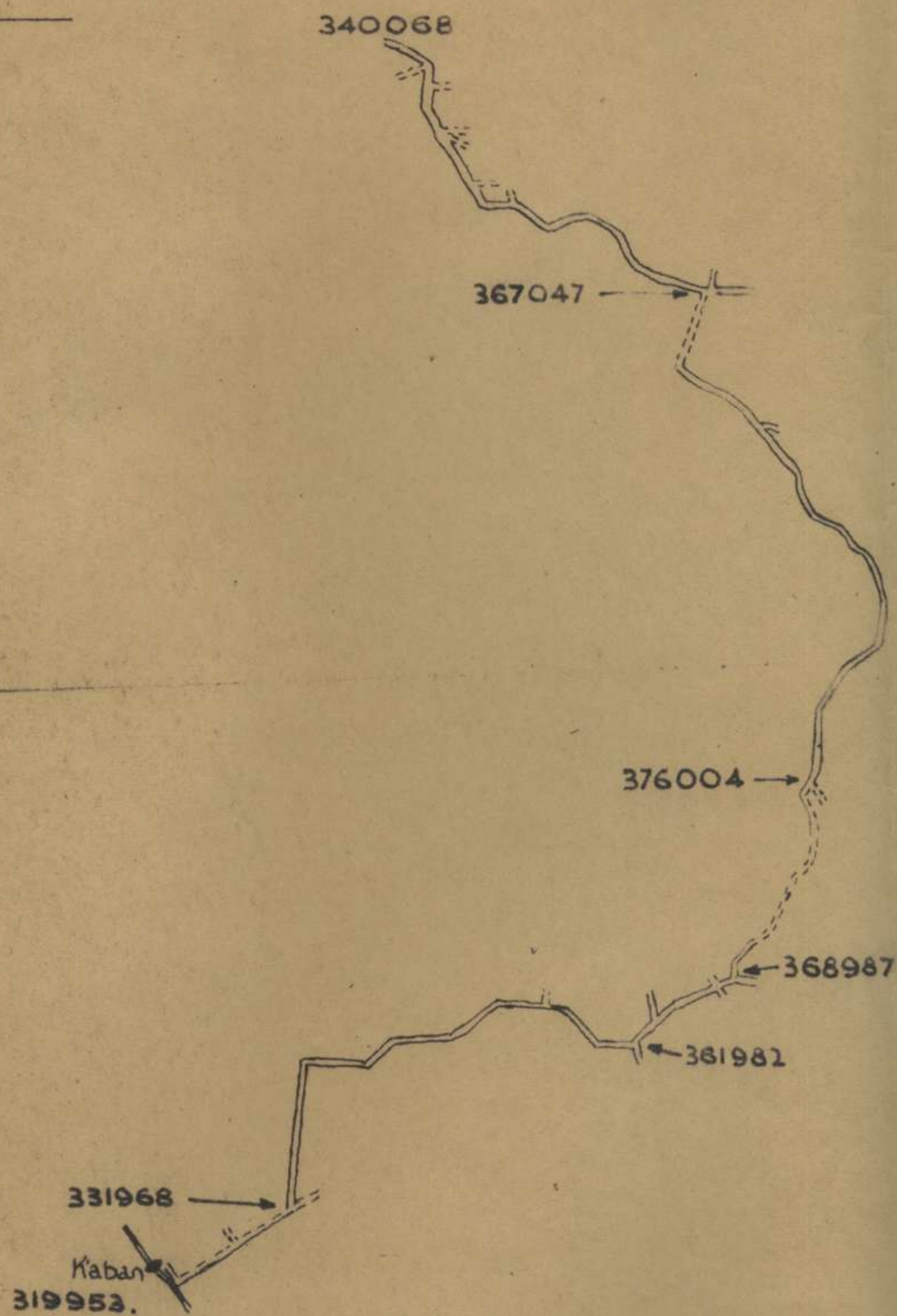
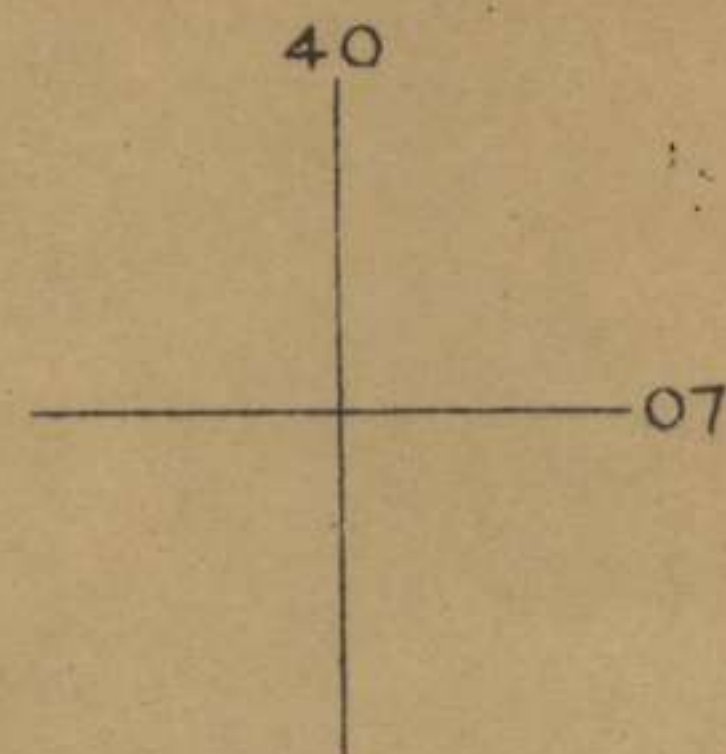
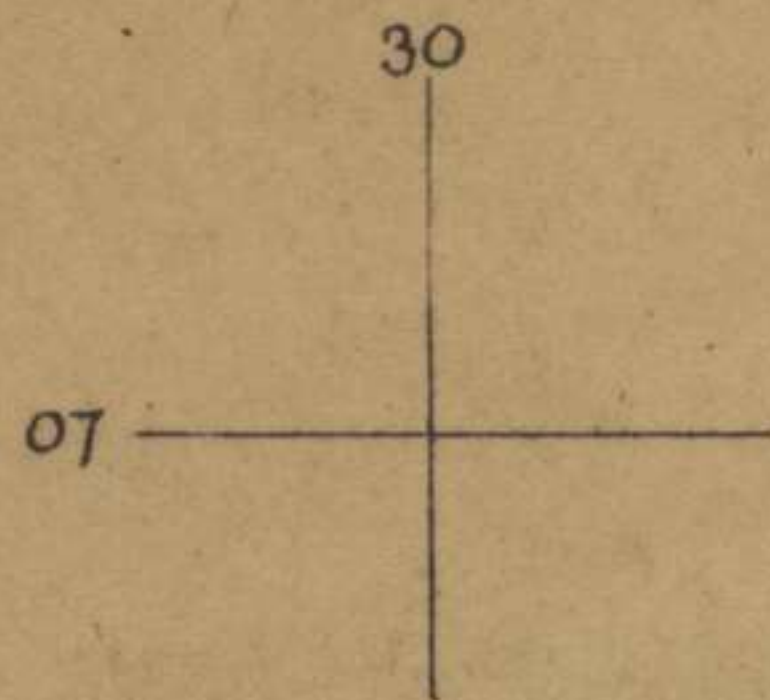
Issued by:

Signed at:

K C Clarke Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

- TRACE 'P' TO EXERCISE 'TIGER' -

Ref. Maps HERBERTON - MT GARNET 1:63360



Trace by H. E. Hurt Lt Col
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
3 Oct 44

17 AUGUST INF BDE EXERCISE

EXERCISE TIGER

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS/

Serial	Approx Time	Location	Event	Action by Umpires	Action by enemy	Points to note
1	1000K D-1	Unit lines	Bde issues written order for adv			4 copies of Bn OO required for Bde HQ
2	D DAY 0730K		Van gd departs	Report to Bn by 0700K to marry up with tps		Fmn adopted. Orders issued by van gd comd
3	0815K	Rd track junc 368047	Van gd reaches exercise SP	Report to director time of arrival at this pt		Frontage covered consist- ent with visibility. Length of coln
4	0845K	Track junc	Van gd reports track junc clear. Van gd comd should make arrangements to send a patrol to investigate track to left and arrange piquet of track junc			Action of van gd comd. time taken to send infm back
5	0855K	374034	Leading tps observe a small enemy party withdrawing in veh		Conspicuous get away by 3 men in a jeep. No firing. 3 men to return to main enemy posn	As for serial 4
6	0930K	382024	1st bound. Enemy str approx 8 men with LMG astride rd. Leading pl to launch an immediate attack, best line of approach from right of rd	Inflict cas to pl consistent with enemy fire and line of approach selected.	Withdraw by MT to main posn (when in danger of being overrun). Leave one wounded with cas label.	Contact drill. What action is taken with PW. Use of SP fire. Use of 2" mortar by leading pl comd. Quick resumption of adv
7	10005K	383015	2 enemy astride rd in ambush. Leading pl should encircle immediately.		2 FS personnel will be captured with marked map and set of documents to be prepared by Bde IO	Action taken to locate and overcome ambush. Are PW searched and infm sent back without delay.

Serial	Approx Timings	Location	Event	Action by umpires	Action by enemy	Points to note
8	1045K	Track junc 376004	Enemy str approx 30 men with 3 LMG fire on leading tps. Van gd should secure high ground on right of rd and attack down on enemy and exploit to rd junc.	Inflict cas consist-ent with fire and action of own tps.	Disposed to represent one pl. Intermittent fire from rifles and LMG, use grenades to represent mortars. Withdraw when van gd deploys for attack. Move direct to main posn.	As for serial 6. Pass- ing infm back to bn. Immediate action, use sp fire, reorg and resumption of adv
9	1145K	Ford 368987	By shell and mortar fire, further progress difficult and costly. Obviously DF from strong enemy holding posn.	Hold leading tps across creek at R MEMORIAL 369986.	Two coys in posn to be indicated on ground to OC enemy by BM	Infm to bn comd to move fwd. Deployment of coy in holding posn. If patrol sent out to determine enemy str and disposn.
10	1200K	"	Bn & Gp move fwd. Comd's recce, appreciation and plan		Continuous intermitt-ent fire	Procedure and org of all gps for mov. Pro-tection of R and O Gps
11	1230K	Ford area	Issue of orders to bn O Gp. Recce and issue of orders by coy R and O Gp		Limited harassing fire until attack commences	Time factor in battle procedure. Protective measures adopted by gps against surprise attack. Bn comd's plan. Orders by coy and pl coms. Punctuality of start time. Use of fms, routes and sp fire
12	1330K		Attack commences. SL may be line of creek through ford.	Represent by SA fire incl LMG also SHELL and MORTAR fire on commencement of attack.	By SA fire during attack. Allow posn to be captured and PW taken.	

Serial	Approx Timings	Location	Event	Action by umpires	Action by enemy	Points to note
13	1430K	Objective	Exploitation and limited consolidation. Reorg and evacuate PW. Speedy continuation of adv		Act as PW/ Do NOT fraternise with bn tps	Speed of reorg to continue the adv.
14	1515K	Rd junc 364970	Exercise ends			
15	1545K	Rd junc 361982	Conference all offrs, Director, umpires and CC enemy			
16	1645k	Ford	Evening meal. Return to camp			

Subject: NEUTRAL SIGS BN TEST EXERCISE

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Oct 44

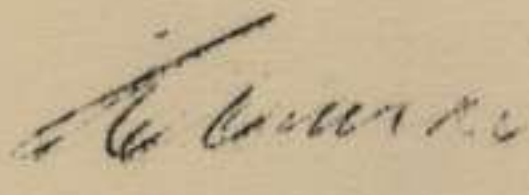
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2/6 Aust Inf Bn
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1. To provide a neutral sig system for Director and umpires during the bn test exercises, each unit will sup ops and sets as under:

	To be supplied by	
	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn
10 Oct 44 for 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1 NCO 6 ops 3-103 sets Frequency	8 ops 4-103 sets
12 Oct 44 for 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	8 ops 4-103 sets	1 NCO 6 ops 3-103 sets Frequency
13 Oct 44 for 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1 NCO 6 ops 3-103 sets Frequency	8 ops 4-103 sets

2. Each bn will sup a frequency to the NCO from bn allotment and code names for the sets.
3. Ops and sets will report to Capt COUGHLAN, Bde HQ Car Park, at 0700K each day. It is essential that personnel detailed report on time.

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BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIG M J MOTEN CBE DSO ED

Serial No, 27

5 Oct 44

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97. CENSORSHIP - POSTING OF PARCELS

Many instances have recently been reported of personnel of this formation despatching parcels by rail to private addresses, such parcels not having been examined by a franking officer. This practice is a breach of LHQ FCI No 4 and will cease forthwith. Offenders will render themselves liable to disciplinary action.
(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ROS)

K C Clarke Maj
(K C CLARKE)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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98. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS UPON MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES

1. The attention of all personnel is directed to the following paragraphs of GRO A40/44 as recently amended by GROs dated 8th Sep 44.
- "3. The location address of a unit may be disclosed to the civil police, a solicitor or process server when such address is also the units postal address and it is required by:-
 - (a) the civil police, the solicitor or process server for the purpose of serving any legal process on a member of the unit; or
 - (b) the civil police for the purpose of investigating any alleged offence.
4. When the postal address of a unit does not disclose its location, the commander of an L of C Area or command may disclose such information as to the location of the unit as he thinks fit, having regard to the requirements of national security and the circumstances of the particular case, to :-
 - (a) the civil police, a solicitor, or a process server for the purpose of serving legal process on a member of the unit; or
 - (b) the civil police for the purpose of investigating any alleged offence.

98. (Contd)

5. Except as permitted under paras 3 and 4, the location address of a member's unit will not be disclosed to the civil police, a solicitor, or a process server desiring to serve legal process on a member.
- 5A. Where the location address of the member's unit is not disclosed and the member has not nominated a solicitor to accept service on his behalf, the civil police, a solicitor, or process server desiring to serve legal process, will be advised to apply, or an application already made by such person will be referred, to the Officer-in-Charge Echelon and Records of the L of C Area or command of enlistment of the member for a statement which may be used in support of an application to a competent court for an order for substituted service.
7. Where the location address of a unit is disclosed as it is undesirable that police and process servers be permitted to search around a camp for the persons upon whom they desire to serve or execute legal process, commanding officers or other local authorities will arrange for the members concerned to attend at unit headquarters at such time as it is most convenient to those commanding officers or authorities and the police or process servers.
8. No member will undertake the service of any legal process upon any other member.

99. WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES

Attention is directed to GRO O.347/44.

102. RELIGION IN THE ARMY Attention is directed to GRO A.353/44.

100. REVISED METHODS OF CONDUCTING MILITARY INVESTIGATIONS

Attention is directed to GRO A.348/44.

101. MALARIA - WEEKLY RETURN EVACUATIONS

Units will submit a return to reach this HQ by 1600 hours 6 Oct 44 showing number of personnel evacuated with malaria for the following period:-

1. Week Ending 9 Sep 44
2. " " 16 Sep 44
3. " " 23 Sep 44
4. " " 30 Sep 44

and thence weekly by 1200 hrs each Sunday for preceeding week.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

SUNDAY 8 OCT 44

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Mass

2/6 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Hut
0645 hours and 0830 hours.

Confession

Saturday 7 Oct 44 - Padre O'Keefe's
tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lines.

PROTESTANT

Holy Communion
(C of E)

Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0700 hours
(Padre Richardson)

Parade Service

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust
Inf Bns. - Bde Cinema 0830 hours.
(Padre Richardson)

Holy Communion
(C of E)

Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0915 hours
(Padre Richardson)

War Diary

17 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO OC 17 AUST INF BDE REAR PARTY

(To be read in conjunction with 6 Aust Div Adm Order No 12 dated 3 Sep 44)

1. GENERAL

VE27003 Capt H J COUGHLAN HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde is appointed OC 17 Aust Inf Bde Rear Party.

2. COMPOSITION OF REAR PARTY

(a) Rear party will consist of:-

- (i) HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (incl attached Sigs, LAD, Gd Pl) 1 Capt. - 5 ORs.
- (ii) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 1 Lt - 20 ORs
- (iii) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 1 Lt - 20 ORs
- (iv) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 1 Lt - 20 ORs

(b) On receipt of warning order for movement of main body units will advise this HQ name of officer appointed as OC Rear Party.

3. DUTIES OF OC REAR PARTY

In addition to supervision of duties of rear parties as set out in 6 Aust Div Adm Order No 12 OC Rear Party 17 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for:-

- (a) Discipline of personnel of unit rear parties incl personnel marched in ex "E" List, hospitals, schools, leave etc. He shall have the powers of a detachment commander.
- (b) The correct accounting of all stores, transport, equipment, baggage, rations left in his care on movement of main body.
- (c) Handing over of camp sites, buildings, camp fittings incl bedboards and beds in accordance with instructions issued and the obtaining of a certificate of handing over. Such certificate to be handed to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde on completion of tour of duty.
- (d) Return of tentage remaining when units depart, to RSD.
- (e) Return of any surplus rations to DID and submission of AF W3810 covering all rations drawn.
- (f) Depositing of kits in Kit Store.
- (g) Ensure that camp areas are left in a clean and hygienic condition - rubbish incinerated.
- (h) Return to Engineer Stores Dump surplus and removable camp accommodation and engineer stores such as shower buckets - tanks - latrine seats - safes etc.
- (j) For repair of broken fences around camp area before handing over.
- (k) That latrine seats are nailed down and any gaps filled with earth to make them fly-proof.
- (l) Finalization of any claims which may arise after departure of main body.

3. (cont)

- (m) That latrines, showers, drying rooms, mess huts, kitchens etc are boarded up to keep out straying cattle.
- (n) Arranging for inoculation and vaccination of personnel marching in.
- (o) That rear parties and personnel coming under his command take anti-malarial precautions as laid down prior to embarkation.
- (p) Disposal of rifles, equipment and personal gear of personnel who have not returned to unit before departure of rear party under arrangements to be notified later by HQ 6 Aust Div.
- (q) Submission of casualty returns, offence reports etc in respect of matters occurring during his tour of duty.
- (r) Issuing warning order of draft to personnel marching in, in accordance with 6 Aust Div Adm Order No 12 paras 114/120 (both incl).

4. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

OC Rear Party will ensure that adequate fire precautions incl providing fire fighting equipment and fire picquet are observed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W P Bolger Capt
(W P BOLGER)
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

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Subject: LHQ ENEMY WT TEAM

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HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

3 Oct 44

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

1. Enemy WT team of one WO(ii) and one sjt will lecture and demonstrate enemy eqpt and weapons from 5-7 Oct 44 incl.
2. Five periods will be held as follows:

5 Oct 44	0900 to 1200K 1330 to 1630K
6 Oct 44	0900 to 1200K 1330 to 1630K
7 Oct 44	0900 to 1200K
3. Periods will be held in 2/5 Aust Inf Bn recreation hut.
4. 50 personnel per unit and 10 from Bde HQ will attend each period.
5. All NCOs and Int personnel will attend.
6. Trg team will report 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 4 Oct 44 and will be quartered and rationed by Bn.
7. Recreation hut will be prepared for use by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

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BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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Subject: 4.2" MORTAR DEMONSTRATION


HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

2 Oct 44

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
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1. The use of 4.2" mortars using HE bombs will be demonstrated by 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy at WALSH RIVER Arty Range on Tues 3 Oct 44 at 1000 hrs.
2. A demonstration will also be given, using the mortars as a bty and the procedure being taught by RAA instrs to mortar pls.
3. Vacancies
Each bn: 1 snr offr, CO or 2IC if possible.
1 mortar offr
2 snr mortar det comds.
4. Spectator s will be in posn at 253175 by 0955 hrs and the demonstration should conclude at approx 1200 hrs.
Mov direct will be under unit arrangements.


Maj
(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE EXERCISE
Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No 27

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

24 Sep 44

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2/5 Aust Inf Bn

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

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OBJECT

1. To practise efforts in the preparation of bn ldg craft tables for an LSI op with subsequent ferry service.

CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

2. Each comd will select two syndicates to represent the staff of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn (CO, Adj, QM, ULO, IO) to prepare the ldg craft tables for 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

Appointment	Syndicate A	Syndicate B
CO	Coy Comd	2IC
Adj	Adj	A/Adj
QM	A/QM	QM
ULO	Coy Comd	Coy Comd
IO	IO	A/IO

3. An additional syndicate will be raised by Bde HQ as under:-

CO - Maj 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Adj - SC(L)
QM - L01
ULO - Bde TO
IO - Bde IO

4. Syndicates will assemble in 2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation hut at 0815K 2 Oct 44 where the exercise will be conducted.
5. BM will set up an infm centre at the hut and will be available to answer syndicate questions until 1000K.
6. All students will be required to bring:

Note paper
Pencils, pen, ink
Rubber
Ruler

Each syndicate will require a copy of Amphibious Warfare for Australian Forces in the SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

7. NARRATIVE AND REQUIREMENT

Will be issued to syndicates 1 Oct 44.

8. Syndicate lists will be forwarded to this HQ NOT later than 30 Sep 44.

K C Clarke Maj

(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE EXERCISE

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Sep 44

G130

1. Ref 17 Aust Inf Bde G87 of 24 Sep 44.
Ref map: Sketch att as Appx A.

GENERAL

2. This exercise takes the form of a small detached ldg op of a bn and att units with elements of a beach gp under comd.
It is to be assumed that the passage overseas has been a long one and for this reason an LSI has been used for transporting and ldg the force.
3. The op forms part of a Bde ldg op but is carried out some 5 miles from the main Bde ldg beaches.

NARRATIVE

4. An assault force convoy carrying 17 Aust Inf Bde and certain additional tps is to sail from an Aust port to capture "UTOPIA", a tropical island in SWPA.
5. The main ldg will take place at beaches approx 5 miles EAST of FOX SECTOR.
6. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn with tps under comd (see appx B att) will embark in LSI, HMAS "FURPHY", which carries 22 LCVP and 4 LCM(3).
The task of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn is to land on FOX GREEN and FOX YELLOW BEACHES, and adv to secure the nec k of PILGRIM PENINSULAR with a view to protecting the left flank of 17 Aust Inf Bde.
7. Latest air phs indicate that the enemy has very lt defs on both beaches. Reliable reports confirm this but state that the defenders have lt tks. Excl the tps who man these defs it is believed that the only enemy tps available to operate against 2/5 Aust Inf Bn are concentrated towards the northern end of PILGRIM PENINSULAR.
It is anticipated that it will take the enemy a minimum of 6 hrs to reach the area selected for occupation by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn from his present location.
8. Both beaches are suitable for ldg. It will be necessary to land all stores and vehs on FOX GREEN BEACH, but before the latter can be effected it is likely beach exits will have to be improved.
In addition, it is planned to construct two beach rdways to ensure the rapid clearance of the beach, as reports indicate that the sand is very soft.
9. Three days sups and amm are to be carried on the man or in the vehs. Subsequent mov will be through FOX GREEN BEACH.
Additional shipping is expected during the night D/D plus 1.
10. Air cover for the ldg will be available from first lt to last lt until the unloading is completed.
11. It is anticipated that HMAS "FURPHY" will anchor in such a posn off the beaches that turn round time for ldg craft will be:-
LCVP - 45 mins
LCM(3) - 1 hr
12. H hr will be at 0615K.
13. First lt 0615K.

REQUIREMENT

14. Syndicate solutions of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn ldg tables to be forwarded to this HQ by 1000K 3 Oct 44.

NOTE

1. When preparing the ldg tables allow for 5 LCVP cas in the first six waves.
2. Layout of ship giving boat posns and locations of assembly will NOT be considered for the purpose of the exercise.
3. Naval Beach party will land partly in first wave. Sigs with or just before Bn HQ.
4. BMr and party about same time as Bn HQ.
5. Water is available on island, and engrs will have water available at H plus 120. require
6. HMAS "FURPHY" has four hatches, each hatch will/1 NCO and 12 men to work.
7. Vehs will have full tks and 100 miles res in veh.

K C Clarke Maj

(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

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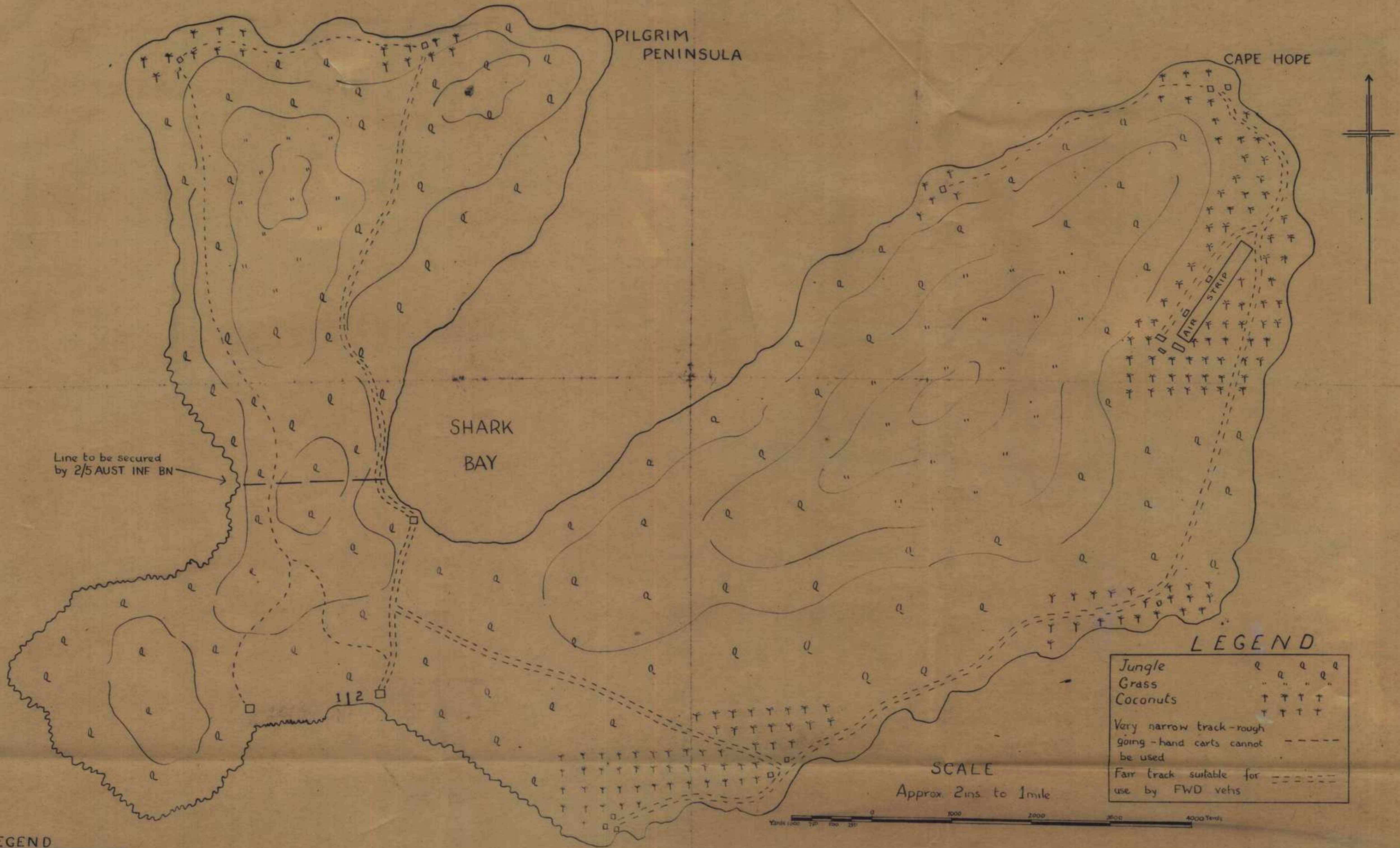
Appx to 17 Aust Inf Bde
G130 of 28 Sep 44

AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE EXERCISE
ORDER OF BATTLE - 2/5 AUST INF BN

Unit or Sub-unit	Pers- onnel	Guns	Vehs	No Stores (tons DW)	Remarks	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	339		Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton & trailers	8	30	Incl Chaplain and batman, Bde LO and batman
		MMG		4		
		3 in mortars		8		
		TkA guns 2 pr		4		
One tp 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	50	Lt 25 pr		4	5	
			Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton Trailers Jeep	11		
				5		
One sec 2/1 Aust LAA Bty	33	Bofors 40 mm		3	3	Guns not self- propelling
			Tractors arty 3-ton	1		
			Truck $\frac{1}{4}$ ton	1		
One tp 2/12 Aust TkA Bty	25	TkA guns 6 pr		4	2	
			Truck $\frac{1}{4}$ ton	1		
			Tractors arty 3 ton	4		
One pl 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	64		Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton Trailers Jeep	2	6	
				2		
			Trucks 3 ton (Tipper)	2		
Det Bde Sig Sec	4		Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton 4x4	1		1-No 46 set 1-No 22 set 1-mile D3
Det 1 Aust Beach Gp incl						
Naval Beach Party	21					Incl 1 PBMr 2 BMr 4 ABMr
Det Beach Sigs Unit						
RAN	4					
Army	10					
Det Beach Bn Sigs						
Pl	10					
Beach Coy (Pnrs)	110		Truck $\frac{1}{4}$ ton	1		
RAE						
One pl Fd Coy	64		Angledozer D6	1	14	Incl 10 tons arc mesh
Det Mech Eqpt Pl	15		D4	1		
Pl Beach Bn	30		Trucks 3 ton (Tipper)	4		
Det Beach Wksp	20		Truck $\frac{3}{4}$ ton	1		
			Diamond T wrecker	1		
Det Gen Tpt Coy	20		Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton	2		
			Trucks $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton	8		
			Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton & trailers	8		
Det Pro Pl	3					
Beach Lt Sec AAMC (incl surgical team)	30		Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton & trailer	1		
Det Bearers	10					
Ord(stores and amm) det	7					
Det Beach Sup Dep	10					
Rations for force for two days					3	
Amn for force for two days					3	
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AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE EXERCISE APPX 'A'

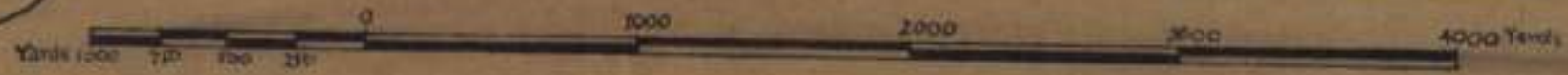


Line to be secured
by 2/5 AUST INF BN

LEGEND

Jungle	e a e a
Grass	" " " "
Coconuts	t t t t
	t t t t
Very narrow track - rough going - hand carts cannot be used	-----
Fair track suitable for use by FWD vehs	-----

SCALE
Approx 2 ins to 1 mile



LEGEND

Fox Yellow Beach	1
Fox Green Beach	2

DRAWN BY INT SECTION
17 AUST INF BDE
16 JULY '44

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1EG/13

Subject : FIRING FROM THE HIP WITH RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

Ref No : G5/55/3

12 Aug 44

6 Aust Div

Copy to : 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
War Diary ✓

Ref 6 Aust Div #10689 of 7 Aug 44, herewith report as requested :

(a) ACCURACY

Considerable accuracy can be maintained with this method, but smoke from automatic weapons interferes with observation thus making the fire inaccurate.

(b) MAINTENANCE OF RATE OF FIRE

Difficult to maintain the same rate of fire as with the Australian method. Magazines on automatic weapons cannot be changed with the same rapidity.

(c) SPEED IN CHANGING DIRECTION OF FIRE

Speed can be obtained in changing direction of fire. Differs very slightly in this respect from the Australian method.

(d) SPEED INTO ACTION

Speed into action is slower than the Australian method. More time is taken on alignment of weapon onto the target. Also a temporary halt is necessary to fire the weapon accurately.

(e) COMFORT AND EFFICIENCY OF FIRING POSITION AT THE HALT AND ON THE MOVE, AND RESULTANT FATIGUE

The firing position when at the halt is not comfortable, particularly so with the LMG. The crouched position is very tiring for the firer after a short period. Firer is very easily thrown off balance when firing the LMG. When firing from this position for any length of time great fatigue results. This position when on the move is also very awkward. Time has to be taken to adopt this firing position.

(f) TARGET PRESENTED BY FIRER

Tests under different circumstances revealed that the difference in the size of the target presented by firer was negligible.

 Maj

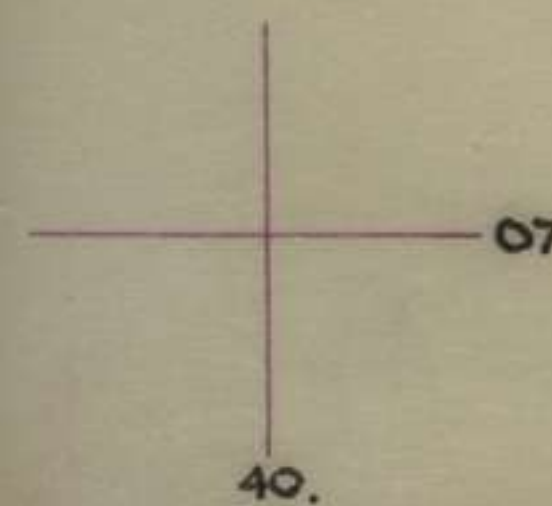
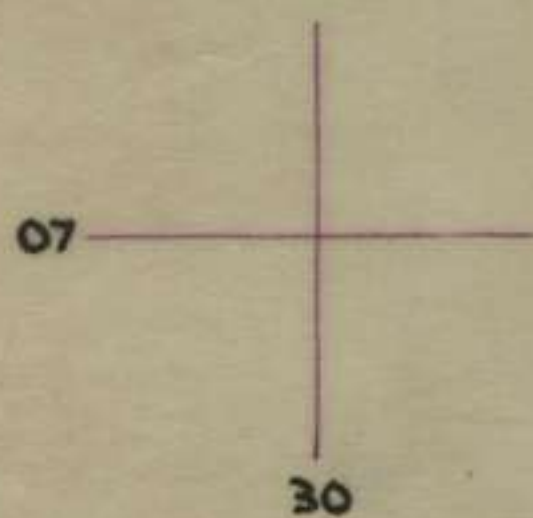
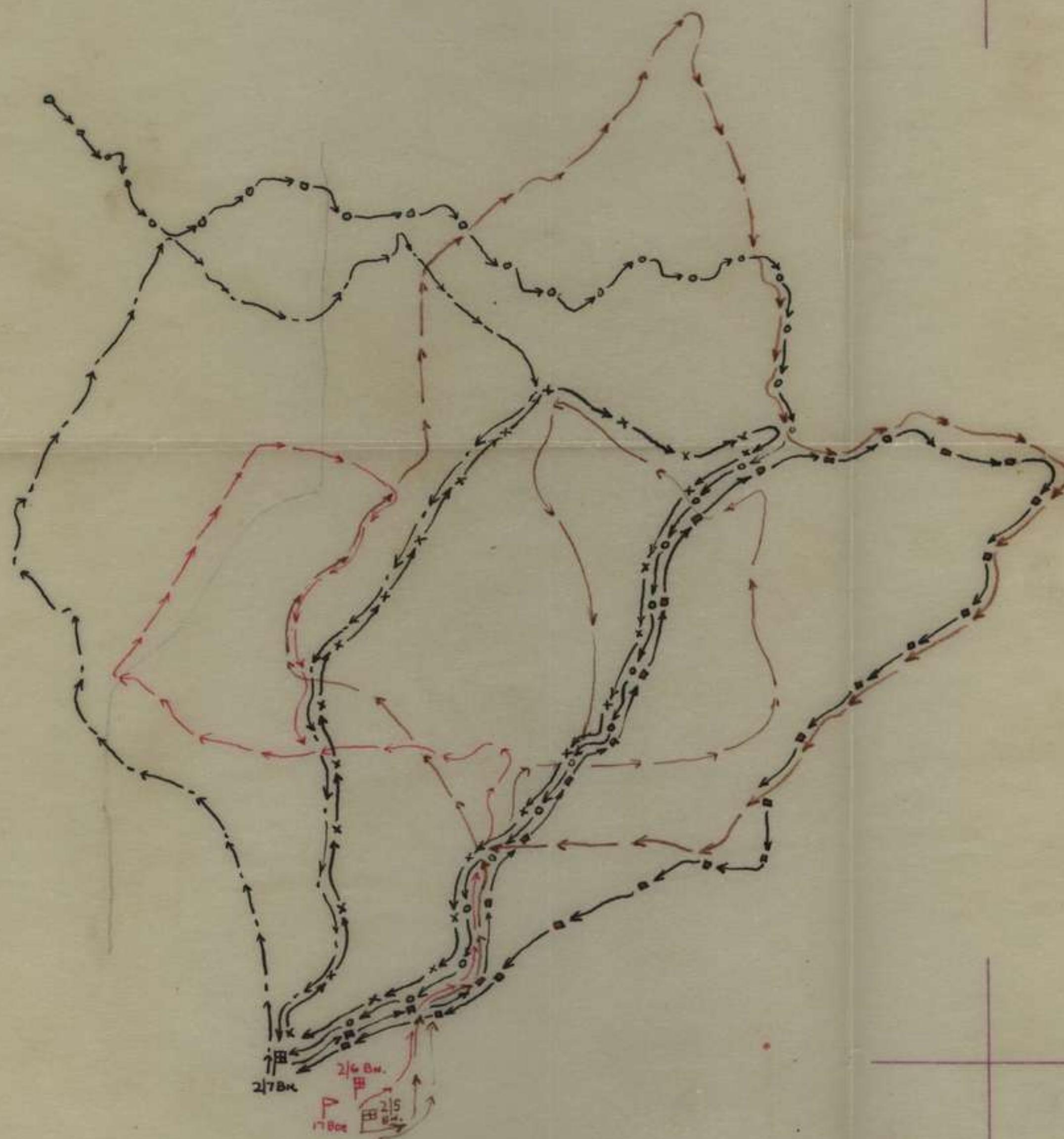
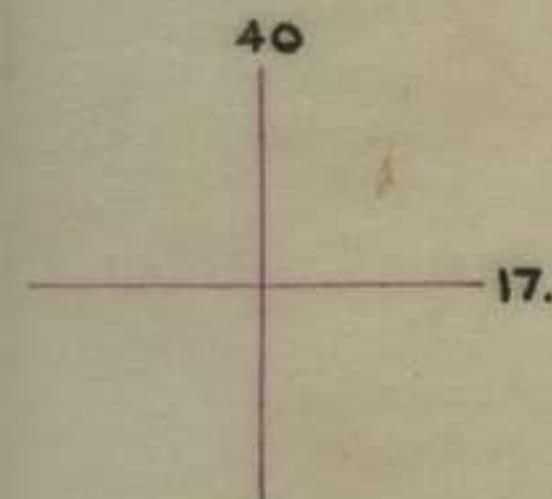
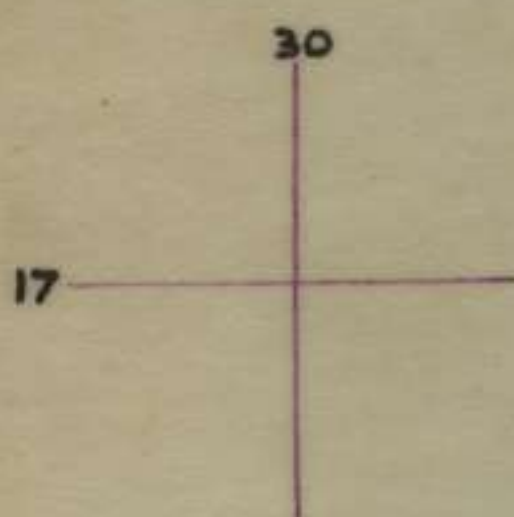
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OVERLAY

PATROL ROUTES BY BN's

REF MAP. HERBERTON SHEET. 1:63,360.



LEGEND.

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|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| ROUTE BY 2/5 BN. | —————→ | 5 OCT. |
| ROUTE BY 2/6 BN. | - - - - -→ | 2-7 OCT. |
| ROUTES BY 2/7 BN. | ———→
—x—→
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—□—→ | 5-6 OCT. |

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Received... 30 7 5 2 44.

Ref. No. A1/3/116. *Refined*

Subject: ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

HQ 6 Aust Div

29 May 44

Ref: A 5123

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LAD

Units will submit returns as follows to this HQ by 1200 hrs

30 May 44 :-

1100
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

(a) Numbers by states and routes of personnel who have NOT been granted recreational leave since 30 Jun 43;

and

(b) Numbers by states and routes of personnel who have NOT received leave since return from NEW GUINEA.

2. NIL returns required.

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TO : List 'D'

FROM : 6 AUST DIV

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FROM : 6 AUST DIV

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6 AUST DIV

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A3663	of	3	Apr	44
para	6	cancelled	(.)	in
addition	to	returns	called	for
under	para	1	(a)	and
(b)	of	our	A3663	of
3	Apr	44	separate	schedules
as	pro	forma	attached	to
our	A3663	of	3	Apr
44	will	be	submitted	as
follows	(.)	FIRST	(.)	personnel
who	have	A R L	of	24
days	or	more	as	at
1	Apr	44	(.)	SECOND
(.)	personnel	who	have	A R L
18	days	or	more	as
1	Apr	44	(.)	SECOND
will	include	FIRST	(.)	all
returns	will	now	recah	this
HQ	by	0900	hrs	4
Apr	44	and	will	be
grouped	by	routes	as	per
pro	forma	referred	to	above

W.C. Murphy
Lt Col

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Ref. No. A10/40.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: RECREATION LEAVE

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HQ 6 Aust Div
3 Apr 44
Ref : A 3663

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M. Williams
M. Roberts

1. Further to our A979 of 11 Mar 44, returns on the pro forma attached are required to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 4 Apr 44 of all personnel present with unit who:-

- (a) Being entitled to leave under 6 Aust Div Adm Instn No 13 of 6 Nov 43 and A 954 of 12 Jan 44 have not yet proceeded on this leave, and
- (b) Have not had any Recreation Leave under GRO 559/42 or 598/43 since 31 Jul 43.

2. Figures submitted in respect to either sub-para (a) or (b) above will not be included in the return under the other sub-para and each return will be clearly endorsed indicating the sub-para to which it refers.

3. Units will keep a copy of the pro-formas amended to date, so that accurate figures are available at short notice.

4. As there is no certainty that leave will be granted to all or any of the personnel coming within the provisions of this memo, particular care will be taken by units to ensure that no member gets the impression that leave for him is assured.

5. Personnel included in either return will be grouped according to the route they would travel if leave is granted or their state of destination as shown on the attached pro-forma.

6. In addition a separate schedule is required specifying by State of destination:

- (a) Numbers entitled to less than 24 days leave.
- (b) Numbers entitled to 24 days or more leave.

In case (b) above a further split-up is required showing the actual number of days due to personnel concerned.

The above calculation of leave to be arrived at as at 30 Jun 44.

W. C. Murphy
Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 Aust Div
12 Jan 44
Ref: A 954

Subject: RECREATION LEAVE

1. Returns on the pro-forma attached are required to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 14 Jan 44 of all personnel present with unit who:-
 - (a) Being entitled to leave under 6 Aust Div Adm Instn No 15 of 6 Nov 43 have not yet proceeded on this leave and
 - (b) Have not had any Recreation Leave under GRO 559/42 or 598/43 since 31 Mar 43.
2. Figures submitted in respect to either sub-para (a) or (b) above will not be included in the return under the other sub-para and each return will be clearly expressed indicating the sub-para to which it refers.
3. Units will keep a copy of the pro-formas amended to date, so that accurate figures are available at short notice.
4. As there is no certainty that leave will be granted to all or any of the personnel coming within the provisions of this memo, particular care will be taken by units to ensure that no member gets the impression that leave for him is assured.
5. Personnel included in either return will be grouped according to the route they would travel if leave is granted or their state of destination as shown on the attached pro-forma.

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Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

Mr Charles H. Jenkins *gd RL* } *friction*
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PRO-FORMA

RETURN OF PERSONNEL ENTITLED TO LEAVE UNDER 6 AUST DIV ADM INSTN No 15.

REQUIRED BY PARA 1(a) of HQ 6 AUST DIV MEMO A954 of 12 JAN 44

or

RETURN OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE NOT HAD ANY RECREATION LEAVE SINCE 31 MAR 43

REQUIRED BY PARA 1(b) of HQ 6 AUST DIV MEMO A954 of 12 JAN 44

Route or State of Destination (1)	Available to proceed on leave immediately (2)		Entitled to leave under the above memo but not immediately available to proceed on leave (3)		T O T A L (4)	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
 Unit Date.....					
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>						
(A) North of Brisbane						
(B) Brisbane Area						
(C) West of Toowoomba						
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>						
(D) via Kyogle to Newcastle						
(E) via Kyogle beyond Newcastle						
(F) via Wallangarra						
(G) <u>VICTORIA</u>						
(H) <u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>						
(I) <u>WEST AUSTRALIA</u>						
(J) <u>TASMANIA</u>						
<u>T O T A L</u>						

NOTE: Include in Col 3 those personnel who would be entitled to leave under the above memo but it is not convenient to the unit for them to proceed on leave immediately.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 Aust Div
6 Nov 43

6 AUST DIV ADM INSTN No 15

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. Following on the C-in-C's address at the Div Ceremonial Parade on 5 Nov 43, the personnel coming within the provisions of Categories A & B below will be granted leave as soon as arrangements for movement can be made. The question of granting leave to personnel who come under Category "C" will be considered upon receipt of the return called for by this instruction.
2. Units will review the leave figures submitted on night 4/5 Nov 43 and render a fresh return (one copy only) on the pro-forma attached to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 9 Nov 43. Nil returns required.
3. In compiling this return, only the following will be included :-
- (a) Category "A"
- Those personnel who have served in NEW GUINEA (whether in contact with the enemy or not) who:-
- i. have had NO leave since disembarkation from New Guinea, or
 - ii. have had only 14 days or 7 days (as appropriate) Special New Guinea Leave, or
 - iii. in addition to the leave mentioned in sub-para (ii) above, have had not more than 12 days leave granted under the provisions of GRO 598/43 (or any other GRO cancelled by that GRO) since 31 Dec 42, and who at 30 Oct 43 had a credit of at least 14 days Accrued Recreation Leave.
- (b) Category "B"
- Those personnel who have had not more than 12 days leave granted under the provisions of GRO 598/43 (or any other GRO cancelled by that GRO) since 31 Dec 42, except those who :-
- i. come within the provisions of any other Category, or
 - ii. were stationed in their home state for a period of more than 3 months since 31 Dec 42, or
 - iii. had not a credit of at least 14 days Accrued Recreation Leave at 30 Oct 43.
- (c) Category "C"
- Those personnel who joined their present unit as reinforcements since 30 Apr 43 and who, but for this fact, would come under Category "B".
4. (a) Any personnel who have been AWL for a total period of more than 14 days since 31 Dec 42 will NOT be included in any of the above Categories.
- (b) Where the conduct of a soldier affected by the provisions of this para has been exemplary since punished for his last offence of AWL, unit comd may submit a recommendation that the soldier be granted leave.
- (c) Each recommendation will be accompanied by a certified copy of soldier's conduct sheet and will express views of unit comd as to whether the periods of AWL should be deducted from the leave period. (see GRO 598 para 101)
- (d) This HQ will then determine if the soldier is to be granted leave under this instruction. In the meantime, he will not be included in the return.
5. Personnel whose "home town" (as defined in GRO 598/43) is in NEW ZEALAND or NORFOLK ISLAND and who desire leave in either of such places will not be included in the return but separate particulars relative to these personnel will be attached to the pro-forma.

6. "Home State" mentioned in sub para (ii) to Category "B" above will mean the State in which the "home town" (as defined in GRO 598/43 para 3) of the member is located.
7. "Reinforcements" mentioned in Category "C" do NOT include personnel taken on strength by transfer from other units or by reason of the amalgamation of units of 30 Aust Inf Bde.
8. In the pro-forma personnel coming within the provisions of Category "C" will be divided into those taken on strength:-
 - (a) during May and Jun 43
 - (b) during Jul and Aug 43
 - (c) during Sep and Oct 43, and
 - (d) subsequent to 31 Oct 43.
9. Units will keep a copy of the pro-forma amended to date so that accurate figures are available at short notice.
10. Particular care will be taken to ensure that no individual member of a unit gets the impression that leave for him is assured.
11. Personnel to be included in the pro-forma will also be divided according to the route they will travel or State of destination as shown on the attached pro-forma.
12. Attention is drawn to this HQ signal I 141 of 5 Nov 43 relative to censorship restriction on mentioning in letters, the question of leave proposed to be granted.

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W. H. H. H. H.
Major
Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

RETURN re ARL

Pro-forma to HQ 6 Aust Div Adm
Instn No 15 of 6 Nov 43

.....(Unit)

as at Nov 43

R O U T E	Category "A"		Category "B"		Category "C"								T O T A L	
					May - Jun 43		Jul - Aug 43		Sep - Oct 43		Subsequent to 31 Oct 43			
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
A. NORTH OF BRISBANE														
B. BRISBANE AREA														
C. S.W. QUEENSLAND (via Toowoomba)														
D. NSW via KYOGLE														
E. NSW via WALLANGARRA														
F. VICTORIA														
G. SOUTH AUSTRALIA														
H. WEST AUSTRALIA														
I. TASMANIA														
J. T O T A L														

Date 43

(Signature)

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 2/5 - 2/6 - 2/7 Aust 1 by Bus - 17 Aust 1 by Bus - 11 Pt 2/1 Aust 1 by Bus
FROM 17 Aust 1 by Bus

Originator's Number
H 875

Date
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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
URGENT	0	By	6	Aust 1	5
Sw	11 3663	of	3	April	10
44	0	Recreation	Leave	0	15
Para	6	cancelled	0	In	20
addition	to	returns	rather	for	25
under	para	1	(a)	and	30
(b)	of	6	Aust 1	Sw	35
11 3663	of	3	April	reprints	40
schedules	as	per	performance	attached	45
to	6	Aust 1	Sw	11 3663	50
of	3	Apr	44	will	55
be	submitted	as	follows	FIRST	60
0	Personnel	who	have	ARL	65
of	24	days	or	more	70
as	at	1	April	44	75
0	SECOND	0	personnel	who	80
have	18	days	or	more	85
as	at	1	April	0	90
second	will	include	first	0	95
all	returns	will	know	be	100
submitted	to	reach	11 3663	17	105
Aust 1	by	Bus	by	0800	110
hours	4	April	44	and	115
will	be	grouped	by	route	120
as	per	performance	attached	6	125
last	Sw	11 3663	of 3 April	0 ACK	130

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T.O.R.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 Aust Div
12 Jul 44

6 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 30

Reference 6 Aust Div A6443 of 10 Jul 44.

RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. The number of personnel of units as shown in Entraining Tables attached as Appx "A" will be granted accrued recreational leave, and "B"
2. These personnel will have 24 days and upwards to 54 days accrued recreational leave as at 31 Oct 44.
3. Personnel with accrued leave of 55 days and upwards as at 31 Oct 44 will under no circumstances be granted any leave in excess of 54 days.
4. All personnel are to be informed prior to proceeding on the leave granted, that they must return in the normal way, immediately upon conclusion of such leave and that extension of leave will NOT be granted under any circumstances.

MOVEMENT

5. Movement will commence on Fri 14 Jul 44. and "B"
6. Entraining Tables are attached as Appx "A" and OC Parties and OC Trains are detailed in para 31 (x).
7. To ensure the speedy movement of any key personnel proceeding on leave, units will endorse HL2 for these key personnel as follows:-

"This Officer)
NCO) is "key" personnel,
Soldier)

and it is requested that his movement to and from leave be expedited".

8. Arrangements for accelerated travel of "key" Officer personnel will be made in accordance with GRO A598/43 (part XV II). Units will submit to this HQ by 0900 hrs 13 Jul 44 a nominal roll of Officers for whom accelerated travel is required. Nominal Roll will show appointments held.

G R O s

9. Attention is drawn to the following GROs for compliance:-

	<u>GRO No.</u>
(a) Security of information while members are on leave.	G.466/42
(b) False statements to obtain leave.	(A.651/42 (A.652/42
(c) Control and custody of combined Home Leave Passes and railway tickets.	F.695/42
(d) Recording of Leave.	A.127/44
(e) Issue of food coupons to members on leave.	Q.182/44
(f) Leave and Transit Depots	A.596/43
(g) Leave generally (particularly paras 3(d), 17, 111, 117, 123).	A.598/43

LEAVE PASSES

- 10. Leave Passes (HL1 and HL2) may be obtained from 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office on usual authority signed by CO of unit concerned.
- 11. Leave Passes will be made out strictly in accordance with GRO A596/43, Part II, para 10(a).

NOMINAL ROLLS

12. Units will prepare nominal rolls as under for each train allocation:-

Destination	Number of Copies	Distribution
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	7	OC Train
VICTORIA	6	OC Train
TASMANIA	9	7 to OC Train 2 to be forwarded forthwith to HQ 6 Aust Div.

13. Nominal rolls will be prepared in accordance with GRO A596/43 Part II, para 10(a).

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14. Pay prior to departure will be limited to £10 per member. Additional pay will be available at LTDs from which leave is taken.

15. Subsistence allowance at the rate of 3/- per day for each day of leave will be drawn under unit arrangements from 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.

FOOD COUPONS

16. Food coupons for butter, meat, sugar and tea will be drawn by units from AASC 6 Aust Div and issued to leave personnel prior to departure.

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

17. Units will draw from AACS Bulk Store, WONDECIA, cigarettes and tobacco to cover travelling time of leave personnel on the following basis:-

Victoria	-	6	"
Tasmania	-	8	"
South Australia	-	7	"

18. Units will submit to AACS Bulk Store by 1300 hrs 13 Jul 44 indents for supplies as laid down in para II (a). CO's will certify that supplies are only for personnel proceeding on leave.

19. Nominal rolls for each State will be endorsed:-

"The above personnel have been issued with cigarettes/tobacco to cover days travelling time between unit and LTD (State)".

.....CO

20. Cigarettes/tobacco for leave period will be drawn by members at LTD (Home State).

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

21. Personnel proceeding on leave will -
- (a) Carry messing gear, water bottles (full) and blanket;
 - (b) Carry kit-bags (if required) and articles of web equipment (eg Belt, Haversack, Pack) as they desire;
 - (c) Arms, helmets, and respirators will not be carried, and arms and equipment not taken by members proceeding on leave will be retained in safe custody under unit arrangements.

DRESS

22. Dress for leave personnel will be SD with web belt and gaiters, hats turned up, chin-strap on chin. Gaiters (American pattern) will not be worn.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

23. All leave personnel will be warned of the full text of GRO A798/43, which reads:-

"No member of the Forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling".

24. OSC Trains will be personally responsible for the strict observance of this GRO.

RETENTION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL

25. Units are responsible for ensuring that any personnel whose attendance is required at any disciplinary or other proceedings are not permitted to proceed on leave until such proceedings have been finalised. Action will be taken to expedite finality in any such matters now pending.

SICKNESS OR INJURY WHILST ON LEAVE

26. Personnel proceeding on leave will be informed that to avoid being posted as AWL, any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will:-

- (a) Report at once to the nearest Hospital (Military) or, where this is impossible, to the nearest area Medical Officer; or
 - (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a Military Hospital or area Medical Officer is not available; or
 - (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a Military Hospital (or public hospital where a Military Hospital is not available) then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest HQ of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the DDMS.
- (d) When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with the LTD from which leave was granted, advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

This instruction applies particularly to personnel who suffer a recurrence of, or contract malaria whilst on leave.

OFFICERS - ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE

- 27. All units will maintain a record of all Officers' home or leave address when on leave, and of the means by which Officers proceeding out of the area on duty can be communicated with.
- 28. Such register will include anticipated changes of address whilst on leave or duty, with dates.
- 29. Officers will advise their units by quickest means, when, for any reason, address or addresses originally given require to be changed.

AAB 83 AND PAYBOOK

- 30. Units will ensure that all personnel proceeding on home leave are in possession of AAB 83's and Pay books.

MOVEMENT - DETAILS OF

- 31. (a) Personnel will move by road to INNISFAIL for entrainment in accordance with Entraining Tables attached as Appx "A" and "B" to this Instn.
- (b) Vehs for road movement will be provided by AASC 6 Aust Div and movement will be co-ordinated as follows:-
 - (i) Embussing - personnel will assemble and vehs will report in areas at times in accordance with Appx "A" and "B".
 - (ii) Embussing Areas -
 - Area A: Sports Ground, HQ 6 Aust Div.
 - " B: Open Ground adjacent 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.
 - " C: AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - " D: Veh Pk 16 Aust Inf Bde Cinema.
 - (iii) Embussing Officers will be detailed as follows:-
 - Area A: Sigs 6 Aust Div.
 - " B: RAA 6 Aust Div.
 - " C: AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - " D: HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (iv) All groups will, after debussing, move to convoy assembly area and on arrival report to Convoy Comd appointed by AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - (v) Route - Ref Maps HERBERTON
BARTLE FRERE
PALMERSTON
WONDECLA - rd junc 392037 - rd junc 425180 - rd junc 468235 - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.
 - (vi) Speed and Density - Speed NOT to exceed 15 mih.
Density NOT to exceed 15 vtm.
 - (vii) Halts - 20 min halts from 20 min to the even hour to the even hour.
 - (viii) Convoys will depart Convoy Assembly Area
WONDECLA -
Train No. 1 - 0715 hrs 14 Jul 44 - first halt 0940 hrs.
" " 2 - 1200 hrs 14 Jul 44.
 - (ix) Convoys will arrive at INNISFAIL -
Train No. 1 - 1315 hrs 14 Jul 44.
" " 2 - 1800 " 14 " 44.
 - (x) OC Trains will be appointed by - *W. Mitchell*
Train No. 1 - 17 Aust Inf Bde.
" " 2 - 16 " " "

- 32. Convoy Comds will ensure that Convoys do NOT arrive in INNISFAIL ahead of schedule.

33. On arrival INNISFAIL OsC Trains will report to RTO.

Meal under arrangements RTO INNISFAIL will be provided prior to entrainment.

W. J. Bunn Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION:

2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
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RAA 6 Aust Div (6)
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Sigs 6 Aust Div (2)
16 Aust Inf Bde (7)
17 " " " (7) 19 Aust Inf Bde (7)
2/3 Aust MG Bn
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
AASC 6 Aust Div (4)
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
2/2 " " "
2/7 " " "
104 Aust CCS
2/4 Aust Dental Unit
2/9 Aust Armd Regt Fd Pk
2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
135 " " " " "
2/119 Aust Bde Wksp
110 Aust Bde Wksp
135 " " "
6 Aust Div Pro Coy
6 Aust Div Postal Unit
6 Aust Div Sal Unit
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
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15 JUL 44

17 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO. 7.

1. GENERAL:

Further to 6 Aust Div Adm Instr No 30 dated 12 Jul 44 (and addendum dated 13 Jul 44) and A6588 of 13 Jul 44.

2. MOVEMENT:

Movement will be in accordance with above instruction and further detailed instructions to be issued.

3. DISCIPLINE:

(a) OCs train will be appointed by HQ 6 Aust Div.

(b) Duties of OCs train are set out in Standing Orders for Movement in Australia, instructions mentioned in para (1) above and in this instruction.

4. RETENTION OF PERSONNEL:

(i) Personnel required for any disciplinary or other purposes will be held in accordance with 6 Aust Div Adm Instr No 30.

(ii) Units will ensure that sufficient "KEY" personnel both officers and other ranks are retained to enable the efficient functioning of the unit in all phases to continue.

5. SECURITY OF UNIT LINES, STORES ETC:

Detailed instructions for security of unit lines, stores etc, are contained in Appendix "A".

6. REAR DETAILS:

(i) VX37109 Major K C CLARKE "MC" is appointed OC Rear Details 17 Aust Inf Bde as from a date to be notified.

(ii) Units will appoint an officer of rank of Captain or above as OC Unit Rear Details, such nomination to be advised to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde by 0900 hours 16 Jul 44.

(iii) Duties of OC Rear Details HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and OC Unit Rear Details are contained in Appendix "B".

(iv) Officers appointed as OC Unit Rear Details will have powers of Comd Offr.

7. TRANSPORT:

As from a date to be notified all unit transport will be concentrated at HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde except 1 truck 4 x 4 8 cwt, 1 3 ton Water Truck and 1 3 ton GS Truck per Bn.

8. PHILANTHROPIC AND AMENITIES SERVICE:

(i) Unit Recreational Huts will continue to function as normally for personnel remaining in lines.

(ii) Amenities Officer HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will, under direction of OC Rear Details HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, arrange for provision of amenities for personnel remaining in unit lines.

9. ADMINISTRATION:

(i) Units will continue to function as normally for all matters of administration.

(ii) All returns required will be submitted by due dates and times.

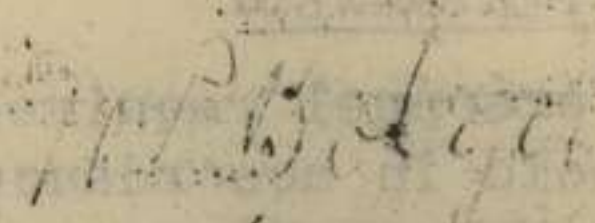
10. SECURITY:

- (i) Personnel may mention in mail, telegrams etc, that they (individually) are proceeding or are about to proceed, on ARL.
- (ii) NO mention will be made that any unit or part of a unit has proceed, is, or will be, proceeding on ARL.

11. BREAKING OF JOURNEY:

Attention is directed to GRU A598/43 Part XVI para 117 which is repeated hereunder:-

"The forward journey to the destination shown on rail warrant or combined home leave pass and railway ticket will not be broken."


 Capt
 (W.P. BOLGER)
 SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

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- 2/46 Aust L.A.D.
- CC Rear Details HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

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- File

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECURITY OF UNIT LINES & STORES

1. OC Unit Rear Details will ensure that adequate guards and picquets are provided from Rear Detail personnel for the security of unit lines, stores, etc.
2. TENTAGE:
Vacated tentage will be left standing with all sides, flaps, etc, rolled up.
3. ACCOMMODATION STORES:
All accommodation stores NOT required for use by rear details will be placed in central dump in Unit Lines.
4. BUILDINGS:
Only minimum number of cookhouses, abultions, latrines, etc., required will be used by rear details.
5. UNIT BAGGAGE:
Personal baggage and equipment will be stored in Unit "Q" Store or other suitable building with doors fitted with locks.
6. UNIT STORES, EQUIPMENT, ARMS & AMMUNITION:
 - (i) Unit stores, equipment and arms will be concentrated and stored in Unit "Q" Stores.
 - (ii) Arms and equipment will be kept maintenanced under arrangements OC Rear Details.
 - (iii) Ammunition will remain in ammunition shelters provided and will be securely guarded.
7. FIRE:
Additional buckets of water and sand, and drums of water will be placed adjacent to any building, hutment or tent containing stores, baggage, equipment, arms or ammunition.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REAR DETAILS 17 AUST INF BDE

1. GENERAL:

- (i) VX37109 Major K C CLARKE "MC" is appointed OC Rear Details 17 Aust Inf Bde and will take over duties as from a date to be notified.
- (ii) OC Unit Rear Details will be appointed in accordance with para 6, sub-para (ii) of this instruction.

2. PERSONNEL:

All personnel of units under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde not proceeding on leave in accordance with this instruction, all personnel placed under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde and all personnel of units under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde ex "X" List, hospital, schools, reinforcements etc, will come under comd OC Rear Details 17 Aust Inf Bde.

3. DUTIES:

- (i) General - OC Unit Rear Details will be responsible for the administration of units, security of lines, and stores. Reception of personnel, maintenance of unit lines and essential services and any other duties which may from time to time be presented.
- (ii) Transport - (a) OC Rear Details 17 Aust Inf Bde will appoint an officer to act as Bde TO.
(b) OC Rear Details will be responsible for all MT on charge to 17 Aust Inf Bde and will ensure that all transport is maintained and used in accordance with instructions already issued.
- (iii) Returns - OC Unit Rear Details will ensure that all necessary returns etc, are submitted as required.
- (iv) Fire Precautions - OC Unit Rear Details will ensure that unit fire precaution and orders are observed. Additional buckets of sand and water will be provided at all huts, buildings etc, containing stores, etc.
- (v) Tentage - OC Unit Rear Details will ensure that all unoccupied tentage will remain standing with sides, flaps etc rolled up.
- (vi) Security of Lines & Stores -
 - (1) OC Unit Rear Details will ensure that guards are provided for the security of unit lines and stores.
 - (2) Detailed instructions for security of lines and stores are set out in Appendix "A".
 - (3) OC Unit Rear Details will issue written orders setting out duties of guards and picquets.
- (vii) Inspections -
 - (1) OC Rear Details 17 Aust Inf Bde and OC Unit Rear Details will make frequent inspections of unit lines, buildings, hutments, stores, etc and all guards and picquets.
 - (2) OC Unit Rear Details will arrange for inspection of all unit guards and picquets by an officer detailed by him not less frequently than once each day and once each night.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE
RETURNS REQUIRED

*SDR
152140K*

HQ 6 Aust Div
15 Jul 44
Ref: A6673

Reference 6 Aust Div A6588 of 13 Jul 44.

1. The following returns will be submitted to this HQ, on the days indicated, and in accordance with the proforma attached as Appendix "A".

PERSONNEL WITH ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

2. This return will be rendered by 0900 hrs Monday 17 Jul, 44 as at 0600 hrs. Thereafter return will be rendered by 1000 hrs each Friday.

3. Return will NOT include any personnel already allotted to any trains or already proceeded on leave.

PERSONNEL WITH ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT

4. This return will reach this HQ by 0900 hrs daily, commencing Monday 17 Jul 44, and will be as at 0600 hrs.

5. Return will include only personnel who are actually available for immediate movement and will NOT include:-

(a) Personnel already proceeded on leave.

(b) Personnel already allotted to leave trains allocated by this HQ.

Distribution: List "D"

*SIG A568. for the times
which above returns are
to be submitted.*

B. B. [Signature]
Lt.-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

CAMP STANDING ORDERS FOR FIRE

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

- (i) All ranks are responsible that the necessary precautions are taken to avoid damage to public and private property by fire.
- (ii) Naked lights in buildings or tents will be carefully shielded and candles will be placed in approved holders.
- (iii) No lighted lamps, stoves, burners etc will be left unattended in buildings or tents.
- (iv) Kerosene is not to be poured into lamps or oil stoves while such lamps or stoves are still alight.
- (v) Naked lights or hurricane lamps will on NO account be taken into or used in the vicinity of an inflammable liquid or material store nor will the use of such lamps be permitted when filling petrol tanks of vehicles at night or where there free inflammable liquids.
- (vi) Under NO circumstances will any fires other than issue oil or primus stoves be lit within or in close proximity to a tent.

2. FIRE PICQUET

- (vii) The BSM will detail a fire picquet of 1 NCO and 6 ORs who will under no circumstances leave the camp area during their period of duty without first obtaining the permission of the Duty Officer.
- (viii) The period of duty of a picquet will be from Retreat to Retreat.
- (ix) The NCO i/c and all members of the picquet will ensure that they are thoroughly conversant with these orders and familiar with the locations of the 5 Fire Stands in the Area.
- (x) The NCO i/c picquet will be responsible for inspecting the fire fighting appliances during his tour of duty and will ensure that all buckets are filled with water.
- (xi) In the event of fire the picquet will proceed immediately to the scene of the fire or should its location not be apparent will assemble outside the sgts' mess building for instructions.
- (xii) The NCO i/c picquet will be responsible for giving the alarm if necessary sounding the fire gong and taking all possible measures to localise and extinguish the fire.

3. ACTION IN THE EVENT OF FIRE

- (xiii) The person first discovering the fire will if the fire is small put it himself and report to the duty officer when this has been done. Should the fire be too large to be dealt with the person concerned will shout 'FIRE' at the top of his voice and obtain assistance from the nearest available personnel. Prompt action by personnel on the spot may mean the difference between success and failure to get the fire under control. He will send one man to report to the duty officer.
- (xiv) The senior officer or NCO present will take charge pending the arrival of the Duty Officer.
- (xv) On the alarm being given all available personnel will obtain buckets and proceed immediately to the scene of the fire or if that is not apparent to assemble to the vicinity of the sgts' mess and await instructions.
- (xvi) If a building is on fire water, sand and fire extinguishers will be used to extinguish the fire.
- (xvii) If a tent is on fire the guys will be loosened and the tent thrown to a clear area and the fire extinguished.
- (xviii) If a vehicle is on fire the fire extinguisher will be used immediately to put the fire out.
- (xix) Every attempt must be made to localise and prevent the fire spreading. All tents in the immediate vicinity will be dropped.
- (xx) Any moveable property will be removed from the scene of the fire and all efforts will be made to salvage Government and personal property.
- (xxi) As soon as the fire has been extinguished the senior officer or private present will place a guard around the scene of the fire and will report to the BM in writing.

DISTRIBUTION

All Officers
BSM (3)
War Diary (2) File (2)

(K C Clarke)
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

Maj

No (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Appointment (d)	Leave Address (e)	Phone (f)	Anticipated Change of address " date of change (g)	Phone (h)	Remarks (i)
SX2889	Brig	M.J. MOTEN	Comd	17 Stanley St., WOODVILLE S.AUST		-	-	-
NX101315	Maj	G.C. DARLING	B M (L)	"Strathmuir" POMONAL via STAWELL VIC		-	-	Will advise Bde HQ of any change
VX5460	Capt	W.P. BOLGER	S C	32 Eve St., MALVERN. MELB. VIC.	UY5816	-	-	-
VX117103	Lt	J.R. HIRST	S C (L)	66 Hutton St., THORNBURY H17 MELB. VIC.		419 Parrickville Rd., DULWICH HILL, SYDNEY N.S.W.	JW2684	-
NX76385	Capt	J.W. BLACKSTONE	BASCO	Marine Drive TEA GARDENS PORT STEPHENS North Coast NSW	TEA GARDENS 5	-	-	Will Advise Bde HQ by wire if any change
TX6054	Capt	L.C. JOHNSON	T.O.	Metropole Hotel SYDNEY N.S.W.		-	-	-
VX18513	Capt	W.F. LEE	Legal O.	"Claremont", Birdwood Terrence AUCHENFLOUER BRISBANE. Q'LD	Toowong 722	Gosham Hotel ADELAIDE S.AUST Three weeks after commencement of leave		Change of address unlikely.
VX27008	Capt	H.J. COUGHLAN	L O 1	25 Epping St E. MALVERN VIC	U1551	C/- Mrs W.L.NICHOLAS Ness House Nurrn Rd VAUCLAUSE, N.S.W.		First Ten days SYDNEY

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
VX35692	Lt	T.W. ASHTON	L O 11	Mrs T.W. ASHTON 7 Linda St., COBURG. VIC	FW4596	C/- Mrs Young NARRGEELA TARA VALLEY Via YARRAN VIC.		TARN VALLE after four days
VX9793	Lt	J.M. JOHNSTONE	L O 111	3 Allaville Ave., MALVERN VIC	U7636			
VX5108	Lt	H.S. MOODIE	B O O	24 Denman Str., EAST GEELONG. VIC				
VX14221	Capt	D.C. McLEAN	Sig O	145 Kooyong Rd TOCRAK SH2 VIC	U1471			
NX191652	Lt	O.L. EDWARDS	L O	31 Central Ave., MOSMAN N.S.W.	F3612			
NX134861	Lt	I.R. BRANDER	Hyg O	Belmont Rd., SUTHERLAND N.S.W.				Compassion- ate leave
SX26146	Chap	W.H.D. WALLACE	2/5 Bn	TEESDALE, VIC	TEESDALE 2	C/- W.J.BERRY Cnr Geelong & Ormond Rds., KINGSVILLE, VIC.	MW1061	
QX19124	Chap	D.J.T. RICHARDSON	2/6 Bn	74 Brisbane Str., BULLIMBA. Q'LD NE 1	JY1981			
VX90116	Chap	P.G. O'KEEFE	2/7 Bn	Illowa via WARRNAMBOOL VIC.				
SX3886	Lt-col	T.M. CONROY	C.O. 2/5 Bn	"St Anthony's" 1 Rosalind St., ERINDALE S.AUST.	F3612			
VX5738	Maj	R.H. MacFARLANE	2IC 2/5 Bn	Cas Ave., (till CROYDON. VIC 1 Aug)	Croydon 73	"The Rectory" LONFORD. TAS	Longford 22	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
NX141439	Capt	W.D. JONES	Adj 2/5 Bn	67 A Citizen Str., GOULBURN N.S.W.	GOULBURN 765		
QX21235	Lt	B. HODGE	A/Adj 2/5 Bn	C/- Post Office EUDERM. Q'LD	EUDERM 227	20 McIntosh Str., AUCHENFLOWER BRISBANE. Q'LD or Dalgety & Co Ltd BRISBANE. Q'LD	
VX 166	Lt-Col	F.G. WOOD	C O 2/6 Bn	33 Bowen St., OAKLEIGH VIC	UM2807		
VX9890	Maj	D.O. HAY	2IC 2/6 Bn	Barwon Heads VIC	Barwon Heads 9		
VX10226	Capt	K.L. BROUGHAM	Adj 2/6 Bn	YALCOWINNA via BROKEN HILL N.S.W.	Broken Hill 343	S A Hotel ADELAIDE	
VX3837	Maj	H.McB. STEWART	OC Coy 2/6 Bn	FIFIELD YASS N.S.W.	YASS 26	Scotts Hotel Collins Str., MELBOURNE VIC (last week)	
PX 15	Lt	J.E. MASON	A/Adj 2/6 Bn	8 Marinea St., ARNCLIFFE. SYDNEY. N.S.W.	LX2442	"Rest Haven" TERRIGAL via GOSFORD. N.S.W.	
VX 33	Lt-Col	H.G. GUINN	C O 2/7 Bn	406 Waverley Rd., EAST MALVERN VIC	UL1579		
VX237	Maj	St.E.D. NELSON	2IC 2/7 Bn	22 Stephen Str., NEWTOWN. GEELONG VIC	4182	Rest Point Hotel HOBART TAS. (1 week after commencement of leave 2 weeks duration)	
VX18511	Capt	J. TROON	Adj 2/7 Bn	21 Gladstone St. MOONEE PONDS VIC			
WX8976	Lt	W.A. FLEMING	A/Adj 2/7 Bn	8 Edinburgh St SOUTH PERTH W.A.			

OFFICERS NOT PROCEEDING ON LEAVE

No	Rank	Name	Appointment	Leave Address	Phone	Anticipated change of address "	date of change	Phone	Remarks
VX37109	Maj	CLARKE K.C.	B M	320 Punt Rd., Sth YARRA SE2 VICTORIA	M5811				
VX7586	Capt	MARSDEN H.M.	I O	C/- F.GREY WILSON 30 North Rd., BRIGHTON VIC	X2745				
VX57807	Lt	GALLACHER S.R.	Aman O	47 Henty St., PORTLAND VIC	Portland 66				
VX41669	Lt	WHITLEY A.G.	Educ O	17 Latrobe St., GLENHUNTLY MELBOURNE VIC					
NX70553	Lt	WATSON J.C.B.	Sig O	53 Gloucester Rd HURSTVILLE N.S.W.	LU2787				
NX77317	Capt	FARNHILL E.S.	LAD O	Hotel Metropole SYDNEY.					

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject : ADMINISTERING COMMAND

2/7 AUST INF BN
Quote : M748/6/44
19 JUL 44

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

1. Herewith certificate of hand over of command together with copy of works policy and list of appointments for leave period.

G. Abramo
.....Maj
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn,
19 Jul 44.

Maj. G. A. CRAWFORD.

You will administer command of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn during my absence on leave, or until removed by higher authority.

You will be held responsible for training, care and safe keeping of all units, arms, ammunition and stores.

List showing key personnel, works policy, and appointment for period, is attached.

Henry R. Quinn
.....Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

G. A. Crawford Major

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

WORKS POLICY FOR PERIOD UNIT ON LEAVE.

ROADS : (a) Main Camp Road.

(b) Outlet near Sig Office.

GRAVEL: (a) All roads.

(b) Cookhouse and messing areas.

(c) Tents.

GARDEN: BHQ Area.

SPORTS: (a) Tennis Court

(b) Cricket and Rubgy grounds.

(c) Grand stands.

Works to be carried out in priority, as shown above.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/7 AUST INF BN.

KEY PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENT FOR LEAVE PERIOD.

C.O. VX323 Maj CRAWFORD.

2 i/c. VX4621 Capt ARNOLD.

Adj. VX4693 Lt. R. W. BUTTON.

Q.M. VX9418 Lt. W. G. BUTLER.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 23

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

HQ 2/6 AUSTR INF BDE

201000K

For Action

TO

HQ 17 AUSTR INF BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QQY

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

A258 © Restricted © Ref HQ Austr

Div A6734 © This unit is unable to comply with

SUB PARA A2 in para 6 re offrs © please advise if SUBALTERN is adequate for OC guard

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Time Cleared		

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

..... } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Capt IRWIN

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Subject: REAR DETAILS

Ref 6 Aust Div A6734 of 17 JUL 44

17 Aust Inf Bde

Ref No: A/2/133

19 JUL 44

6 AUST DIV

It is advised that the following officers have been appointed OC Rear Details.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	VX37109	Major K.C. CLARKE "MC"
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TX708	Capt V.M. WALKER "MC"
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	VX181	Major J.S. JONES
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	VX232	Major G.A. CRAWFORD

No officer of the rank of major is available in 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

M.J. Moten Brig
(M.J. MOTEN)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: RECREATIONAL LEAVE
SECURITY - DURING ABSENCE OF
PERSONNEL ON LEAVE

HQ 6 Aust Div
17 Jul 44
Ref: A 6734

The strictest measures for security of unit equipment and stores will be implemented by all units with personnel absent on recreational leave.

2. Unit equipment stores and kitbags NOT being used by the remaining personnel of units will be concentrated in one or two buildings (if available) or marquees. Maximum use will be made of buildings and doors and windows will be securely fastened. These unit dumps will be guarded continuously and will include fixed and roving picquets.

3. An inventory of equipment stores and kits left in buildings and/or marquees will be prepared and held by the senior officer remaining in unit lines.

4. Special safeguards will be taken with all controlled stores.

5. Each unit will provide its own guards and written orders for guards will be prepared by unit comds prior to departure.

6. Where the majority of personnel are due to proceed on leave, the following instructions will be enforced and adequate rear parties will remain in accordance with the following :-

(a) Infantry Battalion or equivalent unit :

(i) OC Rear Details
One Major.

(ii) Guard
Two officers. Officer in charge will be either a senior captain or major.
40 ORs including adequate NCOs.

(b) Units below Battalion :

(i) OC Rear Details
One officer NOT below rank of captain

(ii) Requisite number of ORs (as decided by Comd).

7. The OC Rear Details will in each case be responsible for the supervision of all security measures.

8. Where in any unit, the numbers specified for a guard are NOT available, the matter will be referred to this HQ which will give directions as to the measures to be taken.

9. Responsibility for the security of all equipment and stores will be impressed on all OC Rear Parties and guards. In the event of any loss the matter will be immediately referred to this HQ.

10. Special Fire Orders will be prepared to cover conditions as they will exist during the absence of personnel on leave. Fire fighting appliances will be ready for immediate use.

W. J. G. G. G.
Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

HQ 6 Aust Div
13 Jul 44
Ref: A6588

1. Accrued Recreational Leave is to be granted to all personnel of 6 Aust Div who have not proceeded on leave for nine months - i.e. subsequent to 30 Sep 43. This will continue progressively as personnel in units and formations come within the nine months category.

2. A minimum of 24 days ARL will be granted, but leave entitlement additional to this will be added providing that such leave does not exceed a maximum of 54 days.

3. A return of personnel with Accrued Recreational Leave will therefore be submitted by formations and units on the following basis:-

Numbers of personnel now available for leave who have not proceeded on leave since

- (i) 30 Sep 43
- (ii) 31 Oct 43
- (iii) 30 Nov 43
- (iv) 31 Dec 43
- (v) 31 Jan 44

4. The above return will show numbers by routes.

5. These returns will reach this HQ by 1500 hrs Friday 14 Jul 44.

W. C. Murphy
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HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
13 JUL 44.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn
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2/7 Aust Inf Bn

1. Return in accordance with above quoted 6 Aust Div memo to reach Bde HQ NOT later than 1300 hrs 14 JUL 44.

2. Personnel who ^{are} have proceeded on leave in trains 1 - 2 & 3 are not to be included.

W. P. Budge
Capt.
17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

CIGARETTES/TOBACCO

11. (a) Units will draw from AACS Bulk Store WONDECLA, cigarettes and tobacco to cover travelling time of leave personnel on the following basis:

Queensland	-	4 days
New South Wales	-	5 days
Victoria	-	6 days
Tasmania	-	8 days
South Australia	-	7 days
West Australia	-	11 days

(b) Units will submit to AACS Bulk Store by 1800 hrs 13 Apr 44 indents for supplies as laid down in para II(a). CO's will certify that supplies are ONLY for personnel proceeding on leave.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 Aust Div
12 Jul 44

6 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 30

Reference 6 Aust Div A6443 of 10 Jul 44.

RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. The number of personnel of units as shown in Entraining Tables attached as Appx "A"/will be granted accrued recreational leave, and "B"
2. These personnel will have 24 days and upwards to 54 days accrued recreational leave-as at 31 Oct 44.
3. Personnel with accrued leave of 55 days and upwards as at 31 Oct 44 will under no circumstances be granted any leave in excess of 54 days.
4. All personnel are to be informed prior to proceeding on the leave granted, that they must return in the normal way, immediately upon conclusion of such leave and that extension of leave will NOT be granted under any circumstances.

MOVEMENT

5. Movement will commence on Fri 14 Jul 44. and "B"
6. Entraining Tables are attached as Appx "A"/and OC Parties and OC Trains are detailed **in para 31 (x)**.
7. To ensure the speedy movement of any key personnel proceeding on leave, units will endorse HL2 for these key personnel as follows:-

"This Officer)
NCO) is "key" personnel,
Soldier)

and it is requested that his movement to and from leave be expedited".

8. Arrangements for accelerated travel of "key" Officer personnel will be made in accordance with GRO A598/43 (part XV II). Units will submit to this HQ by 0900 hrs 13 Jul 44 a nominal roll of Officers for whom accelerated travel is required. Nominal Roll will show appointments held.

G R O s

9. Attention is drawn to the following GROs for compliance:-

	<u>GRO No.</u>
(a) Security of information while members are on leave.	G.466/42
(b) False statements to obtain leave.	(A.651/42 (A.652/42
(c) Control and custody of combined Home Leave Passes and railway tickets.	F.695/42
(d) Recording of Leave.	A.127/44
(e) Issue of food coupons to members on leave.	Q.182/44
(f) Leave and Transit Depots	A.596/43
(g) Leave generally (particularly paras 3(d), 17, 111, 117, 123).	A.598/43

LEAVE PASSES

- 10. Leave Passes (HL1 and HL2) may be obtained from 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office on usual authority signed by CO of unit concerned.
- 11. Leave Passes will be made out strictly in accordance with GRO A596/43, Part II, para 10(a).

NOMINAL ROLLS

12. Units will prepare nominal rolls as under for each train allocation:-

Destination	Number of Copies	Distribution
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	7	OC Train
VICTORIA	6	OC Train
TASMANIA	9	7 to OC Train 2 to be forwarded forthwith to HQ 6 Aust Div.

13. Nominal rolls will be prepared in accordance with GRO A596/43 Part II, para 10(a).

P A Y

- 14. Pay prior to departure will be limited to £10 per member. Additional pay will be available at LTDs from which leave is taken.
- 15. Subsistence allowance at the rate of 3/- per day for each day of leave will be drawn under unit arrangements from 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.

FOOD COUPONS

16. Food coupons for butter, meat, sugar and tea will be drawn by units from AASC 6 Aust Div and issued to leave personnel prior to departure.

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

17. Units will draw from AACS Bulk Store, WONDECIA, cigarettes and tobacco to cover travelling time of leave personnel on the following basis:-

Victoria	-	6	"
Tasmania	-	8	"
South Australia	-	7	"

18. Units will submit to AACS Bulk Store by 1300 hrs 13 Jul 44, indents for supplies as laid down in para II (a). CO's will certify that supplies are only for personnel proceeding on leave.

19. Nominal rolls for each State will be endorsed:-

"The above personnel have been issued with cigarettes/tobacco to cover days travelling time between unit and LTD (State)".

.....CO

20. Cigarettes/tobacco for leave period will be drawn by members at LTD (Home State).

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

21. Personnel proceeding on leave will -
- (a) Carry messing gear, water bottles (full) and blanket;
 - (b) Carry kit-bags (if required) and articles of web equipment (eg Belt, Haversack, Pack) as they desire;
 - (c) Arms, helmets, and respirators will not be carried, and arms and equipment not taken by members proceeding on leave will be retained in safe custody under unit arrangements.

DRESS

22. Dress for leave personnel will be SD with web belt and gaiters, hats turned up, chin-strap on chin. Gaiters (American pattern) will not be worn.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

23. All leave personnel will be warned of the full text of GRO A798/43, which reads:-

"No member of the Forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling".

24. OsC Trains will be personally responsible for the strict observance of this GRO.

RETENTION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL

25. Units are responsible for ensuring that any personnel whose attendance is required at any disciplinary or other proceedings are not permitted to proceed on leave until such proceedings have been finalised. Action will be taken to expedite finality in any such matters now pending.

SICKNESS OR INJURY WHILST ON LEAVE

26. Personnel proceeding on leave will be informed that to avoid being posted as AWL, any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will:-

- (a) Report at once to the nearest Hospital (Military) or, where this is impossible, to the nearest area Medical Officer; or
- (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a Military Hospital or area Medical Officer is not available; or
- (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a Military Hospital (or public hospital where a Military Hospital is not available) then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest HQ of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the DDMS.
- (d) When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with the LTD from which leave was granted, advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

This instruction applies particularly to personnel who suffer a recurrence of, or contract malaria whilst on leave.

OFFICERS - ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE

27. All units will maintain a record of all Officers' home or leave address when on leave, and of the means by which Officers proceeding out of the area on duty can be communicated with.

28. Such register will include anticipated changes of address whilst on leave or duty, with dates.

29. Officers will advise their units by quickest means, when, for any reason, address or addresses originally given require to be changed.

AAB 83 AND PAYBOOK

30. Units will ensure that all personnel proceeding on home leave are in possession of AAB 83's and Pay books.

MOVEMENT - DETAILS OF

31. (a) Personnel will move by road to INNISFAIL for entrainment in accordance with Entraining Tables attached as Appx "A" and "B" to this Instn.
- (b) Vehs for road movement will be provided by AASC 6 Aust Div and movement will be co-ordinated as follows:-
- (i) Embussing - personnel will assemble and vehs will report in areas at times in accordance with Appx "A" and "B".
 - (ii) Embussing Areas -
 - Area A: Sports Ground, HQ 6 Aust Div.
 - " B: Open Ground adjacent 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.
 - " C: AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - " D: Veh Pk 16 Aust Inf Bde Cinema.
 - (iii) Embussing Officers will be detailed as follows:-
 - Area A: Sigs 6 Aust Div.
 - " B: RAA 6 Aust Div.
 - " C: AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - " D: HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (iv) All groups will, after debussing, move to convoy assembly area and on arrival report to Convoy Comd appointed by AASC 6 Aust Div.
 - (v) Route - Ref Maps HERBERTON
BARTLE FRERE
PALMERSTON
WONDECLA - rd junc 392037 - rd junc 425180 - rd junc 468235 - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.
 - (vi) Speed and Density - Speed NOT to exceed 15 mih. Density NOT to exceed 15 vtm.
 - (vii) Halts - 20 min halts from 20 min to the even hour to the even hour.
 - (viii) Convoys will depart Convoy Assembly Area
WONDECLA -
Train No. 1 - 0715 hrs 14 Jul 44 - first halt 0940 hrs.
" " 2 - 1200 hrs 14 Jul 44.
 - (ix) Convoys will arrive at INNISFAIL -
Train No. 1 - 1315 hrs 14 Jul 44.
" " 2 - 1800 " 14 " 44.
 - (x) OC Trains will be appointed by -
Train No. 1 - 17 Aust Inf Bde.
" " 2 - 16 " " "

32. Convoy Comds will ensure that Convoys do NOT arrive in INNISFAIL ahead of schedule.

33. On arrival INNISFAIL OsC Trains will report to RTO.

Meal under arrangements RTO INNISFAIL will be provided prior to entrapment.

L. S. Bunn Capt
for Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

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2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
AASC 6 Aust Div (4)
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
2/2 " " "
2/7 " " "
104 Aust CCS
2/4 Aust Dental Unit
2/9 Aust Armd Regt Fd Pk
2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
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2/5 AUST INF BN
12 JUL 44.

2/5 AUST INF BN ADM INST No 15

Ref 6 Aust Div Adm Inst No 30 of 12 JUL 44.

RECREATIONAL LEAVE.

1. Personnel with 24 days (or more) recreational leave due as at 31 OCT 44 may be granted ARL.
2. Under no circumstances will personnel be granted leave in excess of 54 days.
3. All personnel are to be informed prior to proceeding on leave that under no circumstances will any extension of leave be granted.
4. MOVEMENT
First tps will proceed on leave on 14 JUL 44 (Fri), start time 0630 hrs
Subsequent movements will be advised from time to time.
5. PAY
Pay prior to departure will be limited to £10 per member.
Additional pay will be available at LTDs from which leave is taken.
Subsistence allowance at the rate of 3/- per day for each day of leave will be drawn under unit arrangements from 6 Aust Div Pd Cash Office.
6. FOOD COUPONS
Food coupons for butter, meat, sugar and tea will be drawn by units from ASC 6 Aust Div and issued to leave personnel prior to departure.
7. CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO
Tps in para 4 (above) will draw cigarettes and tobacco before leaving, to cover the period of travel only, i.e.

Victoria	6 days
Tasmania	8 days
South Australia	7 days
8. Cigarettes/tobacco for leave period will be drawn by members at LTD (home state).
9. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT
Personnel proceeding on leave ~~will~~ will -
 - (a) carry messing gear, water bottles (full) and blanket;
 - (b) Carry kit-bags (if required) and articles of web equipment (e.g. Bolt, Haversack, Pack) as they desire;
 - (c) Arms, helmets, and respirators will not be carried, and arms ~~and~~ and equipment not taken by members proceeding on leave will be retained in safe custody under unit arrangements.
10. DRESS
Dress for leave personnel will be 3D with web bolt and gaiters, hats turned up, chin-strap on chin. Gaiters (American pattern) will NOT be worn.
11. OFFICERS - ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE.
All units will maintain a record of all Officers' home or leave address when on leave, and of the means by which Officers proceeding out of the area on duty can be communicated with.
Such register will include anticipated changes of address whilst on leave or duty, with dates.
Officers will advise their units by quickest means, when, for any reason, address or addresses originally given require to be changed.

12. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

All leave personnel will be warned of the full text of GRO A798/43, which reads:-

"No member of the Forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is ~~is~~ travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in which he is travelling."

Osg trains will be personally responsible for the strict observance of this GRO.

13. SICKNESS OR INJURY WHILST ON LEAVE

Personnel proceeding on leave will be informed that to avoid being posted as AWL, any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will:-

- (a) Report at once to the nearest Hospital (Military) or, where this is impossible, to the nearest area Medical Offr; or
- (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a Military Hospital or area Medical Officer is NOT available; or
- (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a Military Hospital (or public hospital where a Military Hospital is not available) then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest HQ of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the DDMS.
- (d) When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with the LTD from which leave was granted, advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

This instruction applies particularly to personnel who suffer a recurrence of, or contract malaria whilst on leave.

14. AAB 83 (Record of Service) and PAYBOOK

Units will ensure that all personnel proceeding on home leave are in possession of AAB 83's and paybooks.

15. ACK

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A/Adjt 2/5 AUST INF BN

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Headquarters
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9 Jun 44

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FOOD RATIONS COUPONS

In view of the Commonwealth Government's decision to reduce the butter ration by 25% it will be necessary to apply the same reduction to Service personnel not rationed departmentally. In this regard the following amendment to GRO Q182/44 is notified and will be promulgated in due course:-

Amendment to GRO Q182/44

After para 3 insert the following new para-

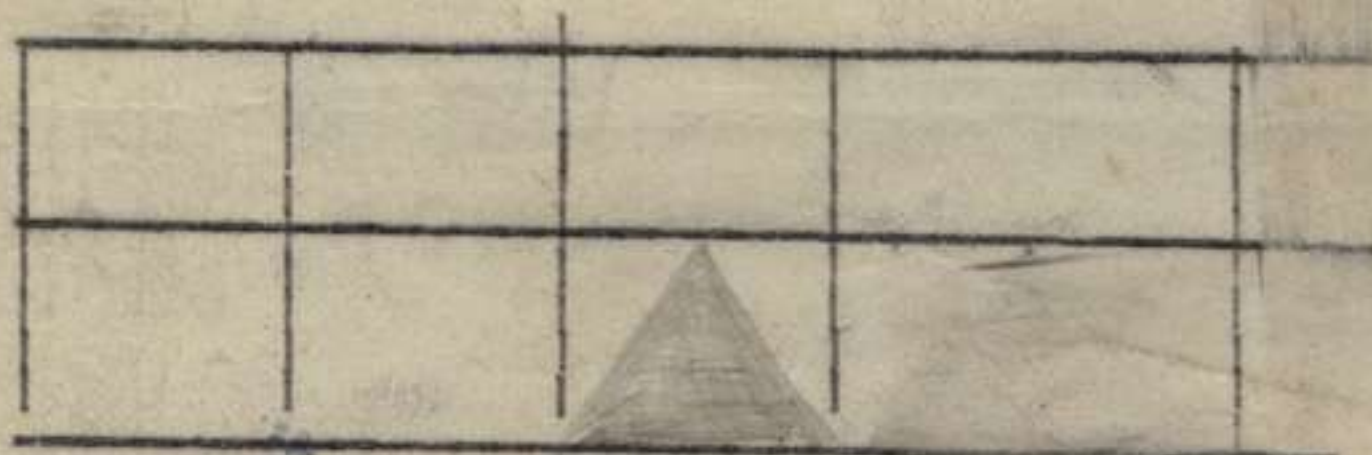
3A. Reduction in Butter Ration

(a) In consequence of the 25% reduction in the butter ration issuing Officers will, in the case of personnel on subsistence or billeted or on leave for two weeks or more, remove the butter coupon (half coupon value) from one sheet out of every four half sheets issued.

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In the case of personnel on leave for less than two weeks and consequently receiving less than four half week sheets of combined coupons NO deduction will be made.

(b) The method of removal of the butter coupon from every fourth sheet, viden sub para (a) above, will be made by a triangular cut thus -



The shaded portion represents the section to be removed so as to effectively cancel and prevent negotiation of the coupon.

2. The above amendment to GRO Q182/44 is effective as from ~~the~~ date of receipt of this memorandum.

(sgd) Lt-col
for Major General
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 6 Aust Div
12 Apr 44

6 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 25

Subject: ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

Reference 6 Aust Div A560 of 9 Apr 44.

LEAVE ENTITLEMENT

1. (a) Twenty-four (24) days accrued recreational leave has been approved for personnel covered by the return furnished in accordance with 6 Aust Div A560 of 9 Apr 44, consolidation of which is attached as Appendix "A".

(b) All personnel are to be informed that they MUST return in the normal way immediately upon conclusion of the twenty-four (24) days leave.

Under no circumstances will any extension be considered.

MOVEMENT

2. Movement will commence at an early date, to be notified later.

3. Entraining tables will be issued separately in which OsC parties and OsC trains will be detailed.

4. Units will arrange that "key" personnel are despatched in the first draft. HL2s will be endorsed:-

"This Officer)
 NCO) is "key" personnel,
 Soldier)

and it is requested that his movement to and from leave be expedited."

..... GO

5. (a) Arrangements for accelerated travel of "key" officer personnel will be made in accordance with GRO A598/43 (part XV II).

(b) Units will submit to this HQ by 0900 hrs 13 Apr 44 a nominal roll of officers for whom accelerated travel is required. Nominal Roll will show appointments held.

GROs

6. Attention is drawn to the following GROs for compliance:-

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|---|------------------------------|
| (a) Clothing for personnel proceeding on leave from tropical stations | GRO No
0.208/1942 |
| (b) Security of information while members are on leave | G.466/1942 |
| (c) False statements to obtain leave | (A.651/1942
(A.652/1942 |
| (d) Control and custody of combined home leave passes and railway tickets | F.695/1942 |
| (e) Recording of Leave | A.249/1943 |
| (f) Issue of food coupons to members on leave | Q.395/1943 |
| (g) Leave and Transit Depots | A.596/1943 |
| (h) Leave generally (particularly paras 3(d), 17, 111, 117, 123) | A.598/1943 |

LEAVE PASSES

7. (a) Leave Passes (HL1 & HL2) may be obtained from 6 Aust Div Field Cash Office on usual authority signed by CO of unit concerned.

(b) Leave Passes will be made out strictly in accordance with GRO A596/43 part II para 10(a).

NOMINAL ROLLS

8. (a) Nominal rolls for each train will be prepared and distributed as under:-

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
WEST AUSTRALIA	9	OC Train
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	7	OC Train
VICTORIA	6	OC Train
TASMANIA	9	7 to OC Train 2 to be forwarded forthwith to HQ 6 Aust Div
NEW SOUTH WALES	6	OC Train
QUEENSLAND	6	OC Train
NORFOLK ISLAND	8	6 to OC Train 2 to be forwarded forth- with to HQ 6 Aust Div

(b) Nominal rolls will be prepared in accordance with GRO A596/43 part II para 10(a).

PAY

9. (a) Pay prior to departure will be limited to £10 per member for personnel proceeding to BRISBANE or beyond.

(b) Personnel proceeding to destinations NORTH of BRISBANE may draw such sums as they require.

(c) Pay will be available at LTDs from which leave will be taken for personnel mentioned in para (a) above.

(d) Subsistence allowance at the rate of 3/- per day for 24 days will be drawn under unit arrangements from 6 Aust Div Field Cash Office.

FOOD COUPONS

10. Food coupons for butter, meat, sugar and tea will be drawn by units from AASC 6 Aust Div and issued to leave personnel prior to departure.

(c) Nominal Rolls for each State will be endorsed:-

"The above personnel have been issued with cigarettes/tobacco to cover days travelling time between unit and LTD (State)"

..... CO

(d) Cigarettes/tobacco for 24 days leave period will be drawn by members at LTD (Home State).

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

12. Personnel proceeding on leave will
- i. Carry messing gear, water bottles (full) and blanket;
 - ii. Carry kit-bags (if required) and articles of web equipment (e.g. Belt, Haversack, Pack) as they desire;
 - iii. Arms, helmets, and respirators will NOT be carried, and arms and equipment NOT taken by members proceeding on leave will be retained in safe custody under unit arrangements.

DRESS

13. Dress for leave personnel will be SD with web belt and gaiters, hats turned up, chin-strap on chin. Gaiters American pattern will NOT be worn.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR

14. (a) Units will repeat in unit Routine Orders the full text of GRO A789/43 which reads:-

"No member of the forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling.

MBI A.103/1941 is cancelled."

(b) OsC Trains will be personally responsible for the strict observance of this GRO.

RETURNS

15. (a) Personnel available for leave

Units will submit to this HQ by 0900 hrs daily, a return by routes, in accordance with pro-forma issued with 6 Aust Div A3663 of 3 Apr 44, of all personnel entitled to leave under this Instn who are available for immediate movement. First return to be submitted 13 Apr 44.

This return must not include personnel covered by any movement orders issued prior to 0600 hrs daily.

(b) Leave Dissection Return

Units will submit to this HQ a return as per pro-forma attached as Appendix "B" as at 0600 hrs each Saturday, commencing 3 Jun 44.

This return applies only to personnel proceeding on leave under this instruction.

Figures will include only such personnel and, will NOT include personnel returning from Compassionate, Emergency or any other leave granted outside this Instruction.

SECURITY

16. The following measures for security of unit equipment and stores must be strictly observed:-

- (a) Each unit must provide its own guard;
- (b) In 19 Aust Inf Bde Area one Major will remain behind as OC Rear Details and will be responsible for supervision of Security measures;
- (c) In each Bn or equivalent unit not less than 2 officers and 40 OR will remain behind as guard. The officer i/c will be either a senior captain or a Major. An adequate number of NCOs will be retained;
- (d) In units below a Bn, one officer (NOT below the rank of Captain) and the requisite number of OR, as decided by the Comd, will be retained;
- (e) Where, in any unit, the numbers specified for a guard are NOT available, the matter will be referred to this HQ which will give directions as to the measures to be taken;
- (f) Each unit will concentrate equipment, stores, and kit-bags in one or two buildings (if available) or marquees. Maximum use is to be made of buildings, and doors and windows will be securely fastened;
- (g) Guards will be mounted continuously, and will include fixed and roving piquets;
- (h) An inventory of equipment, stores, and kit left in buildings and/or marquees will be handed to OC Rear Details by each unit;
- (i) Written orders for guards are to be prepared by unit Comds prior to departure on leave;
- (j) Responsibility for this security of equipment/stores will be impressed on all Comds and all OSC Rear Details. In the event of any loss, the matter will be referred IMMEDIATELY to this HQ;
- (k) Special safeguards will be taken with all controlled stores;
- (l) Special Fire Orders will be prepared to cover conditions as they will exist during the absence of the main body. Fire-fighting appliances will be concentrated ready for immediate use.

SICKNESS OR INJURY WHILST ON LEAVE

17. The following notification will be published in unit routine orders daily until all leave personnel have departed:-

"To avoid being posted as AWL, any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will:-

- (a) Report at once to the nearest hospital(military) or, where this is impossible, to the nearest area medical officer; or
- (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or area medical officer is not available; or
- (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital(or public hospital where a military hospital is not available) then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest HQ of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the DDMS.

- (d) When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with the LTD from which leave was granted, advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment."

This instruction applies particularly to personnel who suffer a recurrence of , or contract malaria whilst on leave.

OFFICERS- ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE

- 18.(a) All units will maintain a record of all officers' home or leave address when on leave, and of the means by which officers proceeding out of the area on duty can be communicated with.
- (b) Such register will include anticipated changes of address whilst on leave or duty, with dates.
- (c) Officers will advise their units by quickest means, when, for any reason, address or addresses originally given require to be changed

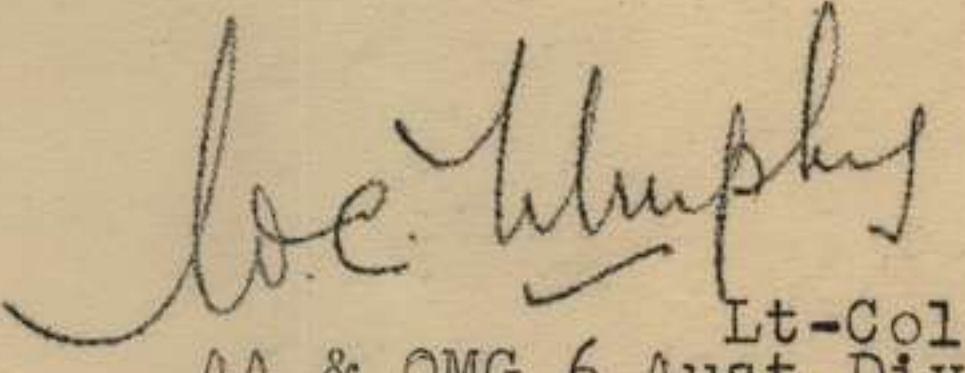
AAF AB83 AND PAYBOOK

19. Units will ensure that all personnel proceeding on home leave are issued with AAF AB83, and are in possession of paybooks.

PAYMENT AMENITIES ACCOUNTS

20. Outstanding accounts owing for purchases of sporting gear etc will be paid to Amenities Officer HQ 6 Aust Div before units proceed on leave.

DISTRIBUTION: List "D"


Lt-Col
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

SCHEDULE "A"

	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		TOTAL	
	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR	OFFRS	OR
HQ 6 Aust Div		1		1				2	1	11	1	1	6	39		4		1		2	8	62
A Sec FSW										1				1								2
6 Aust Div Postal Unit										4								1				5
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit										3			3					15		1		22
6 Aust Div Pro Coy		1								1			5					1		1		9
"C" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt										3										1		3
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	1	8	2	13		3		17	10	104	2	9	10	121	4	24		31	1	11	30	341
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	1	1						1	1	2				13				2			2	19
2/2 Aust Fd Regt								1		11				2								14
2/2 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec																						
2/40 Aust LAD																						
2/3 Aust Fd Regt		4		23	1	3		4	1	37				51	1	29	4	202		1	7	354
2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec																						
2/41 Aust LAD																						
12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt														1								1
2/1 Aust Lt AA Bty		2		1				6	7	129	1	4		5		7		1		2	8	157
3 Shore Fire Control Party										1			1	5				1			2	6
5 Shore Control Party																						
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div																						
1 Aust Engr Sig Sec				1					1	1			2	1							3	3
2/2 Aust Fd Coy			1	4				4	2	23			4	162		5		10			7	208
2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy								4				1		6	1			1			1	13
2/80 Aust LAD				1				1					1								1	2
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Ry Constn Coy																		1	3		1	3
26 Aust Camflg Unit										1											1	1
Sigs 6 Aust Div				2				5	1	6				4				2			1	19
2/41 Aust Cipher Sec														2		1		1				4
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde		1								2						1		1				3
16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec				1																		1
2/45 Aust LAD										1				1								2
2/1 Aust Inf Bn		16	1	11	1	2		6	3	43		5	1	10	1	6		2	1	1	8	102
2/2 Aust Inf Bn		11		7		6		13		38		3		15		4		1		2		100
2/3 Aust Inf Bn		3		8		5		3		32		1		6		2						60
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde																						
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec																						
2/46 Aust LAD		6		11		8		2		42		4		38		16		8		15		150
2/5 Aust Inf Bn																						
2/6 Aust Inf Bn																						
2/7 Aust Inf Bn																						

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HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	}	1	11	8	7	8	48	6	55	1	6	1	32	4	17	171							
19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec																							
2/79 Aust LAD																							
2/4 Aust Inf Bn		9	1	7	4	2	117	25	331	6	46	2	156	2	15	1	7	1	7	40	699		
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	1	22	1	7	1	1	4	3	54		5	20	531	1	28	1	38	2	36	30	726		
2/11 Aust Inf Bn		9	3	8	3		1		8		4	2	15		8	34	696			39	752		
6 Aust Div Carrier Coy		5	1	3	4	1	16	1	2	1	16	1	1		2	15			1	7	63		
2/3 Aust MG Bn	}	3		1	2		19		89		9	2	48	2	9	1	3			2	5	185	
2/66 Aust LAD																							
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn							2		5		1								1	1	10		
HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div		1										1									1	1	
2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		2		1			1		3				4		2		6					19	
2/5 Aust Sup Dep Coy				1					1				1								1	5	
2/1 Aust Fd Amb				4		2	1		16		1		8		4					1		37	
2/7 Aust Fd Amb		1		8					4				23		22	3	29	2	80		8	9	171
104 Aust CCS		2							8			1	4				1	4			10	21	
19 AAMCU									1													1	
2/119 Aust Ord Fd Pk													1									1	
135 Aust Ord Fd Pk									1				4	1	13						1	18	
2/119 Aust Bde Wkshops		1		2			6						6		4				1		1	21	
135 Aust Bde Wkshops		2		7		1			13			1	13	1	55				1			2	92
TOTALS	4	123	10	141	2	44	4	243	78	1103	11	110	61	1360	18	270	48	1167	5	97	241	4659	

LEGEND - ROUTES

- A. QUEENSLAND - Nth of BRISBANE
- B. QUEENSLAND - BRISBANE Area
- C. QUEENSLAND - West of TOOWOOMBA
- D. N S W - via KYOGLE to NEWCASTLE
- E. N S W - via KYOGLE beyond NEWCASTLE
- F. N S W - via WALLANGARRA
- G. VICTORIA
- H. SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- I. WEST AUSTRALIA
- J. TASMANIA

LEAVE DISSECTION RETURN

(Required as at 0600 hrs Saturday each week)

DATE

UNIT

Personnel not proceeding on leave		Personnel still to proceed on leave		Progressive Total of all pers who have proceeded on leave		Progressive total of all ranks who have returned from leave		DISSECTION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COL (c) & COL (d)												
								Not yet due back from leave		In Hosp on leave or believed to be so		AWL or believed to be so		Otherwise accounted for		Details unknown		TOTAL (equals difference between col (d) and col (e))		
(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)		(g)		(h)		(i)		(j)		
Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	

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ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE AS AT 31 OCT 44 BY NUMBERS AND ROUTES

Appendix "A" to 6 AUST
DIV A 6443 of 10 Jul 44

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Categories
by DAYS

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES

Categories by DAYS		N of T(ville & thereof	N of CAB-OOLTURE & S of T'ville	S of CAB-OOLTURE	via KYOGLE & N of HAWKS BURY	via WAGARRA & N of MAITLAND	NSW other than (iv) & (v)	Victoria	S AUST	W AUST	TASMANIA	TOTAL of Personnel in Catego
(a)	(b)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	viii)	(ix)	(x)	(n)
1	1 - 12				2	2	1	2				3
2	13- 18				1					1		2
3	19-23	1			1	1	1	1				5
4	24					1	2					3
5	25											
6	26											
7	27											
8	28											
9	29											
10	30						1					1
11	31											
12	32			7			9	44	6	3	4	73
13	33											
14	34			1								1
15	35											
16	36						1					1
17	37											
18	38											
19	39											
20	40							1				1
TOTAL BY ROUTES		1	8	2	2	15	48	6	4	4	TOTAL	90
											90	

X 2/46 LAD

2/32. 2/32

1x 1-12
1x 13x18
1x 19x23
4x 32
1x 32
3x 1-12

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44

APPENDIX "A" to
6 AUST DIV A6443
of 10 Jul 44

11 B1 C Coy 2/1 AUST GD REGT

CATEGORIES N of T'ville BY DAYS & W thereof		N of CAB & S of T'ville	S of CAB OOLTURE	via KYOGLE & N of HAWKS BURY	via W'GARRANSW & N of MAITLAND	other than (iv) & (v)	VICTORIA	S AUST	W AUST	TASMANIA	TOTAL PERSON in CAT ORIES		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1.	1 - 12						1	2					3
2.	13 - 18		1					1					2
3.	19 - 23							5	1				6
4.	24						1						1
5.	25				1								1
6.	26						1						1
10.	30							4			1		5
12.	32	2			2		3	9	2	1			19
15.	35							1*					1
16.	36	1											1
20.	40							1*					1
Total by Routes		3	1		3		6	23	3	1	1		41

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44 BY NUMBERS AND ROUTES.

UNIT 17 AUST INF BDE SIGNAL SECTION.

SERIAL	CATEGORIES BY DAYS	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES										TOTAL OF PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES	
		N of T'ville and W thereof	N of CAB-COLTURE and S of T'VILLE	S of CAB-COLTURE	Via KYOGLE and N of HAWKS BURY	Via W'GARRA and N of MAITLAND	NSW other than (iv) and (v)	VIC	S AUST	W AUST	TAS		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	1 - 12			1	1		3	6					9
2	13 - 18			1	1				1				3
3	19 - 23						1						1
6	26							1					1
8	28							1					2
12	32		2	1	2	1	8	7	1	4			26
13	33							1					1
14	34						1						1
16	36						2						2
Total by Routes			2	2	3	1	16	16	2	4		TOTAL 46 ^x	46 ^x

x Incl 2/42 Cypher Section personnel/att 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.

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Shellhear

CAPT.

OC 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Section.

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44 by NUMBERS AND ROUTES

UNIT: 2/5 AUST INF BN

S E R I A L	CATEGORIES BY DAYS	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES										TOTAL OF PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES	
		N of T'ville and W thereof	N of CAB-COOLTURE and S of T'VILLE	S of CAB-COOLTURE	Via KYOGLE and N of HAWKSBURY	Via W'GARRA and N of MAITLAND	NSW other than (iv) and (v)	VIC	S AUST	W AUST	TAS-MANIA		
		(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(x)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	1 - 12	1	5		4	1	19	34	7	5	4		89
2	13 - 18	1	2	1	3	3	48	12	11		8		89
3	19 - 23	1	3	9	3	-	18	8	16		5		53
4	24	1			1		1		4		1		7
5	25		5	1	1		10	6	3	1	3		30
6	26			1	1		1	2	2				5
7	27							1	2				5
8	28	1			2	2	16	4	1		1		27
9	29						4	2					6
10	30			3	5	2	20	5	2	4			41
11	31						2			1			3
12	32	1	10	20	12	5	126	261	15	41	4		495
13	33				1					1	1		3
14	34		1			1	1						4
15	35					1	2						4
16	36					1	2		1				4
17	37												2
18	38			1						1			2
19	39												8
20	40						2	6					8
This total will agree with posted strength as at 10 JUL 44													
Total by Routes		7	26	45	32	15	298	360	60	58	28	Total	929

M. Murray

Comd 2/5 AUST INF BN.

Lt-Col

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44 BY NUMBERS AND ROUTES

UNIT 2/6 AUST. INF. BN *****

CATEGORIES BY DAYS		NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES										TOTAL OF PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES	
		N of T'ville and W thereof (i)	N of CABOOLTURE and S of T'VILLE (ii)	S of CABOOLTURE (iii)	Via KYOGLE and N of HAWKS BURY (iv)	Via W'GARRA and N of MAITLAND (v)	NSW other than (iv) and (v) (vi)	VICTORIA (vii)	S AUST (viii)	W AUST (ix)	TASMANIA (x)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	1 - 12	1	1	3	2	1	19	36	7	3	10		83
2	13 - 18	1		9	3	3	16	13	5	1	8		59
3	19 - 23	4	4	8	6	4	47	43	16	1	9		142
4	24		7	5	2	1	13	8	7		4		47
5	25			1				6	1				8
6	26	1	4	6	1	1	14	14	10	8	2		61
7	27			1				6	2				9
8	28	2	4	2	4	1	5	19	8	1			46
9	29			2	1			9	4	2			18
10	30		2	1	2	1	2	12	3	3	1		27
11	31			1						1			2
12	32	2	12	28	10	8	84	261	27	7	45		484
13	33			1				1	1	1	1		5
14	34				1				1				2
15	35								1				1
16	36						2						2
17	37												
18	38						2				1		3
19	39												
20	40						1	2					3
22	42				1								1
24	44							1					1
27	47						1						1
29	49							1					1
32	52						1						1
54	74 (PMF)						1						1
		11	34	68	33	20	208	432	93	28	81		1008

F. G. Wood Lt col
 (F. G. WOOD)
 Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44 BY NUMBERS AND ROUTES.

UNIT.		2/7 AUST INF BN											TOTAL OF PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES.	
SERIAL	CATEGORIES BY DAYS.	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES.											NORFOLK ISLAND	
		N of P'ville and W thereof.	N of Caboolture, and S of P'ville.	S of Caboolture.	via Kyogle & N of Hawksbury.	via Ballan-garra & N of Maitland	NSW oth-er than iv & v.	Victoria	S Aust.	W Aust.	Tasmania			
		(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(x)	(xi)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	
1	1 - 12	-	1	1	2	-	2	11	-	2	-	2	-	19
2	13- 18	1	1	7	2	-	2	1 - 15	1 - 16	3	1	-	2	48
3	19- 23	1	5	11	5	-	23	12	7	-	1	-	2	48
4	24	4	5	11	1	-	1	23	1 - 21	4	1	1	4	68
5	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	71
6	26	1	1	6	6	-	1	3	-	8	-	-	-	2
7	27	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	2	58
8	28	-	1	4	3	-	2	14	14	-	1	-	-	3
9	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	46
10	30	-	1	1	3	-	-	8	1 - 7	2	1	-	-	3
11	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	23
12	32	20	36	2 - 37	1 - 19	1 - 3	3 - 80	23 - 258	1 - 8	1 - 36	3 - 5	- 1	35	1
13	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	503
14	34	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	2
15	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	7
16	36	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	2
17	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
18	38	-	-	-	4	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	1
19	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
20	40	-	-	1 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	4
	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	46	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	2
		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
Total by Routes.		- 28	1 - 57	3 - 82	1 - 40	1 - 12	4 - 205	27 - 364	2 - 37	1 - 51	4 - 11	- 1	44 - 888	x

x This total will agree with posted strength as at 10 Jul 44.

ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AS AT 31 OCT 44 BY NUMBERS AND ROUTES

UNIT		11 Pl. Co. Coy 2/1 Aust. A.S. Guard Regt. AM. A.S. 17 Aust. Inf Bde										TOTAL OF PERSONNEL IN CATEGORIES	
SERIAL	CATEGORIES BY DAYS	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY ROUTES											
		N of T'ville and W thereof (i)	N of CAB-OOLTURE and S of T'VILLE (ii)	S of CAB-OOLTURE (iii)	Via KYOGIE and N of HAWKS BURY (iv)	Via W'GARRAN and N of MAITLAND (v)	NSW other than (iv) and (v) (vi)	VICTORIA (vii)	S AUST (viii)	W AUST (ix)	TASMANIA (x)		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	1 - 12												
2	13 - 18	N/A		1				2					3
3	19 - 23							1					
4	24							5	1				2
5	25												7
6	26												1
7	27												1
8	28												
9	29												
10	30							4					
11	31										1		5
12	32		2		2								
13	33						3	10	2	1			19
14	34												
15	35							1					1
16	36		1										
17	37												1
18	38												
19	39												
20	40							1					1
	Etc												
* This Total will agree with posted strength as at 10 Jul 44.													
Total by Routes		—	3	1	3	—	76	283	3	1	1	* TOTAL	48

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject: ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

2/7 AUST INF BN
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HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Herewith Appendix "A" to 6 Aust Div A6443 of
10 Jul 44, submitted in duplicate showing Accrued Recreational
Leave entitlement as at 31 Oct 44 by numbers and routes.

Henry P. Quinn
.....Lt col
COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

Subject - ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE

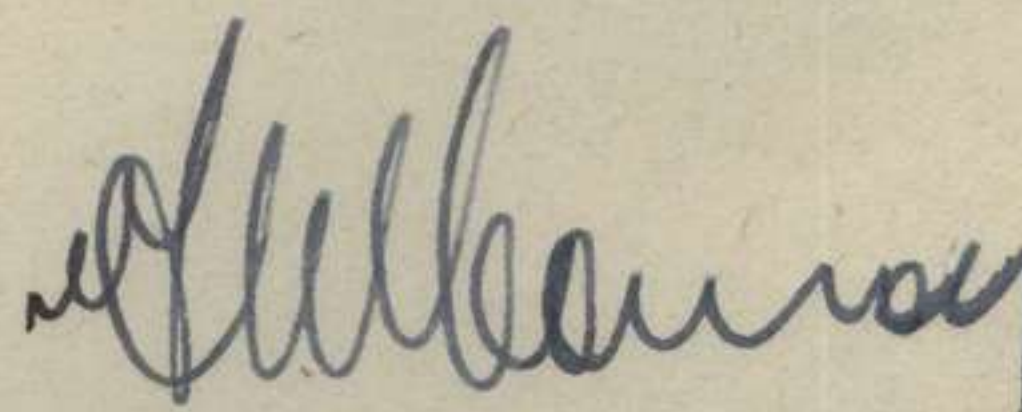
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17 AUST INF BDE

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Lt-Col

(T. M. CONROY)
Comd 2/5 AUST INF BN

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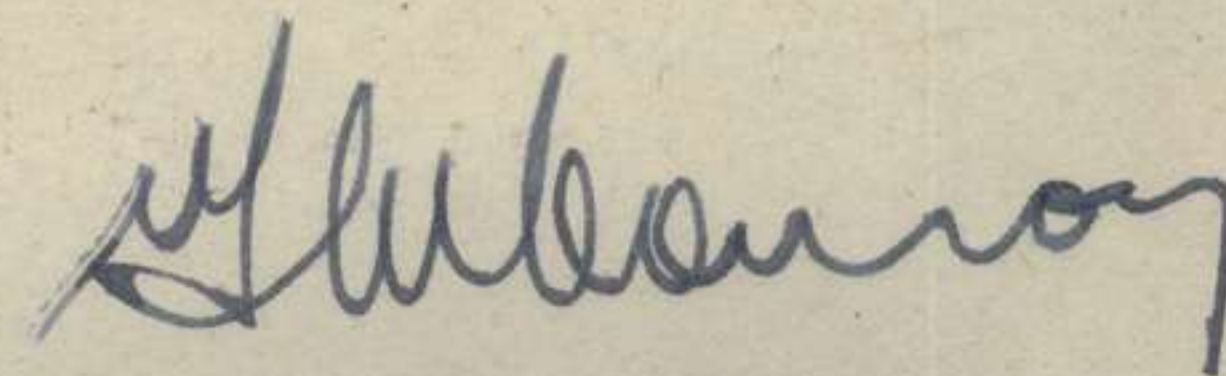
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Ref 6 Aust Div A6443 of 10 JUL 44.

Attached herewith pro-forma relative to the above.



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279	29/9		6 Aust Div	291115K	291500K	0774	restricted @ ref your G-137 of 28 sept and phone conversation COUGHLAN - NANCARROW 6 Aust Div range NOT available 23 56 and 9 oct but has been reserved for you 10 12 13 16 17 18 19 and 20 oct @ advice of suitable procedure to obtain other ranges advised capt COUGHLAN	
280	29		6 Aust Div	290935K	291500K	0773	restricted @ for capt NEWMAN @ cancel request landing craft tables @ maj CHAPMAN endeavouring obtain from a mil landing gp	
281	29		2/7 bn	291255K	291500K	0187	restricted @ ref your 0562 @ request AM 1 October unit lines.	
282	29		2/5 bn	291540K	291615K	0158	restricted @ herewith overlay showing area desired by this unit for PT exercises during week 2-6 oct	Draw attached
283	29		2/5 bn	291615K	291645K	I 23	restricted @ location statement for 30 sep @ 0900 hrs bn parade @ remainder of morning adm @ afternoon spot.	
284	30		2/6 Bn	291708K	300815K	I 20	restricted (-) try location report 30 Sep (-) all coys AM adm. PM organization spot.	
285	30		2/7 Bn	291615K	300815K	I 66	ref 190 (-) LOCSTAT of coys 30 Sep (-) A Coy 334087 to 344087 to 344098 to 334098 B Coy 345095 to 355095 to 355082 to 345082 C Coy duty D Coy 358098 to 368098 to 368088 to 358088 HQ Coy sig pl open range MAG pl maintenance mob pl open range TKA pl open range.	

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280	29		6 Aust Div	290935K	291500K	0773	restricted O for Capt NEWMAN O cancel request landing craft tables O may CHAPMAN endeavouring obtain from unit landing gfr	
281	29		3/7 bn	291255K	291500K	0187	restricted O ref your 0562 O request AM 1 October unit lines.	
282	29		2/5 bn	291500K	291615K	0158	restricted O herewith overlay showing area desired by this unit for PT exercises during week 2-6 Oct	2 are attached
283	29		2/5 bn	291615K	291645K	I 23	restricted O location statement for 30 Sep O 0900 hrs bn parade O remainder of morning admin O afternoon spot	
284	30		2/6 bn	291708K	300815K	I 20	restricted (1) try location report 30 Sep (1) all corp AM admin PM organization report.	
285	30		2/7 bn	291615K	300815K	I 66	ref 19011 LOC SHT of corp 30 Sep (1) A by 344087 to 344087 to 344098 to 334098 B by 345095 to 355095 to 355082 to 345082 C by duty O by 357099 to 368099 to 361088 D 358088 HC by by pl upon range MAG pl maintenance with pl upon range TKA pl upon range	

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275	27/11		2/7 bn	2815'15K	290800K	IG5	Reg 900 Postal Coy 29 sep A Coy area 334087 to 344087 to 344098 to 334098 B Coy 345'095 to 355'095 to 355'082 to 345'080 C Coy 345'086 to 38086 to 333076 to 345'076 D Coy 358'098 to 368098 to 368088 to 358'088 HQ Coy duty and area.	
276	29	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn				0562	RESTRICTED O ref msg in use of FREOM bomb to be issued in malarious areas for destruction of mosquitos O DAD of H and 2/4 AMCU will conduct demonstration of 30 min approx to Off of NCO representative each pl or equivalent sub-unit O Com undertake try of three units per day by demonstration once to each unit O please advise this HQ suitable time and location for demonstration by 1300 hrs 29 sep O Propand that one bomb be left with each unit for demonstration to all ranks by trained personnel.	
277	29	2/5 bn				0563	RESTRICTED O ack your try instr No 29.	
278	29	6 Aust Div		1030		0564	RESTRICTED O Ref phone conversation Capt H J COUGHLAN MAJ CHADMAN O herewith copy of comments of unit mortar officers subject to further advice B.M.	

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271.							thence to camp (1) 1 coy route march 8 (1) from camp to track crossing 307095 then to track 313120 thence to track 332120 then to track 340108 thence to camp (1) 8 coy route march 6 (1) from camp to track junc 322097 then to track junc 358098 thence to jungle edge 382092 thence to camp (1) 5 Hb 1 coy route march 5 from camp to track junc 322097 thence to track 332119 thence to track junc 358098 thence to camp.	
272.	29/1.		2/6 br.	281640K.	290800K.	I 19.	Resubmitted circ report 29 sep. A Coy duty circ B Coy AM weapon shg PM sound viable exercise AM BUSHES C Coy AM PM weapon shg D Coy AM PM weapon shg HQ Coy pl shg	
273	29/1.		2/5 br	282025K.	290600K	O 156	Resubmitted ref 2/5 Aust inf br. shg instr 29 para 70 please amend date forward 2 Oct and NOT 20 Oct	
274	29/1.		2/5 br	281700K	290800K	I 21	Resubmitted Location statement for 29 sep A Coy morning 30x range afternoon VAC B Coy morning weapon shg afternoon VAC C Coy for B Coy D Coy duty coy morning VAC HQ Coy morning VAC	

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269	28/9		6AUST DIV	271815K	280845K	0767	<p>restricted (.) hygiene ref 1AUST CORPS SD 7553 of 22 sep course of lectures for all hygiene sqts NAME total approx 20 will be held HQ 6AUST DIV 2 to 4 oct both incl (.) if lecture not available air photo school accor will be used (.) lecturer may COOK DAD hygiene 1AUST CORPS (.) Para rail attend 0915 to 1700 hrs daily with cut lunch (.) Opt arrangements as follows (.) 16AUST INF BDE will provide abo for 2/3 AUST INF Bn (.) 17AUS INF BDE for RAA + 2/9 AUST ARMED REGT (.) 19AUST INF BDE for 2/6 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT (.) AHSC for RAE (.) Sig own arrangements.</p>	
270	28/9		6AUST DIV	271700K	280845K	0765	<p>restricted (.) minefield range H327056 under control RAA 6AUST DIV (.) permission necessary before using</p>	
271	28/9		2/7 Bn	271630K	280845K	I 64	<p>ref I 906 (.) restricted (.) LOC STAFF of Coy 28 sep (.) A Coy duty Coy and 2/6 Bn assault camp in afternoon (.) B Coy route march 7 (.) from camp to MOUNTAIN VIEW 365070 thence to jungle edge 382072 thence to track juve 392066 thence to track juve 363059.</p>	

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265	28/9		2/5 Bn	271700K	280845K	I 19	restricted (.) location statement for 28 sep (.) Bm route march (.) details forwarded later.	
266	28/9	6 AUSTR DIV		272100K		0561	restricted (.) message 17 Aust Inf Bde 9 87 of 24 sep 44 for info	
267	28/9		6 Aust Div	271705K	280845K	0766	restricted (.) 2/1 Aust Army Troop Coy Det approx 3 approx 50 ORs lat W 299069 2 to 30 Oct both incl (.) before using any area for trg. Det is to obtain permission before commencing (.) bdes asked to cooperate	
268	28/9		6 AUSTR DIV	271900K	280845K	0762	restricted (.) ref to use of FREON bomb (.) Demonstration by DAD of H and 2/4 AMCU to approx NCO representatives from each pl + equivalent sub unit (.) can undertake trg of 3 units per day by demonstrating one to each unit (.) please advise WDMs 6 Aust Div suitable times + location for demonstration by 29 sep (.) proposed that one bomb be left with each unit for demonstration to all ranks by trained pers all informed	

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36		2/55 Bn	0489, T0016 1230K, TOR162000K/ request use of 200 yd range on following dates - 25,26,27,30 SEP.

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261	26/9		2/5 Bn	261800K	270830K	I 18	restricted (1) location statement for 27 Sep (1) A Coy weapon trg, coy lines plus blitz course for morning period (1) B Coy duty (1) C Coy 200-yds range 2/7 Bn area (1) D Coy blitz course for morning period (1) HQ Coy 30-yds range wcd 4 and 5 trg, coy lines (1) Bn sports for afternoon period	
262	26/9		2/7 Bn	261500K	270830K	I 63	Ref 190 (1) LOC STAT of coys 27 Sep (1) A Coy area 334087 to 344087 to 344098 to 334098 (1) B Coy 345095 to 355095 to 355082 to 345082 (1) C Coy 345086 to 333086 to 333076 to 345076 (1) D Coy duty (1) HQ Coy in camp area for trg	
263	27/9		2/5 Bn	271900K	27204K	I 20	restricted ref map HERBERTON 1 mile @ 1 mile @ route by march 28 SEP @ via MOUNTAIN VIEW along CRATER track to 410074 thence across country to camp area @ Start time 280845K return 281630K.	
264	27/9		2/6 Bn	271642K		I 18	Restricted @ trg loc report 28 SEP @ A Coy am. by area assault course fm. near coy lines TOET all weapons @ B Coy am. coy lines individual trg fm. TOET all weapons @ C Coy am. fm. weapon trg coy lines @ D Coy am. coy area TOET w/cf reading lectures Educ @ fm. bayonet trg assault course @ HQ Coy duty coy, remainder spec trg	

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253	25/9		2/7 bn	250915K	250950K	I61	locstat coys 25 sep. A Coy 334087 to 334087 to B44098 to 334098. B Coy Duty. C Coy area 345086 to 333086 to 333076 to 345076. D Coy 358098 to 368098 to 368088 to 358088. HQ Coy 1 pl OPEN RANGE 2/6 bn. 02 pl range practice. 03 pl rifle range bn area. 4 pl rifle range bn area.	
254	25/9		17 Bde.	257215K	251410K	0.557	Restricted. (C) ref 17 Bde sig instr 27 rece fatal. Units still advise this HQ at earliest for purposes of coordination of course selected & dates of mtg.	
255	26/9		2/5 bn	257900K	260810K	I17	Rescheduled. 2/5 bn location update for 26 sep. ref HERBERTON 1 mtg. TK/A pl 305230. Morning pl 2441270. A Coy duty. B Coy 200' range. C Coy weapon. Sig. Blk. course. D Coy 30' range. Mmtg pl sig in lines.	
256	26/9		2/6 bn		260810K	I17	Rescheduled. Sig location report 26 sep 44. A Coy AM cross counsell route march. PM weapon sig. Sig. area. B Coy AM weapon sig. PM over gun shoot 20 yards range. C Coy duty out. HQ Coy AM cross counsell route march. PM Coy sig unit area. D Coy AM 30' range. PM TOET all weapons out.	

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257	26/9		2/7 Bn	251804K	261810K	I62	ref I90 Locat of camp 26 Sep A Coy route march No 2. Route from camp to mountain crests 350078 thence to jungle edge 38072 thence to junc 292066 thence to camp C B Coy route march No 8 route from camp 207098 thence to track 313120 thence to track 332120 thence to track 340108 thence to camp C C Coy duty D Coy route march Number 5. Route from camp to junc 322097 thence to track 332119 thence to junc 358098 thence to camp D H Coy route march No 6. Route from camp to junc 322097 thence to junc 358098 thence to jungle edge 383092 thence to camp.	
258	26/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		261535K		0560	restricted. Each bn will send one off. from 3 pl to attend demo firing 3 in mortar from Lt base plate RV HQ 16 Bde at 271000K. Ht will be supplied by div from 16 bde to range return for lunch.	
259	26/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		261535K		0559	restricted. Refour 0558 to 26 Sep. Amend dates to read 10 Oct 2/7 Bn, 12 Oct 2/6 Bn, 13 Oct 2/5 Bn.	
260	26/9		2/6 Bn	261630K	270800	E17	restricted (1) trig location report 27 Sep 4K. A Coy AM assault course and sec trig BRENC. B Coy AM weapon trig and lecture col lines. C Coy AM weapon trig by lines. D Coy AM bayonet trig. H. assault course col lines + bn area. H&C AM specialist pl trig. Ltn area. PM all corp organised sport.	

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250	24/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/26		240355K		I 91	rechecked WARNING ref map HERBERTON 1 inch @ 24/9 Aust inf by OSMG for firing range practice 260830K 261100K ref 306052 305049 304049 302052 @ direction of fire SOUTH @ call infw.	
251	24/9		2/5 bn	241700K	250800K	I 16	2/5 bn locstat for 25 Sep OMMG re MOOMIN range ref map HERBERTON 1 inch 3351330 remainder of bn route march lunch 1200 hrs 278053 location at 1600 hrs 250065 evening meal 1700 hrs at 278053 return to camp 1900 hrs.	
252	24/9		2/6 bn	241700K	250800K	I 16	trig location report 25 Sep 44 @ A Coy morning range practice 30x range @ afternoon weapon trig near coy lines B Coy morning route march MOUNTAIN VIEW area @ afternoon weapon trig coy lines @ C Coy morning assault course weapon trig coy area @ afternoon range practice 30x range @ D Coy morning cross country route march 342068-383043 325085 - camp @ afternoon map reading compass fatals patrol reports coy area @ HQ coy 123 pls 200x range 4-5 pls unit area.	

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243	22/9		2/6 bn	1620 K	1640 K	A14	Training location report 23 Sep 44 @ morning all coys unit lines admin @ afternoon organised sport.	
244	23/9		2/5 bn	221740 K	230800 K	I 13	2/5 bn org location state for 23 Sep @ bn parade 0900 hrs remainder morning admin @ afternoon sport.	
245	23/9		2/7 bn	221710 K	230900 K	I 60	ref 1900 Location state 23 Sep @ A Coy in lines @ B Coy sport morning open range afternoon @ C Coy in lines @ D Coy open range morning sport afternoon @ HQ Coy 1 pl in lines @ 2 pl duty in lines @ 3 pl open range M3 @ 4 pl range practice open range.	
246	24/9		2/5 bn	231730 K	240800	I 14	2/5 bn loc stat for 24/9 @ all coys in coy lines	
247	24/9		6 Div	231500 K	240800	0744	Ref maps HERBERTON + MT GARNET 1 in @ OLD GERALDTON ROAD from KABAN 320961 eastwards being used for Org 11, 12, 14 Oct.	To "G."
248	24/9		2/6 bn	231520 K	240800	I 15	Org loc report 24 Sep @ all coys @ 240915K Church parade @ remainder day sport unit lines.	
249	24/9		2/4 bn	241424 K	240545 K	I 52	DANGER WARNING @ ref map HERBERTON 1 unit @ OSMG fld firing practice 260830 K to 261630 K ref 306052 305049 304049 302052 @ direction of fire south ACKO all inf.	

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240 240	20/9		2/6 Bn		210805K	I 12	Trg Location report 21 sep 44 (.) A Coy morning coy lines bayonet trg lecture RMO (.) Afternoon range practice 200 yds (.) B Coy morning 200 yds range (.) afternoon coy lines lecture weapon trg (.) C Coy duty coy (.) D Coy morning weapon trg coy lines (.) Afternoon lecture bayonet trg (.) HQ Coy specialist trg Number 2 pl MM, shoot up trap HERBERTON in 278123.	
241	21/9		2/5 Bn	1645K	1735K	I 9	Locusts for 22 Sep (.) HQ Coy spec trg in lines (.) A Coy 200x range practice (.) B Coy 30x range practice (.) C Coy weapon trg (.) D Coy duty Coy	
242	21/9		2/6 Bn	1748K		I 13	Trg loc report 22 Sep 44 (.) A Coy morning bay area coy drill bayonet assault course (.) Afternoon near coy lines weapon trg (.) B Coy morning weapon trg (.) Afternoon coy lines weapon trg lecture (.) C Coy morning coy lines bayonet trg lecture R.M.O. (.) Afternoon coy lines weapon trg 30yd range (.) D Coy duty coy remainder of coy weapon trg coy area (.) HQ Coy morning afternoon spec trg coy area.	

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235	19/9		2/5 bn	191709K	191730K	I 7	locstat for 20 Sept ref map HERBERTON 1:63360 (b) Bn in area FLAGGY CK ref 284044 & area 275014 carrying out bn exercise	
236	19/9		2/7 bn	191600K	191830K	I 57	locstat of coys 20 Sep (b) A coy defence & withdrawal in area 334087 to 344087 to 344098 to 344098 (b) B coy defence & withdrawal area 345095 to 355095 to 355082 to 345082 (b) C coy defence & withdrawal in area 345086 to 333086 to 333076 to 345076 (b) D coy advance guard & attack area 358098 to 368098 to 368088 to 358088 (b) HQ coy bn duties & specialist try	
237	20/9		2/6 Bn.		200930K	I 11.	Restricted (b) and location report 20 Sep (b) A coy morning bay drill bayonet drop discussion bn exercise (b) afternoon organised report B coy duty bay (b) C coy morning weapon and discussion bn exercise (b) afternoon organised sport (b) D coy morning weapon and bayonet afternoon organised sport (b) HQ coy specialist and	
238	20/9		2/7 Bn.	201620K	210805K	I 59	locstat of coys 21 + 22 sep (b) Bn exercise of two days as per Bde trig instr 26 para 4, map ref HERBERTON 1 in one mile along track from 322106 to 375095.	
239	20/9		2/5 Bn	201730K	210805K	I 8	locstat for 21 sep (b) ref map HERBERTON 1:63360 (b) Bn carrying out exercise in area 275014.	

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233	19/9		2/5 Bn.	191720K	190920K	I 6	restated @ bn parade state for 19 sep @ A Coy 200' range B Coy duplicate C Coy 30' range D Coy weapon trg in lines HQ Coy specialist trg in lines. My Sab pl range shoot map ref. Terbeton 1/65, 360 245126 TK/A pl range shoot 305 230.	
234	19/9		2/7 Bn	181610K	190840K	I 56	ref I 90 Loc state of coys 19 sept 19 Daynet trg one hr for all coys then route marches as follows @ A Coy route 8 Camp to track crossing 307098 thence to track 313120 thence to track 322120 thence to track 340101 thence to Camp @ B Coy route 2 to rd junc 358098 thence to jungle edge 382092 thence to Camp @ C Coy route 5 in reverse thence to Camp to track junc 358098 to track 332119 thence to track junc 322097 thence to Camp @ D Coy route 4 to Camp to track 340108 thence to track crossing 307098 thence to Camp HQ Coy route 1 Camp to track junc 322097 thence to track junc 358098 thence to Camp	

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227	16/9.		2/7 bn.	0717.	0810	I 54.	LOGSTAT 16 sep @ A Coy morning report. afternoon 2/6 bn open range. B Coy morning duty afternoon report @ C Coy morning 2/6 bn open range afternoon report @ B Coy morning gen adm interior economy afternoon report.	
228	16/9.		2/5 bn.	1740	0810	I 3.	Restricted @ location state for 16 sep @ all coys adm coy lines in morning @ 1400 hrs bn parade.	
229.	16/9		2/6 bn.		0810	I 10	Restricted @ Arty location report 16 sep 44 @ all coys in lines.	
230	16/9		2/5 bn.	1800	170845K	I 4	restricted @ location statement for 17 sep @ All coys in lines.	
231	18/9.		2/7 bn.	173040K	180800K	I 55'	Locstat 18 sep @ A Coy adv gd and attack at arty area 334 087 to 344 087 to 344 098 to 334 098 full day @ B Coy adv gd and attack at arty area 345 095 to 355 095 to 355 082 to 345 082 full day @ C Coy adv gd and attack at arty area 345 086 to 333 086 to 333 076 to 345 076 full day @ D Coy duty and recapitulation land assault course at 2/6 bn.	
232.	18/9			171800K	180800K	5'	Restricted @ Location state for 18 sep @ A Coy duty arty B Coy on 200 x range D Coy on 30 x range HQ Coy specialist training in lines para pl 1 offr 12 ors at 2/8 fd coy	

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222	14/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		0845K	0543	restricted © ref four dig mine lifting © four pls will report 1 to 2/8 Must Fd Coy at 0815 daily from 18 to 22 Sep incl © dress drill order & arms.	
223	14/9	2/5 Bn		0830K	0544	restricted © ack you G2/44 of 13 Sep	
224	14/9		2/7 Bn	1500K	1550K I53	Locations by coys 15 SEP © A Coy duty coy © B coy area 344094 to 354094 to 354084 to 344084 © C Coy at 30 yds range to 1200 hrs + 2/6 bn assault course to 1630 hrs © D coy area 357099 to 367099 to 367089 to 357089 © HQ coy close dig area.	
225	14/9		2/6 Bn	1700K	150830K I9	training location report 15 Sep HQ © A Coy morning route march via MOUNTAIN VIEW to pt 322105 © afternoon lecture coy area © B Coy morning assault course coy area © afternoon lecture coy lines © C Coy morning route march MOUNTAIN VIEW MT HYPIRAMEE thence via EVELYN HWY to camp area © afternoon lecture weapon dig coy area © D Coy entire day, weapon dig coy lines	
226	14/9		2/5 Bn	1800K	150830K I2	location state for 15 Sep © A Coy 30 yd range © B Coy duty coy © C Coy morning weapon dig coy lines afternoon blitz course © D Coy 200 yds range © HQ Coy specialist dig in coy area.	

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218	12/9		2/7 AUST INF BN	1630K	³ 0810K	I51	ref I 90 training locations by coys for 13 Sep (1) A Coy Area 334098 to 344098 to 344088 to 334088 (1) B coy at 30yd range to 1200 hrs and 2/6 Assault course to 1630 hrs (1) C Coy area 334088 to 344088 to 344076 to 334076 D Coy are duty coy (1) HQ Coy close training area.	
219	13/9		2/7 Bn	1315K	1445K	I52	Ref 190 locations by coys 14 Sept (1) A Coy route march to 358098 to 382092 thence to camp (1) B Coy route march to 322097 to 358098 thence to camp (1) C Coy route march to 382072 to 355078 thence to camp (1) D Coy at 30yd range to 1200 hrs + 2/6 bn assault course to 1630 hrs (1) HQ Coy duty coy.	
220	13/9		2/5 Bn	1705K		I1	rescheduled (1) location date 14 Sep (1) Bn route march	
221	13/9		2/6 Bn	1730K		I8	rescheduled (1) Sig location report 14 Sep 44 (1) A Coy duty coy (1) B Coy morning route march MOUNTAIN VIEW farm OLD STOCKYARD 356089 FORD 373096 JUNGLE EDGE 380088 thence return to camp (1) afternoon 30yd SA range camp area (1) C Coy morning 200yd SA range (1) Div (1) afternoon weapon sig coy area (1) D Coy morning MOUNTAIN VIEW area route march (1) afternoon 200x SA range (1) Div (1) HQ coy morning route march MOUNTAIN VIEW area (1) afternoon Specialist Sig.	

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210	9/9	RHE 6 AUST DIV		0805K	0830K	0536	request use of 200 yd range on following dates - 25, 26, 27, 30 sep.	
211	9/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		1030K	1040K	0537	herewith for inform on copy RULES FOR USE OF IRVINE BANK ARTY RANGE (For rules see 9/8/44/1)	
212	7/9		2/7 Bn	1005K		044	restricted @ ref 17 Bde Jtg with No 26 @ request use MORTAR range 4 2PA T&M Sat 23 SEP @ Please advise	
213	7/9		2/7 bn	1000K		043	restricted @ ref 17 Bde Jtg with No 26 @ request use of open range 16, 23, 25, 30 SEP @ please advise	
214	9/9	RHE 6 Div	RHE 6 Div	0805K 1600K		REX 852	Restricted @ ref 0536 9 Aug 44 @ Dates for use of range approved.	
215	10/9	6 Div	RHA 6 Div to 17 Bde for INFO	1145K	110800	RAD 315	restricted @ request use of WALSH R. arty range for 17 bde units on 19, 20, 23 + 26 Sep 44 for T&M Shooting	
216	11/9	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bn		0900K		I90	ref Jtg with No 26 Jtg locations by copy for following day to be fwded to reach this HQ by 1800hrs daily	
217	12/9		BM RRA 6 AUST DIV	1400K	1530K	TELEPHONE	2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be using units in use of 4.2 MOR. Vacancies alloted to this Bde are 20 Sep 9 pers 27 Sep 3 pers Duration of course 4 days Full details by letter from RRA follow	Message Passed to SC.

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206	(cont)						Report in full (b) if uncompleted stage reached	
207	16/7	Canal Div		160905		0291	restricted @ request cancellation of allotment of 1-5 Aug 44 for <u>Tramtracks</u> the a range for units of 17bde	
208	17		2/5 Bn	161230K		0300	Ref 0489 @ all rifles in unit are zeroed	
209	17		2/7 Pw	161700K		1499	Ref 0489 @ 78 rifles to be zeroed @ will be completed by 18 Jul 44	
209A	17		6 Div	171720K		1199	Restricted @ instr "Security Check of F.S. Personnel" dated 12 Jul 44 is hereby cancelled @ Please destroy all copies.	

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198	2/3/7	2/6 Am. C.I. J.L. school. for info SC.	17 Bde.	131630K.		0482	(restricted) @ ref am 0473 of 10 jul @ appointment cancelled in view of closing school.	
199	3/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 Am. for info Comd SC. L.O.I.	17 Bde	131650K.		0483	(restricted) @ request comments on issue small tin to replace holdall for carriage of toilet gear @ approx dimensions 7 by 10 by 3 1/2 ins. @ advise whether requirement is alternative suggestion to this H.Q. by 17 jul.	
200	3/7	R.H.E. 6 Div. for information 2/5 2/6 2/7 Am.	17 Bde	131645K.		0484	(restricted) @ ref try of para 15 to comm 18 Jul @ owing to admin work try now cancelled.	
201	3/7	16-17-19 Bde RAA 6 Div	6 Div	131905K.		0484	Cancel B.M. conferences until further notice.	
202	13/7	6 Div. for info sig. 2/5 2/6 2/7 Am.	17 Bde	131705K.		485	(restricted) request all am. coop arranged for 15 jul and after must be cancelled.	
203	4/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 Am. INFO SC		141325K.		0488	6 Aust div exercise no 1 indefinitely postponed owing to changed circumstances	promulgation of sig pen 6 Div
204	5/7	2/5 2/6 Am		150836K.		0487	ref am 017/248/2 of 13 jul 44 @ amend date reporting to school to mon 17 jul at 1500 hrs.	
205	1/7	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Am.		160920K.		0489	(restricted) ref bde try instr number 22 of 24 gun para 6 @ advise form of servicing of rifles	
206	16/7	Cancelled 2/6, 2/7 Am		160912K.		0490	(restricted) @ ref bde try instr no 22 para 12 @ please return report by 161800K as follows @ (1) if completed	

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193	12/7	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 2/11		12193714		I88	notify all pers attending course in MALAYAN languages that course is cancelled for 13 and 17 Jul.	
194	12/7		6 Aust div	121705K		I96	MALAYO school cancelled for Thurs 13 Jul and Mon 17 Jul.	
195	13/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 2/9 Armed Regt. Cops for SC Sig Otr INFO to Aust Div		131605K		I89	Combined SIG Y INT exercise cancelled all documents issued to 10's will be returned to their HQ by 1400 14.	
196	13/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 C.I. J.L. School SC.	17 Bde.	131615K		O.479	(restricted) J.L. school will close down 14 JUL. @ instrs and adm staff return to units also weapons () S.C. to arrange adm details.	
197	13/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 2/3 M.G. Bn C.I. J.L. School For info C.I. M.M.G. school SC.	17 Bde.	131615K		O.480	(restricted) @ M.M.G. School concludes 13 JUL @ students instructors & weapons etc return to units 14 Jul. @ S.C. to arrange adm details.	
198	13/7	2/5 2/6 2/7 S.C. Sig O. 1.	17 Bde.	131615K		O.481	(restricted) @ bde sig course number 2 scheduled for 24 Jul now CANCELLED	

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187	8.7.44	2/5 2/6 2/7 bus Info RAE 6 Bus		081155K		0465	Restricted C ref bde by instr no 22 of 23 jun par 12e period 10-15 jul @ by under RAE instruction is deferred to period 18-22 jul @ pms pls will continue to building during week 10-15 jul all ack	
188	8	2/5 2/6 2/7		081400K		0466	bde signal school course no 2 will now commence 24 jul NOT 17 jul ACK.	
189	8	JL Schapl 2/5 2/6 2/7 bus copy for SC.		081400K		0467	Ref div parade @ rehearsal 13 jul and new 17 jul 44 @ students of both JL school & MMG school will be returned to units in time for their parades and report back to school on completion of each @ CI JL school will ensure that students are trained in marching in accordance with ACK.	
190	8	2/9 Armed Regt 2/5 2/6 2/7 bus copies for Sig O SC.		081400K		0468	ref bde by instr no 22 of 24 jun par 13 combined sig & int exercises @ dates for exercises now 18-20 jul incl NOT 17-19 jul ack	
191	9	2/5 2/6 2/7 bus copies for CI JL school, SC.		090900K		0469	ref own 0467 @ JL school will now commence on 18 jul NOT 17 jul @ students report 1530 hrs 17 jul @ MMG school commences 10 jul and students available to units on 18 and 19 jul @ CI MMG school will extend duration to cover days lost ack	0467 — log 18.
192	10/7	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bus 2/9 Armed Regt.		100800K		I 7	ref by instr number 22 combined int and sig exercise @ IO's and sig offrs will attend conference this HQ 101530K @ IO's will RV this HQ 110900K to carry out recce of ground to be covered by exercise @ sig 2/9 Armed Regt are NOT included in one	