

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/2/17

17 Infantry Brigade

November 1944



Official War Diary

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WONDECLA NQ (a) This morning Bde Comd took the salute at a march past  
 NOV 1 of 2/6 Bn.  
 (b) Posted strengths Units 17 Bde as at 1 Nov 44.

	Offrs	ORs
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	18	89
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	45	838
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	39	860
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	48	915
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2	52
2/46 Aust LAD	1	16
C Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	41

WONDECLA NQ This morning Bde Comd delivered opening address at 17 Bde  
 NOV 6 Jungle School No 3.

WONDECLA NQ Bde recce party comprising BM and IO emplaned MAREEBA for N G.  
 NOV 7 Arrived LAE 071315I.

WONDECLA NQ 17 Bde Jungle School No 3, which was to have been period  
 NOV 8 6 - 15 NOV closed tpday due to impending move.

AITAPE NG Recce party took off from MALAHANG Drome 080500I, landed  
 NOV 8 AITAPE 080800I.  
 From the time of the arrival of the recce party in the AITAPE sector, until the arrival of the adv Bde HQ, the BM and IO devoted their time to liaison with 6 Aust Div and 43 US Div. Recces of the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) and surrounding areas, also inspection and arrangements for proposed Bde area were made. (See att appx for details of movements)

WONDECLA NQ After weeks of preparation the move of the Bde to 6 Aust  
 NOV 9 Div operational area, AITAPE sector, British NG, commenced. The adv party Bde HQ departed camp area 091815K to entrain at WONDECLA.

WONDECLA NQ (a) Adv HQ Bde arrived REDLYNCH.  
 NOV 10 (b) Main body 2/7 Bn, Adv HQ 2/5 and 2/6 Bns moved out at 101800K to entrain at WONDECLA.

WONDECLA NQ (a) Above mentioned parties embarked CAIRNS on USAT "MEXICO"  
 NOV 11. for AITAPE.

(b) ARMISTICE DAY.

Guards from the 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns, and C Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, which were participating in a Guard Mounting Competition, formed a Ceremonial Guard at 11 o'clock on the Bde HQ Parade Ground.

Buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille after the customary two minutes silence, Armistice Day.

Bde Comd judged the competition and awarded highest marks to 2/6 Bn with 2/5 Bn a close second.

During the afternoon, 17 Bde sports meeting was held, 2/6 Bn again carrying off the honours.

(c) Bde Comd left WONDECLA to join adv party on USAT "MEXICO".

WONDECLA NQ Further body of 2/7 Bn troops entrained WONDECLA for  
 NOV 13 embarkation on "BONTEKOE". Rear party only, now remaining.



AITAPE NG  
NOV 16

Bde Comd with adv party Bde HQ and main body 2/7 Bn arrived at AITAPE. Bde Comd landed and proceeded to HQ 6 Aust Div.

WONDECLA NQ  
NOV 16

Main Body of Bde HQ, with elements 2/7 Bn entrained 162100K at WONDECLA for REDLYNCH. Arrived 0500K following morning.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 17

(a) Troops on board USAT "MEXICO" disembarked and moved into camp areas at WAPIL.

Disposns 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	WAPIL	VO11488
	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	"
	Det 2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	"	"
	11 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	"
	Det 6 Aust Div Pro Sec	"	"
	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	"	"
	2/46 Aust LAD	"	"
Adv HQ	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	"	VO11486
Adv HQ	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	"	"
	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	"	"

Area at VO11488 is regarded as staging post, pending evacuation by 172 US Regt of their CP area, into which Bde HQ and att pers will move.

(b) 0800I. Bde Comd, BM and IO proceeded to 19 Bde, thence to 17 Bdr area, and on to NIGIA River. Returned to 19 Bde, thence to 172 US Regt CP where Bde Comd met Maj DOSCH. Proceeded from there to TADJI airfield, MLR at Farm Coy and along old airfield. From old airfield, party proceeded to RAIHU River and along MLR for short distance.

(c) p.m. BM visited "MEXICO" to ensure unloading OK.

(d) At the time of the arrival of the adv elements of the Bde, 6 Aust Div with 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt

- C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Gp
- HQ RAA 6 Aust Div
- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
- Adv party 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
- HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
- 2/2, 2/8, 2/14 Aust Fd Coy
- 19 Aust Inf Bde
- Adv party 2/3 Aust MG Bn

were in the area.

The enemy, comprising remnants of the 18th Army, at this time, had been cleared from the coastal area WEST of the DANMAP Riv and were based along the coast from DANMAP R. - WEWAK - SEPIK River.

Jap patrolling is being carried out SOUTH of the TORRICELLI mountains in the TONG-MAPRIK area. Their morale is known to be very low, and their food position in some areas, desperate.

6 Aust Div is taking over from 43 US Div who are expected to vacate the area by 8-12-44.

The Div is responsible for maintaining contact with the enemy, and for the defence of AITAPE and TADJI airfield. Extensive patrolling is being carried out in the main areas, SUAIN, KAMTI, TONG.

17 Bde, with u/c 2/3 Aust MG Bn less 2 coys (on arrival) 2 Btys 2/3 Aust Fd Regt in support

and elements of 2/6 Aust Cav Cdo Regt as mobile res, are to take over from 169 and 172 US Regt who have been manning MLR around TADJI drome. Until such time as sufficient troops of the Bde are in the area, 2/11 Bn is to act as Bde reserve. The role of the Bde, as per 6 Aust Div OO number 1, is to

- (A) prevent infiltration by enemy parties into the area
- (B) when sufficient troops are available --

(1) relieve 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at KAMTI with one inf pl



- (11) relieve one tp 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at PALAURU with a standing patrol of inf or patrols based elsewhere as ordered by Bde Comd.
- (111) reinforce the ANGAU patrol at YAPUNDA with an inf pl
- (1V) be prepared, when ordered, to relieve 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at TONG, and be responsible for all patrolling up to and incl a NORTH, SOUTH line through MUSU V410071.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 18

- (a) 2/7 Bn and adv HQ 2/5 and 2/6 Bns settling in. Stores and transport were arriving in the area from the ship throughout the day.
- (b) p.m. Bde Comd, BM and Maj DARLING 2/5 Bn reced MLR.
- (c) Unit adv parties temporarily u/c Maj COX, 2IC 2/7 Bn.
- (d) Bde Comd and BM visited Col BUSH Comd 172 US Regt.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 19

Construction of Bde HQ commenced and carried out throughout the day.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 20

- (a) Adv HQ 17 Bde opened 2008001.
- (b) Bde Comd, Maj COX 2/7 Bn and Maj COWAN (2/3MG Bn) carried out recce of MLR vicinity TADJI airfield. Comd gave his outline plan for 2/7 Bn and 2/3 MG Bn.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 21

- (a) Bde Comd moved in from 6 Div HQ
- (b) Bde Comd, BM Maj JONES, Lt MALONEY reced 2/6 Bn responsibility in regard to MLR - pointed out by Bde Comd, and includes feature which is portion of ST ANNA Hills.
- (c) 2/7 Bn commenced recce patrolling.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 22

- (a) a.m. BM visited 3 Aust Base Sub Area.
- (b) Work continued on Bde HQ, 2/5 and 2/7 Bn areas.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 23

- Bde Comd and BM visited 172 US Regt CP for Thanksgiving
- (a) Dinner.
- (b) Track reced from just east of 2/5 Bn area, through to Sawmill Rd - possibility that MLR may run through this line.
- (c) Bde Comd advised by GOC, that Lt-Col PARBURY has been selected to comd 2/7 Bn.

CAIRNS NQ  
NOV 24

- (a) Whilst waiting at REDLYNCH for embarkation, party which had entrained at WONDECLA 16 Nov was joined on 18 Nov by main body 2/5 Bn. the time at REDLYNCH was spent with route marches, also swimming parades held in the BARRON River.
- (b) During the morning, tps of the Bde staging at 16ASPC went on board HMT "DUNTROON" which departed CAIRNS 241500K.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 24

- (c) Bde Comd visited 6 Aust Div, then 172 US Regt in the evening for pictures.
- (d) BM and Maj COX 2/7 Bn, made recce of 2/7 Bn sector of MLR, visited ANGAU re hut building, and Wing Comd COOPER re drome defence.



AITAPE NG  
NOV 24

(e) BM and IO visited 172 US Regt CP ref taking over of MLR. Capt CARNEY, S3, contacted.

(f) 2/2 Aust Fd Regt adv party commenced construction of RHQ on WEST side of 17 Bde HQ.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 25

(a) 17 Bde Op Instr No 1 issued.  
Task in General. 2/7 Bn from 261200I will be responsible for manning MLR and will allot one Coy for the task.  
Task in Particular. The Coy to provide series of defended localities NOT less than one sec in strength at following pts

915525	971482	032477
924507	974474	
950497	000467	
959492	015474	

See attached appx.

(b) GOC inspected Bde HQ and 2/7 Bn areas.

(c) 6 Aust Div 07126 of 240900I advised operational command AITAPE passes to 6 Div 260001I.

(d) 6 Aust Div 01139 of 251030I advised that one tp of 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn would come u/c 17 Bde 270800I to assist in manning MLR.

(e) CRA 6 Aust Div and his BM visited Bde Comd during p.m.

(f) BM and Maj COX reced def localities for 2/7 Bn on MLR.

(g) Officers of 172 US Regt and Maj HAWKINS 2/2 Aust Fd Regt visited 17 Bde Officers Mess after dinner this evening.

WONDECLA NQ  
NOV 25

(h) Main body 2/6 Bn entrained WONDECLA for embarkation.

AITAPE NG  
NOV26

(a) MLR taken over by C Coy 2/7 Bn 261200I. Responsibility for def of area now 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Capt WALSH OC C tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn was briefed by BM as to task and told that his tp would come u/c 2/7 Bn 270815I. Tp will occupy the four posns WEST of TADJI airfield to the RAIHU River.

(c) "BONTEKOE" arrived AITAPE 260715I. 250 personnel of 2/7 Bn disembarked after lunch. BM visited ship and gave instructions to Maj WALKER ref unloading etc.

AITAPE NG  
NOV 27

(a) C Tp 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn took over posns on MLR manned by 15 Pl C Coy 2/7 Bn, who returned to camp area.

(b) Div advised one Tp 2/9 Cav Cdo Sqn, HQ 2/10 Sqn plus one Tp would also come u/c 17 Bde, making in all a composite Sqn. 2/11 Bn less 5,7,12,17 pls would also be placed under operational comd in the event of an attack on AITAPE area.

(c) Bde Comd made further recce of MLR.

(d) BM and IO visited 2/11 Bn and 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt.

(e) OC 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn visited BM.

(f) In the evening Lt MURPHY and Capt REINHARDT visited the Officers Mess.



AITAPE NG (a) 6 Aust Div OO Number 1 received.  
NOV 28

(b) IO conducted OC 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn and Capt GREENWAY Coy Comd 2/11 Bn on recce of MLR.

(c) 17) Bde Op Instr No 2, defining roles of Bde Res and Mob res issued. See att as appx.

(d) HMT "DUNTROON" arrived carrying 2/5 Bn, Bde HQ, and further troops of 2/7 Bn. Unloading will commence tomorrow morning.

(e) MLR manned as follows:

C Coy 2/7 Bn less 15 Pl, plus C Tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn.

Dispositions: C Coy HQ Z998474  
13 pl HQ VO15474 14 pl HQ Z971482  
1 sec VO32477 4 sec Z974474  
2 sec VO15474 5 sec Z969483  
3 sec V000467 6 sec Z985472

C Tp 2/10 Cav Cdo Sqn  
HQ Z950497  
7 sec Z959492  
8 sec Z915525  
9 sec Z924507

AITAPE NG (a) Bde Comd and Maj DARLING made recce of 2/5 Bn sector of  
NOV 29 MLR.

(b) Final preparations made to receive incoming troops. 2/5 and 2/7 Bns commenced arriving 0900 hrs. Main body Bde HQ arrived 1415 hrs and settling in of troops commenced. Parade held at 1650I to inform all of local orders and camp routine.

(c) BM and IO visited 6 Div to obtain information required ref 6 Aust Div Op Order Number 1.

AITAPE NG (a) Gen WORDSWORTH, British Army, visited Bde Comd.  
NOV 30

(b) Troops spent day washing and generally settling in. Inspection of area by BM at 0700 hrs and conference of Officers 0745 hrs.

No stores or further personnel unloaded from either "DUNTROON" or "BONTEKOE" during day.

(c) Bde Comd visited 6 Div in afternoon.

(d) 2/6 Bn allotted 2/8 Bn area as staging camp. 2/3 MG Bn adv party moved to their area - V013487.

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



Appendix to War Diary 17 Aust Inf Bde. November 1944.

Movements of Bde Recce Party.

- Tues 7th. 0550K- BM and IO left Bde HQ for Div.  
0645K Left Div for MAREEBA - arrived 0750K  
0848K Left MAREEBA in DC3  
1201K crossed NG coastline  
1300K Passed NASSAU BAY  
1315K Landed LAE - watches back one hour - during course of afternoon visited Majs McLEOD, THOMAS, KNOX.
- Wed 8th. 0400H Reveille  
0500I Left for MALAHANG drome.  
0538I Took off.  
0800I Landed AITAPE.  
0920I Arrived 6 Div HQ
- BM informed likelihood of change of plan. Following sig sent to Bde.  
"O1 restricted(.) from CLARKE(.) arrived AITAPE 080800I (.) plan may be changed by GOC(.) time taken to unload ship 4 days. TOO 081500I.  
Recced as far as NIGIA River.  
Bde will possibly bivouac area 015488 according to AA&QMG.
- Thur 9th. Visited Battle Room 6 Div and received latest information. Recced proposed bivouac area 015488. G1 informed BM Bde HQ, two Bns and Fd Regt will probably have to be in this area. Likely area observed 000492.  
Visited 19 Bde.  
On return, G11 informed BM that at the moment plot unchanged- 19 Bde on DRINIUMOR, 17 Bde maninf MLR - but 16 Bde would probably be in the NOR area. G1 advised BM GOC would be making recce MLR morning 11 Nov with us.  
1300I proceeded to 43 Div HQ - contacted Capt HOPKINS, Maj RUHLIN and Lt GETTMANN. The latter accompanied us on recce of MLR.
- Fri 10th. a.m. visited 43 Div HQ then proceeded to RAIHU. Walked round MLR from 924524 to approx 930505. BM visited Lt GETTMANN 43 Div HQ.
- p.m. Carried out further recce of MLR by jeep. Visited 19 Bde. Inspected area 000492 - obviously at the moment planned for occupation by Bn of 19 Bde.  
During recce contacted Aust Farm Coy.  
Visited AITAPE Cove and watched unloading.  
G11 informed BM plan appears unchanged except possibly coy localities at only various points on MLR.
- Sat 11th. 0800I - proceeded on recce with GOC of MLR. Recced on foot from 985474 to 033477. GOC has yet to give Op Instr, but it appears as if MLR will be manned by Coy localities, Received 6 Aust Div Adm Instr No 4.  
GOC's recce party consisted of G1, CRA, G11, OC Svy Bty, BM, ADC and Lt GETTMANN.
- Sun 12th. AA&QMG advised initial staging area for Bde HQ, 2/7 Bn, 2/2 Fd Regt, 2/8 Fd Coy to be 015488 as previously stated. Visited 3 Aust Base Sub Area HQ 0830I. Proceeded then on short recce EAST of NIGIA River, also for tracks WEST of river. Further recce of MLR and OPLR to be conducted tomorrow with Lt GETTMANN in the latter case.



- Mon 13th. 0730I. proceeded with Lt GETTMANN on recce of OPLR. SP at 996470 (approx) and finishing point 057465 located. Recce of MLR by foot completed.  
1330I. proceeded to bivouac area where rough traverse made. On return AA&QMG advised tentage would be delivered to area p.m. 14 NOV. BM to arrange direct with 19 Bde for erection of same.
- Tues 14th. 0800I. Proceeded to 19 Bde to make arrangements for fostering in of the first of the Bde tps. BM and SC most cooperative. Tpt arranged to pick up tents plus 2 Offrs 60 ORs of 2/11 Bn as working party.  
Further recce carried out with Maj HAWKINS 2/2 Fd Regt and his RQM and area allotted for 2/2 Fd Regt.
- Wed 15th. Proceeded to Bivouac area where work going very satisfactorily. Sited kitchens, latrines and Bde HQ.
- Thur 16th. Proceeded to bivouac area - most tents up.  
112 US Cav Regt moved out after lunch leaving the area free for our occupation.  
"MEXICO" arrived 1300I with Brig MOTEN, Adv party 17 Bde, HQ 2/5, 2/6 Bns and 22 Offrs 450 ORs of 2/7 Bn on board.  
BM met Bde Comd who landed 1545I and proceeded to 6 Div HQ. Div Adm Instr No 4 with amendments delivered to Capt HIRST on ship. NO tps disembarked.



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17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

BRIG M J MOLEN CBE DSO ED

Serial No 32

2 Nov 44

"G"

NIL

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

"AQ"

115. FLYING OF FLAGS ON MOTOR CARS

1. Flags, as indicated hereunder, are authorized to be flown on motor cars in which the officers mentioned are present:-

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief	Commonwealth Blue Ensign, with badge of Australian military Forces in gold on both sides.
Principal Staff Officers of Allied Land Forces Headquarters	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters Land Forces, (upper half red, lower half blue).
Major-General, Royal Artillery	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters Land Forces (upper half red, lower half blue), with embroidered gold gun.
Engineer-in-Chief	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters Land Forces (upper half red, lower half blue), with embroidered gold grenade (with nine flames).
Signal Officer-in-Chief	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters Land Forces (upper half red, lower half blue), with embroidered gold crossed flags.
Other General Officers of Allied Land Forces Headquarters	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters Land Forces (upper half red, lower half blue).
General Officer Commanding an Army	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters of an Army (red, black, red).
General Officer Commanding a Corps	Flag, distinguishing, Headquarters of a Corps (red, white, red).
Commander, Northern Territory Force and Western Command	Flag, distinguishing, division (red, swallow tail).



Commander, L of C area	Flag distinguishing, L of C area (white, blue, red and green triangles).
General Officer Commanding a Division	Flag, distinguishing, division (red, swallow tail).
Commandant, Royal Military College of Australia	Flag, upper half red and lower half blue, bearing on its centre in gold the badge of the Corps of Staff Cadets.
Brigade Commander	Flag, distinguishing, brigade (triangular blue pendant).
Brigadier, Royal Artillery	Triangular pendant, (red, black, red, with embroidered red gun).
Commander, Corps Royal Artillery	Triangular pendant (red, white, red, with embroidered red gun).
Commander, Royal Artillery	Triangular pendant (red, white, red, with embroidered black gun).
Corps Commander, Volunteer Defence Corps.	Triangular pendant (blue, with VDC colour patch).

2. The size of all flags to be flown on motor cars shall be 9 inches by 6 inches.

3. A board showing representation of these flags will be prepared by units and displayed in each unit guard hut.

116. HQ 17 AUST INF BDE TRUST FUNDS

The following are appointed auditors of trust accounts and funds for HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde:

VX27008 Capt E J COUGHLIN - HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
GX 12255 Lt D H STARR - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

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

NOTICES

SPORTS MEETING

A Brigade sports meeting will be held on the Brigade sports ground on Sat 11 Nov 44.

Programme will include Field, Track, Novelty and Military events.

CHURCH PARADES

C of E - A special C of E parade will be held on Brigade Sports ground at 0830 hrs Sun 5 Nov 44. It is desired that all C of E personnel attend this parade.

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

Confession - Sat 4 Nov - Padre O'Keefe's tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lines.

PROTESTANT - 0700 hrs Holy Communion (C of E) in YMCA Hut Bde HQ - Padre Richardson.  
0830 hrs Parade Service Bde HQ, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns - Padre Wallace.- Protestant Denomination.  
0915 hrs Communion - Padre Wallace.  
0830 hrs Parade Service Bde HQ, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns (C of E) - Padre Richardson.



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Serial 33

9 Nov 44

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NIL

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

"AQ"

NIL

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

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

C of E	<u>Holy Communion</u>	Bde HQ YMCA Hut 0700 hrs and 0915 hrs (Padre Richardson)
PROTESTANT	<u>Parade Service</u>	Bde HQ, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns in Bde Cinema 0830 hrs (Padre Wallace)
	<u>Holy Communion</u>	Bde Cinema 0915 hrs (Padre Wallace)
R C	<u>Mass</u>	2/6 Aust Inf Bn recreation hut 0830 hrs (NOTE - no 0645 hrs Mass)
	<u>Confession</u>	Sat 11 Nov - Padre O'Keefe's tent 2/7 Aust Inf Bn lines.
	<u>Special Service</u>	1830 hrs - 2/3 Aust Fd Regt recreation hut - all personnel interested in Holy Name Society are specially requested to attend (Padre O'Keefe)

17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING - 11 NOV 44

A M - Guard Mounting Competition - Bde Veh Park.

P M - Athletic and Military Events - Bde Sports Ground commencing  
1345 hrs.  
Afternoon Tea will be available - personnel to bring own  
drinking utensil.



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*W.D*

17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by  
Lt Col F G WOOD DSO  
Adm Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Rear Details

Serial 34

15 Nov 44

"G"  
NIL

*W.P. Bodge* *capt*  
Maj  
(K C Clarke)  
for BM 17 Aust Inf Bde  
*HoP.*

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117 CHRISTMAS MAIL POSTINGS FOR ABROAD

Postings in the categories and for the destinations listed hereunder, should be made immediately, or where a date is shown, on or before that date.

Class of article	Destinations concerned and related for Postings			
	United Kingdom	Middle East	USA	CANADA
Surface mails	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately	Immediate
Air Mails	18 Nov	24 Nov	-	-
Airgraphs	29 Nov	5 Dec	5 Dec	X- 5 Dec
Air Letters	2 Dec	9 Dec	9 Dec	X- 9 Dec

X- to members of the Forces only

118 17 Aust Inf Bde Sports Meeting - 11 Nov 44

Points scored in the 17 Aust Inf Bde Sports Meeting on 11 Nov were as follows :-

2/6 Aust Inf Bn	162 2/3
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	81 2/3
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	23 2/3
Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde	23

Pennant was won by 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

The following amounts were distributed as Prize Money :-

Contributed by:-

Regtl Funds Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde	£ 16-15-0
" " 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	£ 16-15-0
" " 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	£ 15-15-0
" " 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	£ 16-15-0
	£ 67-0-0

Won by:-

Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde	£ 2-0-0
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	£ 22-14-2
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	£ 38-19-2
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	£ 3-6-3-
	£ 67-0-0



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CONSERVATION OF WATER

Owing to shortage of water, it is essential that the strictest economy in the use of water is exercised

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MONTHLY FUNDS AND UNIT CANTEEN - HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

Statements for month of Oct are published as Appx "A"

*J.P. Bolger* Capt  
(J.P. Bolger)  
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

CHURCH PARADES - Sunday 19 Nov 44

R.C. Mass 0930 hrs Reception at 2/8 Aust Fd Regt

P.D. C ofE - HOLY COMMUNION

2/6 Aust Inf Bde Recreation Hut 0700 hrs  
Bde Cinema 0915 hrs (Padre RICHARDS)

PARADE SERVICE

Bde Cinema - 0830 hrs (Padre RICHARDSON)



17 Aast Inf Bde Unit Canteen  
 1 Oct 44 TRADING TRANSACTIONS

Period .....

To ..... 31 Oct 44

DEBIT				CREDIT			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Stock at beginning of period . . . . .	48	15	10	5. Sales for period as per Sales Book . . . . .	682	1	3
2. Purchases for period as per Stock Purchases Journal . . . . .	638	5	11	6. Stock on hand at end of period as per Stock Book . . . . .	35	11	4
3. Sundry Expenses - Printing & stationery loss of stock etc, as per Cash Book . . . . .	37	3	3	6a. Credit Sales . . . . .	2	5	-
4. Profit for period . . . . .				6b. Refund (beer cask) . . . . .	3	16	-
				6c. Ullage (written off) . . . . .		11	5
Total . . . . .	724	5	-	Total . . . . .	724	5	-

∅ Plant fixtures and fittings not to be included

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT

	£	s	d		£	s	d
7. <u>Creditors</u> : Unpaid a/cs as per Purchase Journal and unrefunded capital advance . . . . .	100	-	-	9. Cash on hand . . . . .	103	2	9
8. Excess of assets over liabilities :-				10. Balance as per Trust Book A/c No K1463 . . . . .		8	5
Balance c/fwd from last period £ 15.12.9				11. Stock at end of period as per Stock Book . . . . .	25	11	4
Plus Profit for period (line 4) £ 37.3.3	52	16	-	11a. Stock paid for but undelivered . . . . .	2	5	-
				11b. Sundry debtors . . . . .			
Total . . . . .	152	16	-	12. Plant, fixtures and fittings as per Journal . . . . .	1	8	6
				12a. Tillage . . . . .	10	-	-
				Total . . . . .	152	16	-

Note - Total of 1, 2, 3 and 4 should balance with total of 5 and 6  
 Total of 7 and 8 should balance with total of 9, 10, 11, 11a, and 12.



HQ 17 AUST INF BDE REGT TRUST A/C

Statement of Receipt & Expenditure for Month of October 1944

Receipts	£ s d	Expenditure	£ s d
Balance in Trust a/c 1 Oct 44	190 7 7	Additional Rations (Dinner)	15 19 11
Balance cash on hand 1 Oct 44	1 - -	Additional Rations (Supper)	18 4 1
AACS Profits Distribution	9 1 1	Quiz Prizes	3 10 4
		Sports Material	16 9
		Advance to unit canteens for purchase of Reserve Stocks	46 10 -
		Purchase of books Pidgin English	24 1 3
		Barbers Wages Oct 44	3 - -
		Balance in Trust a/c	88 6 8

£ 200 8 8

£ 200 8 8



SECRET

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17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 1

Ref map: ALTAPE EAST 1" to 1 mile

Major G S COX,  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

TASK IN GENERAL

1. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn as from 261200I will be responsible for manning the main line of resistance and will allot one coy for the task.

TASK IN PARTICULAR

2. The coy allotted will provide a series of defended localities not less than one sec in str at the following pts:

915525  
924507  
950497  
959492  
971482  
974474  
000467  
015474  
032477

3. Each sec will -
  - (a) Contact the sec locality on its right by patrol every 4 hrs.
  - (b) Contact by LT or RT the sec locality on its right every hr.
  - (c) Have at all times one sentry on duty. This sentry will be posted and relieved by an NCO.
4. In the event of contact or attempted infiltration by hostile ground tps, this HQ will be notified immediately. At the same time, the locality will engage and destroy the enemy.

(Sgd) M J MOTEN, Brig  
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

Copy to: 2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust MG Bn  
6 Aust Div  
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27 Nov 44

17 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 2

Ref map: AITAPE EAST 1 in to 1 mile

Lt-col BINKS, CO 2/11 Aust Inf Bn  
Maj RAY, OC 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn

INFM

1. Enemy -  
As per 6 Aust Div Int Review No 2 of 22 Nov 44 and revsits to date.
2. Own Tps
  - (a) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn with under comd C Tp 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn are holding def localities on the MLR of not less than one sec at the following pts:  

915525  
924507  
950497  
959492  
971482  
974474  
000467  
015474  
032477
  - (b) Arty - two btys 2/2 Aust Fd Regt are in sp of 17 Aust Inf Bde.

BDE RES

3. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less one coy will be Bde res and will be prepared to counter attack when ordered by this HQ any sector or sectors of the MLR on two hrs from the receipt of orders.
4. Probable role for Bde res will be to counter attack to regain the SE portion of the MLR and to destroy any enemy forces in that area.
5. An outline plan for counter attack will be submitted to this HQ for approval NOT later than 30 Nov 44.

MOB RES

6. 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn less two tps plus one tp 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will be Bde mob res.
7. The necessary vehs to tpt your comd will be made available by this HQ.
8. The mob res will be prepared to launch a counter attack within one hr from the receipt of orders, on any portion of the MLR.
9. CO 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will make a detailed recce of the MLR and in particular routes to the MLR.



10. From the date of relief at BABIANG and KAINTI of one tp. 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn and remainder 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn, these tps will also pass under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde and will constitute part of the mob res. CO 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt will please nominate the offr who will then comd this mob res.

Signed at: 1600 hrs 27 Nov 44

Issued by: LO

*M J Moten*  
Brig

(M J Moten)  
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

Copy to: 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt  
2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
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CAMP ORDERS

By

MAJOR K C CLARKE

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ROUTINE

1. The following routine times will apply in the present standing camp:

Reveille	0530
Breakfast	0615
Adm Parade	0715
Morning Tea	0845-1000
Dismiss	1130
Lunch	1200
Parade	1300
Dismiss	1530
Tea	1700
Tattoo	2100
Lights Out	2130

TENTS

2. Tents will be rolled both sides and ends, weather permitting.

LAYOUT OF KITS

3. The layout of kit will be the same as that at WONDECLA; one box per man will be permitted.

PICQUETS

4. Anti-malarial and Security Picquet will be arranged and coordinated by Lt GUILTY.

ADM

5. Water - Only sterilised water will be used for drinking and washing.

6. Bathing -

- (a) Personnel may bathe in the ocean at the present time, but owing to dangerous weather, bathing may at any time be suspended.
- (b) In the coming monsoon season, the beach becomes most dangerous. The only area to be used for swimming by personnel of this HQ will be that area 50 yds WEST of Old Jetty in front of HQ area.
- (c) Swimming will only be permitted in organised parties; these parties will be commanded by an officer or NCO and OC party will be responsible for maintaining two look-out men per 30 swimmers.
- (d) Cotton wool plugs will be inserted in ears before entering water and ears will be washed with methylated spirits after swimming.



- 2-
- (e) Owing to the prevalence of sand flies, personnel will not lie on the sand to sun bake.
  - (f) All personnel will take care to minimise sunburn, owing to the strength of the sun which causes severe burns in a short time.

7. Security

- (a) No mention will be made of new unit location, and no reference to any move.
- (b) Postal Address: Number, Rank, Name  
Unit,  
AUSTRALIA.
- (c) Puggarees and unit colour patches may be worn.

8. Discipline

- (a) US and RAAF camps (incl airfields) are out of bounds except to personnel on duty.
- (b) Necessity for amicable and highest standards of conduct towards American personnel is strongly stressed.
- (c) Importance of clean and tidy dress at all times and the maintenance of the prestige of Aust Forces, is also stressed.
- (d) Sub-unit comds will ensure that personnel permitted to leave camp area will not straggle in groups along roads.
- (e) It is expressly forbidden to hitch-hike. Breaches of this order will be most severely dealt with.
- (f) Coconuts are under no circumstances to be cut down, as when opened and discarded, they become breeding places for rats, flies and mosquitoes.

9. Medical

- (a) Atebrin will be taken daily on atebrin parades under officer supervision.
- (b) Sleeves will be rolled down between 1700 and 0500 hrs daily.
- (c) Gaiters will be worn at all times. (Gaiters may be washed on Sundays.) Boots will be worn at all times.
- (d) Shirts will be worn at all times except when personnel are engaged in strenuous manual work and then in open country only.
- (e) Tents will be sprayed nightly with insecticide.
- (f) Mosquito nets will be used at night, and should personnel rest on cots during the day, they will also lie under mosquito nets.
- (g) There will be no showering or bathing between 1700 and 0500 daily.
- (h) Anti-mosquito lotion will be applied to exposed portions of body two-hourly after 1800 hrs. This is all the more important owing to the incidence of Dengue Fever.



(i) Hyg of highest order will be insisted on and policed rigidly.

CANTEEN

10. The ration of beer, cigarettes, and tobacco is as follows:-

- Beer - two bottles per man per week
- Cigarettes - 35 per man per week
- Tobacco - 2 ozs per man per week plus 1 pkt cigarette papers.

POSTAL

11. Postage rates

- Airmail 3d per 1/2 oz
- Lettercards 1d each
- Surface letters and packets up to 4 oz free - each additional 4 oz 1d
- Books etc 1d each 8 oz
- Airgraph 4d each
- Air Letter Service Cards 9d each

12. Parcels

Over 1 lb and not exceeding 2lbs	9d
" 2 " " " " "	3 " 1/-
" 3 " " " " "	5 " 1/3
" 5 " " " " "	8 " 1/6
" 8 " " " " "	11 " 1/9

Coconuts are not acceptable for despatch from NEW GUINEA

13. Telegrams Telegrams are despatched to Mainland by Air.

The date of lodgement must show on face of all telegrams immediately after the signature and will be charged as 2 words, e.g. "John 9 Nov 44".

Rates

- Ordinary - 14 words 6d - each additional 2 words 1d
- Urgent - 14 words 1/- - each additional word 1d

*K C Clarke* Maj

85 Nov 44

(K C Clarke)  
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde

C I N E M A

Personnel of HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde will be permitted to attend cinema at 2 and 3 Bns 172 Inf Regt US Army, situated approx 800 yds WEST of this HQ.

Personnel are reminded that it is strictly forbidden to take bottled beer to cinema.

Cinema area must be left clean.

Any infringement of these orders will result in these signs being placed out of bounds.



Spare

C L E A R A N C E   C E R T I F I C A T E

SS "MEXICO"

CAIRNS TO AITAPE - 11 NOV 44 TO 16 NOV 44

On relinquishing the Command of the troops on board I certify that:-

- (a) No arms, accoutrements, or baggage belonging to troops have been left on board.
- (b) The quarters occupied by the troops have been left in a clean and satisfactory state.
- (c) All deficiencies and damages caused by the troops to stores on charge of the ship have been investigated and settled.
- (d) All troops have been disembarked.
- (e) All unauthorised birds and animals on board were satisfactorily disposed of prior to disembarkation.

*Leslie Mayo*

OC Troops

Date . . . . . 18 Nov 44 . . . . .

*Donald H. Martinson*

Master



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VOYAGE REPORT

By

MAJOR G S COX

OC TROOPS SS "MEXICO"

VOYAGE CAIRNS - AITAPE 11 Nov - 17 Nov 44

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  - F. ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES
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VOYAGE REPORT

by

MAJOR G S COX

OC TROOPS SS "MEXICO"

(Voyage ex CAIRNS 11 Nov 44)

PART I

1. GENERAL

In general the voyage was satisfactory, accommodation, messing and cooperation of the Ship's Staff being good. With the exception of some minor ailments (see Appx A attached), there were no casualties and the amount of seasickness among the troops on board was surprisingly small. The restricted deck space on the ship limited sport on board, but other forms of entertainment were arranged which prevented boredom among the troops.

PART II

1. DEPARTURE

Embarkation took place on 11 Nov 44 at No 1 Wharf CAIRNS. The ship sailed at 1800 hrs the same day with a total sixty four (64) officers and eleven hundred and forty one (1141) other ranks (see Appx C attached). Twenty units were represented. When leaving the port the Ship's Master ordered all troops forward in order to trim the ship for clearing the sand bar. This caused a delay of approx two (2) hours with the evening meal.

2. INTERMEDIATE PORTS

At approx 0500 hrs 14 Nov 44, the ship arrived off FINSCHHAFEN and during the morning entered the bay for the purpose of refuelling. Whilst in the port no shore leave was permitted and the ship sailed again at approx 0530 hrs 15 Nov 44. There were no untoward accidents.

3. DISEMBARKATION

Troops were disembarked at AITAPE on 17 Nov 44 at 1200 hrs, disembarkation being completed by 1600 hrs. Assault craft were used from ship to shore. A rear party of fifty (50) all ranks under command of a Captain remained, disembarkation of rear party and unit stores being arranged at a later date.

4. HEALTH EN ROUTE

With the exception of minor ailments (Appx A) health during the voyage was good. There were only 5 cases of diarrhoea and seasickness was practically non-existent. SMO's report is attached (Appx B).

5. TRAINING

Because of the extremely limited amount of deck space available, and shortness of the voyage, the training carried out consisted mainly of lectures to officers and troops on our destination, jungle training, and practical work on maintenance of weapons.

6. DISCIPLINE

There were no major offences committed during the voyage and minor offences were at a minimum.



6. (contd)

- (a) Due to the fact that there were no liquor supplies available on board, drunkenness was non-existent.
- (b) Misconduct - minor happenings only.
- (c) Guards and picquets - Adequate picquets were provided and their work was considered satisfactory.

7. PERSONNEL

The total of personnel on board was:-

(a)	Offrs	WOs	S/Sjts. and L/Sjts	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes	Total OR	Total All Ranks
	64	10	77		116	938	1141	1205

(b) Total of personnel by units vide Appx C.

8. CASUALTIES

Five (5) sickness cases were evacuated to hospital at AITAPE. There were no other casualties.

9. MESSING FACILITIES

Three meals a day were served throughout the voyage.

The capacity of mess hall was approx 400 and this necessitated three mess parades for each meal. This was carried out in accordance with para 2 (d) (e) (f) of Ship's Standing Orders attached as Appx D.

Quantity and quality of food was satisfactory.

During third day of voyage, ship's soap supply ran out and soapy water was NOT available for washing of mess tins. This was overcome by obtaining soap supplies from units on board.

10. PAY

NIL - NO imprest.

11. LOSSES AND DEFICIENCIES

NIL

12. FRESH WATER SUPPLY

This was restricted for shower purposes and was obtainable in offrs' cabins only for one half hour period in the morning and evening. At the same time washing water (NOT showers) was available for troops.

Drinking water was obtainable at all times.

Generally the supply was adequate but for a voyage of any great length it would NOT have sufficed.

Fresh water for washing of dirty clothes on the fourth and fifth days of the voyage was made available to enable troops to disembark with clean clothes. Water for this purpose was allowed during a restricted period only.

Salts water showers only were available for ORs during voyage.

13. SHIP'S ARRANGEMENTS GENERALLY ENCL. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation on board was sufficient for all ranks, twelve stretchers were erected to replace broken bunks on ship..

Generally ship arrangements were most satisfactory.



13. (contd)

Allotment of troops to troop decks is as per Appx E.

14. SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS

There were sufficient latrines on board ship and these worked satisfactorily with a minimum of blockages under supervision of a latrine orderly.

15. COORDINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH MASTER OF SHIP

It was suggested that Army automatic weapons (LMG and MMG) be mounted to thicken up AA protection of ship. However, Ship's Staff suggested AA available on ship was sufficient and further weapons were NOT mounted.

16. RECREATION, AMUSEMENTS, ETC

A small recreation hall only was available, this necessitated use of forward and aft well decks as additional recreational areas. "Housie Housie" was organised on both decks.

A small jazz band was arranged to provide extra entertainment.

The ship's film projector was available and a number of programmes were screened in recreation hall (see Appx F). Capacity of hall was approx 125 and it is probable that most of troops saw one programme only. Two open air screenings were conducted on aft well deck during ship's stay at FINSCHHAFEN and a further two the first night at AITAPE.

Musical programmes were passed over the PA system several times a day but owing to atmospheric interference, it was impossible to broadcast the daily news.

17. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

No Army padre embarked, but the ship's padre conducted several services.

18. WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING VOYAGE AND EFFECT ON TROOPS

Sea was generally calm with scattered showers especially during latter part of voyage. Troops generally were NOT affected by these conditions.

19. MATTERS OF INTEREST

ACF parcels were distributed to all troops. Canteen commodities were made available from unit supplies and there was no shortage of tobacco or cigarettes.

20. COOPERATION BETWEEN STAFFS

Cooperation between ship and Army staffs was excellent, the result of which was a very satisfactory voyage.

*G S Cox* Maj

(G S Cox)  
CC Troops SS "MEXICO"  
Voyage ex CAIRNS 11 Nov 44.

JHR:

*Donald H. Martinson*  
Ship's Master.

17 Nov 44



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SICK REPORT

SS "MEXICO"  
Ex CAIRNS on 11 Nov 44

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
Date	No	Rank	Name	Unit	Completed years of Age Service	Religion	If detailed for any duty etc	Whether Defaulter	Disease	Remarks	
12 Nov	VX190206	Sigant	HETHERINGTON	D	35	Aust Hy Wireless Sec	21	38/12	CE	Abrasions on Shoulders Stiff R Elbow	MLD 1 week
"	NX15611	Sigant	TUCKER E D	"	"	"	22	40/12	CE	Infected finger	MD
"	TX1328	Pte	HARPER P	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	26	56/12	RC			Mild sprain R ankle	MD
"	NX101563	Pte	TUCKER G	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	35	18/12	CE			Infected lacerated R hand	MLD 3 days
"	VX57223	Pte	NESVOLD O	"	26	56/12	RC			URTI	MD
"	NX16244	Pte	RICHARDS T	"	25	58/12	RC			Tinea of feet	MD
"	WX1399	Dvr	JOLLEY C W	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	27	60/12	Meth			Strained L shoulder	Massage MD
"	NX169311	Tpr	GOUGH J	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	19	24/12	CE			Seasick	MND
"	VX36718	Tpr	MARTIN K	"	25	54/12	CE			Infected abrasion L shoulder	Dressing MD
"	NX42603	Pte	GARNER R	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	23	40/12	CE			L ext	MD

*P. H. Peterson Capt*



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
12 Nov	VX 69684	Pte	GRAVEL W A	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	22	36/12	CE		Paronychia R Little finger	MD
"	SX14821	Pte	PAECH A S	"	34	42/12	CE		Old lacertain R Big toe	MD
"	VX109861	Cpl	COGGER N K	35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	21	34/12	CE		Haematoma L eye	MD
"	VX82977	Signn	McCORMICK R V	"	23	43/12	RC		Laceration L leg	MD
"	WX13643	Pte	JOHANSSON E	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	25	42/12	CE		Bruised L leg	MD
"	VX57696	Cpl	SWINDELLS E N	6 Aust Div Pro Coy		20/12	CE		Epistaxis	Sick Bay
13 Nov	NX3888	Pte	KIRKBY W G	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	25	44/12	CE		Diarrhea T 100/4	MND
"	NX72659	Pte	REES S H	"	30	43/12	CE		Pityriasis versicolor	MD
"	NZ63882	L/Cpl	GUMBUETON E J	"	25	44/12	CE		Post concussional headaches	MID 1 week
"	VX141372	Spr	POLLARD C R	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	21	20/12	Meth		Corn L little toe	MD
"	VX72467	Sjt	McGRIMES D V	AACS	41	36/12	CE		Acute conjunctivitis R eye	MD
"	VX82977	Signn	McCORMICK R V	35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	24	45/12	RC		Infected abrasion L leg	MD
"	WX15611	Pte	TUCKER E D	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	22	40/12	CE		Infected pulp space R 3rd finger Incised	MD

*B. Petersen Capt*



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
13 Nov	VX113592	Dvr	CARMICHEAL	D T	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	22	37/12	Pres		Diarrhoea (Mucus)	MND 3 days
"	NX93331	Pte	GRAHAM	J B	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	22	31/12	Meth		Diarrhoea (no blood or Mucus)	MND 2 days
"	VX14785	Pte	SARKIES	E C	"	25	52/12	CE		Strained muscle R Chest	MD
"	VX69684	Pte	GRAVEL	W A	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	22	36/12	CE		Dressing for R fifth Finger	MD
14 Nov	TX13569	Tpr	JONES	E M	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	31	32/12	CE		URTI T 100	Admit sick Bay
"	NX81062	Spr	NEILD	J A	"	29	36/12	RC		Laryngitis T 98	MD
"	NX58003	L Cpl	WARD	J	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	24	46/12	CE		Diarrhoea (no blood or Mucus)	MD
"	NX168441	Pte	GITTENS	J A	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	19	24/12	Meth		W nipped L Medial Meniscus	MND 2 days
"	VX52474	Pte	BROOME	H	"	27	42/12	CE		Wax in Ears	MD
"	NX11748	Cpl	DEMPSEY	J R	"	24	36/12	RC		Old Sprain R Thumb	MD
"	SX39602	Pte	GRIGG	P C	2/188 Aust Sup Dep Pl	27	36/12	Pres		Chronic Clepharitis and Conjunctivitis	MD
15 Nov	NX190206	Sig	HETHERINGTON	D	35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	31	39/12	CE		Abrasions	MD
"	VX109861	Cpl	COGGER	N R	"	21	32/12	CE		Festular rash R shin	MD

*B. H. Petersen Capt*



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15 Nov	VX82977	Sig	McCORMACK	R V	35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	24	44/12	RC		Abrasion L leg	MD
"	NX1129	Sjt	LOCKYER	H	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	36	62/12	CE		Sore on back of neck	MD
"	NX38884	Pte	KIRBY	W G	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	30	41/12	CE		Diarrhoea (ceased now)	MD
"	QX24866	Pte	SPOTTISWOOD	W H	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	23	35/12	CE		? Gout R big toe	MD
"	QX53115	Fte	MATHEWS	C F	"	20	23/12	RC		Nail pierced L foot	MND 2 days
"	WX28391	Pte	NELSON	R L	"	24	42/12	Meth		Abrasion R leg	MD
"	QX34871	Fte	MURPHY	R	"	21	28/12	CE		Heat rash on hands	MD
"	VX59296	Fte	FLANNERY	W J	"	23	41/12	RC		Old pen. SW L Breast	MD
"	VX69684	Pte	GRAVEL	W A	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	22	36/12	CE		Nail removed R little finger	MD
"	VX40254	L Cpl	KENDALL	W G	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	28	54/12	Meth		Tinea on feet	MD
"	VX47939	Tpr	SUTTER	C E	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	30	52/12	Pres		Boil L Buttock	MND 2 days
"	QX5058	Sjt	WOTTON	D	"	23	56/12	Meth		URTI T97	Inhal Head Gutt Nasal's TDS Stick Boy
16 Nov	VX91696	Col	SWINDELLS	E N	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	23	20/12	CE		Epistaxis	
"	WX13558	Fte	KEARN K D		6 Aust Div Sal Unit	21	48/12	Meth		Balamitis	MD
"	VX125073	Lvr	PROBERT	J W	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	33	41/12	CE		Acute tonsillitis	MD

*B. Peterson Capt*



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
16 Nov	VX46278	Spr	HOLDROYD	M	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	33	52/12	CE		Ent. otitis	MD
"	VX36718	Spr	MARTIN	K H	"	25	54/12	CE		Infected abrasion L shoulder	Sick bay
"	VX76865	Spr	CHRISTIE	R A	"	25	34/12	CE		? Salt lack	MD
"	QX24866	Pte	SPOTTISWOOD	W	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	23	35/12	CE		? Infected R big toe ? Gout	Sick Bay
"	VX42656	Pte	SEAGRIM	A F	2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	22	54/12	CE		Acne vulgaris	MD
"	WX10378	Cpl	JONES	T O	"	43	48/12	CE		URTI T 100	Sick Bay
"	QX21610	Dvr	CAIN	E A	"	24	40/12	CE		Diarrhoea	MD
17 Nov	NX68882	L/Cpl	GUMBLETON	E J	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	25	45/12	CE		Post concussional headaches.	MLD 1 week
"	VX76865	Spr	CHRISTIE	R T	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	25	35/12	CE		URTI	MD
"	WX15158	Pte	FITZGERALD	R	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	22	40/12	RC		Scald L hand	MND 2 days
"	WX13503	Pte	KELLY	G J	"	30	42/12	RC		URTI., mild R otitis media. T 98/4	MND
"	WX15795	Pte	SAUNDERS	D A	"	29	54/12	CE		URTI	MD
"	TX8372	Cpl	OHLENROTT	J W	2/4 Aust Dental Unit	27	36/12	Meth		Low back pain	MD
"	TX9441	Sjt	GRAHAM	R C	2/3 Aust MG Bn	38	48/12	CE		URTI T 98	MD

*B. Peterson Capt*



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
17 Nov	VX45098	Sjt	WILTON	C H	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	25	54/12	Meth	R ent otitis	MD
"	VX58631	Pte	AUGUSTINE	R	"	23	42/12	CE	Heat rash (Previous attacks generalised dermatitis since end of 1942, mainly in tropics)	Sick bay
"	NX66503	Pte	DONOVAN	W	"	23	48/12	CE	Heat rash	MD

*B H Peterson* .....Capt  
 (B H Peterson)  
 Ship's Medical Officer



MEDICAL REPORT

Prepared by Capt B H PETERSON SMO SS "MEXICO"

Voyage CAIRNS to AITAPE - 11 Nov 44 to 17 Nov 44.

1. Strength: 1205

2. Sick Parades: These were held in sick bay.

(a) New Sick	Malaria	Nil
	Diarrhoea	5
	Tinea	2
	Other skin diseases	8
	Seasickness	1
	URTI	10
	Other diseases	31
	Accidents	Nil
	BC	Nil

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Total 57

(b) Of these, 7 were admitted to sick bay. Two of these RTU on 16 Nov 44, the others being admitted to hospital on disembarkation.

(c) The 5 cases of diarrhoea were mild, and of doubtful cause.

3. Hygiene:

(a) Cleanliness of decks - good.

(b) Ablution benches - accumulation of slime on under surface of perforated trays was noted and rectified. Fresh water for ablutions available for 1 hr each day ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hr morning and evening). Salt water showers available at all times. Additional fresh water was made available for washing of clothing. Cleanliness of bathrooms on general - good.

(c) Latrines - accommodation adequate and clean.

(d) Messing - satisfactory from medical point of view. Ship's supply of soap for washing men's dixies ran out but men's own soap was utilised. Diet satisfactory.

(e) Accommodation and ventilation - fair.

(f) There was very little seasickness.

4. Malaria precautions:

Atebrin appeared to be taken regularly by all troops under officer supervision.

5. AMF and US Army Medical Staffs cooperated well and every possible assistance was given by the latter.

*B H Peterson* Capt  
(B H Peterson)  
SMO SS "MEXICO"



STRENGTH STATE

Unit	Offrs	WOs	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes	Total OR	Total All Ranks
2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	5	1	12	15	188	216	221
35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	1	-	2	4	26	32	33
HC 17 Aust Inf Bde Adv Party	4	-	2	2	8	12	16
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	4	1	1	2	12	16	20
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	4	-	1	1	14	16	20
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	23	3	28	36	387	454	477
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	2	-	-	3	30	33	35
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	2	-	-	-	13	13	15
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	4	1	6	13	129	149	153
2/3 Aust MG Bn	2	-	7	1	17	25	27
2/2 Aust Gen Tot Coy (TS)	1	1	3	3	52	59	60
2/188 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2	1	1	6	23	34	36
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	1	1	3	19	10	33	34
6 Aust Div Sal Unit	-	-	1	-	13	14	14
2/4 Aust Dental Unit	2	1	2	2	3	8	10
Det AACS	-	-	5	7	6	18	18
Det Mil History Sec	3	-	-	1	3	4	7
2 Aust V & O Sec	2	-	-	-	4	4	6
Det A Aust FS Sec	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
135 Aust Bde Wksp	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
53 Port Craft Coy	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1205</b>



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Ships Standing Orders

by

MAJ G S COX

OC TROOPS ON BOARD

SS "MEXICO" ex CAIRNS 11 NOV 44

1. SHIPS STAFF

OC Troops	-	Maj	G S COX	
Adjt	-	Capt	J R HIRST	
SMO	-	Capt	B H PETERSON	
Chief Messing Offr	-	Capt	R L BENNETT	
Messing Offrs	-	Lt	H H SCOTT	
		Lt	L S BELL	
		Lt	D L ROUSE	
Hyg Offr	)	Lt	I R BRANDER	
Police & Sanitation)				
Emergency Drill Offr		Capt	M E PEARSON	
Provost Marshal	-	Lt	B S PATTEN	
Ships RSM	-	WOII	J SYM	
Ships Orderly Room				
Sjt	-	Sjt	S WHITE	
Troop Deck Offrs & Sjts	-			
			<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Sjts</u>
			Lt J E HERROD	Sjt CHALMER A
			<del>Lt J E HERROD</del>	<del>Sjt CHALMER A</del>
Main 5			Lt R G JOSE	Sjt COUGH G S
Main 4			Lt J C RICE	L/Sjt BAMBRIDGE
Lower 5			Lt R McMENEMY	Sjt WOTTON D W
Main 3			Lt A CASBOULT	S/Sjt BRAY J
Lower 2			Lt H V BRAY	Sjt BENNETT W G
Main 2			Lt J J SAVAGE	WOII RITCHIE P
Lounge			Lt H J POINER	Col MCGREGOR
Port Prom			Lt R COUGH	Sjt BOWMER R V
Fwd Prom			Lt R F WALCH	Sjt LOCKYER H H
Stbd Prom				

2. ROUTINE

(a) Reveille	-	0530 hrs	
(b) Sick Parade	-	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	• 0900 hrs
		2/7 Aust Inf Bn	• 0920 hrs
		2/11 Aust Inf Bn	• 0950 hrs
		All other units	• 1000 hrs
(c) Inspection	-	1000 hrs	
(d) Breakfast			
Sitting 1	(Lounge)		
	(Starboard)		
	(Forward)	- Promenade Deck	0600 hrs
	(Port)		



Sitting 2 (Main 2)  
(Lower 2) approx 0645 hrs  
(Main 3)

Sitting 3 (Main 4)  
(Main 5) approx 0715 hrs  
(Lower 5)

(e) Lunch

Sitting 1 - 1200 hrs (as for breakfast)  
Sitting 2 - approx 1245 hrs (as for breakfast)  
Sitting 3 - approx 1315 hrs (as for breakfast)

(f) Dinner

Sitting 1 - 1700 hrs (as for breakfast)  
Sitting 2 - approx 1745 hrs (as for breakfast)  
Sitting 3 - approx 1815 hrs (as for breakfast)

(g) Sittings will assemble at respective troop decks 10 minutes prior to time laid down for messing. Times to proceed to mess will be signalled over P.A. system by Ships Orderly Room Sjt.

(h) Mess will be on cafeteria system.

(i) Duties will NOT mess with their respective sub-units (unless otherwise ordered) but will parade to mess and present a chit from Chief Messing Offr.

(j) Blackout restrictions will be announded each night from the bridge.

(k) Retreat - 1800 hrs

(l) Last Post - 2230 hrs

(m) Lights Out 2300 hrs

3. LOCATIONS

(a) OC Troops - Cabin B 30 Port Amidships

(b) Sub-group orderly rooms will be established on respective troopp decks, and Ships Orderly Room will be notified of location.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS

The following areas are out of bounds to ALL ranks:-

- (a) Ships Bridge
- (b) Engine Room
- (c) All crew and gun crew quarters
- (d) Poop deck
- (e) Boat deck (officers are allowed on aft part of boat deck)
- (f) Aining above boat deck aft.
- (g) Galley, except for kitchen fatigues
- (h) Hospital area, except during sick parades and visiting hrs.
- (i) Entire boat deck forward of railings, except for guards and men on watch.
- (j) Crews stairway
- (k) Passageways on "C" Deck

5. DRESS

(a) Jungle greens, hats NOT required except on duty (when they ill be worn with chin strap on chin), boots, no gaiters, life jacket (carried at ALL times).



- (b) Shirts will be worn on ALL march parades and on duty.
- (c) For "Beat stations"  
Shirts and trousers JJ, hats with chin strap on chin, boots unlaced, emergency ration and water bottle filled in haversack, field dressing in hip pocket.

6. SMOKING

Smoking is NOT allowed:-

- (a) During embarkation or disembarkation
- (b) During emergency drills
- (c) On troop decks
- (d) On deck after blackout
- (e) Tps mess hall during meal hrs

Smoking is permitted:-

- (a) In tp latrines
- (b) On deck during day
- (c) Recreation hall
- (d) State rooms
- (e) Officers mess

7. GAMBLING

- (a) Gambling of any description is NOT permitted.
- (b) "Housie Housie" under supervision of pl comds may be played.

8. LIFE JACKETS

These will be carried at all times, and fastened at first indication of alarm.

9. RUBBISH

- (a) ALL rubbish will be placed in receptacles provided.
- (b) NO rubbish will be thrown overboard, except when directed over PA system.
- (c) The throwing of rubbish or anything other than toilet paper into toilet bowls and urinals is strictly prohibited.
- (d) Cigarette butts will NOT be thrown overboard, but will be extinguished and placed in rubbish tins.

10. WATER

- (a) Fresh water will NOT be used for washing clothes.
- (b) Waterbottles will be kept full at ALL times.
- (c) Drinking water provided on tp decks between 0800 and 2000 hrs daily will NOT be used for any other purpose than drinking. If this privilege is abused drinking water will be rationed.
- (d) Salt water showers may be used throughout the day.
- (e) Fresh water is available at the following hrs daily:-



11. BLACKOUT

- (a) Capt M E PEARSON will be responsible for enforcing ALL blackout regulations.
- (b) Blackout will be announced each night from the bridge over PA system.

12. MEDICAL

- (a) Atebrin parades will be held daily at 0900 hrs and a certificate rendered by sub gps to OC tps by 1000 hrs.
- (b) Pers will NOT attend RAR at any times other than those laid down (para 2b), except in an emergency. AAF A46 will be presented to SMO.
- (c) Hospital visiting hrs 1400 - 1600 hrs daily.

13. COMPLAINTS

- (a) ALL complaints will be lodged through normal channels to OC tps.
- (b) Requests for repairs, plumbing, lighting etc., will be made to OC tps.
- (c) Complaints or requests will NOT be made to any of ship's staff.

14. DISCIPLINE

- (a) Life preservers will be carried by all ranks at all times.
- (b) Sentries will pay normal compliments to both AUSTRALIAN and AMERICAN officers.
- (c) Only pers in open will stand fast at retreat.
- (d) Sunburn will be treated as a SIW.
- (e) Pers will NOT sit on rails of ship.
- (f) Eqt will NOT be placed near ventilators.
- (g) Sleeping on deck is strictly prohibited.

15. SECURITY

- (a) It will be impressed on ALL ranks that bottles containing messages will NOT be thrown overboard, as such action provides a source of info to the enemy and endangers the safety of shipping.
- (b) No mention will be made of ship or voyage in correspondence.

16. TRAINING

To be notified later.

17. RETURNS

The following returns will be submitted by sub gps to ship's orderly room daily:-

Atebrin certificates	-	1000 hrs
Arms inspection	-	1200 hrs
Hospitalization	-	as applicable



18. MAN OVERBOARD

Should any pers fall overboard pers witnessing accident will call "man overboard" in a loud voice.

19. OFFICER'S MESS

The following mess times will be observed :-

Breakfast	-	No 1 sitting	-	0730 hrs
		No 2 sitting	-	0830 hrs
Lunch	-	No 1 sitting	-	1130 hrs
		No 2 sitting	-	1230 hrs
Dinner	-	No 1 sitting	-	1630 hrs
		No 2 sitting	-	1730 hrs

20. OFFICER'S ACCOMMODATION

Offrs batmen are responsible under directions from the senior offr in the cabin for cleanliness of offr's quarters.

21. CANTEEN

(a) Bulk canteen is situated adjacent to recreation hall

(b) Units will purchase tobacco etc in bulk.  
Particulars of buying hrs will be notified later.

22. POSTAL

All letters will be censored, stamped and delivered by sub gps to ship's orderly room at 1600 hrs daily. Sjt WHITE will arrange collection and custody of mail.

23. ORDERS FOR GUARD (see appx A1 and A2 - issued to guard only)

24. ORDERS FOR MESSING OFFR (see Appx B)

25. INSTNS FOR COMPARTMENT COMDS (see appx C)

26. EMERGENCY DRILL (see appx D)

27. SHIP'S PLAN (see appx E)

28. DUTIES (all duties will be permanent)

(a) Offr of the Day (Fd Rank) .. Maj J S JONES

(b) Main guard - to be detailed by 2/11 Aust Inf Bn  
Guard comd 1 Capt  
Deputy guard comd 1 Lt  
Guard 1 WO 11, 4 sjts, 64 ptes, 8 super-numeraries.

(c) Stores details - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
1 sjt, 15 ptes.

(d) Tp mess details -

Breakfast  
Detail No 1 - 1 cpl, 7 ptes - to be detailed by 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE.  
Detail No 2 - 1 cpl, 7 ptes - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
Detail No 3 - 1 sjt, 10 ptes

Lunch - do

Dinner - do



27. (Contd)

- (e) Galley detail - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
1 sjt cook, 12 ptes, plus 2 cooks
- (f) Butchers shop detail - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2 butchers, 4 offsidars
- (g) Bakers shop detail - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2 bakers, 3 assistants
- (h) Police and Sanitation - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Offr, 2 cpls, 26 OR
- (i) Ration guard - to be detailed by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Offr, 4 sjts, 16 cpls.

28. INTERCOMN

- (a) Each sub gp will maintain 1 runner "B deck companionway"  
adjacent to ship's orderly room from 0830 hrs until dis-  
missed.
- (b) Sub gps will at ALL times maintain 1 responsible clerk  
or NCO in respective orderly rooms.

*J. R. Hirst*  
Capt  
(J R HIRST)  
Ship's Adjutant



DISTRIBUTION

	Standing Orders Copy No	Appendices					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
35 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	2	1	1	1	1	1	-
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	3	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	4	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	5	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	6	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	7	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	8	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	9	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/2 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	10	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/188 Aust Sup Dep Pl	11	1	1	1	1	1	-
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	12	1	1	1	1	1	-
6 Aust Div Sal Unit Det	13	1	1	1	1	1	-
2/4 Aust Dental Unit	14	1	1	1	1	1	-
Det AACCS	15	1	1	1	1	1	-
2 Aust V & O Sec )	16	1	1	1	1	1	-
Det Mil Hist Sec )							
A Aust FS Sec )							
OC Tps	17	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ships Adjnt	18	1	1	1	1	1	1
SMO	19	1	1	1	-	-	1
Tp Deck Comds (10)	20-29	10	10	10	10	10	-
Hyg Offr	30-31	2	2	2	-	2	1
Chief Messing Offr	32	1	1	1	-	1	8
Emergency Drill Offr	33	1	1	1	1	1	-
Provost Marshal	34	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ships RSM	35	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ships Staff	36-38	3	3	3	3	3	3
Spares	39-44	6	6	6	6	6	6
War Diary	45-46	2	2	2	2	2	2



HEADQUARTERS SS MEXICO  
Office of the Transport Commander

5 August 1944

WATER

Fresh water aboard a ship is precious and must not under any circumstances be wasted.

Drinking water is not under any circumstances to be used for other purposes.

Government Regulations require that water be supplied in the amount of only one gallon per man per day.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT WATER ABOARD THE SS MEXICO

Our ships evaporators will make approximately thirty tons ( 8100 gals ), per day.

Our engines use an average of twenty tons per day.

We require approximately ten tons for cooking and for Hospital use.

With the reserve of water the ship carries, we can and will make available approximately twenty tons pf water per day for use of crew and passengers.

WATER REGULATIONS

Fresh water will be turned on for washing, etc., daily from 0630 to 0700 and from 1945 to 2015.

Drinking water will be turned on in Troop Compartments from 0800 to 2000 Daily.

Troops will fill their canteens before retiring and will keep them full at all times.

In the event of anyone pouring out a canteen of water, disciplinary action will be taken.

In the event water conservation methods demonstrate that we are using less than the allotted amount of water, water hours will be extended.

At the first indication that water is being wasted, or that more than twenty tons per day is being used by passengers, water hours will be reduced by eliminating the evening period, by turning off all fresh water in Troop Compartments, and by requiring canteens to be filled under guard.

FRESH WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR WASHING OF CLOTHES.

*Geo. S. Farmer*  
GEO. S. FARMER  
Capt., T.C.  
Transport Commander.



HEADQUARTERS SS MEXICO  
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20 October 1944

TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

STANDING ORDER )

NUMBER 1 )

1. OUT OF BOUNDS.

a. The following Areas are out of bounds for all Passengers.

- (1) The Ship's Bridge.
- (2) The Engine Room.
- (3) CALL Crew and Gun Crew Quarters.
- (4) The Funnel or Poop Deck.
- (5) The Boat Deck ( Officers are allowed on Aft part of Boat Deck.)
- (6) The Awning above the Boat Deck Aft.
- (7) The Galley ( Except for K.P's on detail.)
- (8) The Hospital Area ( Except from 1400 to 1600.)

b. The following additional areas are out of bounds for Troops.

- (1) The entire Boat Deck ( Except for Guards and men on watch.)
- (2) The crew's Stairway ( Off Port Promenade. )
- (3) The passageways on C Deck.

2. SMOKING.

a. Smoking is not allowed during Embarkation or Debarkation.

b. Smoking is not allowed while any Drill is in progress.

c. Smoking is not permitted:

- (1) In Troop Compartments.
- (2) Out of Doors after Blackout.
- (3) In Troop Mess Hall during Meal Hours.

d. Smoking is permitted:

- (1) In Troop Latrines ( Cigarette Butts must not be thrown in urinals.)
- (2) On Deck during Daylight Hours ( Lighted cigarettes must not be thrown overboard.)
- (3) In Recreation Hall.
- (4) In Staterooms.
- (5) In the Officers Mess Hall.

3. TRASH.

a. All trash will be thrown in the receptacles provided.

b. No trash will be thrown overboard except as when directed over the P.A. System from the Bridge.

c. The throwing of trash or anything other than toilet paper into the toilet bowls and urinals is strictly prohibited.

4. LIFE PRESERVERS.

a. Life Preservers will be worn or carried by all passengers at all times while at sea.

b. Life Preservers will be put on and fastened at first indication of Alarm.



5. BLACKOUTS.
  - a. The Provost Marshall is responsible for enforcing Blackout Regulations.
  - b. Blackout will be announced each night from the Bridge.
6. WATER CONSERVATION.
  - a. Fresh water will not be wasted.
  - b. Canteens will be kept full at all times.
  - c. Drinking water will be used for NO other purpose.
  - d. Common drinking cups will not be used.
7. GAMBLING.
  - a. Army Regulations prohibit gambling on any Transport.
  - b. Mixed gambling ( i.e., between Passengers and crew or Gun Crew ) will not be tolerated.
8. UNIFORM.
  - a. Uniform aboard ship will be announced and will be commensurate with weather conditions.
  - b. Mixed uniforms ( i.e., Parts of Fatigues and parts of Service Uniform ) will not be worn.
9. SICK CALL - HOSPITAL.
  - a. Sick call is held at the Dispensary on the Starboard side of B Deck Forward.
  - b. Sick Call hours are from 0900 to 1100.
  - c. The Hospital Area is out of Bounds except for visiting Patients during visting hours.
  - d. Visting Hours are from 1400 to 1600.
10. COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS.
  - a. All complaints will be lodged through the Transport Commanders Office.
  - b. Requests for repairs such as stopped up Plumbing will be made at the Transport Commander's Office, Room B 30.
  - c. Passengers will NOT make complaints or requests for repairs or service directly to Ship's Officers or members of the Crew.

*G. S. Farmer*  
GEO. S. FARMER  
Capt., T.C.  
Transport Commander.



HEADQUARTERS SS MEXICO  
Office of the Transport Commander

24 October 1944

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1. GENERAL.

- a. Compartment Commanders are responsible for the police and sanitation of their respective compartments. They are also responsible for the discipline and well being of the troops in their compartment.

2. CHARGE OF QUARTERS AND DUTY OFFICER.

- a. Compartment Commanders will appoint and see that a senior non-commissioned officer quartered in the compartment is on duty in the compartment as charge of quarters at all times.
- b. The charge of quarters will see that the ship's regulations are carried out and that the compartment is kept clean and presentable at all times. ( This particularly applies to the rule "NO SMOKING in troop compartments". )  
The charge of quarters must be vigilant in seeing that all evidences
- c. of seasickness in the compartment are cleaned up immediately. If in his opinion the man who is sick cannot clean it up himself, he must designate the closet man to do the cleaning.
- c. When at sea it is necessary for Commissioned Officer to be in each compartment in order to prevent panic in case of alarm. This duty will be rotated by roster through the Adjutant's Office.

3. LATRINE ORDERLIES.

- a. For purposes of cleaning and maintenance, the Troop Latrines are assigned to the following compartments.
- (1) The large latrine forward to Main # 2 compartment.
  - (2) The Latrine in # 5 to Main # 5.
  - (3) The Latrine in Main # 4 to Main # 4.
  - (4) The recreation Hall Latrine and the two latrines leading to the Starboard Promenade, to the Starboard Promenade.
  - (5) The one Latrine on the Port Promenade to the Port Promenade.
- b. The compartment commander will see that a latrine orderly is on duty in the latrine at all times. This should be accomplished by roster and watches of not over three (3) hours maintained.
- c. The latrine orderly is responsible for the cleanliness of the latrine.
- d. He will see that evidences of seasickness are cleaned up immediately and not allowed to stay on the floors or in the toilet.
- e. He will prevent anything except toilet paper from being thrown into toilets.
- f. In event of a stopped up toilet the latrine orderly will clean it out and try using the suction cup before reporting it to the Transport Commanders Office.  
He will report all stopped up plumbing to the Office promptly.

4. SHIPS INSPECTION.

- a. Compartment Commanders will be in their compartments to receive the inspection party.
- b. The Inspection party will assemble at about 0955 and start the inspection at 1000. The compartments will be inspected in the following order, Main # 4, Main # 5 ; Lower # 5, Mess Hall and Galley, Main # 3, Main # 2, Lower # 2, Starboard promenade, Recreation Hall, Port Promenade, Forward Promenade, the Lounge, and the hospital. The inspection usually takes about 40 minutes.



c. PREPARING COMPARTMENTS FOR INSPECTION.

- (1) When weather conditions prevent, evacuate all troops.
- (2) All baggage ( barrack bags, etc ) should be placed on the top bunk.
- (3) All mess gear opened for inspection should be placed on the middle bunk.
- (4) The lower bunk should be tied up and the deck ( floor ) swept and mopped.
- (5) All lights will be turned on with safety glass and guards in place.
- (6) Nothing should be placed on overhead ventilators, rafters, or beams. All stairs, scuppers, or gutters, corners, behind pipes or degaussing should be cleaned and freed from trash. Brooms and Mops should be placed in the Mop racks, Trash cans should be emptied. ( Into containers palced on Port side of After well deck).

5. MESS.

- a. The Compartment Commander should proceed to his compartment when the announcement is made on the speaker system for his compartment to prepare for mess.
- b. He will require all men to remain in their compartment until the runner arrives from the mess hall, The runner will at first lead the men over the presribed route to the mess hall.
- c. The compartment commander will accomapny his men to mess; see that order is mauntained in the mess line and in the mess hall; and will see that no time is wasted in the mess hall.
- d.. He will be responsible for seeing that all mess gear is properly cleaned before the troops leave the mess hall.
- e. the troops mess at 0600, 1200, and at 1700. Each meal requires about 2 1/2 hours to serve. Close cooperation is required in order to serve three meals a day ( customs on transports is to serve two meals.) Troops must stay in their compartments until called by runner.
- f. Comaprtment commanders should eat at the 1st Officers Mess, 0730, 1130, and 1630.

6. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

- a. All complaints or suggestions concerning the running of the ship, stopage of water, ventilators, burned out lights, stoped up plumbing etc, should be made to the charge of quarters, adjutant or Ship's Sergeant- Major, Room B-28.
- b. Complaints should not be made directly to members of the ship's crew.

7. THE P.X BUYING AGENT.

- a. The compartment commander will appoint a buying agent ( and assistants ) who will report to the P.X. officer for instructions when called on the speaker system.

8. CLEAN UP BEFORE LEAVING.

- a. Compartment commanders are responsible for seeing that all compartments are clean, all bunks chained up at a 45° angle, and a life preserver placed at the head of each bunk after the troops have packed and are ready to debark.

*G. S. Farmer*

GEO. S. FARMER  
Capt., T.C.  
Transport Commander.



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WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

I. GENERAL ALARM

- A. Signal is one long ring on the ship's alarm bell.
- B. At the sound of the General Alarm, all troops will:
  1. Give way to Crew and then Crew personnel proceeding to battle stations;
  2. Put on and fasten Life Preservers;
  3. Proceed immediately to Troop Compartments and stand by there until the "All Clear" is given.
- C. At the sound of the alarm, all Compartment Commanders will report to their compartments.
- D. Compartment Commanders and Charge of Quarters will be responsible for seeing that all portholes and watertight doors are closed and secured.
- E. Guard, Mess Detail, and other details will continue normal performance of duty.

II FIRE AND BOAT DRILL.

- A. Signal is a series of six or more short rings, followed by one long ring on the Ship's alarm bell.
- B. At the sound of the Fire and Boat Drill signal, troops will evacuate their compartments as follows:
  1. Main # 2 - Proceed to forward well deck via port and starboard stairs leading from Main # 2 to forward well deck.
  2. Lower # 2 - Proceed to Main # 2 and follow troops from that compartment to the forward well deck.
  3. Main # 3 - Proceed up stairs to Troop Mess Hall and then to B Deck. Proceed aft along the starboard side of B deck to after well deck.
  4. Main # 4 - Proceed up stairs to Purser's Square and up stairs to B deck, then out to after well deck.
  5. Main # 5 - Proceed to after well deck via stairs leading from Main # 5 to after well deck.
  6. Lower # 5 - Proceed up stairs to Main # 5 troop compartment, then follow troops from that compartment up stairs to after well deck.
  7. Port Promenade - Proceed to forward well deck via stairway (port side) leading from promenade deck to forward well deck.
  8. Starboard Promenade - Proceed to after well deck via stairway (Starboard side) leading from promenade deck to after well deck.



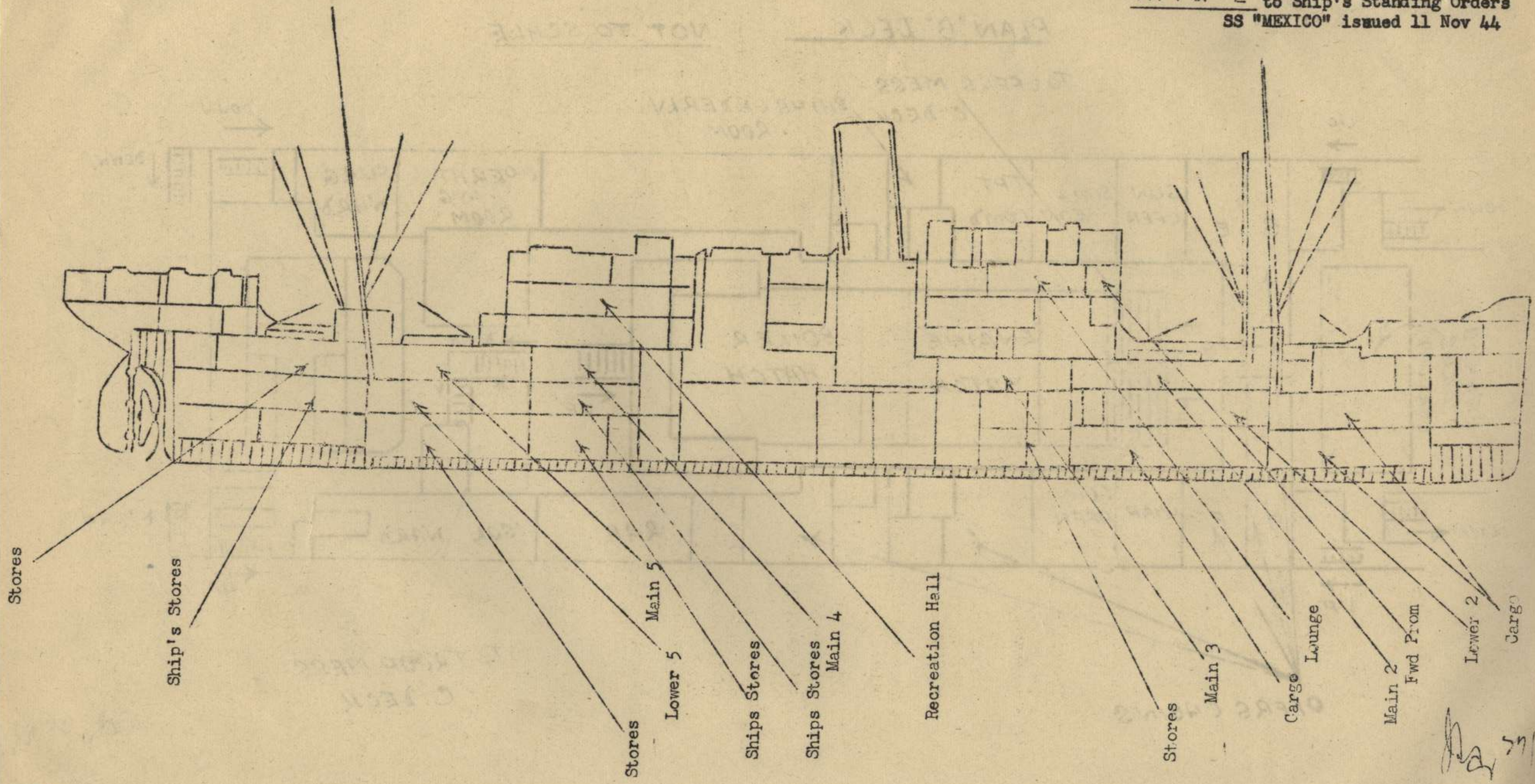
9. Forward Promenade - follow troops from Port Promenade down portside stairway to forward well deck.
10. Promenade Lounge - Proceed to forward well deck via stairway ( starboard side ) leading from promenade deck to forward well deck.
11. Recreation Hall - Troops in Recreation hall will proceed down stairs to after well deck.
12. Troop Mess Hall - Troops in Mess Hall will proceed up stairs to B Deck then aft on starboard side of B deck to after well deck.
- C.
- C. At the signal all troops will give way to crew members proceeding to fire stations.
- D. At the signal, all compartment commanders will proceed immediately to their compartments.
- E. It will be the responsibility of compartment commanders and charge of quarters to see that that portholes and watertight doors in their compartment are closed and secured immediately.
- F. The actual order to abandon ship will be given verbally from the bridge over the public address system . NO TROOPS WILL ABANDON SHIP UNLESS SO ORDERED.
- G. Mess and other details will participate in Fire and Boat Drill unless otherwise instructed over the public address system.
- H. All details that have been appointed for the launching of life rafts, release of landing nets, evacuation of hospital, first aid crew and litter bearers will report to their stations immediately upon hearing alarm.
- I All personnel will clear the ship's rails, keeping as near the center of the ship as possible.
- J. No life rafts will be released or thrown until the ship has lost headway.
- K. Recall ( All Clear ) - Signal is three (3) short rings on ship's alarm bell. All personnel resume normal activities.

*GEO. S. FARMER*

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Capt., T.C.  
Transport Commander.



APPX "E" to Ship's Standing Orders  
SS "MEXICO" issued 11 Nov 44

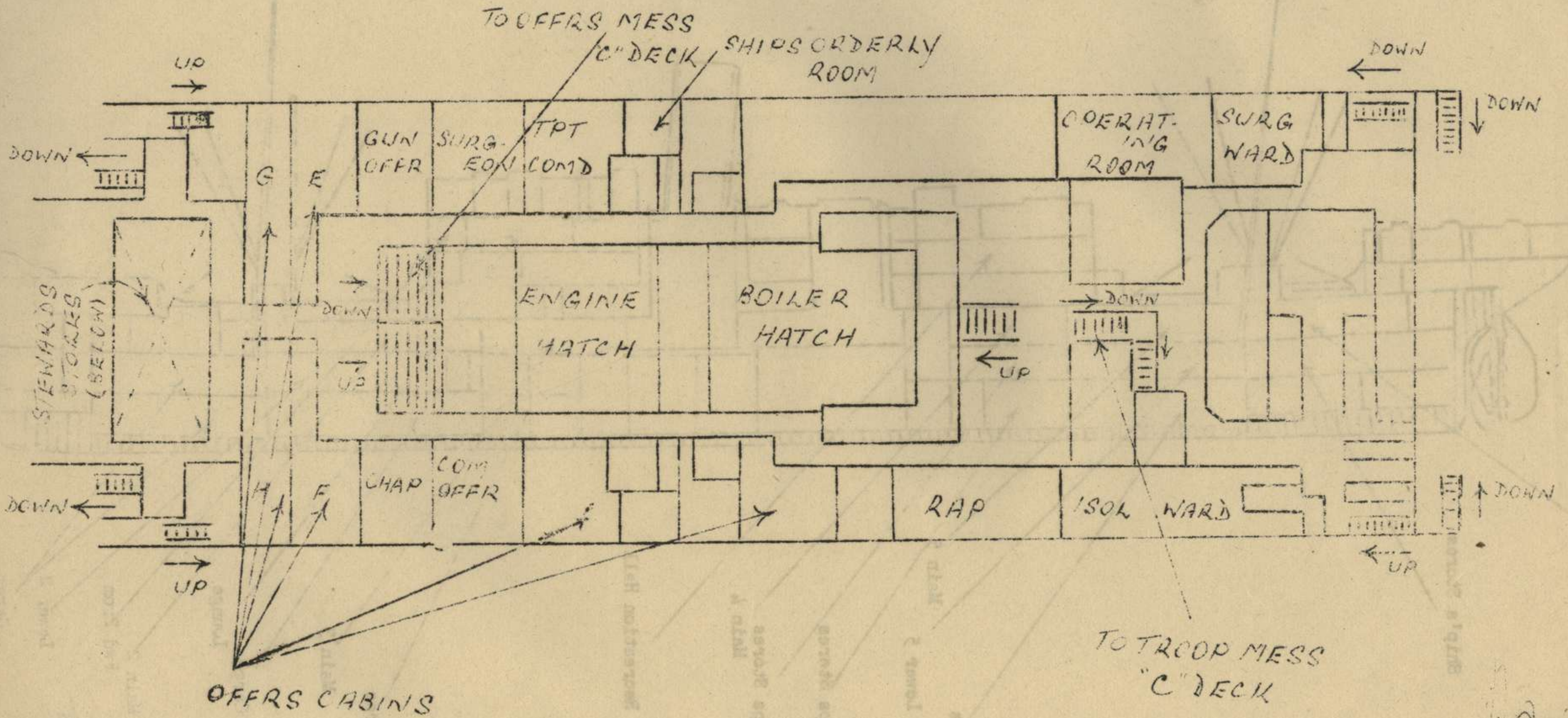


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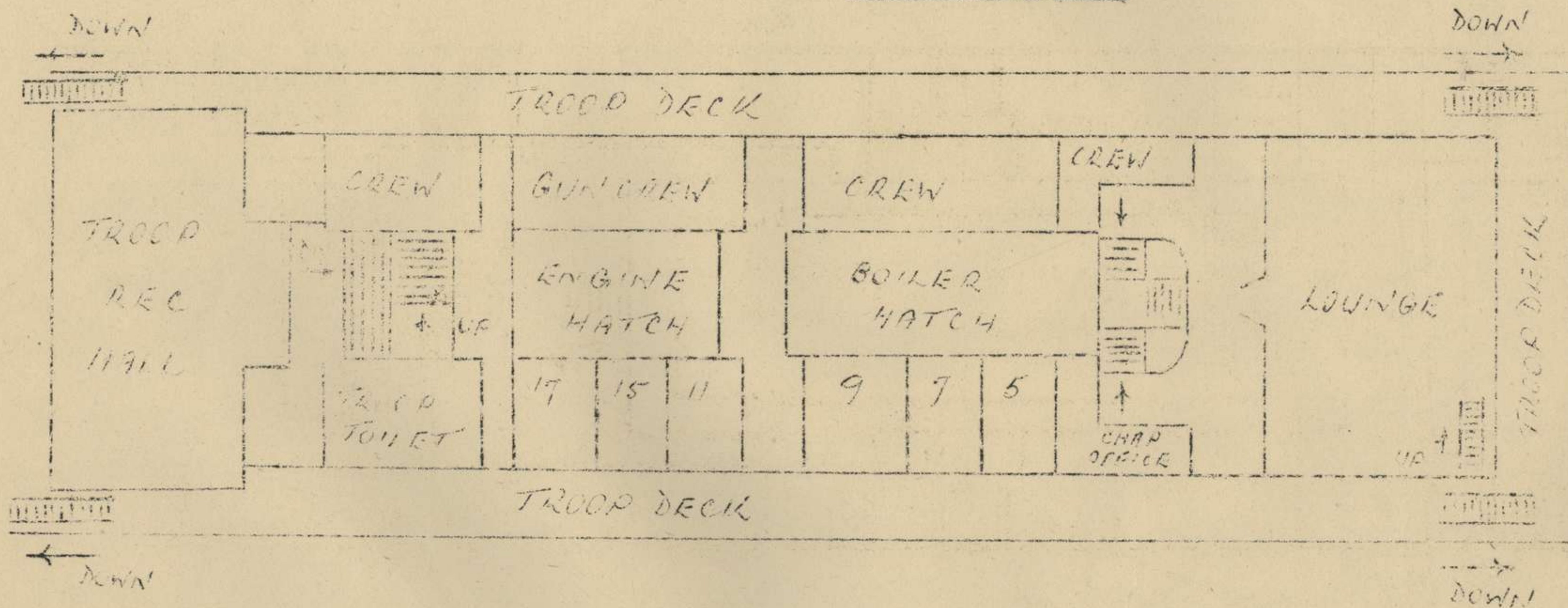
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TO TROOP MESS  
"C" DECK



# PLAN PROMENADE DECK

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HEADQUARTERS SS MEXICO  
Office of the Transport Commander

3 October 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : MESS OFFICERS.

1. Mess details will be permanent. Since prompt and efficient messing depends upon the efforts of mess details, dependable men will be assigned in all cases.

2. Details will report to the ship's 2nd steward for instructions as to the proper places to report. Rosters of each detail will be furnished 2nd steward, ship's crew member in charge of each detail ( Storekeeper, Butcher, Baker, etc), and Troop Adjutant, and a roster will be retained by the first Sergeant of the Unit supplying the detail. Details must report promptly. If personnel of details is changed because of illness or other reasons, all rosters will be changed accordingly.

3. Mess Detail consists of :

- a. Mess Officer.
- b. Assistant Mess Officer - Morning Meal.
- c. Assistant Mess Officer - Noon Meal.
- d. Assistant Mess Officer - Evening Meal.
- e. Mess Sergeant.
- f. Assistant Mess Sergeant - Morning Meal.
- g. Assistant Mess Sergeant - Noon Meal.
- h. Assistant Mess Sergeant - Evening Meal.

4. Size, composition of details.

a. Store Detail:

- (1) NCO and 15 men - report to Storekeeper at 0900 to bring up stores.
- (2) NCO and 15 men - report to Storekeeper at 1500 to bring up stores.

b. Troop Mess Detail:

(1) Breakfast :

- a. NCO and 7 men - Set up tables and keep clean. This detail will provide men to keep floors, tables, etc clean during mess. Report at 0500.
- b. NCO and 7 men - Set steam table and serve meal. Report at 0500.
- c. NCO and 10 men - Clean mess hall after meal. Report immediately after meal, ( approx - 0800.)

(2) Lunch :

- a. Same as (1) (a), except report at 1100.
- b. Same as (1) (b), except report at 1100.
- c. Same as (1) (c), except report immediately after lunch, ( approx, 1400 ).

(3) Dinner :

- a. Same as (1) (a), except report at 1600.
- b. Same as (1) (b), except report at 1600.
- c. Same as (1) (c), except report immediately after dinner, ( approx, 1900).

( over )



(4) Cook Detail for Galley:

- a. 3 Cooks and 2 helpers report at 0300.
- b. 3 Cooks and 2 helpers report at 0800.
- c. 3 Cooks and 2 helpers report at 1300.

(5) Galley Detail. ( Night ).

- (1) NCO and 12 men ( potato peelers ) to report at 2100.

(6) Butcher Shop Detail :

- (1) 6 men ( butchers and 4 helpers ) to report at 2000.
- (2) 4 men to report at 0630.

(7) Baker Shop Detail :

- (1) 2 Bakers and 2 baker helpers to report at 1900.
- (2) 1 Baker's Helper to report at 0700.

(5) Activities :

- a. Meals are served starting at 0600; 1200; and at 1700.
- b. Clean up detail starts to work immediately after meal. If the work is pushed along as it should be, the average clean up time is from 45 minutes to 1½ hours.

6. Posts and places of reporting:

- a. All details will report to 2nd steward who will direct men where to report.

Compartment ~~order~~ of messing and routes to be followed will be determined by the Mess Officer in cooperation with the Transport Commander, and will be announced as early as possible.

Troops will be in their compartments at meal times and will be held there until a runner comes to lead them to mess ; An Officer will lead the men to mess; will see that the men are fed; and will inspect the mess gear of each individual to see that it is clean and not greasy. The Officer will remain there until his compartment has cleared the Mess Hall.


Guard and Special Detail men should be allowed to filter through the mess lines at the time they are duty, regardless of when their compartment eats. Special passes will be issued.

7. Duties of Mess Officer:

- a. It will be the responsibility of the Mess Officer to see that the following are accomplished.
  - (1) Water in the sterilizer and in the Mess Kit washers must be at the boiling point.
  - (2) All K.P's must be present and on duty, on time. This should be the major responsibility of the Mess Sergeant.



- (3) All tables must be set with salt, pepper, milk, etc.
- (4) K.P's in charge of bread detail must secure bread from baker and slice same.
- (5) K.P's in charge of steam table must have table ready with water and steam.
- (6) K.P's must obtain food from Chef in Galley and set up same on steam table.
- (7) K.P's must be properly placed to serve food to troops.
- (8) Mop detail must be placed, one on each side of the Troop Mess to keep deck dry and clean at all times.
- (9) Two K.P's are to be ready at all times to replenish food and dispose of empty boxes, tin cans, garbage cans, etc.
- (10) Table detail must clean tables as meal progresses and must supply salt, pepper, and milk as needed.
- (11) Mess Officer is to observe units and compartments, as they are served, to see that they follow in order and without delay.
- (12) Water in Mess Kit sinks must be changed, one at a time, every hour.
- (13) At the end of each meal, Steam Detail must clean steam table thoroughly, inside and out. Bread slicer and Coffee kettle must be similarly cleaned.
- (14) Clean-up detail must clean pots, sinks, tables and deck.
- (15) Sterilizer and Mess Kit wash sinks must be scrubbed thoroughly, inside and out with brush and soap. The Mess Officer must see that all slop sink strainers are cleared of all food particles and are scrubbed.
- (16) Garbage cans must be emptied and cleaned inside and out.
- (17) Can opener must be cleaned.
- (18) Coffee bag is to be cleaned.
- (19) After cleaning, Mess Kit brushes must be put away. Mops and pails are to be cleaned.

  
GEO. S. FARMER  
Capt., T.C.  
Transport Commander.



AMENDMENT No 1

to

SHIPS STANDING ORDERS SS "MEXICO" 11 Nov 44

Para 1. Troop deck offrs and sjts

Main 5 to read - Lt J E HERROD Sjt CHALMER A D

Para 2(b) Amend to read -

2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE and  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn 0900 hrs

2/11 Aust Inf Bn and  
all other units 0920 hrs

Para 10(e)

Delete - 0700 - 0730

Insert - 0630 - 0700

  
Capt  
G R Hirst)  
Ships Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION

As for "Standing Orders".



BILLETING PLAN - SS "MEXICO"

VOYAGE CAIRNS to AITAPE 11 Nov - 17 Nov 44

Serial No	Deck	Total Capacity	Unit	Pers	Total Deck	Remarks
1	STBD PROM	78	Det AACS HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Sjts	3 10 49	67	
2	ROOMS A5,7,9,11, 14,15,17.	39	See attached appx (NOT with report)	38	38	WOs & Sjts 1 vacant A7
3	FWD PROM	34	2/188 Aust Sup Dep Pl Det AACS	29 5	34	1 cot required
4	PORT PROM	90	35 Aust Hy W/T Sec 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 6 Aust Div Sal Unit 135 Aust Bde Sksp	30 33 13 13 1	90	
5	LOUNGE	84	2/2 Aust Gen Tot Pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	55 14 15	84	
6	MAIN 2	142	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	142	142	18 cots required
7	LOWER 2	129	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE Mil History Sec 2 Aust V & O Sec 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	91 4 4 29	128	1 berth vacant
8	MAIN 3	112	2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE	112	112	
9	MAIN 4	114	2/7 Aust Inf Bn 2/4 Aust Dental Unit 2/3 Aust MG Bn	91 5 18	114	Order of Embarkation 2/7 Bn: C Coy HQ Coy A Coy B Coy D Coy BHQ
10	MAIN 5	144	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	144	144	
11	LOWER 5	189	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	189	189	
12	Officer's separate list attached (NOT with report)					
Total					1205	All Ranks



Subject: CINEMA PROGRAMMES

Ships Orderly Room

12 Nov 44

1. Subject to the availability of equipment it is intended to screen cinema programmes as frequently as possible commencing 1800 hrs 12 Nov 44. Screenings will take place in the Recreation Hall, located aft on the Promenade Deck.
2. The programme to be screened is as under and will remain unchanged for the duration of the voyage:

"FALLEN STARROW" - John Sheffield  
Marion O'Hara Duration: Approx 2 hrs 15 mins

3. Owing to limited accommodation in the Recreation Hall the following schedule of attendance will be strictly adhered to. Respective Troop Deck Commanders will personally supervise sessions allotted.

Serial	Date	Time	Tp Deck Allocation	Total Pers to attend	Remarks
1	12 Nov	1800	Stbd Prom 40 pers Lounges 84 pers	124	Less Tp Deck Sjts and Duty Sjts
2	"	2030	Main 4 114 pers Main 5 20 pers	134	
3	13 Nov	1400	Lower 2 128 pers	128	
4	"	1800	Fwd Prom 34 pers Port Prom 90 pers	124	
5	"	2030	Main 2 142 pers	125	Less duty pers. (See serial 9)
6	14 Nov	1400	Main 5 144 pers Less 20 pers	124	See serial 2.
7	"	1930	Main 3 112 pers Lower 5 20 pers	125	Less duty pers (See Serial 9)
8	15 Nov	1430	Lower 5 169 pers Less 20 pers and duties	125	See serial 9.
9	"	1930	Duty pers unable to attend previous sessions	125	

4. All personnel will be informed of the session they are to attend and Tp Deck Commanders will arrange picqueting the doors at least 30 mins prior to session to ensure that only personnel allocated are admitted.

*J. R. Hirst*  
Capt  
(J R Hirst)  
Ships Adjutant



Subject : CINEMA SCREENINGS - OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

Ship's Orderly Room

SS "MEXICO"

13 Nov 44

Further to Ship's Orderly Room memo dated 12 Nov 44.

2. Special Cinema Programme for Officers and Warrant Officers will be screened in the Recreation Hall on Tuesday 14 Nov 44 and Wednesday 15 Nov 44.

3. Programmes are as follows :-

Tuesday 14 Nov 44

"FALLEN SPARROW" - John Garfield  
Maureen O'Hara

Wednesday 15 Nov 44

"WOMAN OF THE YEAR" - Katherine Hepburn  
Spencer Tracey

4. Performances will commence at 2100 hours.

*J R Hirst*  
Capt  
(J R HIRST)  
Ship's Adjutant



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17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. DATE: 17 Aust Inf Bde will hold a Sports Carnival on Saturday 11 Nov 44 on the Bde Sports Ground.
2. INTER BN COMPETITION FOR POINTS:  
Bns will be allotted points for events. Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde will participate in all events but no points will be allotted for wins gained by Hq.
3. COMMITTEE:  
President Maj HAY 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. Secretary Lt GALLACHER Bde Amenities Officer. Treasurer Lt JOHNSTONE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and Lt DARRYL of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.
4. EVENTS & CONDITIONS:  
The detailed programme of events and conditions governing same is attached (Appx "A").
5. TIMES OF EVENTS:  
The times for the running of all events are set out in the attached list (Appx "B").
6. OFFICIALS:  
As a wide range of events is included in the programme Units will provide officials as set out in Appx "C" The names of officials selected by each unit will be forwarded to reach Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde not later than 0900 hours on Tuesday 7 Nov 44.
7. POINTS: Points will be allotted to Bns as follows:-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Points</u>		
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Track and Field Events	6	4	2
Obstacle Race	6	4	2
Tug of War	6	4	-
Military Events	6	4	2
Novelty Events (except Obstacle Race)	3	2	1

8. PRIZES: Cash prizes will be given for all events. The cost of same will be shared equally by Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns. The Allocation of Prize Money will be on the scale as set out below:-

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Track and Field Events	£1	10/-	5/-
Tug of War	10/-	5/-	per man
Guard Mounting	10/-		per man
Other Military Events	10/-	5/-	
Novelty Events	10/-	5/-	



9. DRESS: Coloured singlets and shorts will be worn. Singlets worn by competitors from each unit will be dyed in colours as set out below.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde      White Singlets with red patch  
2/5 Aust Inf Bn      Light Blue Singlets  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn      Tangarine Singlets  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn      Dark Red Singlets

For Military events the dress will be J G Drill Order less personal weapons.  
Dress for Guard will be as laid down in Appx "A".

10. FOOTWEAR: Sand shoes or football boots for all athletic events.  
Spiked shoes will not be allowed.  
For Tug of War studded jungle boots may be worn.

11. AFTERNOON TEA: Afternoon tea will be available to all personnel as from 1500 hours under arrangements made by HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.  
The cost of same will be shared equally by HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 2/5 2/6 2/7 Aust Inf Bns.

12. BANDS: 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Bands will combine and play at various times during the afternoon.  
2/5 Aust Inf Bn will also assist.

13. PROGRAMMES: A limited number of programmes will be made available for distribution.

14. COMPETITORS AREA:  
An area will be set aside where all competitors will report to sports Marshal 15 minutes prior to their respective events.

15. PERSONNEL ALLOWED ON SPORTS ARENA:  
Only officials and competitors will be allowed in the arena. All other personnel will remain outside the boundary fence.

16. CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES:  
All entries will be forwarded to reach Lt GALLACHER 17 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Officer not later than 0900 hours on Thursday 9 Nov 44.

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

4 Nov 44

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	2	Comd	1
17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	BM	1
11 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	1	Maj D O Hay	1
2/46 Aust LAD	1	Lt J M Johnstone	1
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	10	Lt L Darryl	1
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	10	SC	1
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	10	Amenities Offr	1
		File	1
		War Diary	3



17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING SATURDAY 11 NOV 44 ==

Event	No of entries from each unit	Conditions governing events
<u>TRACK EVENTS</u>		
1		
100 yds	2	
220 yds	2	
440 yds	2	
880 yds	2	
880 yds Relay	1 team of 6	To be run in 2 - 220 yds and 4 - 110 yds
<u>NOVELTY EVENTS</u>		
Sack race	2	
Siamese race	2	
50 yds dash (backwards)	2	
Wheelbarrow race	2	
Obstacle race	2	440 yds crawl under tarpaulin; over hurdles through wire entanglements (not barbed); take one bite from a suspended apple without using hands; get into sacks pass under another tarpaulin; change into own Army boots which will be in a heap, lace them up and then on to the winning post.
<u>FIELD EVENTS</u>		
High jump	2	
Long jump	2	
Hop, step and jump	2	
Weight putt	2	12-lb weight to be used
Grenade throwing	2	Overhand throw from standing posn. Judged on distance.
Kicking the football	2	Style of kicking optional - Drop, place or punt.
		In above Field Events, competitors allowed 3 tries each.
Wood chop	2	12" logs pegged down firmly
Tug of war	1 team of 8	Axeman to stand on log. Pull to be for 60 seconds. Best out of 3 pulls. Rope not to be knotted round anchor man. Footholes and studded jungle boots allowed.
<u>MILITARY EVENTS</u>		
3" Mortar	2	
		Crew of 4 (any rank). No amm will be carried. Stores laid out. Correct posns. Crew fallen in rear of stores. On order "Take Post", stores examined, each member reports to No 1 who then reports "Mortar Ready". On command "Base plate as indicated with reference to your target range Action", on command "Action" crew will double forward to taped line and "Mount mortar" and "Lay". No 1 signifies when "On" by raising his hand and reporting "On". Time is taken from "Action" till No 1 signifies "On". Detachments will kneel in correct positions. Crew cmd and detachments will be given target and range before "Action" is given and Judge checks.



Event	No of entries from each unit	Conditions governing events
MILITARY EVENTS (contd)		
Bren assembly	2	<p>Following parts to be stripped:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barrel incl Gas Regulator</li> <li>2. Body incl Barrel Nut, Breech block.</li> <li>3. Bipod</li> <li>4. Butt incl Return Spring and Rod.</li> <li>5. Sights at 400.</li> <li>6. When complete -               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) gun to be loaded</li> <li>(b) sights to be at 250</li> <li>(c) competitor to be in correct firing position.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Tk A	1	<p>Detachment to consist of 5 men. Orders: Gun limbered up - Detachment rear - Detachment Attention - Tell off - Detachment with drag ropes - Advance. (Detachment then adjusts drag ropes and advances required distance (50 yds). No 1 to control gun and give orders to bring gun into action and lay on target. No 1 holds up right arm when No 3 has layed the gun.</p> <p><u>Rules of contest:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct orders by No 1.</li> <li>2. Correct drill to be carried out.</li> <li>3. Carriage muzzle and breech covers on.</li> <li>4. Dust caps to be inserted.</li> <li>5. Drag ropes to be unhooked.</li> <li>6. Lay to be checked by umpire.</li> </ol>
LMG Vickers	2	<p>Crew: 1 NCO and 3 OR. At Stores take post position. Crew with Tripod, Gun Condensor Tube Spare Parts Case 2 belt boxes complete (Service weights) On command "Action" crew double forward 20 yds to taped line, set up gun and load. NCO then orders "Range target lay". No 2 signifies when "On". Judge checks. Sec NCO will be told target before leaving the "Take Post Position".</p>



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Event	No of entries from each unit	
Guard mounting	1	MILITARY EVENTS (Contd)

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Conditions governing event:

- (a) Dress: JGs, battle order (less helmets steel and capes gas), Offrs pattern equipment. Haversacks will contain mess tin, water bottle and ground sheet.
- (b) Guards will be mounted in accordance with Pam 18 - Dismounted Drill, secs 109, 110 (relevant sub-paras) and will be in file.
- (c) Strength of guard: 1 sjt, 1 cpl and 18 OR. First relief will be of 6 OR, but only 2 sentries will actually be posted. Remainder of relief will march back with old sentries and fall in with old guard.
- (d) Old guard will be represented by 1 sjt, 1 cpl and 12 OR 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.
- (e) .area and time: Competition will be held on Bde Tpt Park, commencing at 0930 hrs 11 Nov 44. Unit guards will assemble in drive between 2/5 and 2/6 Aust Inf Bn lines at 0915 hrs and RSMs will draw lots for order in which guards will be judged.
- (f) Bands: 2/6 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn bands will play, on 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Officers Basketball court.
- (g) Judge: Maj K C Clarke, MC, BM 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING SATURDAY 11 NOV 44PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Event	Times
<u>TRACK EVENTS</u>	
100 yds - - -	1345
440 yds	1355
Sack race	1405
Siamese race - - -	1415
50 yds dash (backwards)	1425
220 yds	1435
Wheelbarrow race - -	1445
880 yds	1455
Obstacle race	1530
880 yds Relay - -	1620

<u>FIELD EVENTS</u>	
High jump - - -	1345
Grenade throwing	1400
Long jump	1405
Weight putt - - -	1420
Kicking the football	1430
Hop, step and jump	1440
Wood chop - - -	1505
Bren assembling -	1540

<u>TUG OF WAR</u>	
Heats	1415
Final	1610

<u>MILITARY EVENTS</u>	
Guard mounting	0930
Tka competition	1545
MMG competition	1555
3" mortar competition	1600

Interval during which the Melbourne Cup will be broadcast  
1510-1530.

Presentation of prizes 1630.

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17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING SATURDAY 11 Nov 44

Officials	No required	To be provided by
Marshal	1	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Judges for Track and novelty events	) 2 captains ) 1 captain	From each Bn Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde
High jump Long Jump	) 1 officer	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Hop, step and jump	) 1 sjt	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Weight putt	) 1 WO	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Grenade throwing	) 1 officer	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Kicking the football	) 1 sjt or WO	2/5 Aust Inf Bn, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Wood chop	1 officer 1 sjt 1 WO	2/5 Aust Inf Bn 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Stewards	1 sjt	From each 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns
<u>MILITARY EVENTS</u>		
Bren assembling	1 officer 1 sjt	2/6 Aust Inf Bn 2/5, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns.
3" mortar Tk A MMG	) 1 judge and ) 3 umpires for ) each event	To be provided from outside units by Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde.
Starter	1 officer	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Asst starter	1 officer	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
Time keepers	1 sjt or WO	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns
Scorers	1 WO	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns
Announcer	1 officer	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Tug of War	1 officer 1 sjt or WO	2/7 Aust Inf Bn Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde

Units will submit names of respective officials to 17 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Offr, Lt S R GALLACHER, by 0900 hrs 7 Nov 44.

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## 17 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

### AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAMME

#### 1. KITCHEN COMPETITION

A competition will be held in connection with 17 Aust Inf Bde Sports Carnival for the best kept kitchen in the Bde. 2 kitchens will be selected by the CO of the respective units to enter this competition.

Kitchens will be ready for inspection by 0930 hrs Fri 10 Nov 44

Points will be allotted on the same basis as for Track and Field events - 1st 6, 2nd 4, 3rd 2.

Prizes of 5/- will be given to each member on kitchen staff of the winners. No prize for 2nd will be given.

Judges: Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde, BASCO and Hyg Offr.

#### 2. COOKING COMPETITION

Prizes of £1 and 10/- for 1st and 2nd respectively will be given for each of the following:-

- (a) A batch of scones made from Army Rations only.
- (b) 1 dozen pies or pasties made from Army Rations only.
- (c) 1 sponge cake made from any ingredients.

The competition will be open to all cooks in the Bde.

Points will be allotted: 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1.

Judge: Capt BLACKSTONE.

All exhibits to be lodged at a special booth erected on the Sports Ground at 1300 hrs on Sat 11 Nov 44.

When exhibits are lodged each cook will be given a number for his entry. The names of cooks competing will not be known to the Judge.

#### 3. TUG OF WAR

The instructions previously issued governing the Tug of War event are cancelled and the following conditions substituted:-

- (a) Each unit may enter 1 team of 8 men.
- (b) Each pull to be 6 ft with a time limit of 2 mins.
- (c) If at the expiration of 2 mins one team has not pulled the other over the required distance, the team having the advantage will be declared the winner.
- (d) Best of 3 pulls.
- (e) Rope will not be round the anchor man.
- (f) Hand over hand pulling will not be allowed. Teams must maintain the same grip throughout.
- (g) Footholds and Jungle Boots allowed.

#### 4. PRIZES

A prize of 5/- will be given to each member of the Guard filling 2nd place in the Guard Mounting event.

#### 5. OBSTACLE RACE

In first stage, from start to first tarpaulin, competitors will run in sacks.



6. ENTRIES

The closing date for final acceptance of entries has been extended to 1700 hrs Fri 10 Nov 44.

7. COMMITTEE MEETING

A committee meeting will be held at 0900 hrs 10 Nov 44 at 17 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Offr's tent.

8. MEETING OF OFFICIALS

A meeting of all officials selected in connection with the Sports Carnival will be held at 1930 hrs 10 Nov 44 in the reading room at the YMCA Hut 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

7 Nov 44

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(W P Bolger)  
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde

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ENTRIES FROM UNITS

POINTS GAINED

TRACK EVENTS	TIMES	HQ 17 Bde	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn	2/7 Bn	Winners	Unit	HQ 17 Bde	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn	2/7 Bn
100 yds	1345	Pte SMOKER " COTTON	L/Cpl MONOGHAN Pte QUIN	Pte FAWNS " POYLE	Pte CREEDON " GROSE	1. FAWNS 2. QUINN 3. MONAGHAN	2/6 2/5 2/5		4 2	6	
440 yds	1355	Pte CONNOLLY	Pte WHITE Pte DARBYSHIRE	Pte PALMER " HOCKING	Pte HICKEY " MARTIN	1. WHITE 2. COOK 3. DARBYSHIRE	2/5 2/7 2/5		6 2		4
Sack Race	1405	Pte HENDRICKS " BARNES		Pte RICHARDS " MORRIS	Pte LEONARD " WATSON	1. RICHARDS 2. BOOTS 3. DARBYSHIRE	2/6 2/6 2/5		1	3 2	
Siamese Race	1415	Pte SHADDOCK " COX	Pte WHITE & " JESS Pte MAHER & " BORWICK	L/Cpl SPALDING & Pte RICHARDS Pte JOHNSON & Pte BAKER	Pte GUNLINGER & Pte DEAN	1. RICHARDS-SPALDING 2. MANOR-BORWICK 3. JOHNSON-BAKER	2/6 2/5 2/6		2	3 1	
50 yds Dash (Backwards)	1425	S/Sjt ZIBELL Pte COTTON	Pte BORWICK " MAHER	Pte SHERRY Pte BOWE	Pte REDDING " DOWDEN	1. COTTON 2. GARLICK 3. SHERRY	BDE 2/7 2/6	3			2
220 yds	1435	Pte JONES E " NESS	Pte QUIN " CAPLAND	Pte FAWNS " POILE	Pte GRADY " GODWIN	1. FAWNS 2. DOILE 3. COPLAND	2/6 2/6 2/5			6 4	
Wheelbarrow Race	1445	Pte SHADDOCK " MILLIGAN	Pte LEE & " WHITE " WINTLE & " JESS	Pte BARNIER & " BALKIN L/Sjt CAMERON & Pte EVANS	Pte O'BRIEN & " McRAE " BEETSON & " MURDON	1. BARNIER-BALKIN 2. CAMERON-EVANS 3. JESS-JOHNSON	2/6 2/6 2/5			3 2	
880 yds	1455	Pte FERRY	Pte WHITE " McNAHARA	Pte CREWDSOON Pte McLACHLAN	Pte MERRIGAN " COOK	1. CREWDSOON 2. WHITE 3. COOK	2/6 2/5 2/7		4	6	2
								3	24	37	8



Track Events	Times	HQ 17 Bde	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn	2/7 Bn	Winners	Units	POINTS GAINED			
								HQ 17 Bde	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn	2/7 Bn
Obstacle Race	1530	Pte FREEMAN " JONES J E	Pte AUSTIN " DARLEYSHIRE	Pte BOOTS " BILHAM	Pte NIVEN " GODWIN	1. BOOTS 2. JONES 3. AUSTIN	2/6 BDE 2/5	4	6		
880 yds Relay	1620	Pte CONNELLY " JONES E W " JONES J " SMOKER " COTTON S/Sjt ZIBELL	Pte QUIN L/Cpl MONAGHAN Pte NEWMAN " FORAUI " BADCOCK " BENUCT	Pte FAWNS " POILE " HOCKING " CLEWES " SMALL " GRACIE	Pte GROSE " HICKEY " MERRIGAN " GODWIN " GRADY " CREEDON	1. 2. 3.	2/6 2/5 2/5		6		2
Field Events								7	30	49	10
High Jump	1345	S/Sjt ZIBELL Pte BORWICK	Pte NEWMAN " WILSON	Cpl HINGSTON Lt ERREY	Pte GUNLINGER Pte WILTON	1. HINGSTON 2. NEWMAN 3. ERREY WILSON WILSON	2/6 2/5 2/6 2/7 2/5		6		
Grenade Throwing	1400	Pte NESS " COTTER	L/Cpl MONAGHAN Pte DIXON	Pte MORRIS " FRENCH	Pte GRADY " LESKE	1. TESKE 2. BALKIN 3. MANAGHAM MORRIS	2/7 2/6 2/5 2/6			2/3	4/3 6
Long Jump	1405	Pte NESS " JONES E W	Pte SUTHERLAND Cpl KAUGER	Pte METCALFE " SMALL	Pte GRADY " WILSON	1. GRACIE 2. GARLICK 3. SUTHERLAND	2/6 2/7 2/5			1 6	4
Shot Putt	1420	Pte COTTER Cpl GRACE	Cpl BROOKER L/Cpl MONAGHAN	Lt GORDON Maj HAY	Pte DRURY " TESKE	1. GORDON 2. BROOKER 3. COTTER	2/6 2/5 BDE	2	4	6	
Kicking the Football	1430	Pte COTTER " TWEEDALE	Pte GRANT Cpl BROOKER	Lt GORDON Pte McGRATH	Pte HALL " NINYETT	1. GORDON 2. COTTER 3. BROOKER	2/6 BDE 2/6	4		6	
Hop Step & Jump	1440	Pte COTTER " McEWEN	Pte SUTHERLAND Cpl KINGER	Pte CREWDSOM " GRACIE	Pte GRADY " WILTON	1. GRACIE 2. SWAN 3. GARLICK	2/6 2/7 2/7			6	4 2
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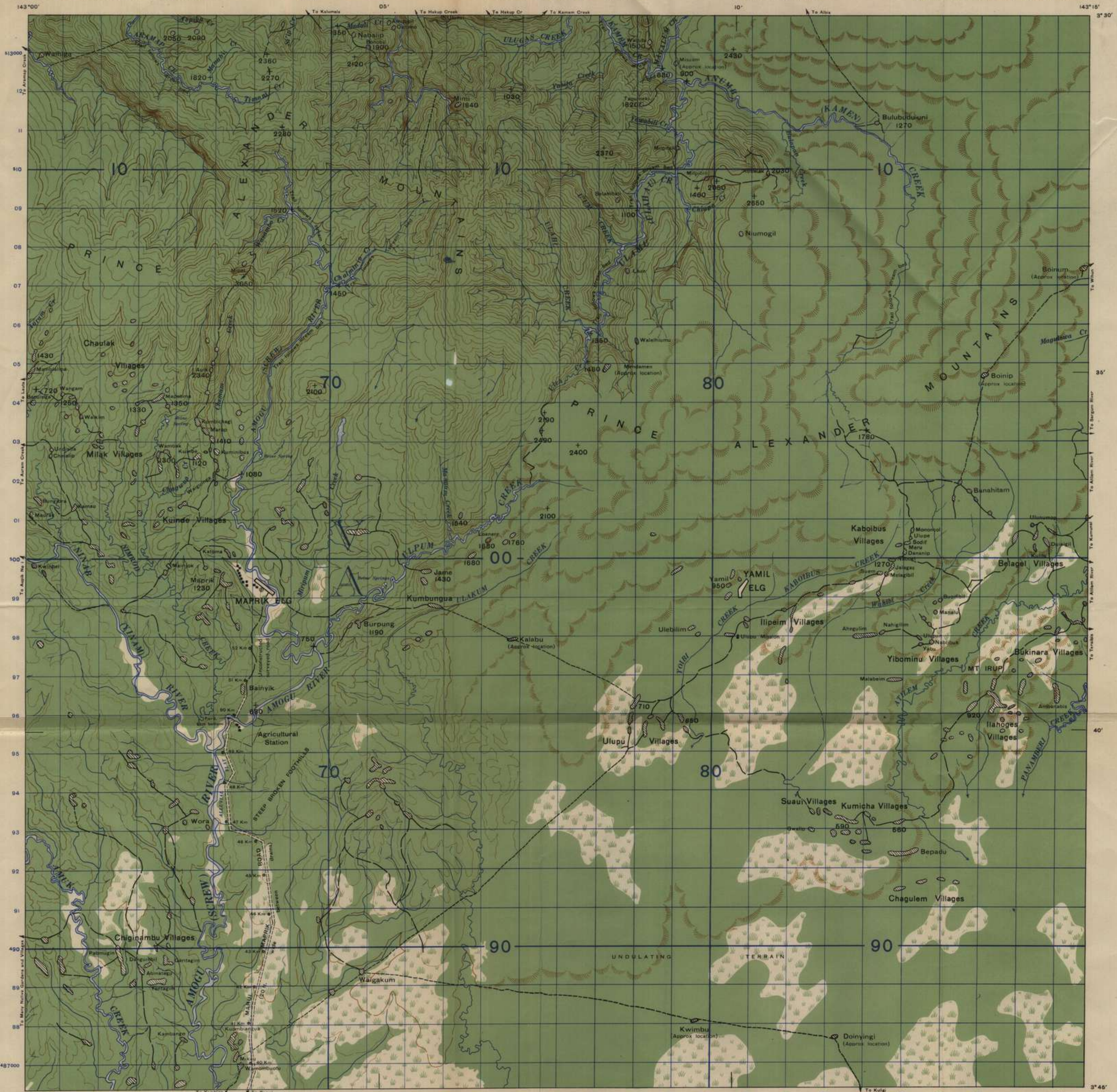
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Wood Chop	1505	Pte HOLLINS " SCHIFFKE	Pte RYAN " MARTIN	Pte RICHARDSON " ELLIGETT	Pte ANDREWS " DUNBAR	1. HAMPTON 2. RICHARDSON 3. RYAN	2/6 2/6 2/5		6 4		
Bren Assembling	1540	Pte COX WOii SPRINGER	Pte MAWDORN " MILLER	Pte KIEREE Cpl HALLAM		1. ADAMS 2. KIEREE 3. MAWDORN	2/6 2/6 2/5		6 4		
Tug of War		Personnel as detailed	Personnel as detailed	Personnel as detailed	Personnel as detailed		2/5 2/6		6		4
Military Events								6	23 2/3	59 2/3	16 2/3
Guard Mounting	0930	Personnel as Detailed	Personnel as detailed	Personnel as detailed	Personnel as detailed	1. 2. 3.	2/6 2/5 BDE		4	6	
Tk/A Competition	1545		Personnel as detailed	Cpl CLARKE Pte HARRIS " HORSBURGH " WEIBERLE " NEWTON		1. 2. 3.	2/6 2/5		4	6	
MMG Competition	1555		Personnel as detailed	Cpl FRASER " HUTCHINSON Pte WALLACE " FEILICK Pte GRAY " ANDERSON " HENRY " WATKINS		1. 2. 3.	2/5 2/6 2/6		6	4 2	
3" Mortar	1600		Personnel as detailed	Cpl SCHOULER Pte GOLDBERG " VERSO " ACKLAND		1. 2. 3.	2/5 2/6		6	4	
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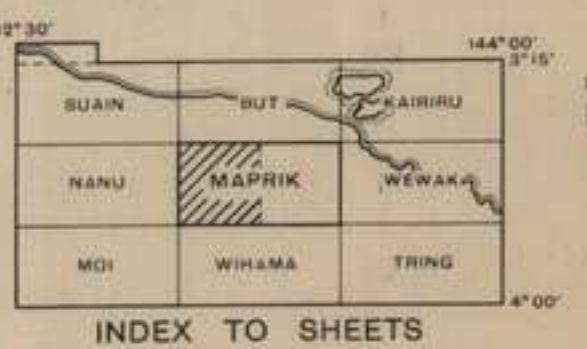
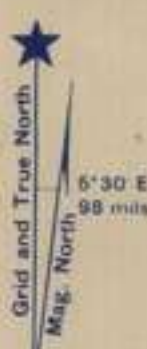
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3" Mortar (con't)	1600					Pte SHIELDS " STEVENSON " WADEY " PENVEY		2	20	22	
Best Kept Kitchen	0930 10/11/44	No 1 No 2	Kitchen " C Coy D Coy	B Coy D Coy	A Coy Sjt's	1. D Coy 2. No 1 3. D Coy	2/5 Bn HQ 17 Bde 2/6 Bn		4	6	2
Batch of Scones	1330					HINCHCLIFFE HARTLEY WINDSOR	2/6 BDE 2/6		4	6	2
1 doz Pies or Pasties	1330					BROWN STONEHOUSE FAST	2/6 2/6 2/5			6 4	2
1 Sponge Cake	1330					SMITH WILSON BROWN	2/6 2/6 2/6			6 4 2	
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	BDE	2/5	2/6	2/7
TOTALS.	23	81 2/3	162 2/3	26 2/3

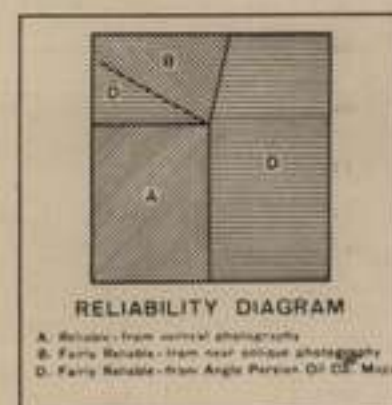




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- LEGEND**
- Secondary roads
  - Trails
  - Trails, probable
  - Native village
  - Swamps
  - Streams, intermittent
  - Streams, probable
  - Underwater obstruction
  - Forest
  - Form lines
  - Grassland
  - Astrolix

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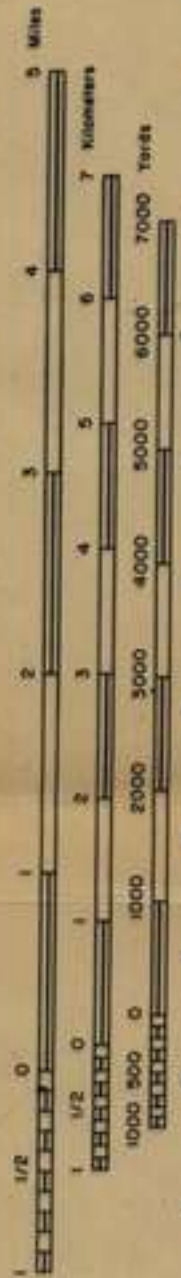
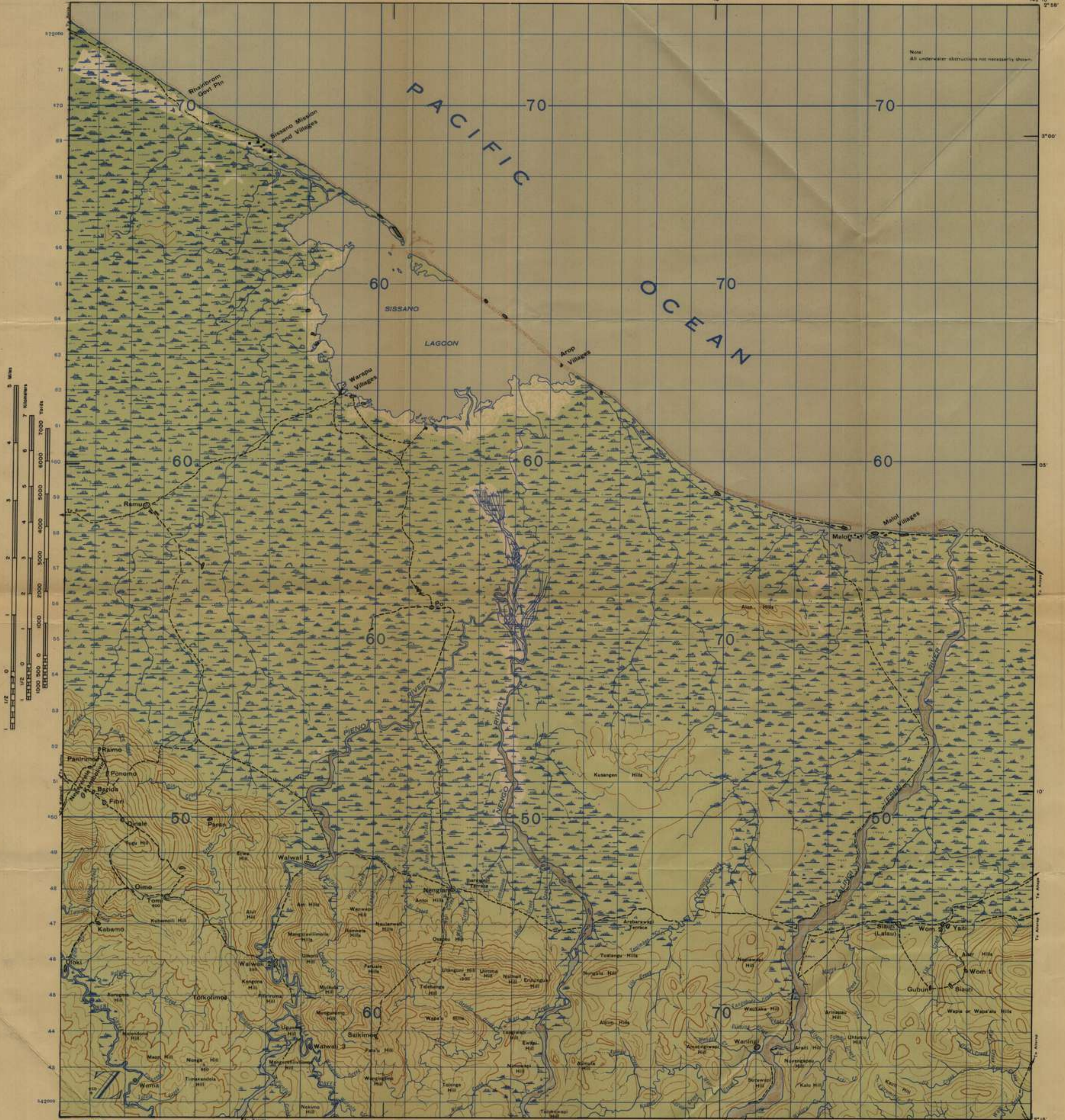
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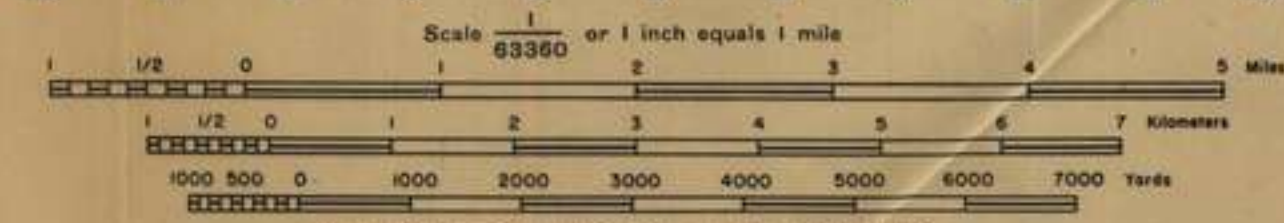
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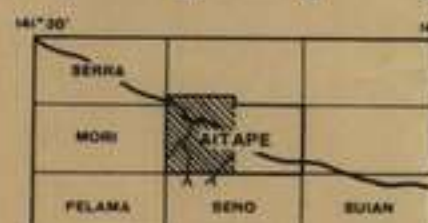
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- LEGEND**
- Secondary roads
  - Trails
  - Native villages
  - Underwater obstruction
  - Plantations
  - Mangroves
  - Swamps
  - Form lines, (interval approx 100 ft)
  - Sand
  - Woods
  - Streams, intermittent
  - Grass land



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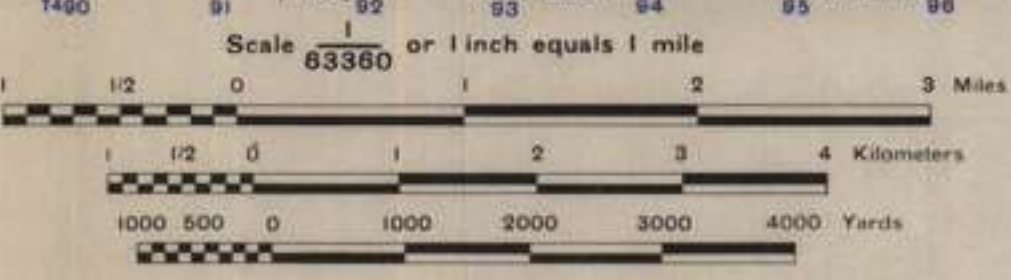
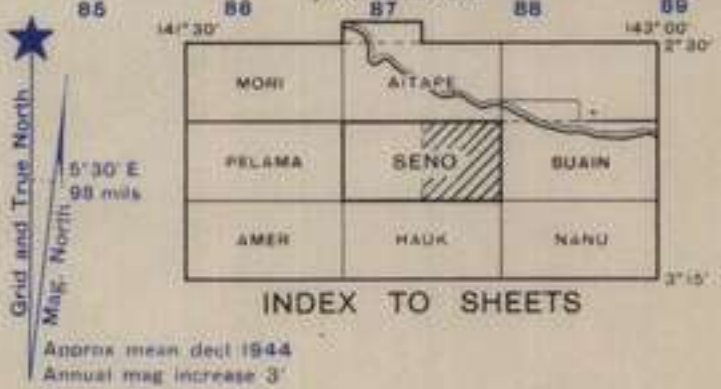
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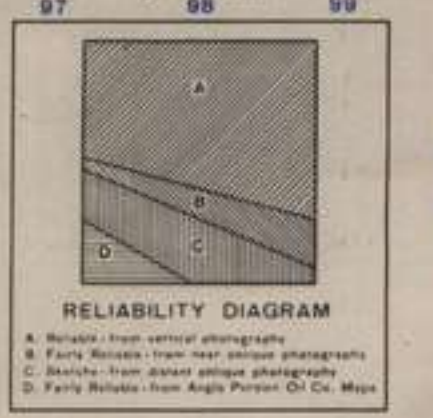




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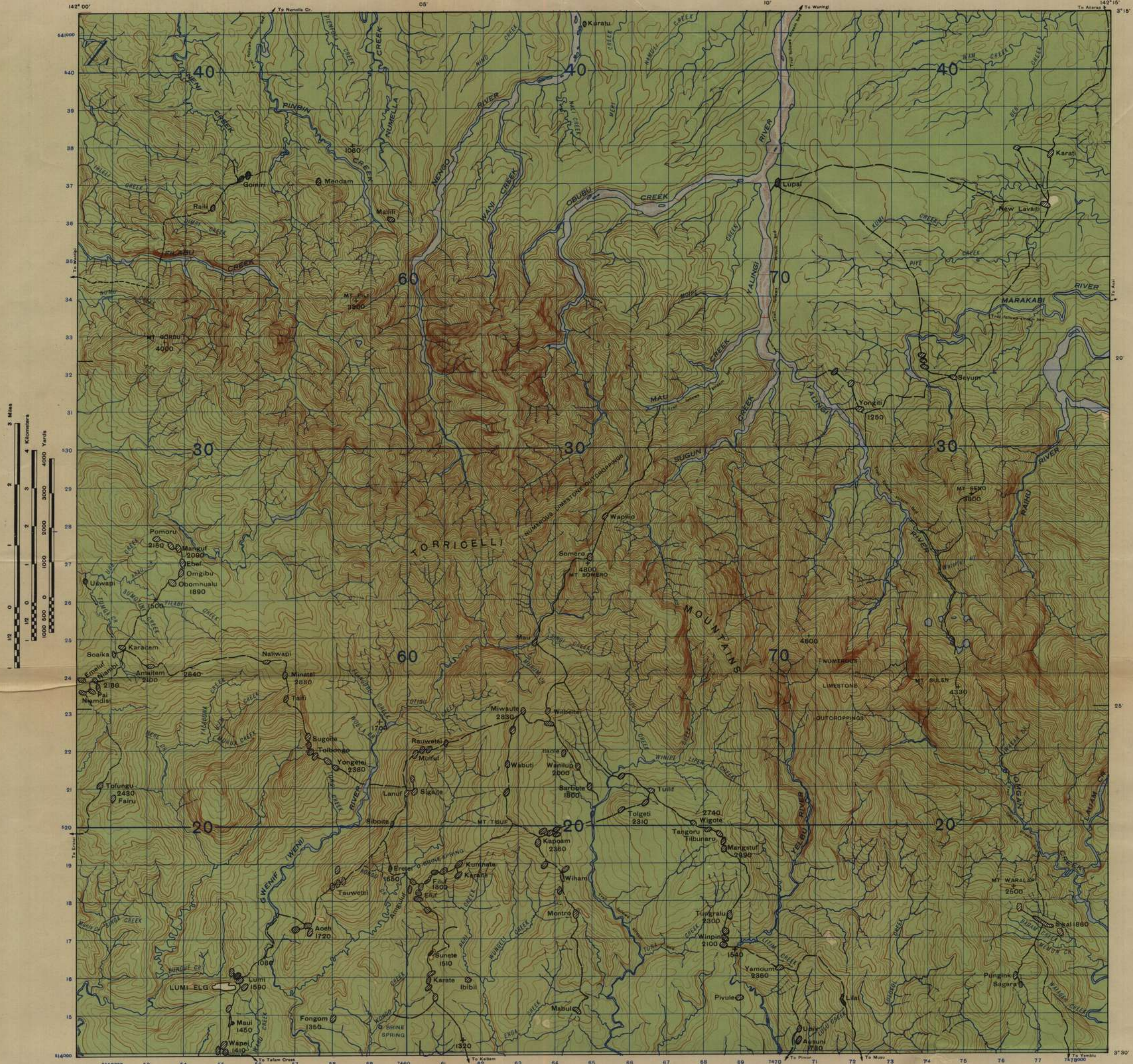
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- Trails
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
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- Streams, probable course
- Forest
- Farm lines

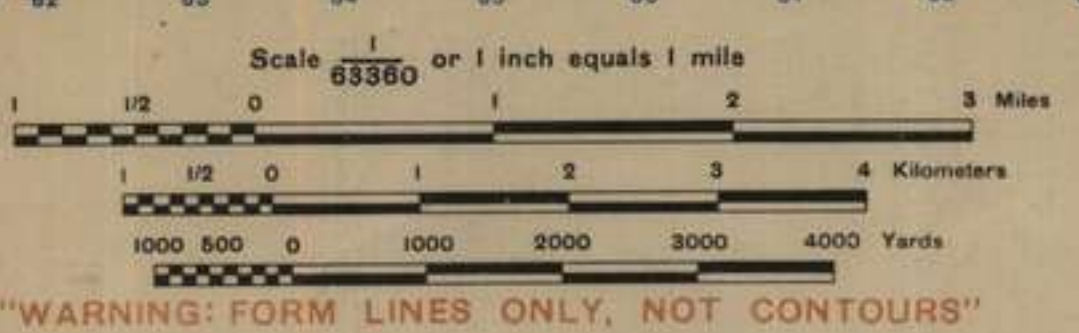
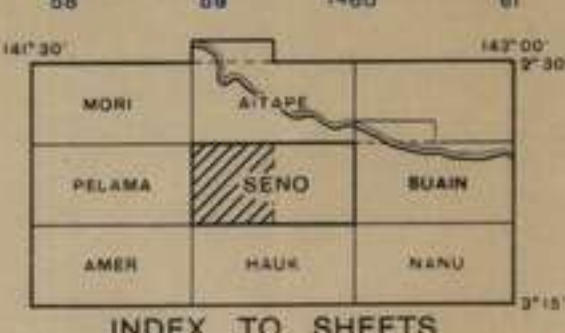
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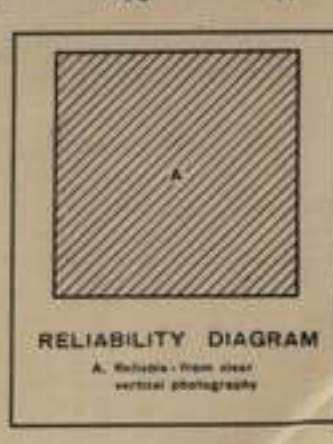


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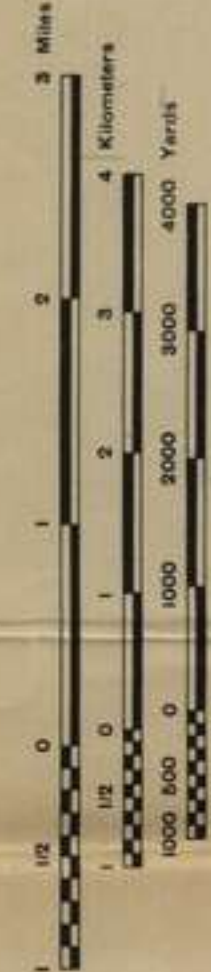
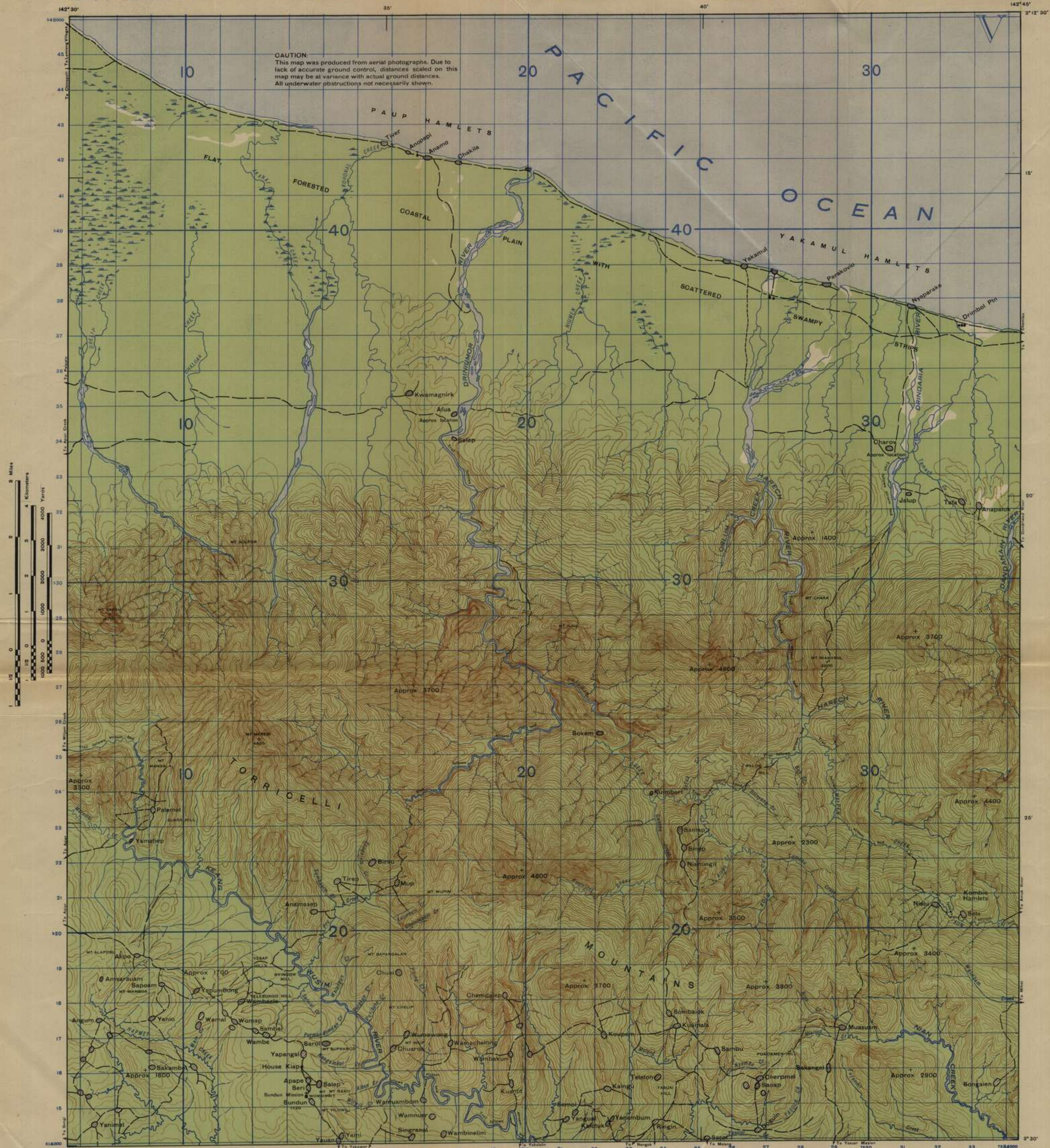
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  - Suitable for 1 way MT
  - Trails, probable
  - Trails, probable
  - Native village
  - Swamps
  - Streams, intermittent
  - Underwater obstruction
  - Jungle
  - Plantations
  - Mangroves
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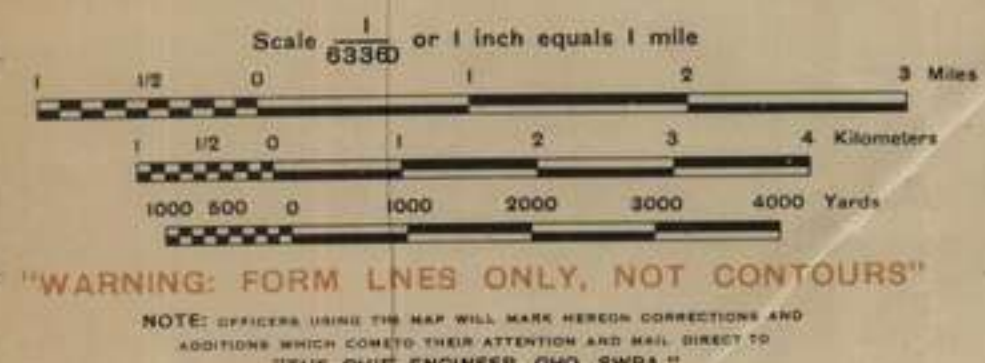
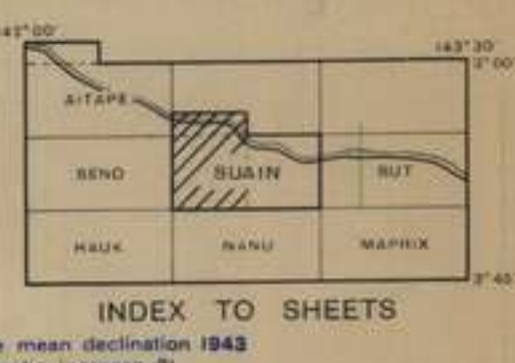
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Grid and True North  
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LEGEND  
 Suitable for 2 way MT  
 Suitable for 1 way MT  
 Trails, probable  
 Native village  
 Swamps, intermittent  
 Streams, intermittent  
 Underwater obstruction  
 Forest  
 Plantations  
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 Grassland

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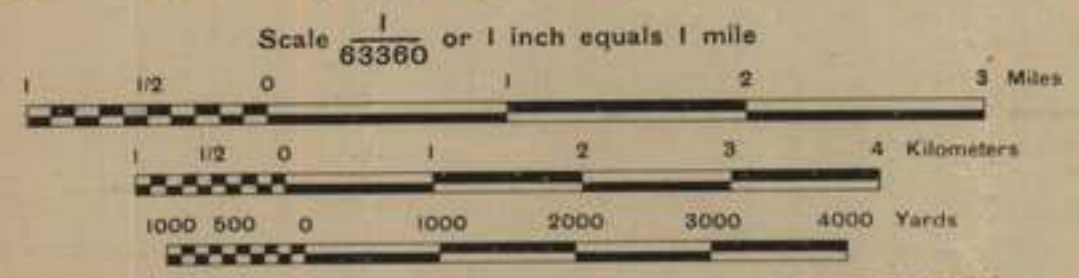
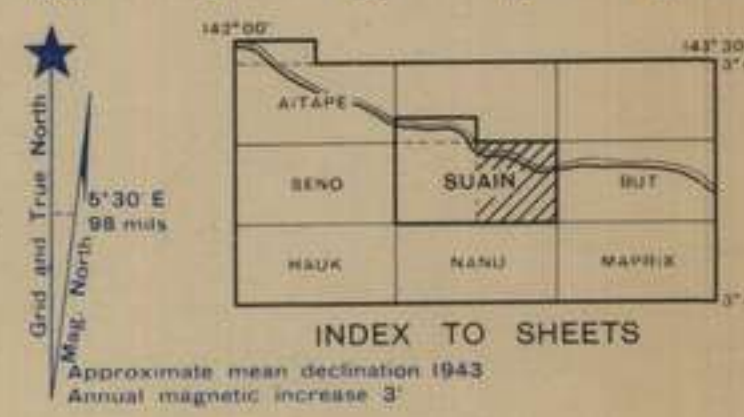




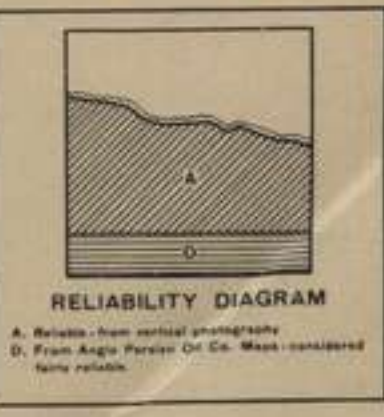
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**LEGEND**

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- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Underwater obstruction
- Jungle
- Plantations
- Mangroves
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft

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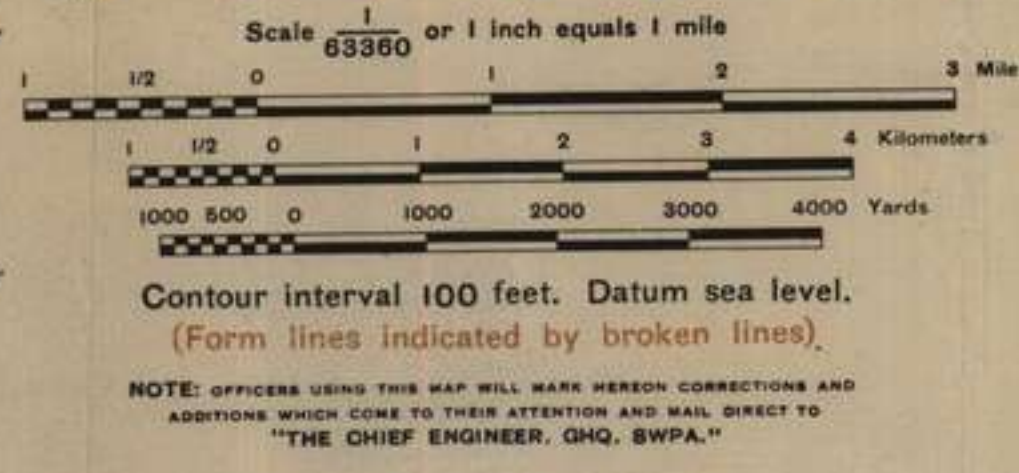
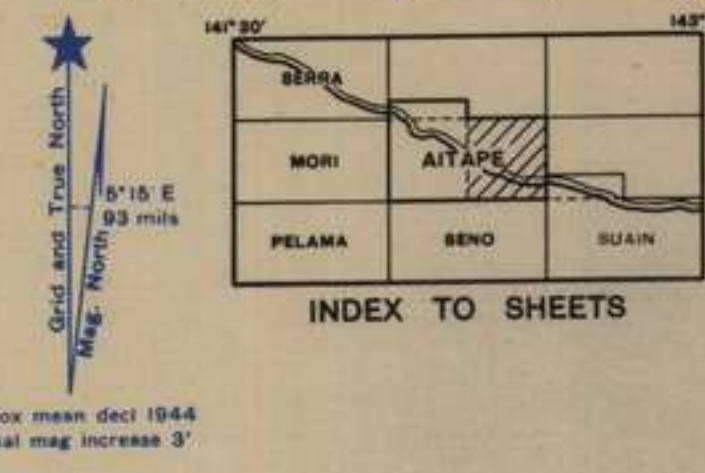




NOTE:  
Dotted blue lines indicate outline of underwater  
features appearing on photographs. Depths, com-  
position and completeness of information uncertain.

Unsheltered coast, heavy surf in Northwest  
season, usually light in Southeast season  
Good sand beach 100' to 200' wide at low water

Prepared under the direction of the Chief Engineer, GHQ, SWPA,  
by Base Map Plant, U. S. Army, GHQ, SWPA, March 1944.  
Planimetry compiled from large-scale vertical aerial photography, missions:  
334W Dec 1943 and 48024W Jan 1944 by 8th Photo Squadron, 5th Air  
Force, U. S. Army and IV-94X, IV-65Y, 3V-65Y March 1944 by 25th  
Photo Squadron, 5th Air Force, U. S. Army and additional tri-metrogon  
aerial photography, mission: 287X Sept 1943 by 8th Photo Squadron, 5th  
Air Force, U. S. Army. Additional information from Terrain Study No 85,  
Australasian Petroleum Co., Anglo Persian Oil Co., H.O. Chart No 2965,  
German Chart No 148 dated 1915, Terrain Analysis No 19, Pacific Islands  
Pilot Book Vol 1 and Sailing Directions Part 2. Contours determined by  
Fairchild Stereocomparagraph using sea level datum. Controlled from  
positions from Australasian Petroleum Co. at Wewak: 3°32'52" S in latitude,  
143°37'31" E in longitude and at Sumor Trig: 3°04'16.58" S in  
latitude, 141°54'46.77" E in longitude.  
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.  
Approx mean decl 1944  
Annual mag increase 3'

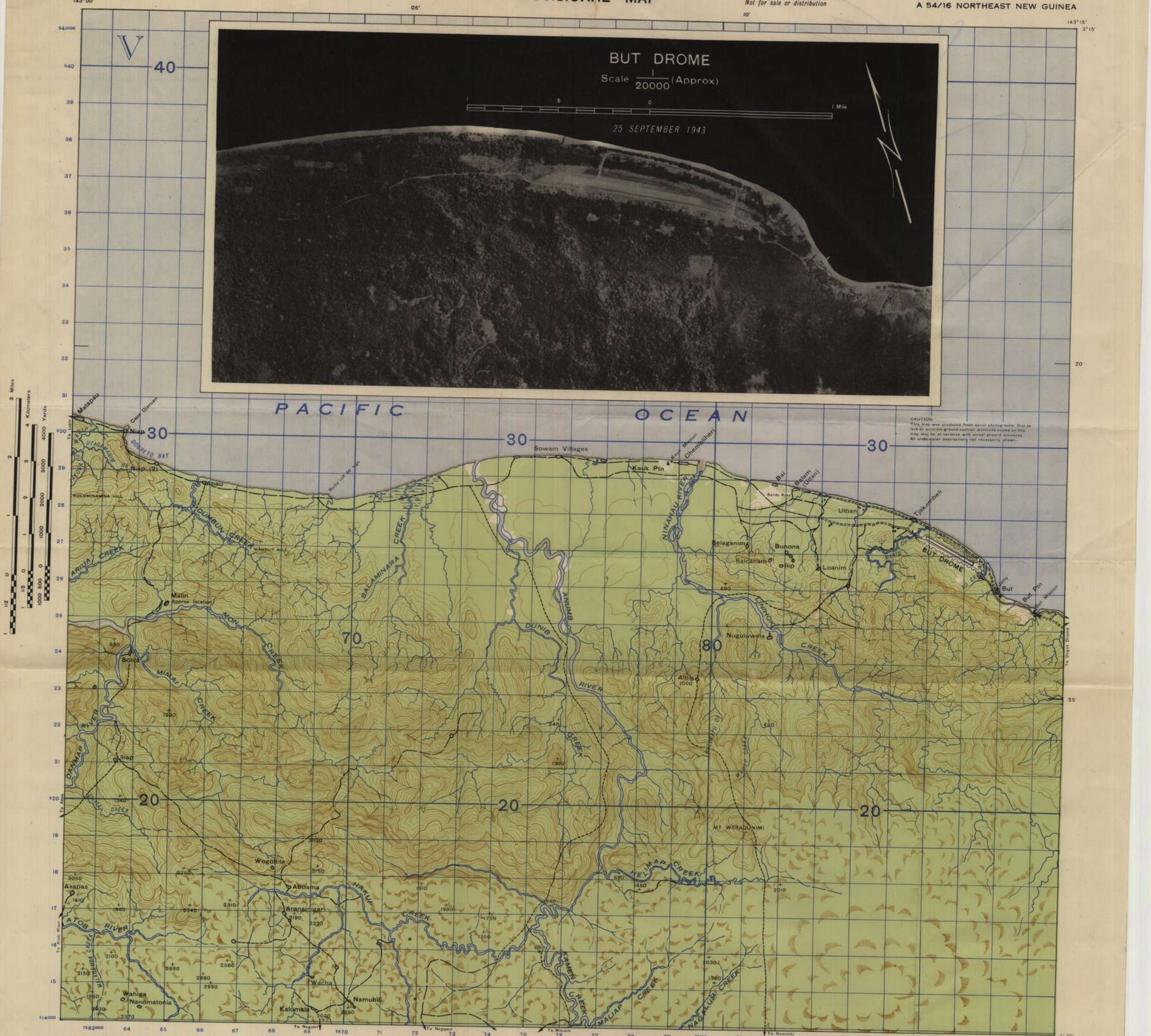


- Jeep Tracks
- Trails
- Trails, Probable
- Native Village
- Huts
- Streams, intermittent
- Forest
- Scattered Trees
- Plantation
- Swamp
- Secondary Growth
- Native Gardens
- Boundary of Flat Area
- Shallow or Drying Reef



1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM  
N. E. I. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
Origin of grid: Lat Equator-Long 100° whose coordinates  
are X-3,900,000M and Y-900,000M  
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on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers.  
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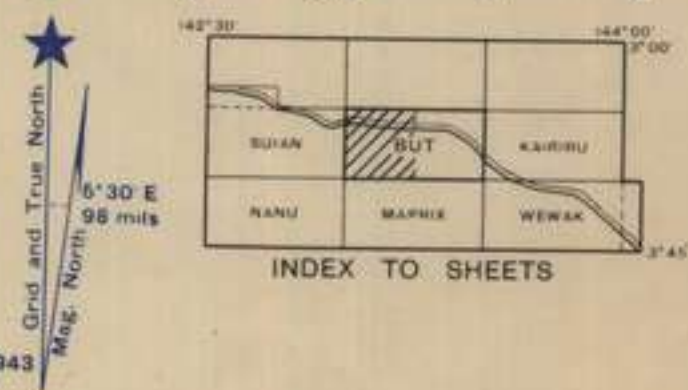




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By Base Map Plant, U.S. Army, GHQ, SWPA, November 1943.  
Compilation from trimetrogon aerial photography.  
Missions: 12 Y April 1943 and additional K-18 coverage  
1582 April 1943 and 276W Oct 1943  
By 8th Photo Squadron, 5th Air Force, U.S. Army.  
Editing information from 4 mile Strat Map, Anglo Persian Survey and  
Sketch Maps, German Chart No. 479 and Terrain Study No. 65.  
Scale and orientation based on positions determined by Australasian  
Petroleum Co. at Wekak being Lat 3°04'52.8" S - Long 143°27'37.7" E  
and Sumor Trik being Lat 3°04'18.58" S - Long 141°56'46.77" E.  
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.

Approximate mean declination 1943  
Annual magnetic increase 3'



Scale 1/63360 or 1 inch equals 1 mile  
Scale 1/20000 (Approx)  
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1 1/2 0 1 2 3 Miles  
1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers  
1000 500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Yards

"WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS"

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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM  
A. Reliable - from aerial photographs  
B. Fairly Reliable - from other aerial photography  
C. From Anglo Persian Oil Co. Maps - considered fairly reliable

LEGEND

- Suitable for 2 way MT
- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Underwater obstruction
- Forest
- Plantations
- Mangroves
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft

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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM  
N. E. 1. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
Origin of grid: Lat Equator-Long 10°E, whose coordinates are X=3,500,000M and Y=1,000,000M  
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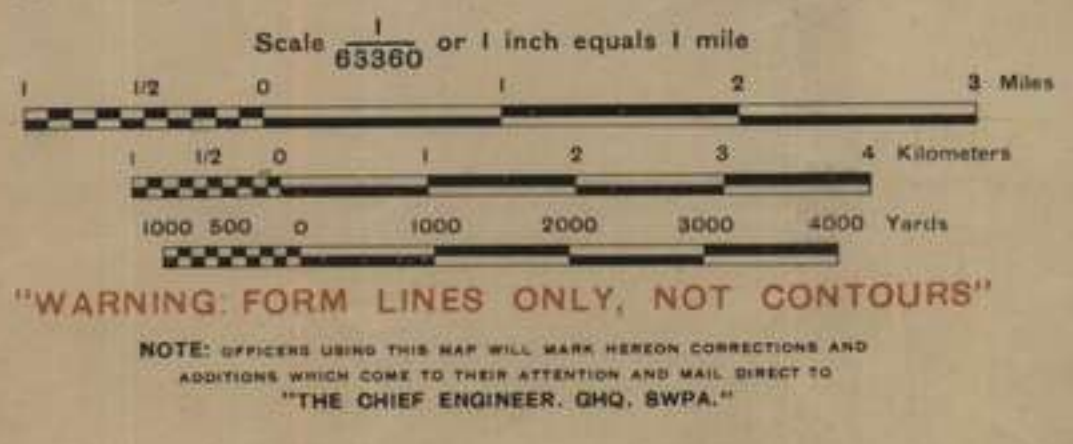
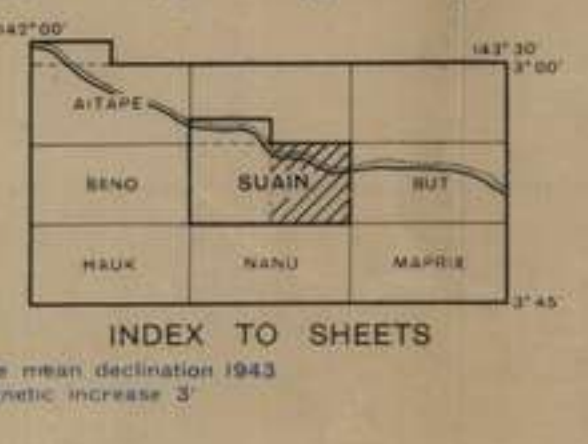




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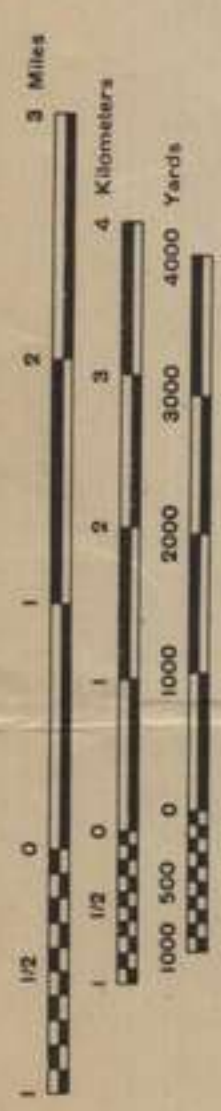
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By 8th Photo Squadron, 5th Air Force, U. S. Army.  
Additional information from AOS, Terrain Study No. 85,  
Anglo Persian Maps and Objectives Folder No. 88.  
Form lines determined using elevations from Anglo Persian Maps  
and height computations from oblique photographs.  
Controlled from positions from Australasia Petroleum Co.,  
position at Wewak being 3° 32' 52" S in latitude, 143° 37' 37" E in  
longitude, and position at Sumor Trig being 3° 04' 16.58" S in  
latitude and 142° 56' 40.77" E in longitude.  
Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.  
L.H.Q./D10/1562



- LEGEND
- Suitable for 2 way MT
- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Underwater obstruction
- Jungle
- Plantations
- Mangroves
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft

REPRODUCED JOINTLY BY RMP, U.S. ARMY, GHQ, SWPA  
AND LHQ CARTOGRAPHIC COMPANY JAN 1944  
1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM  
N. E. I. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
Origin of grid: Lat Equator-Long 102E, whose coordinates are X=3,890,000M and Y=590,000M  
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ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on  
this grid.  
SUAIN EAST  
S315 - E14245/15





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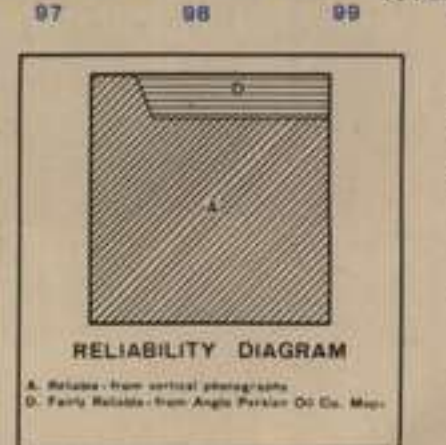
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KAIGU	WAGASU	MOI

Approximate mean declination 1943  
Annual magnetic increase 3'

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LEGEND

- Suitable for 2 way MT
- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Underwater obstruction
- Forest
- Plantations
- Mangroves
- Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
- Grassland

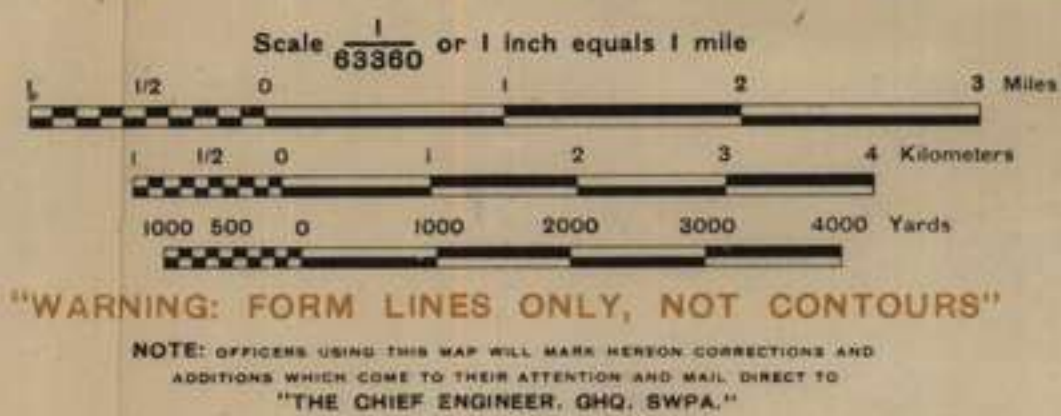
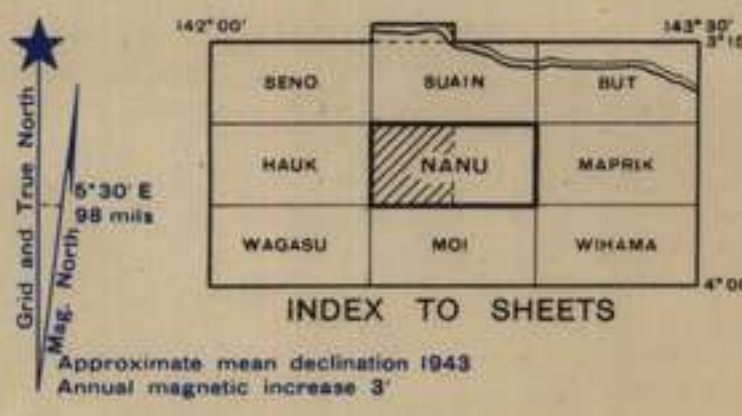
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N. E. S. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
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HAUK EAST  
S330-E14215/15





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**LEGEND**

- Suitable for 2 way MT
- Suitable for 1 way MT
- Trails
- Trails, probable
- Native village
- Swamps
- Streams, intermittent
- Streams, probable
- Underwater obstruction
- Forest
- Plantations
- Hachures
- Form lines, Interval approx 100 ft
- Grassland

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**1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM**  
 N. E. I. EQUATORIAL ZONE  
 Origin of grid: Lat Equator-Long 10°E, whose coordinates are X=3,800,000 and Y=900,000  
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 Nearest similar reference on this grid is 800 km distant. ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on this grid.

**NANU WEST**  
S330 - E14230/15



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Sheet No. 78.....

Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TCO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
450	30/10		2/6 bn	301700K	301830K	I49	RESTRICTED @ trg loc report 31 Oct @ A coy duty coy 0815 to 1630 weapon trg coy lines @ B coy am route march MOUNTAIN VIEW area pm ft trg coy lines @ C coy 0830 bn parade 0930 to 1630 weapon trg coy lines @ D coy route march from camp area to 304077 along track to 311025 then direct to camp @ HQ coy specialist pl trg coy lines.	
451	30/10		2/5 bn	301800K	301900K	I52	RESTRICTED @ Locstat for 31 Oct @ bn parade 0900 hrs @ all coys vicinity camp area.	
452	31/10		2/5 Bn	311800K		I53	locstat for 1 NOV @ Hygiene + Malaria lectures, fire + road demonstrations weapon trg in coy lines @ range practice.	
453	31/10		2/6 Bn	311730K		I50	trg location report 1 NOV @ A coy duty coy @ B coy am. weapon trg PITH firing practice map reading coy lines @ C coy am. weapon trg @ D coy am. lectures @ HQ coy am. spec trg bn area @ all coys organised report.	
454	31/10		2/7 Bn	311500K	311600K	I111	LocSTAT coys 1 Nov @ A coy duty @ B coy pl trg sq 3812, 3813 @ C coy bn area @ D coy Bn area @ HQ coy bn area trg.	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
447 (cont)						I108	343089 thence via tracks to camp @ route 2 camp to ch and tracks junc 343089 to ch junc 341094 to ch junc 354089 along recumbent to 351084 to track at 350616 thence to camp @ route 3 from camp to track junc 350076 to ch junc 356072 along recumbent to 303084 to 359089 along recumbent to 351082 to 343080 thence to camp @ C Coy rifle range 6 div @ D Coy duty @ HQ coy in area.	
448	30/10		2/7 bn	291900K	291950K	I109	RESTRICTED @ ref your T90 @ locstat of B Coy 30 Oct @ ref our I108 amended syllabus programme new reads by in area in lieu. piece patrols.	
449	30/10		2/7 bn	301700K	301800K	I110	RESTRICTED @ ref your I90 @ locstat of Cops 31 Oct @ A Coy fighting patrols black route 334071 315107 313123 325144 339137 346144 362132 340109 340098 343084 334071 @ B Coy fighting patrols blue route 334071 343084 340098 340099 362138 382127 364101 351091 350076 334071 @ C Coy in area @ D Coy duty @ HQ coy in area	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
437	27/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 br		271100K		0597	RESTRICTED @ ref map HERBERTON 1m @ demonstration shoot with shot 3m mortar by 16 aust inf bde 31 Oct 44 @ base plate at 246127 @ each unit may send up to twenty observers @ move under unit arrangements meet guide at tracks junc 266108 at 1400K	
438	27/10	HQ RAA 6 Div		271130K		0598	RESTRICTED @ request use of IRVINE BANK range any three days 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 Nov for purpose for which required a range practice.	
439	27/10		2/5 br	271715K	271730K	I50	RESTRICTED @ locstat for 28 Oct @ all Coy ADMIN	
440	27/10		2/6 br	271658K	271815K	I47	RESTRICTED @ trig location report 28 Oct 44 @ A Coy am weapon trig adm br area pm spot @ BDHQ Coy am admin pm spot @ C Coy am educ lectures weapon trig br area pm spot	
441	27/10		2/7 br	271630K	271705K	I106	RESTRICTED @ ref you I90 @ locstat of coy 28 Oct @ A Coy duty @ B Coy br area @ C Coy br area @ D Coy WALSH RIVER Exercise @ HQ Coy br area	
442	28/10		RAA 6 and div	271630K	280935K	RAO 689	RESTRICTED @ ref you I 0598 of 271130K @ IRVINE BANK ARTY RANGE @ allotted 17 and inf bde 6 7 8 Nov	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
443	28/10		2/7 bn	281145K	281615K	I107	RESTRICTED @ ref your I90 @ locstat of coys 29 Oct @ all coys church spots & admin	
444	28/10		2/5 bn	281800K	281930K	I51	RESTRICTED @ locstat for Oct 29 @ bn church parade 0830 hrs.	
445	30/10		2/5 bn	291700K	300800K	I52	RESTRICTED (1) location statement for 30 Oct (1) bn parade march order @ 900 hrs (1) all coys try camp area	
446	30/10		2/6 bn	291630K	300800K	I48	RESTRICTED (1) try location report 30 Oct (1) A Coy 15 mile route march via HERBERTON race course FLAGGY CREEK (1) B Coy AM bayonet try PM sec try coy march (1) C Coy AM open range area @ Div HQ PM 30 yrd range (1) D Coy range practice 30yd and 200 yrd ranges all day (1) HQ Coy specialist pl try in area all day	
447	30/10		2/7 bn	291010K	291325K	I108	RESTRICTED @ ref your I90 @ locstat of coys 30 Oct @ A Coy & B Coy piece patrols as follows @ route out camp to ch June 333084 to ch June 337093 to ch June 341094 to track	



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Ser No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
43A	27/10		2/7 Br	261710 K		261800K I104	RESTRICTED (1) My own I 90 (1) Loc stat A Coy B Coy C Coy WALSH RIVER (1) Jd firing EXERCISE (1) D Coy location to be advised.	
435	27/10		2/6 br	261640 K		261730K I46	restricted (1) try location report 27 Oct (1) A Coy AM weapon try Coy lines PM sport (1) B Coy AM PTH firing practice Jd craft drill bayonet lecture by education off: PM sport (1) Coy AM Coy lines PM sport (1) D Coy AM Rang practice 30yd range PM sport (1) HC Coy sport try Coy lines PM sport	
43.6	27/10	2/7 br		270845 K		0596	RESTRICTED (1) am 0587 of 181445K cancellation of ranges (1) 3 in mortar range allotted 2/7 Aust inf by 30 Oct 44 (1) base plate posn approx 24 6 12 7 bearing of fire 40 8 80 degrees danger area 240150 270150 270120 240120 (1) sentries will be posted	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
428	27/10		6 Div	261650K	270815K	0888	RESTRICTED O ref map HERBERTON 1 mi O demonstration shoot with short 3 in mortar by 16 AUST INF BDE 31 Oct O base plate at 246127 O such observers as addresses desire to attend will meet guide at track June 266108 @ 1400 hrs.	
429	27/10		6 Div	261450K	270815K	0884	RESTRICTED O ref am @ 11630 of 2604 Please promulgate for further MMG shoot on 4 Nov O same particulars	
430	27/10		2/7 Bn	270800K	270900K	I105	RESTRICTED (1) ref yawn I900 locat of D Coy 27 Oct 3309 3409 3308 3408 (1) HQ Coy bn area WALSH RIVER EX.	
431	27/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		270900K		I92	Restricted (1) request for int spec return.	
432	27/10		2/5 Bn	261700K	261735K	I49	restricted (1) locat for 27 Oct (1) ref map HERBERTON one inch to one mile A Coy patrol to square 3706 (1) B Coy duty incl adm and weapon (1) D Coy as A Coy (1) D Coy adm and weapon (1) HQ 30yd range + incl specialist (1)	
433	27/10		2/7 Bn	270800K	270900K	I105	RESTRICTED (1) ref yawn I900 locat of D Coy 27 Oct 3309 3409 3308 3408 (1) HQ Coy bn area WALSH RIVER EXERCISE	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
426	26/10						Patrol 3 350076 356072 363084 354089 351082 343080 to camp (.) D coy def posns 339075 (.) H Coy specialist sq	
427	26/10		2/6 Bn	251740K	260800K	I45	RESTRICTED (.) trg location report 26 Oct (.) A Coy AMB range practice 200 yds range PM grenade throwing gradu- range (.) B Coy AM grenade throwing drill bayonet practice 1d craft 30 yds range HQ's see leading coy area (.) PM own practice 30 yds range (.) C Coy 1d firing exercise WALSH RIVER AREA (.) B Coy 1d firing exercise WALSH RIVER area (.) HQ Coy TK A pl firing IRVINEBANK MMG mortar pl 1d firing exercise WALSH RIVER area remainder comp area	
428	26/10		2/5 Bn	251730K	251733K	I48	RESTRICTED (.) location statement for 26 Oct (.) A Coy duties and reports trg coy lines (.) B Coy weapons trg coy area (.) Coy patrol to 350090 (.) D Coy patrol to 365065 (.) H Coy specialist sq + 30 yds range	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
423	24/10		2/7 bn	241700 K	241755 K	I 100	restricted @ ref your I 90 @ locstat of coys 25 Oct @ A Coy Bn area B Coy Bn area C Coy Bn area D Coy duty HQ Coy Bn area.	
424	25/10		2/5 bn	250815 K	250800 K	I 47	restricted @ location statement for 25 Oct @ A Coy patrol to 355105 @ B Coy patrol to 372059 @ C Coy 30 yds range @ D Coy duty Coy incl weapon try @ 17 pl demonstration for 2 1/2 fa regt @ HQ Coy specialist training Coy area	
425	26/10	6 Div		251220 K		0595	RESTRICTED (.) ref your 0879 (.) scale satisfactory no comments	
426	26/10		2/7 Bn	251630 R	251733 K	I 103	RESTRICTED (.) ref your I 90 (.) LOCSTAT of coys 26 Oct (.) A Coy camp area (.) B Coy patrols from camp to 350071 to creek to rd 37045 to rd junction 391037 then on bushy highway to track & rd junction 492073 along CRATER TRACK to 361097 to old stockyard 356089 to camp (.) C Coy patrol one camp to 333084 337093 341094 343089 to camp (.) patrol @ 2 camps to 343059 341094 354098 357082 35007 to camp (.)	



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Ser No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TOO or Time of Event	T O R	Orig No.	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken
H10	20/10		2/7 B	201615K	201800K	I97	ref your I90 @ LOCSTAT of companies 21 Oct @ all coys in area admin interior economy report	
H11	20/10		6 Dio	201130K	201715K	0867	Your RA0626 of 17 Oct approved.	
H12	20/10		6 Dio	201630K	201900K	0868	ref our G10891 of 22 Aug this HQ arranging Hpt for return from school @ ETH back at units 1130hrs 22 Oct @ Hpt will NOT provided for 2/9 Aust Band Regt + 2/1 Aust Para Bn	
H13	20/10		2/5 Bn	201800K		I44	locstat for 21 Oct 44 @ all coys admin organised report for	
H14	20/10		2/7 B	201520K		0497	17 Bde 0098 copy H @ ack.	
H15	20/10		2/7 Bn	201425K		0495	ref 17 Bde 0098 ack	
H16	20/10		2/6 B	201415K		0269	ref Bde 0098 ack	
H17	21/10		2/5 Bn	210915K	211015K	0286	Your 05750 filling in of Bn defence area completed this day.	
H18	21/10	2/7 Bn		211400K		0594	following dig arm from holdings will be supplied to 2/8 Aust Fd Coy @ 10000 rounds. 303 rifle 4000 rounds. 303 Bren 1800 rounds 9mm 100 rounds .38 @ liaison direct with adjt + deliver 22 Oct 44.	
H19	21/10		2/7 B	211530K		I98	LOCSTAT of coys 22 Oct @ all coys Bn lines church sports admin	
H20	21/10		2/5 Bn	211730K		I45	locstat for 22 Oct @ Bn church parade 0815hrs	
H21	22/10		2/5 Bn	221715K	221720K	I46	LOCSTAT 23 Oct @ Bn parade 230830K @ Bde Bn parade	
H22	22/10		2/7 B	221340K	221530K	I99	LOCSTAT of coys 23/24 Oct @ Bde etc as per 0098	



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407.	20/10		2/7 Bn	191545K	200800K	I96	RESTRICTED (1) up down I90 (1) A Coy area of 3702 (1) B Coy area of 3812 3813 (1) C Coy area of 3508 (1) D Coy duty on area (1) HQ Coy SIG pl (on area) MMG pl on area (1) Mortar pl on area and 338079 (1) TKA on area.	
408	20/10		6 AUST DIV	201110K	201457K	0866	restricted (1) observers attending 7th Aust Div amphibious exercise no 1 will assemble at exercise DS HQ at bridge 498998 ref map MACALISTER RANGE in 15 mile at 0700 hrs 22 Oct (1) accommodation for all observers has been booked at Cadmus officers club (1) observers from 16 and 17th Aust Inf Bde will proceed independently in own flight (1) observers from 19th Aust Inf Bde RAA and RAE will travel in flight arranged by RAA 6th Aust Div.	
409	20/10		2/6 Bn	201800K	201800K	IAT	sig location report 21 Oct HQ (1) A Coy am. Coy lines standing patrols (1) adm. pm. sport (1) B Coy am. adm. pm. sport (1) C Coy am. admin pm. sport (1) D Coy am. lectures Bde Educ (1) malaria and mite precautions Coy lines pm. sport (1) HQ Coy am. adm. pm. sport.	



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403	19/10	2/7 bn		191420K	191421K	0593	restricted (C) our 0587 of 161445K cancellation of ranges (C) WALSH RIVER range allotted 2/4 hrs Inc Bu 27 28 Oct for fd firing exercises.	
404	12/10		6 Div	121100K	121540K	0830	Confidential (C) GOC desires that Bde Comds + CRF each with BMSC. + I.D. + comds of units arms + services NOT below rank of Lt-col attend lecture by Capt J MARSHALL 2/2 Bn at div HQ model room mon 16 Oct.	
405	20/10		2/5 bn	191630K	200800K	I 43	RESTRICTED (C) location statement for 20 00T 44 all coys in bn area (C) cholera inoculation and reception	
406	20/10		2/6 bn	191705K	200800K	I 43	Restricted (C) try location report 20 Oct (C) A coy patrols and return to camp from jungle try area (C) B coy 200745K to 201445K route march of camp area CRATER track 201500K to 201600K AES lecture coy lines (C) C coy patrols and return to camp from jungle try area (C) D coy patrols + return to camp from jungle try area (C) H2 coy specialist try unit	



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397	19/10		2/6 Aust Inf Bn	181700K	190830K	Inf 2	restricted (C) trig location report 19 Oct (C) A day all day patrol exercises jungle trig area (C) B Coy 190830K to 191500K fighting patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW area (C) C Coy march to jungle trig area and night patrols (C) D Coy 15 mile route march to jungle trig area and night patrols (C) HQ Coy member 1 pl 2 pl 3 pl 30yd range 3 pl IRVINE BANK range for M 3" shoot 5 pl for pl trig bn area all day.	
398	19/10		6 Aust Div.	181030K	190930K	GSI 248	restricted (C) postal service reports large and sudden influx of birthday telegrams (C) until further notice telegrams will not be accepted for transmission unless bearing certificate of sender's bona fides signed by commanding officer.	Copies by runner to 2/5 2/6 2/7 bn 2/46 HQ K Sec Sign
399	19/10		6 Aust Div.	181400K	190930K	GSI 249	restricted (C) ref GRO 371 of 1944 para 4 (b) (iv) no reference to change of location of units or individual personnel will be made in private <del>communication</del> correspondence until authorized by this HQ (C) further instr when policy of higher form HQ known	As per 398
400	19/10		2/5 bn	181440K	191000K	0 267	RESTRICTED (C) Jour 0592 of 18 1030K (C) ask	
401	19/10		2/6 bn	181820K	191000K	0 12	RESTRICTED (C) Jour 0592 (C) ask	
402	19/10		2/7 bn	181800K	191000K	0 468	RESTRICTED (C) Jour 0592 (C) ask	



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393	19/10		2/5 bn	181600K	181700K	I43	RESTRICTED (C) location statements for 19 Oct (C) ref map BATTLE CRERE 1 inch to 1 ml (C) int sec and sig pl 595118 (C) ref map HERBERTON 1 inch to 1 ml (C) 17 Coy duty Coy and weapon shop (C) HQ, C, D Coy WALSH RIVER fall camp (C) B Coy 200 + range practice opposite HQ 6 Aust Div	
394	18/10		2/7 bn	181525K	181645K	I95	RESTRICTED (C) ref your I90 (C) Locstat of companies 19 Oct (C) 17 Coy sig in area 339099 (C) B Coy area 340100 (C) Coy duty D Coy area square 2609 (C) HQ Coy sig pl bn area (C) MMG pl 339099 and 340100 (C) mortar pl bn area (C) T/A pl range 338079	
395	19/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 AUST INC Bns		181030K	190820K	0592	restricted (C) signal offices will NOT sign for nor register despatches unless marked with a reference number the words certified official and the legible signature and rank of an official (C)ack.	
396	19/10	2/5 AUST INC BN		181120K	190820K	0591	restricted (C) our 0587 of 161445K cancellation of ranges (C) IRVINE BANK th a range allotted 2/5 Aust Inf bn 30 Oct.	



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389	18/10		RAA 6 Aust Div	171228K	180810K	RAO 62	restricted @ your 0589 request IRVINEBANK range 30 Oct approved	
390	18/10		2/7 Aust Inf Bn	171500K	180853K	I 91	restricted @ ref your I 90 @ LOC STAT of companies 18 Oct @ A coy RAE range 337077 @ B coy duty @ C coy areas squares 3808 3908 @ D coy areas squares 3609 3608 @ HQ coy @ sq pl 338049 morn. spot afternoon @ mmg pl bn lines morn. 338049 afternoon @ mortar pl bn area @ tk/a pl bn area	
391	18/10		2/5 Aust Inf Bn	171600K	180853K	I 42	restricted @ locstat for 18 Oct @ ref map BATTLE FRERE 1 in to 1 mile @ int see and sig pl 595118 @ ref map HERB ERTON 1 in to 1 mile @ mortar pl mmg pl A B coys WALSH river fd firing range @ C coy duty coy and weapon trg @ D coy 30 yd range practice.	
392	18/10		2/6 Aust Inf Bn	171615K	180853K	I 41	restricted @ trg location report 18 Oct @ A coy am march out for 3 day patrol exercise coy jungle trg area @ B coy am standing patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW area @ pm organised sport @ C coy am standing patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW area @ pm organised sport @ D coy am patrol trg standing patrols coy trg area @ pm organised sport @ HQ coy specialist pl trg all day bn area	



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383	17/10	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div		170850K		0589	restricted @ request use of IRVINEBANK range 30 or 31 oct @ required for the practice @ also WALSH RIVER range 27 28 oct for copy for jungle exercises	
384	17/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		171000K		0590	restricted @ advise particulars persons with unit who have good knowledge of PIDGIN ENGLISH and would be capable of giving instructions in same @ returns required by 171200K @ NIL returns required @ advise also number of handbooks on PIDGIN ENGLISH held in following categories Aust for US for	
385	17/10		2/6 bn	171200K	171350K	09	restricted @ 6 Aust Div now order 3 copy 28 act	
386	17/10		2/5 bn	171130K	171350K	0259	restricted @ ref your 0590 NX 8701 b/l HAY F.D. @ one hand book Aust for NIL US for	
387	17/10		2/6 bn	171265K	171350K	010	restricted @ your 0590 @ persons capable of instructing PIDGIN ENGLISH PX 15 Lt JE MASON at present host of persons held 3 Aust 2 US	
388	17/10		2/7 bn	-	171350K	-	No persons with good knowledge of PIDGIN ENGLISH @ one for US Pocket Vocabulary of MALAY PIDGIN ENGLISH & lot phrases.	



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380	17/10		2/6 Bm	161640K	170800K	I40	restricted (1) try location report 17 Oct (1). ABCD coys falling in defence low def posn all day (1) HQ Coy PM 2 affs and 26 ORs 3pl demonstration 4.2 mortar at IRVINE BANK remainder coy. falling in defence low def posn all day.	
381	17/10		2/5 Bm	161800K	170800K	I41	restricted (1) location statement for 17 Oct 44 (1) low parade 0830 K. (1) ref map BARTLEFREERE 1/4 to 1 mile (1) int sec and sig pl at 5951186 (1) ref map HERBERTON 1/4 to 1 mile (1) ABCD HQ coys falling in defence at 110094 (1) coy coords - CONCO's and 2 mun spec det of mortar pl at 4.2 mortar short IRVINE BANK arty range 0800K to 1200K (1) one aff, then 2 mortar mortar + all EY up from last coy at 19 art 24 Bde range	
382	17/10	2/6 Bm		170830K	170835K	0588	RESTRICTED (1) ref your OW 324 of 15 Oct night firing practice the (1) use of IRVINE BANK range night 25/26 Oct approved (1) firing to be completed by 252200K (1) normal safety precautions to be strictly observed	



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374		Continued					operator 017 Aust Hq Bde will be responsible for arrangements at theatre	
375	15/10		6 Div	151030K	160810K	0844	restricted 07 Aust Div amphibious exercise No 1 will be held in UNITY BEACH area on 22/23 Oct 44 commencing 0700 hrs 22 Oct 0 one experienced observer from each addresser will attend please advise name of nominee by 15? Oct 0 arrangements for transport & accommodation will be advised later.	
376	15/10		2/7 br	152030K	160820K	0431	restricted 0 your 0583 number of officers attending 40	
377	16/10	6 Div		160930K		0536	restricted 0 ref your 0840 Bng MT MOTEN CRE DSO ED	
378	16/10		2/7 br	161420K	161500K	T 92	restricted (1) ref your I 90 LOLS INT of coy 17 Oct B. Coy duty Bng range 337077 C Coy square 3509 D Coy 3409 HQ Coy try in br area.	
379	16/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7		161445K		0587	Bde night attack will be carried out night 23/24 Oct 0 details will follow 0 all range practices laid down for 23,24 Oct will be cancelled 0 if available ranges will be allotted for use 30, 31 Oct	



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372	16/10		2/6 Bn	151355K	160810K	I39	restricted (.) trig location report 16 Oct (.) ABC HQ eyes falling in diggings bn def posn (.) D Coy duty coy (.) pers of D Coy NOT on duty bn def posn falling in diggings	
373	16/10		2/5 Bn	151730K	160810K	I40	restricted (.) locstat for 16 Oct (.) B Coy 30 yd range (.) A Coy 200 yd range (.) C Coy weapon trig coy lines (.) D Coy duty inc weapon trig (.) HQ Coy specialist trig coy lines (.) 3 in mortar shoot 19 bde range	
374	16/10		2/7 Bn	151715K	160810K	I91	restricted (.) ref your 190 (.) location statement A Coy square 3509 falling in defensive posns B Coy second fixed assault course in bn area (.) D Coy route march from camp to jungle edge 381092 then to square 3509 falling in defensive posns (.) HQ Coy trig in bn area	
374	15/10		6 Div	151030	160820	0842	restricted (.) 16mm films on naval lightening porton eqpt will be shown in 17th for Bde Theatre commencing at 1930 hrs Tues 17 Oct (.) screening time one & a half hours (.) films are of primary interest to G staff engs & AEME pers (.) recommend all eng offrs attend (.) Education offr 6 Aust Div will provide projector	



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366	14/10		2/5 Bn	131640K	140820K	I57	restricted (.) try location 14 Oct (.) A B C and HQ coy AM adm PM organised report (.) D Coy AM Exercise WATSONVILLE area PM organised sport.	
367	14/10		2/7 Bn	131730K	140820K	I87	ref yaw I 90 of 11 sep (.) LOC STATE of coy 14 Oct (.) A Coy try area squares 3415 3515 (.) B Coy on area (.) C Coy duty (.) D Coy on area (.) HQ Coy on area	
368	14/10		2/7 Bn	140845K	141020K	0417	restricted (.) received from LO TECH INSTN XI and VI AUST CORPS try instr 10/44	
369	14/10		2/7 Bn	140930K	141020K	2592	restricted (.) ref yaw 0573 061500K (.) try amm drawn under GRO 253/44 and GRO 554/44 during week ended 14 Oct 44 NIL.	
370	15/10		2/7 Bn	140900K	150800K	I89	RESTRICTED 6 loc stat of coy 15 act 0 all coy adminshahai church parade and sport.	
371	15/10		RAA 6 Div	141425K	150915K	RA0609	RESTRICTED approval granted use of IRVINE BANK range 2425 26 Oct the a practice @ yaw 0584 of 131545K refers	



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361	13/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns Comd SC bde TO L01		131345K		0583	RESTRICTED @ all offrs less minimum number required for essential duties will attend short address by GOC 6 aust div in 16 aust inf bde theatre at 0900 hrs 16 oct @ offrs will be seated by 0855 hrs @ offrs will assemble by units outside theatre near front right hand entrance by 0845 hrs. @ unit nonoperational transport will be used to convoy offrs from unit lines to theatre @ bde TO will coordinate transport arrangements where necessary @ dress hats KF shirts and trousers TG with web belts and anklets @ units will advise this HQ by 0800 hrs 16 oct H4 number of offrs attending.	
362	13/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bns		131155K		0582	units will forward to this HQ by 14/1100K any copies of bn exercises either tactical or fd firing held & NO longer required @ there are requested by this HQ for handing over purposes @ Coy exercises NOT required.	
363	13/10	RAH 6 Div		131545K		0584	request use of IRVINE BANK range 24, 25 26 Oct @ purpose for which required for a range practice.	
364	13/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		131605K		0585	ref this HQ msg in str No 28 & our 130930K str a range @ IRVINE BANK range available as follows 2/5 bn 24 Oct, 2/6 bn 25 Oct, 2/7 Bn 26 Oct.	0581 of
365	13/10		2/5 Bn	131730K		I39	locstat for 14 OCT @ all coys adm in morning @ organized sport pm.	



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354	12/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn		Eligible	12030K	0591	restricted (-) ref para 7 17 bde trig instr 29 TK (A IRVINEBANK is cancelled (-) units will be advised when range is available.	
355	12/10		2/5 Bn	121000K	121007K	0226	RESTRICTED (-) EXERCISE TIGER ack	
356	12/10		6 Div	120940	121120K	0828	RESTRICTED (-) further to our 0811 of 7 Oct please return to copies publication emphasis warfare for Aust forces in SWPA this HQ (-) required for redistribution.	
357	13/10		2/7 Bn	121715K		I80	LOCSTAT of coys 13 OCT @ H coy trig area squares 3415, 3515 @ B coy duty @ C coy training areas squares 3413, 3513 @ D Coy training squares 3713, 3813 @ HQ coy training in Bn area @ MING & labours short route march Bn area.	
358	13/10		2/6 Bn	121725K		I36	dyg location 13 OCT @ HQ coy less 3 pl H coy in area @ CD coys exercise WATSONVILLE area @ B coy AM. in area PM. grenade range if available @ 3 pl 19 Bde mortar range.	
359	13/10		2/5 Bn	121700K		I138	located for 13 OCT @ Bn test exercise and laid down by Bde.	
360	13/10		6 Div		130840	0821	ref your RHO 080 of 10 Oct our 0823 of 11 OCT range has been allotted by 1st Lt Col as requested	



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350	12/10		6 Div	111015K	120800K	0823	<p>restricted (.) surely apply use WALSH RIVER arty range 18 19 23 24 25 26 but for coy fd firing exercises 17 Aust 2d Bde (.) this comprises phone conversation BRAM NANCARRON</p>	
351	12/10		2/7 Br	111640K	120800K	I85	<p>restricted (.) ref yaw I 90 w/ 11 sep (.) location state of coy 12 Oct (.) A Coy duty (.) B Coy trained in close br area (.) C Coy trained in area squares 3413 3513 D Coy trained in area squares 3713 3813 H.Q. Coy trained close br area</p>	
352	12/10		2/6 Br	111345K	120800K	I35	<p>restricted (.) try location report 12 Oct (.) all coys br exercise KABAN area</p>	
353	12/10		2/5 Br	111530K		I37	<p>restricted (.) location statement for 12 Oct (.) 4 Coy duty coy and weapon try in coy lines (.) B Coy (.) recapitulation of the try lessons from exercises at coy commando discussion letter bde educator offer 1130 hrs (.) D Coy 30 yds range (.) H.Q. Coy specialist try coy lines</p>	



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(346)		Continued from sheet 55					big coy lines @ 1 pl and int sec 595118 returning to camp in afternoon.	
347	10/10		2/6 bn	101650K	110800K	133	big loc report 11 oct @ A coy AM coy drill bayonet big weapon big coy lines PM organized sport @ B coy AM range practice 30* range PM organized sport @ C coy AM weapon big coy lines PM organized sport @ D coy 0900 to 1600 TEWT all offn and senior NCO's 0915 to 1015 lecture 1015 to 1230 mat reading bayonet big all in coy lines PM organized sport @ HQ coy AM specialise big coy lines PM organized sport	
348	11/10		2/7 B.	110815K	110900K	184	ref your I 90 of 11 sep (.) LOC STAT of coy 11 oct (.) A Coy morning big area 344087 to 344088 to 344098 to 344098 (.) B Coy morning big area 345095 to 345095 to 345098 2 to 345082 (.) C coy big in bn lines (.) D Coy rifle range 338079 (.) HQ coy big in bn lines (.) sports activities in afternoon	
349	11/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		110915K		0580	ref this HQ G 7/35/1 of 6 SEP int big para 2(d) nominations will be submitted by 13 OCT together with particulars of service @ nominees will be interviewed by this HQ 114000K	



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340	9/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		091645K		0576	RESTRICTED @ ref amphibious exercises @ syndicates will assemble 2/6 bn hereafter but 110530K for discussion of exercise and receive corrected solutions.	
341	9/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		091650K		0577	RESTRICTED @ ref our G175 of 30 sep range practices @ use of 19 aust inf bde 3 in mortar range area 246127 approved as allotted on date shown	
342	9/10		2/6 bn	091640K	100300K	132	RESTRICTED @ tig loc report 10 oct @ C coy AM bn parade weapon tig coy area PM 200* range @ D coy AM bn parade 200* range PM 30* range @ HQ coy AM PM specialist tig @ AB coys bn exercise	
343	9/10		2/5 bn	091800K	100800K	I 35	RESTRICTED @ ref maps HERBERTON MT GARNE BARTLE FRERE @ loc stat for 10 oct @ A coy moving from camp to 358982 @ B coy moving from camp to 216095 @ C coy moving to camp from 358982 @ D coy moving to camp from 216095 @ HQ coy less no 1 pl acting as enemy @ 1 pl and int sec 595118	
344	9/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		091815K	100800K	0578	RESTRICTED @ as from this date range practice on range opposite HQ 6 aust div will cease by 1230K each day	
345	10/10	RAA 6 AUST DIV		100930K		0579	RESTRICTED @ application is made for use of WALSH RIVER RANGE 18 19 23 24 25 26 oct 44 @ range required for coy fd firing exercises	
346	10/10		2/5 bn	101525 K	110800K	I 36	restricted @ ref maps Herberton Mt Garnet Bartle Frere loc stat for 11 oct @ A coy moving from 358982 to camp @ B coy moving from 216095 to camp @ 13 pl and 18 pl acting as ENEMY to A and B coy @ C coy duty coy @ D coy less 18 pl coy lines weapon tig and lectures afternoon sport @ HQ coy less 1 pl specialist	



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335	8	2/5 2/6 2/7		Illegible	090830	0574	restricted @ for int sec @ ref amended GROs 8 sep 44 page 14 @ keywords int duties if appear in soldiers AAB83 are to be obliterated	
336	9		2/7 bn.	081400K	090830	I90	loc stat of comp 9 oct @ A Coy assault course & trg area 334087 to 344087 to 344098 to 334098 @ B Coy trg area 345095 to 335095 to 355082 to 345082 @ C Coy duty @ D Coy area 358098 to 368098 to 368088 to 358088 and assault course @ HQ Coy trg in bn lines	Ref I 90 of 17 bde.
337	9		2/6 bn	081700K	090830K	I21	restricted @ trg loc rep 9 oct @ A and B Coy two-day exercises IRVINGBANK-HERBERTON area rd junc 266108 to WATSONVILLE 204135 @ C Coy duty Coy @ D Coy AM weapon trg PM TOET lecture @ HQ Coy specialist trg.	
338	9		2/5 bn	081755K	090830K	I23	<del>restricted</del> @ loc stat for 9 oct @ A Coy 200 <sup>x</sup> ya range @ B duty including weapon trg Coy lines @ C Coy 2 day Coy exercises @ D Coy as per C Coy @ Int sec 2 day exercises including live phone battle @ overlay of route for C-D Coy will reach bde 9 oct	
339	9		2/7 bn.	091400K	091500K	I83	ref your item 90 of 11 sep @ loc stat of comp 10 oct @ bn proceeding on exercise TIGER as per trg instr.	



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328	7/10		6 Div	061630K	070930K	0809	restricted @ 17 Aust Inf Bde using area vicinity 610120 BARTLE FRERE on 9 & 10 & 11 Oct @ no firing	
329	7/10		LANDFORCES from Cap ROSS	061600K	071120K	PRGO 742	restricted @ for MOTEN from ROSS through DPR telegram re magazine ack @ every effort being made expedite @ making urgent representations friends @ details dates follow earliest.	
330	8/10		2/5 Bn	071755K	080800K	I 33	restricted (1) location statement for 8 Oct (2) bn church parade 071830K bde theatre.	
331	8/10		6 Div	071000K	071700K	0811	restricted @ publication @ amphibious warfare for Aust Forces in SWPT provisional 1944 @ advise earliest number copies if any received	
332	8/10	6 Div		081045K		0574	ref you 0811 @ 10 copies	
333	9/10	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bn for info SC, 401 IO		090745K	090800K	0575	restricted (1) units will arrange to fill in for works bn def areas @ works to be completed by 21 Oct 44 @ units will advise when works completed	
334	8/10		2/7 Bn	081400K	081700K	I 79	ref you I 90 @ locstat for company 8 Oct @ all companies church pdc sport adm.	



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322	6/10		6 Div	057725K	060900	0.805	restricted @ div. Hqs by area @ 2/5 by name on 9-10-11 art area 320074 358053 383022 360980 319046 @ advise if this clashes with your Ag.	
323	7/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Am		061500K	070800K	0573	restricted @ units will submit return by 101600K showing type & amount of pay amn drawn in terms of G.R.O. 253/44 and G.R.O. 254/44 @ additional drawings subsequent to this date will be advised to this H.Q. each rat N12 returns required.	
324	7/10		2/5 bn	061700K	090800K	I32.	restricted @ loc stat for 2 out @ Coy adm morning afternoon sports @ one pl returning 071100K from exercise.	
325	7/10		2/7 bn.	061645K	070800K	277.	restricted @ ref 1900 L of C stat of Coy 2 out @ A Coy duty B-D-HQ. Coy local Ag @ C. Coy 30 yds range 33807	
326	7/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns.		061415K	070800K	0577	restricted @ ALL int pers will attend lecture 091430K 2/6 bn recreation hut @ lecturer capt ROBERTSON of ATIS subject TAP CHARACTERISTICS @ all pers will be seated by 091425K.	
327	7/10		2/6 bn	061600K	070800K	I30 1/2	restricted @ by loc rep 7 oct @ A Coy am adm Coy lines @ B Coy AM adm RMO lecture @ C Coy adm RMO lecture @ D Coy adm RMO lecture @ PM all Coy organized sport.	



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317	5/10		6 Aust div	051410K	051445K	0571	Secret @ ref you of instr no 1 of 4 oct 44 and of instr no 2 of 4 oct. Ack.	
318	5/10		2/7 bn	051530K	051600K	176.	Ref 1.90. @ LOCSTAT for coys 6 oct @ all coys in bn area.	
319	5/10		6 Div	051725K	060810K	0805	<del>div the trig area @ 2/5 bn using on 9 10 11 Oct. 320074 3580000 383022 360980 3190460 advise if this clashes with your trig.</del>	
320	6/10		2/5 Bn.	051700K	060800K	130	restricted. @ locstat for 6 oct @ A Coy dry coy area @ B Coy pl rice patrols @ D Coy JUNGLE CRATER AREA @ day pl exercises @ C Coy duty coy @ lecture on enemy eqt mainly x afternoon periods @ CHOLERIA inoculation for bn @ H.Q. Coy spec trig set pl final day of exercise.	
321			2/6 bn.	051715K	060800K	129	restricted @ trig locstat report 6 oct @ A Coy A mortar on trig enemy weapons cap lines. PM. book traps @ lecture cap line @ B Coy patrol LAVARA CK area @ C Coy duty coy @ D Coy exercise jungle trig area @ H.Q. Coy spec trig in bn area.	



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312	5/10		2/5 bn	041730K	050810K	I 29	restricted @ ref map BATTLE FRERE 1 in to 1 ml @ loc stat for 5 oct @ A Coy pl were patrol @ B. Coy duty @ C Coy final day crater area @ D. Coy commencing pl exercise CRATER AREA @ H.Q. Coy of spec trg @ one pl 2 day exercise area sq 5008.	
313	5/10		2/6 bn	041645K	050810K	I 28	restricted @ try loc report 5 oct @ A Coy were patrols MOUNTAIN-VIEW LAVARACK area A.M. P.M. @ B Coy A.M. assault course weapon trg P.M. 30Y range @ C Coy A.M. P.M. exercise jungle trg area @ D Coy as for C Coy @ H.Q. Coy 1 pl exercise bn def area 2 pl P.M. 30Y range A.M P.M. specialists pl trg.	
314	5/10		2/7 bn	041640K	050815K	I 75	Ref I 90 loc stat of coys 5 oct @ A and B Coys on were patrols @ 8 pl 10 pl 12 pl on BLACK ROUTE @	
315	5/10		2/5 bn.	051140K	051150K	O 179	herewith overlay of proposed routes for coys on two day exercises 9 10 11 Oct @ it is requested that these be approved.	
316	5/10		6 Dis	050915K	051150K	O 804	our G 11279 of 23 sep @ delete first sentence para 5(a) & substitute @ all stubs to except Lt Col GUINN will report @ dust Dr Reef bank by 1800h 6 Oct 49 @ 6 Aust Dis is arranging on transport of Lt Col GUINN	



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308	4/10		2/5 Am.	031730K	040800K	128	restricted @ loc state for 4 Oct @ A Coy duty coy @ B Coy final day pl exercise jungle CRATER AREA @ C Coy morning weapon trg afternoon preceding 2 day exercise jungle CRATER AREA @ D Coy pl receive patrol @ H.Q. Coy spec. trg Coy lines @ Bn H.Q. 301 Range.	
309	4/10		2/6 Am.	031600K	040800K	127	restricted @ trg loc report 4 Oct @ A Coy A.M. assault course weapon trg P.M. organized sport. @ B Coy all day Coy exercise jungle trg area @ C Coy all day coy exercise jungle trg area @ D Coy A.M. range practice 30x range P.M. organized sport @ H.Q. Coy A.M. spec pl trg P.M. organized sport.	
310	4/10		2/7 Am	031400K	040800K	173	ref I 90 @ Loc STAT of coys 4 Oct. A and D coys area refs 3414 - 3514 - 3614 - 3413 - 3515 - 3615 @ C Coy duty coy @ H.Q. Coy bn area.	
311	4/10		<del>Old Log Recovered Office</del>	<del>C A N C</del>	<del>0571</del>	<del>256</del>	<del>restricted @ trg receipt of AAF 256 @ H.Q. 11/4 (C).</del>	



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299	3/10		6 Div	021225K	030855K	0791	restricted (.) ref 11087 of exp and confirming phone conversation CLARKE NANCARROW student now required report reception camp by 1800 hrs today	
300	3/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns			031010K	0569	restricted (.) Conference on comms this H.Q. at 1000K 17 Oct 44	
301	3/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns for info Comd. SC. Sig. O.			031010K	0.568	restricted (.) a lecture duration 40 mins subject carrier Pigeon will be conducted by div staff in unit lines for offer at 1900 K as follows 2/5 Bn. 16 Oct 2/6 18 Oct 2/7 Bn 20 Oct ack.	
302	3/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		030955K	031010K	0.570	restricted (.) Use of try areas outside hole area will be requested by units to reach this H.Q. at least 3 days prior of use.	
303	3/10	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns Comd. SC. [D. 40] C.S.M.		030945K	031010K	0.567	restricted (.) DADH. 6 unit div will demonstrate FREON Bombing 2/6 bn lines 7 Oct 44 (.) 30 hrs each unit to attend (.) times 2/5 bn 1000K 2/6 bn 1045K. 2/7 bn 1130K ack.	
304	3/10	<del>2/7 Bns</del>	2/7 Bns	031115K	03225K	0214	ack 0568	
305	3/10	<del>2/6 Bns</del>	2/6 Bns	031045K	031120K	0161	ack 0567, 0568.	
306	3/10		2/7 Bns	031115K	031225K	0215	ack 0567.	
307	3/10		2/7 Bns	031400K	031525K	173	ref 190 (.) local of copy 4 Oct (.) A+D copy area sqs 3414 3514 3614 3413 3515 3615 (.) B co, range 338079 (.) C co, duts (.) HQ co, bn area	



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295	3/10		6 Div	021500K	030800K	0798	revised (1) ref maps HERBERTON and BATTLE FREE 1 in to 1 mile (1) 16 AUST INF BDE using jungle courses in square 4101 for small arms practice 2 to 7 oct both incl (1) danger area squares 4200 and 4201 which include portion EORA TRACK area.	
296	3/10		2/7 Bn	021600K	030800K	T72	N/I 90 (1) LOGSTAT of coys 3 Oct (1) B Coy duty (1) A Coy (1) D Coy in area square 3414 3514 3614 3415 3515 3615 (1) HQ Coy try in bn area.	
297	3/10		2/5 Bn	021730K	030800K	T27	revised (1) location statement for 3 Oct (1) A Coy final day pl exercises jungle CRATER AREA (1) B Coy 2 day pl exercises jungle CRATER AREA (1) C Coy pl incl patrols (1) D Coy duty coy incl weapon try (1) HQ Coy specialist try coy area excl from pl firing IRVINE BANK range.	
298	3/10		2/6 Bn	021735K	030800K	T26	revised (1) try locations report 3 Oct (1) A and B coy AM PM coy exercise coy jungle try area (1) C Coy AM 3 coy do range 1400 to 1500 booby traps at general range 1500 to 1600 unit lines (1) D Coy AM PM sic patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW and LAVARACK area (1) HQ Coy AM PM specialist try unit lines	



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292	2		2/5 Br	011715K	020800K	I-25	restricted (.) location statements for 2 Oct (.) A Coy pl exercises in JUNGLE CRATER AREA (.) B Coy duty coy unit weapon trg coy lines (.) C Coy 30 yd range (.) D Coy 200 yd range 19 Bde range WONDELLA (.) HQ Coy TOET and specialist trg coy area except 2 pl firing MOONIN RANGE.	
293	2		2/6 Br	011645K	020800K	I-24	restricted (.) trg location report 2 Oct (.) A Coy AM PM Coy exercise coy jungle trg area (.) B Coy AM 30 yd range rifle + avon PM coy line lecture (.) C Coy AM PM see patrols MOUNTAIN VIEW MT LAVARACK AREA (.) D Coy AM assault course lecture for education of PM 30 yd range (.) HQ Coy specialist trg	
294	2		2/7 Br	011640K	020800K	I-70	ref I-90 (.) LOGSTAT of coys 2 Oct (.) A Coy duty (.) B Coy trg area 345095 to 355095 (.) C Coy area square 3414 to 3514 to 3614 to 3415 to 3515 to 3615 (.) D Coy trg area 358095 to 368095 to 378095 to 358086 (.) HQ Coy 1 pl coy lines (.) 2 pl duty (.) 3 pl coy lines 1-4 pl part pl duties remainder trg camp area.	



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286	30		6 aust div	291030K	301030K	0564	restricted. @ ref phone conversation Capt H.J. CODGLAN maj CHAPMAN @ herewith copy of comments of unit mor. affrs subject to further advice from B.M.	
287	30	2/5 2/6 2/7 bn		300815K	301045K	0365	restricted @ please <del>to</del> submit amn returns in duplicate as from 30 sep.	
288	30	<del>2/7 bn</del>	2/7 bn	300930K	301045K	168	ref I 90 @ loc status for all coys for 1 oct @ bn area @ church services & adm.	
289	1/10	<del>2/7 bn</del>	2/6 bn	301755K	010830K	121	restricted @ trig location report 1 oct 44 @ all coys 010830K church parade remainder day rest day or spot in unit lines	
290	1		2/5 bn	301745K	010830K	124	restricted @ loc stat for 1 oct @ 0900 hrs church parade followed by admn	
291	2		6 Div	011610K	02800K	0795	Noted (1) ref map MT GARNET in to 1 ml (1) permission tentatively granted 9 AUST DIV use for log area 3000 yds either side rd RAVENSHOE HERBERTON 320962 to 310979. 2 Oct to 5 Oct both incl (1) advise earliest if this clashes with your hrs	