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24 Infantry Brigade

March - May 1943

WAR DIARY

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March -April  
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	23 March		24 Bde South and Central Queensland personnel commence to return to KALINGA camp, Brisbane. Personnel from North Queensland reported to OONOOMBA and REDLYNCH camps after their leave.	
	29		March in Brisbane of 9 Div and other tps recently returned from M.E. 24 Bde HQ personnel led in march by Lieut E.T.S. PEARCE; 2/32 Bn personnel under comd Capt DAVIDSON, 2/28 Bn and 2/43 Bn under Comd Lieut GREASLEY.	
	30	0330	24 Bde HQ personnel from KALINGA leave BRISBANE by train for North Queensland.	
	31		Travelling.	
	APRIL			
	1	1200	Train arrived REDLYNCH and tps marched to 16 Aust Staging Camp.	
	2	0900 1600	Train left for journey over Range to KAIRI. Arrived at KAIRI. Tps spent night at Reception camp.	
	3	1500	Party moved to site of Bde HQ and set up camp. Party consisted of 1 Offr and 23 ORs 24 Bde HQ and 11 ORs 76 L.A.D.	
	4		Settling in; additional 9 ORs marched in.	
	6		Capt J.H. WILTON and Capt R.W. SANGSTER marched in with party of 10 ORs from South Australia.	
	7		Brig B EVANS marched in.	
	8		Recce commenced for Bn Miniature Ranges and Assault Courses and for Bde Sports Ground Bde Comd orders 2/43 Bn which has about 600 men in camp, to provide working parties to assist in fostering 2/28 and 2/32 Bns and preparing these bns Min ranges and Assault Courses.	

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	9		Capt N.S. SMITH & 10 ORs from K Sec Sigs arrived from VICTORIA, also Capt WALSH F.S. Sketch showing layout of camp at this date appears in(Appx 1)	Appx 1
	10		Maj P.F.B. WHITE and 3 ORs reported in. Maj WHITE reported to Bde comd to assume duties of B.M. in lieu of Maj D.R. JACKSON. Lieut CLARK, 2/43 Bn, marched in to assume duty as L.O.III.	
	11		Capt ARBUTHNOT and Lieut G.W. PARRY arrived with party from WEST AUSTRALIA. Bde Comd visited 9 Aust Div HQ and saw G.O.C., Maj Gen WOOTTEN who had arrived in Div area this day.	
	13		Bde Comd attended conference at 9 Aust Div HQ.	
	15		Visit to Bde HQ of C-in-C Allied Land Forces, S.W. Pacific (Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY) accompanied by comd 2 Aust Corps (Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORESHEAD, and G.O.C. 9 Aust Div (Maj Gen WOOTTEN). The party remained at Bde HQ for 1/2 hour and had morning tea in officers mess. The C-in-C was introduced to Lt-Col SCOTT, C.O. 2/32 Bn, Lt-Col W.J. WAIN, C.O. 2/43 Bn and Capt T.I. GELLIBRAND, who was senior offr of 2/28 Bn in camp. Training Instn Nol issued (v Appx 2)	Appx 2 Appx 3
	17		Compass sketch showing layout of Bde Camp area(Appx 3) Bde Comd attended conference at 9 Aust Div reference tropical organisation.	
	21		Bde Comd and B.M. attended conference at 9 Div H.Q. re reorganisation and training. Areas for elementary unit jungle trg were allotted as shown in appx 4 Bde Areas for trg (appx 5)	Appx 4 Appx 5
	22		Conference of unit comds at Bde H.Q. to discuss reorganisation. 2/28 Bn which has not yet arrived was represented by Capt T.I. GELLIBRAND O.C. those personnel already arrived.	
	23		Easter Friday - Bde HQ personnel attended Church Service. During afternoon Bde Comd, B.M. and S.C. visited 16 Aust Inf Bde at HERBERTON.	
	24		During afternoon Bde Comd went on recce of main Bde trg area.	

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	25	0900	Bde Comd attended Church parade at 2/32 Bn. During afternoon Bde Comd, B.M., B.M.(L), and S.C. recced areas adjacent to Mt HAIG (503408) and Mt Edith (506458) in the main Bde trg area.	
	26		GI (Lt-Col BARHAM) visited Bde HQ to discuss training. Representitives of the Army Education Service discussed with Bde Comd policy and the appointment of an Education officer for the bde. Four offrs from the Bde today went to inspect a jungle combat course at 7 Aust Dis with a view to constructing a similar course for the bde.	
X		1030	Liason offr from 16 Bde lectured personnel of Bde HQ on the operations in New Guinea along the Kokoda trail to Buna and Sanananda.	
	27		Traces fwded to units today showing subdivision of unit trg areas (v appx 6)	Appx 6
	28		Trace showing layout of 24 Aust Inf Bde Area attached at (Appx 7.)	Appx 7
	29		The allotment of trg areas sent out to bns. The majority of the remaining personnel of 2/32 and 2/28 Bns marched in today, mainly from West Australia, the numbers being 19 Offrs and 493 ORs of 2/28 Bn and 10 Offrs and 335 ORs of 2/32 Bn. A Trg conference for C.O's was held at Bde HQ it was attended by, Brig B EVANS, B.M., S.C., Lt-Col LOUGHREY (2/28 bn) Lt-Col SCOT (2/32 Bn) and Lt-Col WAIN (2/43 Bn). Trg Instn No.2 Issued (v appx 8)	Appx 8
	30		Lieut AMBROSE (2/32 Bn) marched in to take up duties as Bde Amenities Offr in succession to Lieut WÖRNER who assumes duties of Liason Officer.	

*J.M.*

WAR DIARY

MAR-APR '13

APPENDICES



Legend

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Latrine             | 8 Cookhouse       |
| 2 "                   | 9 Water tank      |
| 3 "                   | 10 Ablution Bench |
| 4 "                   | 11 Cook house     |
| 5 "                   | 12 Ablution Bench |
| 6 Cookhouse           | 13 Latrine        |
| 7 Ablution Bench etc, | 14 "              |
|                       | Δ Tents.          |

COMPASS SKETCH

SHOWING LAYOUT

BDE. HQ. CAMP.

Scale 1 in to 40 yds.  
Distances measured by pacing

9 April 43

SECURITY

H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE.  
15 Apr 43.

24 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 1

1. This instn is issued as a preliminary trg guide to unit comds to cover the period of 14 days after concentration in present area. It is appreciated that much work is essential within unit camp areas but this must NOT be allowed to overshadow trg.

2. Discipline

A high standard of discipline is essential and must be attained immediately in all units. Particular attention is to be paid to

- (a) Conduct and cleanliness of troops.
- (b) Bearing and appearance.
- (c) Paying of compliments.

It is the responsibility of all offrs to achieve and maintain the high standard of discipline throughout the Bde and no laxity is to be tolerated.

3. Individual trg

(a) Physical In order to harden all tps as soon as possible periods of bayonet and physical trg are to be included each day in unit trg programme. In addition all tps are to march at least 25 miles by roads each week. During the second week this distance is to be covered in full marching order with packs. (Dress shorts and shirts.)

(b) Weapon Trg As weapons become available intensive individual trg must be carried out by units to ensure that tps are expert in the handling of all weapons. During this period picked NCOs should be specially trained to provide efficient coaches for range practices. All tps must be able to pass Ts.O.E.T before range practices are carried out.

Trg amm will be issued to units as soon as available.

(c) Observation trg During individual trg particular attention should be paid to improving the powers of observation of all ranks. Simple, practical illustrations and exercises can be readily organised within camp areas.

4. Section trg

Section trg is to be carried out under strict control of the pl comds and should include

- (a) Movement through close country with particular attention to formation, control and maintenance of direction.
- (b) Section stalking.

5. Collective trg during Individual period

In order to assist C.Os to gauge fitness and state of trg, a full day Bn exercise is to be carried out under comd of C.Os on each Saturday. No tpt is to be used for these exercises until ordered by Bde. These exercises should include the study of

- (a) Operational movement as a unit.
- (b) Method of control and comn in close country.

6. Details of these Bn exercises are to be fwded to reach Bde HQ on the Wednesday prior to the exercise and should include

- (a) Object of the exercise.
- (b) Special phases to be studied.
- (c) Route.
- (d) Approximate timings.
- (e) Areas within which special phases are to be studied.

Sub paras (c), (d) and (e) above can be illustrated simply on a small trace.

7. Swimming

Swimming is to be encouraged and those tps unable to swim should be given elementary instrn. Units will conduct compulsory swimming parades to ensure that all tps swim at least twice per week.

*P.D.B.M.*

Maj.

B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

2/28 Aust Inf Bn

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

H.Q. 9 Aust Div

Comd

B.M.

S.C.

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- |              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| 1 Sig Office | 5 Sup O |
| 2 Ord Room   | 6 BM    |
| 3 l office   | 7 Brig  |
| 4 Staff Capt |         |

- Legend
- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Latrine             | 8 Cookhouse       |
| 2 "                   | 9 Water tank      |
| 3 "                   | 10 Ablution Bench |
| 4 "                   | 11 Cook house     |
| 5 "                   | 12 Ablution Bench |
| 6 Cook house          | 13 Latrine        |
| 7 Ablution Bench etc. | 14 Latrine        |
|                       | Δ Tents           |

COMPASS SKETCH  
 SHOWING LAYOUT  
 BDE. HQ. CAMP  
 Scale 1 in to 40 yds  
 Distances measured by pacing

16 Oct 43

20 Aust Inf Bde

Barron River

24 Aust Inf Bde

26 Aust Inf Bde

24 Aust Inf Bde

4 Aust Lt AA Regt

2/2 Aust M.G. Bn

2/8 Aust Fd Regt

24 Aust Inf Bde

2/8 & 2/3 Aust Fd Ambs

9 Aust Div Cav Regt

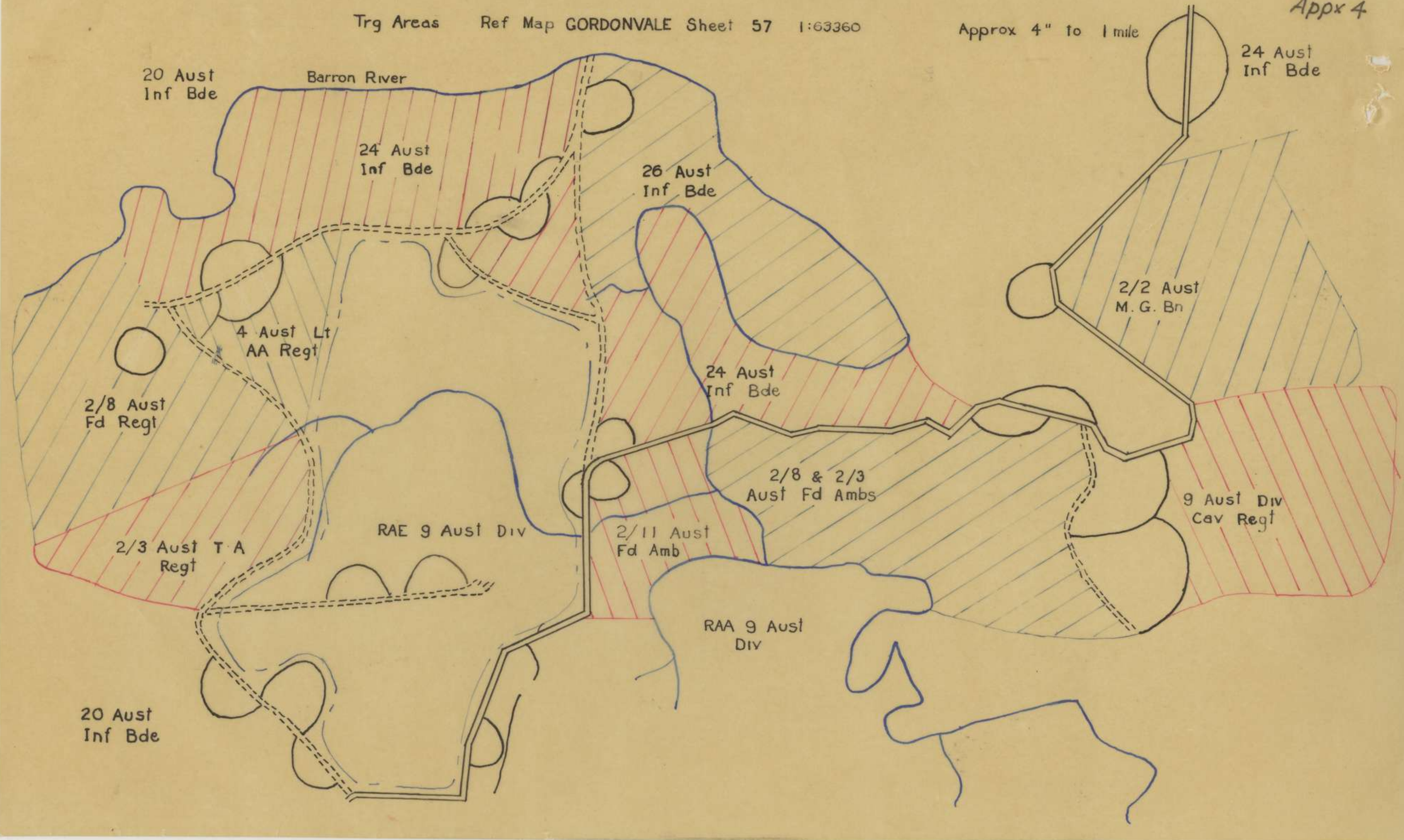
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2/11 Aust Fd Amb

RAA 9 Aust Div

20 Aust Inf Bde



# TRAINING AREAS

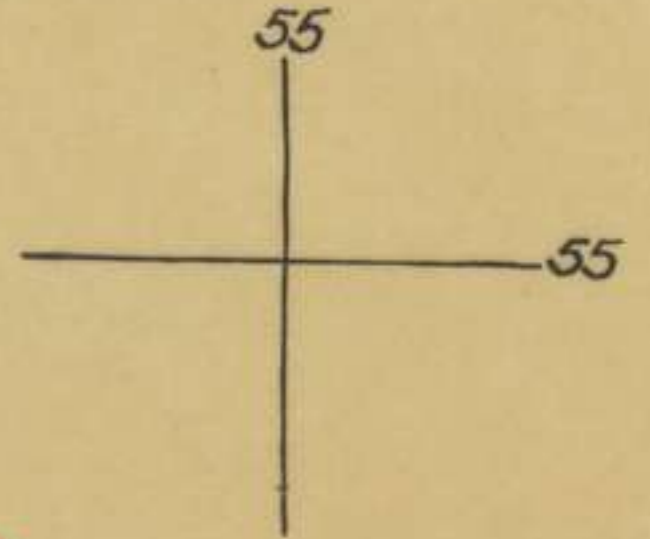
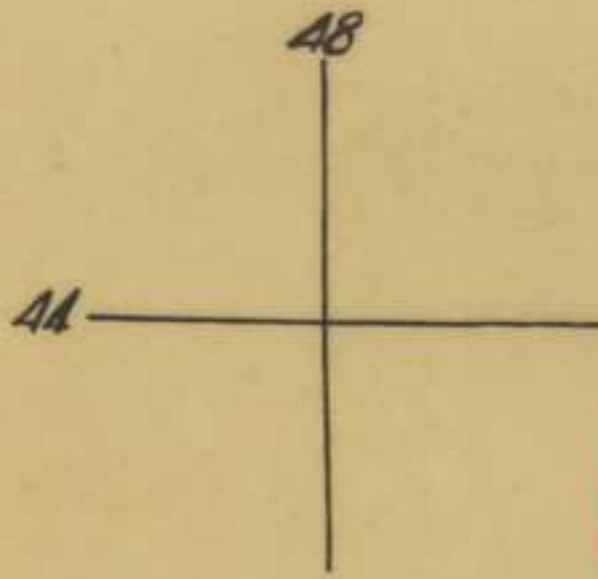
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Scale 1 in = 1 mile

20 Bde

24 Bde

26 Bde

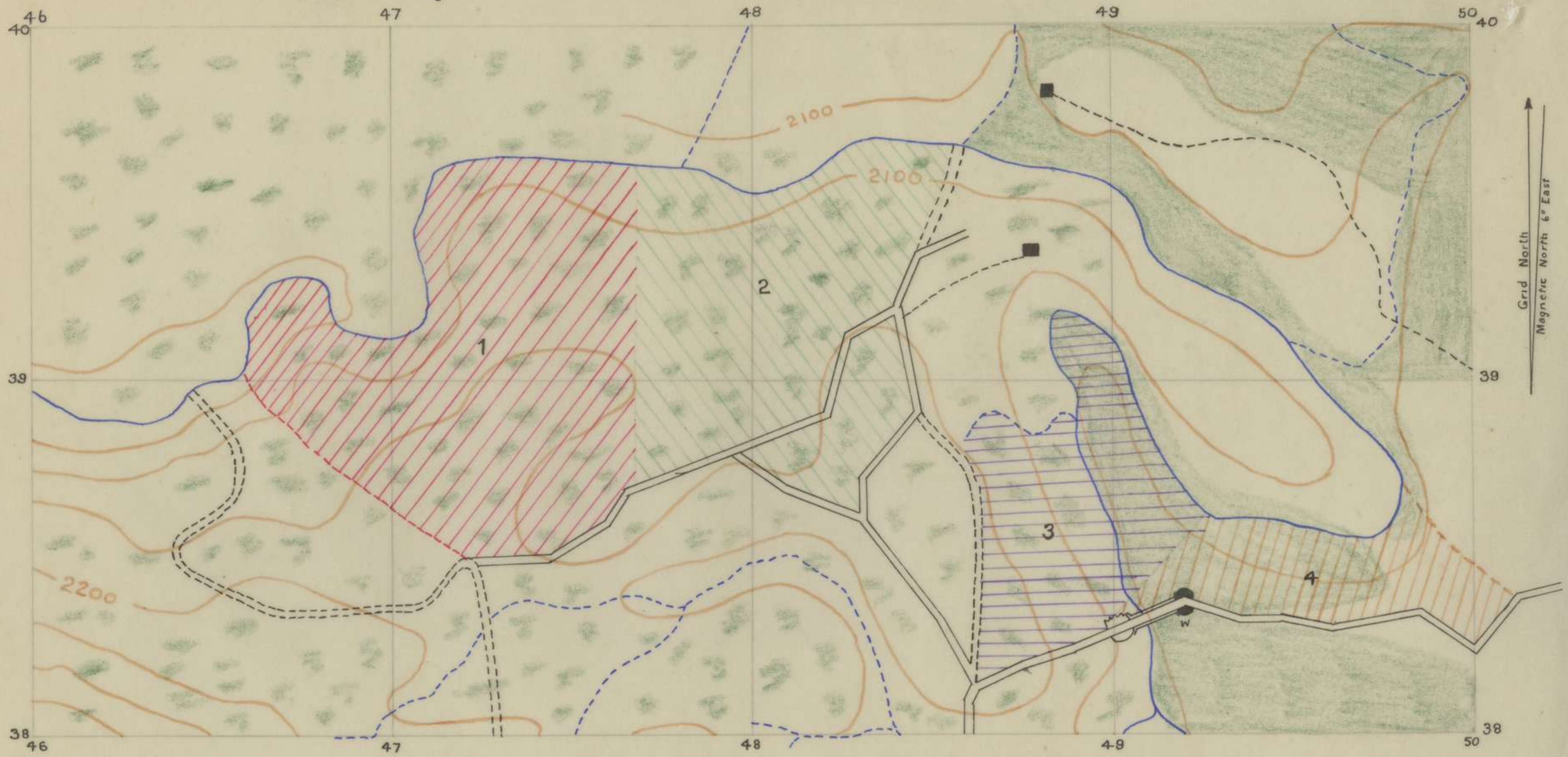
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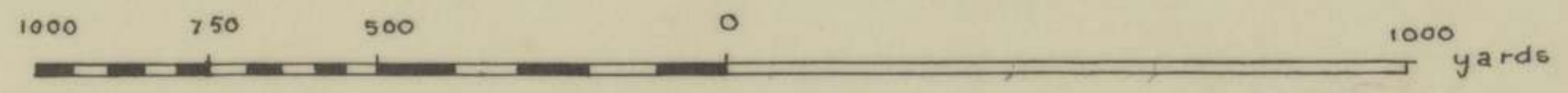
HQ  
24 Aust  
Inf Bde.

# 24 AUST INF BDE INDIVIDUAL TRG AREAS

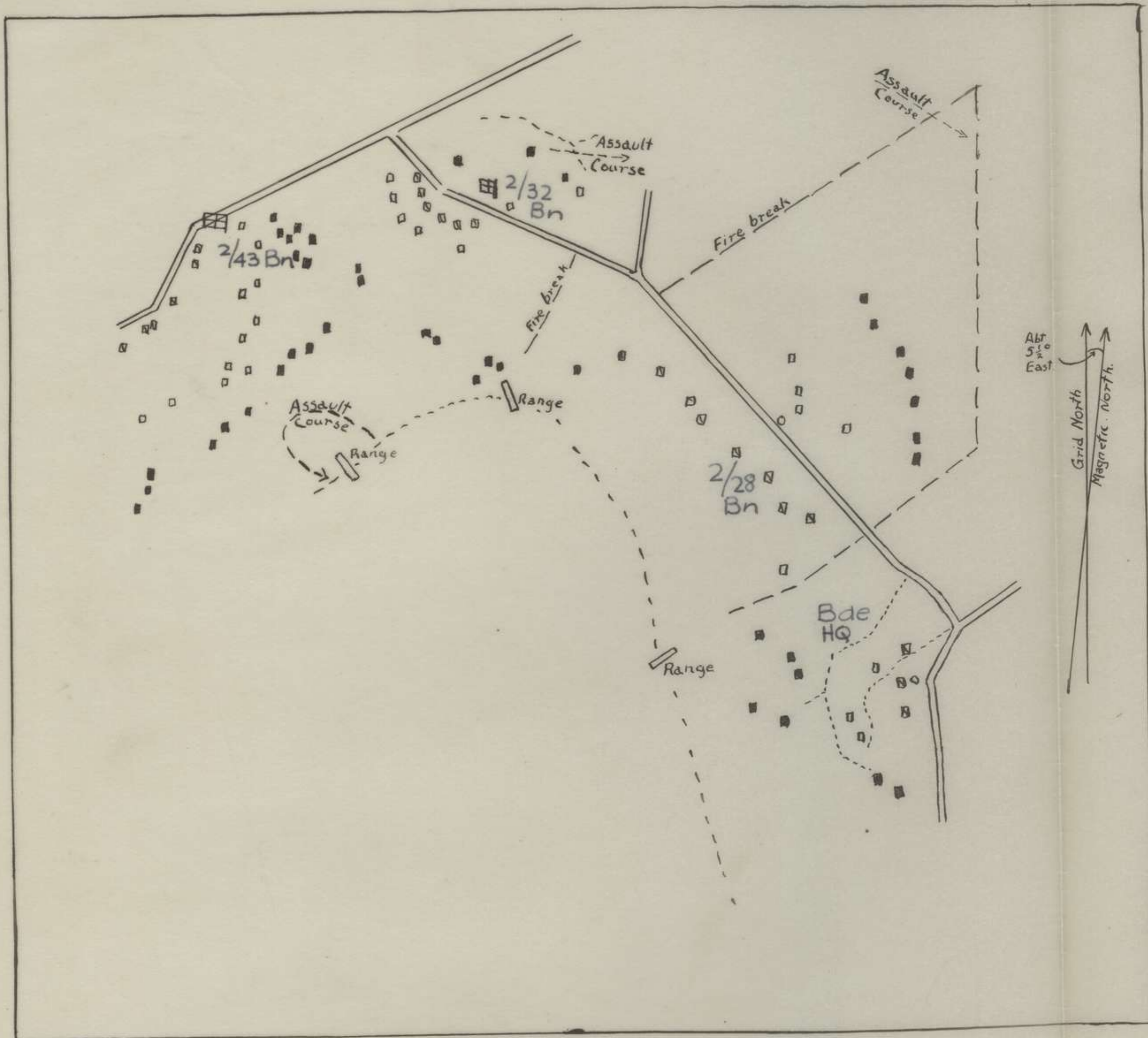
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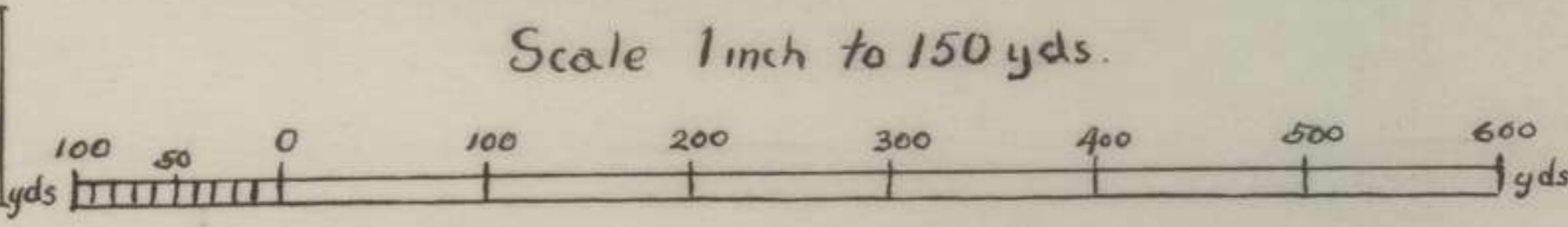
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# COMPASS SKETCH SHOWING LAYOUT 24 AUST INF BDE AREA.



- Legend**
- Ablution Bench
  - Latrine
  - ▣ Cookhouse.



Distances estimated by Pacing

I Sec. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

28 APR 43

SECRET

29 APR 43.

24 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 21. GENERAL

This trg instn is issued to cover the period of 14 days commencing on Monday 3 May 43. Units will include trg and study of the points set out below in addition to those previously laid down.

2. OBJECT AND PERIOD AVAILABLE

The object will be to fit the Bde for war in a tropical theatre of operations as early as possible, and, as the trg period is considerably less than was anticipated, the tempo of trg must be stepped<sup>up</sup>/accordingly immediately. Maximum use must be made of the present period regardless of what its duration proves to be. Collective trg must be introduced as soon as individual trg has progressed sufficiently for simple collective exercises.

3. NATURE OF TRAINING

In tropical theatres of war great variations in country must be expected and although jungle warfare must be learned thoroughly, the standard of trg for operations in more open types of country must be kept at a high level.

4. Throughout the trg, morale and maintenance of fighting efficiency will be studied and improved by all possible means.

5. MORALE

A high morale is principally dependent on the following factors :-

- (a) Discipline
- (b) Physical fitness
- (c) Confidence
- (d) Self-Reliance
- (e) Efficient leadership and teamwork

Notes on the above appear in Appx "A" attached.

6. MAINTENANCE OF FIGHTING EFFICIENCY

Attached as Appx "B" are notes on the maintenance of fighting efficiency included in which are certain practical health rules for all ranks.

It is emphasised that commanders NOT their M.Os are responsible for the prevention of wastage through sickness.

7. PHYSICAL TRAINING

Physical hardening must continue throughout the Bde. All ranks must be capable of prolonged periods of movement across difficult country carrying rations, equipment and spare clothing necessary and on arrival be in a fit condition to fight. In order to reach this standard the following methods will be adopted during this period.

- (a) All tps must cover 40 miles per week ( This will include personnel engaged on adm duties)
- (b) 30 minutes vigorous P.T. for all each day.
- (c) Hill climbing to be included, gradually increasing in speed and steepness. This will develop leg muscles and wind; a high standard can<sup>be</sup>/quickly reached by individual and sub unit competitions.

#### 8. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

- (a) Weapon trg must aim at producing marksmen.
  - (i) The control of amm expenditure in ops is most important. The weight of amm limits the amount a man can carry and makes replenishment difficult. "Single shot" must be the normal fire with LMG and SMG as sufficient amm cannot be manhandled for "automatic" rates.
  - (ii) Bayonet trg must produce confidence and self-reliance in the man in that he is sure he can kill his enemy. The JAP neither gives, nor expects, any quarter
  - (iii) Every man will be exercised in unarmed combat using unit instrs.
  - (iv) It is expected that targets for 30 yd range practices will be available shortly and these will be issued to units.
  - (v) All personnel MUST pass respective Ts.O.E.T. before firing on any range and results of practices will be forwarded to this H.Q. on proforma as attached Appx "C".
- (b) Swimming classes will be continued as previously instructed.
- (c) All ranks must be instructed in practical first aid and be taught the methods of carriage and construction of stretchers improvised from local materials.

#### COLLECTIVE TRAINING

- (a) Collective training should include
  - (i) Maintenance of direction by day and night.
  - (ii) Practice in map reading - This can be best practiced from time to time by getting the sections etc, to point out their position on the map and also to point out features on the ground after study of the map.
  - (iii) The passage of obstacles particularly water courses of all types. For this all possible methods of improvisation should be practiced and particular attention should be paid to protection whilst the crossing is being carried out.
- (b) Operating in gps within the section (See "Notes on Ops in Malaya and Notes for Platoon and Section Comds" )
- (c) Units must arrive at their own scales of gear to be carried; and the tendency to underload must be overcome. In distributing section and sub unit stores into man-loads, units must bear in mind how the section or sub unit will be effected if one or two men become casualties.

#### 10. SPECIALIST TRAINING

Every opportunity must be taken to train specialists during this period and in all cases units must endeavour to retain trained specialists in excess of R.E. figures in order that casualties can be replaced immediately by trained personnel from the ranks.

Advantage should be taken of training "I" personnel. As many tracks in training areas as possible will be mapped and results forwarded to this H.Q. as they are completed.

11. TRAINING AREAS

- (a) Local - The allotment of local trg areas has been issued separately. Bns will move out to these areas daily with cut lunches or hard rations. NO personnel (other than duties) are to remain in camp areas.
- (b) Bde Trg Area - Traces of this area have been issued to units. It is not intended to divide this into three bn areas at present, but units will advise this H.Q. three days in advance of the date/s on which the area is required. Particulars of route/s will be required in order that movement within the area can be coordinated.

12. NIGHT TRAINING

Trg in night work will be included in all trg programmes and all troops are to be practiced on at least two nights each week. Where possible the use of roads should be avoided and the use of simple competitive exercises should be borne in mind to improve the standard of night work in the early stages.

13. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Details of requirements are being issued separately.

14. TRAINING EXERCISES

- (a) Details of Bn exercises will be submitted in accordance with 24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 1.
- (b) Details of all Coy exercises will be submitted (in the same form as bn exercise) to this H.Q. at least 4 days in advance of the exercise.

15. REALISM


The greatest value will be gained from exercises which closely approximate the conditions of actual battle. Effort and ingenuity expended in the preparation of trg exercises and rehearsals for battle will be well repaid.

16. ENEMY

From a study of the enemy, certain matters require fostering during training, these are contained in Appx "D".

17. TRAINING OF UMPIRES

Detailed instns regarding the trg of umpires will be issued separately.

  
Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Bn  
2/32 Bn  
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MORALE

A high morale is principally dependent on the following factors :-

- (a) Discipline. Australian Forces have always had a high standard of battle discipline. That much loved fallacy of a section of our press, that a good battle discipline is obtainable from ill-disciplined troops has been utterly exploded, and it has been proved beyond doubt that battle discipline is entirely dependent on unit discipline. As units train, so will they fight. Close order drill will be used as an aid to inculcate discipline.
- (b) Physical Fitness. Physical exhaustion and sickness lower morale. Warfare in any theatre of operations is tiring, and warfare in tropical theatres is particularly exhausting. A high standard of physical fitness is essential to resist tropical diseases, as well as to reduce the effect of the physical effort that this type of warfare involves.
- (c) Confidence. in the weapon with which the soldier is armed, and by acquiring skill in the use of his weapons, confidence in his ability to use them effectively in action.
- (d) Self-reliance. To act calmly in action, the soldier must be trained to think and act for himself, and must have complete confidence in his individual ability to defeat his opponent.
- (e) Efficient leadership and teamwork. In addition to having confidence in himself, the soldier's morale is dependent also on the knowledge that his leaders are efficient, and that he can depend on the staunchness and co-operation of the other members of his sub-unit. In the same way, confidence in the efficiency, staunchness and co-operation of the other arms within the formation is essential.

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APPX "B"MAINTENANCE OF FIGHTING EFFICIENCY

Even in theatres of operations, such as the Western Desert, the admissions to medical installations through sickness exceeded those due to battle casualties, by 2 to 1. In tropical areas, this proportion is likely to be 4 to 1 or higher, and therefore, the prevention of wastage through sickness is a major responsibility of any commander.

Certain practical health rules, which have been drawn up by the medical service, are included in paragraph below. Practice in the routine necessary to limit the number of casualties due to sickness is necessary both in camp and training. It is particularly emphasised that three factors have the greatest influence on the sickness rate :-

- (a) Discipline. A well disciplined unit carries out the individual health routine more effectively and thus suffers fewer casualties from sickness.
- (b) Organisation and tidyness in camp lines and training is reflected in unit hygiene during operations.
- (c) Practice in the methods of maintaining health in camp and during the training exercises, is essential to the maintenance of fighting efficiency during operations.

Points for the Training of O.RsALL ORs of ALL Arms and Services

All men should be trained in the use and rationale of personal anti-malaria measures before moving to a malarious station.

**Clothing** - to cover the maximum area of skin between sunset and sunrise.

**Veils** - gloves etc.

**Use and care of mosquito nets.**

SUPPRESSIVE QUININE ( or ATEBRIN ) Rationale must be stressed. The theory that sterility results must be extirpated. The men must be made to realise the importance to themselves of this factor in control.

ALL ORs of ALL Arms and Services should be taught the importance of caution when using native water sources. Individual water sterilising outfits should be demonstrated and should be available.

Similarly ALL ORs should be told of the effects of heat and should have the rationale of salt administration explained.

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THE BASIS OF THE PROTECTION OF THE SICK

There is a general impression that the sick are a liability on the operations, and that they are a drain on the resources of the unit. This is a mistaken view. The sick are a valuable asset, and their care is a part of the unit's responsibility. The protection of the sick is a matter of discipline and organization. It is essential to the maintenance of the unit's fighting effectiveness. The sick are a source of information and morale. Their care is a test of the unit's efficiency. The protection of the sick is a matter of discipline and organization. It is essential to the maintenance of the unit's fighting effectiveness. The sick are a source of information and morale. Their care is a test of the unit's efficiency.

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APPX "D"

ENEMY

From a study of the enemy, certain matters require fostering during training:--

- (a) The chief weakness discovered in the enemy is his dislike of noise-particularly that caused by the explosions of bombs shells and grenades. Where possible, explosions from the missiles of supporting weapons will be simulated during training, and troops will be trained to make as much noise as possible during the assault.
- (b) Offensive eagerness will be inculcated into all ranks.
- (c) Bold and aggressive action will be encouraged.
- (d) The opponent fights it out, and his treatment of prisoners is questionable. Troops must become accustomed during trg to the realisation that the struggle will be grim, and that the enemy neither gives nor asks for quarter.

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2/ Aust Inf Bn  
29 Apr 43

RESULTS OF RIFLE PRACTICE

(Dates )

Range	Coy	PRACTICE FIRED	Highest Possible Score	Total No Fired	No over 80%	No under 80% & over 60%	No under 60% & over 40%	REMARKS

BY

BRIG B. EVANS D.S.O.

Commanding 24 Arst Inf Bde

26 April 43

1. DAILY ROUTINE

0600	Reveille
0615	Adm Parade
0630	Sick Parade
0700	Breakfast
0715	Offrs Breakfast
0800	Parade
1200	Dismiss
1230	Lunch
1245	Offrs Lunch
1330	Parade
1630	Dismiss
1730	Tea
1800	Offrs Mess
1800	Retreat
2130	Last Post
2200	Tattoo
2215	Lights Out

2. PHOTOGRAPHY

Restriction of photographic subjects is the same in Australia as in the M.E.

All films must be developed by authorised dealers, the nearest being KODAK Cairns. Arrangements are being made for additional dealers to be authorised in this district, the names and locations of whom will be notified when available.

Films must not be sent to relations or friends for developing.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.1.)

3. HOTELS, OUT OF BOUNDS

All hotels on ATHERTON TABLE LAND are out of bounds except to personnel carrying LEAVE passes. Duty passes are NOT sufficient.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 6)

4. TOWNS AND VILLAGES

All towns and villages are out of bounds except for personnel carrying LEAVE or DUTY passes.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.7.)

5. FIRES

(a) Careless burning off and lack of supervision has already caused loss of valuable equipment in this camp area. No fire will be left burning unattended and all ashes and smouldering logs will be stamped out.

Lack of readily available water represents a considerable handicap in coping with burning equipment and sand or earth has been used with good results.

Improvised fire beaters will be placed in prominent places in the tent lines.

(b) All tents will have a fire break cleared two feet in width immediately outside the extremity of the guy ropes and encircling the tent. This break will be kept clear of leaves and twigs.

(c) Lights will not be left burning in unoccupied tents.

(d) Bush shelters, as the timber and leaves dry, are particularly vulnerable and will be protected by adequate fire breaks.

6. CONSERVATION OF WATER

Washing under water tank taps is forbidden. Personnel will use tubs or buckets on ablution benches. All tubs and buckets will be left at ablution benches and will NOT be taken to tents.

6. WATER CONSERVATION CONT'D.

Excessive use of water by washing clothes and waste has caused shortage for kitchen use in certain units.

The present scale is three gals per man daily and the washing of clothes should be done, where possible, in local creeks or rivers. Care will be taken that such washing is done below water pumping points.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.12)

7. SWIMMING

(a) Personnel swimming within 400 yds of the River Barron br on Camp Main Rd will wear swimming trunks.

(b) Swimming above the br is forbidden.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.13)

8. IDENTITY DISCS AND PAYBOOKS

Identity discs will be worn and paybooks carried at all times.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.14)

9. DRESS

(a) All tps moving along Camp Main rds will wear hats, shirts, shorts or slacks.

(b) All ranks on leave will be correctly dressed.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.16)

10. CHOPPING OF TREES

Chopping down of green timber within the camp area bounded by the latrines on the south and west is forbidden.

Bark will not be removed from growing timber.

11. VEHICLE TRACKS

Vehicles will not be driven through the camp area. Vehicles will follow track passing at rear of Sgts mess to parking area.

12. CAMP CLEANLINESS

Tents and surroundings will be clean and in inspection order by 0600 hrs daily.

*R. Rangel* Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

K Sec Sigs	1
HQ Guard Pl	2
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~ HQ 24 AUST INF BDE  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1		Lieut PITTMAN (2/32 Bn) marched in to assume duties of Bde I.O. and Lieut NORRIS (2/28Bn) marched in to take over duties of S.C.L. G.O.C. (Maj Gen WOOTTEN) and Brig B.EVANS attended coy demonstration by 2/43 Bn of a Coy encircling attack. Demonstration took place at 4735 (GORDONVALE SHEET 57) Queensland series)	
	2		Instructions and Syllabus for Junior Officers Course issued. (Appx 1)	Appx 1
	3		Recce Parties left Bde HQ to commence recce of main Bde Trg Area. Parties consisted of 1 Offr 2 OR, (1 from Bn I Sec) and medical orderly. Officers were Capt WILTON, Lieut PITTMAN, Lieut PARRY and Lieut BIRCH. Routes to be followed are attached (as appx 2). Junior Officers Course commenced.	Appx 2
	4		Brig B. EVANS visited Div HQ. Further 10 offr and 277 ORs of 2/28 Bn arrived from West Australia.	
	5		G.O.C. in C First Aust Army (Lt-Gen Sir John LAVERACK K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., inspected 9 Aust Div area. Guard of Honour at HQ 9 Aust Div was provided by 24 Bde, it comprised 3 offr and 53 ORs and was commanded by Capt JEANES 2/43 Bn. The G.O.C. in C arrived at 24 Aust Inf Bde at approx 1705 and was met by Brig EVANS and Lt-Col LOUGHREY 2/28 Bn, Lt-Col SCOTT 2/32 Bn, Lt-Col WAIN 2/43 Bn and COs and acting COs of units in Div Area.	
	6		Brig EVANS and BM recce portion of Main Bde Trg Area during afternoon. Brig EVANS visited all Bn COs during late afternoon and then proceeded to Div where the Brig had dinner with Div Comd (Gen WOOTTEN).	
	7		Recce Parties returned from Recce of Main Trg area having been away for five days. 24 Aust Inf Bde Ammenities instruction No.3 issued (v Appx 3)	Appx 3
	9		Brig EVANS and BM (Major WHITE) reced portion of Bde Trg area. Church Parade in the morning.	
	10		COs conference attended by Brig EVANS, BM (Major WHITE) S.C. (Capt SANGSTER) and Lt-Col LOUGHREY (2/28 Bn), Lt-Col SCOTT (2/32 Bn), Lt-Col WAIN (2/43 Bn). The main subject under discussion was unit trg. Junior Officers Course No.2 commended.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	11		Brig EVANS and other officers of the Division visited the 503 U.S. Inf (Parachute) Regt, at the invitation of the Comd (Col KINSLER) to attend a demonstration by paratps and inspect organisation and equipt of the unit. The regt is situated about 1 mile from Gordonvale At 740465 (Gordonvale Sheet 1 in to 1 mile)	
	12		24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Inst No.3 issued. (v appx 4)	Appx 4
	13		Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (G.O.C. 2 Aust Corps) and Maj Gen WOOTTON (Comd (9 Div) visited Bde HQ at 1100 hrs they were met by S.C. (Capt SANGSTER), the Brig and BM being away from Bde HQ inspecting the Jungle Combat Course of the 2/13 Bn. Lt Gen Morshead and Maj Gen WOOTTON inspected the 2/28 Bn min range and later went on a general tour of inspection of 2/28 Bn lines. 24 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Instn No.4 issued (v appx 5)	Appx 5
	17		Instruction for 24 Aust Inf Bde HQ Exercise to be held on 24th issued (v appx 6)	Appx 6
	19		Gen BLAMEY (C-in-C Allied Land Forces), Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (Comd 2 Aust Corps), Lt-Gen HERRING (Comd 1 Aust Corps) and Maj Gen WOOTTON (Comd 9 Aust Div) attended by Brig EVANS visited 2/43 Bn & 2/28 Bn.	
	20		Maj Gen WOOTTON, Brig EVANS, BM(Major WHITE, Lt-Col LOUGHREY (2/28 Bn) Lt-Col SCOTT (2/32 Bn) Lt-Col WAIN 2/43 Bn attended a demonstration by a company of 2/32 Bn, of a proposed river crossing, using live amm. Instructions for Bn exercise (Tactical) with Tps, commencing 27 May and finishing approx 5 June, issued. Exercise to also include HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde. (v appx 7) Track map for trg areas fwded to Bns (v appx 8)	Appx 7 Appx 8
	22	0900	conference of control staff and umpires for HQ's exercise to be held on 24 May.	
	23		Church parade.	
	24		HQ's exercise commenced at 1000 hrs completed by 1640 hrs.	
	25	1030	His Excellency the Governor General Lord GOWRIE attended by Lt Gen MORSHEAD (Comd 2 Aust Corps) Maj Gen WOOTTON (Comd 9 Aust Div) arrived at Bde HQ and was met by Brig EVANS. The party then proceeded to Bn training areas and inspected a demonstration by a coy of 2/32 Bn of an opposed river crossing. After the inspection His Execlency and party returned to HQ 2/43Bn	



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HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25	Contd	and then proceeded to 26 Aust Inf Bde, leaving at approx 1130 hrs.	
		1400	Conference of umpires and control staffs of HQ exercise conducted on 24 <del>Jun</del> May held at Bde HQ. Instructions for Court of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Pte ABBOT, F G 2/32 Bn on 25 May issued. (V appx 9).	
	26	1000	Conference of Bde and Bn Staffs held at Bde HQ to receive reports of umpires and control staffs for HQs exercise conducted 24th.	
	27		Major Gen BOASE (M.G.G.S. 1st Aust Army) visited Bde HQ and 2/28 Bn, 2/43 Bn, commenced Bde Exercise. 24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 4 issued (V appx 10) 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No 1 issued (V Appx 11)	
	28		For Bde Exercise Bde HQ was divided into Main and Rear HQs. The party comprising Main Bde HQ moved out from Camp at 1100 hrs, followed by Rear Bde party at 1130 hrs. 1445 hrs Main Bde established at 544447 (GORDONVALE 1 inch : 1 mile)	
	29		2/43 Bn completed exercise and back in camp at 1800 hrs. During afternoon approx one third of Bde HQ personnel and attached tps attended a race meeting at KULARA conducted by 9 Aust Div and local station owners. The meeting was very successful and the 5000 tps who attended from the 9 Aust Div had a very enjoyable day. Further meetings are being arranged in the near future.	
	30		Umpires conference held in morning to compile reports on 2/43 Bn part of Bde Exercise, attended by BM Maj WHITE. During afternoon a meeting of all officers of 2/43 Bn to receive umpires reports of 2/43 Bn part of Bde exercise. Attended by Brig EVANS and BM.	
	31		2/32 Bn commenced Bde Exercise.	

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— APPENDICES —

— MAY 43 —

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
Ref No 198/17/137  
2 May 43.

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- 2/32 AUST INF BN
- 2/43 AUST INF BN
- Copies to
- 2/3 AUST FD AMB
- 2/11AUST FD AMB
- Comd
- War Diary (2) ✓

INSTRS AND SYLLABUS FOR JUNIOR OFFRS COURSES

1. These courses will be attended by all offr of the Bde below the rank of Captain, except those selected to attend 9 Aust Div Course for Adits.
2. COs will detail up to half the junior offr of their units to attend the first cadre commencing on Mon 3 May 43 and the balance to attend the second course commencing provisionally on 10 May 43.
3. Students for the first course will report to this HQ at 0845 hrs 3 May, the senior student of each unit will submit a nominal roll of offr from his unit attending the course and will be responsible for checking daily attendance.
4. The course will occupy only the morning and students will return to their units for lunch and afternoon parades.
5. Attached is the daily syllabus. Additions, including outdoor exercises, will be added later.

*P. B. Mica*

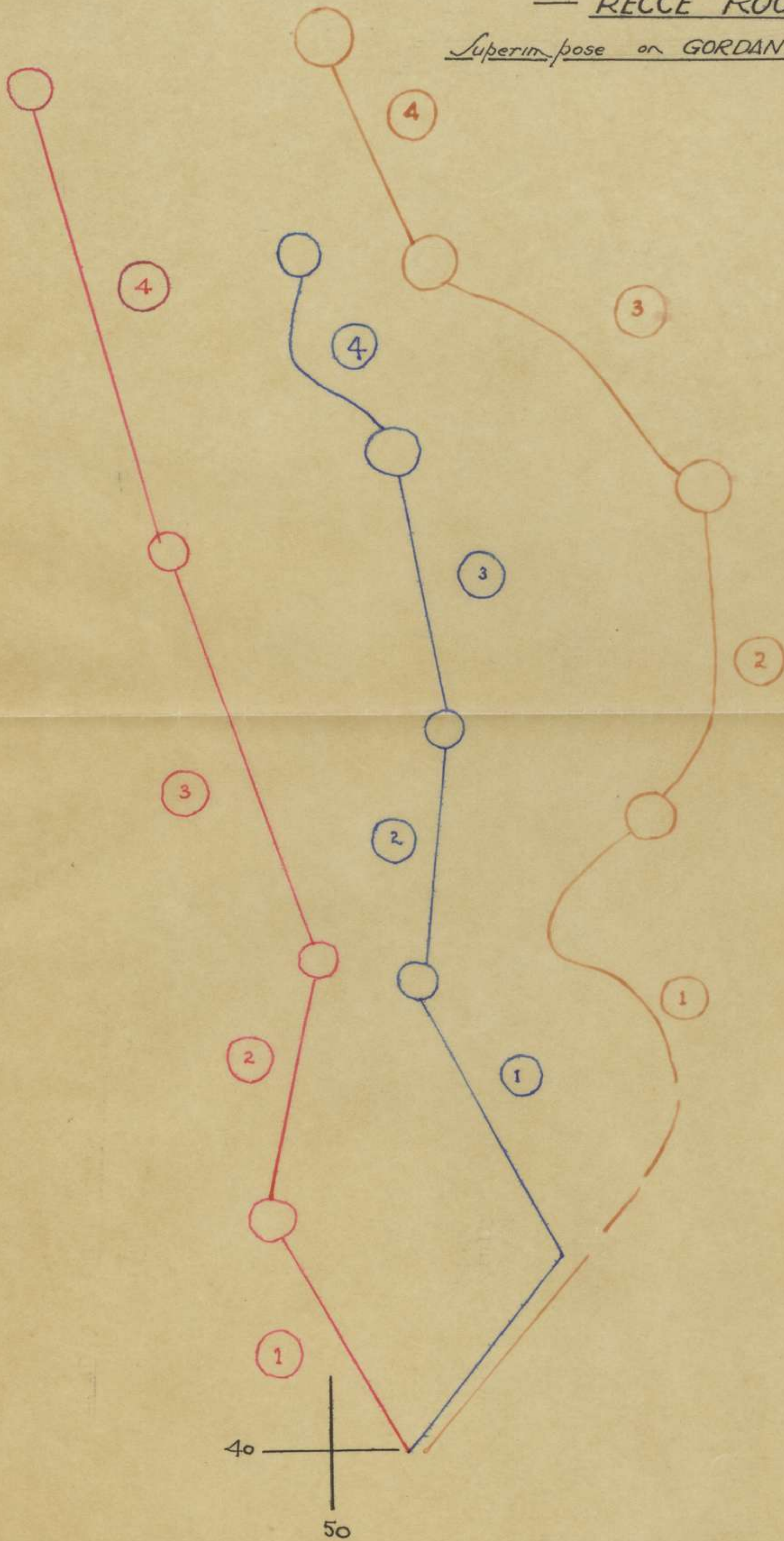
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B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

SYLLABUS FOR JUNIOR OFFRS COURSE

3 May	0900 hrs	to	0945 hrs	Opening address
	1000	"	1045	Warfare in close country
	1100	"	1145	The advance to the Attack
4 May	0900	"	0945	Battle Procedure
	1000	"	1045	Message writing and Orders
	1100	"	1145	The attack
5 May	0900	"	0945	Defence
	1000	"	1045	Patrols and ambushes
	1100	"	1145	Withdrawal
6 May	0900	"	0945	Map Reading
	1000	"	1045	Intelligence
	1100	"	1145	Chemical Warfare
7 May	0900	"	0945	Preparation of an exercise
				Coy Pl etc.
	1000	"	1045	Medical & Hygiene aspects
				of Tropical Warfare.
	1100	"	1145	Umpiring Coy pl etc.

— RECCE ROUTES —

Superimpose on GORDANVALE 1 Inch = 1 Mile

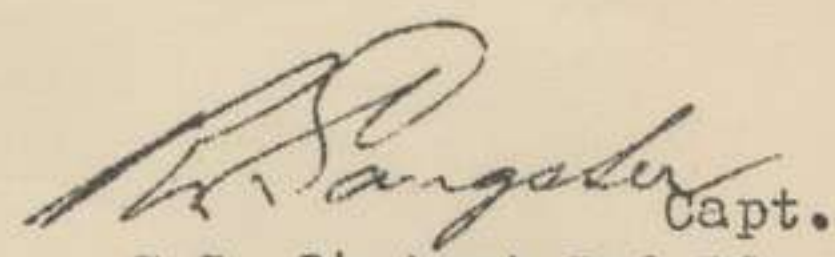


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24 AUST INF BDE AMENITIES INSTN No 3

SPECIAL LEAVE

1. GENERAL  
Under auspices of R.S.S.A.I.L.A. ATHERTON arrangements have been made to billet a party of O.Rs from 9 Aust Div with local residents on week ends.
2. PERIOD  
Leave will be from 1830 hrs Saturday 8 May 43 until 2100 hrs Sunday 9 May 43.
3. ALLOTMENTS
  - (a) Allotment to units of this Bde will be :-
    - 2/28 Bn - 2 O.Rs
    - 2/32 Bn - 2 O.Rs
    - 2/43 Bn - 2 O.Rs
  - (b) Personnel will be carefully selected to ensure leave is given to those whose conduct and bearing will be a credit to the Division.
4. TRANSPORT
  - (a) Personnel will be collected by Bde transport at 1700 hrs Sat 8 May 43 and delivered to 9 Aust Div Rec Camp, where they will report to Capt F.TAYLOR.
  - (b) On Sunday 9 May 43 personnel will report to Capt TAYLOR at Shire Hall ATHERTON at 2100 hrs for return to unit.
5. LEAVE PASSES  
Leave in ATHERTON township ceases at 2300 hrs daily, therefore leave passes will be endorsed "Not valid in ATHERTON township between 2300 hrs 8 May 43 and 0600 hrs 9 May 43."
6. DRESS  
All ranks will be correctly dressed.
7. KIT  
Toilet necessaries and change of clothing only. Bedclothes will be provided by host.
8. NOMINAL ROLL  
The senior person in the party will make out a nominal roll for handing to Capt TAYLOR at Rec Camp.

  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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12 May 43.

24 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No. 3.

This instruction is issued to cover the period 17 May 43 to 31 May 43.

1. Collective Trg

During this period units will concentrate on collective trg, particularly sec and pl standard. Details of individual trg which still require further practice and study will be included.

2. Bivouacs

(a) In order to accustom tps to jungle conditions, to test individual and section loading, cooking etc, all tps will spend three consecutive days and nights within the Bde trg area. In this instance, it is suggested that all rations be carried on the man, but particular study should be given to supply with a view to supplying in the field during the next prolonged period away from the camp area.

(b) Where possible, pl and coy adm arrangements will be made, but for the purpose of all trg the cooking and carrying unit will be the sec.

The aim of units will be to feed normally under the most adverse conditions.

(c) As far as possible, bivouac sites will not be used South of the line 500410 - 540460, thence East along the 46 northing grid.

(d) As individual water purifying sets are not available, it will be necessary to carry chlorinating and detasting powder as all water must be purified.

(e) If possible, Bns should complete this bivouac trg in one week by sending approx two coys out at a time, in which case the Saturday exercise as laid down in Trg Instn No. 1 ~~will~~ not be carried out for that week.

3. Exercises Conducted by Bde.

A HQ exercise will be conducted during this trg period; full details and dates will be issued in due course.

*P.J.B. Miles*  
Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 AUST INF BDE AMENITIES INSTN No 4SPECIAL LEAVE

1. Ref 24 Aust Inf Bde Amenities Instn No 3.
2. Leave has been granted again this weekend with the following amendments to the above Instn.
3. Period of Leave.  
1700 hrs Saturday 15 May 43 until 2100 hrs 16 May 43.
4. Allotment

Bde H.Q.	-	1 O.R.
2/28 Bn	-	2 O.Rs
2/32 Bn	-	2 O.Rs
2/43 Bn	-	2 O.Rs
5. Transport
  - (a) Personnel will be collected by Bde transport at 1545 hrs Sat 15 May 43 and delivered to rd junc 479353 (viz - turn off to 2/3 Aust Par Bn) at 1605 hrs, where they will report to Capt S. BISHOP 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
  - (b) On Sun 16 May 43 personnel will report to Capt BISHOP at Shire Hall ATHERTON at 2100 hrs for return to units.

*R. Langston* Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 AUST INF BDE H.Q. EXERCISE

Ref Map:- GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

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- " "C" - Notes for higher and lower control staffs.
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- " "E" - List of Umpires and Control staffs.
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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1	1			1		
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2	2			2		
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3	3			3		
9 Aust Div	4	4					1
Umpires	5-9	5-9	1-5	1-5	4-8	1-5	2-6
Higher Control Staff	10-12	10-12	6-8	6-8	9-11	6-8	7-9
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*A.J.B. White*  
 Maj.,  
 B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.



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APPX 'A'  
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24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS EXERCISE

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

1. In training for war, it is essential to produce and practise various battle drills by which all ranks know exactly what to do in any given set of circumstances.  
This exercise has no tactical value; its object being to produce a battle drill for the operation of HQs of Bde and Bns in the field.
2. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE
  - (a) The various HQs will remain in their present locations, all knowledge of ground being obtained by reference to relevant maps.
  - (b) Duration - approx 4 hrs.
  - (c) All information will be passed downward through Bde HQ by a "higher control" staff and upwards through Bn HQ by a "lower control" staff representing Coy HQ.
  - (d) In order to obtain the greatest benefit from the time available, it will be necessary at certain stages to advance the time of day thus producing an exercise time. This must be closely watched throughout the exercise.
  - (e) HQ Staffs will use only the equipment which would be carried on a normal operation.
  - (f) Full use will be made of all communication channels including L.Os. In all cases signals and messages will be sent in clear.
  - (g) HQ Staffs will be dressed and equipped as for battle.

Umpires will be recognised by a white armband on each arm.  
Control Staffs - white armband on left arm.

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Appx "B"  
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GENERAL SITUATION

1. The enemy has managed to effect landings at two points on the EAST coast of QUEENSLAND and has resisted all initial efforts to dislodge him.
2. The northern landing which was undertaken by a force estimated at approx three divs has received considerable casualties and has been whittled down to the strength of approx one div.  
The enemy has however enlarged his beach-head and is now in possession of coast from incl MURCHIE POINT 970330 to incl GORDONVALE and surrounding heights.
3. The GORDONVALE racecourse is being used as an airfield and at present neither the enemy nor our own forces have established definite air superiority.
4. Our Navy and Airforce have recently had considerable success in preventing reinforcements of men and material from landing.

NARRATIVE

At            hrs    May    24, Aust Inf Bde is in bivouac in the following areas, but is on two hours notice to move:-

Bde HQ	585330
2/28 Bn	600355
2/32 Bn	604342
2/43 Bn	606329

2/28 Bn has a standing patrol of one pl strength astride rd at 655404 with R/T communication to Bn HQ.

24 AUST INF BDE H.Q. EXERCISE

NOTES FOR HIGHER AND LOWER CONTROL STAFFS

As this exercise is being carried out with HQ Staffs in their present locations, every effort must be made to produce situations and to impart information which is as realistic as possible.

The following is an outline of the duties of control staffs:-

1. HIGHER CONTROL

- (a) Will represent Div HQ or any other formation which Bde HQ find it necessary to communicate with.
- (b) Issue instructions and control the issue and receipt of information.
- (c) Supervise the conduct of the exercise from Bde HQ and endeavour to follow as closely as possible the forecast of events, introducing new situations and problems as the occasion demands.

2. LOWER CONTROL

- (a) Represent the various Coys in Bns.
- (b) Supply Bn HQ with all information required paying particular attention to what information the Bn HQ could reasonably expect under actual battle conditions.
- (c) Insist on the correct assumptions of the time factor in movements, issue of orders, runners etc., as if all sub-unit HQ and tps were represented.
- (d) Supply Bn HQs with information of the enemy following as closely as possible the forecast of events.
- (e) Operate from present Coy HQ.
- (f) Work in close liaison with higher control staff.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS

1. A War Correspondent who is avid after news to worry all four HQs ( Lieut BIRCH)
  - (i) Is he checked as to identity ?
  - (ii) What information is he given ?
  - (iii) What does he collect without being given?
  - (iv) Is he treated courteously but firmly ?
  
2. Padre who is not too sure of procedure re burials, to worry S.C. and Adjts (Padre T. Gard).
  - (i) Does not know what a burial form is.
  - (ii) Wants to hold a church service at vital moment.
  - (iii) Who signs the burial form and how many copies ?
  
3. Prisoners of war, ( 1 Offr, 2 ORs; 1 Pilot Officer) ( F.S.W.)
  - (i) Are they questioned at each HQ ?
  - (ii) How are they treated ?
  - (iii) Are they allowed near any maps or permitted to overhear any important conversation ?
  - (iv) Are they searched and what is done with their personal effects ?
  - (v) How long are they kept hanging around before being sent back ?
  
4. A civilian who has lost his way - has identity card.  
( Lieut A . DONNELLY)
  - (i) Is he thoroughly checked ?
  - (ii) What is eventually done with him ?
  - (iii) Can he find something out.?

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24 AUST INF BDE HQ EXERCISE

List of Umpires and Control Staffs

1. UMPIRES

Chief Umpire - - - - - Maj P.F.B. WHITE  
Q - 24 Aust Inf Bde - - - - - Capt R.W. SANGSTER  
2/28 Aust Inf Bn - - - - - H.Q. Coy Comd 2/43 Bn  
2/32 Aust Inf Bn - - - - - " " " 2/28 Bn  
2/43 Aust Inf Bn - - - - - " " " 2/32 Bn

2. HIGHER CONTROL

G - - - - - Capt J.H. WILTON  
Q. - - - - - Capt R.W. SANGSTER

3. LOWER CONTROL

From each Bn - one officer to represent HQ Coy  
" " " " A & B Coys  
" " " " C & D Coys

4. BN COMDS

For this exercise Bns will be commanded by 2 I/C.

5. Conferences

- (a) Prior to exercise:  
All umpires and control staffs will RV this HQ at 0900 hrs on the day prior to the exercise.
- (b) After exercise:  
Umpires and control staffs RV this HQ 0900 hrs on the day after the exercise.
- (c) Conference Bde and Bn staffs - to be notified later.

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24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE HQ EXERCISE

NOTES FOR UMPIRES

As only one umpire is nominated for each Bn HQ, it will be necessary for him to also supervise the work of Bn "I" Secs and Signals.

The following is a list of points to watch, and is issued only as a guide upon which to base reports, many other details will arise during the exercise:-

1. The layout and organisation of HQ.
2. Roster of duty officers.
3. Meal roster.
4. Location book - officers.
5. Whether personnel when proceeding from one HQ to another call first at Sig office.
6. R/T procedure.
7. Knowledge of the JAN code.
8. Security of documents and personnel.
9. Opening of despatches - ordinary, secret and most secret.
10. Recording system of "I" Sec also whether the CO is kept fully supplied with available information.
11. Are warning orders issued and correct battle procedure complied with.
12. Have all the members of the HQ got an allotted job and are they conversant with it.

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24 AUST INF BDE - HQ EXERCISE

FORECAST OF EVENTS - G

Serial No	Time	Exercise Time	Event	Action by Staff	Remarks
1	1000	1000	Bde receives TAC R report timed 0930 - enemy in large numbers moving SW along ROOS CK rd	Higher Control	
2	1015	1015	2/28 Bn receives message from standing patrol. Enemy attacking - successful ambush but forced to withdraw - two prisoners, 1 offr and 1 CR	Lower Control - 2/28 Bn	
3	1025	1025	Bde issued warning orders to Bns and calls "O" Go	Higher Control	
4	1040	1110	Bde Comd issues order for adv.		Advise re change of time
5	1125	1225	Bns cross start line	Lower Control of 2/28 Bn - reports from patrol - delaying enemy's speed of advance.	Advise re change of time
6	1200	1355	2/28 Bn contact enemy 640387	Lower control - advise contact - requires Bn in attack to gain success	Advise re change of time

Serial No	Time	Exercise Time	Event	Action by Staff	Remarks
7	1210	1405	2/32 Bn contact enemy 643358	Lower Control 2/32- full attack fails - def posn and send in numerous reports prisoners captured	Advise re change of time
8	1240	1435	2/43 Bn contact enemy 653334	Lower Control 2/43- initial failure - leading pl wiped out - successful attack by Bn - push on	Change of time
9	1250	1445	Fierce dog fight overhead, plane shot down in 2/32 lines- Jap prisoner.	Lower control - produce prisoner	
10	1255	1450	2/28 Bn successful in attack - Bde cmd orders Bn to exploit down track 637386 - 644978	Lower control Higher control	
11	1330	1720	Enemy thinning out from fwd of 2/32 - determined push - success.	Lower control 2/32 Bn	Change of time
12	1400	1830	All resistance ceases - posns mapped up.	All Lower control	

END OF EXERCISE



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24 AUST INF BDE

BN TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

1. Appendices to the above exercise are issued in accordance with the scale shown below. Recipients will ensure that the information contained therein is conveyed to only such personnel as is necessary for the conduct of the exercise.

2. APPENDICES

- Appx A - General
- " B - Adm Instructions
- " C - Instructions to umpires
- " D - Forecast of Events
- " E - Instructions to Enemy
- " F - Bde C.O. for move of Bn to bivouac area.

*William G. Galt*  
 Maj.  
 B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1				
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2				
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3				
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	4	4	4				
9 Aust Div	5-6	5-6	5-6	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2
umpires	7-13	7-13	7-13	3-23	3-9	3-9	3-9
O.C. Enemy	14	14	14		10	10-13	10-13
Comd	15	15	15	24	11	14	11
G	16-18	16-18	16-18	25-26	12-14	15-16	12-17
Q	19-20	19-20	19-20		15-16	17	18-19
Sigs	21	21	21		17		
File	22	22	22	27	18	18	20
War Diary	23-24	23-24	23-24	28-29	19-20	19-20	21-22

24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

BN TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

Ref Map : GORDONVALE: 1 inch to 1 mile

1. OBJECT

- (a) To test the standard of physical fitness in Bns.
- (b) To exercise comds in the protection of their force at rest and during the advance.
- (c) To practice the encircling attack and re-organisation in jungle country.
- (d) To test unit feeding arrangements in difficult country, down to sections.

2. LESSONS

- (a) M.T.P23XX Jungle Warfare Sec 26.  
"Security is the responsibility of every comd regardless of the size of his force. In the jungle each comd down to the leader of a three-man patrol must continually ask himself - "What is to my front, my flank and to my rear."
- (b) M.T.P. 23 XX Jungle Warfare Sec 2.  
"An encircling attack minimises losses and assists in localizing the enemy attack. Units should adopt a formation that will prevent surprise by ambush, provide all round protection and ensure rapid deployment."
- (c) M.T.P. 23 XX Jungle Warfare Sec 5  
"As soon as the enemy is destroyed or driven off, the force must be immediately re-organised. The march is resumed after the detailing of a new advance guard and the re-assignment of sectors of responsibility."

3. DURATION

24 to 60 hours depending on action of Bn.

4. OPENING SITUATION

Following extensive operations over the southern Tableland, the enemy have slowly been driven northwards. 6 Aust Div is operating along the coastal road with forward elements in the vicinity of GORDONVALE. 9 Aust Div have cleared the enemy SOUTH of the line ATHERTON - YOUNGABURRA and the enemy has withdrawn to the mountains. 2/9 Cav Regt moving via rd HERBERTON - ATHERTON, have the role of left flank protection and are to move via MAREEBA.

5. NARRATIVE

- (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde, after stiff fighting are in the area KAIRI 4633; 20 Aust Inf Bde, on the left, have gained the high ground NORTH of PLATYPUS Creek 5041. 26 Aust Inf Bde, in reserve, are in KULARA area together with Hq 9 Aust Div.
- (b) At 1900 hrs May 43, 24 Aust Inf Bde are disposed in protected localities as follows.

2/ Bn - NORTH of SAWMILL area 5141 and preparing to patrol along and astride SAWMILL track at night.

2/ Bn - Forward slopes of PYTHON HILL 5438.

2/ Bn - Forward slopes of TOBACCO HILL 5036.  
plus Bde  
HQ.

24 Aust Inf Bde

Bn Tactical Exercise with Troops.

ADM INSTNS

1. Directing Staff

Director	Brigadier E. Evans	HQ 24 Bde
Assistant Director	Capt J.H. Wilton	"
Chief Umpire	Maj P.F.B. White	"
Umpires -		
Bn HQ	Maj A.B. Gillespie	2/32 Bn
A Coy	Lieut J.F. Hannah	2/28 Bn
B Coy	Capt D.E. Taylor	2/43 Bn
C Coy	Lieut J.B. Van Fraag	2/28 Bn
D Coy	Lieut G.D. Combe	2/43 Bn
Vanguard pl	Lieut R.I. McDermott	2/32 Bn

2. Troops Taking Part

- (a) Allied Force - complete bn less essential camp duties.  
- one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- (b) Enemy -
- |      |                      |                     |
|------|----------------------|---------------------|
| O.C. | - Capt Hancock       | 9 Aust Div Cav Regt |
| Tps  | - Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav |                     |

3. Date of Exercise

2/43 Bn	commencing	27 May 43.
2/32 Bn	"	31 May 43.
2/28 Bn	"	3 Jun 43.

4. Rations

- (a) One day's emergency ration to be carried on the man.
- (b) Normal jungle rationing will apply.

5. Conferences

- (a) Umpires and O.C. Enemy will RV this HQ at 0900 hrs  
25 May.
- (b) Preliminary conference on the ground at the conclusion  
of exercise.
- (c) Final conference this HQ at time to be notified.

6. Dress

- (a) Allied Force - Battle order. Tps will carry equivalent  
weight of amn allotment.
- (b) Enemy Force - Battle order, with the exception that hats  
fur felt will be worn in lieu of steel helmets.
- (c) Umpires and D.S. - Hats fur felt and white arm band on  
each arm.

24 Aust Inf Bde

Bn Tactical Exercise with Tps

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

The following is a pro forma to be filled in as the exercise progresses.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Action of Bn Comd on receipt of orders.	
<u>MOVE FROM PRESENT AREA</u>	
2. Orders - sequence order of move and why protection arrangements	
3. Control on move	
4. Intervals	
<u>IN PROTECTED LOCALITY</u>	
5. Protection arrangements	
6. Feeding	
7. Layout of area	
8. Comms	
<u>ORDERS FOR ADVANCE</u>	
9. Composition of COs orders gp	
10. Battle procedure	
11. Method para.	
12. Composition of advance guard	
<u>CONTACT WITH ENEMY</u>	
13. Battle procedure	
14. Orders for attack	
15. Mopping up	
16. Reorganisation - time taken	
17. Orders for advance	

AMBUSH

18. Reactions of advance guard
19. Under control how soon

ATTACK ON MT. HAIG

20. Method para of orders
21. Encircling attack?
22. Role of Pioneers
23. Employment of I Sec
24. Employment of MMGs

REORGANISATION

25. Mopping up
26. Siting of def posns
27. Method of comm between sec and pls by night.
28. Cutting lanes of fire.
29. Establishment of HQ
30. Feeding arrangements
31. Action on death of CO.

CONDITION OF TROOPS

32. Condition at end of exercise
33. How many dropped out.
34. Casualties of all types.

MISCELLANEOUS

24 Aust Inf Bde

APPX "D"

Bn Tactical Exercise with Trs

Copy No. 25  
20 May 43Forecast of Events

Serial No	Approx Time	Event	Action by Umpires or D S	Remarks
1.	1200 hrs	Bn receives warning order to move.	By signal or L.O. from Bde HQ	
2.	1530	Bde O.O. Appx "F" delivered to Bn by L.O.		
3.	1700	Bn commences move		
4.	1845	Arrive Bivouac area		
5.	2030 to 0400	Bn protected in bivouac area	Issue of sit-reps Enemy patrol Q enquiries Issue of warning order	
6.	0530	Bde "O" Gp RV rd junc 510399	Brig issues orders for advance	
7.	0645	Advance gd moves off		Time dependent on C.O.
8.	0735	Point section fired on by 2 Jap Type 92 "JUKI" MMGs followed by Mortar fire (81mm) from Knoll 542439	Initial picture painted by umpire vanguard. Mortar fire by leading two Coy umpires.	
9.	0810	Attack on Knoll 542439 by fwd coy using MG and Mortar support.	If attack not co-ordinated or badly evolved- umpires to force bn attack	
10.	0830	Attack completed - reorganisation		
11.	0845	Advance continues	Vanguard umpire changes to leading coy	
12.	0940	Leading section ambushed at approx 544454	Vanguard umpire create immediate casualties	
13.	0955	Ambush outflanked - Advance continues.		
14.	1130	End of MG rd - leading elements fired on by enemy		

Serial No	Approx Time	Event	Action by umpires or D S	Remarks
15.	1200	Leading coy all committed and held		
16.	1300	Bn attack on Mt HAIG commences		
17.	1340	C.O. killed	Umpire to select favourable opportunity	
18.	1640	Mt HAIG captured consolidation commences		
19.	1700-2300	Bn in defensive position	Issue of sit-reps & problems	
20.	Not before 0700	Conference - short		
21.		Bn returns to camp via EDITH rd - BRIDGE rd - DANBULIA rd		



24 Aust Inf Bde

Bn Tactical Exercise with Tps.

Instructions to Enemy

1. Assembly and dispersal

- (a) You will assemble at knoll 542439 before 1730 hrs on the opening day of each exercise.
- (b) At the conclusion of each exercise you will move by march route direct to camp area via EDITH rd - BRIDGE rd - DANBULLA - rd commencing not later than 0730 hrs.

2. Operational Roles

- (a) First night of exercise.  
Small recce patrol to ascertain whereabouts of most advanced allied force.
- (b) Occupation of knoll 542439
  - (i) Strength of force (Japanese)
    - 1 pl inf
    - 1 sec MG
    - 1 sec 81 mm mortars
  - (ii) Hold until determined allied attack appears likely to succeed then withdraw to Mt HAIG, leaving 1 man behind. Open fire early on advancing tps.
- (c) Ambush at approx 541454
  - (i) Strength of ambush
    - 1 pl inf
  - (ii) Volume of fire initially heavy then quick withdrawal with clean break. Fwd section must be fired on.
- (d) Defence of Mt HAIG
  - (i) To be held firmly near summit with small harassing patrols on lower slopes forceing delay on attackers.
  - (ii) In final storming of summit one pl to fight to the last, remainder withdraw EAST to night bivouac.

24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 75

Ref Map: GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

(a) The enemy have continued their withdrawal NE along Sawmill Rd after stubbornly resisting the attack of 20 Aust Inf Bde on high ground at 5041.

(b) It is expected that he will not offer further serious resistance before Mt. HARG, but may adopt delaying tactics and prepare ambushes to cover his withdrawal.

2. Own Tps

20 Aust Inf Bde have captured the high ground in area 5041, and have consolidated their gains.

3. Additional Tps under Comd

The following additional tps come under comd as from 1715 hrs today:-

one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn

INTENTION

4. 24 Aust Inf Bde will advance to protected areas in preparation for continuing advance following day.

METHOD

5. Objectives

2/ Aust Inf Bn - area SAWMILL 5140.  
2/ Aust Inf Bn - area PYTHON HILL 5438.  
2/ Aust Inf Bn - area TOBACCO HILL 5036.

6. Order of March

2/ Aust Inf Bn  
L) 24 Aust Inf Bde  
2/ Aust Inf Bn  
2/ Aust Inf Bn

7. Routes

2/ Aust Inf Bn - KAIRI - DANBULLA Rd.  
2/ Aust Inf Bn - KAIRI - 480363 - 502363 - PYTHON HILL  
2/ Aust Inf Bn - KAIRI - Rd junc 490334 - rd junc 488350 - TOBACCO HILL.

8. MG

One pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn will come under comd 2/ Aust Inf Bn as from 1715 hrs.

9. Start Point - rd junc 478334.

10. Start Time - 1630 hrs (1700 hrs)

AD.

11. Amn. Amn Pt will be established at 486382 and moved fwd as situation allows.

12. Water It will be necessary for units to draw water from local resources as tot is not available.

13. Sup Sup Pt will be established at 486382 and moved fwd as situation allows.

14. Medical ADS - 502383 as from 1900 hrs.

INTERCOMN

15. Bde HQ closes present posn 1715 hrs re-opens TOBACCO HILL 1900 hrs.

16. Bns will advise reaching of objectives by signalling code word ROBSON.

ACK.

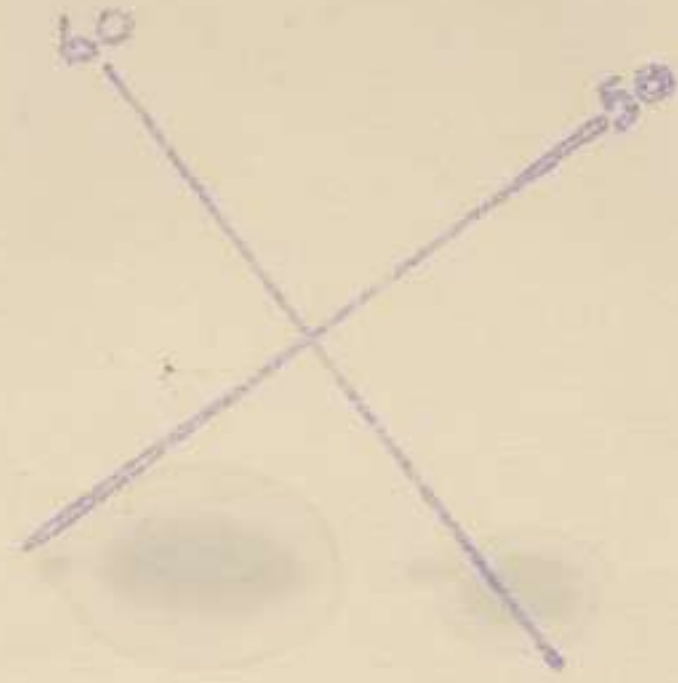
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*Alvin...* Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn	4
9 Aust Div	5
Comd	6
G	7- 8
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Sigs	10
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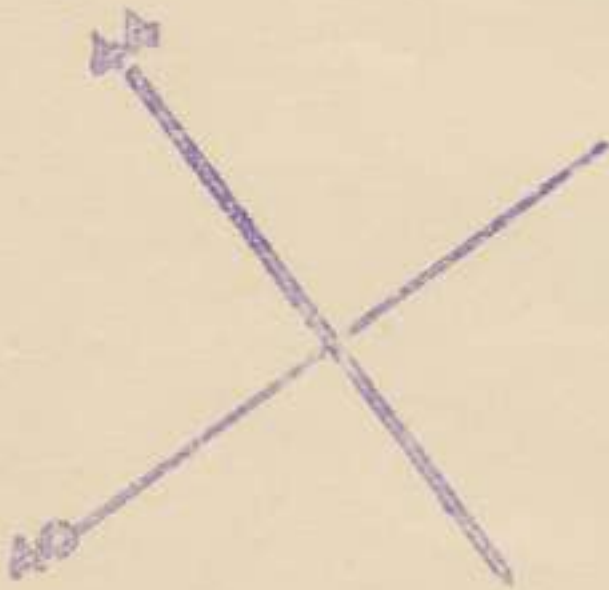
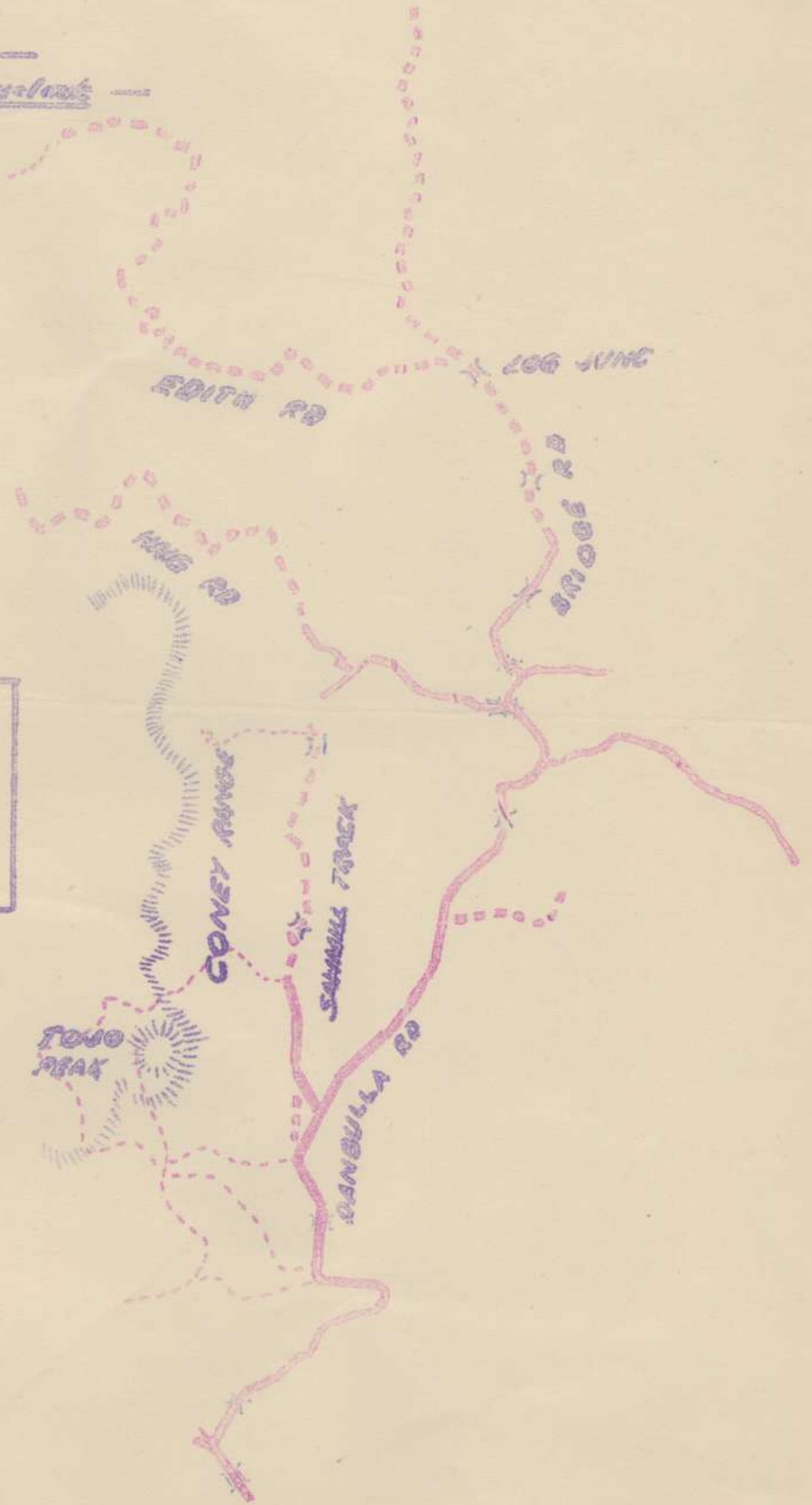
Note :- On issue of this order Bn will in effect move from its present location to SA/LILL area arriving approx 1845 hrs. Bde HQ will be in its present position.

- 24 AUST INF BDE -
- TRAINING AREA -
- TRACK MAP -
- SEAS TERRITORY -
- Ref Map Government Territory -



**- LEGEND -**

M.T. Road metal or gravel	
M.T. Road earth	
Track	



24 Aust Inf Bde  
1st Sec  
20 May 43

*War Diary* *Appx 9*  
*26 May*  
COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers is convened by Brigadier B. EVANS D.S.O. Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde and will assemble at 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at 1400 hrs 25 May 43 and thereafter at such times and places as the President may so desire to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of and surrounding the death of :-

WX 13018 Private ABLETT F.G. of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn on 25 May 43.

In particular without limiting the generality of the Inquiry the Court will inquire into and report on:-

- (a) The circumstances of the above named soldier's death.
- (b) The fact which it considers proved, both in relation to the causes of the death and to the question whether death was sustained on duty or during or as the result of performance of military duty.
- (c) To what extent (if any), neglect, misconduct, carelessness or failure to observe any act, regulation, order or instruction on the part of the deceased soldier or of any other person has caused or contributed to the death of the soldier.
- (d) Whether death was due to misconduct of deceased or an intentionally inflicted injury.
- (e) Whether death arose from any occurrence or happening during the commission of any breach of discipline.
- (f) Whether any, and if so what, safety precautions were taken to prevent injury to the deceased or any other persons.
- (g) Whether there was any and if so what, defects in any weapons or arm used.
- (h) Whether all instructions as laid down in SAT vol 1 Pam 9 regarding the firing of 3" mortars were observed.
- (i) Obtain medical evidence as to whether the death of the soldier was due to:-

- (i) conditions of service; or
- (ii) a pre-existent disability aggravated by conditions of service; or
- (iii) a pre-existent disability independent of conditions of service.

The medical evidence to contain the reasons of the medical officer for the opinion given in compliance with this sub - paragraph.

In the event of an Inquest being held a copy of the Coroners report will be obtained by the Court & attached to the proceeding.

All evidence will be taken on oath.

If necessary AMR & O 663 will be complied with and the Court in its report will indicate the manner in which this order was complied with.

The Court will forward six copies of the proceedings to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde as soon as possible after collection of all evidence and a finding has been reached.

PRESIDENT

Major C.H.B. NORMAN M.C. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

MEMBERS

Capt R.A. WEGENER 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Capt R.E. LONGBOTTOM 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

*R. Bange* Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

- Major Norman (2)
- Capt Wegener
- Capt Longbottom
- 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- File
- War Diary (2)

Appx 10

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27 May 43  
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24 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN NO 4

Issued in confirmation of verbal instns.

INDIVIDUAL TRG

- 1. In general individual trg within units should be completed except for repetition, and further trg of those personnel who have not reached the necessary standard. Details of personnel who have passed TsOET in their respective categories will be submitted to Bde HQ by 6 Jun 43 in the following form:-

	W. E. of personnel	Personnel Tested	Personnel passed TOET
(a) Rifle Coys			
(i) Rifle			
(ii) Bren			
(iii) OSMG			
(b) Bn HQ & HQ Coy			
(i) Rifle			
(ii) Bren			
(iii) OSMG			
(iv) MMG			

LIVING IN JUNGLE CONDITIONS

- 2. All tps should now be used to living in jungle for long periods and bns should concentrate on prolonged periods away from the Camp area with all eqpt. Every endeavour should be made to simulate actual ops not only in patrols, outposts protection, etc in posns occupied, but in supply, distribution and cooking of rations within units. Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div Trg Instn No 7 in regard to night discipline.

PASSAGE OF WATER OBSTACLES

- 3. It is hoped that during this period detailed instn, to the Pnr Pls, in the passage of water obstacles will be undertaken by RAE 9 Aust Div, but by now all ranks should have had instruction in the construction of light temporary bridges of all types across obstacles.

KEEPING DIRECTION AND SILENT MOVEMENT

- 4. In jungle maintenance of direction and silent movement are always difficult, but these points must be studied at all times. Where feasible direction finding by map and contour should receive particular attention for in many cases fatigue of tps can be reduced considerably by careful choice of route from the map. Tests already carried out so far indicate that parties moving, either on a bearing or following contours, across falling country generally lose height; this point should be remembered in all movement and steps taken to overcome it. It must also be borne in mind that the more silent the movement the greater the possibility of surprise and consequent success being achieved.
- 5. During this period Coy exercises laid down by Bn will comprise the main trg.

*B.M. White* Maj.,  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION  
AS per Trg Instn No 3

Appx 11

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27 May 43

HQ 24 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 1

Ref Map - GORDONVALE 1/63,360

GENERAL

- 1. During the period 27 May - June 43 Units of the Bde will carry out Bn Exercises in the Bde Trg area north of DANBULLA.

INTENTION

- 2. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde and attached troops will move to bivouac areas at 544448 and 542443.

TROOPS TO MOVE

- 3. The following personnel will move:-
  - (a) Bde HQ less Amen Offr, Amen Sjt, Sup Sjt, 2 Drivers, 1 cook.
  - (b) K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div less details.
  - (c) 2/76 Aust LAD less details.

DATE OF MOVE

- 4. The move will take place on 28 May 43.

METHOD OF MOVE

- 5. All personnel, less drivers, will move by march route.

<u>S.P.</u>	}	As per Appx "A" attached.
<u>ROUTE</u>		
<u>TIMINGS</u>		
<u>HALTS</u>		

PROTECTION

- 6. 2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn will be responsible for the security of the present camp during the absence of the HQ.

ADM

TRANSPORT

- 7. (a) Transport will be allotted as follows:-
  - (1) Main HQ - 2 Jeeps
  - 1 x 15 cwt GS
  - 1 x 15 cwt Office Van



(ii) Rear HQ - 1 Car DS  
3 x 3 ton GS  
4 x 15 cwt GS

(iii) Remain in camp - 1 x 15 cwt GS

(b) Transport will move as per appx "B" attached.

#### SUPS

8. (a) Cut lunch will be carried by all personnel on 28 May 43.

(b) CQMS will arrange the rationing of the three HQs in co-operation with the Sup O.

#### WATER

9. Water will be obtained from streams near bivouac areas.

#### BIVOUAC GEAR

10. CQMS will arrange for the following bivouac gear to be sent to the various HQs:-

- (a) One Soyer stove. (Main HQ)
- (b) Four stands cooking (2 to each HQ)
- (c) Minimum of cooking gear.
- (d) 2 tent flies (Main HQ)
- (e) Axes (4 to main HQ 2 to Rear HQ)
- (f) Picks and shovels (4 of each to Main HQ 2 of each to Rear HQ.)

#### DRESS

11. (a) Drill order, haversacks, blanket and ground sheet roll, shirts, slacks, boots, gaiters, hats, rifles or pistols

(b) Steel helmets will be sent with packs and valises.

#### PACKS & VALISES

12. (a) Other ranks packs containing blanket, spare pr boots, change of clothing etc will be transported to bivouac areas by truck.

(b) Offrs valises will also be transported to bivouac areas. Stretchers and packs will not be taken.

(c) Packs and valises will be dumped according to HQs at Q store before 0900 hrs 28 May 43.

#### MOVEMENT OF BIVOUAC GEAR, PACKS & VALISES

13. (a) Tpt Sgt will arrange to move bivouac gear, packs and valises to Main and Rear HQ. Movement of vehs will be as per Appx "B"

(b) Gd Pl will supply loading party from present area. Personnel on bivouac will unload vehicles at new HQs.

MEDICAL

14. R.A.P. Cpl will move with Main HQ and will visit Rear HQ once daily.

INTERCOMM

LOCATIONS


15. The HQ will be located at :-

(a) Main HQ 544448

(b) Rear HQ 542443

COMMUNICATIONS

16. K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange line communication between HQ 9 Aust Div and Main HQ and between Main HQ and Rear HQ

  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

Comd  
B.M.  
S.C.  
I.O.  
L.Os  
Sup. O.  
C.S.M.  
Sigs  
Gd Pl  
76 L.A.D  
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Tpt Sgt

MARCHING PERSONNEL

Appx "A" to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
 Movement Order No 1.

S.P. - rd junc 486382  
 ROUTE - rd junc 486382 - main camp rd - rd junc 515402 -  
 SAWMILL 516406 - rd junc 545435  
 HALTS - 10 mins to every hour.

SERIAL	ORDER OF MARCH	TPSP	LUNCH	TIME OF ARRIVAL BIV AREA	REMARKS
1.	<u>MAIN H.Q.</u> Bde HQ	1100	1230	1430	Personnel will stop for 1 hour for lunch
2.	K Sec Sigs				
3.	<u>REAR HQ</u> Bde HQ	1130	1230	1430	do
4.	2/76 L.A.D.				

TRANSPORT

Appx "B" to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
 Movement Order No. 1

S.P. - Rd junc  
 ROUTE - rd junc 486382 - Main camp rd - rd junc 555416 -  
 rd junc 555423.  
 SPEED - 15 M.I.H.  
 HALTS - Nil

SERIAL	ORDER OF MARCH	TPSP	TIME OF ARRIVAL NEW H.Q.	REMARKS
1.	Main H.Q.	1430	1500	
2.	Rear HQ	1445	1515	

CAMP FIRE CONCERTS

On Wed night 19 May 2/32 Concert Party gave a concert in 2/43 Bn lines and provided a very enjoyable evenings entertainment. Capt Thornton's recital of the experiences of a Double Dutchman with the Widow McNab was very well received.

On the same night the 2/43 Concert Party under the leadership of Lieut Dost visited 2/28 Bn Lines and put on their show. Artists from 2/28 Bn assisted with some items. The programme went through very smoothly.

On Thursday night the 2/28 Bn Composite Party showed in 2/32 Bn Lines. Civilian visitors included the only Browning as well as the artists who had appeared before with the party. The whole performance went very well and it is hoped to repeat it in a few weeks time to allow the men who were away to see this amusing programme.

SPORTING RESULTSSoccer

9 May 43 4 Lt A.A. Regt defeated 2/32 Bn 4 - 0  
16 May 43 4 Lt A.A. Regt " 2/43 Bn 8 - 4

Aust Rules

14 May 43 2/28 Bn defeated 4 Lt A.A. Regt 15 . 11 - 3 . 5  
16 May 43 2/28 Bn " 2/32 Bn 10 . 17 - 6 . 2

Cricket

21 May 24 Bde H.Q. defeated 4 Lt A.A. Regt by 23 runs. 90 - 67

2/43 Bn SPORTING NOTES

With the limited facilities our sporting activities have of necessity been on the small scale. Cricket and Basket Ball have been the only organised games. Swimming is losing its popularity with the advent of the cooler weather.

An interesting inter-company cricket competition is under way. A Coy have defeated HQ Coy. Jim Gates exercising cricket brains led A Coy to victory. In addition to making 24 took 6 wickets for 19. He was ably backed by Jack Marotte who scored 28 and took 3 for 27. Darcy Newbold won the game with a beautiful 6, when 3 runs were required and the last wicket to fall. For HQ Coy Herb Webber gave his usual bright display scoring 20 and Ralph Davis took 7 wkts for 20.

D Coy eliminated C Coy. A highlight of the game was Barney O'Shannessey's 2 wkts for 1 off 3 overs. Barney is an ex-Westralian bowler, claimed the wickets of Paynter and Sutcliffe against an English eleven, and bowled Bradman in his hey day. Mick Simpson's and Holt's batting saved D Coy, they made 25 and 35 respectively out of a total of 89. D.R.Smith, a medium pace right hander, caused some uneasiness to D Coy in taking 4 for 12. Bert Francis top scored for C Coy with 16. Tom Holland is worth a mention for taking 3 for 7.

B Coy have yet to appear but with stars like Turner, McNamara and Busbridge to call on should give a good account of themselves.

SPORTING FIXTURESSoccer

23 May 43 at 1330 hrs 2/43 Bn v M.G. Bn on MG Ground  
23 May 43 at 1430 hrs 2/28 Bn v M.G. Bn on MG Ground

Rugby

23 May 43 at 1430 hrs 2/32 Bn v M.G. Bn on M.G. Ground

Aust Rules

23 May 43 2/43 Bn v 2/48 Bn on 2/48 Bn Ground.

COLLING THIS WEEK

Tuesday 25 May 43 at 1900 hrs 2/43 Bn Party in 2/32 Bn Lines  
Wednesday 26 May 43 at 1900 hrs 9 Div Party in 4 Lt A.A. Lines.  
Thursday 27 May 43 at 1900 hrs 2/32 Bn in 2/28 Bn Lines  
Thursday 27 May 43 at 1930 hrs 2/28 Bn Composite Party in 2/43 Bn Lines.  
Friday 28 May 43 at 1900 hrs Mobile Cinema at 2/32 Bn Lines

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THE BACK PAGE

Tribute

There's a bloke who's not a soldier - yet he's with us in a fight,  
There's no hero ever bolder or man as cheery and as bright;  
To us he's always welcome, with his truck or Panel van,  
He's a fellow we call "Tibb'sy" the "Salvo Coffee Man".

His cry of "Come and get it!- or I'll give it to the Hun";  
Always brought us Diggers, a coming on the run;  
For he'd give us a mug of coffee - a biscuit or a cake,  
And tell us all the latest news - by the shores of "Musso' lake".

When we came back from the Desert, to the land of mountains high,  
Where good old "Shank's Pony", we could only travel by;  
He would bring his coffee to us, on a mule and in a can,  
For nothing ever beat that bloke, the "Salvo Coffee Man".

In camps he had a hut or tent, with that familiar "Welcome" sign,  
There was always pens and paper - so to our folks we could drop a line.  
A gramophone and wireless - books from every Land;  
For these things too we thank a bloke "The Salvo Coffee Man".

When this war is over and it's memory is only dim,  
When we're old and Gouty and our hair is mighty thin,  
Through those years of peace and comfort and as we near life's span;  
There's one bloke we'll all remember- "Tibb'sy" the "Salvo Coffee Man".

NK 6490

THE REVISED RULES OF AUCTION BRIDGE

1. Pick up your cards one by one as dealt. You will then be ready to bid ahead of the others.
2. When you have a poor hand signal immediately by saying "Who dealt this mess".
3. Never hurry. Try several cards on a trick until you are sure which one you prefer. This secures the admiration of your friends. You'll make a mistake if you hurry and you don't want their sympathy.
4. Occasionally ask what is trump and say "How many did I go". This shows your interest.
5. Walk round the table when you are dummy and look at the other's hands. Tell them what cards are good and how many they can take if they play right.
6. Lick your thumb when dealing, and eat chocolates, sandwiches and drink beer and stout. This will wet your fingers and keep the cards from skidding.
7. Delay playing from dummy even when the move is obvious. This tests the temper of your opponents and you're out to win.
8. Don't ask your partner "Having no more". This calls attention to his revokes.
9. In the event of failure smartly gather all the tricks and say "one down" or "just there". Your opponents may be asleep.
10. Cultivate the sporting spirit. Crow when winning. Winge when losing.
11. Always ask your partner why he didn't return your lead. This will remind him to do so next time.
12. Amongst good players the post mortem is held in high esteem. About 1-5 mins should be allowed after each hand for this

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LINES COMPETITION

Worthy of a paragraph is the competition for the best lines of the Bn, of which there is a daily inspection. Despite a certain amount of sales talk, camouflage sabotage and graft this competition serves a useful purpose and we are proud of the high standard of neatness and cleanliness prevailing throughout the Bn. To date B Coy have been victorious. B Coy have initiated a series of improvements which Sgt Major McCabe carefully and tactfully points out each morning. Sgt Jack Williams is mainly responsible for A Coy's effort, a very good one but up to the present not quite making the grade. Coming up on the outside is HQ Coy who should make the game more interesting before very long.

Answers to Correspondents

- NK - Kal-de-mer is a French phrase meaning 'You can't take it with you'.
- NK - The typist says "taxi" is a pre war word like struggle

CAMP FIRE CONCERTS

arrangements for Camp Fire Concerts were distributed this week.

In 2/28 Bn Lines on Thursday night 2/32 Bn Concert Party although depleted in numbers and dampened by the rain which caught them preparing the open air stage rose to the occasion and gave a very spirited performance to a "full house" in the Y.M.C.A. tent. Good show 32nd!

The 2/28 Combined Party show in 2/49 Bn Lines has been postponed from Thursday to 1930 hrs Sunday 30 May 43. Personnel from 2/32 Bn who missed the show in their own lines last week can attend.

SPORTING RESULTS

<u>Soccer</u>	23 May 4 Lt A.A. Regt defeated 2/32 Bn	6 - 0
	23 May 2/43 Bn defeated 2/2 M.G. Bn	5 - 2
	23 May 2/2 M.G. Bn defeated 24 Bde	4 - 0
<u>Rugby</u>	23 May 2/2 M.G. Bn just beat 2/32 Bn	33 - 9
<u>Aust</u>	23 May 2/48 Bn defeated 2/43 Bn	7 - 10    7 - 6
<u>Rules</u>	23 May 2/28 Bn defeated 2/24 Bn	5 - 17    4 - 3
<u>Cricket</u>	28 May 24 Bde beat 2/32 Bn	5 for 79 - 41

SPORTING FIXTURES

<u>Rugby</u>	30 May 2/32 Possibles v Probables	- Bde Ground
<u>Aust</u>		
<u>Rules</u>	30 May 2/43 Bn v 2/24 Bn	- 2/24 Ground
<u>Soccer</u>	30 May 2/43 Bn v 2/48 Bn	- 2/48 Ground

COMING THIS WEEK

Saturday 29 May at 1900 hrs in 2/32 Bn Lines 9 Div Concert Party.  
Sunday 30 May at 1930 hrs in 2/43 Bn Lines 2/28 Composite Party.  
Friday 4 Jun at 1900 hrs Mobile Cinema 2/32 Bn Lines.  
 It is hoped to arrange Camp Fire Concerts again for next week end.

Town Theatre

Friday 28 May & Saturday 29 May	- "Aloha of the South Seas"
	"Black Dragon"
Sunday 30 May	- "Law of the Ranges"
	"Trial of Marie Roget"
Monday 31 May & Tuesday 1 Jun	- "Riding with the Wind"
	"On the Sunny Side"
Wednesday 2 Jun & Thursday 3 Jun	- "Cadets on Parade"
	"Great Man's Lady"

CONTRIBUTIONS

What's the matter? Why don't some of you chaps send in some contributions? Lord knows you've usually got enough to say - enough to fill a dozen pages - and yet you won't sit down and write even a few lines. This paper is meant to air some of your views and news. Let's have some.

QUIZ

Y.M.C.A. have supplied the following Quiz and will give a Centeen Order for the first correct solution opened. Solutions to reach Bde H.Q. by 1800 hrs Thursday.

1. What is the world's motor car record speed over a measured mile?
2. Who was it that designed Australia's Capital City Canberra?
3. Governor Darling's name has been given to physical features in three Australian States. What are they and where?
4. How is the date of Easter determined?
5. If a nail is driven into a tree four feet above the ground today, how far will it be above the ground in 20 years if the tree grows six inches taller each year.

The Back Page

Salute

This story you must always tell,  
Of men who fought in a blazing hell ;  
Tobruk - where was made their famous stand  
Midst Libian Deserts blistering sand.

There was tons and tons of sand around  
While all the rest was stony ground  
As hours of pain 'neath the merciless sun  
Their prayers of thanks when day was done.

The Salient - where hell reigned supreme  
Each day seemed like some hellish dream ;  
The shells shrill whine and as mortars land  
O'er each the shadow - death's grim hovering hand.

Patrols that went forth in the night  
Steathly bands, carried on the fight.  
Men who died - they, with love and care  
Were laid to rest in the desert bare.

The Stukas dive and the ack ack's burst,  
Men crying to Huns to do their worst  
They lived in Hell - some died profane  
That you may live in peace again.

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ELECTION NOTICES

When interviewed by the Staff Reporter of the Bde Bulletin, Mr A.P.A. Denness, Liberal Dependant contestant for a seat in the coming elections said " Drink more milk is my slogan - I'll say no more "

Addressing a large meeting, at which the above reporter was present, Mr Ben Chifley Liddell (The Poor Man's Friend) said "If you elect me and my colleague Mr Crystolis Ivey anything might happen but you can be assured that something will" (Cheers)

A FOME (The ne plus ultra of Browning)

Oh to be in Queensland  
Now that June is there  
And see some morning, unaware,  
A Python climbing a lawyer vine  
Or a Sting<sup>ing</sup>/Tree singing "For Auld Lang Syne"  
Or a Q.M. saying "What's mine is thine"  
In Queensland now.

Another Pome

A Don from the college of Caius  
Had an aunt - rich and near to decaius  
So he hastened it home  
With a crack on the dome  
Despite plaius that he caius to displaius.

AGONY COLUMN

Dear Hector Dix,

Last night my boy friend and I got caught in the rain, and had to spend the night together in an empty house. Should I have risked catching a cold or not.

Careful Clara.

Dear Clara,

Only time will tell.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*Advt. Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		3 (1 Lt. Col., 2 Majors)
Captains	2		3 (1 Lt. Col., 1 Major, 1 Capt.)
Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals			

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Col	1/1 Brig	Evans B.	2 Aust	yes	Comd
Capt Major	1/1 Major	White P. G. B.			B.M.
Capt		Milton J. H.			B.M.L.
Capt		Sangster R. W.			SC
Lieut		Werner J. F.			L.O.
Lieut		Harry G. H. W.			L.O.
Chap. Capt	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Hard T	AACHD	no	Chap 2/113 Bn
Chap. Capt	4 <sup>th</sup> class	Johnson W.C.S.			Chap 2/132
Lieut		Seance E.T.S.	2 Aust	no	Det 9 Aust Div
<u>Officers attached from other Corps</u>					
Lieut		Norris H. J.	2/28 Bn	yes	Act for duty S.C.L.
Lieut		Pattman G. A.	2/30 Bn		I.O.
Lieut		Ambrose W. R.	2/30 Bn		A.M.O.
Lieut		Balcke R. M.	2/113 Bn		L.O.
Lieut		Birch S. R.	HASC		BASCO.

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

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

1st 2d Aust Inf Bde  
1-5-43.  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
9 Aust Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 24 AVST INF BDE. (Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
BRIGADIERS	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			
Majors . . . . .	1		
Captains . . . . .	2		3 TO, LO, BRSCO
Lieutenants ... ..	2		3 AMO, IO, SCL
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
<b>Totals</b> ... ..	<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
COL	T/BRIG	EVANS B	2 AUST	YES	Comd
CAPT	T/MAJOR	WHITE PFB	✓	✓	BM
CAPT		WILTON JH	✓	✓	BML
CAPT		SANGSTER RW	✓	✓	SC
LIEUT		PARRY GLW	✓	✓	LO
LIEUT		WORNER JF	✓	✓	LO
LIEUT		PEARCE ETS	✓	NO	DET. to 9 AUST DIV
CHAPLAIN	4th CLASS	GARD T	AACHD	NO	CHAP 2/43 BN
CHAPLAIN	4th CLASS	JOHNSON WCS	✓	✓	✓ 2/32 BN
OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.					
LIEUT		NORRIS HJC	2/28 BN	YES	ATT. FOR DUTY
LIEUT		AMBROSE WR	2/32 BN	✓	✓ ✓ ✓
LIEUT		BIRCH SR	AASC	✓	✓ ✓ ✓
LIEUT		PITTMAN GA	2/32 BN	✓	✓ ✓ ✓
LIEUT		CLERKE RM	2/43 BN	✓	✓ ✓ ✓

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

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

HQ 24 AUST INF BDE.

(Unit.)

8-5-43

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
CAPT  
(Signature of Commander.)

9 AUST DIV

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

3 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 5 / 1943. HQ 24th Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
1	1		1	* COL T/BRIG *										
3	6		3	Lieut.-Colonels										
2	2		3	Majors										
				Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
5	9		8											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	9									
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

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

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

H Q 24 Aust Inf Bde. Unit

3 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 5 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COL T/BRIG	VX47819	EVANS	B	COMD	YES		
CAPT T/MAJ	VX19444	WHITE	PFB	BM	✓		
CAPT	SX9479	WILTON	JH	BML	✓		
CAPT	SX8893	SANGSTER	RW.	SC	✓		
LIEUT	WX6387	PARRY	GLW	LO	✓		
LIEUT	WX213	WORNER	JF	LO	✓		
LIEUT	QX9953	PEARCE	ETS	IO	NO	DET. TO 9 AUST. DIV.	
CHAPLAIN		GARD	T	CHAP	✓	CHAPLAIN 2/43 BN	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LIEUT	WX5368	NORRIS. H.J.C.	2/28 BN	29-4-43	SCL
LIEUT	WX11000	F M BROSE WR	2/32 BN	30-4-43	AMEN OFFR
LIEUT	VX50529	BIRCH SR	PARSC	23-4-43	B.A.S.C.O.
LIEUT	WX3719	PITTMAN G.A.	2/32 BN	29-4-43	IO
LIEUT	TX2771	CLERKE AM	2/43 BN	11-6-43	LO

16-5-43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/5/1943 40th Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	*									
			1	Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		1	Majors									
3	6		3	Captains									
1	1		4	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
4	8		9										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		9									
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX50529	Lieut	BIRCH S.R.	AAFC 9 Div		Leaves to be attached and appointed BASCO 24 Aust Inf Bde from date 26/4/43.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

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

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

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit

4 / 43 (Serial No.)

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 5 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col (T/Brig)	VX 47819	EVANS	B	bound	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	VX 19444	WHITE	P.F.B.	B.M.	✓		
Capt	SX 9479	WILTON	H.T.	B.M.L.	✓		
Capt	SX 8893	SANGSTER	R.W.	S.C.	✓		
Lieut	WX 6387	PARRY	G.L.W.	L.O.	✓		
Lieut	WX 213	WORNER	J.F.	A.O.	✓		
Lieut	QX 9953	PEARCE	E.T.S.	L.O.	No	det 9 Aust Div	20.4.43
Lieut	VX 50829	BIRCH	S.R.	BASCO	Yes		
Capt	QX 6436	GARD	T.	Capt	No	Capt 2743 Bn	

**PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.**

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	WX 5268	NORRIS H.J.C.	278 Bn	29.4.43	S.C.L.
Lieut	WX 11000	AMBROSE H.R.	2732 Bn	30.4.43	AMEN OFFR
Lieut	WX 3719	PITTMAN G.A.	2737 Bn	29.4.43	L.O.
Lieut	TX 2771	CLERKE R.M.	2743 Bn	11.4.43	L.O.

22/5/43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 5 / 1943 .. HQ 24 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
3 1	1 6 1		1 1 3 4	* COL T/BRIG * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
4	8		9											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
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## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

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

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



HQ 24 DUST INF BDE

Unit

5143 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/5/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COL (T/BRIG)	VX47819	EVANS	B	COMD	YES		
CAPT (T/MRT)	VX19444	WHITE	P.F.B	B.M.	✓		
CAPT	SX 9479	WILTON	H.J.	B.M.L	✓		
CAPT	SX 8893	SANGSTER	R.W.	S.C.	✓		
LIEUT	WX 6387	PARRY	G.L.W	L.O.	✓		
LIEUT	WX 213	WORNER	J.F.	A.O.	✓		
LIEUT	QX 9953	PEARCE	E.T.S	T.O.	NO	DET 9 AUST DIV	20.4.43
LIEUT	VX 50529	BIRCH	S.R.	B.A.S.C.O.	YES		
CAPT	QX 6436	GARD	T.	CDAP	NO	CHAP 2/43 BN	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LIEUT	WX 5268	NORRIS H.J.C.	2/28 BN	29/4/43	S.C.L.
LIEUT	WX 11000	AMBROSE W.R.	2/32 BN	30/4/43	AMEN OFFER
LIEUT	WX 3719	PITTMAN G.A.	2/32 BN	29/4/43	T.O.
LIEUT	TX 2771	CLERKE R.M.	2/43 BN	11/4/43	L.O.

29/5/43

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

COMD 24 AUST INF BDE



Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W 3009

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN. Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
"    (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons .. ...																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors. . . . .																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .																				
Totals ( to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				

#024 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 8.5.43

Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.



Unit

**PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
C.S.M.		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		2			2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

49 24 Aust Inf Bde  
Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 16-5-43

9 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit

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Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Appourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
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Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
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Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Heffe Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		1	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen		1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Ferriers			Painters					
CSM		1						
Education Sgt		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	2			1			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
Unit.

[Signature]  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22/8/43

9 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.







BDE H.Q. ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 2.

IN THE FIELD

2 MAY 43.

13. WRITING PAPER

Owing to the acute shortage of writing paper personnel are advised to exercise the greatest economy in its use.

14. PROVOST CORPS

Vacancies exist in the Australian Army Provost Corps. Personnel wishing to join will make written application to be handed in to Bde Ord Room before 1600 hrs 4 May 43 showing No., Rank, Name and brief summary of qualifications.

15. GYMPIE BUSH (STINGING TREE)

Further to pamphlet re this subject distributed by HQ 9 Aust Div XX Apr 43 :

- (a) When the bush is agitated, as for example by beating it down with a stick, the poison in the leaf and stem hairs is liberated as fine particles which float in the air. These are then inhaled, and act similarly to a poison gas. The acid sets up an irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and lungs, causing symptoms like those of severe hay fever, lasting for several hours. Troops will be taught that when it is impossible to avoid the bush by detour it should never be battered down, but cut off cleanly, and gently brushed aside without allowing it to touch the skin or clothing.
- (b) Slacks and shirts afford considerable, but not absolute, protection; the stinging hairs will work through clothing to some extent.
- (c) It is not only the green leaves and stems which cause the stinging; trunks of the larger bushes, and apparently dead bushes are also injurious.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 27.)

16. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

1. Names of photographers approved by H.Q. Queensland L of C Area in accordance with GRC G645/42 are shown hereunder.

2. Personnel wishing to send films for processing outside of the L of C Area in which their unit is stationed, may enquire through their respective units, from division or higher formation the names of approved photographers in any other L of C Area.

(Ref F.A.A. Order G93)

APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

BRISBANE

S.A. BEST Pty Ltd	Gipps St, VALLEY
CRAMMOND RADIO Mfg Coy	8 Queen St.
E.F. DOYLE, Camera & Trading Coy	Adelaide St.
H.B. GREEN & Co	130 Queen St.
T.B. HARTE	McGrath St, TOOWONG.
Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	250-252 Queen St.
Thiel Studio Pty Ltd	234 Queen St.

APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS (Contd)

<u>BRISBANE</u>	P.VICTORSEN Auto Studios	Central Bldg Edward Street 219 Adelaide St.
<u>WARWICK</u>	J.ARMITSTEAD N.L.TOPPING	Chemist Chemist, PALMERIN Street.
<u>MALENY</u>	D.J.BARKER	Chemist
<u>ROCKHAMPTON</u>	Mrs A.M.BYRIEL Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd Studios Pty Ltd	15 Fitzroy St. East Street Cnr East and Fitzroy Sts.
<u>IPSWICH</u>	CRIBB & FOOTE Ltd JOCK THOMSON Studio	Merchants ELLENBOROUGH Street
<u>KILCOY</u>	J. CHAPMAN	Newsagent, Box 86
<u>BUNDABERG</u>	Cunningham Studios Chippindall Pharmacy	126 Bourbon Street Bourbon Street
<u>MURGON</u>	L.P.F.COLLET V.G.TICKLE T.E.WHITTON	McAlister St. Chemist Newsagent
<u>REDCLIFFE</u>	Darragh's Pharmacy	Esplanade
<u>SOUTHPORT</u>	Allan ELLIS	Chemist, Nerang Street
<u>TOOWOOMBA</u>	K.W.GRAHAM R.W.HARMER (Chronicle Arcade) Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	384 Ruthven Street Margaret Street Ruthven Street
<u>EMERALD</u>	J.F.GOGGIN	Chemist
<u>MACKAY</u>	Edward T.GRANT Holyoakes Pharmacies	71 Sydney Street
<u>KINGAROY</u>	J.G.JOHNSTON	
<u>TOWNSVILLE</u>	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Flinders St.
<u>CAIRNS</u>	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Abbot Street
<u>GLADSTONE</u>	H.D.KNUDSEN	Box 106
<u>CABOOLTURE</u>	J.E.H.MILLAR	Chemist King St.
<u>NANANGO</u>	E.C.HANNAFORD	

and all Kodak agents.

*H. S. Darragh*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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As per R.O. No 1.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER E. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 1

IN THE FIELD

7 MAY 43

1. SWIMMING PARADES

Personnel proceeding to the river for swimming will not straggle in small parties along camp roads or through other unit lines.

All personnel will be marched to the swimming point in a soldierly manner by an officer or N.C.O.

2. MARCH DISCIPLINE

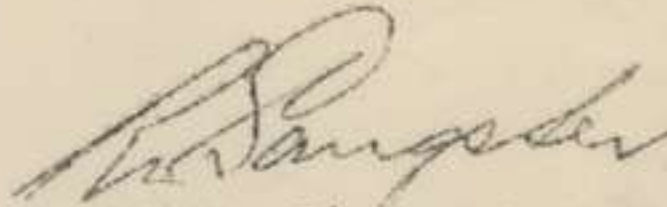
Troops moving out of camp to training areas will not march on roads.

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div Training Instruction No 3 dated 28 Apr 43 in this connection.

3. BUGLERS

Units will train and maintain at least 3 buglers per Bn.

Units not in possession of buglers will indent for same under E2 W.E. Table.

 Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

GUARD OF HONOUR

The Bde Comd congratulates 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on the excellence and turnout of the Guard of Honour provided on 5 May 43 for the G.O.C. in C, First Aust Army Lieut-General Sir John D. Ivarack, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

BDE WEEKLY PAPER

It is proposed to issue a Bde paper each Saturday commencing with the first issue on 15 May 43. Distribution will be down to platoons.

The object of the paper is to cover the activities of the Bde during the week, to amuse and perhaps instruct troops and to offer a channel through which ideas and views may be aired.

Articles, verse etc are invited from all ranks and should be forwarded to the Amenities Officer HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde before 1800 hrs each Thursday.

Suggestions are required immediately for a suitable name for this paper.

Distribution

- 2/28 Bn
- 2/32 Bn
- 2/43 Bn
- Comd
- S.C.
- 76 L.A.D.
- K Sec Sigs
- Cd Pl
- Ofirs File
- War Diary (2)
- File

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BDE H.Q. ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 3.

IN THE FIELD

9 MAY 43

17. CENSORSHIP

Numerous enquiries from troops have raised the point of why certain military information released to the press in AUSTRALIA may not be discussed in personal correspondence.

In answer to this question it is obvious that HQ could not issue instructions daily to Franking Officers showing what news could be made public.

Secondly, Press reports are of a general nature and except where official approval is given, do not mention units, locations etc whereas troops on the spot writing letters may reveal certain details which have not been officially released and which are still military secrets.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 37)

18. COMMONWEALTH WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

(a) Facilities are now available for members of the AIF to purchase Commonwealth War Savings Certificates through their paybooks.

(b) A War Savings Certificate of face value of £A1 may be purchased for 16/- Aust. Certificates are payable to bearer, transferable by delivery and maturity is seven years after date of purchase.

(c) Certificates may be cashed prior to maturity and redemption values are :-

Within one year	16. 0
At the end of 1 year	16. 6
" " 2 years	17. 0
" " 3 years	17. 6
" " 4 years	18. 0
" " 5 years	18. 6
" " 6 years	19. 0
" " 7 years	£1. 0. 0 (Maturity)

(d) Members of the AIF cannot purchase or otherwise acquire War Savings Certificates of value in excess of £A250.

(e) Full instructions as to method of purchase of certificates, the disposal of certificates, or receipt for same if such are lodged in safe custody have been issued to A.A.P.C. personnel attached to units.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 40)

19. M.T. DISCIPLINE

The maximum permissible loading of a 3 ton vehicle is 20 persons, all to be SEATED in the vehicle. Riding on running boards, tops of canopies or cabins etc will cease forthwith.

20. BLOOD GROUPS

Personnel whose paybook and/or discs identity do NOT show blood group classification will advise Bde Orderly Room in writing before 1200 hrs 14 May 43.

21. PHARMACISTS

Personnel who are legally qualified Pharmacists will give the following information to Bde Orderly Room NOT later than 1200 hrs 14 May 43, No, Rank, Name military service and pharmaceutical qualifications

*R. Sangster*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The following congratulatory communication which has been received by Lt.Gen Sir Leslie Morshead K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D. and has been suitably acknowledged is published for the information of all ranks of 9 Aust Div:-

SHIRE OF STAWELL

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Council to ask that you will kindly convey to Lieut General Sir Leslie Morshead its congratulations to himself and his gallant men off the 9th Division of the AIF on the wonderful deeds performed in the Middle East by the Division and its safe return to Australia.

Yours faithfully,  
G.W.Venables  
Shire Secretary.

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As per R.O. No 3.

HQE H.Q. ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24<sup>th</sup> AUST INF BDE

No 4.

IN THE FIELD

16 MAY 43

22. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

1. In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the authority under which such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.

2. When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave :-

- (a) pay (including deferred pay) ;
- (b) field allowance ;
- (c) command allowance ;
- (d) special allowance ;
- (e) exchange allowance ;
- (f) dependants allowance ;
- (g) travelling allowance ;
- (h) subsistence allowance ;
- (i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the abovementioned regulations.

3. Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily and, consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

(Ref G.R.O. 4367)

23. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

(a) Names of photographers approved by HQ Queensland L of C Area are shown under the heading of Notices in First Aust Army Orders Serial No 53 dated 21 Apr 43.

(b) Personnel wishing to send films for processing outside of L of C Area in which the unit is stationed may enquire through their respective units, from Division or higher formation the names of approved photographers in any other L of C Area.

(c) The following KODAK agents in ABERDEEN have been approved for processing films of military personnel :-

FERGUSON	"	Chemist
SUMMERS	"	Newsagent
BRODZIAKE	"	Newsagent

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 48)

24. AAFC - APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO

Applications for transfer to AAFC are required from suitable personnel. Applications must be in applicant's own handwriting stating educational qualifications, civil occupation, medical classification, age and Army pay experience, if any. Applications to be submitted to Orderly Room by 1800 hrs 17 May 43.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 49)

25. DISCIPLINE

A Gnr convicted by DCM on 4 May 43 of two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in writing a letter containing information concerning the movement of troops and handing the said letter to a civilian was sentenced to suffer Field Punishment for 60 days and to forfeit ordinary pay for 60 days.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 52)

*R. Langford* Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

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BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 5

IN THE FIELD24 MAY 4326. KIT INSPECTION

A kit inspection of all personnel will be held at 0830 hrs 25 May 43.

27. DRESS

The following winter dress will be worn by all personnel as from 25 May 43, except when otherwise ordered:-

- (a) Training - boots; anklets web; gaiters or puttees short; shirts; slacks pullovers (if ordered by unit comds); hat turned down (steel helmets if required for exercises) drill order equipment.
- (b) Leave - Service Dress, boots, anklets web, gaiters or puttees short, web belt, hats turned down.
- (c) Grey flannel shirts will be worn under shirts khaki or jungle green.
- (d) Shorts will be washed, marked and returned to unit Q Stores, where they will be held and issued to personnel only when required in the case of transfer, evacuation to hospital etc.

28. AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN, ATHERTON

Owing to limited facilities for other ranks in Atherton, privileges extended to members of the Forces by the American Red Cross Canteen, are to be available for use by other ranks only.

29. UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL ON GUARDS' VANS OF TRAINS

- (i) Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in the Guards' Vans of trains.
- (ii) This constitutes a breach of the Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the forces remain subject) and will cease.
- (iii) Officers and NCOs will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.
- (iv) Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

30. GOODS - PURCHASE OF FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES

1. It has been reported that units and individual soldiers are purchasing quantities of goods from shops in the Tablelands area of a kind supplied as Ordnance and S & T issues such as hurricane lamps and kerosene.
2. As the goods being purchased are in extremely short supply and as available to the shops are barely sufficient to meet necessary civilian requirements it is obvious that purchases made by units or personnel deprive civilians of the ability to purchase commodities which for civilians are a day to day necessity.
3. This imposes an unnecessary burden on the civilian population and it would therefore be appreciated if action could be taken to discourage units and personnel from purchasing goods which are an Ordnance or S & T issue from shops in the Tableland area.
4. If any difficulty is experienced in obtaining Ord or S & T supplies the matter should be referred to Formation of this HQ through normal channels.

31. COLOUR PATCHES - MINIATURE

Miniature colour patches will NOT be worn on pugarees.

**32. FIRES**

1. Attention is drawn to Divisional Routine Order No 11 of 20 Apr 43.
2. Particular attention must be paid to bush huts erected in the area. The material is highly inflammable and a fire, once started, could not be controlled.
3. Units, will if at all possible, use material other than grass etc for enclosing walls of these buildings.
4. With onset of winter frosts will kill the grass thus adding to the fire risk. Some forms of grass in this area will burn even though apparently green.
5. Open fires will NOT be left burning if unattended. Units will ensure that all fires completely extinguished before they are left. The Tablelands are subject to sudden wind storms this time of the year. Care will be taken to ensure that no danger is possible from flying sparks.
6. Stores or eqpt of any kind will NOT be stored in bush huts
7. Above instns apply to trg and bivouac areas as well as camp areas.

**33. FINGER CHERRY OR NATIVE LOQUAT**

- (a) This fruit grows throughout Northern Queensland, ripening towards the end of the year. The fruit although palatable, frequently has a fungus on its surface. This fungus, if it reaches the eyes can cause complete and permanent blindness.
- (b) Numerous cases of blindness have occurred amongst civilians and the danger is well known to local inhabitants.
- (c) All troops will be taught the danger of touching this tree.

**34. KIT OF PATIENTS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL**

- (a) Owing to the difficulty of storing kits in hospital pack stores, only a pack and haversack will be taken by the soldier when evacuated. Other equipment (e.g. kit universal and sea kit bags) will be lodged with unit QM. Steel helmet and respirator will accompany patient.
- (b) In the event of the patient being evacuated off the Table Land the unit will be notified by the hospital concerned as early as possible, up to three days before the move. The unit will be responsible for ensuring that the remainder of his kit reaches the patient before his move.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde

**NOTICES**

**FOUND** One pair Army Issue reading glasses 21 May 43. Owner may claim same at 9 Aust Div Tro Coy.

Identity discs for the following personnel are held at this HQ  
 WX 6178 Pte TAYLOR F C  
 SX 15133 Pte FOSTER C L

"Regal" wrist watch name "E.C. COONEY" on back. Found on rocks Barron River near HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde on 19 May. Apply to Staff Captn 26 Aust Inf Bde.

**ARMY NEWSPAPER - "TABLE TOP"**

1. The first issue of the daily Army newspaper - "TABLE TOP" will be published on Sunday 23 May 43. Thereafter it will appear daily until further notice.
2. The paper is issued free of cost to all military units or installations in the 2 Aust Corps area.
3. Distribution will be on the basis of a maximum copy to seven men.
4. The necessity for the widest possible distribution is stressed. It is sufficient to allow one copy per tent in all tented camps.
5. Arrangements have been made for distribution in unit packs ex D.I.D.

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES**

To General ALEXANDER from Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (.) everyone of us sends you greetings and the most cordial congratulations (.) we rejoice with you and wish you many more successes.

To Lt-Gen MORSHEAD from General ALEXANDER (.) many thanks for what you have done with you...

To General MONTGOMERY from Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (.) with all ranks of 9 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION I offer you and all our old comrades of EIGHTH ARMY our warmest congratulations (.) we have followed your progress and successes with the greatest interest and satisfaction (.) we knew you would do it.

Following for Lt-Gen MORSHEAD from General MONTGOMERY (.) am grateful to you for kind message from the officers and men of 9 AUST DIV (.) we missed you greatly in later phase and wished you could have been with us at the kill (.) good luck to you all.

To Lt-Gen LEESE from Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (.) you must know how we rejoice with you (.) our enthusiastic congratulations to you and to the corps please give FREYBERG and WIMBERLY and their splendid divisions our salaams and warmest wishes.

Following for Lt-Gen MORSHEAD from Lt-Gen LEESE (.) army thanks from all of us for your message it has been a good party and our only regret is that you and your division were not with us to reap the full reward of ALAMEIN for which we owed you so much.

To Lt-Gen FREYBERG from Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (.) we are every bit as happy as you and your great division in the usual full part you have played in the great victory (.) our congratulations are very sincere and fraternal and we send you and all our warmest wishes.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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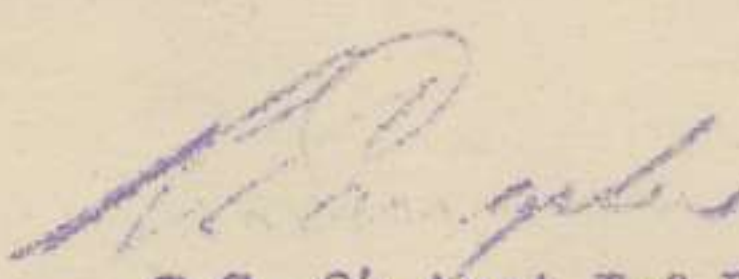
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IN THE FIELD

24 MAY 43

4. TRANSPORT  
Bde HQ has received part of its War Establishment transport which is now the only transport for use within the Bde.  
Units may have the use of this transport by prior application to this HQ.  
When requisitioning for transport units will state the use for which same is required and the anticipated time required.  
Owing to the heavy requirements of this transport, units will ensure that it is used economically and that it is not held for longer than necessary.
5. OFFICERS DRIVING VEHICLES  
Officers will not drive army vehicles except in the case of illness of the driver, rest for the driver driving a long journey, or unit inspecting or examining officers checking vehicles.
6. RETURNS  
Where called for in 2 Corps or 9 Aust Div RCs units will submit returns to reach this HQ at least 12 hrs before the time due at Div HQ.
7. DRESS  
The following winter dress will be worn by all personnel as from 25 May 43 except when otherwise ordered:-  
(a) Training - boots; anklets web; gaiters or puttees short; shirts; pullover (if ordered by unit comds); hat turned down (steel helmets if required for exercises) drill order equipment.  
(b) Leave- Service Dress, boots, anklets web, gaiters or puttees short, web belt, hats turned down.  
(c) Grey flannel shirts will be worn under shirts khaki or jungle green.  
(d) Shorts will be washed, marked and returned to unit Q Stores, where they will be held and issued to personnel only when required in the case of transfer, evacuation to hospital etc.
8. MARCH DISCIPLINE  
Attention is again drawn to 9 Aust Div Trg Instn No 3 dated 28 Apr 43. Troops are still marching on road en route to trg areas.  
Ofprs and NCOs will ensure that their troops move off the road as laid down in the above Instn.

 Capt.,  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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