

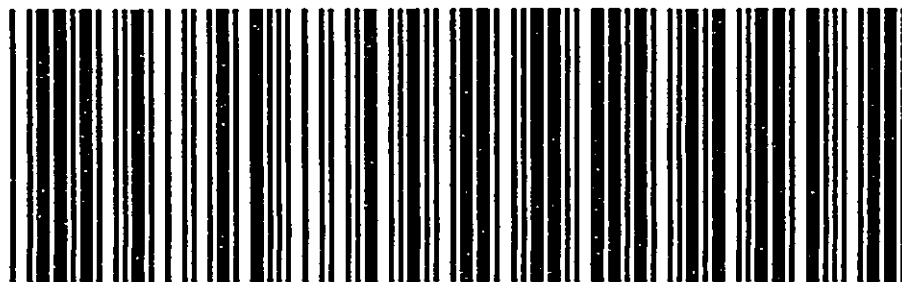
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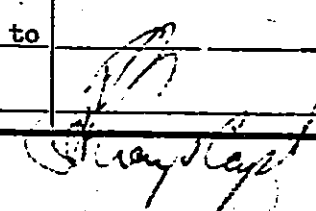
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Unit HQ NT FORCE.

Date and Time.—From 1 March 1943 To 31 March 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 1		Consequent upon advice from LHQ that the tonnage of supplies sent into this area by the shuttle service was to be considerably increased, and would involve the use of SOUTHPORT Jetty, a conference was held with the NOIC to examine the wharfage position in DARWIN. It is clear that the SOUTHPORT Jetty has very definite limitations due to the depth of water in the channel and at the Jetty itself, and can only be used at all stages by ships with a draught of approximately 11 feet. A full report is being prepared for LHQ.	
			The NOIC DARWIN asked that accommodation for 3 prisoners be reserved permanently in our detention barracks, and indicated that any Naval personnel committed thereto would be subject to military discipline but that the revision of sentences would be still undertaken by him.	
			An official report on the operations in TIMOR was forwarded to LHQ.	
			Due to continued heavy rain, the depth of water at the MANTON Ford rendered it necessary to tow all vehicles through. This, combined with the state of the operational tracks leading off the main road, would seriously impede operations of the Force at this stage.	
			The demolition of the FRANCES BAY magazines was discussed with the NOIC. These magazines contain Naval ammunition and are out-side the perimeter of the DARWIN fortress. Because of their construction and location, their demolition presents difficulties, and the NOIC is ascertaining first whether the ammunition kept there could be used immediately in any known JAPANESE weapon. When this information is available, further consideration to the demolition plan will be given.	
			Due to bad flying weather, reconnaissances by air of the NEW GUINEA coast had to be cancelled, but one Liberator reconnoitred the SOERBOWA ISLAND and dropped bombs without result, on shipping at WAINGAPOE.	
			From special intelligence sources, it was learned that an unknown number of enemy aircraft had arrived at KOPANG from KENDARI, presumably to replace the losses inflicted by the RAAF yesterday.	



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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 1		During the last month the daily average tonnage moved on the NORTH AUSTRALIA Railway reached 540 tons, which is a record.	
			An instruction regarding the Defence Scheme was issued.	Appendix 1
	MARCH 2		Enemy reconnaissance planes which appeared over the area at 1030 hrs were followed by 15 enemy fighters at 1430 hrs. Six of these ground- straffed the COOMALIE Air Strip, destroying one Beaufighter. Following interception by our Spitfires, three enemy aircraft were destroyed and two others damaged. One Bofor gun is credited with a hit. The enemy fighters which attacked COOMALIE flew over this HQ at about 200 feet without taking aggressive action. One Liberator reconnoitred KATMANA BAY on the NEW GUINEA coast without sighting anything of importance.	
			A signal was sent to the Quartermaster-General by the GOC asking him to accept with reserve any statements made by Lt-Col McCOMB, CRE, Docks, and asking that this officer be not sent back to the Territory.	
			In reply to a request by LHQ for a direction as to the policy to be observed in supporting the PORTUGUESE in TIMOR by air attacks, advice was received that it was desired to assist them so far as was practicable consistent with the normal RAAF tasks in the area.	
			The Comd and EM 13 Aust Inf Bde, which is to relieve the 3 Bde, arrived in the area.	
	MARCH 3		Lt-Col AW SHEPPARD, MC. AA & QUG, arrived back from MELBOURNE where he has been engaged as a member of a committee to review the legal organisation of the Army.	
			The CRE reported that it would take 20 weeks to complete the defences of the DARWIN Fortress in accordance with the present plan, and the GOC directed that, to hasten the work, all weapon pits were to be completed to the required depth, but that crawl trenches were to be dug only to that depth by pick and shovel, i.e., without the use of compressors.	

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 3		This will enable the main defensive positions to be completed in ten weeks.	
			Due to flood waters, the causeway at TUMBLING WATERS, a main crossing on our operational track to BYNOE HARBOUR, has been washed away. A boxgirder bridge is being retained in the area for immediate use if required.	
			Following his signal to the Quartermaster-General, yesterday, the GOC forwarded a complete report concerning Lt-Col McCOMB's actions while in this area.	
			Brig EGD MCKENZIE, KC, ED, Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde, called at HQ and was given a general outline of the dispositions of the Force. He was ordered to concentrate initially on a study of his role in the various operational plans, and to undertake extensive reconnaissances with his Bde down as far as Sec Comds. He was also informed that command would pass from 3 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde when the first battalion of the latter was in the area.	
			Mitchell bombers from here attacked TOEAL. No shipping was seen. Bombs were dropped on the town, starting fires. Hudson aircraft attacked DOBO with the same result.	
			Operation Instructions amending plans for the "wet" were issued.	Appendix 2
			General Plan :	" 2(a)
			19 Aust Inf Bde role :	" 2(b)
			2/6 Aust Cav Regt role :	" 2(c)
			23 Aust Inf Bde role :	" 2(d)
			3 Aust Inf Bde role :	" 2(e)
			Capt DG DENEHEY reported as the new GSO III to relieve Capt NS THOMAS.	
	MARCH 4		The GOC inspected the progress of the work on the DARWIN defences. This work is going along satisfactorily.	
			An enemy aircraft reconnoitred the DARWIN area and was fired on by the	

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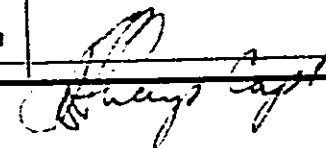
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 5		Three Liberators bombed SAULAKI.	
			NT Force Intelligence Summary No 146 issued.	Appendix 4.
	MARCH 6		Advice was received from LHQ that Major-General AS ALLEN, CB, CBE, DSO, has been transferred from Comd 6 Aust Div to the Comd of NT Force. The present GOC is to Comd 6 Aust Div. General Allen is to leave BRISBANE for this area on the 16 Mar 43.	
			An instruction was received from LHQ that all Brigadiers and Officers above that rank are to be medically examined by a special board which will visit all areas for the purpose.	
			LHQ asked if we would accept 500 aliens for road work in the NT ISA-TENNANT CREEK Area. The offer was accepted.	
	MARCH 7		Hudson aircraft attacked TOEAL dropping bombs in the target area. This attack was followed by Mitchell bombers which had the same target. An enemy aircraft was intercepted over the area and shot down from 26,000 feet by Spitfires. Three Hudson aircraft dropped food, ammunition and medical supplies to the PORTUGUESE in TIMOR.	
	MARCH 8		Further heavy rain has caused a marked deterioration in the condition of the main road and severe restrictions have been placed upon vehicular traffic.	
			A discussion was held with the AOC regarding the question of air alarms given by our AA stations. It was decided to confine "YELLOW" and "RED" warnings to cases where more than one enemy plane comes in in daylight. Where Fighter Sector notifies only one reconnaissance plane, a "gun alert"	



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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 8		only will be given by our AA gun stations, which will engage as and when they can. All aircraft coming in at night will cause the "YELLOW" and "RED" warnings to be given.	
			A Liberator bombed SAUHLAKI whilst another reconnoitred BABO and bombed 2 ships there without result; a third reconnoitred the NEW GUINEA coast sighting no shipping but bombed KAUKENAU. Beaufighters attacked FUI LORO aerodrome in TIMOR damaging one enemy aircraft.	
			Further information came to hand from the special intelligence source regarding proposed enemy movements in the BABO-DOBO Area. So far as practicable the whole area is being covered by our air reconnaissances.	
	MARCH 9		The MT ISA Mines offered to lease their hospital to the Army immediately the AMERICANS had evacuated. Because of this, work on the proposed new hospital at MT ISA, which was to commence to-day, was stopped.	
			Approval was given to the proposals prepared by the GSO to permit private telephone calls from KATHERINE and LARRIMAH to other parts of AUSTRALIA during certain hours of the night. The detailed arrangements with the PMG's Department are now to be made. The calls will be monitored and all defence services and civilian workers will be permitted to participate.	
			An examination of the AA defences at COOMALIE and BATCHELOR was again made, and the CRA was instructed to select sites for three 4-gun (3.7) stations in anticipation of additional guns being made available. To give effective cover to these two fields would involve twenty 3.7 guns, but this is beyond the realm of practical politics and it was decided to work on 12 guns.	
			The air reconnaissance of KOEPANG HARBOUR was rendered useless by cloud. The reconnaissance of ROTI ISLAND and SEMOROE STRAIT disclosed no shipping.	
			Special intelligence reports disclose the movements of Comds of JAPANESE Units in the BABO area and the further visits of special staff officers to	TOEAL.

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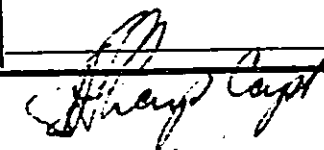
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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 9		Heavy rain brought the CULLEN RIVER up and the railway between LARRIMAH and DARWIN was out of action temporarily.	
			The AOC received a special intelligence report confirming the information which has been gathered locally regarding the JAPANESE move in the ISLANDS to the NORTH. This message indicated that the first phase was completed and co-incided with the day-light raid upon DARWIN on the 2 Mar 43. The remaining phases will probably be completed not before 20 Mar 43.	
			NT FORCE GS Instn 36 issued	Appendix 5
	MARCH 10		The first unit of the 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp, viz., 24 Coy AASC arrived and took over from 7 Coy AASC, the latter moving out of the area.	
			Following a change in the Army Pay system, the GOC approved of the transfer to ADELAIDE RIVER of 75 personnel of the AAPC now at ALICE SPRINGS. This move is necessary so that the financial adviser to the Comd may be in this part of the area together with adequate staff.	
			Because of the difficulties of movement on the operational track leading WEST to BYNOE HAREOUR, orders were issued for a dump of supplies and ammunition to be established immediately EAST of PIONEER CREEK in order to facilitate the operations in that area.	
			The NOIC DARWIN forwarded a complete report on the wharfage accommodation there, with a recommendation that we concentrate on the completion of the T-head jetty. This is already being done.	
			The GOC inspected the ADELAIDE RIVER Farm and discussed with the OC the general conduct of the farm. The latter is experiencing serious difficulties here and at the other farms because of shortage of personnel and the poor types which are being sent. This matter is again being taken up with LHQ, as unless an improvement is effected, our production during the dry season will be seriously retarded.	
			Recommendations were forwarded to LHQ for Pack Tpt Coys to be added to the OOB NT Force by Nov 43 in order to enable the Force to operate off the main road.	
			Wing-COMD CHADWICK, Director of Recruiting RAAF, discussed with the GOC the release of personnel selected for air crews. Of the 630 selected by the RAAF Recruiting Committee recently, the various Comds agreed to release 436, of which over 300 had already been sent away. Orders were issued for	



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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 10		the immediate release of the balance. Wing-Comd CHADWICK expressed his appreciation of the courtesy and co-operation which had been extended to the Recruiting Committee by this Force. Hudsons bombed SAUHLAKI but saw no shipping. A Liberator reconnoitred the AMBON area, dropping bombs on two 7,000-ton ships NORTH-WEST of BOEROE ISLAND without success. Another Liberator reconnoitred BOETONG and scored a direct hit on the larger of two vessels sighted at KORO EAY. Special intelligence reports further movements of JAPANESE Comd officers in the AMEON - TOEAL area.	
	MARCH 11		Advice was received that Brig R B SUTHERLAND has been appointed BGS at LHQ and that Col ELLIOTT is to come here as BGS. The condition of the main road has still further deteriorated and no general repair is practicable at the moment. Orders were, therefore, issued prohibiting the use of the road for all vehicles other than food maintenance vehicles. The GOC saw a test exercise carried out by a Pl of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn under the supervision of Brig MARTIN. The attack on FUI LORO by Beaufighters was cancelled because of bad weather. A similar factor was responsible for the cancellation of a reconnaissance of KOEPANG. Distribution lists issued Instruction issued regarding use of unit Censor Stamps CS INSTRUCTION No. 31 issued	APPENDIX 6 APPENDIX 7 APPENDIX 8
	MARCH 12		The GOC and BGS witnessed a demonstration of AS Control procedure arranged by 19 Bde. A signal was received from LHQ asking if we desired Maj A K BLAUBAUM as DACMG. Our agreement was signalled together with a request for his early despatch. The GOC personally signalled the MGO concerning the shortage of shirts. Based on requisitions from here, orders have been issued in MELBOURNE during the past few months for the issue of 149,000 shirts to this Force, of which we have only received a very small percentage. The situation is really acute. A memorandum came to hand indicating that War Cabinet had substantially enlarged the financial powers of the GOC, the main item being the granting	

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 12		of authority to him to spend £50,000 on any individual work of a vital operational nature. In general, his financial authority was placed on the same basis as that of the GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE. The same memorandum also removed many of the restrictions on securing financial approval which hitherto have delayed work here. Liberators bombed two ships at AMBON scoring a direct hit on one ship. Eight ZEKES intercepted, two of which were destroyed and two probably destroyed. Photographs taken on the 10 Mar 43 show that on that date, one ship in AMBON HARBOUR had been hit and that there were present one 5,000-ton ship, two 2,000-ton ships, one 500-ton tanker, and a number of smaller vessels. The attack by Beaufighters on FUI LORO was interfered with by weather, but two of them reached FUI LORO and attacked the air strip, a small ship at LAUTEM and JAPANESE personnel in the area. Mitchell bombers also attacked FUI LORO shooting down one of the four Zekes which intercepted and damaging another.	
	MARCH 13		Signals were received from LHQ indicating that Col WOODWARD was to come here as BGS instead of ELLIOTT nominated previously and that Majors HUNTER (HQ NT FORCE) and WILMOTH (BM 19 Bde) had been nominated to attend a Senior Staff Course in April. Neither of these officers had been included in the nominations submitted by this HQ. The two men of the 2/6 Aust Cav Regt who have been missing from the RED CLIFF's Coast Watching Post for a fortnight, returned today. No details of their adventures are yet available. The acute shortage of razor blades has been in evidence for some time here and following persistent endeavours to secure a supply, 336 pounds of razor blades are enroute by the flying boat due here tomorrow. In a discussion with the CSO and the CO 2/1 Aust Air Support Control, laid down that no change in the present WE was to be recommended; field component was to be organised within the unit suitable in the Force as at present constructed; and that the number of Air Support Control at Bde and at FORCE HQ was to be an absolute minimum.	

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HQ NT FORCE

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	March 13		A signal was sent to LHQ nominating Capt J D MURRAY, BM (L) 19 Aust Inf Bde, as BM of that Bde vice WILMOTH, and asking that Lt-Col AT McLEAN be sent to replace Maj HUNTER as AQMG (HQ NT FORCE). The SOC followed up his personal signal to the WGO concerning shirt shortages with a letter outlining the present situation and our requirements. Special intelligence sources report a movement of two aircraft groups from KENDARI to KOEPANG. Due, unfortunately, to the condition of the airfield at DRYSDALE, the AOC is unable to stage a Beaufighter attack on the KOEPANG airfield tomorrow. A Liberator reconnoitred SOERABAYA HARBOUR today, but the details are not yet available. A second Liberator reconnoitred FAK FAK - RABO - NEW GUINEA Areas. In BENTONI BAY it sighted one 4,000 and one 8,000 ton ship. Bombs were dropped on the former ship without success and one of five intercepting Zekes was destroyed. In WAP BAY bombs were dropped on four small ships without success. Nine other small ships were seen at various points on the NEW GUINEA coast. Incendiary bombs were dropped at TINOIKE starting fires.	
	March 14		A message was received from the Quartermaster-General stating that additional labour for the T-head jetty bridge was on its way and that the Navy had located a dredge in LAUNCESTON which would probably be suitable for the dredging of the SOUTHPORT Channel. This, however, could not be in operation here under three months. The message also stated that the tonnage sent in by the shuttle service would reach 15,000 tons, excluding coal, by the end of April and that if this was too much to handle with the existing wharfage, lighters would be provided. A Liberator reconnoitred BOETONG ISLAND and saw four sloops and a burnt-out ship. It dropped bombs on DILLI and probably destroyed one of two HAPS which intercepted. Hudsons reconnoitring the BANDA SEA saw no shipping. The Liberator which was over SOERABAYA on the 13 March saw eight to twelve ships in the harbour, dropped pamphlets over BALI and JAVA and saw a number of aircraft at TANDJONG PERAK. A Mitchell bomber reconnoitred KOEPANG and DILLI but saw no shipping.	

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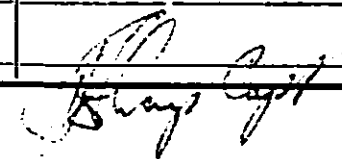
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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 14		One enemy aircraft was over DARWIN at 1555 hours but our fighters did not intercept.	
			Special intelligence reports further movement of enemy aircraft from KENDARI to KOEPANG. In view of this and earlier reports our AA defences were warned to be fully alert to meet any attack on this area.	
	MARCH 15		Twenty-four enemy bombers escorted by 25 fighters (Zekes and Haps) attacked DARWIN at 1120 hours from 22 - 27,000 feet. They scored hits on six oil tanks (two of which were empty), railway tracks, good-sheds, FWD buildings and other buildings. Our fighters intercepted and destroyed six fighters and two bombers, probably destroyed five additional fighters and damaged three fighters and two bombers. We lost four Spitfires, the pilot of one of which is safe. C Tp 2/11 Fd Regt was machine-gunned from 100 feet by one Zeke and the fire was returned by the LMGs of the Tp. The heavy AA guns could not engage the enemy as our fighters were in the gun-defended zone. The GOC has asked the AOC to arrange a conference immediately concerning the question of fire control in such circumstances, as with Spitfires here, interception can now occur before the line of bomb release is reached by the enemy aircraft -- a situation which never occurred when P-40 fighters only were available. In to-day's raid the enemy fighters kept our fighters off sufficiently long to enable the bombers to reach their target without the AA guns being able to engage for fear of hitting our own aircraft. The known casualties in the raid were -- killed one, wounded twelve including five civilians.	
			Special intelligence received later, indicated that the enemy bombers had refuelled at KOEPANG and left immediately for KENDARI.	
			The GOC signed an evacuation order for James GORDON an undesirable who has just returned to the TERRITORY after serving a sentence for consorting with the blacks, and who has been reported as indulging in subversive utterances.	
			Mr GAHAN, Chief Commissioner, NORTH AUSTRALIA Railways, called on the GOC and discussed matters of common interest vital to the operation of the NORTH AUSTRALIA Railways. He was informed of our plans to deal with any strike in which the railway workers may participate as they have threatened to do. He was very complimentary in his references to the Army's co-operation.	



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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 15		Two Liberators reconnoitred the NEW GUINEA coast sighting three ships and scoring a near miss. They also sighted a sea-plane off DOBO. Mitchell aircraft reconnoitred the shipping lanes between DOBO and KAIMANA BAY sighting one ship and two destroyers which they bombed without result. On the return journey they bombed DOBO. Hudson aircraft sighted a convoy of three ships in the DOBO area which they bombed without result and later strafed from mast-height. They then attacked tracks in the DOBO area.	
			Four Beaufighters attacked a convoy of three vessels in the DOBO area, making nine mast-height attacks. The ships were crowded with troops and it is considered many casualties were inflicted. One Beaufighter crashed into the sea. Other Mitchell bombers attacked three ships NORTH of DOBO without result, a similar happening occurring with Hudsons. Other Hudson aircraft however, scored a hit and three near misses on one ship and a hit and two near misses on another in the same general area.	
			Instruction issued regarding river crossings	APPENDIX 9
	MARCH 16		At a conference held between the three defence services this morning regarding control of the fighter aircraft and AA guns during enemy air raids, it was decided that the fighters would remain outside the gun-defended zones until they were certain of contacting the enemy aircraft with advantage. This would enable the AA guns to be used to the maximum extent possible, but would still give the right to the tactical Comd of the fighter aircraft sent up for interception purposes to call the guns off when he was sure of his attack. There is little new in this arrangement but it should avoid the situation which occurred yesterday when, because of the fighter aircraft entering the gun-defended zone before the enemy bombers arrived, the AA guns were unable to engage.	
			Maj BOSTOCK of the CSO's staff reported on the results of his visit to the S-O-in-C concerning the lay-out of long-distance telephone and telegraph communications in this area. A satisfactory scheme has been evolved which will result in the minimum of static equipment at ADELAIDE RIVER and yet enable us to obtain the most satisfactory transmission channels. It will also permit the early transfer of the HQ of 11 L of C Sub-Area from ALICE SPRINGS to TERRANT CREEK from which point it will now be practicable to obtain satisfactory telephone and telegraph comms to ALICE SPRINGS, NT ISA and Rear HQ.	

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 16		A recommendation for a slight increase in the W3 of Adm HQ MT ISA was forwarded to LHQ. This is necessary as we are to take over the whole of MT ISA from the AMERICANS on 31 Mar 43. Two enemy reconnaissance planes were over the HATCHELOR-HUGHES and DARWIN areas this morning. AA engaged without result. Six Beaufighters were over DOBO at 1100 hours and strafed the area but saw no activity. Three Hudsons reconnoitring the area between DOBO and KAIMANA BAY saw no shipping and bombed DOBO. Three other Hudson aircraft bombed DOBO getting a direct hit on the wireless station but saw no shipping in the area they reconnoitred. Liberators sighted three ships WEST-NORTH-WEST of CAPE VAN DEH BOSCH. These were bombed without results. One Liberator unfortunately blew up in mid-air, the cause being unknown. The crew of ten, including one AUSTRALIAN photographer were lost. Capt N.S. THOMAS (G3 SD) left the HQ after 18 months - his appointment has been filled by Capt DENEHEY. NT Force Intelligence Summary 147 issued. Instructions issued regarding daylight saving time.	APPENDIX 10 APPENDIX 11
	MARCH 17		LHQ advised that the nominations of Majs CAPPER (2/4 Aust Inf Bn) and WILLSALLEN (HQ NT Force), and Capt BURGESS (SC RAA) had been accepted for the Junior Staff School. The same signal also indicated that Maj LOUGHRAN was to attend the Senior Staff School. Col FIELD from LHQ arrived from ALICE SPRINGS on an inspection of AEME units. He out-lined to the GCC the new AEME organisation and gave general information concerning the position of MT and particularly regarding the essential restrictions to be introduced to conserve rubber. Major-General ALLEN left BRISBANE en route to take over command of NT Force. A further signal from LHQ announced the appointment of Lt-Col A.W. SHEPPARD, MC. (AA & QMG) as director of Organisation at LHQ and the appointment of Lt-Col A.E.L. MORGAN as AQM NT Force vice Maj HUNTER the present occupant. No news of a replacement for Col SHEPPARD has yet been received. A special intelligence reports great movement of aircraft between KENDARI and KOEPANG and it seems probable that no less than 40 aircraft	X

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 17		were at PENFOEI aerodrome on night 16/17 Mar. A raid here was expected but did not eventuate. Two long-range Beaufighters sent in early this morning to attack PENFOEI had to abandon the project. Late in the afternoon, an enemy aircraft was sighted over HUGHES and appeared to be releasing meteorological balloons.	
			A Liberator on an armed reconnaissance of FAK FAK area sighted three ships in BETONI BAY which it bombed without results. Hudsons and Mitchells reconnoitred the general area around DOBO and TOEAL without seeing any shipping except two luggers which were strafed. All these aircraft bombed LANGOER.	
	MARCH 18		Maj-Gen A.S.ALLEN CB, CBE, DSO, arrived to take over Command of NT Force.	
			Maj WILLSALLEN (L.O) left to attend the Junior Staff School.	
			Schedule of Courses at NT Force School for April 43 issued. Amendments to Defence Scheme issued	APPENDIX 12 APPENDIX 13
	MARCH 19		GOC with Maj-Gen ALLEN visited DARWIN to inspect defences.	
			Gen Stevens held a dinner in his mess to say farewell to his senior officers and introduce Gen ALLEN. Those present were Maj-Gen STEVENS, Maj-Gen ALLEN, Brig SUTHERLAND, Brig STRUTT, Brig MCKENZIE, Brig POTTS, Brig MARTIN.	
	MARCH 20		Maj-Gen ALLEN visited 23 Aust Inf Bde and conferred with Brig POTTS - then proceeded to 13 Aust Inf Bde to talk with Brig MCKENZIE. He then visited the ADELAIDE RIVER area and Rear HQ, inspecting the abattoirs, freezing works and the two farms.	
	MARCH 21		1200 hrs Maj-Gen ALLEN took over command of NT Force from Maj-Gen STEVENS. New GOC made an aerial recce over the area DALY RIVER-DARWIN-KOOLPINYAH-Adv HQ.	
	MARCH 22		1230 hrs Maj-Gen STEVENS left by car for KATHERINE and emplane for ADELAIDE next day.	
			Instruction issued regarding Deferred Category for Sig Messages.	APPENDIX 11,

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"G" BRANCH
Unit HQ NT FORCE

Date and Time.—From 1 MARCH 1943 To 31 MARCH 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MARCH 23		GOC made a ground recce to KOOLPINYAH accompanied by BGS and Brig POTTS, visited HERBERT SPRINGS, KOOLPINYAH and beyond - KNUCKEYS LAGOON - IRONSTONE LAGOON and LES POINT. Lieut G. TONGE (Camp) left to take up an appointment at an Intelligence School in Queensland. Lieut J POWELL has taken over the duties of Camp. An instruction was issued regarding a bulletin on "Training ideas"	APPENDIX 15 APPENDIX 16
	MARCH 24		GOC, with BGS and Brig POTTS, made ground recce of SOUTHPORT-OBSERVATION HILL track. NT Force Trg Instruction 50 issued.	APPENDIX 17
	MARCH 25		GOC with BGS and Brig MARTIN made ground recce of STAPLETON track. Instruction issued regarding unit censorship.	APPENDIX 18
	MARCH 26		GOC with Comd of 2/6 Aust Cav Regt (Lt-Col ABBOT) made a ground recce of MT PLEASANT-BLACKFELLOW CK track. Called at Rear HQ on way home and conferred with Brig BIERWIRTH.	
	MARCH 27		GOC conferred with Brig BIERWIRTH at Rear HQ then to 2/6 Aust Cav Regt where a Race Meeting was held. Horses were loaned by Mr BYRNE of TIPPERARY Station and a grand day was had by everyone who was able to attend. GOC met officers and identities of the district, dined at the officers mess of 2/6 Aust Cav Regt and later attended a concert.	
	MARCH 28		Maj LOUGHRAN (G2) left to attend the Senior Staff School. Clocks retarded 1 hr at 0200 - daylight saving time concluded - Sunday Rest Day.	
	MARCH 29		Maj G. HASSELL arrived to take over the duties of G2 - vice Maj LOUGHRAN. GOC with ADC visited Rear HQ and met the heads of Services. Also called on Principal Matron at 119 AGH for afternoon tea.	

"G" BRANCH
Unit HQ NT FORCE

Date and Time.—From 1 MARCH 1943 To 31 MARCH 1943

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DEFENCE SCHEME -- NT FORCE.

1. Our SM/5172/G/D11 of 29 Jan 43 provided for a re-allocation of roles to Bdes during the period that 19 Aust Inf Bde was engaged on works in the fortress and in resting at BERRY SPRINGS.
2. As 19 Bde is now back in its normal area, Bdes will resume their normal roles and our SM/5172/G/D11 is cancelled.
3. This confirms our signal 0/5590 of 23 Feb 43.

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Brigadier,
General Staff.

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Receipt of SE/5683/G/D11 of 1 Mar 43 is hereby acknowledged.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
3 Mar 43.

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DEFENCE SCHEME -- NT FORCE.

Reference SM/2382/G/D11 of 20 Aug 42.

-1. Until further advised, addressees will substitute attached for present Appendix "C" to the above-mentioned memorandum. This new plan will be known as Plan 'BYNDAL' (WET) and will be referred to as such in all orders etc.
2. Original Appendix "C" will not be destroyed, but will be retained for use when present climatic conditions, which render this substitute necessary, no longer prevail.
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Appendix BYNDAL to MT FORCE
SM/5710/2/11 of 3 Mar 43

Ref Maps:- PINE CREEK (overlay) 4 miles to 1 inch
DARWIN and ENVIRONS 1 inch to 1 mile (Sheets 4 and 5)

PLAN BYNDAL (WET)

1. Should the enemy attempt an invasion from both the DALY RIVER and BYNOE Bay areas with the latter his main threat the intention of our force will be to hold the enemy in the DALY RIVER area with 19 Aust Inf Bde and 2/6 Aust Cav Regt while destroying the enemy in the BYNOE BAY area and, when this has been done, to concentrate the entire field force against the enemy in the DALY RIVER area and destroy him.
2. The principle of attacking the enemy as close to his landing places as possible will be observed in both cases, as this will give us the best chance of destroying him at BYNOE BAY and imposing the maximum delay at DALY RIVER.
3. As the enemy may effect his landing in bad weather when visibility is poor, the distance that we can move towards him will depend on the amount of warning that we have of his approach.
4. The two plans following outline the initial moves of the field force when the amount of warning is less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs and when it is greater than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
5. If the period of warning is less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs the following plan will be implemented:-
 - (a) 23 Aust Inf Bde, with one bn 3 Aust Inf Bde under comd, will move on orders by MT via road SOUTHPORT STA-TUMBLING WATERS to secure general area PIONEER CREEK. The one bn under comd from 3 Aust Inf Bde will hold PIONEER CREEK and 23 Aust Inf Bde will push forward on foot to OBSERVATION HILL. The bn holding PIONEER CREEK will revert to comd 3 Aust Inf Bde on the arrival of that bde in the area.
 - (b) 3 Aust Inf Bde will move to TUMBLING WATERS prepared to assist 23 Aust Inf Bde in clearing PIONEER CREEK area if that should be necessary and will become responsible for PIONEER CREEK area when 23 Aust Inf Bde moves WEST of that point.
 - (c) 19 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT via STAPLETON to DUMP "A" at 06100480 and then continue SOUTH on foot.
 - (d) 2/6 Aust Cav Regt, under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde as from receipt of the order to move, will move WEST along the MT PLEASANT track as far as possible by MT thence on foot.
6. The role of 19 Aust Inf Bde and 2/6 Aust Cav Regt is to impose the maximum delay on the enemy to the maximum distance WEST of the main road, thus enabling the operations in the BYNOE BAY area to be concluded without interference from the enemy in the DALY RIVER area.
7. If the period of warning is more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs the following plan will be implemented:
 - (a) 23 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT and seize the following areas
 - (i) OBSERVATION HILL
 - (ii) KELLY'S MINE area
 - (iii) BULLDOG PASS area in the vicinity of the turn-off to KELLY'S MINE track.
 - (b) 3 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT to PIONEER CREEK with the following roles:-
 - (i) to hold PIONEER CREEK area
 - (ii) to move forward, on orders, to support 23 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (c) 19 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT via STAPLETON to DUMP "A" at 06100480 and then continue SOUTH on foot.
 - (d) 2/6 Aust Cav Regt, under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde as from receipt of the order to move, will move WEST along the MT PLEASANT track as far as possible by MT thence on foot.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
3 Mar 43

REF MAP : PINE CREEK 1/4 miles to 1 inch

NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 60

Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde

1. Should the enemy attempt an invasion from both the DALY RIVER and BYNOE BAY areas you will be ordered to move in accordance with Plan BYNDAL (WET).
2. You will move your Bde as far as possible by MT towards the DALY RIVER via STAPLETON and will then push forward on foot. The entire movement will be executed with all speed, your object being to engage the enemy at the earliest possible moment and at the maximum possible distance WEST of the Main Road.
3. 2/6 Aust Cav Regt, immediately it receives orders from this HQ to move in accordance with Plan BYNDAL(WET) will come under your command.
4. If no contact has been made with the enemy by any of the forces under your command, you will not proceed with your main force beyond road junction 057032 except on specific orders from this HQ. You will, however, patrol vigorously forward of that junction in the direction of the LANDING and the CROSSING.
5. Should 2/6 Aust Cav Regt become engaged with the enemy before 19 Aust Inf Bde, having reached SPRING 061035, has contacted enemy forces on the STAPLETON track, 19 Aust Inf Bde will attack the enemy forces opposing 2/6 Aust Cav Regt.
6. Should 19 Aust Inf Bde become engaged with the enemy before 2/6 Aust Cav Regt, having moved as far WEST as 058031, has made contact with the enemy, 2/6 Aust Cav Regt will attack the forces engaged with 19 Aust Inf Bde.
7. You will ensure that, if either eventuality mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs occurs, you do not leave either of the vital roads open to the enemy advance. To this end you will leave a force of at least one coy or sqn astride the road concerned with instructions to organize a defensive position and patrol forward on either side of the road.
8. You will operate less your carriers and A tk pls which with drs and Nos 1 of guns will remain in your present Bde areas.

R. M. Buchanan
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
3 Mar 43

REF MAP : PINE CREEK 4 miles to 1 inch.

NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 61

Comd 2/6 Aust Cav Regt

1. Should the enemy attempt an invasion from both the DALY RIVER and BYNOE BAY areas you will be ordered to move in accordance with Plan BYNDAL (WET).
2. On receipt of this order you will proceed WEST along the MT PLEASANT track by MT as far as possible and then on foot, to find and engage the enemy as quickly as possible.
3. From the time of receipt at your HQ of orders to move in accordance with paragraph 2, you will come under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde.
4. In conjunction with this Instruction you will read Operation Instruction No 60 addressed Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde.

R. J. Henderson
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
3 Mar 43

REF MAPS : DARWIN AND ENVIRONS 1 inch to 1 mile
(Sheets 4 & 5)

NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 62

Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

1. Should enemy landings take place in both the BYNOE BAY and DALY RIVER areas you will be ordered to act in accordance with PLAN BYNDAL (NET). Your action will then be as follows.
2. Should the period of warning of an enemy landing given this HQ be less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs:
 - (a) One bn 3 Aust Inf Bde will come under your comd on orders from HQ NT FORCE.
 - (b) On orders from this HQ you will move by MT now under your comd via road SOUTHPORT STATION - TUMBLING WATERS and secure general area PIONEER CREEK.
 - (c) You will move forward on foot from PIONEER CREEK to OBSERVATION HILL with strong patrols forward.
 - (d) Subject to your being able to carry out role "c" above you will hold PIONEER CREEK with the one bn of 3 Aust Inf Bde under your comd until 3 Aust Inf Bde arrives to assume comd once more of that bn. Your responsibility for PIONEER CREEK then ceases.
 - (e) During your movement forward you will patrol route to KANGAROO FLAT.
 - (f) You will attack the enemy wherever you find him
 - (g) You will dispose your troop-carrying MT in the area PIONEER CREEK-BLACKMORE CROSSING (900740) to await orders of HQ NT FORCE as to its ultimate disposal.
3. Should the period of warning given this HQ of an enemy landing be more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours:-
 - (a) You will move on orders by MT to seize and hold OBSERVATION HILL, KELLY'S MINE area, BULLDOG PASS area vicinity road and track junction 795775.
 - (b) You will patrol vigorously from areas listed in (a) and attack the enemy when found.
 - (c) You will dispose your troop-carrying MT in the area WEST of PIONEER CREEK to await orders from HQ NT FORCE as to its ultimate disposal.
4. Immediately on receipt of this Instruction you will establish a platoon at PIONEER CREEK with sections patrolling to OBSERVATION HILL and KANGAROO FLAT areas. Sigs 12 Aust Div is arranging telephone communication between the HQ of that platoon and HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
5. You will operate less your carriers and A Tk pls which with drs and Nos 1 of guns will remain in your present Bde areas.
6. Arty under your comd will move forward and operate as part of your force in carrying out the role assigned to you.
7. In conjunction with this Operation Instruction you will read Operation Instruction No 63 issued to Comd 3 Aust Inf Bde.

R. M. [Signature]
Lieutenant,
General Staff.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
3 Mar 43

REF MAP : DARWIN and Environs 1 inch to 1 mile
(Sheets 4 and 5)

NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 63

Comd 3 Aust Inf Bde

1. Should enemy landings take place in both the BYNOE BAY and DALY RIVER areas you will be ordered to act in accordance with PLAN BYNDAL (WET). Your action will then be as follows.
2. Should the period of warning of an enemy landing, given this HQ be less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours:-
 - (a) You will, on orders from HQ NT FORCE, allot one Bn from your Bde to the Comd of 23 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) On orders from HQ NT FORCE, 3 Aust Inf Bde less one bn, will move by MT to TUMBLING WATERS via track SOUTHPORT STA - TUMBLING WATERS.
 - (c) You will be prepared to assist 23 Aust Inf Bde in destroying the enemy in the PIONEER CREEK area if necessary.
 - (d) When 23 Aust Inf Bde, in accordance with Operation Instruction No 62 operates Westward from PIONEER CREEK, you will assume responsibility for PIONEER CREEK area and the detached Bn under comd 23 Aust Inf Bde will revert to your comd.
 - (e) You will patrol SOUTH from ARTHUR'S HILL along the main lines of approach into that area.
 - (f) You will dispose your troop-carrying MT to the EAST of BLACKMORE CROSSING (900740) to await orders from HQ NT FORCE as to its ultimate disposal.
3. Should the period of warning given this HQ of an enemy landing be greater than $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours:-
 - (a) You will move by MT to PIONEER CREEK & dispose your forces to hold that area against enemy attack. You will NOT, however, deploy more than one Bn for this purpose thus retaining two Bns on hand for (b).
 - (b) You will be prepared to support 23 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (c) You will patrol vigorously SOUTH to KANGAROO FLATS.
 - (d) You will dispose your troop-carrying MT to the EAST of BLACKMORE CROSSING to await orders from HQ NT FORCE as to its ultimate disposal.
4. You will operate less your carriers and A tk'pls which with drs and Nos 1 of guns will remain in your present Bde areas.
5. You will move forward with your Bde any arty under your comd.
6. In conjunction with this Instruction you will read Operation Instruction Number 62 addressed Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

R. M. Shepherd
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
4 Mar 43.

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DEFENCE SCHEME -- NT FORCE.

Reference SM/2382/G/D11 of 20 Aug 42.

-1. Until further advised, addressees will substitute attached for present Appendix "D" to the above-mentioned memorandum. This new plan will be known as Plan "KOOLPINYAH" (WET) and will be referred to as such in all orders etc.
2. Original Appendix "D" will not be destroyed, but will be retained for use when present climatic conditions, which render this substitute necessary, no longer prevail.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigadier,
General Staff.

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M O S T S E C R E T.

Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
1 Mar 43.

Reference Maps : DARWIN 4 miles to 1 inch

DARWIN and Environs 1 inch to 1 mile (Sheets 2, 3, 5 and 6).

Plan KOOLPINYAH (Wet)

1. Should the enemy attempt a landing in the ADAM BAY area and up-stream in the ADELAIDE RIVER, the object in the wet season, as in the dry, will be to operate against him as close to his landing places as possible.
2. In order to retain our liberty of manoeuvre, the track junctions at KOOLPINYAH must be controlled by our Forces. The importance of the track junctions at HUMPTY DOO (310880) is diminished in the wet as the communications in that area are not suitable for carrying MT or tracked vehicles.
3. When, therefore, a landing in ADAM BAY is imminent, 23 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT to KOOLPINYAH via HOWARD SPRINGS Road and will hold KOOLPINYAH against any enemy advances from the NARROWS or from KOOLPINYAH LANDING. From there 23 Aust Inf Bde will patrol in strength to the NORTH with the object of engaging the enemy early and destroy him.
4. 3 Aust Inf Bde will move in MT via HOWARD SPRINGS Road to a position in reserve behind 23 Aust Inf Bde, the head of 3 Aust Inf Bde being at track junction (202142), 3 Aust Inf Bde will be prepared to support 23 Aust Inf Bde.
5. The troop-carrying MT of 3 and 23 Inf Bdes will remain with those Bdes until the role of 19 Inf Bde has been decided.
6. 19 Aust Inf Bde will move to the area QUARRY (050012) - MOLLINS LAGOON and will remain mobile ready to
 - (a) move against any enemy who may be attacking the fortress.
 - (b) move in MT on HOWARD SPRINGS Road to support 23 and 3 Inf Bdes.
 - (c) move in support of 23 and 3 Inf Bdes on foot.
7. 2/6 Aust Cav Regt will move to the area of HUGHES FIELD and will remain as a mobile reserve.
8. Adv Op HQ NT Force will move behind 3 Aust Inf Bde and will establish at the 24-mile, EAST of the main NORTH AUSTRALIA Road.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
1 Mar 43.

Reference Maps : DARTWIN 4 miles to 1 inch.

DARTWIN and Environs 1 inch to 1 mile
(Sheets 2, 3, 5 and 6)

MT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.59.

Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde.

(WET)

1. Should Plan KOOLPINYAH be put into force to counter an enemy landing in the ADAM BAY area, your role will be to move your Bde in MT to seize and hold the track junctions at KOOLPINYAH (210180).
2. In order to prevent the enemy from gaining access in strength to the main NORTH-SOUTH Road from the area between KOOLPINYAH LANDING (370170) and the NARROWS (300360), KOOLPINYAH area must be held at all costs.
3. As the enemy may combine a landing at ADAM BAY with other landings either further up-stream or in SHOAL BAY, it is the intention to keep 3 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes centrally disposed and mobile until the direction of the enemy's main threat is ascertained.
4. For this reason you must beware of being engaged early in an offensive action which may draw you towards one of the enemy's landing places and expose the route in from the other.
5. Initially, therefore, your role will be defensive with continuous forward reconnaissance and vigorous patrolling.
6. Should the main enemy advance be found to be via KOOLPINYAH you will immediately be supported by 3 Aust Inf Bde which, with your Bde, will destroy the enemy.

R. M. Shepherd
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 146

(Compiled from information received between
2400 hrs 26 Feb 43 and 1200 hrs 5 Mar 43.)

NOTE : Infm contained in paras marked with sideline will NOT be passed below Edes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this Summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

(i) The EW sector has seen more enemy activity than for some time past. On several occasions one or more EA has reconnoitred the DARWIN area. In most instances cloud cover has made sighting difficult, but it is presumed that these single A/C have either been acting as guides or collecting meteorological data for the raid which ultimately developed. Infm dealing with this event is as follows : -

(ii) 26 Feb : A group of EA were reported to have left DAVAO in the SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. Some landed at KENDARI (CELEBES), others at KOEPANG (TIEOR).
1 Mar : Further EA reached KOEPANG.

(iii) 2 Mar : After a preliminary recce, 12 ZEKES and 3 unidentified fighters came in over BYNOE EAY. Six ZEKES carried out a single-run strafing attack on COOMALLIE strip.

These A/C then divided into two groups; one proceeding NORTH, thence NW; the other WEST, thence NORTH. The six ZEKES then joined the remainder of the JAP formation, the whole force being intercepted soon after by Allied fighters 35 mls NW of POINT CHARLES.

In this engagement 3 ZEKES were shot down and 2 ZEKES, plus 1 unidentified EA, damaged. Our loss was NIL.

(iv) On 26 Feb and 3 and 4 Mar, recce of the DARWIN - BATCHELOR area was made by EA. Only on two latter dates were sightings made. AA guns opened fire but NO hits were scored.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

Several ops had to be abandoned owing to thick weather, but these following were carried out : -

(i) As a result of reports concerning concentration of EA at PENPOEI (KOEPANG) - already referred to - a strafing attack was carried out by Allied A/C on 26 Feb. Losses sustained by the enemy were 2 bombers and 8 fighters destroyed and 10 - 15 A/C of various kinds damaged. Our A/C returned without loss.

(ii) 1 Mar : Allied A/C carried out an armed recce of BIMA and WAINGAPUS (SCERBA IS.).

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(iii) 3 Mar : Both TORGAL (KEI IS) and DORO (AROE IS) were attacked by Allied A/C. Bombs dropped on each target started fires.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

(i) It has been apparent for some time that the JAPS have NOT been using their full air strength in SWPA. Reasons for this are unknown, but, judging by the amount of work being carried out on the enlargement of old and creation of new landing fields, the enemy must hope eventually to balance his present inferiority in the air.

(ii) Excluding landing grounds at LAE, SALAMUA and the immediate vicinity, the enemy is carrying out considerable constructional work at : -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (NORTH Coast) : WAKDE IS, HOLLANDIA.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA

1. Mainland : WEWAK, MADANG, ALEXISHAFEN, PISCHKEAFEN.
2. NEW BRITAIN : CAPE GLOUCESTER, ARAWA, CASNATA, TALASEA and RAFAUL.
3. NEW IRELAND : KAVIRING.

(iii) Minor raids were carried out on MILNE BAY installations on 23 Feb and 1 Mar. NO damage or casualties were caused.

(iv) Details concerning fighter cover provided for the large enemy convoy destroyed in the BISMARCK SEA are incomplete, but it would appear from info to hand that at least 50 EA were either shot down or damaged.

(b) Our Own Air Activity

A week which has been devoted to continuous bombing and strafing of enemy installations too numerous to mention in detail has finished on a high note.

Reports concerning the JAP convoy of 18 - 22 vessels sighted on 23 Feb NORTH of NEW BRITAIN are still confused, but it would appear that, with the exception of two, all merchant ships and five or six destroyers were sunk with very small loss to ourselves.

This is explained in part by info from naval sources which shows the weight which Allied air forces in SWPA can now bring to bear when necessary.

Portion of the JAP convoy mentioned above was attacked on 3 Mar off LAE by 20 B-17s, 32 B-25s, 12 A-20s and 13 Beaufighters. In this action the convoy was accounted for; 21 - 23 EA destroyed and 4 damaged.

(c) Land Operations

(1) NEW - LUND : By 25 Feb 150 of the enemy were moving from the BITOI RIVER towards WIPALI with our fwd elements picking off stragglers. Of three strong offensive patrols carried out by our forces in the BITOI RIVER - WIPALI area, one pushed fwd along the

spur running down to NEMDE R, between ARUANE and RAIPALI. Cks without gaining contact. Another examined the area SOUTH of BIRAI RIVER, finding signs of recent occupation, while the third adv to RAIPALI Village itself. One other patrol cleared the country to the junction of the ELICKET and BUKA RIVER tracks.

(ii) The area SOUTH of the BIRAI RIVER was reported clear of JAPS by 27 Feb, the enemy then being established along the GUNAKASEL ridge and on the spur running SOUTH of the SADDLE.

At that date our own tps were in posns covering the RAIPALI-RAIPALI spurs, and along the track between HOUSE KASHU and HOUSE BORUS - about 3 mls from GUNAKASEL SADDLE. No general action has yet been reported.

(iii) From 25 Jan to 28 Feb 660 JAPS are stated to have been killed and 73 captured along the BUKA - CAPE WARD HUNT coast-line.

(iv) In what has come to be called the Four River Area - KURUSI, OPI, KANSARE and WAKIA - isolated parties of JAPS are still at large in the mangrove cks which form the deltas of these streams.

Not long ago reports spoke of contact being maintained between SALAMUA and these scattered enemy tps by submarine, but it is NOT considered that this form of blockade running is likely to continue indefinitely.

3. SOLONCHS

(a) Activity in the SOLONCHS continues to be in the air, with attacks by Allied A/C upon JAP shipping and air installations at BUKA and BUKA - PAISI, and aerodromes at KUNDA in NEW GEORGIA and VILA on KOLONKANGARA IS.

(b) Total enemy shipping tonnage observed has NOT been excessive, although fast convoys ("TOKIO EXPRESS") continue to arrive at BUKA and BUKA periodically.

4. APPENDICES

Appendix A

Description of JAP 75 mm mobile AA gun - type 88.

Appendix B

JAP 75 mm AA fuze - type 89.

Appendix C

Sketch and description of JAP Stick Grenade.

Brigadier,
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APPENDIX "A" TO HT FORCE
INT SUMMARY NO 146.

JAPANESE 75 mm MOBILE AA GUN - TYPE 88

The following information has been extracted from a Captured Japanese document :

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF GUN

(a) GENERAL

Muzzle velocity : 2360 feet per second
Increase of muzzle velocity for each 1 degree rise in temperature : 2 ft 9 1/2 ins.
Increase of muzzle velocity for each 1% decrease in weight of projectile : 4 ft 3 ins.
Maximum altitude : 29,000 ft.
Maximum range : 15,100 yards.
Rate of fire : 20 rds per minute.
Maximum fuse setting : 30 seconds.

(b) BARREL

Calibre : 75 mm (2.95 ins)
Overall length (muzzle to breech) : 10 ft 10.4 ins
Rifling (uniform RIGHT Hand twist decreasing towards the muzzle) : angle of inclination 7 degs.
Weight of barrel (with breech) : 1063 lbs.

(c) GUN CARRIAGE

Width of track (space between tyre centres) : 5 ft 4 ins
Height of axle above rd (in firing position) : 5 ft 1 in
Weight of gun cradle : 523 1/2 lbs
Weight of gun carriage, slide and base : 3728 lbs
Elevation : 0 degs to 85 degs
Traverse : 360 degs

Normal amount of recoil : 4 ft 7 ins - 1 ft 11 1/2 ins
Firing angle : 0 deg - 50 deg
Recoil : 235 ft

(d) RECOIL AND COUNTER RECOIL MECHANISM

Type of liquid

Anti-Freeze, 1t lubricating oil

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Amount of air in the air

Normal initial pressure of air
in the chamber of the gun is 209.5 lbs - 1220.5 lbs

(a) LA TEE OR

Smallest graduation of horizontal
scale

1.15 mils (1/640th of circum-
ference).

Smallest graduation of telescope
mounting

(Horizontal : 2 mils (1/3200
of circumference)).
(Vertical : 2 mils (1/3200
of circumference)).

Smallest graduation of fan-shaped
scale

(Sighting angle : 17.772 mils
(1 deg)).
(Elevation : 100 metres
(328' 5")).

Smallest graduation of clinometer

1.111 mils (1/16 of degree)

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF 75 mm AA SHELL - TYPE 90 (POINTED)

(a) CARTRIDGE

Weight of complete cartridge

: 19 lbs 13 ozs

Propellant charge

: Type No 3, in thin lathes
15 ins long and 3/5 ins wide
of dark green colour.
Analysis - (info obtained
locally)

97% Nitro Cellulose
3% Mineral Jelly

Weight of propellant charge

: 3 lbs 3 ozs

Ignition or "booster" charge

: In cloth sack fitted to mill-
board cup which fits into
cartridge case around primer
boss.

Analysis - (info obtained
locally)

Potassium nitrate : 75.13
Charcoal : 13.92
Sulphur : 10.35
Organic Binder
(by difference) : .7%

(b) PROJECTILE

Weight of HE projectile

: 14 lbs 6 ozs

Explosive charge (in projectile)

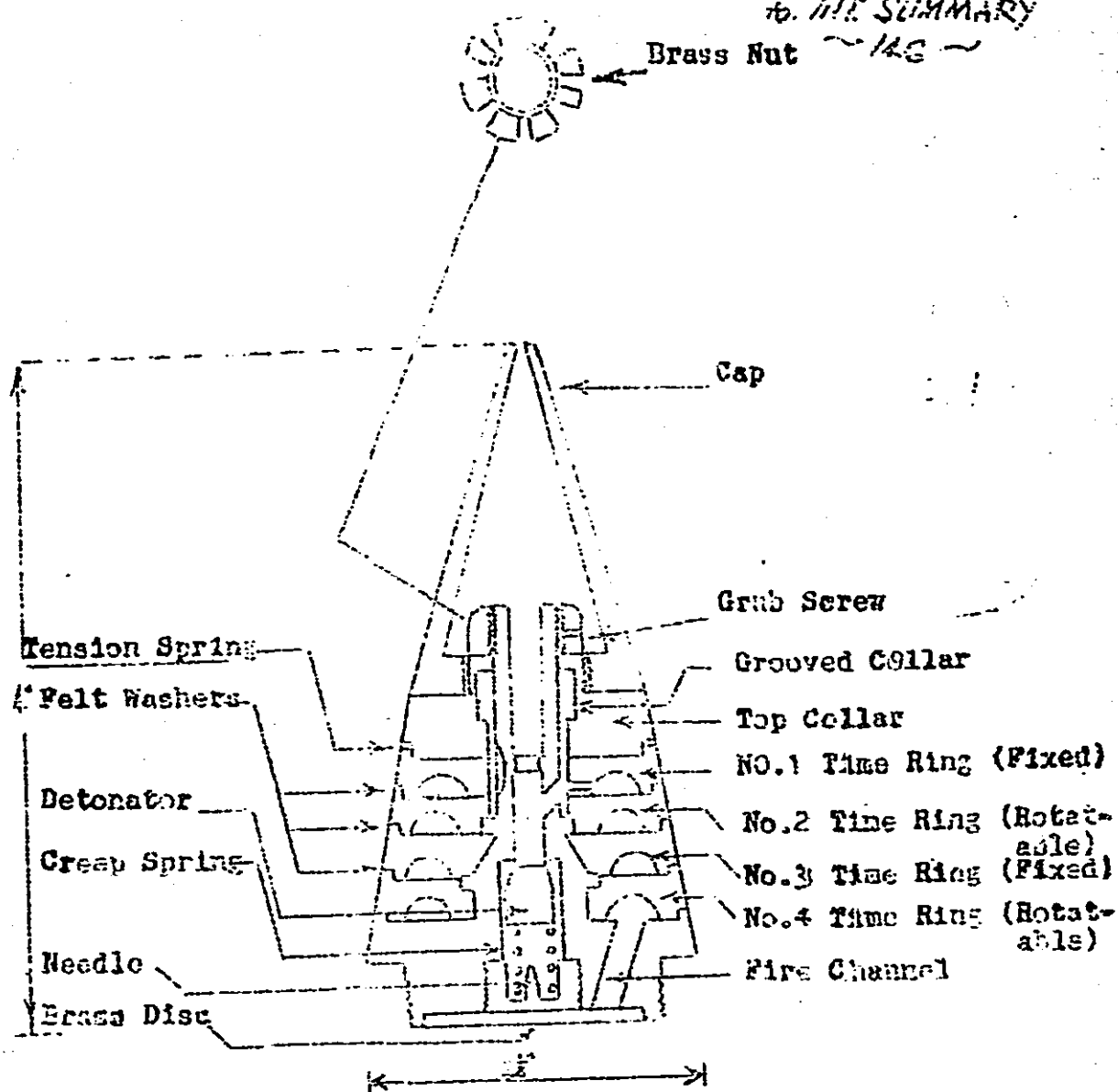
: Trinitrotoluene (fully filled
and melted); Amatol (fully
filled and compressed).

Weight of explosive charge

: 13 1/2 ozs

7mm AA FUSE TYPE 80

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to IIT SUMMARY



Reproduced above is a diagrammatic sketch showing the fuse of a Japanese 7mm AA Shell, specimens of which were captured in the SOPHIA area. The fuse and shells are identical with the types used at GUADALCANAL.

Action of the fuse as follows:

On shock of discharge the detonator sets back, over comes creep spring, and is pierced by the needle. The detonator is fired and the flash passes through the flash hole in the brass stem, and ignites the fuse composition in No 1 time ring. In each case the top ring, after burning for its set period, ignites the ring immediately below it. Nos 1 and 3 rings burn anti-clockwise, and Nos 2 and 4 burn clockwise. The rings burn around until after an interval of time determined by the fuse setting, the flame reaches the gun powder in the fire channel, and then in turn the gunpowder in the magazine. The powder in the magazine ignites, and the flash passes through the base of the fuse to the gaine, and the gaine in turn detonates the shell filling.

JAP STICK GRENADE

(Captured WAA Area)

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Screw Cap



METHOD OF USE:

Remove screw metal cap on end of handle-take out wire ring but do not pull cord, place middle finger through wire ring, holding handle until it is desired to throw grenade- then throw, still retaining the cord by wire ring.

ACTION.

When grenade is thrown, string is pulled out of composition in top of igniter and split the fuse, which can be heard hissing (from approx 25 yards) while in flight. The fuse burns for about 4 seconds before grenade bursts. No details are yet known as to the effectiveness of this weapon.

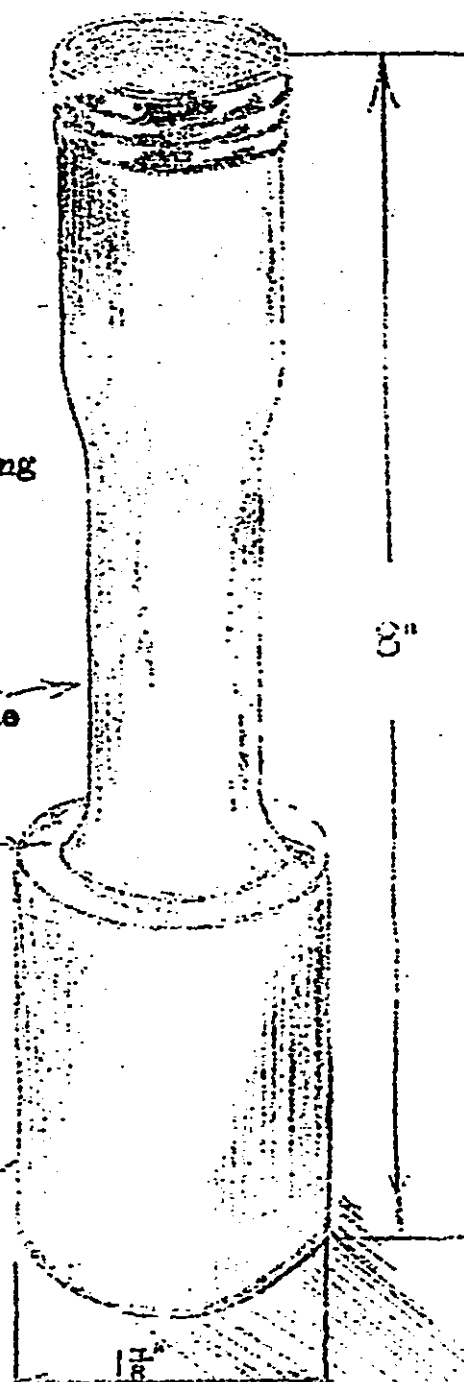
Cord

Wire Ring

Wooden Handle

Wax

Cast Iron Pot



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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
9 Mar 43

ET FORCE GS INSTRUCTION No 36

1. Unless operationally essential, SAA will not be carried on the INDIVIDUAL travelling by train between IARRIMAH-DARWIN or vice versa.
2. In the case of units moving in by train IARRIMAH-DARWIN, and in possession of SAA, that ammunition will be carried in bulk on the train.
3. Units moving out by train DARWIN-IARRIMAH will not take ammunition unless so ordered by this HQ, in which case that ammunition will be carried in bulk on the train.
4. Arrangements for the collection of ammunition from individuals arriving at IARRIMAH for onward move will be initiated immediately.

~~William H. Major~~
1- Brigadier,
General Staff.

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NT FORCE.
11 Mar 43.

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DISTRIBUTION LISTS - GENERAL STAFF

- ... 1. Attached hereto is a copy of amended General Staff Distribution Lists 'A', 'B', and 'C'.
2. Formations and Units will advise this HQ immediately of any changes required in the number of copies as shown in each list.
3. It should be borne in mind, that, in the interests of security and economy, the aim should be to produce a minimum number of copies in the distribution of any instruction or letter. For this reason formations and units will advise this HQ at once should they be receiving more copies on any list than is absolutely necessary.

H. H. Hingman Major
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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GS DISTRIBUTION LISTS

SERIAL No.	FORMATION OR UNIT	LIST 'A'	LIST 'B'	LIST 'C'
1	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	1	5
2	RAA 12 Aust Div	1	6	19
3	RAE 12 Aust Div	1	5	8
4	Sigs 12 Aust Div	1	3	4
5	2/1 Aust Air Support Control	1	1	1
6	3 Aust Inf Bde	1	4	23
7	19 Aust Inf Bde	1	5	22
8	23 Aust Inf Bde	1	5	26
9	DARWIN Fortress Area	1	17	14
10	2/8 Aust Indep Coy	1	1	1
11	N A O U	1	1	1
12	'D' Soc FSS	1	1	1
13	7 Aust A L Sec	1	1	1
14	7 Aust Fd Svy Sec	1	1	1
15	HT Force A R D	1	3	10
16	HT Force Trg School	1	2	3
17	11 L of C Sub-Area	1	1	10
18	14 L of C Sub-Area	1	1	40
19	14A L of C Sub-Area	1	1	1
20	Naval HQ DARWIN	1	1	2
21	R A A F HT Area	1	1	2
22	US Base Soc No 1	1	1	1
23	Comd	1	1	1
24	'G'	2	2	2
25	'I'	1	1	1
26	C S O	2	2	2
27	'Q'	1	3	3
28	Brig i/c Adm	1	3	23
29	Camp Comdt	2	2	2
30	GAASC	1	5	5
31	ADMS (Fd Tps)	1	6	9
32	ADOS (Fd Tps)	1	1	1
33	DADME (Fd Tps)	1	1	1
34	File	1	1	1
35	War Diary	2	2	2

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10 Mar 43.

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UNIT CENSOR STAMPS - CENSUS

1. In order that records may be checked and a census of ALL Unit Censor Stamps, both AIF and CMF, may be taken, HQ Formations and L of C Sub Areas will forward to this HQ by 25 Mar 43 a certificate as per pro forma, sub-pended hereto, showing the individual number and type of all Unit Stamps held by Units under their Command.
2. Full security precautions will be taken in the collection and recording of these certificates, both at Units and Formation HQ.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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CENSUS OF UNIT CENSOR STAMPS

I certify that the following unit censor stamps are held on charge

AIF.....

AMF.....

Other Kinds (give details).....

(The identifying number of each stamp must be shown).

Date.....

Signature.....

Rank.....

UNIT.

This form must be forwarded by return under MOST SECRET cover.

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10/12 Aust Div	4	ADMS (Pd Tps)	13
11/12 Aust Div	5	Air Liaison Sec	20
12/12 Aust Div	6	LAD Svy	21
13/12 Aust Div	7	RT Force School	22
23 Aust Inf Bde	8	ARD	25
2/8 Indep Coy	9	ADS & T	24
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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
11 Mar 43.

NT FORCE GS INSTRUCTION No.31.
PERMANENT DANGER AREAS -- SMALL ARMS RANGES.

1. The following additions are to be included in Appendix 'A' of GS Instruction No.31 as set out hereunder :--

U N I T	REFERENCE MAP	DANGER AREA	FIREING POINT	REMARKS
Rear HQ NT Force	ADELAIDE RIVER AREA 4 inches to 1 mile		134150 bearing 130°	
11 Aust Fd Regt	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE River 1 inch	114492 114490 114489 114486	114490	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt (REQ)	ditto	091397 091407 091407	091397 bearing 10°	
233 Aust Lt AA Bty	ditto	113442 113444 113446	113442 bearing 315°	
2 Aust Lt AA Bty	PINE CREEK 4 mls to 1 inch	121013 120013 120012	121013 bearing 229°	
233 Aust Lt AA Bty	ditto	089025 089025 088024	089025 bearing 235°	
2/4 Aust Pmr Bn	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIVER 1 in to 1 ml		112498 bearing 90° 135510 " 320° 113484 " 228° 113479 " 113° 113487 " 282°	Miniature 25 yd ranges.
4 Aust Inf Bn	Ditto	105246 105243 102237 099243	105243	
17 Aust Fd Amb	Ditto	134410 134410 134416 134416		
NOIC DARWIN	DARWIN 1 inch sketch (a) (b)	line 7940982 to 79041007	bearing 320° 7940995 bearing 320°	650 yard ranges firing seawards.

2. The same instructions as specified in GS Instruction No 31 will apply.

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15 Mar 43.

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RIVER CROSSINGS.

1. Experiments have recently been conducted by 111 Aust Con Depot in the use of the service waterbottle as a flotation agent for troops in river crossings.
2. The results obtained were as follows:--
 - (a) The water bottle was emptied, the stopper securely replaced and the bottle fastened high up between the man's legs. The added buoyancy gave greater confidence and allowed full equipment to be carried.
 - (b) Two water bottles were taken, emptied, the stoppers replaced, and the bottles fastened together by means of a web brace. The brace was passed across the man's chest and the bottles under his arm pits, thus forming a set of "water-wings". The "water-wings" supported a non-swimmer with ease. In this case it would be necessary for swimmers to loan non-swimmers their water bottles pre t.m. .
3. Care must, of course, be taken that water bottles can be replenished after a crossing by either of these means has been effected.
4. It is suggested that units experiment with these methods and compare them with that set out in ATM No 17, para 17 of Nov 42.

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6. APPENDIX

THESE APPENDICES TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF 1954 ARE :

(a) Appendix I : The names of the persons travelling with the Commission during the field work in the various countries visited, and the names of the persons who acted as guides or interpreters.

(b) Appendix II : The names of the persons who acted as guides or interpreters in the various countries visited.

(c) Appendix III : The names of the persons who acted as guides or interpreters in the various countries visited.

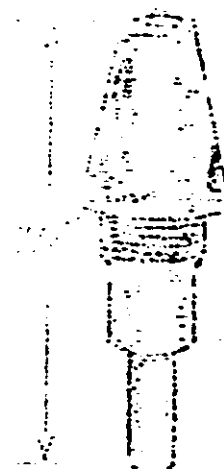
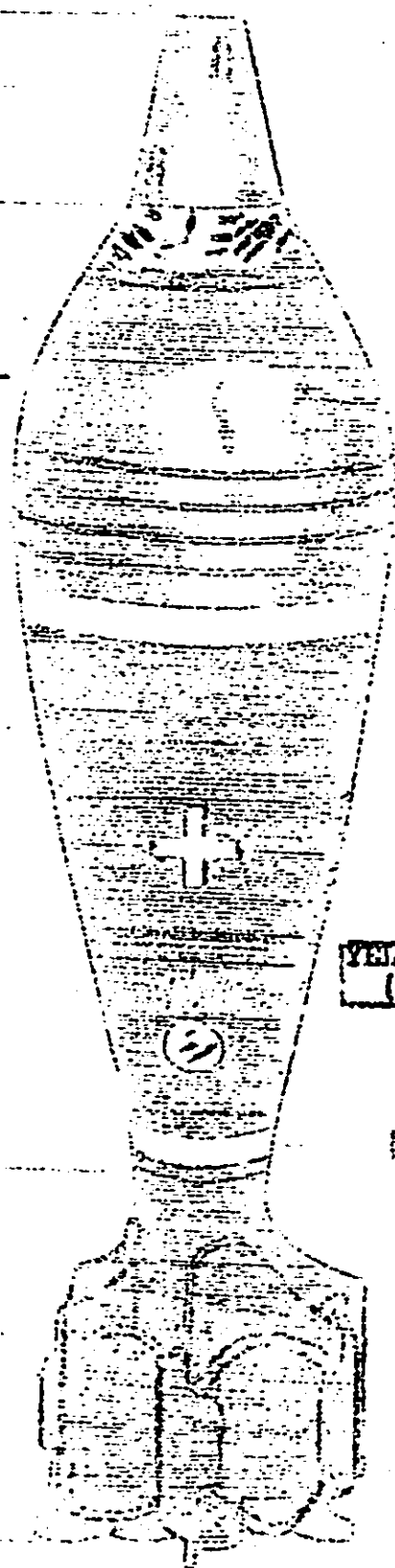
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JAPANESE 81MM MORTAR BOMB

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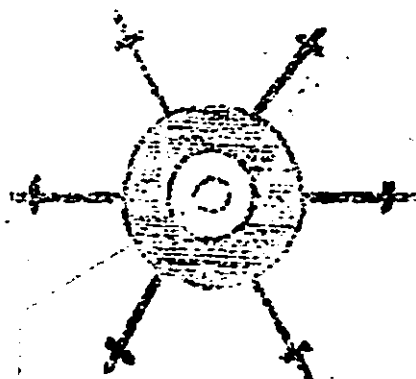
FUZE

DISCHARGER
OR MORTAR
MARCH 1939

WEIGHT : 6 1/2 LB

YELLOW BAND
(H E)

WHITE BAND



TAIL UNIT
DIAMETER : 80 mm.

PRIMARY CHARGE
Diameter .31ins

FLASH PORTS
(3 Between Each Fin)

SECONDARY CHARGES 6

WEIGHT : 6 15 15 OZ

Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
16 Mar 43
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

1. Daylight Saving Time will cease throughout AUSTRALIA on 28 Mar 43 and time reckoning will revert to Standard Time.
2. In order to effect this change throughout NT FORCE, at 0200 hrs (Local Daylight Saving Time) on 28 Mar 43 all timepieces will be retarded one hour, thus to read 0100 hrs (Standard Time).

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List 'A'

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SCHEDULE OF COURSES FOR APRIL 1943 - NT FORCE SCHOOL

COURSE	No of working days	Date of commencement	Students Report	VACANCIES	ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
<u>Co 16 Pl Works</u> Vacancies for NCOs of all arms	14	19 Apr	18 Apr	2/6 Aust Cav Regt (1) AASC 12 Aust Div (3) RAA 12 Aust Div (1) 14 L of C Subarea (2) RAE 12 Aust Div (5) 14A " " " (2) 5 Aust CE (Wks) (3) 11 " " " (2) Frt Comd (3) A R D (1) 13 Aust Inf Bde (4) 19 Aust Inf Bde (4) 23 Aust Inf Bde (4) Total: <u>36</u>	One student per unit to bring prismatic compass and protractor.
<u>SIGNAL WING</u>	21	6 Apr	5 Apr	As detailed by G S O.	
<u>Co 17 Map Reading</u> For Offrs and Senior NCOs	14	19 Apr	18 Apr	2/6 Aust Cav Regt - Offrs 1 NCO(s) RAA 12 Aust Div 1 " 2 " RAE 12 Aust Div - " 1 " 13 Aust Inf Bde 1 " 3 " 19 Aust Inf Bde 1 " 3 " 23 Aust Inf Bde 1 " 3 " Frt Comd - " 2 " 2/1 Aust Air Sp Control - " 1 " AASC 12 Aust Div 1 " 1 " 5 Aust CE (Wks) - " 2 " 14 L of C Subarea 1 " 1 " 14A " " " 1 " 1 " 11 " " " 1 " 1 " <u>8</u> <u>22</u>	One student from each of the following to bring prismatic compass and service protractor: RAA; 13, 19 & 23 Aust Inf Bdes. All students to bring soft and hard lead and coloured pencils. All students to have had previous experience in map reading.
<u>2 Weapon Training</u>	28	5 Apr	4 Apr	2/6 Aust Cav Regt (1) AASC 12 Aust Div (2) RAA 12 Aust Div (3) 5 Aust CE (Wks) (1) RAE 12 Aust Div (1) 14 L of C Subarea (4) 13 Aust Inf Bde (1) 14A " " " (4) 19 Aust Inf Bde (3) 11 " " " (3) 23 Aust Inf Bde (8) A R D (1) Frt Comd (2) N A O U (2) 2/8 Aust Indep Coy (1) Total: 50	Students to have had experience in rifle, Bron, Lewis, TSMF, grenades. The aim of the course is to teach NCOs to be instrs. Each student will remain at the school to attend Junior Leaders Course commencing 10 Oct 43 duration 28 working days.

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HEADQUARTERS,
NT FORCE:
18 Mar 43.

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NT FORCE SCHOOL

1. Attached is one copy of the Schedule of Courses to be held at NT Force School, WIMBELLIE, for month ending 30 Apr 43.
2. Every endeavour must be made to fill all vacancies allotted. If all vacancies cannot be filled NT Force will be notified immediately.
3. Nominal rolls will be forwarded direct to NT Force School at least three days before the joining date of each course.

CHS Yebock Capt
Brigadier,
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:-

25 Aust Cav Regt	1
12 Aust Div	8
RAE 12 Aust Div	5
5 Aust CE (Wks)	1
1 Aust Pd Svy Sec	1
Sigs 12 Aust Div	1
Sigs 2 of C NT Force	1
Frt Comd	6
13 Aust Inf Bde	5
19 Aust Inf Bde	6
23 Aust Inf Bde	5
4ASC 12 Aust Div	6
11 L of C Sub-Area	5
14 L of C Sub-Area	1
14A L of C Sub-Area	1
NT Force School	3
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Adv Reinf Depot	1
Comd	1
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ADMS	6
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Camp Comdt (Rear)	1
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For Information:-

HQ Allied Land Forces	5
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Co 12 Cooking	28	8 Apr	7 Apr	2/5 Asst Cdr Regt (1) Plt 12 Asst Dir (1) Plt 12 Asst Dir (2) Sigs 12 L of C (1) Plt 12 Asst Dir (1) Plt 12 Asst	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
No 2 Driving & Maintenance For Drs MT	14	25 Apr	24 Apr	13 Aust Inf Bde (6) 14 L of : Subarea (1) 19 Aust Inf Bde (6) 14 " " " (1) 23 Aust Inf Bde (6) 11 " " " (1) AASC 12 Aust Div (10) Total: 10	As for No 1 D & M Course.
No 2 Regimental Police Duties	7	12 Apr	11 Apr	RAA 12 Aust Div (2) RAE 12 Aust Div (2) 13 Aust Inf Bde (10) 19 Aust Inf Bde (10) 23 Aust Inf Bde (10) Frt Comd (2) AASC 12 Aust Div (2) Total: 10	Students will report to HQ 12 Aust Div Pro Coy. Each student will bring one m/o (This is essential), no books and pencils. Subjects to be covered incl control of convoys, mvt onto and off roads, traffic signs, use of signals, riding, rd blockages, reports.
No 1 MME Course For personnel from Carrier pls	14	19 Apr	18 Apr	Frt Comd (3) 2/6 Aust Cav Bgt (3) 13 Aust Inf Bde (9) 19 Aust Inf Bde (9) 23 Aust Inf Bde (9) Total: 3	Students will bring SAT Vol 1 P 7, notebooks and pencils.

NOTE: The following courses which commenced in Mar 43 will be completed during Apr 43 (vide 5510/G/811):-

No 11 Cooking Course

No 16 Map Reading Course

No 7 Camouflage Course

No 11 Stretcher Bearers Course

No 15 Fd Wks Course

No 3 Intelligence Course.

The inclusion of the following courses in May 43 Schedule of Courses may be anticipated:-

Mortar Course

Section Leaders Course

Junior Officers Course - Fd Units

Snipers Course.

Chaplains Course

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
18 Mar 43

SM/5945/G/D11

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NT FORCE DEFENCE SCHEME

Reference our SM/4922/G/D11 of 17 Jan 43.

1. General amendment to NT FORCE Defence Scheme:

"Throughout NT FORCE Defence Scheme amend "3 Aust Inf Bde" to read "13 Aust Inf Bde"

2. Amend Plan SIOAL (WET) as follows:-

Paragraph 5, line 1 --

After "23 Aust Inf Bde Gp," insert : "and 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp"

After "will" insert : "each"

Delete : "its"

Paragraph 7, line 1 --

Delete : "13 Aust Inf Bde Gp and"

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
22 Mar 43.
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DEFERRED CATEGORY FOR SIGNAL MESSAGES.

1. It is advised that a "DEFERRED" category of signal messages vide GRO G190/1943 has been introduced for messages of a routine nature where the time factor is not urgent.
2. Messages in the "DEFERRED" category will be transmitted over usual signal operating channels only when all "ORDINARY" and "PRIORITY" traffic has been cleared. All "DEFERRED" traffic on hand at the closing time of a DRLS will be routed by the signal office through DRLS channel to the receiving signal office concerned.
3. The existing signal "COURIER RUN" provides a satisfactory channel of communication within the Field Force area and, therefore, "DEFERRED" category messages will not be introduced within NT Force, except as stated in para 4 below.
4. The use of the "DEFERRED" category message will be restricted to communication between -

(a) NT Force and 11 and 14A L of C Subareas;

(b) NT Force and LHQ or HQs of L of C Areas.

W. H. Beck
Brigadier.
General Staff.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
23 Mar 43
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TRAINING IDEAS

1. Advice has been received that LHQ proposes to publish a periodical bulletin to be known as "TRAINING IDEAS". This bulletin will contain suggestions for trial, requests for opinion, items of training as they crop up, and latest methods and tactics from the various fighting fronts.

2. This bulletin is intended purely as a stimulant to thought and as a means of rapid transmission of ideas. It will not lay down any doctrine nor will it replace in any way the present training manuals and instructions.

3. In order that we may contribute to this bulletin, units are asked to submit to HQ NT FORCE:-

- (a) any posers they may have; if the answer cannot be supplied by this HQ, the poser will be forwarded to LHQ.
- (b) any ideas they may have tried and found good.

... 4. Edition No 1 of LHQ Training Ideas is attached.

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List "B"

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General Staff.

March 1943.

PISTOL TRAINING.

Queries have been raised recently by certain units with respect to the correctness of specific details laid down in SAT Vol. I, Pamphlet No. 11. Many of these queries are in connection with the "Ready Position." The detail given in the Pamphlet mentioned is clear and unambiguous.

It must be appreciated by all concerned that, particularly during a war period, radical and far-reaching changes are likely to be introduced into training details as the result of experience. It is conceded that the method of having the right foot forward when using the pistol in the right hand, is very suitable when carrying out practice against a target on the range but the later methods are more in keeping with the use of the pistol on service and its characteristics.

A 1943 edition of the Pistol Pamphlet is in course of production and caters for all types of pistols. In this, the "Ready Position" allows for either foot to be advanced slightly, the pistol being held in the centre of the body, pointing towards the target. Whilst the position of the foot is immaterial, the method adopted at the S.A. in elementary instruction, is to advance the left foot when using the pistol in the right hand. This caters more effectively for a comfortable position. With practice and experience, a firer can develop a position suitable for his build.

The modern development in Pistol shooting is SPEED. Targets are only engaged at relatively short ranges -- in moments of great mental excitement -- under stress -- of fleeting opportunity or in semi- or total darkness. The essential requirements are therefore --

- Absolute control of the weapon.
- Instinctive shooting.
- Confidence.
- Determination to kill.

At close ranges (under 10 yards) the pistol is fired from a position only slightly above and forward of the "Ready Position." At ranges of 10 yards and over, the pistol may be raised higher.

Experience has shown that the "Centre of body position" is the most practical one to adopt. Vital hits on a "man target", can be obtained by this method at close range.

All personnel armed with the pistol should realise that efficiency in its use can only be obtained by constant and intelligent practice. Empty pistol practice is an essential factor in this regard.

SMALL ARMS TRAINING.

The following changes, to agree with British Army Methods, are being incorporated in the revised SAT pamphlets, now in the course of production and to be issued shortly.

(a) R I F L E

Magazine always loaded with two chargers unless specific order given to the contrary, i.e., for Range R. rifles, etc. In such cases the number of rounds are specified "..... rounds, Load!"

Safety catch only applied --

- i. On loading
- ii. On order - "Rest"
- iii. Before movement
- iv. In the "Position of Observation" using cover
- v. In the position "Behind Cover"

Quickening and Strengthening Exercises re-introduced.

(b) FIRE CONTROL ORDERS (Infantry Section)

Designation of Section, i.e. "No. 1 Section" implies that the gun only is required to fire. Should the whole section be required to engage the same target, the designation of the unit is followed by that statement, i.e. "No. 1 Section, Gun and Riflemen." The same principle is employed when rifle fire only is required, i.e. "No. 1 Section, Rifleman only."

(b) FIRE CONTROL ORDERS (Infantry Section) (contd)

IMG will invariably fire Single Shots until Automatic is ordered (or required).

Orders for fire are "Fire!" -- or "Bursts, Fire!" or "Rapid, Fire" controlled by "Stop!" Number of rounds not mentioned unless the Sec Comd, for a particular reason, considers it desirable.

Rates for IMG --

SLOW - About a magazine a minute if firing bursts.
Up to a magazine a minute if firing Single Rounds.

RAPID - Four magazines per minute.

The above (para (b)) will in addition to amending SAT Vol.I Pamphlet 2 also clear up the variation between this pamphlet and "Infantry Minor Tactics," page 65 paragraph 36.

(c) SUB - MACHINE GUN

When not in actual contact with the enemy, the weapon will be carried with the magazine on, breech empty, working parts eased forward.

Single Round firing is the normal. Bursts reserved for an emergency situation, then of 2 or 3 rounds only. Weapon is set to produce automatic fire - firer "taps" single shots until necessity for automatic arises.

Targets up to about 25 yards are engaged by "sense of Direction" from the waist position.

(d) ANTI - AIRCRAFT

19° "lead" for Crossing planes flying parallel to our position. Reduce "lead" according to angle of enemy plane.

"Hose-pipe" method, from the thigh (kneeling) or waist (standing) normally adopted with IMG. One round of tracer to three of Mk VII used. Bring the IMG from the shoulder (standing or kneeling) adopted when tracer not available.

NOTES ON NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

(Prepared by two officers who went right through the fighting in the OWEN STANLEY RANGE Area)

1. Although there are special aspects of Jungle Warfare needing specialised training, the fundamentals laid down in I.T. 1937 still apply.

2. Before you can become efficient in jungle tactics you must first overcome the fear of the UNSEEN and this is only possible by employing bold tactics and by that confidence in oneself, one's weapons, and one's leaders, which can only come by good training.

3. Jungle tactics can aptly be described as two blind men playing draughts, neither can see the other but both must be fully conversant with the boards and the draughtsmen.

First essentials in jungle warfare are a BATTLE PROCEDURE within the unit or sub-unit which is fully understood by all ranks and early appreciation of strength and direction of enemy fire.

5. Successful tactics in the jungle still remain the commonsense application of weapons to ground.

6. The impetus of an attack depends almost entirely on the Section Leader who must use far more initiative and accept far more responsibility than in open country warfare. Platoon and Company control, however, remain possible and are essential.

7. Difficulties of obtaining information are fully realised but greater efforts should be made to get all available information to forward troops. Individual initiative is essential but cannot be expected to be exercised in the right direction unless every soldier is kept well informed.

Platoons must also realise that it is on their information that operations are based--lack of early and reliable information from forward Platoons may vitally affect a situation.

8. SUPPORT WEAPONS

(a) Vickers MG.

The Vickers MG although not used as per text-book (at long ranges, making use of enfilade and defilade) can be used in forward areas as a close support weapon. Advantages are :--

- Volume of fire.
- Best zone.
- Cuts own fire lanes.
- Even though in forward position can be well concealed.

(b) 3-INCH Mortar.

The 3-inch Mortar proved a fine support weapon during the campaign. When operating within range of JAPANESE Heavy Mortar or Field Piece, it should not be fired more than twice from the same position owing to the accuracy of the JAPANESE counter-battery work. For CP and burst see (c).

(c) Artillery (25-pounder)

The artillery support received during the latter stages of the advance was good. The effectiveness of 3-inch Mortar and 25-Pounder shoots was largely governed by density of the trees. At SOPUTA where the timber was fairly dense about 50 of the bombs and shells burst in the tree-tops and were of course no use against JAPANESE dug-in positions. CP work for mortar or artillery was extremely difficult, often observation being impossible. Ranging and area shoots were done by sound only, although bombs were landing 50 yards away no observation could be made but the squeals of the JAPANESE indicated if the bombs or shells were landing in the target area.

() Discharger Cup

The BY Rifle although seldom used is a most useful close support weapon. A greater degree of safety and accuracy can be obtained if the base plate is loosened before firing the grenade. This has the effect of increasing the range and allowing the grenade freedom of flight through the trees.

() Hand Grenades

Apart from normal use in attack, hand grenades were mostly used at night as they do not disclose fire positions or weapon pits. In attacking down slope better results can be obtained if the grenades are bowled instead of thrown.

The principle of application of weapons to ground still remains applicable in close country but there is a strong tendency to ignore elementary appreciation of ground which immediately invites trouble.

Appreciation of ground in close country differs little from that of open country but the following factors should be given additional emphasis :

- Bends in tracks
- Open spaces
- Kunai
- Rivers or creek crossing
- Tops of ridges
- High ground
- Skylines.

In NEW GUINEA, tracks frequently go along the top of ridges and therefore tops of ridges become important in close country. On tracks the only tactical features which can be used to assist attacks are :--

- High ground to flank of track.
- Ridges running at right angles to track.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
23 Mar 43.

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NT FORCE SCHOOL

D & M COURSES FOR DRIVERS MT.

1. The above series of four courses will be held at NT Force School. Details of dates of commencement, allotment of vacancies, etc., will be found in Schedule of Courses.
2. Object. To train Drivers MT in routine maintenance and particularly in convoy work and general practical driving.
3. Selection of Students. Students will hold Army licences for Types 1A, 1B, 2A. (AAFG11 Revised Mar 42).
4. Vehicles. The following vehicles for each course will be supplied as shown :-

RAA 12 Aust Div	Tractors Arty LP No 3 or 3A	1
13 Aust Inf Bde	Trucks 30 cwt	2
19 Aust Inf Bde	" " "	2
23 Aust Inf Bde	" " "	2
AASC 12 Aust Div	" 3 ton	5
Q	Portee 2 pr A Tk	1

Vehicles will be delivered to the school on the date of reporting for students.

MS Shebeck Capt
Brigadier.
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION :-

2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	14 L of C Sub Area	1
RAA 12 Aust Div	6	14A L of C Subarea	1
RAE 12 Aust Div	5	NT Force School	3
5 Aust CE (Wks)	1	N A O U	1
1 Aust Fd Svy Sec	1	Adv Reinf Depot	1
Sigs 12 Aust Div	1	I	1
Sigs L of C NT Force	1	Q	6
Frt Comd	6	AIMS	6
13 Aust Inf Bde	5	Camp Comdt (Adv)	1
19 Aust Inf Bde	6	Camp Comdt (Rear)	1
23 Aust Inf Bde	5	War Diary	2
AASC 12 Aust Div	6	File	1
11 L of C Sub Area	1	Spares	4

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NT FORCE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NUMBER 50.

1. The following amm is allotted for training during the month Apr 43 :-

- (a) .303 RIFLE 20 rounds per man
 " LMG 300 rounds per weapon held
 " MMG 300 " " " "
- (b) GRENADES : Hand 200 per Cav Regt
 200 " Inf Bn
 200 " A R D
 100 " L of C Sub Area
 100 " Indep Coy
 75 " Arty Regt (Fd, AA, A Tk)

Smoke 63 75 per Inf Bn
 75 " A R D

Aldershot 150 per Cav Regt
 150 " Inf Bn
 150 " A R D

- (c) MORTAR 2" : 10 rounds HE per weapon held
 5 " Smoke per weapon held
- (d) MORTAR 3" : 10 rounds HE per weapon held
- (e) 2 pr A/Tk : 15 rounds per gun
 6 pr A/Tk : 15 " " "
- .303" 100 rounds per gun for A Tk sub-calibro.
- (f) 25 pr : HE 10 rounds per gun
 Smoke 4 rounds per gun
- (g) 18 pr : 15 rounds per gun
- (h) 4.5" How : HE 10 rounds per gun
 Smoke 4 rounds per gun
- (i) 40 mm : 10 rounds per gun

2. Units are advised that ammunition allotted for training is to be used during the month mentioned, and that unexpended ammunition cannot be carried forward for use during the following month.

3. Ammunition for training will not be drawn from the following types :-

.303" Bandolier .303" C C .303" Incond
 .303" AP .303" Tracer

If Units wish to use any of the above types of ammunition they must make application to this HQ.

C. B. Peck
 Brigadier.
 General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION :

List "B"

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
1 Mar 43

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REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF LANCER FORCE IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR

1. This report describes the operations of LANCER FORCE (originally known as SPARROW FORCE) in PORTUGUESE TIMOR from 20 Feb 42 until 10 Jan 43.
2. LANCER FORCE included, at various times, 2/2 Aust Indep Coy, 2/4 Aust Indep Coy and detachments of R.N.E.I.A. troops. At no time did the strength of the Force exceed 800.
3. The following shows, in chronological order, the main happenings:-

17 Dec 41	2/2 Aust Indep Coy arrived at DILLI
20 Feb 42	6,000 JAPANESE troops occupied DILLI
30 Jul 42	LANCER FORCE placed under command of GOC NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE.
9 Aug 42	Inauguration of JAPANESE plan for destruction of PORTUGUESE administration and consolidation of their positions in the island.
23 Sep 42	2/4 Aust Indep Coy arrived in PORTUGUESE TIMOR, HMAS 'VOYAGER' becoming total loss while carrying out this operation.
Oct-Nov 42	Acceleration of JAPANESE pressure and an extension of their activities, particularly EASTWARDS.
1/2 Dec 42	Attempted evacuation of 2/2 Aust Indep Coy and relief of RNEI FORCES prevented by enemy air action against ships detailed for the operation. This resulted in the loss of HMAS 'ARMIDALE'.
11, 17, 19 Dec 42	RNEI destroyer TIERK HILDES evacuated 2/2 Aust Indep Coy, RNEI troops and PORTUGUESE refugees from TIMOR.
10 Jan 43	HMAS 'ARUNTA' evacuated 2/4 Aust Indep Coy (less rear party of volunteers), thus concluding the operations of LANCER FORCE.
4. The operations of LANCER FORCE were confined almost entirely to the approximate area bounded on the EAST by a line between FATU LANA on the NORTH coast and KICRAS on the SOUTH coast, and on the WEST by a line between LIQUIOA in the NORTH and DECO in the SOUTH (see map attached as Appendix 'A'). This area is devoid of roads except that along the NORTH coast, and all movement was by foot. The country is extremely rugged, consisting of a series of razorback ridges rising to a maximum height in the area concerned of approximately 8,000 feet at KABLAK. The coastal plains are highly malarial. Timor ponies and native carriers represent the only means of conveying stores and consequently our troops were compelled to live off the country with the addition of stores sent in from AUSTRALIA by small ships. The amount of the latter was strictly limited by the availability of ponies and carriers and the necessity for the clearance of each ship between dusk and dawn on an open surf beach.
5. The activities of LANCER FORCE really commenced on 20 Feb 42 when a JAPANESE force estimated at approximately 6,000 well-equipped and well-trained troops landed at DILLI forcing 2/2 Aust Indep Coy, then in that area, to withdraw to the hills surrounding the town. From then until the first week in March, the enemy concentrated on rounding up the AUSTRALIANS in the hills around RAILACO (08412525) REMBER (08462523) and BAZAR TETE (08402522) using the troops who carried out the landing. These operations, which were quite unsuccessful, ceased suddenly due, apparently, to the withdrawal of the original landing force and its replacement by garrison troops. During this period, raids, patrols and ambushes were successfully executed by our troops, including one very daring raid on DILLI.

6. From early in March 42, until the end of Jan 43, JAPANESE operations were confined mainly to the roads leading from DILLI to BEMERA, BAYOLIA (08482521) and AILEU (08442534). This gave opportunity for ambushes which were successfully executed by our troops. Towards the end of June, JAPANESE troops were gradually withdrawn to DILLI and during July there were no enemy outside a circle of ten miles radius from DILLI.

7. On 30 July 42, LANCER FORCE was placed under command of GOC NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE, control having been exercised up to this time by HQ Allied Land Forces. The role of the Force at this stage was

- (a) Covering possible aerodrome sites at SUMI, BECO and SALAZAR PLATEAU.
- (b) Harassing and sabotaging hostile positions and facilities.
- (c) Furnishing intelligence reports concerning hostile activities.

It was also laid down that if the existence of the Allied Force in its present area was seriously endangered by hostile action, it was to be prepared to withdraw EAST.

8. In August, it became clear that the enemy had decided upon a plan to consolidate his position in PORTUGUESE TIMOR and from then on until the withdrawal of our troops in Jan 43, it is a tale of constantly increasing enemy activity. This took the following forms:-

- (a) Systematic bombing of PORTUGUESE towns which were the centres of local administration.
- (b) Gradual elimination of the PORTUGUESE administration culminating in the transfer of all PORTUGUESE to LIQUICA in December.
- (c) Training and arming of hostile natives from DUTCH and PORTUGUESE TIMOR, and the use of armed natives, led by JAPANESE, against our troops.
- (d) Extension of activities to the EAST end of the island and reconnaissance in force of that area.
- (e) Substantial increase in strength of JAPANESE troops in PORTUGUESE TIMOR, including a landing in December of approximately 6,000 at LAVALI.
- (f) Occupation of all anchorages on the NORTH coast and on the SOUTH coast EAST of and including BEAO.
- (g) Construction of airfield at FUI LORO.
- (h) Increased aerial reconnaissance over the sea approaches from AUSTRALIA.
- (i) Destruction of sources of food supplies available to our troops.

9. On 9 Aug 42, the enemy bombed PORTUGUESE POSTO towns throughout the island and followed this by four main drives against LANCER FORCE in which it is estimated that not less than 2,000 JAPANESE and 1,000 DUTCH TIMOR natives were employed. These drives came from the NORTH and WEST against our positions in the BEMERA - BAYOLIA - BECO areas. Our Force was forced back slowly from its original line of posts but on 18 Aug 42, when the position was becoming desperate, all JAPANESE forces withdrew.

10. On 12 Aug LHQ signalled that it was considering the despatch of a small force to TIMOR with the following objects:-

- (a) To relieve pressure on LANCER FORCE.
- (b) To clear the JAPANESE from LANCER FORCE area.

LHQ further asked for our estimate of the JAPANESE force landed on the SOUTH coast of TIMOR.

11. Regarding the proposal to despatch a small force to TIMOR, LHQ asked whether two AIF Inf Coys, organised and equipped on guerilla lines, the total not to exceed 500, could be made available from NT FORCE. Our opinion of the proposal and suggestions for an alternative were invited.

12. A reply was sent on 12 Aug 42 that, from identification of the ships

employed it was considered that one, and probably two battalions of JAPANESE had landed at BECO and SUAI on 10 Aug, and that the minimum JAPANESE strength available in TIMOR for operations against LANCER FORCE was certainly four and probably five battalions. For this reason it was considered that two coys would be useless and that a force of at least one bde would be essential to attain LEQ's objects. It was further stated that no troops could be spared from HT FORCE so long as the possibility of invasion of this area existed.

13. On 8 Sep 42, a signal was received from Adv LEQ ordering 2/4 Aust Indop Coy (then in the NORTHERN TERRITORY) to be sent to TIMOR and asking for my views as to the retention there of both 2/2 and 2/4 Coys. A reply was despatched recommending this latter course and approval was given to it on 19 Sep. On 23 Sep 42, therefore, 2/4 Aust Indop Coy was landed at BETANO (09102544). By the greater show of force possible with these two coys it was hoped to boost up the morale of the PORTUGUESE who had been helping our troops and to prevent the swing-over to the JAPANESE of the natives.

14. Unfortunately HMS 'VOYAGER' which had transported 2/4 Aust Indop Coy to TIMOR became a total loss on the beach at BETANO during the operation. This focussed the attention of the enemy on our beach-head and from then on this area was the subject of frequent attention by the JAPANESE.

15. Two days after the beaching of 'VOYAGER', approximately 2,000 enemy troops were moved to AILEU and two days later, 800 enemy troops moved to MOABISSE (03512536). From the latter place, an enemy column 400 strong occupied in turn SAME, BETANO, HATA HUDO (09072536) and AINARO (09002531), thence returning to MOABISSE. Opposition was offered throughout by LANCER FORCE and losses inflicted on the enemy.

16. On 27 Sep 42, instructions were received from Adv LEQ that our activities in TIMOR were to be conducted with a view to the possibility at some later date of carrying out an operation for its recapture and retention. It was made clear that there was no possibility of this for some considerable time, and consequently LANCER FORCE was not to be so active as to force the enemy to employ a large garrison. It was rather to encourage the reduction of the existing enemy garrison but in so doing was not to neglect its role. The Commander LANCER FORCE was suitably instructed, a Liaison Officer from this HQ being sent to TIMOR for the purpose.

17. During October and November, JAPANESE influence over the natives was gradually extended and there were frequent small clashes between enemy columns and our sections.

18. On 18 Nov 42, the Force was disposed with 2/2 Aust Indop Coy in the general area AILEU (08532546 - NOVA CAMINHA (08462547) - TURASCAI (08502543) - KULAK (08572534); 2/4 Aust Indop Coy in the area ERERA-LACLO-AINARO-ATSABE (08552525), and with Observation posts to the EAST and WEST of DILLI overlooking the harbour, and the RNEL troops were around CASSA (09092533) and the BELULIC RIVER (09082532). These dispositions were based on the necessity for:-

- (a) covering main tracks
- (b) occupying areas capable of supplying essential foods.
- (c) protecting the L of C from the beach-head at BETANO.
- (d) retaining sufficient ground to enable the Force to employ the only tactics practicable against an overwhelmingly stronger enemy.

19. Enemy pressure was particularly strong in the area NORTH and NORTH-WEST of AINARO and in the MINDELO-TURASCAI area. These activities were directed from MOABISSE. The enemy was also becoming increasingly active in the EAST of the island and along the roads MANATUTO - VILA de ORIQUE (0845255) and BAUCAN (08272627) - BEACO (08562628). To meet this threat to the rear and to the L of C, one platoon was moved to the areas BARIQUE (08502605) - LACUTA (0842609) - BUNDO PERDIDO (08422619).

20. It now became apparent that the withdrawal from TIMOR of the 2/2 Aust Indep Coy was essential because

- (a) a very large percentage had been suffering from malaria for some months,
- (b) nine months of continuous action against vastly superior numbers combined with the rugged nature of the country over which they had to move had seriously fatigued the personnel,
- (c) eleven months of inadequate and unsuitable food had reduced their physical capabilities, and
- (d) the reduction by enemy action of the areas from which food supplies could be drawn made it impossible to maintain a force of the present size.

21. LHQ approval was accordingly obtained for the withdrawal of 2/2 Aust Indep Coy. At the same time advice was received of the intention to replace approximately 190 R.N.E.I.A. troops then in TIMOR by a fresh detachment of 60. Attempts were made to carry out this relief on 1/2 Dec 42, utilising HMAS 'ARMIDALE', 'CASTLEMAINE' and 'KURU'. Unfortunately, owing to enemy air action, it had to be abandoned, but not before HMAS 'ARMIDALE' had been sunk by torpedo bombers with some loss of life, and HMAS 'KURU' slightly damaged.

22. Based on the experience gained on 1/2 Dec, it was clear that a vessel of much greater speed than that possessed by any ship available locally was required to undertake the relief, thus enabling it to clear the area of normal enemy air reconnaissance quickly. Following a request from NOIC DARWIN, the RNEI destroyer TJERK HIDES was made available and it successfully completed the evacuation, without loss or damage, of 357 AUSTRALIANS, 192 RNEI troops and 69 PORTUGUESE evacuees in three trips between 11 and 19 Dec 42 - a splendid piece of work.

23. The withdrawal of the 2/2 Aust Indep Coy was immediately followed up by the JAPANESE and their native allies who looted and burnt out the areas vacated, and killed or drove out the native population. In December, the enemy drove down from MOAHISSE to SAME, ALAS and BETANO, and thence to HATA HUDO and difficulty was experienced in preventing an enemy move EAST through MINDELO and TURISCAI. At this stage only 2/4 Aust Indep Coy remained in LANCER FORCE and it was disposed to provide the maximum possible resistance to enemy occupation of an area bounded by ALAS, SAME, FAY NIA (08542545) FATA MAQUERQUE (08462547), LACLUTA and FATA BERLIO (08562552). Detachments, OPs and patrols were maintained outside this area to glean all possible information, stir up the maximum amount of trouble for the enemy amongst the natives and prevent hostile natives from penetrating into the area. Our Force was engaged almost exclusively in fighting off columns of hostile natives stiffened by small numbers of JAPANESE.

24. During December there was a steady deterioration in the position of LANCER FORCE and it became clear as the days went on that it could not continue to serve a useful military purpose for much longer. The factors contributing to this were as follows:-

- (a) Development of the JAPANESE plans, commenced in August, for the complete occupation of PORTUGUESE TIMOR and the elimination of the PORTUGUESE administration.
- (b) Increase in enemy strength with the result that not less than 12,000 JAPANESE were estimated to be in PORTUGUESE TIMOR by 31 Dec 42.
- (c) Increase in the number and efficiency of columns of armed natives which prevented any surprise attack upon the main JAPANESE force or its L of C.
- (d) Looting and burning out of all areas surrounding the area referred to in paragraph 23, and the gradual reduction of food supplies within that area.
- (e) Loss of OPs overlooking DILLI Harbour, owing to enemy action.
- (f) Impracticability of collecting any worth-while military information because of the enemy cordon surrounding the area occupied by the Force.
- (g) Loss of physical condition of personnel due to the cumulative effects of diarrhoea and malaria, unsuitable rations and the

strain of continued action and watchfulness.

It was not practicable to move to any other area in the island at this stage.

25. The Force at 31 Dec 42 was, therefore maintaining itself with difficulty on the Western edge of the one food-producing area remaining to it and the next enemy drive, which it was anticipated would coincide with the January full moon, would force our troops away from vital food supplies and into an area unsuitable for their type of operations. Their final elimination would then be a matter of time only.

26. Having regard to the factors set out above and the inability of the Force to continue to carry out its role, a recommendation that it be withdrawn was submitted to, and approved by, LHQ. This evacuation was successfully completed from KICRAS on 10 Jan 43, by HQAS 'ARUNTA'. Due to a heavy surf the Comd LANCER FORCE considered it necessary to jettison all personal weapons and equipment on the beach as it was impracticable to embark men with their weapons in the boats available. This was unfortunate as all weapons and wireless equipment had been carried by the troops to the beach during their three-day withdrawal to KICRAS. The party left behind (see para 26) were ordered to bury these weapons and equipment.

27. The concentration of the Force at the embarkation point was well executed by the Comd, Maj B.J. GILLINAN who had shown excellent qualities of leadership throughout the campaign. Five men only were lost during the withdrawal, and these subsequently joined up with the party referred to in the next paragraph. One of the major problems, apart from enemy action, which confronted the Commander was the crossing of rivers swollen by recent rains. This is a factor which must be borne in mind in any future campaign in TIMOR in the 'wet' season.

28. In an endeavour to preserve a source of information in PORTUGUESE TIMOR, a party of volunteers from 2/4 Aust Indep Coy, under Lieut FLOOD, remained behind. This party was well supplied with money, food, arms and wireless equipment, and its role was to gather and transmit information to AUSTRALIA concerning JAPANESE movements. The possibilities of success were very limited at the outset and actually the party had to be evacuated on 10 Feb 43 without achieving anything of value.

29. The casualties suffered by our troops were as follows:-

UNIT	KILLED	WOUNDED	TOTAL
HQ LANCER FORCE	Nil	Nil	Nil
2/2 Aust Indep Coy	7	2	9
2/4 Aust Indep Coy	4	1	5
Total	11	3	14

30. LANCER FORCE was first under command of LHQ and later of NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE. It was entirely out of contact with AUSTRALIA from 19 Feb 42 to 19 Apr 42, when, due to the ingenuity of signallers attached to the Force, wireless communication was re-established and never again really lost. Details of signal communications are contained in Appendix 'B'.

31. To assist the Commanders of NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE and LANCER FORCE in the direction and control of the activities of the latter, Staff Officers from the former HQ visited TIMOR by ship on several occasions. These visits were most valuable. Permission for the GOC NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE to visit TIMOR was refused by LHQ as it was not considered necessary that he should go.

32. Details of the supply arrangements are contained in Appendix 'C'. It is again stressed that the amount and type of stores sent in was governed by the ability of LANCER FORCE to transport them from the beach-head at ESTANO to the platoon and section areas; this, in turn, being governed by the availability of native carriers and ponies. The dropping of supplies from aircraft was successfully employed in urgent cases on a number of occasions.

33. Because of the incidence of malaria and the effect of unsuitable rations, the health of the troops suffered and too much value cannot be placed upon the work of Capt C.R. DUNKLEY, RMO, 2/2 Aust Indep Coy for his outstanding work in the care

and attention of sick and wounded. Particulars of the medical history for the Force are contained in Appendix 'D'.

34. The necessity for purchasing food and ponies locally, for hiring carriers, and for maintaining good relations with the native population made it essential to place adequate funds at the disposal of LANCER FORCE. The location and activities of the Force made any normal system of accounting impracticable, but the situation was investigated on the spot by an officer of the AAPC sent from here. Information concerning the financial aspects are contained in Appendix 'E' and detailed reports have already been submitted to LHQ.

35. Folding boats were used throughout to transport stores and personnel between ship and shore and these proved invaluable. Although certainly not ideal surf boats, they were manipulated through heavy surf on many nights with success though instances of over-turning were fairly frequent. The fact that they could be stowed away in a relatively small space was important because of the small ships used.

36. The following deductions are made from these operations:-

- (a) Natives in TIMOR reacted to a show of force, and, in the main, swung to the winning side.
- (b) Weapons and equipment of the Force were adequate and suitable. 3" mortars would have been of value on many occasions but difficulties of transport would have prevented their use to any great extent. Actually mortar detachments were being trained in NORTHERN TERRITORY for despatch to TIMOR with 3" mortars when evacuation became necessary.
- (c) Indep Coys sent on such a mission must have a particularly high standard of physical fitness and weapon training, and platoons must be competent to fight as such.
- (d) Suitable wireless equipment is an essential and in these operations the most suitable sets were 101, 208 and ATR2A with vibrator power unit.

37. The JAPANESE displayed no new tactical methods. In the early stages, after the initial landing, force had been withdrawn, the enemy showed a mixture of fear, caution and aggressiveness. His earlier movements were made in column of route, with inadequate protection and he suffered heavily in ambushes executed at short range. Later he employed native scouts and, although still moving in column, immediately deployed when fire was opened, and the now familiar encircling movement was commenced automatically. The use by the enemy of native scouts and the speedier deployment compelled LANCER FORCE to ambush at longer ranges, and in the latter stages, these were normally carried out at ranges of 500 to 700 yards, the ambushing force being on the opposite side of the valley to the track on which the JAPANESE column was moving. The Bren came into its own on such occasions.

38. The political angles of the JAPANESE occupation were more interesting, the highlights being:-

- (a) the importation, as allies, into PORTUGUESE TIMOR of trained DUTCH TIMOR natives.
- (b) propaganda to swing PORTUGUESE TIMOR natives behind the JAPANESE, the eventual arming of many of these natives, and their use against our Force.
- (c) the introduction of paper currency.
- (d) the prompt elimination of natives friendly to our cause and the destruction of their property.
- (e) the gradual elimination of the PORTUGUESE administration culminating in the concentration of the remaining PORTUGUESE population, less those actively co-operating with LANCER, in a "neutral zone" at LIQUICA on the NORTH coast.
- (f) the killing of the PORTUGUESE officials considered friendly to our cause.

39. Nos 2 and 13 General Reconnaissance (Hudson) Squadrons provided the bulk of the air support (direct and indirect). Targets engaged varied from enemy

shipping reported by coastal OPs to bombing and strafing of enemy occupied villages in support of current ground operations. The main difficulties experienced were:-

- (a) time taken to transmit information from a forward OP 500 miles away to Air Operations Room using two wireless links and cypher. This was overcome in the later stages by the use of a simple code.
- (b) the distance between aerodrome and target - 500 miles.
- (c) the inferior performance of Hudson aircraft vis à vis the JAPANESE 'ZERO'

40. Air action however succeeded on occasion in deterring JAPANESE movement and causing casualties. For example, at HATA HUDO in November our troops counted 123 JAPANESE dead after one raid by three Hudsons. It also had the effect of dispersing the natives to the hills thus interfering with the JAPANESE administrative plans by creating a temporary shortage of labour.

41. Other supporting operations were supply dropping, reconnaissance, and air cover for naval craft landing supplies, ^{and} reinforcements, and during the final evacuation.

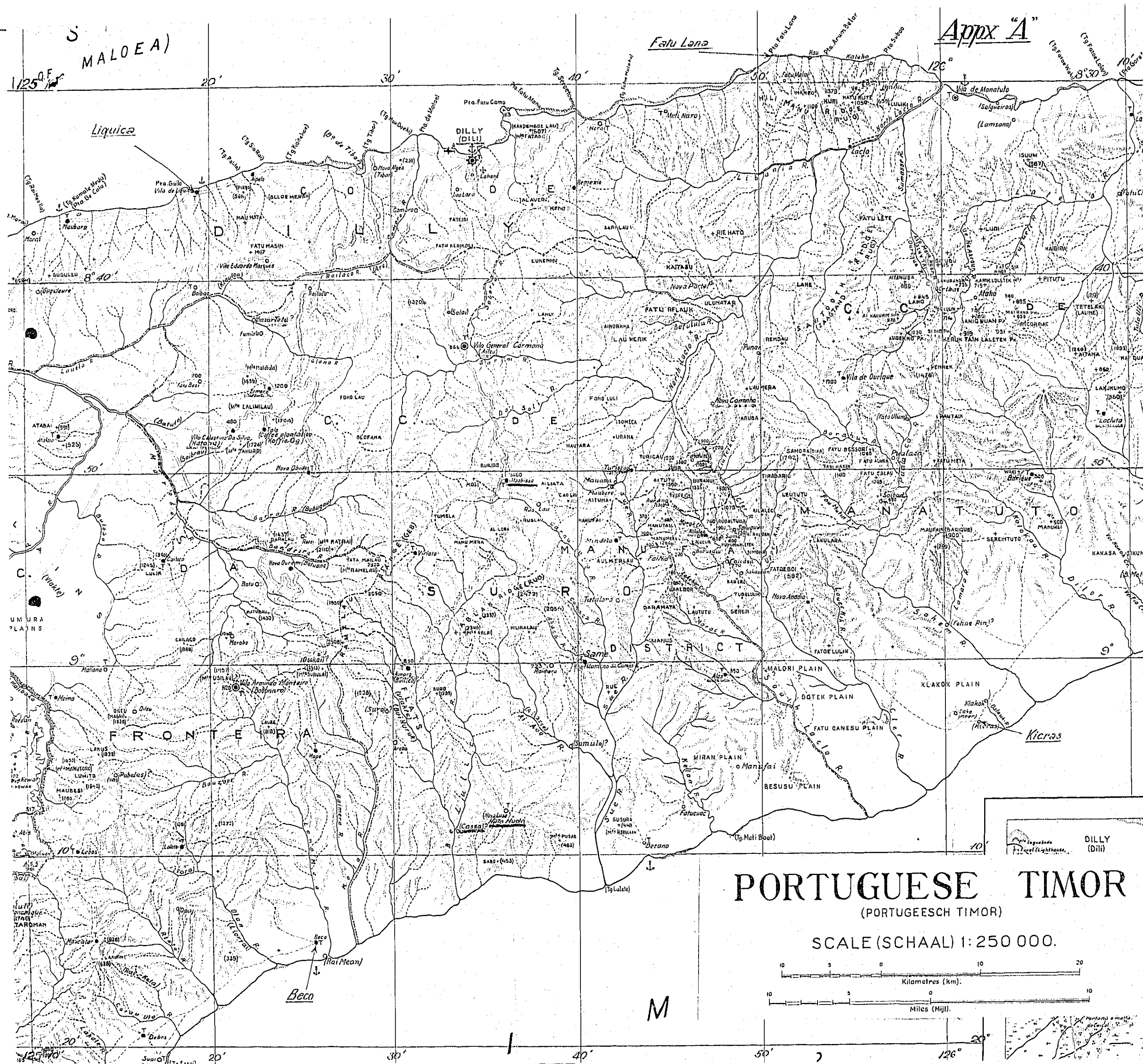
42. This report would be incomplete without a tribute to the assistance given readily at all times by the RAN and RAAF. The NOIC DARWIN - in the early stages Commodore C.J. POPE, RAN, and later Commodore A.R. HALPHIDE, RN - most willingly co-operated in every direction. It is desired particularly to mention the work of the Commanders and ships companies of HMAS 'KURU' and 'VIGILANT', the two small vessels which were employed to maintain the Force.

43. The AOC, North-Western Command (Air Commodore F.M. BLADIN), was most helpful in every direction in providing for air support, reconnaissance, and the dropping of supplies. Most of the tasks were undertaken by Hudson aircraft of Nos 2 & 13 General Reconnaissance Squadrons RAAF whose work gained the admiration of all associated with LANCER FORCE.

44. The Force also owes much to a number of officials of the PORTUGUESE Administration who helped them in many directions and to loyal and faithful natives who remained with it to the moment of embarkation.

Mr. Stevens
Major-General,
Commanding Northern Territory Force.

Attached: Appendix 'A'
" " 'B'
" " 'C'
" " 'D'
" " 'E'



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SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - LANCER FORCE

1. Preliminary tests for the establishing of W/T communications between TIMOR and DARWIN were initiated on 21 Jan 42 using W.S. 109 at KOEPANG and W.S. 109 with R.F. amplifier at DARWIN. Tests were continued until 24 Jan when it was reported that a traffic channel could be established with the equipment available but that communications would only be satisfactory during the hours of darkness owing to the low power of W.S. 109 without amplifier.
2. On 9 Feb 42 communication was established, with group working THURSDAY ISLAND and KOEPANG. Wave code YCF KOEPANG and YCA DARWIN.
3. Traffic was worked on this channel from the 9 Feb to the night of 18 Feb, normal procedure being employed by night and F procedure for urgent traffic by day. Contact was lost on 19 Feb due to the destruction of DARWIN power by enemy air action. Attempts were made to re-establish contact on night of 19/20 Feb and continued without success until 19 March when the set was required for another channel.
4. On 19 April 42, 7 MD Signals L of C W/T group operating on 4805 Kc/s were called by a station using YCF as a call sign. YCF called LOF (KATHERINE) during a break in normal traffic and offered a cipher message prefixed in clear by:- "FOR MAJOR LITTLE FROM CAPT PARKER USING WEST POINT CODE FOR NOVEMBER". The message was received and after considerable difficulty, deciphered. Several messages were passed to establish the bona fides of both stations, exchanging personal details of operators etc, on both sides. Intermittent contacts were then maintained until arrangements were made for dropping by air of further W/T stores in TIMOR, after which communications were established on a fairly stable basis.
5. It has subsequently been found that the original signals after re-establishing of communication on 19 April were made with a locally built set made from parts of original equipment and augmented by parts obtained by raids into enemy controlled territory. The set has since been returned to AUSTRALIA.
6. Communications were maintained with some interruptions until August when all W/T equipment capable of working back to DARWIN was lost by enemy action. Communication was then established through the use of a portable set operated by a special intelligence party in TIMOR until a suitable portable set was obtained from MELBOURNE and delivered. This set, an ATR2A with a vibrator power unit, proved the most practical set, having sufficient power to maintain reliable communications, being light in weight and economical in battery consumption. Traeger Pedal sets were at one time tried but were too large and were not robust enough for packing on ponies.
7. By 23 Sep, ^{communications} ~~communications~~ were provided by W/T from platoons to Coy HQ, Coy HQ to a Force HQ and from Force HQ to NT FORCE and to detachments in the EAST end of the Island.
8. With the arrival of 2/4 Aust Indep Coy communications were further expanded and then stretched from the OP EAST of DILLI back through Coy and Force HQ to an OP near BETANO on the SOUTH coast. This arrangement provided good communications but was impossible to maintain owing to the heavy battery consumption of W.S. 109. Six W.S. ATR4 were then delivered having a frequency range which allowed working from sections to W.S. 101. These proved reasonably satisfactory but were not robust enough for packing on ponies.
9. Coy and Force HQ were amalgamated after the evacuation of 2/2 Aust Indep Coy and one link thus saved. W.S. ATR4 and 101 were used wherever possible with 208 groups working to a 208 control in forward areas. The W.S. 109 were laid up as battery consumption was too heavy and charging for long frequent periods was often undesirable due to enemy action.
10. Technical difficulties were entirely due to the design of the wireless equipment used and not to any peculiar local conditions. All the types of sets used had disadvantages in either weight, battery consumption, or frequency range. The most satisfactory sets used were ATR2A with vibrator power units for rear link; 101 for Coy to platoon and 208 for sections. The frequency range of the 101 had to be altered by local modification to work with the 208. When available, the 22 set for rear link from Coys and platoons, with a more robust and improved 208 set for sections should be the most suitable equipment for similar tasks.

MAINTENANCE OF LANCER FORCE.

Soon after contact had been regained with LANCER FORCE in Apr 42, urgent demands were received for wireless equipment, weapons, medical stores, currency, clothing and supplies. Arrangements were made with the RAAF for stores to be dropped on 27 and 30 Apr and 3, 8 and 23 May. A Catalina flying-boat was sent to DARWIN to assist in this task and carried stores to TIMOR on 25 May. On the return flight the Catalina evacuated the first casualties from the island.

The same day, HMAS 'KURU', a small launch with a cargo capacity of 5 to 6 tons sailed from DARWIN fully loaded. Up till Oct stores were delivered regularly to TIMOR by HMAS 'KURU' and 'VIGILANT'. The 'VIGILANT' had a capacity of approximately 7 tons.

Later mine-sweepers and destroyers were used on this run on special occasions. During these operations from May to Jan 43, 22 contacts were made by naval craft carrying stores and personnel to and from the island.

Lack of information and rapid changes in the tactical situation made it difficult in the initial stages to formulate a plan for the adequate maintenance of the Force, which operated under the following disadvantages:--

- (a) Troops dispersed over a wide area.
- (b) Difficulties in obtaining food supplies locally during enemy offensives.
- (c) Dependence on native porters and ponies for the transportation of stores.
- (d) Necessity to travel at night owing to the difficult nature of the terrain.
- (e) Danger of losing vital stores through sudden enemy action.
- (f) Heavy surf, complicating beach landing operations.

It was thus not possible for LANCER FORCE to hold large reserves of stores as the Q plan here had to cater for the rapid meeting of demands. Supplies were restricted by the limited tonnage that could be handled by native pack trains over the steep mountain trails.

The following is a brief outline of the supply plan adopted:--

(a) Table of Requirements.

A schedule was compiled providing for the monthly maintenance of LANCER Force, down to platoons. Each item was allotted a serial number and LANCER could increase or reduce quantities to be supplied by quoting the serial in 'litter' signals.

(b) Rations.

The Force was able to purchase certain foods locally from natives but in ever-diminishing quantities. These supplies were supplemented by shipments from DARWIN, the latter commodities including vegemite, dried fruits, golden syrup, chocolate, sugar, dehydrated rations and bully beef.

(c) Other Stores.

Ordnance stores such as batteries, clothing etc were sent on a regular monthly basis. In addition, provision was taken to have supplies of all technical equipment available for immediate despatch. Stores that could not be obtained in this area came air-freight from the SOUTH. Items supplied by the Aust Comforts Fund, and mail, were sent in on every possible occasion.

(d) Packing, Marking and Distribution.

For operational reasons it was essential that beach-heads in TIMOR be cleared as speedily as possible. To assist, and at the same time reduce the Q work of the Force, all stores were addressed direct to Pls or unit HQ. Natives could only carry 40 lbs and TIMOR ponies 100 lbs so stores were repacked accordingly in water-tight containers at DARWIN. A simple system of marking was adopted and security was not endangered. Stores destined for A Pl 2/2 Aust Indop Coy were marked A/2 while packages for A Pl 2/4 Aust Indop Coy marked A/4.

The introduction of this scheme greatly reduced the time taken at beach-heads and enabled pack trains to be well clear of the coast before the enemy realised that another supply ship had called at TIMOR.

In addition to the many surface contacts, stores were dropped from RAAF Hudson bombers to meet urgent operational demands.

APPENDIX "D".

MEDICAL REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF LANCER FORCE.

1. 2/2 Aust Indep Coy had the usual medical component when it landed in DILLI in Dec 41. Immediately after the JAPANESE occupation of DILLI in Feb 42, this unit was for some weeks in the low-lying areas around the town where most of the personnel who were infected with malaria contracted that disease.

2. From Feb 42 until Aug 42, medical supplies were short, despite some droppings from aircraft. From Aug 42 onwards, however, medical needs were satisfied by regular shipments based on demands from the RMO.

3. Difficulty was experienced in treating casualties due to the frequency with which the RAP had to move (15 moves in three months), and the problem of providing adequate cover for sick and wounded personnel. The major trouble was malaria, 423 cases being treated in 2/2 Aust Indep Coy out of a total of 597 recorded treatments. 2/4 Aust Indep Coy which was in the island from 23 Sep 42 to 10 Jan 43 only, did not suffer so badly in this respect.

4. On the return of the components of LANCER FORCE to AUSTRALIA, stringent measures were taken to prevent the spread of malaria amongst the troops in the NORTHERN TERRITORY and special medical detachments were formed to treat personnel. The following figures indicate the incidence and type of malaria found during this treatment :--

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>BENIGN TERTIAN</u>	<u>MALIGNANT TERTIAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF CASES TO STRENGTH</u>
2/2 Aust Indep Coy	180	11	191	57
2/4 Aust Indep Coy	45	8	53	21.8
RNEIA Troops ...	42	25	67	34

The treatment given was as laid down in Amendment No.1 of Medical Technical Instructions No.3 of 30 Apr 42.

5. Septic sores were plentiful in 2/2 Aust Indep Coy but with rest and treatment these healed well. There were not many cases of diarrhoea. The personnel were very tired but after three weeks rest and treatment those that did not have malaria were fairly fit. In the 2/4 Aust Indep Coy, however, 100% had mild to severe diarrhoea which did not readily respond to treatment. When this unit moved out of the NORTHERN TERRITORY after 5 weeks rest and treatment, the personnel were still debilitated and are unlikely to be fit for an active campaign for 3 months.

6. Neither Coy was kept on suppressive treatment while in the hills in TIMOR but utilised it when possible when in the coastal plains. No suppressive treatment was given in the NORTHERN TERRITORY while medical investigations were being carried out.

7. It is clear that in any future campaign in TIMOR the greatest possible attention must be directed to the control of malaria. Detailed reports have already gone forward to the DGMS at LHQ respecting this subject.

8. It was not practicable to send Dental Officers and equipment to TIMOR and the only Dental services given there were extractions performed by the Medical Officers. On occasions, dentures were returned to the mainland for repairs. Immediately the troops arrived back in AUSTRALIA a Dental Section was specially allotted for their treatment.

APPENDIX 'E'

FINANCE FOR LANCER FORCE.

1. It was necessary to provide funds for LANCER FORCE for the following purposes :--
 - (a) payment of troops.
 - (b) purchase of food supplies.
 - (c) purchase, and hire of native ponies for transport purposes.
 - (d) hire of native carriers.
2. The following procedure was adopted in the despatch of cash to the Force :
 - (a) Bags of silver, each containing £100, were prepared by OC Treasury, and checked by the checking staff.
 - (b) A certificate of the contents was prepared in duplicate and signed by both members. One copy was placed in the bag, which was then sealed in the presence of the checking staff representative.
 - (c) The cash was handed over to an officer of HQ NT FORCE, who gave a receipt for so many sealed bags "stated to contain," and, in turn placed it in the care of the Captain of the Naval vessel proceeding to TIMOR.
3. There were inherent difficulties in accounting for the funds provided, due to the conditions under which the Force operated. It was not possible to obtain a receipt for the cash at the beach-head as disembarkation of stores was always carried out at night and it was essential to clear the beach-head well before first light. Sections were scattered in various posts over a large area and had to maintain themselves by local purchases. On occasions it was necessary to bury sums of money and recover them when it was practical to return to that area.
4. To ensure that the fullest possible precautions possible in the circumstances were taken, an officer of the Aust Army Pay Corps was sent to TIMOR in October 42 to investigate the position on the spot. On his return he submitted a full report to LHQ. In addition the Command Paymaster, Northern Territory Force has furnished his recommendations to LHQ for the finalisation of accounts.

Wm. D. King

25 MAR 1943

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Northern Territory Force,
25 Mar 43.

CSI/1319.

UNIT CENSORSHIP

With reference to previous instns concerning check
censorship, it is advised that, until further orders, only 5% of
units will still be check censored within the units.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
General Staff.

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	Apr. 1.	1600 hrs GOC inspected a parade of 19 Aust Inf Bde and at 1530 hrs had a conference with war correspondents. 1630 hrs Col E.W.WOODWARD, DSO, CBE, formerly AA & QMG 9 Aust Div, arrived to take over the appointment of BGS NT Force from Brig R.B.SUTHERLAND, who is going to an appointment at LHQ. NT Force Location Statement issued.	Appx 1.	
	2.	GOC and BGS visited Fortress Command DARWIN and inspected defences, staying overnight.		
	3.	0615 hrs GOC watched 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt SOS shoot in Fortress area and later made a further inspection, covering the airfield and AA defences. He returned to Adv HQ in the afternoon.		
	4.	Capt V.P.LEACH, formerly BM(L) 3 Aust Inf Bde, reported for duty as IO.		
	5.	GOC with AA & QMG (Lt-Col A.E.L.MORGAN) inspected a parade of 23 Aust Inf Bde 0930 hrs and addressed the men. Copy of the speech attached. Lieut F.COLLINGS (ATIS) left to take up an appointment at LHQ. Int Summary No. 148 issued.	Appx 2. Appx 3.	
	6.	GS Instn No. 37 (Veh Markings) issued. Instn re Instructors at NT Force School issued.	Appx 4. Appx 5.	
	7.	Brig R.B.SUTHERLAND left for MELBOURNE to take up appointment as BGS LHQ.		
	8.	GOC attended a shoot by 103 Aust Tk A Regt.		
	9.	0900 hrs GOC left HQ to inspect NT Force Trg School at WIMBELLIE.		

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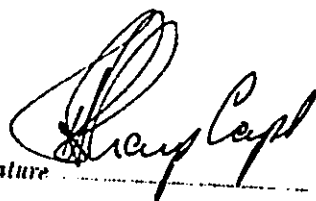
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	Apr 10	Col IRVING (Controller of Women's Services) and Lt-Col BEST (AAG Women's Services) arrived from ALICE SPRINGS and discussed matters with the GOC.		
	12	Adm HQ MT ISA reported that VDC were investigating a JAP landing at the River NASSAU. Although reports stated that enemy had landed from two small ships, and a submarine and two unidentified aircraft were in the area, a search disclosed no enemy in the area.		
	13	1545 hrs GOC inspected 2/2 Aust Fd Coy. Itinerary of visit of C-in-C Allied Land Forces SW Pacific Area (Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY) att. Int Summary No. 149 issued.	Appx 6. Appx 7.	
	14	0930 hrs GOC held a Trg Conference attended by BGS, CRA, AA & QMG, Brigs MARTIN, POTTS, and MCKENZIE. Matters discussed att. 1245 hrs Mr ABBOTT, Administrator of MT, arrived at HQ and conferred with GOC.	Appx 8.	
	15	The Administrator (Mr ABBOTT) departed for DARWIN. A message was received from HQ regarding the defence of MILLINGIMBI and machinery was put in motion to send a coy of inf with arty to defend the airfield.		C-in-C on 18 Apr said defence of Millingimbi was to remain in abeyance. Later confirmed by sig from Landops 9/1407. 26 Apr. J.
	16	Amendments to Location Statement issued. Cp Instn No. 64 issued.	Appx 9. Appx 10.	
	17	C-in-C arrived in afternoon at COOMALIE direct by air from HAREERA. He was met by GOC and BGS and later visited Rear HQ and later visited Rear HQ and ADELAIDE RIVER. He adhered to the itinerary (Appx 6) except that after inspecting DARWIN Fortress area he returned to Adv HQ by car. Six of our B24s attacked ALBON today and dropped bombs on the harbour area. Ten to twelve enemy fighters intercepted, but none of our aircraft were damaged, though four of the enemy fighters were shot down and another was possibly destroyed. All our aircraft returned safely.		

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	Apr 18	During the night nine B25s attacked PEMFOEI (TILOR) and 15 Hudsons attacked KOEPANG, dropping bombs on installations and causing numerous fires. This was one of the largest raids carried out from this area. No opposition was met and all our aircraft returned.		
	20	GOC and BGS attended an exercise held by 19 Aust MG Bn.		
	22	Brig W.J.M. LOCKE arrived to take over from Brig BIERWIRTH as Brig i/c Adm. Trg Instn No. 51 issued.	Appx 11.	
	24	Mr THEODORE (Public Works Dept) arrived and conferred with the GOC. Eight B25s attacked DILLI during the night, dropping all their bombs in the target area. There was no interception by the enemy and all our aircraft returned safely. Trg Instn No. 52 issued. Int Summary No. 150 issued.	Appx 12. Appx 15.	
	25	Capt J.C. COYLE (10) left to attend 1 Aust Army Staff School, BRISBANE. Eight Liberators attacked KENDARI in the CELEBES, flying a total distance of over 1600 miles. Bombs were seen to fall in the target area and many big fires were started. Five of the enemy fighters which intercepted were shot down, and four or five twin-engined bombers were destroyed on the ground. All our aircraft returned safely. Schedule of Courses for MT Force Trg School issued.	Appx 14.	

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	Apr. 27	GOC, accompanied by ADC, Brigs BIERWIRTH and LOCKE and Capt PARPAT, left Adv HQ at 0025 hrs to inspect 11A L of C and carried out the following inspections:- 1015 - 13 Aust Detention Barracks, BROCK's Creek. 1045 - Farm Unit, HAYES Creek. 1345 - FSD - BIPOD and 65 Camp Hospital, PINE Creek. 1745 - Power Centre, KATHERINE. 1830 - Arrived HQ 11A L of C and stayed night. Instn issued regarding Trg of Adv HQ.	Appx 15.	
	28	GOC and party inspected LAMBULLCO airfield, farms and Butchery at KATHERINE, and at 1400 hrs left for MATARANEA, arriving at 1600 hrs and staying the night.		
	29	Amendment to Op Instn No. 52 (Code Names) issued. GOC carried out further inspections at MATARANEA and left at 1400 hrs for LARRIDAH where he arrived for the night at 1600 hrs after inspecting en route the Kit Depot at GORRY.	Appx 16.	
	30	GOC visited BIRDUM to inspect the civil railhead, inspected installations at LARRIDAH and departed at 1245 hrs, arriving back at Adv HQ at 2200 hrs.		

W. Woodward *Big*
Signature Major-General,
Comd NT Force.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
1 Apr 43.
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LOCATION STATEMENT - NT FORCE as at 2300 31 MAR 43.

Map references are from DARWIN 1 in to 1 ml series and 1 in to 1 ml
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DARWIN	4 miles to 1 inch	...	...	1
PINE CREEK	4 miles to 1 inch	...	...	2
NT Strat Map	8 miles to 1 inch	...	...	0

UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMMAND	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
HQ				
Adv HQ NT Force	140580	57		
D Sec TS SEC Aust Inf Corps	140580	57	Force Tps	
Two dots D Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	140580	57	"	
12 Aust Div Cypher Sec (less data)	140580	57	"	
Rear HQ NT Force	134156	77	"	
L of C Cypher Sec (less data)	134156	77	"	
HQ DARWIN Fmt Area	000000		"	
Det 12 Aust Div Cypher Sec	720000		"	
CAV				
2/6 Aust Cav Regt				
(RHF, HQ Sqn (less one tp)				
A Sqn & B Sqn	083032(1)	90	"	
C Sqn	054005(2)		"	BLACKFELTON CREEK
C HQ Sqn	01150385(3)		"	RELIFF
2/6 Aust Cav Regt Sqn, TP	083032(2)	90	"	
39 Aust LAD	083032(3)	90	"	
ARTY				
HQ RLA 12 Aust Div	140580	57	CAI	
HQ DARWIN Mixed Defences	700000		TPS	
21st Bty	700000		"	
21st Bty	700000		"	
21st Bty	700000		"	
2/11 Aust Fd Regt REQ	700000		"	
E Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	700000		"	
2/70 Aust LAD	804107		"	
21 Aust Fd Bty BEQ	819118		"	
A Tp	808101		"	
B Tp	816103		"	
22 Aust Fd Bty BEQ	709100		"	
C Tp	815009		"	
D Tp	792000		"	
31 Aust Fd Bty BEQ	792000		"	
E Tp	792000		"	
F Tp	785090		"	
11 Aust Fd Regt REQ	130485	51	CAI	
G Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	131105	50	"	
201 Aust LAD	140580	57	"	
41 Fd Bty (A & B Tps)	130200	50	12 Aust Inf Bde	
42 Fd Bty (C & D Tps)	121017	50	"	
43 Fd Bty (E & F Tps)	121017	50	"	
103 Aust Ttr A Regt REQ	120000	50	CAI	
H Sec Sigs	120000	50	"	
219 Aust LAD	120000	50	"	
9 Aust Ttr B Regt	120000	50	"	
10 Aust Ttr A Bty	120000	50	"	

UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
11 Aust Tk A Bty	145691	59	CRA	
AA Gp HQ DARTIN LARRAKETIAN			Frt	
AA Gun OP Room BERRIMAH	913109		"	
AA OP " BATHURST			CRA	
AA OP " HUGHES	185827		CRA	
19 Aust AA Bty HQ DARTIN OVAL	808000		Frt	
360 By AA Gun Sta " "	808070		"	
359 By Gun Sta FANNY BAY	799138		"	
358 By Gun Sta McMILLANS	852180		"	
2 Aust AA Bty HQ BERRIMAH	896116		"	
427 By AA Gun Sta BERRIMAH	876119		"	
428 By AA Gun Sta QUARANTINE	833067		"	
5 Aust AA Bty HQ	058050	50	CRA	
421 By AA Gun Sta	099875	50	"	
422 By AA Gun Sta	037805	52	"	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt RHQ BATHURST	078383		"	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Sig Sec BATHURST	079887		"	
1 Lt AA Bty HQ	106713	56	"	
A & B Tps LIVINGSTONE		54	"	
C & D Tps HUGHES RD		50	"	
2 Lt AA Bty HQ BATHURST	033570		"	
A Tp McDONALD			"	
B, C & D Tps BATHURST			"	
233 Lt AA Bty HQ BATHURST	019345		"	
A Tp PENTON			"	
B Tp COCKALIE			"	
235 Aust Lt AA Bty HQ COCKALIE	008071	20	"	
A Tp STRAUSS RD		23	"	
B Tp RAIL DARTIN	305113		CRA	
C Tp " "	864124		"	
D Tp COCKALIE CR		55	"	
ENGRS				
HQ RA3 12 Aust Div	110389	57	CRA	
2/2 Aust En Coy HQ	409350		"	
No 4 Sec	975717		"	
No 5 Sec	PARAP		"	
No 6 Sec	PARAP		"	
23 Aust Fd Coy (less three Secs)	117604	39	"	
No 1 Sec	114725	30	"	
No 2 Sec	131475	52	"	
No 3 Sec	118195	61	"	
54 Aust Fd Pk Coy HQ ADELAIDE R			"	
Det VESTEYS			"	
232 Aust LAD ADELAIDE R			"	
6 Aust Army Tps Coy (less Det)	428197	69	"	
Det VESTEYS			"	
7 Aust Fd Svy Sec (less Det)	413312(G)		Force Tps	
Det LARRAKETIAN			"	
70 AA SL Coy	309106		Frt	
18 Aust Fd Coy RA3	790091		"	
5 Aust CE (Works)	134136		CE	
74 Aust DCRE (Works) NOONAMAE		23	CRA	
15 Aust Camflg Trg Unit WINNELLIE		8	"	
12 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	135485	51	"	
8 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	804097		Frt	
SIGS				
Sigs 12 Aust Div HQ & HQ Coy	127385	53	Force Tps	
273 Aust LAD	"	52	"	
No 1 Coy (less two dets D Sec)	"	53	"	
HQ No 2 Coy	"	58	"	
HQ No 3 Coy	"	56	"	
2 D Sec dets	110390	57	"	
Frt Coy Sigs	791090		"	
7 HD AA Trg Sec (one Det)	LARRAKETIAN		"	
44 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft	"		300	
45 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft	127365	58	"	

PROPOSED MOVES AND REMARKS

INF.			
13 Aust Inf Bde HQ	137486	51½	Force Tps
J Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	"	"	13 Aust Inf Bde
Det 12 Aust Div Cypher Sec	"	"	"
279 Aust LAD	"	"	"
11 Aust Inf Bn	135485	"	"
27 Aust Inf Bn	117517	49	"
16 Aust Inf Bn	138448	53½	"
28 Aust Inf Bn BRQ	117517	49	"
19 Aust Inf Bde HQ	118236	66½	Force Tps
L Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	"	"	19 Aust Inf Bde
79 Aust LAD	"	"	"
Det 12 Aust Div Cypher Sec	"	"	"
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	123242	66	"
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	120200	68	"
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	113225	67½	"
23 Aust Inf Bde HQ	113692	39	Force Tps
K Sec Sigs 12 Aust Div	"	"	23 Aust Inf Bde
Det 12 Aust Div Cypher Sec	"	"	"
2/108 Aust LAD	114692	"	"
8 Aust Inf Bn	156652	41½	"
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	123717	37	"
7 Aust Inf Bn	804097		Frk
MG			
19 Aust MG Bn	083827	30	23 Bde (Att for adm and trg)
INDEP COY			
North Aust Observer Unit & HQ Coy	KATHERINE	Force Tps	
'A' Coy	ROPER RIVER Area	"	
'B' Coy	WYNDELL Area	"	
'C' Coy	BURKETOWN Area	"	
2/8 Aust Indep Coy	902134	"	
S & T			
HQ Comd 12 Aust Div AASC ADELAIDE R	074063(B)	72	"
2/3 Aust Coy AASC		61	31200
24 Aust Coy AASC		53	"
14 Aust Coy AASC		45	"
Det 12 Aust Div Am Sec	784089		Frk
11 Aust Sup Pers Coy (Loss dets)	ADELAIDE R	72	ADS & T
" " " " (dets)(DID)	VESTEYS	"	"
" " " " (dets)(SRD)	WINNELLIE	8	"
" " " " (dets)(DID)	NOONAMAH	28	"
DSD (Type C)	ADELAIDE R	72	"
3 Aust Butchering Coy (Loss dets)	VESTEYS	"	"
Det	KOOLPINYAH	"	"
Det	MT HUNDY	78	"
12 Aust Fd Bakery (Loss dets)	ADELAIDE R	"	"
Det	813081	"	"
NTF BIPOD (loss dets)	ADELAIDE R	"	"
Det	DARWIN	18	"
Det	ADELAIDE R	70½	"
2/107 Aust Fd Coy (Loss dets)	ADELAIDE R	80	"
Det	ADELAIDE R	73½	"
1 Aust Fm Coy AASC (loss dets)	ADELAIDE R	72	"
MSD			
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	60	Force Tps	
2/13 Aust Fd Amb	38	"	Dental Sec Att'd
17 Aust Fd Amb	56	"	"
2/1 Aust Mob Fd Amb	ADELAIDE R	"	"
115 Aust Mob B	MT JUBLY RD	"	Att 119 AGE
116 Aust Mob	120200(B)	68	"

UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
ORD				
HQ 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	075065(B)		Force Tps	
1 Bde Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	074052(F)		"	
2 Bde Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	074052(F)		"	
3 Bde Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	075065(B)		"	
12 Aust Mob Laundry & Pk & Book Unit	068056(A)		"	
AEME				
HQ 11 Aust AA Wkshop Coy AEME	LARRAKEEYAH		Frt	
11 Aust AA Wkshop Sec AEME (Hy)	785005		"	
HQ 12 Aust Div Wkshops AEME	074052	72	Force Tps	
A Sec 12 Aust Div Wkshops AEME	074052(B)	72	"	
B " " " " " "	016301(C)	24	"	
C " " " " " "	075065(B)	59	"	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec (less Det) BATHCHELOR	100394		"	
54 AA SL Wkshop Sec AEME	705053		"	
5 AA Wkshop Sec AEME (Hy)	068930	30	GRA	
2 Aust AA Wkshop Sec AEME (Ty)	895119		Frt	
PAY				
Comd Pay Office	075065(B)	72	Force Tps	
12 Aust Div Fd Cash Office		53	"	
PRO				
12 Aust Div Pro Coy WINFELLIE		8	"	
POSTAL				
HQ 11 Aust Div Postal Unit ADELAIDE R		75	"	
FPO 0157 ADELAIDE R		75	"	
FPO 0136	137486	51 1/2	13 Aust Inf Bde	
FPO 25	118256	66 1/2	19 Aust Inf Bde	
FPO 0102	143692	39	23 Aust Inf Bde	
FPO 189 BERRY SPRINGS			Force Tps	
FPO 072	174753	75	"	
MISC				
13 Aust Salv Unit (less one sec & det) NOONAMAH		23	"	
12 Aust Div Reception Camp ADELAIDE R			"	
12 " " Salvage Unit ADELAIDE R			"	
2 Aust Mob Cinema NOONAMAH		28	"	
NT Force Trg School WINFELLIE		8	"	
NT Force Public Relations Unit	DARTON 805086		"	
Sec 13 Aust Salv Unit LARRAKEEYAH				
MOV CONT				
HQ 7 Aust Mov Cont Gp	ADELAIDE R		Force Tps	Att L of C
HQ 11 Aust Cont 11 L of C Sub-Area	DARTON		"	Sub-Area
HQ " " 11A L of C Sub-Area	LARRAKEEYAH		"	"
HQ " " 11 L of C Sub-Area	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
HQ " " 11 L of C " "	MT ISA		"	"
RTO	DARTON		"	"
RTO	NOONAMAH		"	"
RTO	ADELAIDE R		"	"
RTO	PIKE CREEK		"	"
RTO	KATHERINE		"	"
RTO	INTARAHIA		"	"
RTO	LARRAKEEYAH		"	"
RTO	MT ISA		"	"
RTO	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
ATO	BATHCHELOR		"	"
ATO	DAILY WATERS		"	"
ATO	KATHERINE		"	"
ATO	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
ENGRS				
5 Docks Operating Coy RAE	PAPAP		"	"

UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>SIGS</u>				
51 Aust Wireloss Sec	139382	57	Forco Tps	
62 Aust Wireloss Sec	ADELAIDE R	80	"	
<u>S & T</u>				
1 Aust MAC (loss dots)	063070		"	Att 1 1/4 L of C
Det	No 3 BORE		"	
One Sub-Sec	799094		"	" 11 L of C
Det	ALICE SPRINGS		"	" 11 "
Det	BARROW CREEK		"	" 11 "
Det	BANKA BANKA		"	" 11 "
Det	ELLIOTT		"	" 11 "
Det	TERNANT CREEK		"	" 11 "
Det	CAMOOOTIAL		"	" 11 "
Det	MT ISA		"	" 11 "
<u>MED</u>				
109 AGH and Dental Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		"	" 11 "
119 AGH and Dental Sec	ADELAIDE R		"	" 1 1/4 "
121 AGH " " "	KATHERINE		"	" 1 1/4 "
111 Aust Con Depot	ANTABURROO		"	" 1 1/4 "
NT Amb Train	ADELAIDE R		"	" 1 1/4 "
2/1 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Unit	ADELAIDE R		"	" 1 1/4 "
10 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Unit	063070		"	" 1 1/4 "
2/1 Aust Mob Bact Lab	DARWIN		"	" 1 1/4 "
101 Aust Adv Depot Mod Stores	ADELAIDE R		"	" 11 "
102 " " " "	ALICE SPRINGS		"	" 11 "
Sub-Depot Dental Stores	ADELAIDE R			
<u>ORD</u>				
14 Aust Amn Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		Forco Tps	Att L of C Sub-..
8 Aust Adv Ord Depot	MATANKA		"	Area
Provision Sec 8 Aust Ord Depot	"		"	"
Det 6 Ord Provision Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
13 Aust Ord Stores Coy (loss dots)	"		"	"
Det (81 Fd Ord Depot)	ADELAIDE R		"	"
Det (82 " " ")	804066		"	"
Det (83 " " ")	KATHERINE		"	"
Det (84 " " ")	MT ISA		"	"
Det (85 " " ")	" "		"	"
Det 10 Aust Ord Stores Coy	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
HQ 5 Aust Adv Fd Amn Depot	MATANKA		"	"
8 Aust Ord Amn Coy (loss dots)	"		"	"
Det (51 Fd Amn Depot)	ADELAIDE R		"	"
Det (53 Fd Amn Depot)	PINE CREEK		"	"
ROO	LARRIMAH		"	"
ROO	MT ISA		"	"
ROO	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
CAMTC Wk-shops	LARRIMAH		"	"
11 L of C Sub-Area Ord Depot (less dot)	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Det	MT ISA		"	"
<u>AEME</u>				
10 Aust Adv Wkshops AEME	MATANKA		Forco Tps	Att L of C Sub-
1 Aust Mech Emt Wkshop Sec AEME	MORPHETT CK		"	" " Area
2 Aust MT Wkshop AEME	ALICE SPRINGS		"	" " "
<u>MISC</u>				
7 Aust Air Liaison Sec	BACHELOR		Forco Tps	Att 12 Sqn RAAF
6 Aust Mob Met Flt (less Det)	140389	57	CRA	
Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flight	LARRAKEMAH		Frt	
2/1 Aust Air Sp Control	127385	53	Forco Tps	
Lugger Maintenance Sec	QUARANTINE STA		"	Att 1 1/4 L of C
	14 L OF C SUB-AREA			
HQ 14 L of C Sub-Area (less dot)	NOONAMAH	26		
Det	VESTERS			

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UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
Area Comdt	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
Base Sec No 1 Adm HQ	ADELAIDE R		US Army Tps	
NT L of C Area Bds & Area Staffs	ADELAIDE R		Force Tps	
SIGS				
HQ No 1 Coy & Det	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
Det No 1 Coy	HOONAH		" "	
Det No 2 Coy	ADELAIDE R		" "	
Det No 2 Coy	HOONAH		" "	
Det NT L of C Cypher Sec	HOONAH		" "	
Aust Indop Sig Co				
16 Aust Line Sec		22		
17 Aust Line Sec		42		
HQ 18 Aust Line Sec	WINNELLIE			
18 Aust Line Sec		56		
Adm HQ 16,17,18 Secs	HOONAH			
S & T				
118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	693535	23	" "	
MED				
Ext Camp Hospital	DARWIN (HARLIN)		" "	
HQ 2/7 Aust Dental Unit (less det)	HOONAH		" "	
Det	PIRAP		" "	
B Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	DARWIN (HARLIN)		" "	
C Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	176652	41 1/2	" Attached 8 Aust Inf Bn	
D Sec " " " "	115225	67 1/2	" " 23/21 " " "	
HQ 68 Aust Dental Unit	ADELAIDE R		"	
C Sec 68 Aust Dental Unit	116151	51 1/2	"	
HQ Det 73 Aust Dental Unit	PIRAP		"	
ARMY				
NT L of C Area Workshops ARML	LARRAKIEAH		"	
PAY				
49 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B)	804087			
POSTAL				
APC 065	DARWIN		"	
APC 0117	NCONAH	28	"	
APC 0127	ADELAIDE R	73	"	
LABOUR				
19 Aust Emp Coy (less 2 pls)	PIRAP		"	
29 Aust Emp Coy (less 2 pls)	088952	23	"	
29 Aust Emp Coy (2 pl)	ADELAIDE R		"	
GRAVES				
7 Aust Graves Reg & Enquiry Unit	ADELAIDE R		"	
MISC				
NTF Entertainment Unit	ADELAIDE R		"	
NTF Cantecns (less det)	ADELAIDE R		"	
Det	WINNELLIE		"	
Det	VESTEYS		"	
Det	808093		"	
ACP HQ	HOONAH		"	
Det	DARWIN 796091		"	
YMCA Rep	HOONAH		"	
Town Major	DARWIN 806089		"	
Army Education Service (less dets)	ADELAIDE R		"	
HQ 8 Aust Ed Censorship	ADELAIDE R		"	
NT Force Press Unit	DARWIN		"	

U N I T	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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11A L of C SUB-AREA

HQ 11A L of C Subarea	KATHERINE			
Y Sec F3 Sec Aust Int Corps				
(less Dets)	KATHERINE		11A L of C	
Det	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det	LARRIMAH	"	"	
HQ KATHERINE Area	KATHERINE	"	"	
HQ LARRIMAH Area	LARRIMAH	"	"	
HQ MATARANKA Area	MATARANKA	"	"	
HQ PINE CREEK Area	PINE CREEK	"	"	
HQ WINDHAM Area	WINDHAM	"	"	

ENGERS

3 Aust CRE (Wks)	KATHERINE	"	"	
11 Aust Workshops & Pk Coy (loss det)	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det (Forestry Sec)	MARANBOY	"	"	
Det (Adv Pk Sec)	LARRIMAH	"	"	

HQ 1 Aust Fd Coy RAB	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det	LARRIMAH	"	"	
2/11 Aust Army Tps Coy RAB (loss det)	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det	MANTULICO	"	"	
Det	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det	LARRIMAH	"	"	
54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (Det)	PINE CREEK	"	"	
6 Aust Cam Eng Unit	KATHERINE	"	"	

SIGS

Det No 2 Coy Sigs NT L of C	PINE CREEK	"	"	
"	KATHERINE	"	"	
"	MATARANKA	"	"	
"	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det No 1 Coy Sigs NT L of C	KATHERINE	"	"	
"	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det NT L of C Area Cypher Sec	KATHERINE	"	"	
Hq 7 Sec (Carrier Pigeon)	KATHERINE	"	"	

S & T

BSD Type C	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Dets 11 Aust Sup Pers Coy				
Det DID	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det FSD & DID	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det FSD & DID	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det DJD	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det 12 Aust Fd Bakery	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det 3 Aust Fd Batching Coy	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det	MATARANKA	"	"	
Det	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det NT Force BIPOD (E Sec)	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det (C Sec)	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det (D Sec)	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det 2/107 Aust Gen Tps Coy (A Sec)	PINE CREEK	"	"	
Det (B Sec)	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det (C Sec)	LARRIMAH	"	"	
Det 1 Aust Farm Coy LASC (4,5,6,7 Secs)	KATHERINE	"	"	
Det (8 Sec)	MATARANKA	"	"	

UNIT	LOCATION	MILE-AGE	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>11 L OF C SUBAREA (CENTRAL AUSTRALIA)</u>				
HQ 11 L of C Subarea	ALICE SPRINGS			
6 Aust CRE (Wks)	TENNANTS CREEK		11 L of C Subarea	
HQ C4 Tpt Coln	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Adm HQ	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Adm Jm	MT ISA		"	"
FS Soc	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
W Soc FS Soc	MT ISA		"	"
<u>ENGRS</u>				
45 DCRE (Wks)	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
63 DCRE (Wks)	MT ISA		"	"
4 Aust A Tps Coy (Loss dots)	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Det	BARRON CREEK		"	"
Det	TI TREE HILL		"	"
10 Aust A Tps Coy (loss dots)	MORPHETT CREEK		"	"
Det	No 3 BORE MT ISA Rd		"	"
Det	MT ISA		"	"
Det	ELLIOTT		"	"
Det	TENNANT CREEK		"	"
Det	RAMPA BARRON		"	"
Det	10 IS SOUTH KELLY CK		"	"
Det	ROCKY WELLS		"	"
Det	FERGUSON CK		"	"
Det	19 BORE		"	"
11 Workshop & Pk Coy				
One Adv Pk Soc	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
One Adv Pk Soc	BARRON CREEK		"	"
One Adv Pk Soc	MT ISA		"	"
One Workshop Soc	MORPHETT CREEK		"	"
Det One Adv Pk Soc	MORPHETT CREEK		"	"
<u>SIGS</u>				
HQ No 3 Coy Sigs NT L of C (loss dots)	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Det	BARRON CREEK		"	"
Det	ELLIOTT		"	"
Det	RAMPA BARRON		"	"
Det	TENNANT CREEK		"	"
Det	MT ISA		"	"
Det	No 3 BORE		"	"
Det	CAMOOTERAL		"	"
11 L of C Subarea Cypher Soc (loss dots)	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Det	BARRON CREEK		"	"
Det	TENNANT CREEK		"	"
Det	RAMPA BARRON		"	"
Det	ELLIOTT		"	"
MT ISA Cypher Soc (loss dots)	MT ISA		"	"
Det	No 3 BORE MT ISA Rd		"	"
Det	CAMOOTERAL		"	"
Det 32 Aust Telop Op Soc	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Det 20 Soc LHQ Ly Wireless Gp	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
1 Aust Line Coy (Construction HQ)	ELLIOTT		"	"
19 Aust Line Soc	TENNANT CREEK		"	"
19A Aust Line Soc	ELLIOTT		"	"
20 Aust Line Soc	WINDUSTLE WATERS		"	"
21 Aust Line Soc	DUMMARA		"	"
22 Aust Line Soc	POWELL CREEK		"	"
<u>3 & T</u>				
1/5 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
1/9 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"

UNIT	LOCATION	UNDER CMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>S & T (Contd)</u>			
122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C	"
2/103 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less 5 Pls)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
1, 3 and 4 Pls	MT ISA	"	"
2/110 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
2/142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
14 Aust Sup Pers Coy (less four secs and dets)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Det (10 Sec)	ELLIOTT	"	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"	"
Det	BARRY WATERS	"	"
Det (8 Sec)	BARRON CREEK	"	"
Det (9 Sec)	BANDA BAKKA	"	"
Det	CAMOGWELL	"	"
Det (11 Sec)	MT ISA	"	"
CA BIPOD (less dets)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Det	MT ISA	"	"
Det.	BARRON CREEK	"	"
Det	BANDA BAKKA	"	"
Det.	ELLIOTT	"	"
Dist Sup Depot (Type D)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Dist Sup Depot (Type D) (less dets)	MT ISA	"	"
Det MT ISA DSD (Type D)	No. 3 BORE	"	"
Det MT ISA DSD (Type D)	CAMOGWELL	"	"
14 Aust Fd Bakery (less dets)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Det	BARRON CREEK	"	"
Det	BANDA BAKKA	"	"
Det	ELLIOTT	"	"
Det	MT ISA	"	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"	"
Det	CAMOGWELL	"	"
14 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	MT ISA	"	"
Det 12 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	MT ISA	"	"
Det: 12 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	CAMOGWELL	"	"
Det. 12 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	No. 3 BORE	"	"
2 Aust Farm Coy 2/103 (less HQ & 7 Secs)	WOLLEBEE WELLS	"	"
Workshop Pl 2/1 Aust Coy 2/103	MT ISA	"	"
<u>MEDICAL</u>			
74 Camp Hospital	MT ISA	"	"
55 Camp Hospital	TENNANT CREEK	"	"
Sub-Depot Dental Stores	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
D, E & F Secs 58 Aust Dental Unit	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Det 2 Aust Optical Unit	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
76 Aust Camp Hospital	BARRON CREEK	"	"
<u>PRO</u>			
11 L of C Sub-Depot 2/103	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
Det	MT ISA	"	"
Det	TENNANT CREEK	"	"
<u>POSTAL</u>			
APD 0135	ELLIOTT	"	"
APD 50	BANDA BAKKA	"	"
APD 0134	BARRON CREEK	"	"
APD 49	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
APD 0114	MT ISA	"	"
<u>LAB</u>			
4 Fd Aust Emp Co	ALICE SPRINGS	"	"
7 Emp Pl (containing)	MT ISA	"	"

UNIT	LOCATION	UNDER CMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>PAY</u>			
NT Force Accounts	ALICE SPRINGS	Force Eps	To move to
52 Depot Cash Office (Type A)	MT ISA	11 L of C	ADELAIDE RIVER
50 Depot Cash Office (Type A)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	
51 Depot Cash Office (Type A)	TENNANT CREEK	"	
<u>MISC</u>			
No. 6 Aust Pers Staging Camp	BANKA BANKA	"	
No. 5 Aust Pers Staging Camp	BARRON CREEK	"	
No. 7 Aust Pers Staging Camp	ELLIOTT	"	
No. 9 Aust Pers Staging Camp	ALICE SPRINGS	"	
No. 10 Aust Pers Staging Camp	MT ISA	"	
No. 11 Aust Pers Staging Camp	No. 3 BORE	"	
No. 12 Aust Pers Staging Camp	CAMOOWEAL	"	
Army Education Service	ALICE SPRINGS	"	
Det	MT ISA	"	
Det	BANKA BANKA	"	
29 Salv Sec (less dets)	ALICE SPRINGS	"	
Det	BARRON CREEK	"	
Det	MT ISA	"	
Det	No. 3 BORE	"	
Det	CAMOOWEAL	"	
Det 13 Aust Salv Sec	BANKA BANKA	"	
Det 13 Aust Salv Sec	ELLIOTT	"	
12 Aust Fd Censorship Sec (less dets)	MT ISA	"	
Det	ALICE SPRINGS	"	
Det	TENNANT CREEK	"	
Det 2 Aust Fd Censorship Sec	ALICE SPRINGS	"	

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Appt 2

By. GOC.

Address to 23 AUST INF BDE on 5 Apr 43.
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This Parade

On taking over command, I am pleased to know that this Bde has such good fighting material, and I think I can judge whether men can be trained to be first-class fighting soldiers. After inspecting your men, Brigadier, I am sure that when they go into battle, they will prove that they have the right fighting spirit.

Forces in this area

The forces in this area have performed a very important duty in the last 12 months. They have kept the JAPS out of this part of AUSTRALIA.

AUSTRALIA appreciates what you have done, and has not forgotten you, so be of good heart, retain your enthusiasm, and cultivate that fighting spirit.

Preparations for War

To prepare a nation for war, its people must be trained mentally as well as physically and technically.

Our job is to train ourselves to be good soldiers. The training of the rest of the nation, which is just as important as the training of the soldiers, is not our responsibility, but we are nevertheless extremely interested in this aspect of the nation's activities because we cannot fight without the supplies they send to us.

Mentally we must all realize that war is a serious business, in which all must be prepared to make sacrifices.

Many of our men have made the supreme sacrifice, and have given their lives, whilst others have lost those most dear to them. To these we pay homage, and it should make us more determined, that their sacrifices have not been made in vain.

Training

The time will soon come when you will be called upon to come to close quarters with the JAP.

When that time does come, I want every individual to know exactly what he has to do in battle.

How to kill the enemy and thus save his own life.

How to defeat the enemy and save his family and himself from becoming slaves to the JAPANESE. You cannot do this unless you are thoroughly trained. Your officers and NCOs cannot train you unless you are keen, enthusiastic, and willing to learn, and unless you are determined to aggressively prosecute this war to a victorious end.

We must learn to take all that adversity offers.

We must be mentally prepared.

We must be physically fit.

We must be skillfully trained.

With a combination of all three, we will have nothing to fear; and if every AUSTRALIAN plays his part at his allotted station we must win.

The AUSTRALIAN Fighting Spirit created last war, and again manifest this war, has become a wonderful tradition. It is a grand national asset, and he or she who has not got that spirit now, is not a worthy AUSTRALIAN.

The JAPANESE are not super-soldiers. They have been beaten by us, and will be beaten again. Having fought in NEW GUINEA I am supremely confident that provided we train hard, and display a determined will to win, we will continue to beat the JAP in battle.

Your comrades in NEW GUINEA beat the JAP, because they were highly trained, were in a perfect physical condition, They were full of dash and vigour. They cheerfully withstood untold physical hardships. They had the fighting spirit fully developed.

They soon learnt all the JAPS tricks, summed up his tactics, then went into the fight with great determination and courage.

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If you had seen them do what I saw them do, you would be just as proud of them as I am.

Finally, I am very impressed with this parade, and with the keenness displayed by all ranks. I am sure you have the qualities required of first-class fighting soldiers. I thank you for the compliment you have paid me.

Appendix 3

5 APR 1943

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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 148

(Compiled from information received between 1800 hrs
16 Mar 43 and 1800 hrs 5 Apr 43).

NOTE:-- Information contained in paras marked with sideline will NOT be passed below Bdes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity.

NIL.

(b) Own Air Activity.

Allied A/C continued to carry out offensive patrols during the period under review and long range recon were also carried out.

(i) LAKEBA was attacked on two occasions on 17 Mar the first time by Hudson A/C, the bombs from which fell on buildings and the jetty. The second raid was carried out by Mitchell bombers and 17 of the 19 bombs dropped fell in the town area.

(ii) PENFOLD aerodrome was attacked by two bombers during night 17/18 Mar and again the following night.

(iii) A photographic recon of ALTON disclosed 12 ships in the Harbour. Five of these were of 5000 tons each and the remainder under 1000 tons. Our A/C was intercepted by 9-10 Zekes and in the resulting clash 4 RA were definitely shot down, two probably and one damaged.

(iv) On 21 Mar 2 HVs from 3 to 4000 tons and one small destroyer were sighted approx 40 miles SOUTH of FAK FAK and attacked. Only hits scored were by bombs which failed to explode.

Hudson A/C later took off to attack the shipping but failed to locate same. They, however, sighted 1 HV and a small destroyer at KAIWANA Bay and one possible hit was scored on the HV.

(v) Shipping at ALTON Bay was attacked by Liberator A/C on 25 Mar, vessels of 8/10000 and 6000 tons were left burning.

The town area was also bombed and large fires started.

Interception was made by RA after bombing had been completed and one was shot down.

(vi) BAGO was the target for Liberator A/C on 1 Apr 43. Bombs were dropped in the target area and big fires started. One fire was considered to be a fuel or bomb dump burning.

Shipping sighted was:-

One ship 4000 tons
2 HVs 1000 tons
4 or 5 smaller vessels.

(vii) Other attacks on isolated shipping and towns were also carried out during the period under review.

(2)

2. NEW GUINEA.

(a) Enemy Air Operations.

(I) Enemy activity during the period under review has been mainly confined to 3 attacks on ORO Bay. On 28 Mar 21 medium bombers, 10 - 15 dive-bombers with heavy fighter escort inflicted considerable damage. Allied A/C intercepted destroying 11 fighters for certain with 4 probables.

Two raids were carried out on 29 Mar with only slight damage.

(II) MERAUKS was raided by 7 medium bombers on 26 Mar. 40 bombs were dropped causing damage to civil administration buildings and a jetty.

(III) PORLOCK Harbour was also attacked.

(b) Our Own Aircraft.

Allied air effort has been successfully directed at bombing and strafing of enemy shipping, domes, dumps, installations and positions and also at intercepting E/C as referred to in para 2(a)(I).

On 29 Mar an enemy convoy was sighted 50 miles SW of KAVIRIG. Allied A/C shadowing the convoy were intercepted 3 times by a total of 21 enemy fighters, and 2 were shot down whilst 2 others were probably shot down. When bombers attacked the convoy they succeeded in either sinking or badly damaging one of the vessels.

(c) Land Operations.

Allied forces are now in possession of MUBO and OBSERVATION HILL, but troops at last named position are held up by enemy troops on the EASTERN slopes. Three of our patrols in this area have been engaged by rifle, LMG and Mortar fire from enemy situated NE of OBSERVATION HILL and at the junction of BUTCAP CREEK-BITOI RIVER. Our patrols are endeavouring to push the enemy from the last mentioned area.

Elsewhere land operations have been confined mainly to active patrolling by both sides.

3. NEW BRITAIN.

Allied A/C has been particularly active in this area. All the known aerodromes on the Island have been bombed. A particularly heavy raid was carried out on the 3 airfields situated in RABAU area on 25 Mar 43 with very good results.

Shipping in the area has been also successfully attacked.

On 25 Mar RABAU township was bombed and most of the bombs dropped fell in the NORTHERN section of the town.

4. Enemy shipping in the area has been constantly attacked and the most successful of these attacks was on 3 Apr when 1 probable heavy cruiser and 1 probable light cruiser were sunk at KAVIRIG. Two direct hits and 2 near misses causing 2 large explosions on a large destroyer and 1 hit and 2 near misses on a probable destroyer in the same convoy.

5. SOLOMONS

Activity in this area is confined to attacks by Allied A/C on Japanese shipping and aerodromes.

6. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

(1) JAPANESE 20mm AA/AT Gun Type 93.

A description and sketch of this weapon are shown as Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

(3)

(2) JAPANESE CW COLOR MARKINGS

According to a captured Japanese note book, the following markings are used to indicate various gases:--

Respiratory	:	BLUE
Vesicant	:	YELLOW
Tear	:	GREEN
Smoking	:	RED

Examination of gas generators, bearing RED and GREEN color markings has shown them to be in accordance with this information. This suggests, therefore, that the other markings may be correct.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
General Staff.

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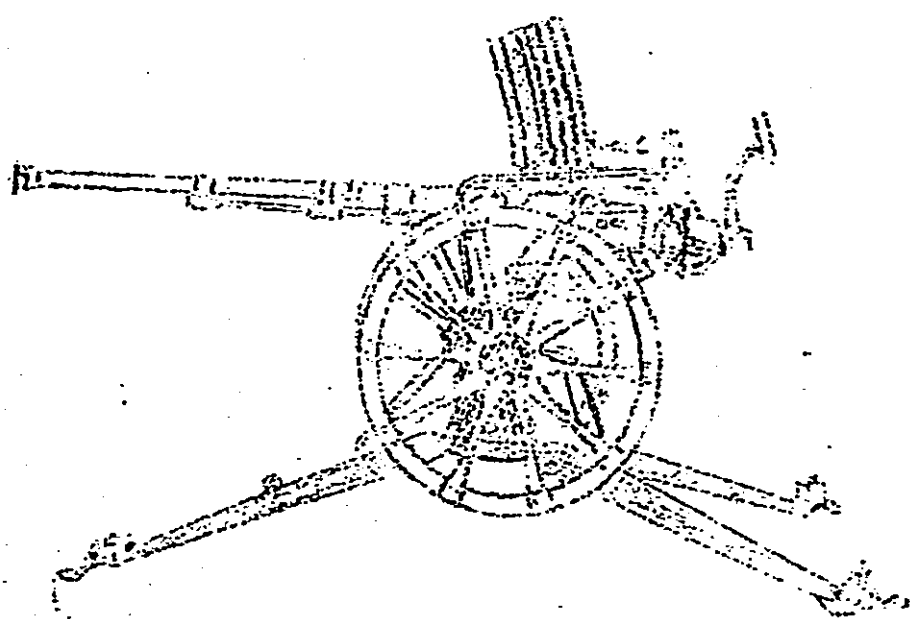
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JAPANESE 100MM AIR ATR GUN
TYPE 92



Appendix "A" to Intelligence Summary No 148

JAPANESE 20mm A/A - A/TK GUN TYPE 98

GENERAL.

This weapon is air cooled, gas operated, embodying the general principles of the Gerlikon.

BARREL.

The barrel is fastened to the body by means of an interrupted thread bushing, which is positioned and locked in place by screws. Fitted to the muzzle is a recoil reducer similar in design to that used on the Boyes A/Tk Rifle.

The recoil of the piece is approximately two inches and is constant, but may be regulated by means of adjusting screws.

MAGAZINE AND FEED.

Bron type.
Capacity 20 rounds.

GUN CARRIAGE.

Is of the dual purpose type and may be easily converted for whatever role required.

When gun is in firing position an outrigger is attached to equilibrator housing. The false axle is then rotated to the rear approximately 180° thus raising the wheels off the ground. Wheels can then be removed from the axle, by means of a spring release catch. Carriage is levelled by jacks attached to the outrigger and the trails, thus giving a three point suspension and free traverse of 360°.

Elevating gear consists of two helical segment gears and pinions.

The equilibrator is of the adjustable spring cable type.

CHARACTERISTICS.

<u>GUN:</u>	Calibre	:	20 mm
	Length of Barrel	:	4' 9 1/4"
	Length of Rifling	:	4' 1 1/2"
	Type of Rifling	:	Uniform RH approximately 2 turns, 8 lands.
	Diameter of Chamber	:	
	at Breech	:	1.21/32"
	Elevation	:	85° approximately
	Traverse	:	360° shoulder controlled.

<u>CARRIAGE:</u>	Overall length of gun and carriage (in travelling position)	:	9 feet
	Total weight of gun and carriage	:	837 lbs
	Weight of carriage	:	635 lbs

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W O S T S E C R E T

Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
6 Apr 43.

NT FORCE GS INSTRUCTION No. 37.
SYSTEM OF VEHICLE MARKING TO WAR.

1. NT Force GS Instructions Nos. 9 of 14 Jun 42, 9A of 25 Jun 42, and 27 of 23 Jul 42 and all appendices thereto are cancelled and the present instruction will be substituted. All vehicles in NT Force will have their markings altered to conform with this instruction by 15 May 43.

2. SIGNS TO BE USED ON VEHICLES.

(a) All vehicles and AFVs (unless the structure does not permit), must carry the following numbers and signs :--

- (i) Army Registration Number.
- (ii) Formation etc sign.
- (iii) Unit sign (i.e. unit serial number and colour background).
- (iv) Bridge classification sign.
- (v) Load capacity sign (load carrying vehicles only).
- (vi) Tare weight (load carrying vehicles only).
- (vii) Vehicle identification sign ("T" or "AAS" vehicles only).

(b) The following additional signs may be used under conditions stated :--

- (i) Tactical signs, which are used in some cases, from the tactical aspect, to distinguish sub-unit vehicles and on occasions, individual vehicles.
- (ii) Vehicle names, which may be painted on unit vehicles at the discretion of Commanding Officers.
- (iii) "Pass" signs.

(c) Detailed instructions for the use of all the above signs are given in paragraphs 4 -- 13 below.

3. SECURITY.

(a) The following will NOT be marked on vehicles :--

- (i) Actual number or title of formation or unit.
- (ii) Crest or badge of unit, or any device (apart from authorized signs) giving a clue to the identity of the unit.

(b) In using tactical signs, sub-unit numbers or letters may be used provided they do not disclose the identity of the unit, e.g., "23" denoting "23 Aust Fd Bty" is NOT permissible, but "A" denoting "A" Tp of a Fd Bty is permissible.

4. ARMY REGISTRATION NUMBER.

The instructions laid down in GSO 9/425 of 25 Sep 42 will be adhered to.

5. FORMATION ETC SIGNS.

(a) The sign will be placed on the rear-side front mudguard and on the off-side rear of the vehicle on the tail board, boot cover, body or mudguard, depending on the type of vehicle. For vehicles without mudguards, the signs will be placed in corresponding positions.

5. FORMATION SIGNS (contd)

- (b) The sign will be painted in white on a black background, the size of which will be approximately 8" x 8".
 - (c) Units with vehicle marking numbers appearing in the first section of Appendix "A" will carry a Buffalo on Boomerang sign.
 - (d) LHQ units attached to HT Force will carry a Rising Sun on Boomerang sign.
 - (e) Fixed Defence, AA and L of C formations and units will carry a white band 2" deep on the bottom of the plate bearing the unit serial number and colour background, with the letters HT inscribed centrally thereon.
- In order to preserve uniformity of design in formation signs all stencils for formation signs will be drawn through AHS.

6. UNIT SIGN.

- (a) This sign will consist of a plate 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, painted with the unit serial number in white (except for Sig Units which will use a Red serial number) on a background coloured to denote the brigade or arm of the service to which the unit belongs.
- (b) The figures will be 6" deep.
- (c) The plates are removable, and will be fitted by means of brackets on the near-side front and the off-side rear of vehicles.
- (d) If the structure of a vehicle will not permit the affixing of sign-plates, or where it has not been possible to obtain holders and brackets, the unit sign will be painted on the vehicle.
- (e) For AFVs the unit sign will be painted centrally on the front and rear of the vehicles.
- (f) Unit serial numbers on colour background will be used as unit sign-posts and directing signs. Under no circumstances will a unit display its name or number on a sign post or directing sign.

7. BRIDGE CLASSIFICATION SIGNS.

The instructions laid down in GRO 0/410 of 13 Sep 42 will be adhered to.

8. LOAD CAPACITY SIGN.

See Appendix "B".

9. TARE WEIGHT.

See Appendix "B".

10. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SIGN.

See GRO 0/70 of 5 Jun 42.

11. TACTICAL SIGNS.

- (a) The type, shape, size and colouring of tactical signs will be as laid down in the Standing Orders of each formation.
- (b) In choosing tactical signs, care must be taken to avoid confusion with other official markings.
- (c) In the case of cars, trucks and lorries, tactical signs will be placed on the front doors of the vehicle, on both sides.
- (d) For AFVs they will be placed on both sides of the hull or turret.

12. VEHICLE NAMES

- (a) Where approved for use by Commanding Officers, vehicle names will be in white paint in block letters not greater than 2" in height. They will be placed only above windcreens or on front bumper bars in a central position.
- (b) Cars will not be named.
- (c) In the case of A.F.Vs the name will be restricted to the sides of the hull or turret as laid down by the formation commanders.

13. "PASS" SIGNS

- (a) The "PASS" sign will be painted on the reverse side of the unit sign, in white letters $5\frac{1}{2}$ " in height on a khaki background.
- (b) The "PASS" sign is to be displayed by a stationary vehicle to indicate that other vehicles may pass. Once the vehicle moves on, the plates must be turned to the normal position, thus concealing the word "PASS".
- (c) If the structure of a vehicle will not permit the affixing of sign plates (and the unit sign is therefore painted on the vehicle), the "PASS" sign will not be used.

14. MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS

- (a) In addition to the markings detailed above, there are a number of others which may be placed on vehicles such as :-
 - (i) Markings on Matilda tanks showing "Fording height", Flaps open" and "Flaps closed" with indicating lines;
 - (ii) "Caution - left hand drive";
 - (iii) Markings on vehicles of Bomb Disposal Units (vide G.R.O 0/555/1942).
 - (iv) "Geneva" Cross.
- (b) These markings will be placed on vehicles in accordance with instructions which have been promulgated separately or in accordance with normal practice.

15. MARKINGS ON MOTOR CYCLES

Motor cycles may carry, at the discretion of formation etc. commanders, the formation and unit signs. If used, these signs will be placed on by means of reduced size stencils.

16. APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS INSTRUCTION

- Appendix "A" - Unit Serial Numbers on colour background.
- Appendix "B" - Diagrams illustrating the positions of signs on Cars, Trucks and Lorries.

W. H. Black
Brigadier.
General Staff.

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LIST "A".

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APPENDIX "A"

ARM	UNIT	UNIT SERIAL NUMBER	COLOUR BACKGROUND
HQ	HQ NT Force	84	BLACK
	12 Aust Div PR Fd Unit	53	BLACK
CAV	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	44	G & B H
	2/39 Aust IAD	44	BLACK
ARTY	HQ RAA 12 Aust Div	62	R & B H
	2/11 Aust Fd Regt	74	R & B H
	2/70 Aust IAD	74	BLACK
	11 Aust Fd Regt	54	R & B H
	201 Aust IAD	54	BLACK
	103 Aust Tr & Regt	62	R & B H
	249 Aust IAD	62	BLACK
ENGRS	HQ RAE 12 Aust Div	81	BLUE
	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	60	BLUE
	1 Aust Fd Coy	62	BLUE
	23 Aust Fd Coy	25	BLUE
	54 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	BLUE
	232 Aust IAD	67	BLACK
	12 Aust Div Comflg Trg Unit	73	BLUE
	7 Aust Fd Svy Sec	15	BLUE
SIGS	Sigs 12 Aust Div (other than secs attached to Units)	66	W & B H
	273 Aust IAD	66	BLACK
	Sigs 12 Aust Div (secs attd to Units)	Unit Serial No	W & B H
	12 Aust Div Cypher Sec	63	W & B H
	3 Aust Indep Bde Gp Cipher Sec	68	W & B H
MG	19 Aust MG Bn	35	RED
	236 Aust IAD	35	BLACK
INF	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde	88	RED
	279 Aust IAD	83	BLACK
	11 Aust Inf Bn	56	RED
	23 Aust Inf Bn	50	RED
	16 Aust Inf Bn	99	RED
	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	65	BROWN
	2/79 Aust IAD	65	BLACK
	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	82	BROWN
	2/8 Aust Inf Pa	91	BROWN
	23/21 Aust Inf Br	77	BROWN
	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	96	GREEN
	108 Aust IAD	96	BLACK
	7 Aust Inf Bn	65	GREEN
	8 Aust Inf Bn	61	GREEN
	10/48 Aust Inf Bn	93	GREEN
INDEP COYS	NT Force Special Recco Unit	94	BLACK
	N A O U	40	BLACK
SUP & TPT	HQ Comd 12 Aust Div MASC	59	R & G D
	24 Aust Coy MASC	64	R & G D
	2/3 Aust Coy MASC	97	R & G D
	14 Aust Coy MASC	72	R & G D
	2/107 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	47	R & G D
MEDICAL	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	57	BLACK
	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	52	BLACK
	17 Aust Fd Amb	70	BLACK
	115 Aust Mobile Bath Unit	79	BLACK
	116 Aust MOBILE B Unit	33	BLACK
	2/7 Aust Dental Unit	37	BLACK
	68 Aust Dental Unit	43	BLACK

ARM	U N I T	UNIT SERIAL NUMBER	COLOR BACKGROUND
ORD	12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	BLACK
	12 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Decon Unit	51	BLACK
ARMS	12 Aust Div Wkshop	76	BLACK
PAY	12 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	38	BLACK
	NT Force Comd Pay Office	39	BLACK
PRO	12 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	BLACK
POSTAL	12 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	BLACK
MISC	12 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	71	BLACK
	12 Aust Div Salv Unit	78	BLACK
	12 Aust Div Entertainments Unit	90	BLACK
	NT Force Canteens	42	BLACK
	NT Force School	562	BLACK

HQ UNITS ATTACHED TO NT FORCE & NT L OF C AREA

HQ	5 Aust HQ Gp	712	BLACK
	6 Aust Mob Meteorological Flt	639	BLACK
INT	Fd Consorship Secs) Fd Security " Air Liaison "	Will use Serial Number and Colour Background of HQ of formation to which attached.	
ENGR	5 Docks Operating Coy	755	BLUE
SIGS	2/1 Aust Air Sp Control	712	R & B H
	51 and 62 Aust Wirecross Secs	793	W & B H
INF	2/8 Aust Indop Coy	776	RED
SUP & TPT	1 Aust MAC	761	R & G E
MEDICAL	101 & 102 Aust Adv Depot Medical Stores	708	BLACK
	2/1 Aust Mob Bacteriological Lab	704	BLACK
	2/1 & 10 Aust Anti-malaria Control Units	596	BLACK
	111 Aust Con Depot	731	BLACK
	109 AGH	732	BLACK
	119 AGH	733	BLACK
	121 AGH	737	BLACK
ORD	8 Aust Adv Ord Depot	790	BLACK
	5 Aust Adv Amn Depot	700	BLACK
	11 L of C Sub-Area Ord Depot	730	BLACK
	Ord Depot MT 13A	811	BLACK
ARMS	3 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	816	BLACK
	10 Aust Adv Wkshop	801	BLACK
LABOUR	All employment Coys	833	BLACK

NT FIXED DEFENCES

HQ	HQ DARWIN Fortress Area	302	BLACK
ARTY	Coast Defences	481	R & B H
ENGR	18 Aust Frt Coy RAE	157	BLUE
Sigs	Frt Sigs	315	W & B H

ARM	UNIT	UNIT SERIAL NUMBER	COLOUR BACKGROUND
<u>NT AA DEFENCES</u>			
HQ	AA Gp HQ DARWIN	406	R & B H
	AA Ops Room DARWIN	498	R & B H
	AA Ops Room BATCHELOR	444	R & B H
	AA Ops Room HUGHES	473	R & B H
ARTY	2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt	400	R & B H
	233 Aust Lt AA Bty	493	R & B H
	225 Aust Lt AA Bty	504	R & B H
	2 Aust AA Bty	537	R & B H
	5 Aust AA Bty	522	R & B H
	19 Aust AA Bty	510	
ENGR	65 AA SL Coy	539	BLUE
	70 AA SL Coy	523	BLUE
SIGS	AA Regt and AA Bty Sigs will use the same Serial Number as Regt or Bty to which they are attached		W & B H
AME	11 AA Workshop Coy	416	BLACK
	AA Regt Workshop Secs	These units will carry the same Serial Number as the Unit to which they are attached on a Black Background	
	AA Bty Workshop Sub-Secs		
	Hy AA Workshop Secs		
	AA SL Workshop Secs		
<u>NT L OF C AREA</u>			
HQ	HQ 11 L of C Sub-Area	353	BLACK
	HQ 14 L of C Sub-Area	415	BLACK
	HQ 144 L of C Sub-Area	308	BLACK
	Att Adm HQ	316	BLACK
	Att Town Majors	387	BLACK
	12 Aust Div Sec Int Corps	395	BLACK
ENGR	5 Aust CE (Wks)	312	BLUE
	3 Aust CRE (Wks)	357	BLUE
	6 Aust CRE (Wks)	396	BLUE
	45 Aust DCRE (Wks)	446	BLUE
	63 Aust DCRE (Wks)	405	BLUE
	74 Aust DCRE (Wks)	436	BLUE
	2/11 Aust A Tps Coy	421	BLUE
	4 Aust A Tps Coy	326	BLUE
	6 Aust A Tps Coy	347	BLUE
	10 Aust A Tps Coy	359	BLUE
	11 Aust Workshop & Pk Coy	398	BLUE
	6 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	408	BLUE
	8 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	466	BLUE
	15 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	424	BLUE
SIGS	NT L of C Sigs & Aust Line Secs	422	W & B H
	NT L of C Cipher Sec	375	W & B H
	7 Sec (Carrier Pigeon) Aust Corps of Sigs	411	W & B H
SUP & TPT	HQ Comd CA Tpt Coln	484	R & G D
	2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	502	R & G D
	2/110 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	454	R & G D
	2/142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	423	R & G D
	118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	468	R & G D
	121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	492	R & G D
	122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	480	R & G D

A R M	U N I T	UNIT SERIAL NUMBER	COLOUR BACKGROUND	
SUP & TPT	134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	32	R & G D	
	140 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	487	R & G D	
	146 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	532	R & G D	
	149 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	540	R & G D	
	11 Aust Sup Pers Coy	385	R & G D	
	14 Aust Sup Pers Coy	391	R & G D	
	BSD ADELAIDE RIVER	464	R & G D	
	DSD MT ISA	449	R & G D	
	DSD ALICE SPRINGS	494	R & G D	
	12 Aust Fd Bakery	441	R & G D	
	14 Aust Fd Bakery	403	R & G D	
	3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	471	R & G D	
	1 Aust Farm Coy	351	R & G D	
	2 Aust Farm Coy	394	R & G D	
	411 BIPODS	368	R & G D	
	DSD LARRIMAH	482	R & G D	
	MEDICAL	DARWIN Frt Camp Hospital	459	BLACK
		42 Camp Hospital	304	BLACK
		45 Camp Hospital	341	BLACK
		55 Camp Hospital	362	BLACK
		65 Camp Hospital	380	BLACK
		74 Camp Hospital	343	BLACK
AEME	NT L of C Wkshop	382	BLACK	
	2 Aust MT Wkshop	432	BLACK	
	2/1 Aust Mech Engr Coy	419	BLACK	
LADs will carry the Serial No of the unit to which they are attached on a BLACK Background				
PAY	NT Accounts Office	427	BLACK	
	All Depot Cash Offices	379	BLACK	
PROVOST	NT L of C Pro Coy	410	BLACK	
	13 Aust Detention Barracks	469	BLACK	
	11 L of C Subarca Indop Pro Pl	413	BLACK	
POSTAL	2 Aust L of C Postal Unit	397	BLACK	
MISC	NT Force Stationary Unit	420	BLACK	
	" " Press Unit	433	BLACK	
	" " Education Service	923	BLACK	
	7 Aust Graves Reg & Enquiry Unit	335	BLACK	
	NT Force ARD	467	BLACK	
	5 Aust Pers Staging Camp	374	BLACK	
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	12 " " " "	430	BLACK	
	NT Force General Details Depot	528	BLACK	
	13 Aust Salvage Section	313	BLACK	
	29 " " " "	305	BLACK	
	US Base Section No 1	455	BLACK	
	Lugger Maintenance Section	525	BLACK	
	RAAF UNITS			
	HQ RAAF NT Area	300	SKY BLUE	
HQ No 5 Fighter Sector	301	SKY BLUE		
No 2 Sqn RAAF	302	SKY BLUE		
No 12 Sqn RAAF	303	SKY BLUE		
No 13 Sqn RAAF	304	SKY BLUE		
6 Communication Flight RAAF	305	SKY BLUE		
2 Air Amb Unit RAAF	306	SKY BLUE		
18 Sqn	313	SKY BLUE		
31 Sqn	314	SKY BLUE		
No 1 Fighter Wing HQ	315	SKY BLUE		
54 Sqn	316	SKY BLUE		

A R M	UNIT	UNIT SERIAL NUMBER	COLOUR BACKGROUND
RAAF	452 Sqn	317	SKY BLUE
	457 Sqn	318	SKY BLUE
	7 Repair & Salvage Unit	320	SKY BLUE
	1 " " " "	321	SKY BLUE
	No 1 Medical Reception Sta	322	SKY BLUE
	3 Wks & Maintenance Unit	323	SKY BLUE
	1 Mob Wks Sqn	324	SKY BLUE
	Map Distributing Centre	325	SKY BLUE
	No 24 Base Wing	327	SKY BLUE
	Security Guards Unit	329	SKY BLUE
	132 Radio Sta	332	SKY BLUE
	1 Photo Rocco Unit	333	SKY BLUE
	109 Radio Sta	334	SKY BLUE
	105 " "	335	SKY BLUE
	Service Police Sta	336	SKY BLUE
	244 Radio Sta	337	SKY BLUE
	307 Radio Sta	338	SKY BLUE
	308 Radio Sta	339	SKY BLUE
	4 Repair & Salvage Unit	340	SKY BLUE
	64 Bomber Sqn (USAAC)	341	SKY BLUE
	9 Stores Depot	344	SKY BLUE
	31 Radio Sta	345	SKY BLUE
	38 Radio Sta	346	SKY BLUE
	39 Radio Sta	347	SKY BLUE
	46 Radio Sta	348	SKY BLUE
	309 Radio Sta	349	SKY BLUE
	3 Mob Installation Sec	351	SKY BLUE
	Ops Base DRYSDALE	364	SKY BLUE
	" " GROOTE EYLANDT	365	SKY BLUE
	" " ALICE SPRINGS	366	SKY BLUE
	43 Material Sqn(USAAC)	372	SKY BLUE
	Dispersed Tpt RAAF	381	SKY BLUE
	W/T Transmitting Sta	383	SKY BLUE
	14 Aircraft Repair Depot	384	SKY BLUE
	Mob Sigs	385	SKY BLUE
	11 Sigs Unit	386	SKY BLUE
	DARWIN Ops Base	387	SKY BLUE
	BATCHELOR Ops Base	388	SKY BLUE
	DALY WATERS Ops Base	389	SKY BLUE
	BERDUM Ops Base	391	SKY BLUE
	HUGHES Ops Base	392	SKY BLUE
	5 Replenishing Centre	393	SKY BLUE
	9 " "	394	SKY BLUE
	2 Torpedo Maintenance Unit	396	SKY BLUE
	No 12 Svy & Design Unit	397	SKY BLUE
	44 Radio Wing	355	SKY BLUE
	No 61 Works Wing	350	SKY BLUE
	No 8 Mobile Works Sqn	352	SKY BLUE
	No 11 Wks Supply Unit	353	SKY BLUE
	No 9 Wks Maintenance Unit	354	SKY BLUE
	No 8 RAAF Postal Unit	356	SKY BLUE
<u>MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORT</u>			
	RAN DARWIN	00	WHITE
	PMGs Dept	404	YELLOW
	Public Works	505	YELLOW
	Main Roads Board NSW	606	YELLOW
	Country Roads Board VIC	707	YELLOW
	Highways & Local Govt		
	Dept SA	808	YELLOW
	Civil Construction Corps	909	YELLOW

NOTES

1. (a) The following is the key to the words and letters in the column "Colour Background":-

Black	...	...	...	Black
Red	...	...	...	Red
Green	...	...	...	Green
Blue	...	...	...	Blue
Brown	...	...	...	Brown
Yellow	...	...	...	Yellow
Sky Blue	...	...	...	Sky Blue
White	...	...	...	White
W & B H	...	...	...	White & Blue Horizontal
R & G D	...	...	...	Red & Green Diagonal
G & B H	...	...	...	Green & Blue Horizontal
R & B H	...	...	...	Red & Blue Horizontal.

- (b) In the case of horizontal colours, the first-named colour is on top
- (c) In the case of diagonal colours, the first-named colour is at top left.

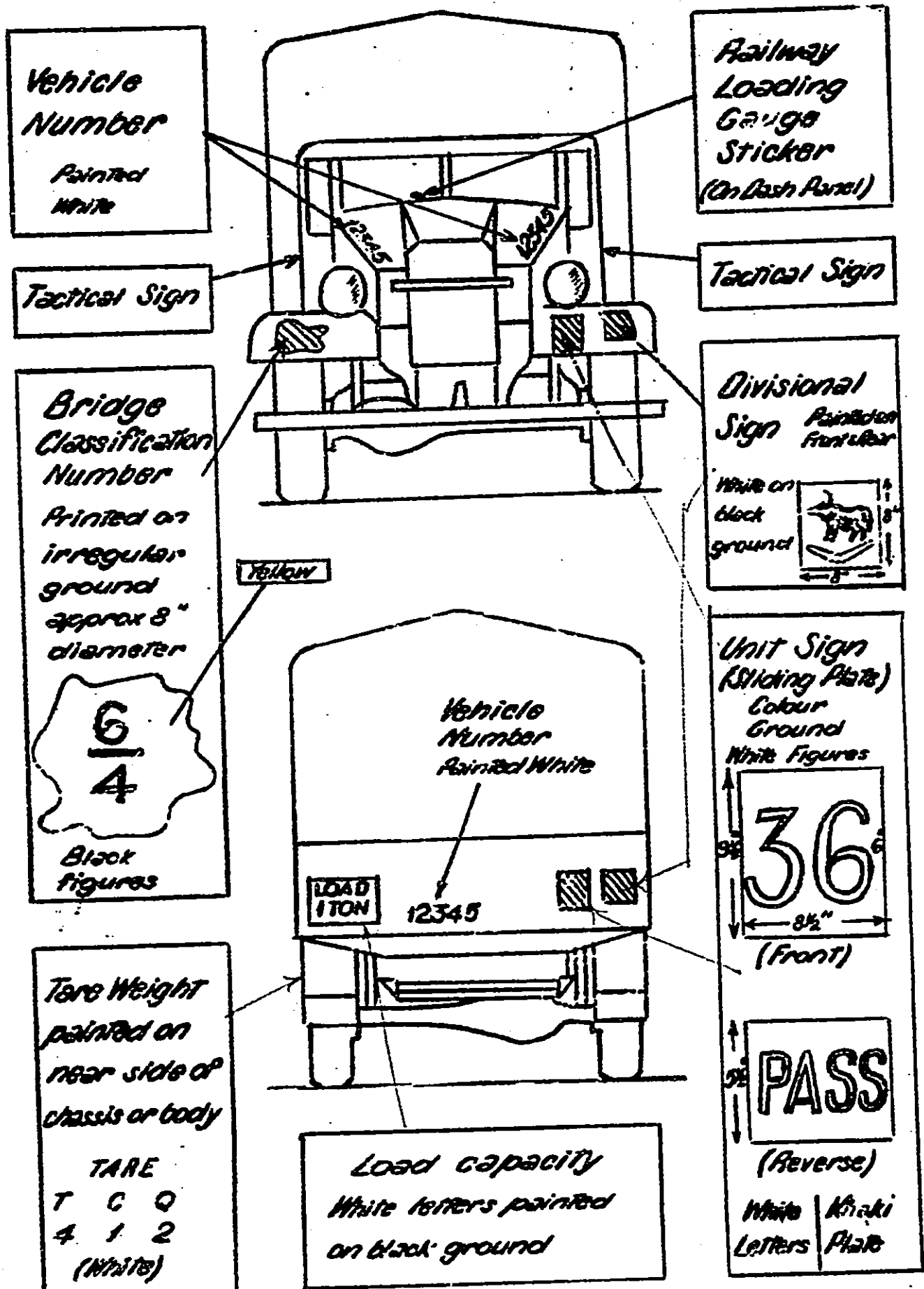
2. Figures of unit serial numbers will be in the following colours:-

(a) All Army units other than Sigs		WHITE
(b) Sig Units		RED
(c) Naval, RAAF, and Civil Units		BLACK

AMF SYSTEM OF VEHICLE MARKING

Appendix "B"

Positions of signs on Cars, Trucks and Lorries.



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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
6 Apr 43.
6235/G/S11.

NT FORCE SCHOOL -- INSTRUCTORS - TOUR OF DUTY

Reference NT Force 4558/G/S11 of 28 Dec 42.

1. While the lengthened tour of duty has helped to raise the standard of instruction at NT Force School, it has been found that instructors are returning to their units at the time when they would be of most value to the School. The tour of duty as instructors will therefore be increased to six months.
2. While it is realised that the absence for six months of officers and NCOs of sufficient ability to carry out the duties successfully will be seriously felt by their units, the greatest care will be taken that this consideration does not cause personnel of inferior military knowledge and instructional ability to be nominated as instructors.
3. Officer instructors will be seconded in their units. WOs and NCOs will be transferred to NT Force School where they may be promoted to fill vacancies on WE. On return to their units after tour of duty personnel will, if necessary, be held supernumerary to establishment until they can be absorbed.

W. Woodward *Col*
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF C-IN-C TO NT FORCE

- NOTES.-
1. Details of each part of itinerary will be disclosed only to those who require to know them.
 2. Subject to alteration at short notice to meet wishes of C-in-C after arrival.
 3. Party includes SO-in-C, DGES, 2 SCs.

SATURDAY, 17 APR

p.m. Arrive COOMALIE Field.

SUNDAY, 18 APR

0900 hrs Leave Adv HQ.
0930-1030 hrs Parade 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
1030-1100 hrs Refreshments.
1145-1245 hrs Parade 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
1300 hrs Lunch at Adv HQ.
1420 hrs Leave for COOMALIE Field.
1430-1630 hrs Fly over area (aircraft from HQ NW Area RAAF).
1645 hrs Arrive Adv HQ.

MONDAY, 19 APR

0915 hrs Leave Adv HQ.
1000-1100 hrs Parade 23 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
1100-1130 hrs Refreshments.
1145 hrs Take off from HUGHES Field (C-in-C's aircraft).
1210 hrs Arrive RAAF Airfield, DARWIN.
1245 hrs Lunch with Fortress Comd.
1400-1500 hrs Inspect DARWIN Fortress.
1615 hrs Tea with NOIC DARWIN.
1715 hrs Take off from RAAF Airfield.
1745 hrs Land COOMALIE Field.
1800 hrs Arrive Adv HQ.

} Came back by car J.

TUESDAY, 20 APR

a.m. Leave COOMALIE Field for ALICE SPRINGS.

Distribution -

13 Aust Inf Bde
19 Aust Inf Bde
23 Aust Inf Bde
Comd, DARWIN Fortress
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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 149

(Compiled from information received between
1800 hrs 5 Apr 43 and 2000 hrs 13 Apr 43).

NOTE : - Information contained in paras marked with sideline will NOT be passed below Bdes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this Summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

On 9 Apr an enemy floatplane attacked an Allied convoy. One bomb was dropped without effect. The EA was driven off by a Hudson carrying out anti-submarine patrol ahead of the convoy.

(b) Own Air Activity

(i) Offensive and recce patrols have been carried out by Allied A/C during the period under review.

(ii) On 5 Apr 2 Liberator A/C on patrol of FAK FAK - KAIMANA reported sighting the following shipping : -

One 4000 ton vessel) near KOKAS
Two 1/2000 ton vessels) (approx 25 mls
Three lighters) NNE FAK FAK)
Two ships under 1000 tons in KAIMANA Bay.

Bombs dropped at the vessels near KOKAS all fell wide of the shipping.

(iii) Five attacks have been carried out on TIMOEKA and adjacent areas. Fires were started and on one occasion either a fuel or bomb dump was set on fire.

(iv) On 8 Apr 12 large barges and 1 motor patrol vessel were sighted 20 mls WEST of KAUKENAU and were bombed and strafed. A fire was started in the patrol boat and on three of the barges.

(v) Targets in the TANIMBAR Gp were attacked with successful results on four occasions.

(vi) A number of other attacks were made on targets in the AROE Gp, EABO, FAK FAK and TIMOR.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

Enemy aerial activity has been mainly confined to an attack by 45 fighters and dive bombers on PORT HARVEY (5 mls SE ORU BAY) on 11 Apr. Allied fighters made interception and succeeded in destroying 5 dive bombers and 11 fighters for certain whilst 1 dive bomber and 5 fighters were probably destroyed.

(b) Own Air activity...

(b) Own Air Activity

Japanese bases on the NS coast of NEW GUINEA from MUBO up to WETAK have been attacked from time to time with successful results.

The most successful of these raids took place on 9 Apr when 13 Mitchell bombers bombed and 10 Beaufighters strafed MADANG and vicinity. This raid resulted in 5 grounded A/C, including 2 bombers, being destroyed as well as a petrol waggon set on fire.

GYRON MISSION (5½ mls NORTH of MADANG) and ALEXISHAFEN were also strafed in this attack. Hy damage was sustained at the last-mentioned place where buildings, power house and saw-mill were left burning furiously. Amongst the buildings burned was that of the Japanese HQ in the area.

Allied by bombers attacked WETAK area for nearly 2 hrs on 10 Apr. Two fires were started amongst buildings in seaplane base on KIRIRU Island. One 1000 ton cargo vessel was destroyed, one 500 ton ship received either a direct hit or a very near miss, and one 1500 ton ship was strafed and set on fire. The camp area was heavily bombed and an amm dump exploded. AA posns were also silenced.

The same day, 9 Mitchell bombers attacked BUGIA and ULINGAN harbours. Many light bombs were dropped in the villages and fires started. Two direct hits on a bty of 5 HMCA silenced the post.

(c) Land Operations

Patrolling by both Japanese and Allied forces has been active. On 6 Apr it was reported that an enemy patrol approached MARKHAM RIVER headwaters NORTH WANKUN (4 mls SE of WARAWASA) from the direction of PAI coast (SAIDUR area) whilst on 9 Apr a large party of Japanese, probably from DANARU (9 mls NORTH of INOMBA) was reported to have recently passed INOMBA 30 mls NORTH by EAST of BETA BENA.

Enemy patrols assisted by natives are also reported to be active in WETAK hinterland and YAMIL area.

In the MUBO area active Allied patrolling continues.

3. NEW BRITAIN

CAMP GLOUCESTER airfield was bombed by Allied A/C. Bombs fell along SW side of runway in the vicinity of 3 EA. The saw-mills at UAKONA (2 mls SW UBILI) was also attacked and bombs were seen to fall amongst lumber stacks.

4. NEW ZEALAND

Allied aerial activity in this area has been mainly confined to recon. The new strip at PANAPAI (4000 yds SE KAVIENG) was bombed on 9 Apr but results were NOT observed. Later the same day the airfield at KAVIENG was attacked and all bombs fell on NW end of runway.

5. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Japanese Fuse & Ammunition Chart : Sketches of Japanese fuses are shown as Appx A. A captured document prepared by the Japanese 102 Inf Regt, 51 Div, and showing the characteristics of fuses used with various types of shells, is set as Appx B.

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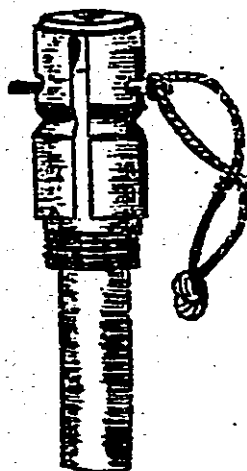
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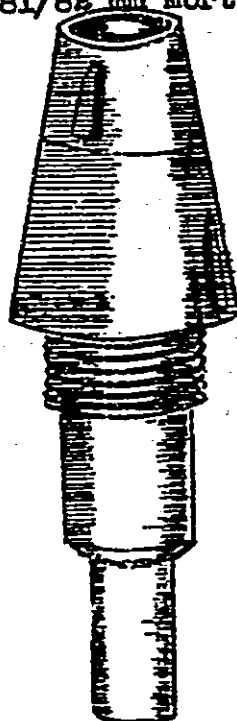
JAPANESE FUSES

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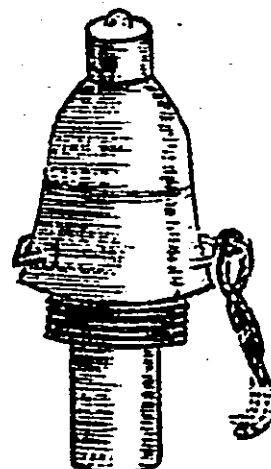
MODEL 10th YEAR
TIME FUSE
for Hand Grenades



MODEL 93 Fuse
for 81/82 mm Mortar Bomb



MODEL 88
INSTANTANEOUS FUSE
for Type 89 Grenade
Discharger Bomb



ALL FUSES
ACTUAL SIZE

MODEL 88 FUSE
Alternative Type
will fit
70-75-105mm Shells



MODEL 93
INSTANTANEOUS FUSE
for 37 mm HE Shell
Type 94



MODEL 88
INSTANTANEOUS FUSE
for 70-75-105mm
HE Shells



APPX 93 TO IN FORCE INT SUMMARY 149.

JAPANESE FUZE AND AMMUNITION CHART

Classification	Required Fuze	Mark on Fuze	Weight of Fuze	SUMMARY
Various Types of Shell				
Time Fuze Hand Grenade Small Model 91	Time Fuze Hand Grenade Fuze Type 10th Year		40 grams (1.41 oz)	Time of combustion 7-8 seconds. Make sure firing pin is screwed properly
Hand Grenade Shell Model 97	Hand Grenade Fuze Type 97	Painted in GREEN. Marked in BLACK "4-5 seconds"	35 grams (1.23 oz)	Time of combustion 4-5 seconds. Make sure firing pin is screwed properly
Ev Grenade Thrower Model 88 Shell Type 87	Model 88 Small instantaneous fuze	Marked in BLACK "Model 88"	75 grams (2.65 oz)	
Model 92 In Gun Shell Case	Model 88 instantaneous fuze "RYUKYU" (TN How & Mortar) Model 88 Delayed action fuze "RYUKYU" (TN How & Mortar)	Marked in BLACK "MODEL 88 MORTAR"	170 grams (6 oz) 190 grams (6.7 oz)	The standard delayed time is 0.1 second
Model 94, 37 mm Gun Shell Case	Model 93 Small instantaneous fuze		47 grams (1.66 oz)	
Model 94, 37mm Gun Armour Piercing Shell Case	Model 94 Small delayed Base Fuze		148 grams (5.22 oz)	The standard delayed time is 0.2 second

Model 41. Mountain Gun Shell Case	Model 88 Instant- aneous Fuze "Field, Mtn Gun" Model 88, Delayed Action Fuze "Field Mtn Gun"	Marked in BLACK "Model 88" "FIELD, MOUNTAIN GUN"	170 grams (6 oz) 190 grams (6.7 oz)	The standard delayed time is 0.05 second
Model 93 Tank Land Mine	Model 93 Tank Land Mine Fuze		40 grams (1.41 oz)	A pressure of 140 kg (308.7 lb) or greater must be applied before fuze sets off.
Model 99 Armour Pierc- ing Mine	Mine 99 Armour Pier cing Mine Fuze		95 grams (3.35 oz)	A pressure of 2.15 kg (4.77 lb) or greater must be app- lied before fuze sets off
82mm Trench Mortar Shell	Model 93, Combination Fuze "HAKU" (Trench Mortar)	Marked in BLACK "HAKU" (Trench Mortar)	In case of instantan- eous 180 grams (6.35oz) In case of delayed 193 grams (6.81oz)	Delayed action chamberhead with - Two grooves indicate 0.15 sec One groove indicates 0.1 sec Without grooves indicates 0.05 sec

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Headquarters,
NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE.

NOTES OF CONFERENCE ON TRAINING, HELD AT GOC'S MESS.

0930 hrs, 11th April 1943. APRIL

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PRESENT: Maj-Gen A S ALLEN GOC NT Force
Col F W WOODWARD BGS NT Force
Lt-Col A E MORGAN AA & QMG NT Force (Fd Tps)
Maj H G BASSALL GSO II(0) NT Force
Brig A W POTTS Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde
" E G MCKENZIE Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde
" J E MARTIN Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde
" H T STRUTT GRA 12 Aust Div

1. In his opening address, the GOC pointed out that it was a Bde Comd's job to train his bde, and to know his bde in training. Training must be carried out in the manner in which the Bde Comd wants his force to fight. As far as possible, Force HQ will not interfere in training details unless where a question of policy is concerned, or it is found necessary to standardise methods. Otherwise Bde Comds have full liberty to implement their training programmes in order to best suit their force to attain proficiency in aspects in which they may be weak.

2. At present there is an attitude in this Force that as nothing has happened in the past twelve months, nothing will break in this area. This attitude must be stamped out immediately. It is most noticeable amongst the junior leaders. They do not realise fully their responsibilities, nor do they quite appreciate the general situation in this area. Only after this attitude has been corrected will there be a big improvement in training.

3. This conference has been called to discuss:-

- (a) The present standard of bn training.
- (b) Further training required.
- (c) Any proposals for future training policy.

4. The Bde Comds reported on the present standard of bn training as under:-

13 Aust Inf Bde: The particular type of training set out in NT Force Trg Instn No. 47 was carried out before the move to this area. The Bde must now acclimatise and become used to operating in a new type of country. It will be necessary to devote more time to intensive training in pl and individual work in this type of country, teaching new methods of movement. During the break in the move, bns necessarily slackened off, and they must be hardened up under the new conditions. This should be completed by the end of May, when the Bde will be able to do bn and bde exercises. A good deal of recon still remains to be done which will be held up owing to the current rains. By concentrating on the training of the junior leaders, the Bde Comd considered that it would be possible to conduct one bde exercise at the end of May, and his bde would be ready for a Force exercise by the third week in Jun.

23 Aust Inf Bde: The troops in this bde are not in as hard a physical condition as at the beginning of the wet season. Recently one bde exercise of three days was conducted based on one of the operational plans. The results were reasonably satisfactory. The problems in this bde are junior leadership and weapons. The weekly bn exercises concentrate on the work of the junior leaders and pl control. Weapon training has considerably improved. Owing to the absence of 7 Aust Inf Bn in the Frt it has not been possible to conduct a bde exercise. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn has just come out of the Frt and is carrying out up to bn training until the end of Apr. While in the Frt, this bn was unable to carry on with its training due to its work on the Frt defences. 19 Aust MG Bn is improving very well with its inf training. By the end of Apr, 23 Bde will be able to do a bde exercise, but the Bde Comd considered that the control and discipline in junior leadership in any work would hamper a Force exercise. The 10/48 Bn has not done any air co-op work.

- 19 Aust Inf Bde: The physical condition of troops in this bde is good, but their marching ability is in need of improvement. They are being brought up to their old standard. The fall in the standard was caused by the difficulty of movement in the wet season. At present troops are covering from 12 to 15 miles in a day's march.

5. MARCHING

Commenting on the standard of marching, the GOC stressed that a march for all troops of 25 miles in the day must be aimed at, and 100 miles in 5 days in order to harden the troops.

6. JUNGLE ASSAULT COURSES

The GOC pointed out that bdes may be moved from this area at any time to country which is much thicker than that here in the dry season. Individual training, therefore, must be concentrated on and bdes must do more in getting their troops accustomed to attacking the enemy in such country. Little group exercises of three men bringing out the same lessons was a suggestion for consideration by the Bde Comds.

7. WEAPON TRAINING STANDARD

Wherever possible, realism must be introduced into training, and as troops are brought up to the required standard of marksmanship they should be taken to a safe area where they will construct their own weapon-pits from which they can fire at suitable targets.

8. NIGHT TRAINING

Practicability must be the aim in all training, and it is not intended that hard rules be laid down in regard to night training, and thus cause interference with other training which is of equal importance. Bde Comds are permitted to adjust their training syllabi to enable a reasonable period to be allotted for this type of work and so produce the best results.

9. TRAINING - MAY, JUN, & JUL

In his summing up, the GOC decided that:-

- (a) Bdes will carry on with NT Force Trg Instn No. 47 until the end of May.
- (b) During that period emphasis must be placed on hardening, marching, weapon training, and field firing.
- (c) By the end of May, each bde is to complete a bde exercise, but a Force exercise will not be held before the last week in Jun.
- (d) Every officer and NCO must know his job as the result of recon in order to implement the operational plans. All training must be carried out with this in mind. By this means, many of the problems confronting the Force in carrying out these plans can be brought home to the troops and by this means they will be overcome.
- (e) Bn COs must be accustomed to working on their own.

10. DUTIES

Under the present system, one bde is the duty bde, and the duties take most of the personnel in one bn. From now on 13 Aust Inf Bde must carry out this work too. 10/48 Inf Bn will be exempted while engaged in field training. Thus there will only be a break of one week in eight in the training programme. The bn in the Frt cannot be called upon for this work. No duties are to be detailed making it necessary for more than one bn to be engaged on them at the same time.

Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde raised the question of having the unloading party at present located at NOONAMAH moved to WINNELLIE, thus cutting down on the mileage of this party is at present required to travel. AA & QMG was directed to investigate the position and adopt the suggestion from Brig MARTIN if suitable.

11. TRG INSTN No. 22 para 6(a) is cancelled.

12. TRG INSTN No. 22 para 6 : (a)

This Instn only applies to certain types of country. If put into operation in close country, the carriers will be lost in ambush. Carriers must not be used as tanks in any circumstances.

13. TRG INSTN No. 27 para 2

This para is cancelled. Advance must be made in depth in such circumstances.

14. PATROLS

Patrols up to coy strength should be sent out with only rations they can carry. All marches and field training should be done with the troops wearing the normal battle equipment so as to get them accustomed to the weight.

15. TANK ATTACK WEAPONS

The tk a rifles will be transported as far forward as possible in the coy vehicles, and some or all of them hand carried thereafter where there is any possibility of meeting AFVs.

16. DRESS

Shorts will be worn during the day. Representations have already been forwarded to LHQ to continue the supply of shorts to this area.

17. BEARING OF TROOPS

The GOC commented on the poor march discipline and bearing of troops he had seen on the road and in the vicinity of camps. This must be corrected and the troops generally smartened up. Until this is done, it is very doubtful whether it can be said that the junior leaders have proper control over their men. Marching and close order drill must be smartened up considerably. This could be done in normal camp parades and guard duties.

18. TRAINING OF JUNIOR OFFICERS

The GOC placed before the conference the advisability of conducting a school for junior officers. Bde Comds will ascertain if they have available suitable instructors and submit their suggestions to this HQ. The question will then be considered more fully.

19. AIR SUPPORT

The reports of the Bde Comds disclosed that as yet no proved method of communication with aircraft had been found entirely satisfactory. Further tests are to be carried out with the squadrons allotted to the different brigades. Tentacles will be allotted to brigades in addition to F&Es. These tentacles are to be taken on both brigade and Force exercises.

M. G. Hassell Maj
 Lt Brigadier,
 General Staff.
 23 Apr 43.

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LOCATION STATEMENT - NT FORCE as at 2359 hrs 15 Apr 43.

Location Statement SM/6170/G/L2 dated 1 Apr 43 is amended as follows:-

Page	Sub-Heading	Amendment
1	CAV	Delete reference to C Sqn and substitute "C Sqn (two tps) 05420324(B) Force Tps BLACKFELLOW Ck " (two tps) 04050336(B) " " MT LITCHFIELD
	ARTY	Opposite 42 Fd Bty in Projected Moves & Remarks Column insert "Moves to DARWIN 145670 by 19 Apr"
2	ARTY	Location of 11 Aust Tk A Bty to be amended to read "128316 BATCHELOR R1"
2	ENGRS	Delete all reference to 2/2 Aust Fd Coy and 4, 5 and 6 Secs and substitute "13 Aust Fd Coy HQ 493392 GPE 1 Sec 053227 " 2 & 3 Secs PARAP "
		Under 54 Aust Fd Fk Coy add after Dot VESTEYS "Dot - FINE Ck "
		Alter location of 6 Aust Army Tps Coy to read 119190
		Delete all reference to 7 Aust Fd Svy Sec and substitute "Survey Sec 6 Aust A Topo Svy Coy 413312(C) " " " " " " " " Dot 37308(C)
		Alter location of 70 AASL Coy to read:- "BAGOT - 825140" and on next line add:- "65 AASL Coy 809106"
		Alter location of 12 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit to read: "DUDLEY Pt"
3	INF	Delete all reference to 27 Aust Inf Bn
3	S & T	Delete "Dot 12 Aust Div Arm Sec" and substitute "Fortress Arm Sec"
3	MED	Location of 115 Aust Mob Bath Unit on MT BUNDY Rd is 081056(B)
4	ORD	Insert mileages as under: "HQ 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Fk - 59 1 Bde Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Fk - 72 2 " " " " " " " " - 44 3 " " " " " " " " - 59
4	AME	Alter map ref of 2 Aust AA Wkshop Sec to read: "785093"

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4	PAY	Add "71 Depot Cash office 075053(B) 72
4	Mvt Control	Delete all reference to RTOs and ATOs and substitute "RTO & ATO DARWIN RTO ADELAIDE R RTO PINE CREEK RTO & ATO KATHERINE RTO MATARANKA RTO & ATO LARRIMAH RTO & ATO MT ISA RTO & ATO ALICE SPRINGS
5	S & T	After Map Ref of 1 Aust MAC insert "ADELAIDE R 72"
5	ARMS	Add "1 Sec No 1 Aust MT Wkshops MT ISA HQ 11 Aust AA Wkshop Coy LARRIMAH Sec (14 Aust AA Bty) 785093 Sec (2 " " ") 896119 Sec (51 AASL Wkshops) 785093
6	S & T	Amend location of NT L of C Area Bdo and Area Staffs to road "NOONAMAH 28"
6	MED	After D Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit, add "E Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit NOONAMAH"
6	MISC	Delete dets of NT Force Canteens at VESPEYS and 803083
7	ENGRS	Under 1 Aust Fd Coy RAE "Dot "ROCKS CK" and add under 2/7 Aust L Tps Coy "Dot KING RIVER 2022"
7	SIGS	Add "15 Aust Linc Sec MATARANKA"
8	MED	Delete "E Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit"
8	ARMS	Add "CANTC Wkshops LARRIMAH"
8	MISC	Add "Det 13 Aust Salvage Unit MATARANKA" Add "Det Audit Sec MATARANKA"
9	ENGRS	Add "Det of 4 Aust L Tps Coy at 6A BORE MT ISA RD" Under 10 Aust L Tps Coy delete "BANKA BANKA, 10 MI SOUTH KELLY CK, BONNEY WELLS, FERGUSON CK and 19 BORE" and substitute "DALY WATERS, WYCLIFFE WELLS, McLAREN CK" Delete text under 11 Wkshop & Fk Coy and substitute "One Adv Fk Sec ALICE SPRINGS One Adv Fk Sec(dot) MORPHETT CK One Adv Fk Sec(dot) BARRROW CK One " " " " " MORPHETT CK One Adv Fk Sec MT ISA

Page	Sub-Heading	Amendment
9	SIGS	Alter locations to road : 20 Aust Line sec 3 BORE 21 " " " DALY WATERS 22 " " " TOMKINSON CK
	S & T	Add : "134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy MT ISA
10	S & T	Under 14 Aust Sup pers Coy : For 10 Sec read "7 Sec" For 8 Sec read "5 Sec" For 9 Sec read "6 Sec" For 11 Sec read "8 Sec" Delete Butchering units and dots and substitute: "4 Aust Fd Butchering Coy (less HQ & 3 Secs) MT ISA
10	POSTAL	For ELLIOTT read "BARROW CK" and for BARROW CK read "ELLIOTT".

Formations, heads of services and isolated units are reminded that location reports must reach Adv HQ NT Force not later than 1800 hrs on 15 and 30 of each month, any major changes in the interim to be notified by Signal.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
16 Apr 43.

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NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 64

1. In order to assist the interception of enemy aircraft by our fighters, 2/6 Aust Cav Regt observation posts and posts manned by NAOU Coastwatch Platoon will report during the hours of daylight all unidentified and enemy aircraft by W/T to RAAF Station 8 LI, (R/T Code Name ABDUL).
2. Station 8 LI has been supplied with list of code names of observation posts and operational frequencies at present used by them, and will maintain listening watches on these frequencies during the hours of daylight.
3. The undermentioned procedure will be adopted in reporting aircraft.
 - (a) In all cases, information will be subdivided in the following order : -

Type of aircraft
Number of aircraft
Height in thousands of feet
Bearing of aircraft position from post
Distance from post
Direction of flight of aircraft
Time.

- (b) Enemy aircraft will be reported in clear. Unidentified aircraft will be reported in the undermentioned code : -

- i. The order in which information is to be given, vide para 3 (a), must be strictly adhered to.

- ii. Two figures must be given for each sub-division of the message, the figures where necessary being preceded by the figure "0", i.e., 2 - 02.

- iii. Type of Aircraft -- Unidentified planes will be represented by the figures 99. This will be preceded by the letter "F" for fighters or "B" for bombers.

- iv. Height will be given in thousands of feet, i.e., 8000 feet will be given as 08.

- v. The bearing of the planes from the post will be given in normal clock code with 12 o'clock reckoned as NORTH, i.e., plane bearing 090 degrees would be given as 03.

- vi. Direction of Flight of the aircraft is reduced to two figures by numbering eight points of the compass as set out below : -

N - 03
NE - 02
E - 06
SE - 04

S - 07
SW - 05
W - 08
NW - 01

- vii. Time stated

vii. Time stated must always be shown in four figures, and time used will be local time.

(c) The following is example of use of this code : -

Type A/C	Number of A/C	Height	Clock Code bearing of A/C from post	Distance from post	Direction of Flt	Time
<u>Message</u>						
Unidentif- ied Bombers	6	9000ft	11 o'clock	4 miles	SOUTHWEST	1500hrs
<u>When encoded would read:</u>						
399	06	90	11	04	05	1500
<u>When transmitted by W/T:</u>						
3	9806	9011	0405	1500.		

4. B/S Aust Cav Regt and NAOU Coastwatch Platoon will advise Advanced Headquarters NT Force immediately this information has been distributed to Observation Posts and fully understood by them.

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Headquarters,
NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE,

22 Apr 43.

NT FORCE TRG INSTN No. 51

1. This Instn sets out the general outline of trg to be covered by units during Apr, May, Jun, and Jul and will be read in conjunction with NT Force Trg Instn No. 47 of 3 Feb 43, which will remain operative until 31 May 43.

2. PHYSICAL FITNESS

Owing to the wet season, tps generally are not fighting fit. Steps will therefore be taken to improve condition of the tps.

The objective to be attained in marching is 25 mls in a day and 100 mls in five days. Units will work up to this standard as early as practicable.

All HQ pers incl specialists will participate in this important hardening trg.

3. ASSAULT COURSES

Units will prepare Assault Courses on the basis of at least one per bn and, if practicable, one per coy. The object of these courses is to toughen the soldier and teach him instinctive and automatic action. They should approximate as nearly as possible to jungle conditions.

4. WEAPON TRG

Immediately the standard of elementary trg permits, weapons will be fired from service positions such as one-man pits and sec posts. Targets representing the enemy should be placed among trees and grass and made as realistic as possible.

5. NIGHT TRG

Practical night trg will be continued. The great importance of night trg for ops against the JAPS is stressed. The proportion of trg time to be devoted to it is at discretion of comds.

6. MARCH DISCIPLINE

Insufficient attention is being given to march discipline, showing lack of control by junior leaders. Common faults are:- men not in step, incorrect covering, distance between files too great, rifles not being carried in the correct posn.

Startening exercises which will correct the above and improve the general bearing of the tps can be given in normal camp parades and when posts are on guard duties.

7. EQPT

In order that tps become accustomed to carrying the weight they would carry if going into action, eqpt with service loads will be worn on all marches and during exercises.

8. EXERCISES

- (a) Sec, pl, coy and bn exercises will be conducted during Apr and May.
- (b) Bdes will each conduct at least one bde exercise by the end of May based on Force op plans.
- (c) HQ NT Force will not conduct any Force exercises prior to the last week in Jun.

9. PATROLLING

Patrols of up to one coy in strength should be sent out with definite tasks for a period of five days, carrying rations sufficient to last them for this period.

10. FORCE TPS

Comds of Force Tps will develop their programmes of trg (individual and collective) on the general lines as outlined above and modify them as required to suit the particular requirements of their units or arms.

11. AMENDMENTS TO TRG INSTNS

- (a) Trg Instn No. 22 para 6 subpara (a) is cancelled.
- (b) Trg Instn No. 22 para 6 subpara (e). This instn only applies in certain types of country. If put into operation in close country, cars will be lost in ambush. Cars must NOT be used as tanks.
- (c) Trg Instn No. 27 para 2. This para. is cancelled. Our adv must be made in depth in such circumstances.

12. PROGRAMMES

Weekly programmes of trg will continue to be submitted to these HQ by Sat of the week preceding the week covered in the programme.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
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NT FORCE TRG INSTRUCTION No 52

The following ammunition is allotted for training during May 43:-

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| (a).303 Rifle | 20 rounds per man |
| " LMG | 300 " " weapon held |
| " M/G | 300 " " " " |
| (b).45 SMG | 20 rounds per weapon held |
| .9mm SMG | 20 rounds per weapon held |
| (c).303 blank | 20,000 rounds per inf bde. to be re-allotted by bdes to units for exercise purposes. |
| (d) Signal cartridges 1" | Ill 100) {Cav Regt
Red 50) per {Inf Bn
Green 50) {ARD |
| (e) Grenades: | |
| <u>Hand</u> | 100 per Cav Regt
100 per Inf Bn
100 per ARD
50 per L of C Subarea
50 per Indep Coy
25 per Art'y Regt (Fd, AA, Tkt A) |
| <u>Smoke 63</u> | 75 per Inf Bn
75 per ARD |
| <u>Aldershot</u> | 150 per Cav Regt
150 per Inf Bn
150 per ARD
100 per Indep Coy |
| (f) Mortar 2" | 5 rounds HE per weapon held
2 rounds Smoke per weapon held |
| (g) Mortar 3" | 10 rounds HE } per weapon held
5 rounds Smoke } |
| (h) 2-Pr | 25 REG |
| (i) 18-Pr | 20 REG HE |
| (j) 25-Pr | 20 REG HE
2 " Smoke |

(k) 4.5" How

30 RPG HE

6 RPG Smoke

200 rds HE per Inf Bde for Coy Comds' shoots and demonstrations.

(l) 6-Pr

200 rds HE special allotment for RA

(m) 40 MM

25 RPG

30 RPG.

2. It is pointed out that ammunition allotments are made by LHA over a period of 12 months from June to June. As we are now approaching the end of one period and the beginning of another units must make every endeavour to fully expend their monthly ammunition allotments in order that the full allotment of ammunition to the Force may be expended. This does not mean however that ammunition may be fired indiscriminately and wastefully with the mere idea of using it. All ammunition used must have some definite training purpose in view.

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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 150

(Compiled from information received between

2000 hrs 13 Apr 43 and 1800 hrs 24 Apr 43)

NOTE: Information contained in paras marked with a sideline will NOT be passed below bdes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

It has now been confirmed that the enemy float-plane referred to in para 1(a) of NT Force Intelligence Summary No 149 was shot down into the sea by the Hudson A/C that drove it off.

The only enemy activity in this area during the period under review was on 10 Apr when a type DINA A/C was seen over the area.

(b) Our Air Activity

Allied A/C continued to carry out offensive patrols to TIMOR, DUTCH NEW GUINEA and to the enemy occupied islands NORTH of DARWIN. Extensive patrolling was also carried out.

TIKONTA and KADANA (DUTCH NG) received a great deal of attention from our Bomber A/C. At both these places fires were started as a result of the attacks.

The raid on KADANA on 16 Apr resulted in buildings and a probable supply dump being hit. A fire started was visible for 60 miles.

On 15 Apr Hudson A/C bombed and strafed OSSU (TIMOR). Three minutes after bombing a large explosion and white smoke was seen; buildings were hit and destroyed.

On 17 Apr Allied heavy bombers attacked AMBON with good results. Although low clouds obscured vision the bombs were dropped in the coal jetty area. Numerous large fires and explosions were observed EAST of the coaling jetty and SOUTH of the main wharf.

After bombing the following shipping was observed in the harbour:-

- One MV 5,000 tons
- Two MV 4,000 tons
- Three MV 3,000 tons
- Three MV 1,000 tons

Ten to twelve enemy fighters made interception as the bombing run was made. The attack was concentrated on the two leading A/C one of which shot down four of the interceptors. Another enemy A/C was possibly destroyed.

On night 18/19 Apr heavy attacks were carried out against ROEPANG and PENFOEI. Bombs were dropped in target areas and fires started in both areas.

2. NEW GUINEA.....

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2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

The enemy followed his heavy raid on PORT HARVEY (referred to in NTF IS No 149) by an attack on Allied airfields in vicinity of MORSEY on 12 Apr. Like the PORT HARVEY raid the enemy suffered heavy losses. Approx 100 enemy planes took part in the attack and 17 bombers and 9 fighters were definitely destroyed and it is considered that 5 bombers and 1 fighter were probably destroyed.

Another heavy raid was carried out in the MILNE BAY area on 14 Apr when 76 enemy aircraft participated, some damage to allied shipping was occasioned. In the raid 8 MBs, 2 DBs and five fighters were destroyed by allied intercepting A/C while 6 MBs and two DBs and one fighter were so badly damaged that it is considered improbable that these A/C reached their bases.

No other enemy aerial activity has been carried out apart from a raid on MOROBE by a single A/C. NO damage or casualties were sustained as a result of the bombing.

(b) Own Air Activity

Enemy installations, shipping and lines of communication along the NORTH coast have been raided by allied A/C. In one of these attacks a B24 when intercepted over WEWAK shot down 6 enemy fighters and one probable out of a total of 12 intercepting A/C.

Enemy shipping at HANSA BAY and WEWAK was singled out by allied heavy bombers. On 12 Apr 12 heavy bombers attacked shipping and installations at HANSA BAY. One 8/10,000 ton cargo vessel after suffering three direct hits was left burning from stem to stern. Another vessel of 8,000 tons was also left burning. 15 enemy fighters intercepted and 6 were shot down. Later the same day 6 B24s carried out a further attack. As a result of bombing a 5/6000 ton vessel was left sinking after an attack on HANSA BAY shipping on 14 Apr.

One enemy cargo vessel of 6/8,000 tons was sunk in WEWAK harbour on 15 Apr. Two other vessels one 6/8,000 tons and the other 8,000 tons were badly damaged and probably sunk.

(c) Land Operations

BOGADJIM - SAIDOR area

On 16 Apr it was reported that enemy patrols were at YAULA (10 miles SOUTH by WEST BOGADJIM) DIMAN (21 miles SE BOGADJIM) SEREMERI (15 miles SW SAIDOR) SINGOR (15 miles WEST by NORTH SAIDOR) MAIBANG (12 miles WSW SAIDOR) GOGO (17½ miles WEST by SOUTH SAIDOR) whilst coastal patrols were being carried out between BOGADJIM and MUR.

In the HUEO area patrolling is being carried out by allied troops.

3. NEW BRITAIN

The enemy airfields have again been the chief targets for allied air attacks on this island. The raids have been light, the majority being carried out by single aircraft. After one of these raids a fire started at VUNAKANAU dispersal area was visible for 50 miles.

4. NEW IRELAND....

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4. NEW IRELAND

Allied air effort has been exerted against the town of KAVIENG, its two airfields and shipping in the vicinity.

Photographs taken revealed damage to one heavy cruiser NORTH BAUDISSON Island, and one 6,000 ton MV badly damaged and awash at KAVIENG.

One B17 on recon over KAVIENG on 15 Apr was intercepted by enemy A/C and three were probably destroyed.

5. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Japanese weapons and equipment Information concerning the under-mentioned weapons and equipment has been extracted from captured Japanese and PW interrogations. Details are unverified and reliability can NOT be stated.

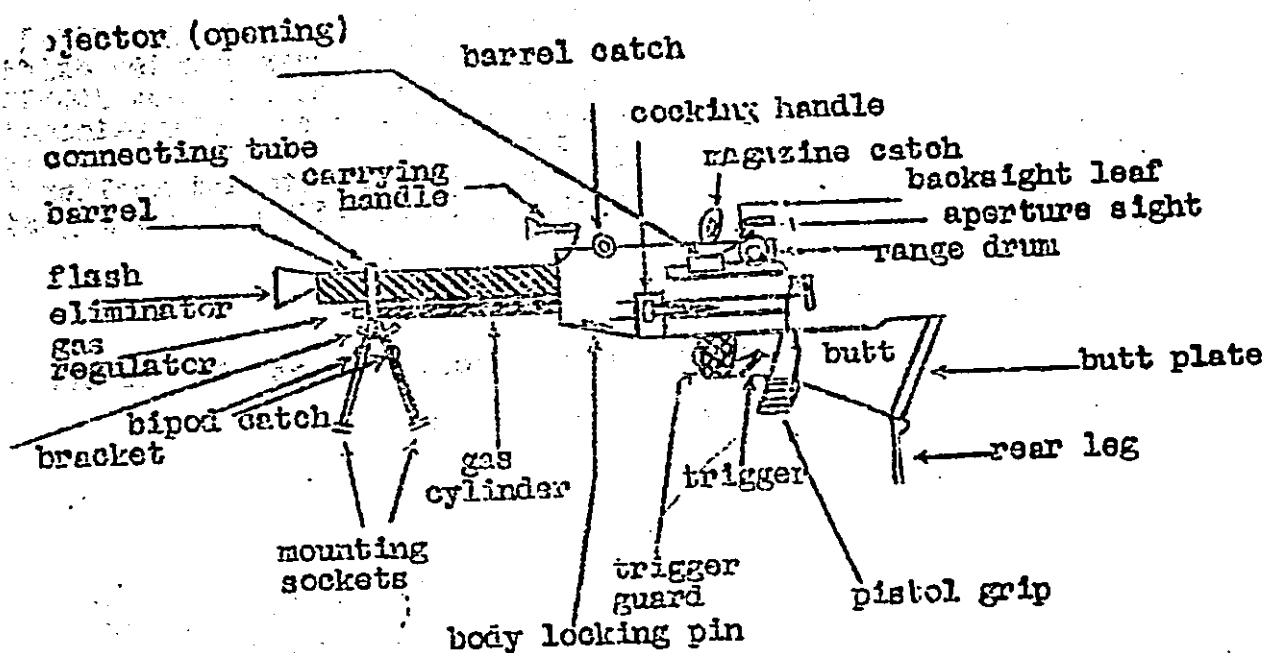
JAPANESE TYPE 99 LMG (extracted from Captured Notebook)

Information concerning this weapon is of considerable interest and supports previous reports that the Japanese are possibly using a machine gun, similar to the type 98, of 7.7 mm calibre.

Calibre	7.7mm (.303")
Total weight	9.9kg (21.8lbs)
Overall length (incl flash eliminator)	1.185m (3' 10")
Rate of fire	550 rpm
Muzzle velocity	2,345 fps
Maximum range	5,829 yds
Magazine capacity	30 rls

A tracing of a rough annotated sketch, contained in this notebook is reproduced below. It is stressed that the sketch is an exact copy of that shown in the original document.

It will be noted that while closely resembling the type 96 LMG, this weapon is apparently fitted, in addition, with a "flash" eliminator and a supporting leg attached to the butt.



(4)

JAPANESE 15cm HOWITZER TYPE M96 (1936) (obtained from an Interrogated PW) - This is the first report received of a 15cm weapon of this type No.

Calibre	150mm (5.9") or 155mm (6.1")
Traverse	400 mills (22½°)
Elevation	Minus 5° to plus 50° approx
Weight of gun	5 tons approx
Shield	Very thin plate capable of being penetrated by a rifle bullet.
Trail	Split
Wheels	Solid rubber tyres
Weight of projectile	66 lbs approx
Max range of AP projectile	19,700 yds
Effective Range of AP projectile	11,000 yds
Maximum range of HE projectile	11,400 yds
Effective Range of HE projectile	8,500 yds
Normal charge	3 bags smokeless powder
Caisson	Steel chests divided in half holding 12 shells and powder bags.

This gun is normally tractor drawn and can be moved at speeds up to 10 mph. Tractors are Diesel powered.

As the Japanese normally report the calibres of their heavy weapons in centimetres, making no mention of odd millimetres, it can NOT be definitely stated whether this weapon is 150mm or 155mm. This was recently indicated by a captured text book on the Type 86, 7cm AA gun; the calibre of this weapon actually being 75mm.

JAPANESE 47mm Rapid Fire Gun - According to an interrogated PW, 47mm Rapid Fire (Tk/A) guns, mounted on rubber tyred wheels, were used by the Japanese during the PHILIPPINES Campaign.

Tk/A guns of both 47mm and 57mm calibres have also been reported in the SOLOMONS.

6. SECURITY

Japanese pronunciations

Japanese inability to pronounce pass words containing several "l's" has been widely discussed, but the equal or even greater difficulty of the "v" sound is perhaps less widely known. Internee YOSHIDA Yisuo is an educated young Japanese who can pronounce "lallapaloosa" quite well but is quite incapable of saying "very" "vehicle" or "vandal", all of which he pronounces as "w's". YOSHIDA studied English for 7 years under an American Missionary in SUMATRA and has a good general control of the language.

7. Appendices attached

- Place names allotted to topographical features in the NT.
- Japanese use of "Barge Convoys".
- Unit Strengths.

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General Staff.

APPENDIX "A" TO NT FORCE INT SUMMARY 150

NAME OF PLACE	DESCRIPTION OF FEATURE	REFERENCE MAP		MAP REF
		DARWIN & ENVIRONS	SHEET	
TWO FELLOW CREEK	CREEK	"	1	635130
BOMBELLET (GILBERT PT)	HEADLAND	"	"	497150
CHARMING BAY	TRACK JUNG	"	2	921135
COLLIER FARM RD	RD OR TRACK	"	"	Fr 921135 to 935158
THE PIMPLE	HILL	"	"	829118
MAGAZINE HILL	HILL	"	"	824113
GREGORY'S SHIPYARD	SHIPYARD	"	3	825100
SNAKE BILLABONG	BILLABONG	"	"	309178
BARNER'S YARD	YARD	"	"	264129
MELIK CREEK	CREEK	"	"	531099
DANIELLY BILLABONG	BILLABONG	"	"	672035
SURAT MUNGUI	ROCK CLIFFS	"	"	500083
BUNGANDAYIN ROCK	TRIG PT	"	"	498083
MOBURRU AMENMEADOW (MILLERS MEADOW)	SWAMP	"	"	670080
DAIRVENIN	BEACH	"	"	485950
BOEMBII PT	HEADLAND	"	"	510040
BOE-BA PT	TRIG PT	"	"	510940
LEVITHIAN CREEK	CREEK	"	5	Fr 634707 to 634675
MIDDLE ARM RD	RD OR TRACK	"	"	" 035845 " 953863
BULLDOG PASS	PASS	"	"	805795
OUTLOOK HILL	HILL	"	"	823762
OBSERVATION HILL	HILL	"	"	750830
MAGNETIC FLATS	MAGNETIC FLATS	"	"	825790
WILD HORSE PLAIN	PLAIN	"	"	860680
KANGAROO FLATS	FLATS	"	"	820687
CHARLOTTE WATER HOLE	WATER HOLE	"	"	739750
LANDING WHARF	WHARF	"	"	952862
DARWIN RIVER	RIVER	"	"	Starts 984637 to 940775
WALLABY CREEK	CREEK	"	"	743745
GOANNA CREEK	CREEK	"	"	755718
PYT-ON CREEK	CREEK	"	"	770695
KOOLPINYAH LANDING	LANDING	"	"	368173
SOUTHPORT RD	RD OR TRACK	"	5,6	Fr 114730 to 930720
BRODRIBB HIGHWAY	RD OR TRACK	"	"	" 143680 " 970680
ACACIA GAP	PASS	"	6	220678
WHITE STONE LANDING	LANDING	"	6,7	459009
WHITE STONE BILLABONG	BILLABONG	"	"	513030
SIRCUSON'S LANDING	LANDING	"	6	330794
OLD MARGAKIA OR PADDOY'S LANDING	LANDING	"	"	385825

PREDICTOR HILL
TEE GAP

DEMONSTRATION HILL
NAAF RANGE

ARTY RANGE

SQUADRON TABLETOP
CAVALRY TABLELAND
HOWIE HILL
TABLETOP RANGE
NIGHTMARCH TABLELAND
MT PANORAMA
ARABA CREEK
BANYAN TREE
LONE TREE

LANDING
LAGOON
YARD
RANGE
SPORTS GD
YARD
L. GD TRACK
RD OR TRACK
RD OR TRACK
L. OR TRACK
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RD OR TRACK
RD OR TRACK

FILL

11
TRACK GAP BETWEEN
TWO RIDGES
HILL
PRACTICE RANGE

PLATEAU
"
HILL
RANGE
PLATEAU
MOUNT
CREEK
TREE
"

DARWIN & ENVIRONS SHEET 6

LEAF BELO: ADE 100 RIVER

PINE CREEK 4 Mls to Inch

427860
423570
264755
169770
145695
430660

Pr 130283	to 249475
" 127307	" 144309
" 135793	" 976475
" 135491	" 227480
" 142520	" 966332
" 155547	" 104545
" 143424	" 225461

Subsequently
to 303527
142310; runs NORTH
and SOUTH
135304; runs SE-N.

102203
107501
170312 (NE-SW along
HERRAWAY TRACK)
170200 (NE-SW 3 Mls
EAST of 69 MI)
07160393
07590402 Central Pt
07050338
07380300 to 07090335
07750313 Central Pt
08350324
04600505
02300420
02650369

JAPANESE USE OF "BARGE" CONVOYS

A document has been examined, which shows that the Japanese have been experimenting with the use of MLC for convoy work in tropical waters. The details and findings of these experiments are set out below.

<u>TIME OF THE TEST</u>	8 Jun 1942
<u>PLACE</u>	SOURABAYA, JAVA
<u>COURSE</u>	From SOURABAYA Harbour to the mouth of the SOLO River, approx 28 miles.
<u>SAILING TIME</u>	0900 - 1800 = 7 hours.
<u>CLIMATIC CONDITIONS</u>	Max temperature 92°F. Min Temperature 82°F. The sea was calm with little wind and the direct sunlight was strong.
<u>PERSONNEL</u>	Troops were allocated to MLC fully equipped and prepared to use their weapons against aircraft and submarines. They cooked their food on board.

FINDINGS

ALLOCATION OF TROOPS TO MLC

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Rifle Coy-
Large MLC 50 Men
Small MLC 25 men | (f) Anti Tank Gun Unit-
Large MLC 28 men with 2/37 mm
Anti Tank Guns, one ready to
fire in the bow, the other
assembled in the stern. |
| (b) MG Coy-
Large MLC 40 men with 3 MGs
Small MLC 20 men with 1 MG | (g) Light Armoured Car Unit-
Large MLC 15 men with one light
armoured car. |
| (c) Infantry Battalion Gun Unit -
Large MLC 40 men with 2/70mm
guns (one gun in bow ready
for firing and one in stern
dismantled) | (h) Tank Unit-
Large MLC (Special) 15 men with
one light tank. |
| (d) Infantry Regimental Arty Unit-
Large MLC 35 men with 1/75mm
Regimental Gun ready for
firing. | (i) Engineer Unit-
Although comparable to infantry
unit, the number of men must be
reduced due to the great amount
of equipment. |
| (e) Mountain Artillery Unit-
Large MLC 35 men with 1/75mm
Mountain Gun ready for
firing. | (j) Command Boat-
When a Large MLC is used as a
command boat, 25 to 30 men are
advisable. |

It appears from the document that MLC, loaded as shown in the above sub-paragraphs, moved as a body with boats arranged roughly in a cruciform pattern 600 metres long and 700 metres wide, with the command boat at the centre maintaining contact with the point boat and the base by means of W/T.

Protection against aircraft and submarines was provided by small arms and artillery weapons. The artillery mounted on sand-bags, being ready to engage targets of opportunity.

UNIT STRENGTHS

This list has been prepared to furnish a ready guide to the total strength of various units of the Japanese Forces. These totals are estimates, and as such will need to be revised as more up to date information becomes available.

INFANTRY DIVISION

Reconnaissance Unit	450
Tank Battalion	300
Infantry Regiment	3,306
Regimental Signals	71
Regimental Gun Coy	121
Regimental Anti Tank Unit	112
Infantry Battalion	984
Infantry Rifle Coy	191
Infantry Rifle Platoon	56
Infantry LMG Rifle Section	14
Infantry Grenade Discharger Section	12
Infantry MG Coy	140
Infantry Bn Gun Platoon	50
Artillery Regt	1,350
Engineer Regt	1,020
Headquarters	125
Divisional Sigs Unit	200
" Medical Unit	250
" Field Hospital	200
" Water Purification Unit	75
" Transport Regt	1,000
" Ordnance Coy	250
" Veterinary Unit	250

DIVISIONAL TOTAL 16,245

INDEPENDENT TROOPS

Independent Mixed Brigade	9,000
150mm Field Artillery Regiment (24/150mm Guns)	1,300
Independent Mountain Artillery Regiment (18/75mm Guns)	1,574
Independent AA Battalion (12/75mm Guns)	522
Machine Cannon Battery (AA-A/Tk) (8/20mm Guns)	136
Independent Anti-Tank Unit (18/37mm Guns)	350
Independent Mortar Battalion (36/82 mm Mortars)	600
Independent Engineer Regiment	1,200
Debarcation Unit	750
Shore Duty Company	450
Volunteer Labour Unit	1,100
Provisional Road Construction Unit	480
Shipping Engineer Regiment	1,100
Independent Telegraph Unit	175
Naval Pioneer Unit	1,500
Aerodrome Battalion	300

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NT FORCE SCHOOL

- ... 1. Attached is one copy of the Schedule of Courses to be held at NT Force School WINNELLIE for month ending 31 May 43.
2. Every endeavour must be made to fill all vacancies allotted. If all vacancies cannot be filled NT Force will be notified immediately.
3. Nominal rolls will be forwarded direct to NT Force School at least three days before the joining date of each course.

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SCHEDULE OF COURSES FOR MAY 1943 - NT FORCE SCHOOL

COURSE (a)	No (b)	Students Report (c)	Course Commences (d)	No of Working days (e)	ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES (f)	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (g)
NCO's Drill and Weapon Training	3	12 May	13 May	28	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 1 RAA 12 Aust Div 3 RAE " " " 2 13 Aust Inf Bde 9 19 " " " 9 23 " " " 9 Frt Comd 2 2/8 Aust Ind Coy 1 AASC 12 Aust Div 3 CE NT Force 1 14 L of C Subarea 4 14 " " " 4 11 " " " 3 ARD 1 MACU 2 RAAF 2 56	The aim of the course is to teach NCO's to be instructors. Students to have had experience in rifle, Bren, Lewis, TMS, grenades. Each student will remain at the school to attend the NCO's Junior Leaders Course No 3 commencing 21 Jun 43 duration 28 working days. It is essential that personnel report to the school with full equipment including web equipment, rifle, bayonet, 2 pairs of boots (in good repair), mosquito net.
NCO's Junior Leaders	2	12 May	13 May	28	Personnel who attended Weapon Training Course No 2	
Field Works (NCO's)	17	9 May	10 May	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 1 RAA 12 Aust Div 4 RAE " " " 3 13 Aust Inf Bde 4 19 " " " 4 23 " " " 4 CE NT Force 3 Frt Comd 3 AASC 12 Aust Div 3 14 L of C Subarea 2 14 " " " 2 11 " " " 2 ARD 1 36	One student from each of the following will bring prismatic compass and service protractor-RAA, RAE, 13 Aust Inf Bde, 19 Aust Inf Bde and 23 Aust Inf Bde.
Field Works (NCO's)	18	30 May	31 May	14	as for course No 17	as for course No 17
Signal Training		4 May	5 May	21	30 as detailed by CSO	
Chaplains	2	6 May	7 May	3	As arranged by Senior Chaplain	Batmen not to exceed one per four Chaplains.

C O U R S E (a)	No (b)	Students Report (c)	Course Comm- ences (d)	No of Working days (e)	ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES (f)	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (g)
Map Reading	18	9 May	10 May	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt - Offrs 1 NCO's RAA 12 Aust Div 1 " 2 " RAE " " " - " 1 " 13 Aust Inf Bde 2 " 3 " 19 " " " 2 " 3 " 23 " " " 2 " 3 " Frt Comd - " 2 " 2/1 Aust Air Sp Control - " 1 " MASC 12 Aust Div 1 " 1 " CE NT Force - " 2 " 14 L of C Sub-Area - " 1 " 14 " " " " - " 1 " 11 " " " " - " 1 " <u>8</u> <u>22</u>	One student from each of the following to bring prismatic compass and service protractor : RAA; 13, 19 & 23 Aust Inf Bdes. All students to bring soft and hard lead and coloured pencils. All students to have had previous experience in map reading
Map Reading	19	30 May	31 May	14	as for course No 18	as for course No 18
Cooking WO's and Sgts.	13	11 May	12 May	23	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 1 MASC 12 Aust Div 2 RAA 12 Aust Div 4 ADS & T 2 RAE " " " 3 ADOS 1 Sigs " " " 2 14 L of C Subarea 1 13 Aust Inf Bde 4 14 " " " " 1 19 " " " 4 11 " " " " 3 23 " " " 4 NT Force ARD 1 Frt Comd 3 RAAF NW Area 4 <u>41</u>	Students will bring note-books, pencils, and two white singlets to the course.
Driving & Maintenance for Drs MT	3	16 May	17 May	14	RAA 12 Aust Div 2 MASC 12 Aust Div 9 RAE " " " 2 14 L of C Subarea 3 13 Aust Inf Bde 6 14 " " " " 3 19 " " " 6 11 " " " " 3 23 " " " " <u>40</u>	Each student will bring a spare set of shorts and shirt for use as working dress, pencils, note-book.
MTG Course for NCO's from carrier pls.	2	9 May	10 May	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 3 23 Aust Inf Bde 9 13 Aust Inf Bde 9 Frt Comd 3 19 " " " 9 <u>33</u>	Students will bring SAT Vol.1, Part 7, note-book and pencils.

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TRAINING EXERCISES

1. With the exception of a duty officer in each branch, Adv HQ NT Force will be closed every Wednesday from 1300 hrs to 1730 hrs, commencing on 5 May 43. This is to enable training to be conducted.
2. Duty officers will be available in each branch to deal with any matter requiring urgent action during this period.

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AMENDMENT to NT FORCE OP INSTN No.52.

NT Force Op Instn No.52 of 28 Jan 43, and amendment issued 22 Feb 43 will be amended as follows :--

Delete	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde.	and substitute	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde
Delete	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	and substitute	11 Aust Inf Bn
Delete	27 Aust Inf Bn	and substitute	16 Aust Inf Bn
Delete	43 Aust Inf Bn	and substitute	28 Aust Inf Bn
Delete	10 Aust A Tk Bty	and substitute	9 Aust Tk A Bty
Delete	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	and substitute	13 Aust Fd Coy.

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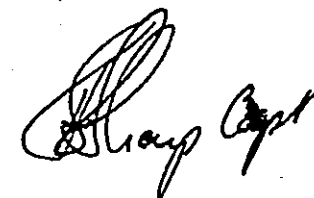
PLACE	DATE	S U M M A R Y O F E V E N T S	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	CO's REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
NORTHERN TERRITORY	1	Amendments to Location Statement issued	APPENDIX 1	
	2	1017 hrs 18 enemy aircraft attacked RAAF airfield, DARWIN causing slight damage to buildings and installations. AA engaged and Spitfires went up to intercept -- destroying 3 enemy aircraft for certain, probably destroying 6 more and damaging 7 others. We lost 14 Spitfires, mainly from running out of petrol, but all but 2 of the pilots were saved. In the afternoon the GOC visited BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP and MIDDLE ARM Jetty. Maj-Gen SIMPSON, SC-in-Chief arrived.		
	4	Maj-Gen SIMPSON left by air from BACHELOR 0630 hrs. Intelligence Summary 151 issued. GS Instrn 38 issued regarding veh holdings for ops.	APPENDIX 2 APPENDIX 3	
	5	GOC attended an arty shoot by 41 Fd Bty.		
	6	GOC attended trg exercise at 13 Aust Inf Bde. Amendments to Defence Scheme issued. Op Order of Battle issued.	APPENDIX 4 APPENDIX 5	
	9	7 enemy aircraft attacked MILINGIMBI 20-30 minutes at 1140 hrs, causing slight damage and some casualties. Our aircraft did not intercept.		
	10	0920 hrs 9 enemy aircraft attacked MILINGIMBI, destroying one of our Beaufighters on the ground and damaging two others. EMAS "YAROUBRA" (70 tons) was destroyed by enemy strafing. 6 Spitfires intercepted and shot down two of the enemy, probably destroying one other and damaging another two. We lost one Spitfire shot down. 1030 hrs GOC inspected 2/6 Aust Cav Regt.		
	11	1130 hrs GOC inspected 2/8 Aust Indep Coy and left for DARWIN in the afternoon, staying the night.		

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HQ NT FORCE

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	CO's REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
NORTHERN TERRITORY	12	0915 GOC inspected a parade of 2000 Fortress tps on the RAAF air field. GOC and EGS conferred with NOIC GOC visited WINNELLIE School on return journey to Adv HQ Intelligence Summary 152 issued	APPENDIX 6	
	13	GOC inspected trg at 23 Aust Inf Bde		
	14	GOC visited NT Force Trg School WINNELLIE and inspected trg		
	18	Maj-Gen WHITELAW, MGRA, arrived at these HQ for inspection of CD and discussion of arty matters generally.		
	19	GOC inspected trg at 25/21 Aust Inf Bn Location Statement issued	APPENDIX 7	
	22	MGRA left Intelligence Summary 153 issued Schedule of Courses for June at NT Force School issued	APPENDIX 8 APPENDIX 9	
	24	1530 hrs Mr FORDE, Army Minister arrived accompanied by the AG, Maj-Gen LLOYD.		
	25	Mr FORDE, accompanied by GOC and AG visited DARWIN and BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP.		
	26	Mr FORDE with GOC inspected 13 Aust Inf Bde, Rear HQ and adm installations ADELAIDE RIVER.		
	27	Mr FORDE flew from COOMALIE to FENTON to carry out an inspection of Ls of C. Instn issued regarding bombing and Air Gunnery Ranges GOC and EGS attended 23 Bde exercise in SHOAL BAY area. 1326 hrs 15 enemy aircraft attacked MILLINGIMBI causing no damage or casualties. One bomber was shot down by our aircraft for the loss of two of the Spitfires.	APPENDIX 10	



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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

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NT FORCE Trg Instrn 53 issued

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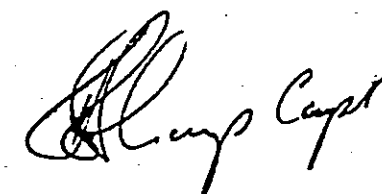
GOC attended 11 Bn exercise in BULLDOG PASS area and then continued on a recce to BYNOE BAY and visited the NAOU Station at PIONEER BEACH.
Op Instrn 65 issued

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GOC attended a shoot by 103 Tk A Regt.
Col O'BRIEN took up duty as CRA 12 Aust Div at Adv Hq.
Op Order of Battle issued

Appendix 13



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1 May 43
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LOCATION STATEMENT - NT FORCE AS AT 2359 HRS 30 APR 43

Location Statement SI/6170/G/L2 dated 1 Apr 43 and amendments issued 16 Apr 43, are further amended as follows:-

PAGE	SUB-HEADING	AMENDMENT
1	CAV	Delete and substitute:- 2/6 Aust Cav Regt. (RHQ, HQ Sqn (loss one tp) A & C Sqn B Sqn (loss throttps) Two tps B Sqn One tp B Sqn One tp HQ Sqn 2/6 Aust Cav Regt Sig tp 39 Aust LAD 083032 (B) 93 0518032 (B) BLACKWATER CZ 01016 (B) LILLY RIVER CAMP 04050323 (B) PT LITCHFIELD 01150355 (B) REDCLIFF 083032 (B) 93 083032 (B) 98
	ARTY	Amend location of 42 Fd Bty to read: "148675 miloage 40" For 9 Aust Tk A Bty read 10 Aust Tk A Bty and for 10 Aust Tk A Bty read 9 Aust Tk A Bty
2	ARTY	Amend location of 11 Aust Tk A Bty to read "12310 miloage 62."
2	ENGRS	Amend location of No.1 Soc 23 Aust Fd Coy to read "140680 miloage 39." Add: 8 Soc 1 Aust Bomb Disposal Coy WESTERS CRE 6 Aust Camflg Trg Unit 800073 Force Tps
3	S & T	Against HQ Comd 12 Aust Div 1430 delete map ref.
	MEDICAL	Alter map ref of 116 Mob Bath Unit to read 120200 Instead of 120200 (B).
4.	AFME	Delete 54 AA SL Wkshop Soc and substitute "70 AA SL Wkshop Soc 696119 Force Tps" Delete 2 Aust AA Wkshop Soc
5	ORD	Alter location of 13 Aust Ord Stores Coy to "WATERBURY". Delete 84 and 85 Fd Ord Depots. Add "Aust Ord Depot NT ISA"
	AFME	Alter location of 7 Aust Air Liaison Soc to read "RAAF COOMALIE CREEK" and delete "att to 12 Sqn RAAF".
6	S & T	Delete "Det 140 Aust Gen Tpt Coy". Add "130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 965085 Miloage 13."
7	ENGRS	Delete "16 Aust Camflg Trg Unit".
	SIGS	Add: 21 Aust Line Soc LARRIBAH 19 Aust Line Soc FINE CREEK

PAGE	SUB - HEADING	AMENDMENT
9	ENGRS	Add : "Dets 4 Aust A Tps Coy MT ISA CAMOOWEAL SPINIFEX BORE" Add : "dets 10 Aust A Tps Coy BANKA BANKA MT ISA" Delete : "Dets 10 Aust A Tps Coy DALY WALTERS McLAREN CREEK"
	SIGS	Delete 19 and 21 Aust Line Secs.

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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 151

(Compiled from information received between
1800 hrs 24 Apr 43 and 1800 hrs 4 May 43).

NOTE: Information contained in paras marked with sideline will NOT be passed below Bdes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this Summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. DARWIN AREA

(a) Enemy Air Activity

A recce of the DARWIN area by an EA on 29 Apr was followed by Raid 54 on 2 May. The enemy raiding force consisted of 21 Bz type BETTY, escorted by 25-30 ZEKES, HAPS and OSCARS.

The damage from the bombs was of a negligible nature. Two bombs fell on the RAAF airfield runways, but the craters were filled in, in little time. Other bombs fell in a line from the runway across NORTH AUSTRALIA Rd, in the bush, into FRANCIS Bay.

Buildings were slightly damaged, and power and telephone lines were temporarily disrupted and the water pipe line was damaged.

Interception was made by Spitfires and by the time our A/C made contact they were running short of petrol.

The enemy losses were 3 Fs destroyed, 6 Fs probably destroyed, 6 Fs damaged and 1 B destroyed.

(b) Own Air Activity

Allied air activities have been mainly directed at new bases being prepared by the enemy.

A particularly successful raid was carried out on KENDARI airfield on 24 Apr by Liberator A/C.

Six x 500 lb and 612 x 4 lb incendiaries were dropped during several runs made over the target area. One stick of bombs fell amongst a number of dispersed A/C, causing numerous fires.

Incendiaries were scattered all over the airfield, and also caused a large number of fires.

At least 4/5 twin-engined A/C were destroyed on the ground. In the Workshops area large explosions were caused and fires started were visible for 75 mls.

On the outward journey an enemy convoy of five vessels was sighted in posn approx 190 mls EAST of BOETOENG (SW of BOSTOENG IS) on a course of 2200 but was NOT attacked. The convoy comprised : -

- One 4000-ton vessel
- Two escorting naval vessels
(either torpedo boats or small destroyers)
- Two unidentified vessels.

On 27 Apr.....

On 27 Apr a Liberator A/C on armed recon sighted three enemy vessels 50 miles NW of DOBO and made attack. One direct hit was scored on the bow of the largest vessel, but it continued on its course without any apparent damage.

The following day Mitchell A/C attacked the vessels sighted by the B24 the previous day and from a rear-head attack two bombs fell on the stern of the largest vessel, together with one near miss. Two near misses were registered on another vessel.

Two flights of B24s attacked LAHA airfield on 29 Apr. Bombs from one flight fell just SOUTH of the hangars whilst the bombs from the other flight fell amongst the barracks.

Whilst on long-range recon of DUTCH NG on 1 May two B24s sighted one 4/6000 ton MV and attacked by individual runs. One direct hit on the stern and three near misses were registered.

After attack, oil was seen coming from the vessel which was sinking at the stern. Incendiaries were dropped on MANOKWARI without observed results.

On the return journey four ships and a barge were sighted on a course of 220° approx 36 miles NNW of TCEAL. The above vessels, the largest of which was 1000 tons, was apparently sighted and attacked by Mitchell A/C the following day.

When the attack was made the vessels were travelling in line abreast. This did NOT permit the vessel to manoeuvre and as a result the largest vessel was seen to be probably aground on the EAST coast of ROEMADAN Island.

NO hits were registered, the nearest bomb falling 30 to 40ft away.

Following the raid on DARWIN four Beaufighters left to attack grounded EA at PENFOET. A strafing run was made and two ZEKES and two twin-engined A/C were destroyed. Pers on the fd as well as the barracks area were also strafed. Some of the pers were observed to fall. Some petrol or oil drums were set afire.

Four B25s also attacked PENFOET during night 2/3 May. Bombs were dropped in target area and three large and three smaller fires were observed to be burning fiercely WEST of the runway.

During the period under review other attacks were made on TIMOR, KEI Islands, AROE Islands, and DUTCH NG.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations:

EA activity was on a greatly reduced scale. The only attack was carried out on DONA area. Bombs were dropped and the area strafed. NO damage or casualties resulted from this op.

(b) Our Air Activity

Allied air effort has been on a relatively light scale in this sector.

Attacks have been made on enemy bases, installations, lines of communication and posts along the NORTH coast. The attacks have been mainly carried out by single A/C.

On 1st Apr.....

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On 24 Apr four Bl7s bombed WEWAK airfield. Eighty bombs were released and fell in vicinity of the runway, resulting in fires belching by black smoke.

Houses were destroyed and fires started following a raid by one Liberator on MADANG on 29 Apr.

On 30 Apr six A20s bombed and strafed ground installations at GREEN HILL. In all, 44 strafing runs were made over the area and are considered to have been highly successful..

(c) Land Operations

The enemy, despite close attention paid by Allied A/C, continues to improve his airfields and comms, whilst inland patrolling has been carried out.

An Allied patrol on 25 Apr found an unoccupied enemy posn on SW slope of OBSERVATION HILL.

Enemy at GREEN HILL repulsed attacks by our patrols and our tps withdrew on 29 Apr to allow arty, mortar and air support to be brought to bear.

Active patrolling is being carried out by Allied tps.

3. NEW BRITAIN

Many single A/C raids on enemy airfields in NEW BRITAIN have been carried out. On 27 Apr the wireless sts at GASMATA was set afire by a direct hit. Photographs of RABAU taken on 30 Apr, NOT covering KERA VIA Bay, reveal 41 vessels of a total tonnage of 135,000 tons. The vessels comprised : -

1	lt cruiser
6	submarines
1	submarine tender
1	destroyer tender
1	converted seaplane tender
1	minelayer
5	submarine chasers
25	merchant vessels.

4. NEW IRELAND

On 23 Apr 1 B25 sighted a 7000-ton cargo ship 50 mls SE of LAVIENG and on bombing registered one direct hit and one near miss, resulting in smoke rising 3000ft. The vessel was left sinking.

Five cargo vessels up to 6000 tons were sighted in LAVIENG Harbour on 30 Apr whilst on the same day 11 cargo vessels each approx 600 tons were seen moving through SPEFFIN Strait, etc.

5. SOLOMONS

There has been nothing to suggest any abnormal concentrations of shipping in the SOLOMONS. It has been reported that NO large vessels have arrived at NUKA from RABAU, during the last three months.

6. Enemy Eqp

6. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) New Type of Japanese Incendiary Bomb With Air Burst

It has been reported the the Japanese used a new type of combination HE/Incendiary bomb during the MORESBY raid on 12 Apr 45. This bomb is considered to be 60 kgs in weight and is so fused at the tail that it bursts when 100 to 150ft above the ground. Should the tail fuse fail to operate a direct action fuse is fitted to the nose of the bomb which causes it to explode on impact.

Only meagre details are available as an unexploded bomb has NOT been recovered, but it appears that the bomb is filled with about 675 steel tubes, measuring approx 3 inches by 1 inch and containing rubber with phosphorus and thermite. These tubes are scattered over a wide area due to the HE charge exploding the bomb in the air.

(b) Japanese Patrol Boats (KUSSENTAI)

According to a recently-interrogated PW, these boats are about 60ft long and have a max speed of 26 to 30 knots. Armament consists of two guns of unknown calibre and depth charges. NO torpedo tubes are carried. Submarine-detecting eqpt is said to be installed.

(c) Japanese Military Landing Craft

The following details of Japanese MLCs have been extracted from several captured documents. Although reliability of this infm can NOT be stated, comparison of the individual documents indicates that, in all probability, it is basically correct.

(i) SMALL MLC -

Length	:	10.14 metres (33ft 3in)
Beam	:	2. 6 metres (8ft 6in)
Depth	:	1. 7 metres (5ft 7in)
Draught	:	.7/.8 metres (2ft 4in/2ft 7in)
Engine	:	60 horse power
Speed	:	8 knots
Crew	:	5 men
Carrying) capacity)	:	3 tons or 40 men fully equipped.

(ii) LARGE MLC -

Length	:	14.84 metres (48ft 8in)
Beam	:	3.62 metres (11ft 11in)
Depth	:	2.22 metres (7ft 4in)
Draught	:	1. 2 metres (4ft)
Engine	:	Diesel, 80 horse power
Speed	:	8.2 knots
Crew	:	7 men
Carrying) capacity)	:	11 tons or (a) 70 men fully equipped (b) 10 horses (c) 1 tank.

.....(iii) SPECIAL LARGE MLC

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Length	:	16.2 metres (53ft 2in)	
Beam	:	5.03 metres (16ft 8in)	} ?
Depth	:	.813 metres (2ft 8in)	
Engine	:	2 Diesels of 30 horse power each	
Carrying capacity)	:	Generally used to carry tanks, heavy guns and other heavy eqpt.	

While these documents made NO reference to the protective armour of these barges an interesting method of what is probably auxiliary protection is reported by an interrogated PW who was landed at BASABUA from an MLC manned by seven men. This craft carried a quantity of armour plates measuring approx 15 inches by 24 inches, which could, in the event of an attack, be slung over the side and hooked on to the gunwales. Plates were about three-eighths of an inch in thickness. Similar plates were mounted in the bows and arranged around the engine-room and helmsman's housing. It was observed later that the plates were penetrated easily by .5 fire.

7. APPENDICES

- (a.) Japanese Parachute Bn.
- (b.) 25 Facts About BRITAIN At War.

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PARACHUTE BATTALION

Following the report that a large number of parachutes had been taken to LAE by the convoy which landed 51 Infantry Group on 5/7 Jan, it was thought that parachute troops might have landed at the same time. There has been no confirmation of this since that date.

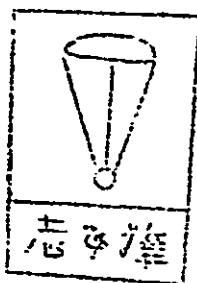
There have been two separate reports from PW sources that there are paratroops at RABAU. The information is summarised below.

According to the first report a Battalion of paratroops is located at RABAU commanded by SHIMIZU, who may be a Lt-Col. The strength of the Battalion is stated to be 500, divided into companies of about 80 or 90 men.

These paratroops are stated to have uniforms of light-weight silk, flying helmets of same rubberised material, and to be equipped with automatic weapons.

They are reported to have been in RABAU at the end of Nov 42 and to have still been there at the end of Feb of this year.

A cloth patch said to have been worn on the breast of the tunic of these troops is shown below.



← "SHIMIZU"

The other report states that some troops unloaded at RABAU on 8 Feb were better equipped than usual. They did not carry rifles but all were equipped with knapsack type flame throwers or light automatic weapons with telescopic sights. These were stated to be parachute troops such as had been used in MALAYA and SUMATRA. The number landed appeared to be more than an Infantry Battalion. They wore sun helmets, short sleeved shirts, short trousers and rubber soled leather boots.

JAPANESE AIRBORNE FORCES

The following notes on organization and use of Japanese Airborne Forces have been compiled from Allied Air Force Intelligence Summaries.

JAPANESE PARATROOP PREPARATIONS

It is estimated that since 1940, the Japanese with German instruction, have trained about 24,000 troops in paratroop operations. Two airborne Divisions have been identified - the 3rd and the 5th. In their southward drive the Japanese employed paratroops at three points, namely PALEMBANG with one Battalion, at MENADO with an unspecified number of troops and at KOEPANG with about 500 troops. Aircraft known to have been employed in these operations are Lockheed type transports, Douglas type transports, Fiat BR 20 and old type 4 engined bombers.

(2)

ORGANISATION OF A PARATROOP BATTALION

The Japanese parachute battalion consists of a Headquarters, a Supply Unit, three parachute companies and flying personnel, with a total of about 670 officers and men. Each parachute company is made up of a command group, a supply group and three sections, with a total of six officers and 190 men, equipped with SMGs, LMGs, MMGs, anti-tank guns, light mortars and folding bicycles.

EMPLOYMENT OF PARATROOPS IN NEW GUINEA

The difficulties of a hazardous sea and land journey in the Islands could be overcome by the use of airborne troops, but problems of maintenance and supply immediately present themselves. The difficulty of supply might be overcome by the seizure of airfields and subsequent supply by air transport. Taking the previous Japanese operation as a guide, it would be possible, using the LAE area as a base, to operate paratroops over an arc from MERAUNE to MILNE BAY and including the tip of CAPE YORK; with WEWAK as a base, the whole of central NEW GUINEA could be covered and MERAUNE could also be brought within range from KAUKENAU. These areas are determined by the finding that Japanese paratroop operations in the SWPA have been carried out at an average distance of 450 nautical miles from their base, without serious difficulty.

25 FACTS ABOUT MONTAGN A' WAR

1. Britain is now producing twice as many tanks as in August, 1941, three times as many as in February 1941, and five times as many as in August 1940.
2. To all Army officers, Britain has expressed her huge production all over the country. Parts for tanks are made in 6,000 small shops and then assembled. Underground quarries have been converted into factories.
3. In 1941, Britain sent to battlefields abroad 9,781 planes (over four times the number she imported), and 3,000 tanks (15 times the number imported).
4. The British have collected enormous quantities of metal scrap, including 200,000-tons of railings and gates, equal in weight to 12,500 medium tanks. House to house collections, buildings destroyed by air raids, and other sources have yielded in all 1,000,000 tons of metal scrap, enough to build 1,000 destroyers.
5. Scientific research in Britain has given the Allies many powerful weapons of war. British scientists developed and perfected "radio location", a revolutionary discovery in the detection of approaching aircraft.
6. By November, 1941, British Empire purchases in the United States since the outbreak of the war had amounted to over £1,125,000,000 - more than ten times the value of goods exported by the United States under the Lend-Lease program, helped to develop U.S. Defence Industries.

THE FIGHTING FRONT

7. In the Battle of Britain - the first decisive setback to the Nazis - the victorious R.A.F. destroyed 2,375 German aircraft in less than three months - over three times the number of British planes lost.
8. During the year which followed the fall of France, the R.A.F. made more than 1,500 raids over Germany and German occupied Europe, dropping 20,000 tons of bombs in the six months from April to October 1941.
9. In daylight sweeps over the Continent of Europe in the first half of 1942, the R.A.F. destroyed enough Axis planes to make up 15 complete squadrons.
10. The Bomber Command of the R.A.F. has been hammering at all key points in Axis-controlled Europe, with serious effects on Axis production. Apart from the colossal raids on Cologne, Bremen and Essen (the home of the Krupp Works), the R.A.F. has bombed Berlin, Milan, Hamburg, Rostock, Lubeck, Augsburg and hundreds of other vital production centres and transportation points.
11. The scale of the bombing raids on Germany by the R.A.F. in May and June 1942, was unprecedented. In the largest German raid on Britain, about 400 tons of bombs were dropped. In the raid on Cologne, the R.A.F. dropped 3,000 tons of bombs, including 1,000,000 incendiaries - all in the space of 90 minutes.
12. The Fighter Command of the R.A.F. has carried out operations on the scale of the 1,000 - bomber raids over Germany, sometimes sending up to 1,000 fighters in one day.

13. The Coastal Command of the R.A.F. defending Allied shipping flew more than 50,000,000 miles in the first two years of the war, escorted 8,200 convoys, made 760 attacks on enemy vessels and sank 300,000 tons. It attacked 301 U-boats, destroyed 75 aircraft attacking convoys, and drove off 500.
14. While building up her resources at home for a crushing blow at the Axis, Britain has been fighting all over the world. She has liberated Abyssinia and seized strategic territory in East Africa, Syria, Iran, Iceland and Madagascar. She has maintained her shipping lifelines over the seas of the world.
15. By the beginning of 1942, Britain was sending to battle-fronts abroad 80% of her total military production and every soldier for whom shipping space was available.
16. For two years, British troops have been fighting on a world wide front, mostly along side troops from other parts of the Empire. Up to January 1942, 71% of all British Empire casualties suffered on land were men from the United Kingdom. Total Empire casualties in the armed forces in the first two years of the war were over 183,000.
17. A third of the British troops who fought in Greece were from the United Kingdom: i.e. England, Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland. In Greece, the proportion was nearly one half. In Libya and Britain it was over half.
18. When France fell in 1940, Britain was left alone in the near east with a force of 40,000 men against 260,000 Italians in Libya, and over 360,000 in Abyssinia. During General Wavell's Campaign in Libya, his striking force exceeded 30,000 men. In eight weeks he had taken 130,000 prisoners.
19. Malta, strategic British Island no larger than Martha's vineyard, has resisted Axis attack for over two years with the enemy only 58 miles away and the nearest British Base 1,000 miles across the sea. Malta has had over 2,700 air raid alerts and has destroyed over 840 enemy aircraft.
20. Out of the thousands of ships convoyed by the British Navy less than 1 out of 200 has been lost.
21. The British Navy has not only inflicted severe punishment on the enemy's naval forces, as at Taranto and Matapan, but has in addition sunk 3,250,000 tons of enemy merchant shipping.

AID TO RUSSIA

22. All British munitions of war sent to Russia have been sent under British Lend-Lease. Up to the end of June 1942, practically all aid promised by Britain had been sent. This aid includes tanks, anti-aircraft guns, ammunition, radio equipment, machine tools, medical supplies, food and vitally needed raw materials.
23. Large convoys carrying British aid to Russia have fought their way through by the arctic routes, against the dangers of storms, icebergs, U-boats, aircraft and destroyers.
24. To send help to Russia through Iran (Persia), Britain has built special assembly plants for trucks in that country. By January 1942, 200 trucks a month were being assembled and carrying supplies. Locomotives and freight cars are specially built in Britain to transport supplies to Russia over the Persian railroads. The quantity of planes sent through Persia increased 500% in 1942.

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25. Britain has sent 3,000,000 pairs of boots to Russia. Mrs Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund has raised over £2,000,000 by means of which the British Red Cross has already sent 500,000 blankets, 250,000 woollen garments and large quantities of medical supplies. British cotton and woollen mills have been working overtime to produce the clothing needed.

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Headquarters,
NORTHWEST TERRITORY FORCE.
1, May 43.

NT FORCE GS INSTRUCTION No. 53
VEH VEHICLES FOR OPS - ARTY

1. The following scale of vchs will be used in ops by fd bty of the FIELD FORCE.

Vchs	H/Cs	15-cwt or 1-ton wire- less	15-cwt or 1-ton G/L	Trucks 3-ton FWD	Cars	Motor Vchs	Total (incl H/Cs)
Per Bty HQ	3	4	1	2	1	1	9
Per Bty	3	1	2	4	1		8
Total per Bty	9	6	5	10	3	1	25

2. During trg, one additional 15-cwt or 1-ton Wireless per ty -- for use of Ty Comd, when not using carr -- to be returned to VMS on commencement of ops.

3. The above scale will be adopted forthwith, but does not apply to fd arty engaged in the FORTRESS role.

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6 May 43.

SM/6669/G/D11.

DEFENCE SCHEME NT FORCE

1. The following maps have now been replaced by new issues:- COPY No. 20
 DARWIN 4 mls to 1 in First Edition - replaced by Second Edition.
 PINE CREEK Overlay 4 mls to 1 in - replaced by Second Edition.
2. Consequent on the above, amendments as under will be made to NT Force Defence Plans.
3. Substitute 13 Aust Inf Bde for 3 Aust Inf Bde in all plans and OIs.
4. Appx A to NT Force SM/4960/G/D11 of 24 Jan 43. Delete DALY RIVER (Overlay) - insert PINE CREEK.
5. Appx BYNDAL to NT Force SM/5710/G/D11 of 3 Mar 43, Line 1. Delete (Overlay).
6. Appx A to SM/2382/G/D11 of 20 Aug 42 - plan DALY, Line 1. Delete (Overlay).
7. Appx C to SM/3160/G/D11 of 13 Oct 42 - plan BYNDAL, Line 1. Delete DARWIN and PINE CREEK (Overlay). Insert DARWIN 4 mls to 1 in. PINE CREEK 4 mls to 1 in.
8. SM/2373/G/D11. NT Force OI 34. Line 2. Delete DARWIN and PINE CREEK (Overlay). Insert DARWIN 4 mls to 1 in. PINE CREEK 4 mls to 1 in.
9. Appx D to SM/3160/G/D11 of 13 Oct 42. Para 7. Delete "junc of HOWARD SPRINGS Rd and HOWARD RIVER 073037. After" at" insert 41854120.
10. Alter map references as follows:-

PLAN or OI.	Para.	Location.	Old Map Reference	New Map Reference.
NT Force OI 49	4	Road junc	057032	38112776
" " " "	5	SPRING	061035	38902322
" " " "	6		058031	38312758
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"	7(c)	DUMP "A"	06400480	39643105
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"	6	"as far WEST as"	058031	38312758
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"	5(b)	SPRING	061035	38902822
"	5(b)	MT LITCHFIELD	041034	35362828
"	5(c)	EAST of STAPLETON	071057	40653231
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"	2(b)	RD JUNC	057032	38112776
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"	9	TRACK JUNC	057032	38112776
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OPERATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLE

NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE.

Amended to 6 May 43.

ARMY OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No.	UNIT	REMARKS
<u>HQ UNITS</u>	46139 46150 45135	HQ NT Force NORTH AUSTRALIA Observer Unit No.6 Aust Mob Met Flt	LHQ Unit
<u>INTELLIGENCE</u>	46147 45141 45151 45148 61273 45189	12 Aust Div Sec Int Corps 3 Aust Spec. Int Pers Sec 8 Aust Fd Censorship Sec 12 Aust Fd Censorship Sec D Aust FS Sec 7 Aust Air Liaison Sec Lugger Maintenance Sec	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit No 13
<u>CAVALRY</u>	61029	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	47546 61219 46151 46153	HQ RA 12 Aust Div 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt 11 Aust Fd Regt 103 Aust Tk A Regt	
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	46155 46156 46042 46157 46158 47547	HQ RA 12 Aust Div 1 Aust Fd Coy 13 Aust Fd Coy 23 Aust Fd Coy 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy 12 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit NT Coastal Recce Unit RA 3	IV/153/1
<u>SURVEY</u>	45670	6 Aust A Topo Svy Coy (Svy Sec)	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	46161 47825 46163 45252 45259 61321	Sigs 12 Aust Div 2/6 Aust Cav Regt Sig Tp 12 Aust Div Cipher Sec 51 Aust Wireless Sec 62 Aust Wireless Sec 2/1 Aust A3 Control	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
<u>INFANTRY</u>	46051 46059 46060 46061 61060 61061 61062 46172 61547 46175 46176 46169 61423	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde 11 Aust Inf Bn 16 Aust Inf Bn 28 Aust Inf Bn HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 23/21 Aust Inf Bn HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 7 Aust Inf Bn 8 Aust Inf Bn 10/48 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Indep Coy	LHQ Unit

ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No.	UNIT	REMARKS
<u>HQ UNITS</u>		<u>H.T. L OF C AREA</u>	
	47333	HQ 14 (ADELAIDE RIVER) L of C Sub-Area	
	47334	HQ 14A L of C Sub-Area	
	47400	HQ 11 (CENTRAL AUST) L of C Sub-Area	
	47401	Adm HQ MT ISA	
	47336	Camp Adm HQ (ADELAIDE RIVER)	LHQ Unit
	45120	5 Aust MC Gp	
	47912	Directorate of Public Relations (12 Aust Div Det)	LHQ Unit
<u>INTELLIGENCE</u>	47337	Press Unit DARWIN	
	47995	Town Major (2nd Class) DARWIN	
	45168	W Aust FS Sec	LHQ Unit
	45169	X Aust FS Sec	LHQ Unit
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	45170	Y Aust FS Sec	LHQ Unit
	45198	5 Aust Docks Operating Coy	LHQ Unit
	47749	8 Aust Bomb Disposal Sec	LHQ Unit
	47339	5 Aust CE Works	
	47340	3 Aust CRE Works	
	46836	6 Aust CRE Works	
	47341	45 Aust DCRE Works	
	47040	63 Aust DCRE Works	
	47410	74 Aust DCRE Works	
	47405	4 Aust A Tps Coy	
	47342	6 Aust A Tps Coy	
	47406	10 Aust A Tps Coy	
	47343	2/11 Aust A Tps Coy	
	46845	11 Aust Wkshops and Pk Coy	
	46846	6 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	
	46848	8 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	
	47346	15 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	47347	HQ NT L of C (Less No.1 Coy)	
	45673	15 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45215	16 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45216	17 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45217	18 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45218	19 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45219	20 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45220	21 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45221	22 Aust Line Sec	LHQ Unit
	45262	Dst 20 Sec LHQ Hy Wireless Gp	LHQ Unit
	47367	NT L of C Area Cipher Sec	
	47363	14A L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec	
	47411	11 L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec	
	47412	MT ISA Cipher Sec	
	47369	HQ 7 Sec (Carr Pigeon) Aust Corps Sigs	
	47370	43 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	
	47371	44 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	
	47372	45 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	

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<u>A. A. S. C.</u>	45694	1 Aust M.C.	LEQ Unit
	47413	HQ Cond C. Tpt Coln	
	47477	108 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47478	110 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	46862	118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47051	121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47052	122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	45771	130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	45689	134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47476	142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47414	146 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47417	149 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
	47418	2/14 Aust Sup Pers Coy	
	47374	11 Aust Sup Pers Coy	
	47375	BSD (Type C)	
	47376	BSD	
	47419	B S D (Type D)	
	47420	B S D MT IS.	
	47377	12 Aust Fd Bakery	
	47421	14 Aust Fd Bakery	
	47378	3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	
	47550	1 Pl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	
	47422	CENTRAL AUST BIPOD (HQ and 3 Secs)	
	47379	1 Aust BIPOD (5 Secs)	
	47380	1 Aust Farm Coy AASC	
	47423	2 Aust Farm Coy AASC	
	---	Wkshop Sec 2/1 Aust Coy AASC	
			In. 006 4 Aust Div
<u>MEDICAL</u>	45306	Sub-Depot LEQ Depot Dental Stores	LEQ Unit
	45307	101 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	LEQ Unit
	45308	102 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	LEQ Unit
	45316	1 Aust Mob Entom Unit (4 Secs)	LEQ Unit
	47867	2 Aust Optical Unit	LEQ Unit
	47381	Frt Camp Hosp	300 Beds
	47065	35 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47382	42 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47383	43 Aust Camp Hosp	90 Beds
	47424	55 Aust Camp Hosp	60 Beds
	47384	65 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47070	74 Aust Camp Hosp	120 Beds
	47385	76 Aust Camp Hosp	60 Beds
	47425	Det AASC	
	47071	Two Secs 75 Aust Dental Unit	
<u>ORDNANCE</u>	45394	Det 7 Aust Adv Ord Depot Sec	LEQ Unit
	45456	HQ 8 Aust Adv Ord Depot	LEQ Unit
	45457	13 Aust Ord Store Coy	LEQ Unit
	45458	HQ 5 Aust Adv Arm Depot	LEQ Unit
	45459	8 Aust Ord Arm Coy	LEQ Unit
	45461	11 L of C Sub-Area Ord Depot	LEQ Unit
	45462	14 Aust Ord Arm Sec	LEQ Unit
	45464	Ord Depot MT IS.	LEQ Unit
<u>A. F. M. E.</u>	45453	10 Aust Adv Wkshops	LEQ Unit
	47386	MT L of C Area Wkshops	
	47426	2 Aust MT Wkshops	
	47427	1 Sec 1 Aust MT Wkshops	
	47428	1 Aust Mech Eqp Wkshop Sec	

ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No.	UNIT	REMARKS
PROVOST	47391 47390 47429	13 Aust Detention Barracks (Type A) NT L of C Area Pro Coy 11 L of C Sub-Area Indep Pro Pl	
POSTAL	47389	2 L of C Postal Unit	
<u>P A Y</u>	47387 47719 47720 47721 47430 47723 --- 47722	NT Accounts Office 47 Aust Depot Cash Office 48 Aust Depot Cash Office 49 Aust Depot Cash Office 50 Aust Depot Cash Office 52 Aust Depot Cash Office 71 Aust Depot Cash Office 51 Aust Mob Depot Cash Office	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	47323 47755 47862 45155 45507 45516 45517 47392 47475 47394 47395 47396 47397 47393 47399 47431 47440 47441 47432 47433 47434 47435 47436 47437 47438	7 Graves Reg and Enquiry Unit NT L of C Graves Maintenance Details AA Amenities Service 7 Aust Bmp Coy 19 Aust Bmp Coy 28 Aust Bmp Coy 29 Aust Bmp Coy NT Stationery Depot NT Force Adv Reinft Depot NT L of C Area Bde and Area Staffs Area-Camp Staff KATHERINE Area Camp Staff PINE CREEK Area Camp Staff LARRIEAH Area-Camp Staff KATARANKA 13 Aust L of C Salv Sec 5 Aust Pers Staging Camp HQ 7 Aust L of C Salv Depot 29 Aust L of C Salv Sec 6 Aust Pers Staging Camp 7 Aust Pers Staging Camp 8 Aust Pers Staging Camp 9 Aust Pers Staging Camp 10 Aust Pers Staging Camp 11 Aust Pers Staging Camp 12 Aust Pers Staging Camp	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit Type C
<u>TRG UNITS and SCHOOLS</u>	47474	NT Force Trg School	
		<u>FIXED DEFENCES</u>	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	47443 47444 47445 47446 47447	HQ DARWIN Frt Area HQ Hy Arty EAST Bty EMERY Bty WEST Bty	
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	47448	HQ 18 Aust Frt Coy (Type A)	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	47449	Frt Sigs	

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ARTILLERY

47450	AA Gp. HQ (LB) DARWIN
47451	AA Ops Room (Type A) DARWIN
47854	AA Ops Room (Type C) BATCHELOR
47855	AA Ops Room (Type C) HUGHES
47221	HQ 5 Aust AA Bty
47227	421 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
47228	422 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
47452	HQ 2 Aust AA Bty
47458	427 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
47459	428 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
46760	HQ 19 Aust AA Bty
46710	353 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
46711	350 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
46712	360 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta
61225	2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt
47463	225 Aust Lt AA Bty
47464	225 Aust Lt AA Bty

SIGNALS

61229	2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less Det)
47467	225 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec
---	7 LD AA Sig Sec

ENGINEERS

47465	HQ 65 Aust AA SL Coy
47466	HQ 70 Aust AA SL Coy

A E M E

47468	HQ 11 Aust AA Wkshop Coy
47469	2 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec
47470	14 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec
57237	5 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec
47472	54 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec
47759	70 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec
61036	2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec (less det)
47473	225 Aust Lt AA Bty Wkshop Sub Sec

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WFOCANE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 152

Cancelled from information received between 1800-1900 hrs on 10 May 1952

NOTE: Information contained in pages marked with a sideline will NOT be passed to other units or equivalent formations. Other warship contained in this Summary will be passed to all units.

1. Summary

(a) Enemy Air Activity

After thorough investigation of all reports from pilots in the Japanese field on 10 May the following losses were sustained by the enemy:

Destroyed	9 fighters
	1 bomber
Damaged	3 fighters
	1 bomber

7 Spitfires were shot down in action and a further 5 were lost owing to engine and fuel trouble. All pilots except 3 are safe.

No B-29 Superfortresses were reported as being in the B-29 area during the period under review although two raids have been carried out on 10 May and 11 May.

The first raid on 10 May was carried out by seven "Zekes". Twenty bombs were dropped but only minor damage resulted. A Beaufighter in the area intercepted the enemy formation and damaged one.

Fighter No. 1, a "Zekes" and three "Zekes", carried out the second attack at 1930 hrs on 10 May. On this occasion allied fighter No. 1 was present and made interception destroying two "Zekes", whilst one was probably destroyed and two damaged. An allied vessel of 70 tons in the area was strafed and set on fire.

Three ground-based Beaufighters were involved one being destroyed and the other two damaged. One Spitfire was destroyed.

Another attack was made on 11 May by two floatplanes on an HMT bound Allied convoy. A Beaufighter intercepted and shot down one of the attacking planes.

(b) Our Air Activity

During the period under review allied A/C operations have been most successful.

On 1 May our fighters conducted a large number of attacks in the Japanese and B-29 area. When returning from this operation, one A/C was shot down. It was attacked by a "Zekes" and one "Zekes". One "Zekes" was shot down and one damaged.

Air Base at Okinawa on 10 May was bombed and dropped started on fire.

On 5 May six Beaufighters landed at TAMBORA on the beach near TAMBORA and three moved in the air. As a result of the strafing runs made all enemy floatplanes were destroyed. Petrol drums and stores were also set on fire. The village of TAMBORA was also strafed. One Beaufighter is missing.

Two raids were carried out by Liberators on MANOKHART. The first on 5 May was highly successful and five fires started. The smoke from some rising up to 3000 ft in the space of six minutes. Three big explosions were caused and indications suggest that a large quantity of petrol, oil and stores were destroyed.

The other raid on MANOKHART took place on 9 May and this was also very successful. Direct hits were scored on stores in and around the jetty area whilst the jetty and a 300 ton MV at the jetty was damaged.

Mitchell A/C also bombed targets in TIMOR causing fires and other damage.

Hudson A/C attacked TAMBORA on a number of occasions and also carried out raids on TAMBORA and the islands therein. On two occasions the Hudsons were intercepted and on one occasion one of the five Hudsons was shot down in the vicinity of TAMBORA.

Five Catalinas operating from MILNE straggled over during night 6/7 May. This operation was considered to be very successful as fuel and other dumps were hit causing fires large and numerous, small fires. Black smoke was seen rising to a height of 4000 ft. Grounded A/C, some of which were shot, were evaded from a low altitude. The fires started were visible for 60 miles.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

No enemy A/C activity was reported during the period under review. A large diminution of Jap in the N.E. area suggests these have been withdrawn for refuelling.

(b) Can Air Activity

Allied air attacks continue to be made on enemy bases, installations, lines of communication and shipping on a relatively light scale.

Several attacks have been detailed on the WEBAK area and the most successful of these was on 4 May when TONG and shipping was bombed by a number of Liberators. Large explosions were caused at the S.E. end of the town and two 4/6000 ton vessels possibly damaged. One 4/6000 ton cargo vessel at KAIRIRO Island received two or three direct hits and several close misses resulting in vessel listing on starboard and emitting heavy black smoke.

Photographs taken of the WEBAK area on 5 May revealed 60 enemy A/C and much stores along coast, and the following shipping :-

WEBAK Harbour

1 large vessel 500/1000 tons each
 and auxiliary tugs
 2 coasters
 10 barges NEWAA Harbour
 2 cargo vessels 1000 tons each 12 miles
 E N E of NEWAA
 2 cargo vessels 500/1000 tons each
 MUSCAT STRAIT

Six Liberator bombers on 7 May followed up by six
 Fortresses on the following day. Tents in dispersal area
 were destroyed, possible fuel dump hit and fires were started
 in dump area NORTH of the runway.

A 1000 ton merchant vessel laden with tin was attacked by
 8 Seafighters off Cape KUSSA on 12 miles SOUTH of MADAG
 Harbour on 8 May. The superstructure was set on fire.
 These A/C also strafed the strip at MADAG and destroyed one
 enemy fighter.

Later the same day a number of Mitchell bombers (assisted by
 16 P-51's) bombed the vessel previously strafed by the Sea-
 fighters and also a 100 ton cargo vessel. Direct hits were
 scored on both vessels, the larger one was left burning
 fiercely and probably sunk. The smaller vessel headed for
 the shore trailing an oil slick and smoking lightly.

(c) Land Operations

There has been no major activity on the part of the enemy at
 the point of contact in the last few days. The enemy is
 watching the movements of our patrolling activities generally.
 The enemy is very busy on his lines of communication, parti-
 cularly between between T-4 and T-5 especially as both bases
 are supplies along the coast into the T-4-T-5 area.

Whilst both sides have continued active patrolling, little
 change has taken place. Our patrolling has been more
 aggressive and several skirmishes have taken place.

On 5 May it was reported that our aircraft attack on T-4
 (32 miles NORTH of KOMBIA) was successful and the enemy was
 withdrawing towards T-4. On 7 May the enemy lodged
 three counter attacks and were repulsed in the fourth which
 followed heavy mortar fire and troops were forced to withdraw.

Our forces succeeded in capturing 2 enemy prisoners 5.6
 miles SOUTH by WEST SCORP and killed 30 besides wounding
 many others. The enemy then lay in near side of scab and
 1 mile S E by SOUTH of SCORP.

G. THE BATTLE

Allied A/C strafed T-4 on the afternoon and bombed and
 strafed it on another. The strafing was carried out by
 4 Mitchells on the runway, dispersal buildings and oil dump
 area 1 mile E of runway whilst on the second raid 7 Mitchells
 bombed and strafed oil field and buildings. Bombs dropped
 fell on runway and near by area NORTH of runway.

On a number of occasions large and small aircraft were strafed
 with good results. Flying Fortresses bombed T-4 on
 7 May.

THE AIRMAN

2. NEW ARRIVAL

On 8 May the following shipping was sighted:-

One 10/12000 ton transport	
One 5/10000 " cargo vessel	
Two 5/8000 " cargo vessels	17 miles SOUTH Cape MIDLETON course 4 E
One destroyer	
One 4,000 " cargo vessel	21 miles E N E Cape MIDLETON course 5 E

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) New Type of Japanese Incendiary Bomb With Air Burst

It has been reported that the Japanese used a new type of combination incendiary bomb during the BOMBING raid on 13 Apr 45. This bomb is considered to be 60 lbs in weight and is so timed at the tail that it bursts when 100 to 150 feet above the ground. Should the tail fuse fail to operate, a direct action fuse is fitted to the nose of the bomb which causes it to explode on impact.

Only vague details are available as an unexploded bomb has NOT been recovered, but it appears that the bomb is filled with about 675 steel tubes, measuring approximately 5 inches x 1 inch and containing either white phosphorus and kerosene. These tubes are scattered over a wide area due to the air charge exploding, the bomb in the air.

(b) Japanese Patrol Boats (KORUMU-BO)

According to a recently intercepted report, these boats are about 60 feet long and have a maximum speed of 20 - 30 knots. Armament consists of two guns of unknown calibre, and depth charges. No torpedo tubes are carried. Some radio receiving equipment is said to be installed.

(c) Japanese Date Systems

The type number given to Japanese equipment is usually the year in which the individual item is produced or completed. In this connection it may be useful to recapitulate the two systems used by the Japanese in writing dates.

(i) The Japanese Empire, according to mythology, was founded in the year 660 B.C. and it is from this date that Japanese years are calculated, e.g. our 1940 is the Japanese 2540 and so on. The system of type numbers for Japanese aircraft and various other military equipment follows this plan, using the last two numbers of the year concerned; e.g. Type "97" belongs to the year 2597 (our 1937), Type "0" to our 1940, Type "01" to our 1941 and so on.

(ii) In more general usage, however, is the practice of numbering years from the start of each Emperor's reign. Emperors choose a name for their reign and the year is referred to by the number of years that have elapsed since the reign started. Thus the present Emperor who came to the throne in 1926, names the year SHUNWA ("Enlightenment"); 1945 is thus the 17th year of SHUNWA, or more simply "3 SHUN 17". Daily dates are usually written from right to left, so that they appear as in the usual west-every-day, instead of the east-every-day system; thus "17/3 SHUN" means 17th year 1945, not 17th 1947, as it would on our ordinary system. Prior to the reign

of which was the TUN which commenced in 1912 and continued to 1918. This system is also occasionally used for British communications, but the term "TUN" is not used in the same sense as in TUN, i.e., 1912. Since 1915, however, the system given under (1) above appears to have been generally adopted for this type of classification.

6. INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS IN THE FIELD

Interviewers should be made aware of the point of why certain military information is issued in the press in AUSTRALIA and not be discussed in personal correspondence.

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

Secondly, these instructions are of a general nature and except where stated to the contrary, do not mention units, locations, etc., and troops on the spot writing letters may reveal news of affairs which have not been officially released and which are still military secrets.

All officers should explain this to their troops.

7. INTERVIEWING OF PRISONERS OF WAR

Examinees should be given the following lessons which have been learnt during the past 30 years and should be impressed on ALL troops:

(a) You can only be asked to give your NAME, RANK and NUMBER. ANY other question should be answered ONLY by the sentence -

"I AM SORRY I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION".

(b) If you refuse in this manner during interrogation, the interrogator is justified.

(c) If you refuse in any conversation with the interrogator on any subject, you are not only refusing to give information, but you are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for. You are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for. You are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for.

(d) If you refuse to give any information, you are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for. You are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for.

(e) If you refuse to give any information, you are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for. You are also refusing to give any information which you have been searching for.

(f) Always conduct yourself correctly, be punctilious about saluting officers, addressing senior officers as "Sir", etc., however much you may dislike doing so. Impoliteness or indiscipline on your part is just what the enemy is looking for, as it gives him an excuse to treat you badly or use violent measures against you. In refusing to answer questions, be FIRM but POLITE. Remember that you cannot be ordered to answer any questions except NAME, RANK and NUMBER.

(g) It is possible that the enemy uses such methods as dressing their own men up as British prisoners, placing microphones in prisoner's room or tent, etc. The lesson to be learnt here is NEVER to discuss anything military with any other prisoner, whether you know him or not.

In conclusion, it should be impressed on every soldier that, should he be taken prisoner, the WAR IS NOT OVER. He is still a soldier, the enemy is still his enemy; during interrogation he is fighting the enemy no less than on the field of battle; with the only difference that cowardice or foolishness during the battle would hardly ever have such disastrous consequences to the lives of his comrades, and possibly to the whole course of the war, as can cowardice or foolishness under interrogation.

THE CONDUCT OF BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR

(1) A letter from the Air Division, dated 21 Feb 45, gives this example for Germans to follow:-

"Any one British soldier, who was interrogated in the Luftwaffe transit camp, behaved particularly correctly. He stood up on the entrance of German superior officers, answered all ordinary questions politely and shortly, but answered all military questions with 'I am afraid I cannot answer that question'. The interrogation was given up."

(2) On 11 Oct three of our troops were captured on a patrol, and were interrogated the next day by 1st Division "B" branch. This was the German report:-

The first "left England in May for GERMANY, went by convoy, a very long journey, does not know route, does not know the name of the port of disembarkation. Arrived at the front for the first time last night, and previously been in various places, does not know the names of the places. From further interrogation it appears that the prisoner has no idea as to his unit, his division, or his task yesterday."

The second "no longer knows when he left England, has been with various units, but has never been told their names. Says also that he does not know the number of his battalion, or his brigade or of his division."

The third "belongs to an independent company."

The report on the interrogation finishes by complaining that all three prisoners "make a very unintelligent impression".

It should, however, be noted that these three prisoners later gave away a certain amount of information, including the identification of their unit and the nature of an impending attack, to Fortescue etc. It is impossible to say how this information was extracted, but the lesson is that security is less easy but more important for a prisoner who is taken back to a higher formation etc.

Appendix A to NT Force Intelligence
January 1943.

ON FACTS ABOUT BRITAIN AT WAR

THE FACTS

1. With the opening of the Battle of Britain, the British is producing almost 100,000 tons of aircraft and 100,000 tons of bombs a month. The production of aircraft is 100,000 tons a month, with 10,000,000 pounds of explosives and millions of small arms, with 1,000,000,000 pounds of ammunition. As to other ships, locomotives, tanks and a thousand items of military supplies.
2. Recruitment in Britain is mobilized for the duration of the war. The sum of 100,000,000 pounds is being spent on the war industry, working millions in the armed forces. British industry is working millions in the armed forces. This is equivalent to a mobilization of 10,000,000 people in the USA. The production of luxury goods and civilian necessities are severely curtailed.
3. In Britain today, every fit man between 16 and 41 has already been drafted into the Forces, unless indispensable in an essential job. The age limit has not been raised to 51.
4. 7,000,000 women of Britain between 16 and 41 have already been registered and are being drafted into war work. Unmarried women between 50 and 55 are being drafted into the uniformed forces.
5. 6,500,000 women are already working in industry and the number is mounting rapidly. Millions more, mainly housewives, are working part time.
6. Over four and a half million in Britain. Seven out of every ten between the ages of 14 and 17 are doing war work.
7. One half million of every five have been destroyed or damaged by air raids over Britain. Over 1,000,000 civilians have been killed and over 50,000 injured. 1,000,000 have been killed in total in 1942.
8. Workers and employers have sacrificed peace time rights to ensure maximum production. 8,000,000 workers in industrial industry cannot quit their jobs at will, except by permission of the Government.
9. Party politics has been put on the back burner. Labour leaders sit in the Cabinet, and do all important Government business. In the factories, joint labor-management committees work out production problems.
10. Working time has been increased in Britain, so that one hour was worked in 1942.
11. Because of the need to conserve shipping for vital military supplies, the coast of Britain has virtually stopped all passenger traffic. All goods, except food, are carried by ship. The cost of butter, or meat, is 2 times as much as a year ago. Many goods are completely unobtainable.
12. Britain is mobilized in a way as well as its factories. The home production of food has almost doubled since the outbreak of war. 6,000,000 more people are under the plough than before the war. Britain is now the most highly mechanized farming country in Europe.
13. Clothing is available rationed on a coupon system. If a woman bought 2 pairs of stockings a month, and one pair a year, she would have no more to buy in the next 12 months.

14. - Distilling nation has released 3,000,000 tons of shipping a year and some 750,000 workers for transfer from clothing industries to service in the Forces or War Industry.

15. - Every 15th man and woman is trained to play some part during air raid when in the event of an invasion. About 1,500,000 men and women are engaged in Civilian Defence work, and over 4,500,000 in the Fire Guard. About 9,000,000 men are enrolled in the Home Guard, receiving intensive military training in their spare time.

16. - The British people have come up for war savings in a big way. Over £2,750,000,000 has already been raised - an average of £100 per head. In 1941, National Savings exceeded more than a third of Government expenditure.

17. - The Government spent £1,000,000,000 on defence in 1939-40. It is spending over £10,000,000,000 in 1941-42. Britain was producing £12,000,000,000 a year in 1939, but has now reached a total of £22,000,000,000 since September 1939. 100% of the National Income is spent on the war.

18. - The war has brought in a profit out of the war. Excess profits are taxed 10% for small firms with a small refund provided after the war. Income tax is at the rate of 30% for most. But tax starts on income over £2,000 a year, and brings the rate up to 47½% on all income over £2,000.

19. - In 1939, 2,000,000 people were earners in Britain paid 15% tax. By 1941, the number had risen to 5,500,000 earners, paying income tax of £125,000,000.

20. - The experience of the British has been of value to the USA not only in the development and use of war weapons, but also in tackling similar problems of discipline, rationing, education and other wartime problems.

21. - The production of British planes has doubled in the last year. 27 per cent of the RAF planes operating from home bases, and 75% of those abroad are British made.

22. - The Government on October 30, 1941, the number of aircraft which had been ordered since 1939 was 13 British made.

23. - The latest British battleship, the Admiral, Belfast and Lancaster, are the most powerful ships ever built. The Admiral is the most powerful ship ever built. The Lancaster is the most powerful bomber ever built. The Admiral is the most powerful ship ever built. The Lancaster is the most powerful bomber ever built.

24. - Britain's production of aircraft is the most powerful in the world. Britain's production of aircraft is the most powerful in the world. Britain's production of aircraft is the most powerful in the world. Britain's production of aircraft is the most powerful in the world.

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LOCATION STATEMENT NT FORCE AS AT 2359 hrs 18 May 43

Map references are from DARWIN 1 in to 1 mile series and 1 inch to 1 mile BATCHELOR and ADELAIDE RIVER areas unless otherwise indicated as follows:-

- (A) ----- DARWIN 4 miles to 1 inch
(B) ----- PINE CK " " " " (2nd edition)
(C) ----- NT Strat Map 8 miles to 1 inch.

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER CMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

HQ UNITS

Adv HQ NT Force	140389	57	Force Tps
Two dets D Sec, Sigs	"	"	"
12 Aust Div	"	"	"
12 Aust Div Cypher Sec (less dets)	"	"	"
Rear HQ NT Force	134136	73	"
L of C Cypher Sec (less dets)	"	"	"
North Australia Observer Unit (HQ & HQ Coy)	KATHERINE		"
A Coy	ROPER RIVER		"
B Coy	WYNDHAM		"
C Coy	BURKETOWN		"

INTELLIGENCE

12 Aust Div Sec Int Corps	ALICE SPRINGS	"	Att 11 L of C
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CAVALRY--2/6 Aust Cav Regt

RHQ HQ Sqn (less 1 tp) A & C Sqs	42802788 (B)	98	"	REDCLIFFS
1 tp HQ Sqn	29342901 (B)	"	"	BLACKFELLOW CREEK
B Sqn (less three tps)	37892805 (B)	"	"	MT LITCHFIELD
1 tp B Sqn	35382827 (B)	"	"	DALY RIVER
two tps B Sqn	36542509 (3)	"	"	

ARTILLERY

HQ RAA 12 Aust Div	140389	57	CR.
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt and E Sec Sigs	793086		Frt
21 Fd Bty	819118		"
22 Fd Bty	789100		"
61 Fd Bty	791098		"
11 Aust Fd Regt and G Sec Sigs	134435	51 1/2	CR.
41 Fd Bty	130296	62 1/2	19 Aust Inf Bde
42 Fd Bty	145675	40	23 Aust Inf Bde
43 Fd Bty	140494	51 1/2	13 Aust Inf Bde
103 Aust Tk A Regt (less 9 Tk A Bty) H Sec Sigs	128303	62	CR.
9 Tk A Bty	811102		Frt

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
ENGINEERS				
HQ R&E 12 Aust Div	140389	57	CRE	
1 Aust Fd Coy (less dets)	KATHERINE			
Det	PINE CREEK			
Det	KATARAMBA		14A L of C	Force Tps att to L of C
Det	LARRIMAH			
Det	PROCKS CREEK			
13 Aust Fd Coy	143392		CRE	
No.1 Pl	058227		CRE	
2 and 3 Pls	PARAP		CRE	
23 Aust Fd Coy (less dets)	143694	39	"	
No.1 Pl	140680	39	"	
No.2 Pl	131475	52	"	
No.3 Pl	118195	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	
54 Aust Fd Pl Coy	ADELAIDE RIVER		"	
Det	VESTEYS		"	
Det	PINE CREEK		"	
12 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	DUDLEY POINT		"	
Svy Sec 6 Aust A Topo Svy Sec	143315(C)		Force Tps	
SIGNALS				
Sigs 12 Aust Div HQ & HQ Coy	127385	58	Force Tps	
No.1 Coy (less two dets D Sec)	" 127385	58	"	
HQ No.2 Coy	" 127385	58	"	
HQ No.3 Coy	" 127385	58	"	
2 D Sec Dets	140389	57	"	
2/6 Aust Cav Regt Sig Tp	12602783(B)	98	"	
INFANTRY				
HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde	137486	51	Force Tps	
J Sec Sigs	137486	51	13 Aust Inf Bde	
11 Aust Inf Bn	135485	51	"	
16 Aust Inf Bn	130443	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	
23 Aust Inf Bn	147517	49	"	
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde and	"		Force Tps	
L Sec Sigs	116236	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	123242	66	19 Aust Inf Bde	
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	120200	68	"	
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	113225	67	"	
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	143692	39	Force Tps	
K Sec Sigs	143692	39	23 Aust Inf Bde	
7 Aust Inf Bn	804097		Frt Comd	
8 Aust Inf Bn	156652	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 Aust Inf Bde	
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	123686	57	"	
19 Aust MG Bn	083827	30	"	Att for Trg & Adm
MASC				
HQ Comd 12 Aust Div MASC	ADELAIDE R	72	CAASC	
2/107 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ADELAIDE R	80	ADS & T	Att 14A L of C
Det	PINE CREEK		"	Att 14A L of C
Det	KATHERINE		"	"
Det	LARRIMAH		"	"
2/3 Aust Coy MASC		61	"	
14 Aust Coy MASC		45	"	
24 Aust Coy MASC	135458	53	"	

UNIT	LOCATION	Village from DARWIN	UNDER	COND	PROTECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
MEDICAL					
2/7 Aust Fd Amb		60	Force	Tps	Dental Sec att
2/13 Aust Fd Amb		32	"	"	"
17 Aust Fd Amb		56	"	"	"
2/7 Aust Dental Unit	NOOMILLAH	23	"	"	Att 14 L of C
B Sec	TAHLIN		"	"	"
C Sec	136652	41 1/2	"	"	"
D Sec	113225	67 1/2	"	"	"
E Sec	NOOMILLAH	28	"	"	"
Det	PARAP		"	"	"
62 Aust Dental Unit	ADELAIDE R	72	"	"	Att 14 L of C
A Sec	MATAPINKI		"	"	"
B Sec	LARRPANA		"	"	"
C Sec	135160	51 1/2	"	"	Att 14 L of C
D Sec	WARRPENT CREEK		"	"	Att 11 L of C
E Sec and F Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"	"
115 Aust Mob Bath Unit	081055(B) MT BUNDY Rd		"	"	
116 Aust Mob Bath Unit	120230	68	"	"	
ORDNANCE					
HQ 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		59	Force	Fd Tps	
1 220 Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		72	"	"	
2 " " " " 413631(C)		44	"	"	
3 220 Sec 12 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		59	"	"	
12 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fd Deem Unit	081056(A)	7	"	"	
ARTY					
HQ 12 Aust Div Workshops		72	Force	Tps	
A Sec 12 Aust Div Workshops		72	"	"	
B Sec 12 Aust Div Workshops		44	"	"	
C Sec 12 Aust Div Workshops		59	"	"	
2/39 Aust LAD (Type A)					2/6 Aust Cav Regt
2/75 " " "					2/11 Fd Regt
2/79 " " "					19 Aust Inf Bde
103 " " "					23 Aust Inf Bde
201 " " "					11 Aust Fd Regt
232 " " "					54 Aust Fd Fk Coy
249 " " "					103 Aust Tr A Regt
273 " " "					Sigs 12 Aust Div
279 " " "					13 Aust Inf Bde
236 " " "	MATAPINKI				14 L of C
PROVOST					
12 Aust Div Pro Coy	MIRNELLIE	6	Force	Tps	
POSTAL					
HQ 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	ADELAIDE R	72	"	"	
FPO 189	BERRY SPRINGS	26	"	"	
FPO 072	134733	72	"	"	
FPO 0136	137496	51 1/2	"	"	13 Aust Inf Bde
FPO 25	118236	66 1/2	"	"	19 Aust Inf Bde
FPO 0102	113692	30	"	"	23 Aust Inf Bde
PAY					
12 Force Cord Pay Office	076050(B)	72	Force	Tps	
12 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	135153	55	"	"	
MISCELLANEOUS					
12 Aust Div Salv Unit	LARRAKIE		"	"	
12 Force Carboens	ADELAIDE R	72	"	"	
12 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	ADELAIDE R	72	"	"	

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER CMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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HEADQUARTERS UNITS ATTACHED TO FORCE AND TO L OF C AREAS

HEADQUARTERS UNITS

No. 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	140389	57	CRA	
Det	LARRAKEEYAH		Frt	
5 Aust MC Gp	ADELAIDE R		Force Tps	
HQ MC 14 L of C Sub-Area	DARWIN	Att 14	L of C	
HQ MC 14A L of C Sub-Area	LARRAKEEYAH	Att 14A	L of C	
HQ MC 11 L of C Sub-Area	ALICE SPRINGS	Att 11	L of C	
HQ MC 11 L of C Sub-Area	MT ISA		"	
RTO and A TO	DARWIN	Att 14	L of C	
RTO	BATCHELOR		"	
RTO	ADELAIDE R		"	
RTO	PINE CREEK	Att 14A	L of C	
RTO and A TO	WATHERINE		"	
RTO	WATERANKA		"	
RTO and A TO	LARRAKEEYAH		"	
RTO and A TO	MT ISA	Att 11	L of C	
RTO and A TO	ALICE SPRINGS		"	
Directorate of Public Relations (12 Aust Div Det)	805034		Force Tps	

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3 Aust Spec Int Pers Sec	138382	57	Force Tps	
D Aust FS Sec	140389	57	"	
H Aust FS Sec	MT ISA		11 L of C	
X Aust FS Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		"	
Y Aust FS Sec	WATHERINE		14A L of C	
7 Aust Air Liaison Sec	COOMELLIE	55	Force Tps	Att 31 Sqn RAAF
Luggage Maintenance Sec	QUARANTINE		"	Att 14 L of C
8 Aust Pd Censorship Sec	ADELAIDE R	72	"	"
Dets	PINE CREEK		"	Att 14A L of C
Dets	WATHERINE		"	"
Dets	WATERANKA		"	"
Dets	LARRAKEEYAH		"	"
Dets	WINDHAM		"	"
12 Aust Pd Censorship Sec	MT ISA		"	Att 11 L of C
Dets	ALICE SPRINGS		"	"
Dets	TEWENT CREEK		"	"

ENGINEERS

5 Aust Docks Operating Coy	PARAP		14 L of C	
8 Aust Bomb Disposal Sec	WESTEYS		"	

SIGNALS

51 Aust Wireless Sec	138382	57	Force Tps	
62 Aust Wireless Sec	ADELAIDE R	80	"	
2/1 Aust AS Control	127385	58	"	
15 Aust Line Sec	WATERANKA		14A L of C	
16 Aust Line Sec		22	14 L of C	
17 Aust Line Sec		42	14 L of C	
19 Aust Line Sec	PINE CREEK		14A L of C	
21 Aust Line Sec	LARRAKEEYAH		14A L of C	
Det 20 Sec HQ Ry Wire- less Gp	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	

) Adm HQ NOON/MALH

INFANTRY

2/8 Aust Indop Coy	902134		Force Tps	
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S & T	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
1st Aust IAC	ADELAIDE R	72	ADS & T	
Det	799094		Frt	
Det	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Det	BARRY CK		"	
Det	BANKA BANKA		"	
Det	BELLPORT		"	
Det	TEENANT CK		"	
Det	CANDOURIL		"	
Det	MT ISA		"	
Det	No 6th Boro		"	
MISCELLANEOUS				
2/1 Aust Mob Fact Lab	ADELAIDE R		Force Tps Att 107 AGH	
2/1 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit	ADELAIDE R		" "	Att 14 L of C
10 " " " "	ADELAIDE R		" "	Att 14 L of C
MT Adm Bldg	ADELAIDE R		" "	Att 14 L of C
111 Aust Gen Depot	WARRAPURCO		" "	Att 14 L of C
109 Aust Gen Hosp	ALICE SPRINGS		" "	Att 11 L of C
121 Aust Gen Hosp	WARRAPURCO		" "	Att 14 L of C
107 Aust Gen Hosp	ADELAIDE R		" "	Relieved 119 AGH Att 14 L of C
Sub Depot LH2 Depot Dental Stores	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
101 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
102 Aust " " " "	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
1 Aust Mob Entom Sec	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
2 Aust Optical Unit	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
ORDNANCE				
HQ 8 Aust Adv Ord Depot	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
Det 7 Aust Adv Ord Depot	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
15 Aust Ord Store Coy	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
31 Aust Fd Ord Depot	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
82 Aust Fd Ord Depot	WARRAPURCO		"	
35 Aust Fd Ord Depot	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
HQ 5 Aust Adv Am Depot	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
8 Ord Am Coy	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
51 Fd Am Depot	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
52 " " "	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
53 " " "	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
11 L of C Subarea Ord Depot	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Det (6 ord provision sec)	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
14 Aust Ord Am Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
AM13 Ord Depot	MT ISA		11 L of C	
3 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	DARWIN		Force Tps	
10 Aust Adv Workshops	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
MISCELLANEOUS				
7 Graves Reg & Enquiries Unit	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
ET L of C Graves Maintenance Details	12136		DAD Graves	
Aust Ammunition Service	WARRAPURCO	73	14 L of C	
7 Aust Emp Coy	LARRIMAH		14 L of C	
19 Aust Employment Coy	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
23 Aust Emp Coy	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
Det	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
Det	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
Det	WARRAPURCO		14 L of C	
Det	ALICE SPRINGS		11 "	

UNIT	LOCATION	MILEAGE from DARWIN	UNDER COMP	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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29 Aust Exp Coy Det	MT WALLIE ADELAIDE R		14 L of C "	
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UNITS ALLOTTED MT L OF C AREA

HQ UNITS

HQ 14 (ADELAIDE R) L of C Subarea Det (Adv HQ)	NOONAHAN VESTREYS	28	14 L of C "	
Camp Adm HQ (ADELAIDE R)	ADELAIDE R	72	"	
Pres Unit DARWIN	796091 DARWIN		"	
Town Major (2nd Class DARWIN)	806089		Frt Comd	

HQ 14A L of C Subarea	KATHERINE		14A L of C	
HQ 11 (Central Aust) L of C Subarea	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Adm HQ MT ISA	MT ISA		"	

ENGINEERS

3 Aust CE Works	134136		CE	
3 Aust CRE Works	KATHERINE		14A L of C	
45 Aust DCRE Works	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
63 Aust DCRE Works	MT ISA		11 L of C	
74 Aust DCRE Works	NOONAHAN	28	CRE	
4 Aust A Tps Coy	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Det	BALGOON CREEK		"	
Det	6A BORE		"	
Det	MT ISA		"	
Det	CAMP COOL		"	
10 Aust A Tps Coy	MORPHETT CK		"	
Det	ELLIOTT & MT ISA		"	
Det	TERRENT CK		"	
Det	NO 3 BORE		"	
Det	BANKA BANKA		"	
Det	WYCLIFFE WELLS		"	
2/11 Aust A Tps Coy	KATHERINE		14A L of C	
Det	MARULLOO		"	
Det	LARRIMAN		"	
Det	PINE CK		"	
11 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy	KATHERINE		"	
Det (Forestry Sec)	MARANDY		"	
Det (Adv Pk Sec)	LARRIMAN		"	
6 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	808078		CRE	
8 " " " "	804097		"	
15 " " " "	WINDMILL	8	"	

SIGNALS

HQ Sigs MT L of C (No 1 Coy and Det)	ADELAIDE R		14 L of C	
Det No 1 Coy	NOONAHAN	28	"	
Det No 2 Coy	ADELAIDE R		"	
Det No 2 Coy	NOONAHAN		"	
Det No 2 Coy	PINE CK		14A	
Det No 2 Coy	KATHERINE		" "	
Det No 2 Coy	MATARAUKA		" "	
Det No 2 Coy	LARRIMAN		" "	
Det No 1 Coy	KATHERINE		" "	
Det No 1 Coy	LARRIMAN		" "	

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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SIGNALS

HQ No. 3 Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C
Det No. 3 Coy	BARROW CREEK	"
Det	BANKA BANKA	"
Det	TEHANT CREEK	"
Det	ELLIOTT	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"
Det	CAMOOEAL	"
Det	MT ISA	"
Det NT L of C Area Cipher Sec	NOOMAH	14 L of C
14A L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec	KATHERINE	14A L of C
11 L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C
Det	BARROW CREEK	"
Det	TEHANT CREEK	"
Det	BANKA BANKA	"
Det	ELLIOTT	"
MT ISA Cipher Sec	MT ISA	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"
Det	CAMOOEAL	"
HQ 7 Sec (Carr Pigeon)		
Aust Corps Sigs	KATHERINE	14A L of C
43 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	NOOMAH	CSO
44 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	LARRAMEYAH	"
45 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	127385	"

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AASC

HQ Comd CA Tpt Coln	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C
108 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MT ISA	"
110 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"
118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	090935	23 14 L of C
121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C
122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"
130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	965085	12 14 L of C
134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MT ISA	11 L of C
2/142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"
146 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"
149 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	"
HQ 11 Aust Sup Depot Coy	ADELAIDE R	72 ADS & T
Det (DID)	VESTEYS	"
Det (SRD)	DARWIN	"
Det (DID)	NOOMAH	"
Det (DSD)	ADELAIDE R	27
HQ 12 Aust Sup Depot Coy	LARRAMEYAH	72
Det	KATHERINE	"
Det	PINE CREEK	"
Det	HATARANKA	"
HQ 9 Aust Sup Depot Coy	ALICE SPRINGS	11 L of C
Det	BARROW CREEK	"
Det	BANKA BANKA	"
Det	ELLIOTT	"
Det	DAILY WATERS	"
Det	MT ISA	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"
Det	CAMOOEAL	"
HQ 10 Aust Sup Depot Coy	MT ISA	"
Det	No. 3 BORE	"
Det	CAMOOEAL	"

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COND	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>AASC</u>				
12 Aust Fd Bakery	ADELAIDE R	72	ADS & T	
Det	DARWIN		"	
Det	KATHERINE		"	
Det	PINE CREEK		"	
Det	LARRIMAH		"	
Det	MATRUANKA		"	
14 Aust Fd Bakery	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Det	BARROW CREEK		"	
Det	BANKA BANKA		"	
Det	ELLIOTT		"	
Det	MT ISA		"	
Det	No.3 BORE		"	
Det	CHMOONWAL		"	
3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	VESTEYS		ADS & T	
Det	KOOLBINYAH	16	"	
Det	MT BUNDEY	78	"	
Det	MATRUANKA		"	
Det	KATHERINE		"	
1 Bl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	VESTEYS		14 L of C	
CENTRAL Aust BIPOD	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
Det (B Sec)	MT ISA		"	
Det	BARROW CREEK		"	
Det	BANKA BANKA		"	
Det	ELLIOTT		"	
Det	No.3 BORE		"	
Det	CHMOONWAL		"	
1 Aust BIPOD	ADELAIDE R	72	ADS & T	
Det	Q41016	18	"	
Det	ADELAIDE R	70 1/2	"	
Det	PINE CREEK		"	
Det	KATHERINE		"	
Det	LARRIMAH		"	
1 Aust Farm Coy AASC	ADELAIDE R	72	"	
Det	KATHERINE		"	
Det	HAYES CREEK		"	
2 Aust Farm Coy AASC	WYCLIFFE WELLS		11 L of C	
Wkshop Sec 2/1 Aust Coy AASC	MT ISA		"	
<u>MEDICAL</u>				
Frt Camp Hosp	KARLIN	DARWIN	14 L of C	
35 Aust Camp Hosp	No.6A BORE		11 L of C	
42 Aust Camp Hosp	MATRUANKA		14 L of C	
45 Aust Camp Hosp	LARRIMAH		"	
55 Aust Camp Hosp	TEWANT CREEK		11 L of C	
65 Aust Camp Hospital	PINE CREEK		14 L of C	
74 Aust Camp Hosp	MT ISA		11 L of C	
76 Aust Camp Hosp	BARROW CREEK		"	
Det AASC	ALICE SPRINGS		"	
F Sec 73 Aust Dental Unit	KATHERINE		14 L of C	
<u>AME</u>				
MT L of C Area Wkshops	LARRAKAYAH		14 L of C	
2 Aust MT Wkshops	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
1 Sec 1 Aust MT Wkshops	MT ISA		"	
1 Aust Mech Bpt Wkshop Sec	MORPHEE CREEK		"	
<u>PROVOST</u>				
13 Aust Detention Barracks	BROCKS CREEK		14 L of C	
MT L of C Area Pro Coy	KATHERINE		"	
11 L of C Sub-Area Indep Pro Pl	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER CMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
<u>POSTAL</u>				
HQ 2 L of C Postal Unit	LARRIMAH		144 L of C	
AFO 065	DARWIN		14 L of C	
AFO 0117	NOONMALLAH	28	"	
AFO 0127	ADELAIDE R	72	"	
AFO 0128	KATHERINE		144 L of C	
AFO 0128	MATARANKA		"	
AFO 066	PINE CREEK		"	
AFO 0134	ELLIOTT		11 L of C	
AFO 50	BANKA BANKA		"	
AFO 0135	BARROW CREEK		"	
AFO 49	ALICE SPRINGS		"	
AFO 0114	MT ISA		"	
<u>P A Y</u>				
NT Accounts Office	ADELAIDE R	72	Force Tps	
47 Aust Depot Cash Office	KATHERINE		144 L of C	
48 Aust Depot Cash Office	LARRIMAH		"	
49 Aust Depot Cash Office	DARWIN		14 L of C	
50 Aust Depot Cash Office	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
52 Aust Depot Cash Office	MT ISA		"	
71 Aust Depot Cash Office	ADELAIDE R	72	Force Tps	
51 Aust Mob Depot Cash Office	TEENANT CREEK		11 L of C	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
NT Stationary Depot	LARRIMAH		144 L of C	
NT Force Adv Reinft Depot	MATARANKA		"	
NT L of C Area Bde and Area Staffs	NOONMALLAH	28	Force Tps	
Area Camp Staff KATHERINE	KATHERINE		144 L of C	
Area Camp Staff PINE CREEK	PINE CREEK		"	
Area Camp Staff LARRIMAH	LARRIMAH		"	
Area Camp Staff MATARANKA	MATARANKA		"	
HQ 7 Aust L of C Salv Depot				
Det 13 Aust L of C Salv Sec	LARRIMAH		144 L of C	
Det	KATHERINE		"	
Det	MATARANKA		"	
Det	BANKA BANKA		11 L of C	
Det	ELLIOTT		"	
29 Aust L of C Salv Sec	ALICE SPRINGS		"	
Det	BARROW CREEK		"	
Det	TEENANT CREEK		"	
Det	MT ISA		"	
Det	CAMOOEWAL		"	
Det	No.3 BORE		"	
5 Aust Pers Staging Camp	BARROW CREEK		"	
6 Aust Pers Staging Camp	BANKA BANKA		"	
7 Aust Pers Staging Camp	ELLIOTT		"	
8 Aust Pers Staging Camp	LARRIMAH		144 L of C	
9 Aust Pers Staging Camp	ALICE SPRINGS		11 L of C	
10 Aust Pers Staging Camp	MT ISA		"	
11 Aust Pers Staging Camp	No.6A BORE		"	
12 Aust Pers Staging Camp	No.19 BORE		"	
NT Force Trg School	WIMBELLIE	8	14 L of C	
Base Sec No.1 Adv HQ	ADELAIDE R	72	US Army	

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
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FIXED DEFENCES

ARTILLERY

HQ DARRWIN Frt Area	790088		Frt Comd	
89 Aust Depot Sec	755090	LARRAKEYAH	"	
HQ Hv Arty	787143		"	
EAST Bty	782152		"	
EMERY Bty	776094		"	
WEST Bty	719113		"	
235 Shore Def Sec	780140	DUDLEY PT	"	
152 Aust CA SL Sec	780150	EAST PT	"	
153 Aust CA SL Sec	780140	DUDLEY PT	"	
154 Aust CA SL Sec	780095	EMERY PT	"	
155 Aust CA SL Sec	720115	WEST PT	"	

ENGINEERS

HQ Frt Engrs (Type C)	790091		"	
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SIGNALS

Frt Sigs	752090		"	
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AA DEFENCES

ARTILLERY

AA Gp HQ (LE) DARRWIN	LARRAKEYAH		Frt Comd	
AA Ops Room (Type A)	DARRWIN 913109	BERRIMAH	"	
AA Ops Room (Type C)	BATCHELOR	BATCHELOR	CRA	
AA Ops Room (Type C)	HUGHES 085827		"	
HQ 5 Aust AA Bty	068830	30	"	
421 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	099835	30	"	
422 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	017803	32	"	
HQ 2 Aust AA Bty	896116	BERRIMAH	Frt Comd	
427 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	896119	BERRIMAH	"	
428 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	893067	QUARANTINE	"	
HQ 19 Aust AA Bty	803080	DARWIN OVAL	"	
359 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	793138	FANNY BAY	"	
358 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	652180	McMILLANS	"	
360 Aust Hv AA Gun Sta	808078	OVAL	"	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt	078386	BATCHELOR	CRA	
1 Lt AA Bty	106743	36	"	
B Tp	LIVINGSTONE	34	"	
A C and D Tps	HUGHES	30	"	
2 Lt AA Bty (less B Tp)	033378	BATCHELOR	"	
B Tp	COOMILLIE	55	"	
225 Lt AA Bty	088871	MOONLAKE	28	
A Tp	STRAUSS		"	
B and C Tps	RUEF DARRWIN		"	
D Tp	COOMILLIE CREEK	55 1/2	"	
233 Lt AA Bty (less X and Z 2 Secs)	FENTON		"	
X Sec	BATCHELOR		"	
Z 2 Sec	COOMILLIE CREEK	55 1/2	"	
HQ 65 Aust AA SL Bty	810103		Frt Comd	
A Tp	860163		"	
B Tp	719105		"	
C Tp	810104		"	
HQ 70 Aust AA SL Bty	823140		"	
A Tp	933114		"	
B Tp	881069		"	
C Tp	959983		"	
D Tp	93087		"	

UNIT	LOCATION	Mileage from DARWIN	UNDER COMD	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS
SIGNALS				
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec 079387	BATCHELOR		CRA	
225 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec 088871	NOONAMAH		"	
7 MD AA Sig Sec	LARRAKAYAH		Frt Comd	
A E M E				
HQ 1st Aust AA Wkshop Coy LARRAKAYAH			Frt Comd	
2 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 100394	BATCHELOR		CRA	
14 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 785093			Frt Comd	
5 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 068830		30	CRA	
54 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec 785093			Frt Comd	
70 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec 896119			"	
2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec 100394	BATCHELOR		CRA	
225 Aust Lt AA Bty Wkshop Sub-Sec 088871	NOONAMAH 28		"	

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NT FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 155

(Compiled from information received between 1000 hrs 12 May 43 and 1000 hrs 22 May 43).

NOTE: Information contained in paras marked with sideline will NOT be passed below Bdes or equivalent formations. Other matter contained in this Summary will be passed to all ranks.

1. NT

(a) Enemy Air Activity

The enemy continues to pay attention to MILINGINEI and on 15 May 8 probable "ZERES" were reported to have carried out a reconnaissance of the area. Allied A/C attempted to make interception but failed to locate the EI.

On 16 May indications pointed to EA being again in the vicinity of MILINGINEI.

No activity in the DARWIN area has been reported.

(b) Own Air Activity

The most important strike during the period under review was on 19 May when Beaufighters attacked PENFOET airfield at sunrise from a low altitude. Two bombers were destroyed and one bomber and one fighter damaged. Buildings were also strafed. Our losses were two Beaufighters shot down and one force landed in the sea. This attack was followed by a bombing raid by 6 B24's. 54 X 500lb demolition and 210 X 4lb incendiaries were dropped in the target area. Fires were started in the W/T station and administrative buildings. Owing to clouds full results were difficult to observe.

Interception was effected by 6/8 "ZERES" and "HAPS" and three EA were definitely shot down whilst two others were probably destroyed.

On 15 May 3 B24's successfully attacked NABIRE. Direct hits were scored on stores, dumps and barrack buildings and large oil fires were started. On the return journey three "ZERES" intercepted the Liberators over LANGGOER. One "ZERES" was shot down.

A night attack against KENDARI by 6 B24's was very successful. Over 28,650lbs of bombs were dropped. One big fire resembling a fuel dump fire as well as many other small fires were started. One particularly heavy explosion which threw flames 300 feet into the air was observed.

On 17 May Beaufighters attacked EA on LANGGOER strip. Three "ZERES" were observed in pangs and were completely destroyed by fire. Huts and other installations were also strafed.

Medium bombers attacked targets in TIMOR, in addition carrying out reconnaissance patrols.

2. NEW GUINEA

(a) Enemy Air Operations

After a comparative lull in enemy air activity several bombing raids were carried out on Allied airfields, installations and positions

but in no case ...

In no case was any great damage caused. The enemy suffered heavily on 14 May when 20 bombers and 20/25 fighters attacked PORT HARVEY and GORO BAY. Allied fighters intercepted and 9 fighters and 7 bombers were definitely destroyed with 1 fighter and 5 bombers probably destroyed.

WAU was raided by enemy A/C on 15, 17 and 18 May but only slight damage resulted.

The runway at DOBODURA was attacked on 13 and 15 May but no damage resulted. The bombs dropped during the last raid fell 3 miles off the target.

3 raids each of 2 A/C were carried out on PORT MORSEBY on 15 May. In the first, one A/C was shot down by intercepting A/C and in the other, one was shot down by A/A and another was probably shot down.

(b) Can Air Activity

PINSCHEBAWN has been the objective of many raids of varying intensity. In addition to light raids by individual A/C 7 Mitchells bombed and strafed the runway and surrounding area on 12 May.

The enemy airfields at WIRAK have been the targets for Allied heavy bombers. As a result of each of the raids explosions and fires were caused.

LAE has been attacked on a number of occasions. The most successful being two raids carried out on 15 May by A20's and B25's. The runway and dispersal area was bombed and strafed and fires started, probably burning A/C.

Many other attacks were carried out on other enemy occupied positions, bases etc.

(c) Land Operations

HUBO - The enemy attacked our positions on LAEABA RIDGE on 9 May and succeeded in reaching a point 300 yards NORTH of the HUBO-LAEABA track junction (approx 1 mile ESE of HUBO) where he was engaged by our troops, whilst others of our forces endeavoured to move around the enemy's right flank, via WICKERS RIDGE, with a view to gaining the track in rear of the enemy. This move was not successful however.

By 10 May, the enemy had advanced a further 300 yards and had over-run our base camp in vicinity HUBO-LAEABA track junction. This resulted in our troops on LAEABA RIDGE being isolated until afternoon of 11 May after our troops had regained contact, a determined counter attack by the enemy was driven off and he withdrew to the southern slopes of GREEN HILL where later consolidation was being carried out.

BOBOSHI - On 11 May our patrols found that the enemy positions on BOBOSHI RIDGE had been deserted. These positions were occupied by our forces and a small force moved Eastwards making contact with the enemy on the main KOMIATUK-SALAMUA track 2 1/2 miles NORTH of KOMIATUK.

During morning of 12 May, a JAP party moving along KOMIATUK track was engaged with MG's. Thirty were killed and many wounded. During the afternoon an enemy attack on one position 2 1/2 miles NORTH of KOMIATUK was repulsed.

On 14 May

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On 14 May the enemy heavily mortared and shelled BOBDUBI RIDGE from NUK NUK (2 miles SSE SALAMAU) and KELA (1 mile WEST by NORTH SALAMAU) and followed up by a strong attack from KOMIATUN track reaching a line approx 1½ miles SW of BOBDUBI 3¼ miles due SOUTH BOBDUBI. Our troops moving down FRANCISCO River to turn enemy right flank was forced to withdraw on meeting large numbers of enemy. During afternoon of same day our troops withdrew from BOBDUBI RIDGE to vicinity KUNDA RIDGE 1½ miles WSW of BOBDUBI. The enemy consolidated on BOBDUBI RIDGE but did not move westwards. On 15 May EA endeavoured to strafe and dive bomb our forces from their positions vicinity of KUNDA RIDGE but without success.

(3) NEW BRITAIN

Allied air attacks on enemy targets in NEW BRITAIN have been very consistent.

No fewer than 15 raids were launched against GASMATA and much damage was done. Four of these raids were very successful explosions coming from dump areas and A/C were noticed burning in the dispersal areas.

The airfield at CAPE GLOUCESTER was raided on 9 occasions. The most successful being one carried out by 5 A20's on 12 May 43 which caused large fires.

The airfields in vicinity of RABAU were also attacked on a number of occasions. On 12 May 9 heavy bombers bombed VUNAKANUA starting fires in dispersal area 6 of which were visible 50 miles away.

VUNAKANUA was attacked on 14 May by a medium force of Liberators and Flying Fortresses. Fires and explosions were caused in revetments and barracks area.

Liberator A/C again attacked VUNAKANUA on 17 May and bombs fell in dispersal area and the EAST end of runway.

Attacks on ARAWE and other enemy occupied positions have also been carried out.

Photographs taken on 18 May revealed the following shipping, totalling 99,300 tons, being at RABAU HARBOUR :-

- 1 light cruiser
- 1 destroyer
- 1 possible destroyer
- 5 submarines
- 1 mine sweeper
- 1 submarine chaser
- 3 destroyer tenders
- 1 submarine tender
- 22 merchant vessels

In addition to the above 1 large cargo vessel was observed leaving RABAU HARBOUR and 1 large vessel (cargo) entering the Harbour.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Improved Japanese "BANGALORE TORPEDO"

Sketches of a new type of Japanese "Bangalore Torpedo", recovered at GUADALCANAL, are attached as Appendix "A".

This "Bangalore" is

This "Bangalore" is of extreme interest and shows a marked improvement of design in comparison with those previously examined, which consisted merely of several explosive charges, packed in a cylinder constructed of bamboo strips lashed together with twine.

CONSTRUCTION

The torpedo body consists of a steel tube with shoulders welded to both ends.

When shipped, the tube has a cap screwed over one end and a male plug screwed into the other.

Fuze and locking collar are constructed of a light aluminum alloy. Fuze assembly is in three parts, viz :-

- (i) Fuze body (houses twin friction igniter-detonator systems);
- (ii) Locking collar;
- (iii) pointed cover.

TO ASSEMBLE

The pointed cover is unscrewed from the fuze locking collar and replaces the cap on the male end of the torpedo. The plug is then removed from the female end of the tube and locking collar, with fuze body, is crewed in to replace it.

In addition a series of torpedoes may be connected together, the male end of one torpedo being screwed into the female end of the other.

TO FIRE

Safety pin is withdrawn from fuze head and lanyard is then pulled.

There is an eight (8) second powder delay train between the twin friction igniters and detonators.

(c) Japanese Portable Range Finder Type 92-- 40cm.

Details of a new type of small, light, portable range finder have been received from NEW GUINEA.

This instrument, made in 1937, is considered to be both useful and efficient. It is apparently used in conjunction with close infantry weapons such as machine guns and mortars etc.

CHARACTERISTICS

Official Designation - Type 92

Type - Coincidence

Overall Length - 21 11/12 ins

Distance between objective lenses - 40cm (15.7 ins)

Field of view - Fixed lenses - 11°
Adjustable lens 4°

Hyaplate - Adjustable, with diapter setting plus 4 to minus 4

Magnification - 4X

Range - Calibrated scale in metres from 30 to 1500 thence infinity.

Other interesting features

Other interesting features are an adjustment for parallelism in the horizontal plane, a fine-range adjustment for correction of error, and the use of the hygroscopic crystals to prevent condensation under damp conditions.

ACTION

One image passes through a yellow filter in fixed lense to distinguish from other image, which passes through an adjustable prism, operated by rotating range scale. Range is found in the normal manner of bringing both images into coincidence and reading off indicated figure on scale.

Japanese RDF Equipment

Photographs disclose the existence of Japanese RDF Installations on KISKA ISLAND (ALEUTIANS) and on WAKE ISLAND (PACIFIC). Evidence suggests that they conform to a standard type, which has been produced in some quantity.

On KISKA ISLAND a dual installation has been observed, which permits two raids to be tracked simultaneously, or allows searching to be continued after one raid has been picked up. Each installation consists of a rotating operating hut with a 35 ft square aerial frame on one side, raised 20 feet off the ground. Two small subsidiary huts are a power house and probably a control room. The whole installation is well sited, 600/700 feet above sea level and has an estimated range in favourable conditions of up to 100 miles, over 120° sector.

Another smaller, but rather similar, installation on KISKA is believed from its location to be for the purpose of detecting surface craft entering the harbour. The importance of such equipment in a region of almost unrelieved fog and storms is obvious.

Sets found on WAKE ISLAND are credited with a 360° coverage.

It should be borne in mind that these installations, and others of the same kind, have so far been found only in regions where air operations are under the general direction of the Japanese Navy Air Force. There is, so far, no evidence that the less well developed Army Air Force makes any systematic use of RDF, though no doubt it is only a matter of time before they will.

SECURITY

(a) Censorship

Censorship reports indicate that much of the censorable matter deleted in letters is occasioned by the soldier attempting to advise his womenfolk and friends of his location and any projected movements.

An angle, which might well be exploited in lectures to troops, is that they are causing their womenfolk unnecessary distress in telling them beforehand that the writer is leaving for NEW GUINEA, or other battle areas.

It is much better and safer, to write after a safe landing and so save the recipient her natural worries concerning the dangers of the voyage.

(b) Japanese Counter-Espionage

The following information about Japanese counter-espionage is extracted from a file of counter-espionage instructions captured in NEW GUINEA.

The instructions define

The instructions define "Counter-Espionage" as "measures or movements for the maintenance of the safety of our power to prevent the leakage of secrets, the intelligence and strategy (propaganda included) of enemy countries".

Intelligence is defined as "action to keep secret one's object concerning the substance of secrets (movements, articles, ideas), or movement to acquire information about such things".

Strategy is defined thus:- "Strategy (propaganda included) is movements in secret to bring harm to one's adversaries by making attacks against plots using military power".

Throughout these instructions, the division of counter-espionage into negative and positive counter-espionage is clearcut. By negative counter-espionage, the Japanese mean measures to prevent the leakage of information, and by positive counter-espionage, they mean the detection and prevention or countering of enemy intelligence plans, spies, sabotage and propaganda.

Counter-espionage instructions are issued down to battalions. Each battalion has a "counter-espionage committee" (contrast our unit Security Officers) consisting of the Senior HQ Company Officer - the president - the adjutant and one officer from each Tai (Co).

The duties of these committees are -

- (a) To control and supervise instruction in, and practice of, counter-espionage, for all the Battalion's personnel, and
- (b) To enforce counter-espionage measures.

For these purposes duty personnel are detailed by the committee each week.

Particular emphasis is laid on the necessity for educating troops in security-mindedness - "all officers and men must be brought to a positive consciousness of counter-espionage and the reasons for it", and the relationship between security and discipline is stressed - "the establishment of military discipline is rooted in counter-espionage. Military discipline and counter-espionage are, in short, inseparable. Unconvincing counter-espionage is lax military discipline". Every individual soldier is urged to remember :-

- (a) The principle of silence
- (b) his behaviour - putting personal wishes last
- (c) the dangers of careless talk
- (d) counter-espionage rules and regulations and to adhere strictly to them
- (e) the need for care in guarding equipment and articles, etc entrusted to his care.

The Instruction then covers familiar ground dealing with such subjects as -

- (a) the handling (and destruction) of secret documents - on which great stress is laid.

(b) Censorship

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(c) destruction of waste paper

(d) control of civilians and the like

Apart from the great emphasis laid on the security education of troops, the most interesting feature of this instruction is that a definite scale of penalties is laid down for offenses against counter-espionage. A section of the instruction sets out a sample syllabus for unit course of instruction in counter-espionage, extending over 14 days.

The captured file also contains reports on, and analyses of, successful sabotage in occupied CHINA and MANCHOUKUO, failures of counter-espionage and breaches of censorship. These reports are included in the instructions for the use in illustrating lectures. They show that in fact, security in the occupied parts of CHINA and MANCHOUKUO and JAPAN itself is poor, e.g. a week's censorship figures from one area shows that 23.4% of soldiers' mail had to be created, stopped or referred back to units by Base Censors.

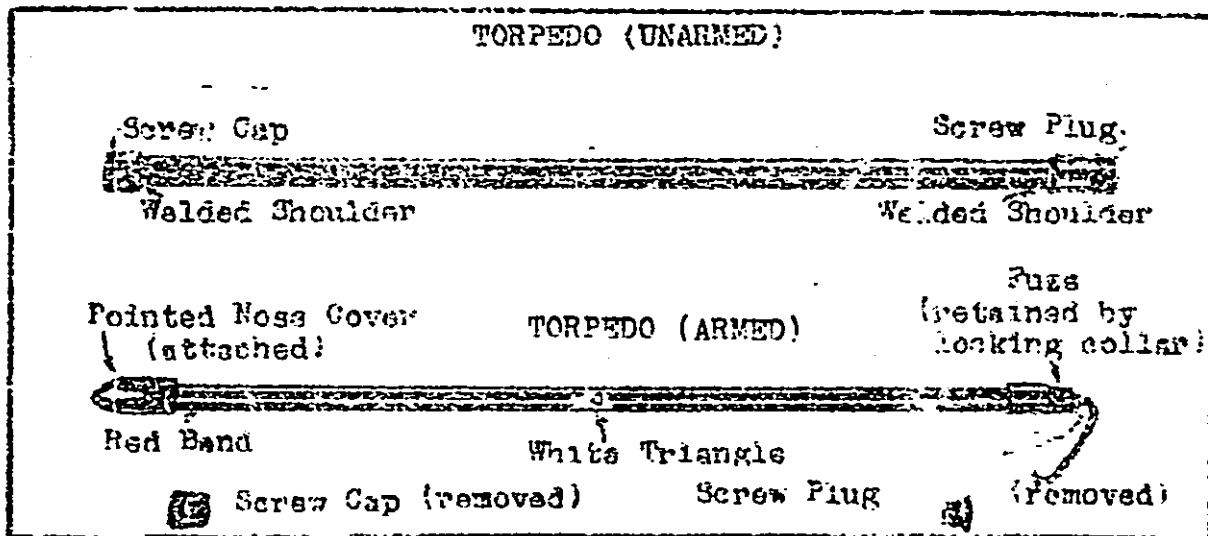
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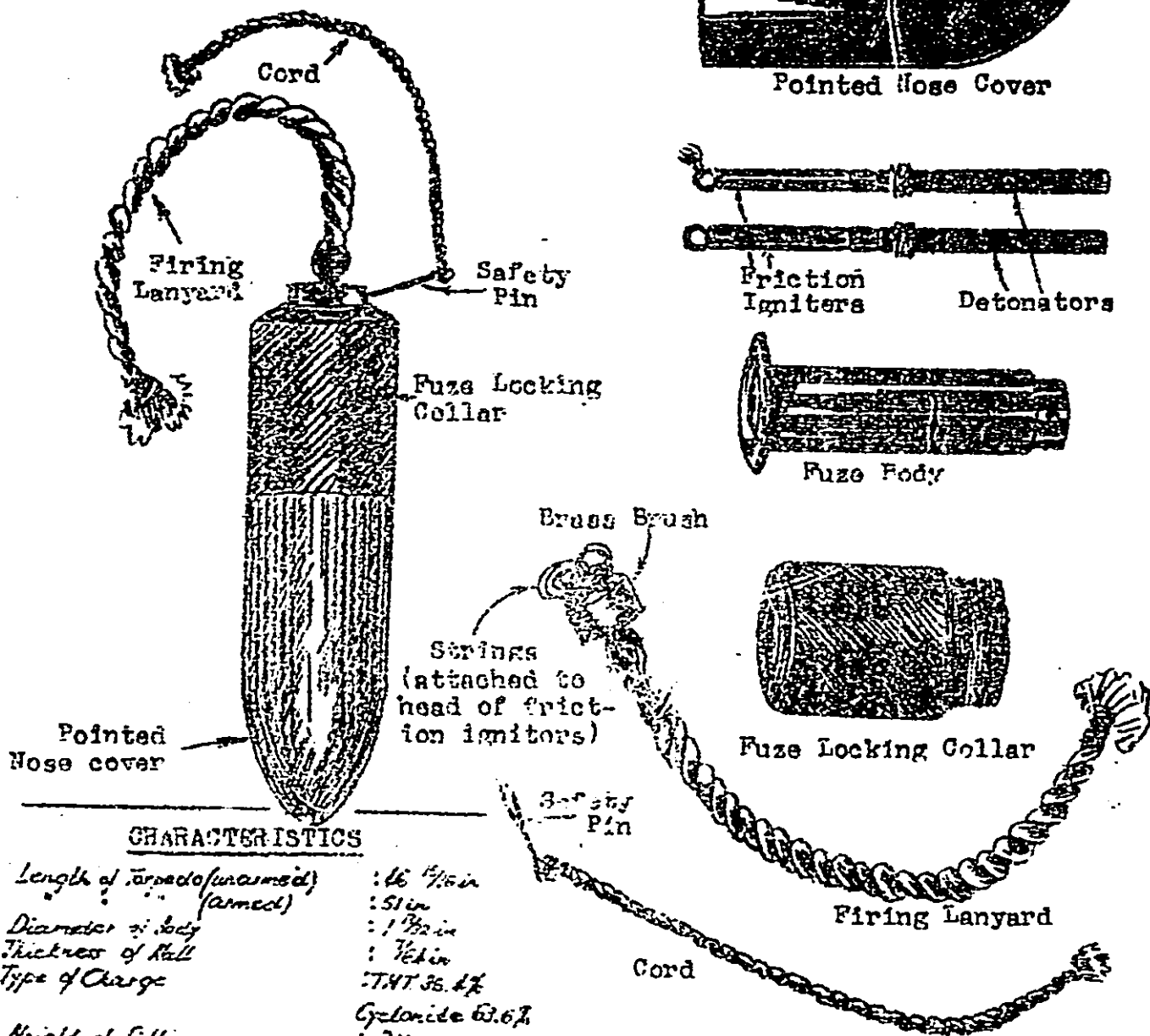
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CHARACTERISTICS

Length of Torpedo (unarmed)	: 66 $\frac{7}{8}$ in
(armed)	: 51 in
Diameter of Body	: 1 $\frac{3}{32}$ in
Thickness of Hull	: $\frac{7}{16}$ in
Type of Charge	: TAT-35. 4%
	Cyclonide 63.6%
Height of Filling	: 36
" " Fuse (complete)	: 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cr.
Fuze Delay	: 9 Sec.

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force.
22 May 43
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NT FORCE SCHOOL

1. Attached is one copy of the Schedule of Courses to be held at NT Force School WINNELLIE for month ending 30 Jun 43.
2. Every endeavour must be made to fill all vacancies allotted. If all vacancies cannot be filled NT Force will be notified immediately.
3. Nominal rolls will be forwarded direct to NT Force School at least three days before the joining date of each course.

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Col Brigadier,
General Staff.

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CE NT Force	1
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Topo Svy Coy	1
Sigs 12 Aust Div	1
Sigs L of C NT Force	1
Frt Ccmd	6
13 Aust Inf Bde	5
23 Aust Inf Bde	5
2/8 Aust Indop Coy	1
2/1 Aust AS Control	1
AAAC 12 Aust Div	6
11 L of C Subarea	5
14 L of C Subarea	1
14A L of C Subarea	1
AEOS(Fd Tps)	1
NT Force School	3
NAOU	1
Adv Helift Depot	1
Ccmd	1
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"H"	1
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SCHEDULE OF COURSES FOR JUN 1943 --- NT FORCE SCHOOL.

COURSE	No	Stu- dents Report	Course Com- mences	No of Work- ing days	ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)		(g)
NCOs DRILL & Weapon Trg	4	21 Jun	22 Jun	28	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 1 RAA 12 Aust Div 3 RAE 12 Aust Div 2 Sigs 12 Aust Div 3 Svy Sec 6 Aust A Topo Svy Coy 1 13 Aust Inf Bde 9 23 Aust Inf Bde 9 Frt Comd 2 2/8 Aust Indep Coy 1 AASC 12 Aust Div 3	CE NT Force 1 14 L of C Sub-Area 4 14A L of C Sub-Area 4 11 L of C Sub-Area 3 Adv Reinf Depot 1 H A O U 2 RAAF NT Area 2 Reserved 5 Total 56	The aim of the course is to teach NCOs to be instrs. Students to have had experience in rifle, Bren, Lewis, TSG, grenades. Each student will remain at the school to attend the NCOs Junior Leaders Course No.4 commencing 28 Jun 43 duration 28 working days. It is essential that pers report to the school with full eqpt incl web eqpt, rifle, bayonet, 2 pairs of boots (in good repair), mosquito net.
NCOs Junior Leaders	3	21 Jun	22 Jun	28	As for NCOs Drill and Weapon Trg Course No.3		As for above.
Yd Works (NCOs)	18	20 Jun	21 Jun	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 1 RAA 12 Aust Div 4 RAE 12 Aust Div 3 13 Aust Inf Bde 4 23 Aust Inf Bde 4 Frt Comd 3 CE NT Force 3 AASC 12 Aust Div 3	14 L of C Sub-Area 2 14A L of C Sub-Area 2 11 L of C Sub-Area 2 Adv Reinf Depot 1 AASC (Fd Tps) 3 RAAF NT Area 4 Total 32	One student from each of the following will bring prismatic compass and service protractor -- RAA, RAE, 13 Aust Inf Bde, 23 Aust Inf Bde, Frt Comd.
NCO Course for pers from Carr Pls	4	6 Jun	7 Jun	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt 3 13 Aust Inf Bde 13 23 Aust Inf Bde 13	Frt Comd 4 Total 32	Students will bring SAT Vol.1, Part 7, note-book and pencils. If possible, students will be NCOs

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)				(g)
						Offrs	NGOs	Offrs	NGOs
Map Reading	19	20 Jun	21 Jun	14	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	-	CE NT Force	2
					RMA 12 Aust Div	1	2	14 L of C Sub-Area	1
					RME 12 Aust Div	-	1	14A L of C Sub-Area	1
					13 Aust Inf Bde	2	3	11 L of C Sub-Area	1
					23 Aust Inf Bde	2	3	N.A.O.U.	1
					Frt Comd	1	1	AMIS (Fd Tps)	3
					2/8 Aust Indep Coy	-	1	Total	8 22
					2/1 Aust AS Control	-	1		
					AMSO 12 Aust Div	1	1		
Camflg	12	6 Jun	7 Jun	6	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	-	1	Frt Comd	2 3
					RMA 12 Aust Div	1	3	2/8 Aust Indep Coy	- 1
					RME 12 Aust Div	-	1	AMSO 12 Aust Div	1 4
					Sigs 12 Aust Div	-	2	AMIS (Fd Tps)	- 3
					13 Aust Inf Bde	3	5	HQ NT Force	- 2
					23 Aust Inf Bde	3	5	Total	10 30
Camflg	13	20 Jun	21 Jun	6	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	-	1	2/8 Aust Indep Coy	- 1
					RMA 12 Aust Div	-	3	AMSO 12 Aust Div	- 3
					RME 12 Aust Div	-	1	AMIS (Fd Tps)	- 3
					Sigs 12 Aust Div	-	1	HQ NT Force	- 1
					13 Aust Inf Bde	3	5	Reserved	3 3
					23 Aust Inf Bde	3	5	Total	10 30
					Frt Comd	1	3		
Sigs	6	2 Jun	3 Jun	21	30 as detailed by C80 NT Force				

One student from each of the following to bring prismatic compass and service protractor -- RMA, 13 Aust Inf Bde, 23 Aust Inf Bde, Frt Comd. All students to bring soft and hard lead and coloured pencils. All students to have had previous experience in map reading.

Students will bring an old set of shirt and shorts to be used as working dress. Note-books, pencils, camflg pamphlets to be brought to school. Three batmen -- one from each bde and Frt Comd -- will attend.

As for Course No.12

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)				(g)
Cooking -- For cooks & potential cooks	14	15 Jun	16 Jun	28	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1	ADOS (Fd Tps)	1	Students will bring note-books, pencils, and two white singlets to the course.
					RAA 12 Aust Div	4	14 L of C Sub-Area	5	
					RAE 12 Aust Div	3	11 L of C Sub-Area	6	
					Sigs 12 L of C	3	14 L of C Sub-Area	6	
					Svy Sec 6 Aust A Topo		Adv Reinf Depot	2	
					Svy Sec	1	RAAF M Area	3	
					13 Aust Inf Bde	9	H A O U	1	
					23 Aust Inf Bde	3	HQ NT Force	3	
					Frt Comd	1	Reserved	5	
					MAAC 12 Aust Div	4			
					ADS & T	1	Total	<u>62</u>	
Driving and Maintenance for Drs IT	4	6 Jun	7 Jun	14	RAA 12 Aust Div	2	MAAC 12 Aust Div	9	Each student will bring a spare set of shorts and shirt for use as working dress, and pencils, note-books.
					RAE 12 Aust Div	2	14 L of C Sub-Area	3	
					Sigs 12 Aust Div	3	14 L of C Sub-Area	3	
					6 Aust A Topo Svy Coy	1	11 L of C Sub-Area	3	
					13 Aust Inf Bde	6	HQ NT Force	2	
					23 Aust Inf Bde	6	Total	<u>40</u>	

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
27 May 43.

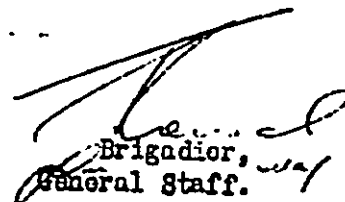
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BOMBING AND AIR GUNNERY RANGES.

1. The following is a list of all bombing and air gunnery ranges used by the NTF in this area, in which firing and bombing practices may take place without further warning being issued.
2. Ref map DARWIN 1 in 1 ml series.
 - A. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 435943.
 - B. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 427863.
 - C. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 577118.
 - D. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 257703.
 - E. Area enclosed by pts 870300 870240 830190 740190 740300.
(This aerial gunnery range is between NIGHTCLIFFS and LEE PT, the ground targets being at pt 848222. A/C firing on these targets will make their runs on a bearing of approximately 315 degrees and the main danger area will be seawards of the targets. HQ NT Force and Ftr Comd will require 24 hrs notice of the use of this range.)
3. Ref map 4 ml Strategic Series AUSTRALIA DARWIN second edition.
 - F. Area enclosed by pts 498401 498375 443375 443401.
4. Ref map 4 ml Strategic Series AUST PINE CREEK second edition.
 - G. Area enclosed by pts 394344 394317 344317 344344.
 - H. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 442258.
5. Ref map Sketch Map BATCHELOR and ADELAIDE RIVER areas 1 in 1 ml.
 - I. Area enclosed by a circle of 2,000 yds radius around pt 290393.
 - J. Area enclosed by a circle of 3,000 yds radius around pt 200280
(By bombs may be dropped on J range, the aiming pt being the centre of the circle. It is likely that there may be some UXBs in this area. The terms of our memorandum 6393/G/424 of 15 Apr 43 have been relaxed to allow the use of this range.)
6. This notification cancels the proclaimed bombing and air gunnery ranges set out in memoranda 2482/G/R10 of 4 Sep 42 and 2547/G/R10 of 7 Sep 42.

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26 May 43

NT FORCE TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 53

The following ammunition is allotted for training during the month of June 43.

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| (a) .303 rifle | - | 20 rounds per man | |
| " LMG | - | 300 " " weapon held | |
| " MMG | - | 300 " " " " | |
| (b) .45 SMG | - | 45 rounds per weapon held | |
| .9mm SMG | - | 100 " " " " | |
| (c) .38 & .455 pistol | - | 12 rounds per weapon held | |
| (d) .303 blank | - | 10,000 per inf bde | } for allotment
to sub-units
for exercise
purposes. |
| | | 5,000 per L of C Subarea | |
| | | 2,000 Fvt Ccmd | |
| (e) Signal cartridges 1" | - | Ill 100 | { Cav Regt
Inf Bn
ARD |
| | | Red 50 | |
| | | Green 50 | |
| (f) Grenades | - | Hand 250 per Inf Bn, Cav Regt & ARD | |
| | | 50 per L of C Subarea and Indep Coy | |
| | | 25 per Arty Regt (Fd, AA, Tk A) | |
| | | Rifle 10 per Inf Bn and ARD | |
| | | Smoke 63 - 100 per Inf Bn and ARD | |
| | | Tk A 68 - 15 per Inf Bn and ARD | |
| | | 5 per Indep Coy | |
| | | 4 per Arty Regt (Fd & Tk A) | |
| (g) Mortar 2" | - | 5 rounds HE per weapon held | |
| | | 2 " Smoke " " | |
| (h) Mortar 3" | - | 6 " HE " " | |
| | | 2 " Smoke " " | |
| (i) 2 pr Tk A | - | 50 r.p.g. (full charge) | |
| | | 10 " (reduced charge) | |
| (j) 6 pr Tk A | - | 50 r.p.g. (full charge) | |
| (k) Sub-calibre for 2 pr
and 6 pr Tk A Guns | - | 100 r.p.g. AAA tracer | |
| (l) 18 pr | - | 25 r.p.g. HE | |
| (m) 25 pr | - | 30 r.p.g. HE | |
| | | 15 r.p.g. Sandfilled | |
| (n) 4.5 How | - | 40 r.p.g. HE | |
| | | 200 rounds HE per inf bde | |
| | | 50 r.p.g. HE to RAA | |
| (o) 40 mm Bofors | - | 30 r.p.g. | |
| (p) 3.7" AA | - | 40 rounds fused 230 5 By AA Bty land-
ward shoot. | |

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NT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 65
Ref Map Northern Territory 30 miles - 1 inch

To : OC Northern Territory Coastal Recce Unit RAE.

1. 7 MD Operation Instruction No 13 of 5 Apr 42 is cancelled.
2. You will command the auxiliary ketch "AROEITA" and crew as authorised under WE IV/15E/1 (provisional) of 22 Feb 43.
3. Your role will be to carry out by sea patrols of the coast between GROOTE EYLANDT (incl) and CAPE DON (incl) and pass information so obtained to Adv HQ NT Force.
4. Unless otherwise ordered you will patrol alternatively EAST of MILINGIMBI to CAPE ARNHEM and GROOTE EYLANDT and WEST of MILINGIMBI to CAPE DON, using MILINGIMBI as a base for dumping reserve ammunition and stores.
5. When at sea you will maintain W/T silence unless you consider that the nature of the signal warrants its immediate despatch.
6. All signals will be despatched by you in code with the following exceptions :-
 - (a) Reports of enemy naval, air or land forces seen and confirmed by you if in your opinion the urgency of reporting justifies infringing security.
 - (b) Distress signals where time does not permit coding the message.
7. NOIC DARWIN may call on ^{you} from time to time to carry out AIR to SEA rescue work. Such instructions will be executed by you without delay and will be passed to you direct through NAVAL W/T Link at the same scheduled times and upon the same frequencies as used by ARMY W/T Link. The ARMY code in your possession will be used for these signals.
8. Ship to ship, ship to shore and ship to air recognition signals will be supplied to you by NOIC DARWIN and will be strictly adhered to.

9. Adm Instructions are attached hereto as Appendix "A".
10. Signal Instructions are attached hereto as Appendix "B".
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

JW Woodward, Brigadier,
General Staff.

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1. SUPPLIES

(a) Reserve Rations
30 days supplies will be carried on the vessel. 30 days will be dumped at GROOTE EYLANDT and 60 days at MILINGIMBI.

(b) Maintenance Rations
Maintenance rations will be forwarded on a monthly basis to MILINGIMBI.

2. POL

(a) Fuel

A dump of 3000 gals will be maintained at MILINGIMBI and another of 1500 gals at GROOTE EYLANDT.

(b) Pet

Small reserves of petrol and kerosene will also be maintained at these dumps.

3. ORDNANCE

Demands for Ord, incl sig stores, will be sent by signal to HQ NT Force and supplies will be forwarded by first available shipping to MILINGIMBI.

4. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES

All changes in holdings of warlike stores will be advised to ADCS NT Force by the 20th of each month.

5. AMN EXPENDED

A monthly return will be sent by signal as at 1200 hrs on the last Saturday of each month showing amount, by types, of amn expended during the preceding four weeks. Your allotment of trg amn is 20 rds per rifle and 300 rds per LMG and MMG per month.

6. MEDICAL

Medical stores will be supplied on demand through HQ NT Force.

7. RETURNS

A weekly strength return in the form W3006 will be signalled to HQ NT Force as at 1200 hrs each Thu.

Details necessary to be included in casualty returns will be submitted by signal to HQ NT Force. W3008 and W3009 will until further orders be prepared by A Branch NT Force.

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8. PAY

Pay will be made available as required and will be forwarded to WILTINGBI or GROOTE EYLANDT as requested.

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Appendix "B" to NT Force
OP Instn No 65 dated
29 May 43.

1. Daily wireless schedules between Adv HQ NT Force and AK "AROETTA" will be maintained at the times, and on the frequencies as indicated in the following tables :-

DAILY SCHEDULES

TIME		LOCATION OF "AROETTA"	
GMT	LOCAL IK	ZONE 1 - MILINGIMBI and WEST thereof	Zone 2 - EAST of MILINGIMBI
2130	0700	3120 Kc/s	3120 Kc/s
0030	1000	6000 "	7501.75 "
0330	1300	6000 "	7501.75 "
0630	1600	6000 "	7501.75 "
0930	1900	6000 "	7501.75 "
1130	2100	6000 "	6000 "

2. Code names have been allotted as follows :-
 Adv HQ NT Force - MILI
 "AROETTA" - LOTO
 NOIC DARWIN - NEPO
3. The W/T terminal at Adv HQ NT Force will be established by 12 Aust Div Sigs and will be control station.
4. Control station will maintain a continuous listening watch, as shown in the following table :-

LISTENING WATCH

TIME		LOCATION OF "AROETTA"	
GMT	IK	ZONE 1	Zone 2
1830 to 2200	0400 to 0730	3120 Kc/s	3120 Kc/s
2200 to 1230	0730 to 2200	6000 Kc/s	7501.75 Kc/s
1230 to 1830	2200 to 0400	6000 Kc/s	6000 Kc/s

5. Each contact will be initiated by control station. In the event of the "AROETTA" failing to answer a call, any traffic offering for the vessel will be transmitted using Broadcast (F) method.
6. It will be the responsibility of the Commander, "AROETTA", to notify control station when the vessel moves from one zone to another.
7. The following frequency control crystals will be issued by the CSO to each station :-

Serial 1	3120	KC
" 2	3420	KC
" 3	6000	KC
" 4	6405.5	KC
" 5	7501.75	KC

8. One W/T Set

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8. One W/T Set ATR2a will be made available to 12 Aust Div
 Signals for use on this channel.

9. A detailed W/T diary will be maintained by both stations
 and a copy of each will be forwarded to the CSO, NT Force at the
 conclusion of each patrol. In addition daily reports of signal
 strengths will be submitted by control station.

10. Control station will pass to Adv HQ NT Force all signal
 traffic between NOIG DARWIN and "AROTTA".

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OPERATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLE

as at 31 May 43

NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE

ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No	UNIT	REMARKS
<u>HQ UNITS</u>	46139 46150 45135	HQ NT Force NORTH AUSTRALIA Observer Unit No 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	LEQ Unit
<u>INTELLIGENCE</u>	46147 45141 45151 45148 61273 45189	12 Aust Div Sec Int Corps 3 Aust Spec Int Pers Sec 8 Aust Fd Censorship Sec 12 Aust Fd Censorship Sec D Aust FS Sec 7 Aust Air Liaison Sec Lugger Maintenance Sec	LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit No WE
<u>CAVALRY</u>	61029	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	47546 61219 46151 46153	HQ RAA 12 Aust Div 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt 11 Aust Fd Regt 103 Aust Tk A Regt	
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	46155 46042 46157 46158 47547	HQ RAE 12 Aust Div 13 Aust Fd Coy 23 Aust Fd Coy 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy 12 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit NT Coastal Recce Unit RAE	WE IV/5E/1
<u>SURVEY</u>	45670	6 Aust A Tcpo Svy Coy (Svy Sec)	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	46161 47825 46163 45252 45259 61321	Sigs 12 Aust Div 2/6 Aust Cav Regt Sig Tp 12 Aust Div Cipher Sec 51 Aust Wireless Sec 62 Aust Wireless Sec 2/1 Aust AS Control	LEQ Unit LEQ Unit LEQ Unit
<u>INFANTRY</u>	46051 46059 46060 46061 61060 61061 61062 46172 61547 46175 46176 46169 61423	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde 11 Aust Inf Bn 16 Aust Inf Bn 28 Aust Inf Bn HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 23/21 Aust Inf Bn HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde 7 Aust Inf Bn 8 Aust Inf Bn 10/48 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Indep Coy	} Relief by 12 Aust Inf Bde in progress LEQ Unit

ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL No	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
<u>MG</u>	46165	19 Aust MG Bn	
<u>AASC</u>	46164 61364 45821 46065	12 Comd 12 Aust Div AASC 2/3 Aust Coy AASC 11 Aust Coy AASC 24 Aust Coy AASC	
<u>MEDICAL</u>	55411 29758 46180 46181 46182 46189 46190	2/7 Aust Fd Amb 2/13 Aust Fd Amb 17 Aust Fd Amb 2/7 Aust Dental Unit 66 Aust Dental Unit 115 Aust Mob Bath Unit 116 Aust Mob Bath Unit	
<u>ORDNANCE</u>	46184 46185	12 Aust Div Ord Bn Pk 12 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Pwd Bn Unit	
<u>AEMB</u>	56183 61030 61220 61065 46174 46152 46159 46166 46154 46162 46058 45832 47886	12 Aust Div Ambulance 2/39 Aust LAD (Type A) 2/70 Aust LAD (Type A) 2/79 Aust LAD (Type A) 108 Aust LAD (Type A) 201 Aust LAD (Type A) 232 Aust LAD (Type A) 236 Aust LAD (Type A) 249 Aust LAD (Type A) 273 Aust LAD (Type A) 279 Aust LAD (Type A) 310 Aust LAD (Type A) 3 Aust Radio Maintenance Bn	LNQ Unit
<u>PROVOST</u>	46303	12 Aust Div Prov Coy	
<u>POSTAL</u>	46186	12 Aust Div Postal Unit	
<u>PAY</u>	47665 46302	HT Force Comd Pay Office 12 Aust Div Pd Cash Office	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	46183 46304 46192	12 Aust Div Salv Unit 12 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp HT Force Canteens	
<u>HQ UNITS</u>	47400 47333 47334 47336 47395 47396	HT F. of C AREA II HQ 11 (General Aust) L of C Subarea HQ 11 (ADELAIDE RIVER) L of C Subarea HQ 11A L of C Subarea Area Camp Staff (Type B) ADELAIDE RIVER Area Camp Staff (Type B) KATHERINE Area Camp Staff (Type C) PINE CREEK	

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<u>HQ UNITS</u> Contd	47397 47398 47401 47995 47404 47337 45120 47912	Area Camp Staff (Type C) LARRIMAH Area Camp Staff (Type B) MATARANKA Adm HQ MT ISA Town Major (2nd Class) DARWIN Town Major (3rd Class) ALICE SPRINGS Press Unit DARWIN 5 Aust HQ Gp Directorate of Public Relations (12 Aust Div Det)	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
<u>INTELLIGENCE</u>	45168 45169 45170	W Aust FS Sec X Aust FS Sec Y Aust FS Sec	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	45198 47749 46156 46835 47340 46836 47341 47040 47410 47405 47341 47406 47343 46845 48103 48104 46846 46848 47346	5 Aust Docks Operating Coy 8 Aust Bomb Disposal Sec 1 Aust Fd Coy 3 Aust CE Works 3 Aust CRE Works 6 Aust CRE Works 45 Aust DORE Works 63 Aust DORE Works 74 Aust DORE Works 4 Aust A Tps Coy 6 Aust A Tps Coy 10 Aust A Tps Coy 2/11 Aust A Tps Coy 11 Aust Workshops and Pk Coy 20 Aust Maint Pl (Type A) 21 Aust Maint Pl (Type A) 6 Aust Camflg Trg Unit 8 Aust Camflg Trg Unit 15 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
<u>SIGNALS</u>	47347 45673 45215 45216 45218 45220 45262 47367 47368 47411 47412 47369 47370 47371 47372	HQ Sigs NT L of C Area (less No.1 Coy) 15 Aust Line Sec 16 Aust Line Sec 17 Aust Line Sec 19 Aust Line Sec 21 Aust Line Sec Dot 20 Sec LHQ By Wireless Gp NT L of C Area Cipher Sec 14A L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec 11 L of C Sub-Area Cipher Sec MT ISA Cipher Sec HQ 7 Sec (Carr Pigeon) Aust Corps Sigs 43 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft 44 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft 45 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit LHQ Unit
<u>A A S C</u>	45694 47413 61379 47477 47478 46862 47051 47052 45771 45689 47476 47414 47417	1 Aust H&C HQ Comd CA Tpt Coln 2/107 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 108 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 110 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 118 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 121 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 122 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 134 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 2/142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 146 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 149 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	LHQ Unit

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A A S C (contd)	48256	HQ 9 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
		64 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		65 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		66 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		67 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		68 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		69 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		70 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
	48257	HQ 10 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
		71 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
	48252	HQ 11 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
		72 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		73 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		74 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		75 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		76 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
	48253	HQ 12 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
		77 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		78 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		79 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
		80 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
	47377	12 Aust Fd Bakery	
	47421	14 Aust Fd Bakery	
	47378	3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	
	47057	One Pl 4 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	
	47559	One Pl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	
	47422	CENTRAL AUST BIPOD	
	47379	1 Aust BIPOD (5 Pls)	
	47380	1 Aust Farm Coy AACSC	
	47423	2 Aust Farm Coy AACSC	
	---	Det Wkshop Sec 2/1 Aust Coy AACSC	In OOB 4 Aust ni-
MEDICAL	45306	Sub-Depot LHQ Depot Dental Stores	LHQ Unit
	45307	101 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	LHQ Unit
	45308	102 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	LHQ Unit
	48022	1 Aust Mob Entom Sec	LHQ Unit
	47867	2 Aust Optical Unit	LHQ Unit
	47381	Frt Camp Hosp	300 Beds
	47065	35 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47382	42 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47383	45 Aust Camp Hosp	90 Beds
	47424	55 Aust Camp Hosp	60 Beds
	47384	65 Aust Camp Hosp	30 Beds
	47070	74 Aust Camp Hosp	120 Beds
	47385	76 Aust Camp Hosp	60 Beds
	47425	Det AMMC	
	47071	Two Secs 73 Aust Dental Unit	
	47236	Two Secs 85 Aust Dental Unit	
	55545	2/1 Aust Mob BactLab	LHQ Unit
	55668	2/1 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Unit	LHQ Unit
	45328	10 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Unit	LHQ Unit
	45345	NT Amb Train	LHQ Unit
	45354	111 Aust Gen Depot	LHQ Unit
	45371	107 Aust Gen Hosp	LHQ Unit
	45373	109 Aust Gen Hosp	LHQ Unit
	45379	121 Aust Gen Hosp	LHQ Unit

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<u>ORDNANCE</u>	45394	Det 7 Aust Adv Ord Depot Sec	LHQ Unit
	45456	HQ 8 Aust Adv Crd Depot	LHQ Unit
	45457	13 Aust Ord Store Coy	LHQ Unit
	45458	HQ 5 Aust Adv Amm Depot	LHQ Unit
	45459	8 Aust Ord Amm Coy	LHQ Unit
	45461	11 L of C Sub-Area Ord Depot	LHQ Unit
	45462	14 Aust Crd Amm Sec	LHQ Unit
	45464	Ord Depot MT ISA	LHQ Unit
<u>A B M E</u>	45463	10 Aust Adv Wkshops	LHQ Unit
	47386	MT L of C Area Wkshops	
	47426	2 Aust MT Wkshops	
	47427	1 Sec 1 Aust MT Wkshops	
	47428	1 Aust Mech Fapt Wkshop Sec	
<u>PROVOST</u>	47391	13 Aust Detention Barracks (Type A)	
	47390	MT L of C Area Pro Coy	
	47429	11 Aust L of C Pro Coy	
<u>POSTAL</u>	47389	2 L of C Postal Unit	
<u>P A Y</u>	47387	MT Accounts Office	
	47719	47 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	47720	48 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	47721	49 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	47430	50 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	47723	52 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	48105	71 Aust Depot Cash Office	
	47722	51 Aust Mob Depot Cash Office	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	47323	7 Graves Reg and Enquiry Unit	LHQ Unit
	47755	MT L of C Graves Maint Details	LHQ Unit
	47862	Aust A Amenities Service	LHQ Unit
	45495	7 Aust Emp Coy	LHQ Unit
	45507	19 Aust Emp Coy	LHQ Unit
	45516	28 Aust Emp Coy	LHQ Unit
	45517	29 Aust Emp Coy	LHQ Unit
	47392	MT Stationery Depot	Type C
	47475	MT Force Adv Reinf Depot	
	47394	MT L of C Area Bde and Area Staffs	
	47399	13 Aust L of C Salv Sec	
	47431	5 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47440	HQ 7 Aust L of C Salv Depot	
	47441	29 Aust L of C Salv Sec	
	47432	6 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47433	7 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47434	8 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47435	9 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47436	10 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47437	11 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
	47438	12 Aust Pers Staging Camp	
<u>TRG UNITS and SCHOOLS</u>	47474	MT Force Trg School	

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		<u>FIXED DEFENCES</u>	
<u>HQ UNITS</u>	47443	HQ DARWIN Frt Area	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	47444 47445 47446 47447	HQ Hy Arty EAST Bty EMERY Bty WEST Bty 89 Aust Depot Sec 235 Aust Shore Def Sec 152 Aust CA SL Sec 153 Aust CA SL Sec 154 Aust CA SL Sec 155 Aust CA SL Sec	
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	47448	HQ Frt Engrs DARWIN (Type C)	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	47449	Frt Sigs	
		<u>AA DEFENCES</u>	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	47450 47451 47854 47855 47221 47227 47228 47452 47458 47459 46700 46710 46711 46712 61225 47463 47464 47465 47466	AA Gp HQ (LG) DARWIN AA Ops Room (Type A) DARWIN AA Ops Room (Type C) BATCHELOR AA Ops Room (Type C) HUGHES HQ 5 Aust AA Bty 421 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta 422 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta Fq 2 Aust AA Bty 427 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta 428 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta HQ 19 Aust AA Bty 358 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta 359 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta 360 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta 2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt 233 Aust Lt AA Bty 225 Aust Lt AA Bty HQ 65 Aust AA SL Bty HQ 70 Aust AA SL Bty	
<u>SIGNALS</u>	61229 47467 47724	2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less Det) 225 Aust Lt AA Bty Sig Sec 7 MD AA Sig Sec	
<u>A E M E</u>	47468 47469 47470 57237 47472 47799 61016 47473	HQ 11 Aust AA Wkshop Coy 2 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 14 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 5 Aust Hy AA Wkshop Sec 54 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec 70 Aust AA SL Wkshop Sec 2/1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec (less Det) 225 Aust Lt AA Bty Wkshop Sub-Sec	

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