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Item number: 8/3/23

2/23 Infantry Battalion

January 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 211b.
(adapted)

Unit 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 45 To 31 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE	1		D Coy pers were weighed at HQ 26 Bde, otherwise tps had a free day (excl normal guards and picquets). Adm Instr No 17 issued (DCM). Appx	
	2		CO marched out on leave. Capt DUDLEY assumed Adm Comd. RMO inspected all coy kitchens. His report was most favourable. First match of the new cricket competition, 2/23 v 2/48 Bn, resulted in a tie. Appx 1 offr 3 ORs marched out on ARL. Instrs for trg 3 - 6 Jan issued. Appx	
	3		Warm weather continues. Coys moved out to Jungle Trg Area with att pers from HQ Coy. Unit Gas Offr (Lt EDWARDS) attended conference at HQ 9 Aust Div, convened by G3 Ops (CW). Tac School for offr commenced at HQ 26 Bde. 8 offr from this bn attended course 1. 1 offr instructor was also made available. Lt STEVENSON, and 1 OR, both medically downgraded, marched out.	
	4		Coys continue trg in Jungle Area. Adm Comd inspected trg during afternoon. RO 1/45 issued. Appx	
	5		The bn def locality having been completed in the Jungle Trg Area, it was now occupied by two coys while the remaining two carried out an attack to test its strength. The attacking force (A & B Coys) was commanded by Capt SEDGLEY and the defenders by Capt R F H ROW. At the conclusion, the Adm Comd discussed with offr the lessons brought out during the exercise. Lectures by Bde EO were delivered to tps when the ex had ended. 102 pers moved by MT back to camp for attendance at local race meeting TUMOULIN on following day.	
2/23 AUST INF BN			Infm received concerning proposed Div Gymkhana 17 - 23 Jan, to be held on HERBERTON racecourse. Appx	

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RAVENSHOE	6		Coys marched in from trg area. The lecture on 'Leadership', recently given to all offr's of the Bde by the Bde Comd was repeated during the morning to all WOs and Sjts and again during the afternoon to all other NCOs. IO and QM reced area for 'Free-for-all' ex, north of RAVENSHOE. Pers attended TIMCULIN race meeting. 1600K - Adm Comd's coference for discussion of trg for coming week. WO1 G L HART marched in as RSM. Trg Instr 11 issued, incl sequence of events and Q intns. Appx ROs 2/45 issued. Appx Cricket against 2/48 Bn resulted in a win for 2/23.	
	7		Bn Church parade on sports ground. Bde Comd and pers from his HQ were in attendance.	
	8		Trg as per syllabus - "Free-for-all" exercise commenced. A/Comd inspected trg during the evening when night patrols and ambushes were being carried out. Gas Cadre for NCO's commenced. Lt SIMMONS received notification of his promotion to substantive Capt. Sporting results to date were promulgated to coys	
	9		Trg as per syllabus. ADOS 9 Aust Div (Lt col DAVIS) inspected clothing in the Bn. Trials for competitions in Div Gymkhana commenced.	
2/23 AUST INF BN			Pers so engaged from each Bn, were billeted together in 2/ lines, and given special trg for athletic events. Lt HARPER marched out (medically downgraded). 5 rft ORs marched in from 2 AITB (JW). Details of proposed 9 Div Rifle Shooting Competition promulgated to coys.	
	10		Fine weather continued. Trg normal.	<i>H. L. L. L. L.</i>

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RAVENSHOE	10(contd)		Adm Comd's conference - discussion general adm within bn. B and C Coys completed 'Free-for-all' ex. Appx	
	11		A and D Coys commence 'Free-for-all' ex (vide syllabus). Appx BnHQ 0800K parade was inspected by Adm Comd. Adm Instr No 18 issued (Dress). Appx	
	12		Trg continued as per syllabus, and was again inspected by Adm Comd. Appx At 1830K a demonstration of rocket flares and 2" Mortar flare bombs was given by pers from 20 Bde on 2/23 Bn Sports Ground. Comments were submitted to HQ 26 Bde by this bn. Appx Further instr in CW commenced. QM and IO visited WONDECLA to recce camp area allotted to 2/23 Bn, during forthcoming Gymkhana. Capt ISSEL marched in ex LHQ Tac School and ARL. Posted to Comd HQ Coy.	
	13		Trg as per syllabus. Conference of offrs ref Div Gymkhana and move to WONDECLA. Members of No 4 (Tka) Pl attended a demonstration of use of 6 prs, arranged by 2/3 Aust Tka Regt. Further infm from 9 Aust Div ref Gymkhana and Boxing Tournament. Adm Instr No 19 issued (Orders for Bn gd). Appx ROs 3/45 issued. Appx A and D Coys completed 'Free-for-all' ex. This was the first exercise of its kind held during this period of trg. Valuable experience was gained by all tps taking part, incl umpires. The variation from the normal trg and the freedom for initiative by the Junior leaders raised considerable enthusiasm among the tps.	
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RAVENSHOE	14		Bn Church Parade in Camp Theatre conducted by Chaplain FARMER (att 2/24 Bn) Adv party moved to WONDECLA in preparation for Div Gymkhana (Comd Capt ISSEL) Adm Instr 20 issued (move to WONDECLA). Appx Heavy rain fell during the afternoon.	
	15		Rain continued Trg included attendance of all pers at the screening of the film 'Battle of Russia' in the 'Why We Fight' series. Weighing of pers at HQ 26 Bde, RO 4/45 issued. Appx	
	16		Medical inspection of all pers by RMO. Particular attention was paid to the condition of feet. Timings for move to WONDECLA were issued at Adm Comd's conference. BM 26 Bde (Maj KATAKER) visited bn. Adm Instr No 21 issued (Stowage of kits). Appx	
	17		A B C Coys moved by MT to camp area E 14 WONDECLA. (See sketch appx) Lt BATESON rejoined the unit ex 2 AITB (JW) and ARL. 2 ORs reinforcements also marched in. Daily leave to HERBERTON for 20 ORs commenced. Pictures screened in local camp theatre.	
WONDECLA	18		Remainder of Bn moved to WONDECLA to occupy portion of Camp C 2. By the end of the day all coys were reasonably settled into the new sites, previously occupied by 6 Aust Div.	

M. S. L. Lucas

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- 19 Weather fine.
Bn marched from camp to HERBERTON racecourse to view Div Sports Meeting. Events were conducted in bde gps, and the bn was represented, mainly in the athletics. Pers taking part are listed in appx.
Adm areas were allotted to each bn, beside the racecourse, and lunch was served in this area.
- 20 Fine Weather continued.
Bn again marched to the HERBERTON racecourse. The programme consisted of inter-divisional athletics during the morning and races during the afternoon.
Pte REEVES of HQ Coy 2/23 Bn distinguished himself by winning the ~~100 yds~~ 220 yds sprints.
Lunch was again served close to the course.
In the evening boxing events were held in the stadium below Camp C 2, where a natural amphitheatre had been erected by 6 Aust Div for the staging of boxing contests. Excellent entertainment was provided for a large audience. The two days for the Gymkhana remained free of rain.
- 21 Rain fell throughout the day.
Church parade in the Camp Theatre conducted by Chap JULIEN (att 2/48 Bn). Comd 26 Bde was present.
Trg syllabus for period 22-27 Jan issued. Appx
Capt VINES marched in ex LHQ Tac School.
- 22 Trg as per syllabus. Recce carried out for night attack exercise. Appx
Adm Instr 22 issued (DCM) Appx
Op Order No 10 (Ex BLACKFOOT) issued. Appx
ROs 5/45 also published. Appx
Capt VINES det for duty at HQ 26 Bde.
- 23 In light rain, the bn marched out to the trg area (see maps as appx) for rehearsal by day of night attack (ex BLACKFOOT). Midday meal in the fd. Tps returned to camp by 1630K.
Preparations for withdrawal exercise, and issue of Op Order No 11 (ex BLACKFOOT) Appx

*Row Coy
Lp Winton Lt*

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J. H. Lachar
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Some alteration in the trg syllabus was necessary to allow tps time for cleaning up personal gear before leaving the WONDECLA area on Sunday 28 Jan. On this account ex BLACKFOOT (withdrawal) was carried out this day, and the proposed 'Free-for-all' ex was cancelled. Very hy rain fell, commencing approx 1700K.

25

Trg as per syllabus. Appx
In light rain, at 1800K the bn proceeded on foot to the area selected for night attack (ex BLACKFOOT). After one hour's march, coffee for tps was provided in the Assembly area by Amenities rep (att HQ 26 Bde). The exercise commenced at 2030K, and was completed by 2300, after a very realistic performance by the tps generally. Return march to camp was accomplished in little more than one hour. Coy Q Staffs had prepared hot coffee in readiness for arrival of bn. This was much appreciated.
General Instrs ex CROOKFOOT issued. Appx

26

Day devoted to internal adm by coys.
The CO (LtCol F A G TUCKER) rejoined unit ex ARL.
Adm Instr No 23 issued. Appx
CO's conference 1400K HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - general instrs ref ex CROOKFOOT.

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Tps endeavoured to dry clothing with the aid of fires, as much of their clothing had been wet for days.
At 1500K bn assembled in Camp Theatre where the general idea of the forthcoming Bde controlled withdrawal (ex CROOKFOOT) was outlined by Comd 26 Bde. Immediately following the lecture CO reced the area for initial occupation by the bn.
In the evening oftrs of 26 Bde conducted a Buffet Tea and Dance to which AANS pers and nurses from the local hospital were invited. Tea was served in the grounds of the Oftrs Club WONDECLA, and the Dance in HERBERTON Shire Hall.

*How Capt
L. W. Hartmann Lt.*
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F. A. G. Tucker Lt Col

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CO's conference 0730K. Verbal orders for Ex CROOKFOOT issued. Appx Bn Church parade in Camp Theatre.

At 1400K the bn moved from the camp area to take up def posns for the commencement of ex CROOKFOOT. Coys were in posn by 1500K, and def posns fully prepared by 1830K. Appx

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0430K Reveille. Ex CROOKFOOT commenced in light rain and the bn occupied def posns until 2100K, when the ordered withdrawal was well in progress. (see Log Diary att) Appx.

TRACEY'S CORNER

At 2100K the move on foot to area TRACEY'S CORNER approx 6 mls distant. The weather became worse, and by midnight pers arriving in the new def area were thoroughly wet. It was necessary to camp in the thick wet grass, which added to the general discomfort. Tent flys were sent for, but were not available until approx 300130K.

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Continued rain.

Bn held posns until further withdrawal was ordered early in the afternoon. Soon afterwards the whole ex was concluded on account of the wet and discomforting conditions brought about by the inclement weather.

Tps assembled in the CHILVERTON area, and from there were by moved by MT back to camp area RAVENSHOE, arriving approx 1800K.

Lt BATESON took over the duties of unit TO and OIC Canteen from Lt GIBBS (leave)

RAVENSHOE

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Hy rain throughout day hampered the drying of tps clothing. Mess huts were used as drying rooms with braziers burning in centre.

General clean up and checking of clothing, eqpt, and controlled stores. Washing parades.

Row Capt

Lt Bateson

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A. H. L. L. L. L.

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			<u>CO's REPORT</u>	
		<u>TRAINING</u>	<p><u>In the fd</u> until the seventeenth day of the month, when the unit moved to WONDECLA, training was carried out over both jungle and semi-open country.</p> <p>The jungle exercise conducted on the fifth was purposed to ascertain if the principles of defence evolved by the Bde were in fact true in practice. To this end, two coys attacked the defensive localities of the two fwd coys occupying the Bn defensive position. Some penetration occurred but the but the exercise conclusively proved the aforesaid principles are eminently sound. Two salient needs were emphasized - Firstly that of a sound intercomm system down to outposts and secondly the necessity of command controlled patrols - frequent and all aggressive - whose purpose it is not only to harass the enemy but to report at period when the enemy - because of the harassing- is disconcerted and ripe for counter - attack.</p> <p>A new type of exercise to this Bn was carried out. Known as the 'Free-for-all', it is in the nature of a competition whereby forces (in this case pl) move over the country along predetermined routes and each fights when and where it happens to meet another force. All rifle coys were exercised and because of the individual initiative, provided both offrs and ORs evidenced worthwhile enthusiasm. As for all exercises in the field good umpires and good umpiring are essential.</p>	

W. E. Snodden

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

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Unit 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer.....

Month and Year 1 Jan 45 to 31 Jan 45 (Erase heading not required).

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			<u>CO's REPORT</u> (continued)	
			<u>WONDECLA SPORTS</u> As mentioned above the unit moved to WONDECLA on the seventeenth to participate in the Divisional sports. The programme covered both military, athletic events and a race meeting. The Bn as a whole enjoyed the programme and in addition appreciated the change of surroundings.	
			<u>WEATHER AND ITS EFFECT ON TRG</u> Towards the end of the month training was interfered with to a severe degree by heavy and continuous rain. Remarkably enough, little sickness was suffered by the troops despite frequent drenchings but the discomfort of unavoidably wet clothing is very real	
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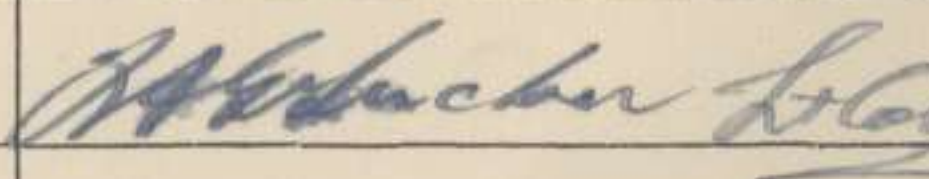
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>TO'S REPORT</u>	
		1. <u>EQPT</u>	Vehs on charge for this month number 27, of the types noted below :	
			1/4 ton 4 x 4 Ford 7	
			1/4 ton 4 x 4 Willys 1	
			3 ton 4 x 4 CVT (Water veh) 1	
			3 ton 4 x 2 CVT 1	
			3 ton 4 x 4 Ford 2	
			3 ton 4 x 2 Ford 2	
			15 cwt 4 x 2 Ford 10	
			15 cwt 4 x 4 CVT 1	
			15 cwt 4 x 2 CVT Van 1	
			1 ton 4 x 2 CVT " 1	
			Motor Cycles BSA 2	
			Trailers (Jeep) 8	
		2. <u>TYPES</u>	These are nt available for urgent replacement. Present state of tyres is poor.	
		3. <u>VEHS NOT IN USE</u>	Two 3 ton 4 x 4 Fords and one MC (BSA) are at present at Wkshps for repair.	
		4. <u>GENERAL</u>	All unit vehs incl jeeps were used during a Bn exercise late in the month. The only difficulties experienced during the exercise were the result of (a) water in petrol (b) effects of hy rain on rds	
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			<u>RMO's REPORT</u>																			
			<p>During the month the health and condition of the troops has been very satisfactory. There has been no pre-dominating illness.</p> <p>All the men in the unit were inspected early in the month. No parasites or VD were found. Very few foot troubles were detected. The cases of tinea which were found have been cured. A number of cases of mild Acne of the back and chest have since been treated and are improving.</p>																			
			<u>Evacuations for the month</u>																			
			<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Injuries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> <td>cases</td> </tr> <tr> <td>URTI</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skin diseases</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other diseases</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">34</td> </tr> </table>	Injuries	7	cases	URTI	3	"	Skin diseases	7	"	PUC	2	"	Other diseases	15	"	TOTAL		34	
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			8 men have been re-classified.																			
			<p>There were 8 reinfits to the unit. They are fit. Men who have returned from ARL are in good health. A few had "colds".</p> <p>Hygiene in the unit has been very satisfactory.</p>																			
			<p>Rations, although adequate in quantity, are not of a very good variety. There is a shortage of potatoes, and the majority of the men are not fond of rice, and eat very little. Blue boiler peas have been supplied to such an extent, that most of the troops will not eat them.</p>																			
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			RMO's REPORT (continued)	
			Elasto-plast and adhesive plaster have not been obtainable, but otherwise medical supplies have been satisfactory.	
			The SB's have received training during the month.	
			Few men now have difficulty with infantry work, and the great majority are extremely fit.	
				<i>J. H. Lucher Lt. Col.</i>
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			<u>QM's REPORT</u>	
			<p><u>RATIONS:</u> Rations have improved during month - issue of tea, sugar and fruit juice has been increased. Potatoes have been on issue for approx 6 days during month.</p>	
			<p><u>HYDRO-BURNERS</u> - 10 Hydro-burners were tested on exercise 28-30 Jan and defects were found in some of them. In only one case was defect sufficiently bad to prevent burner being used. The remainder were of inestimable value for cooking owing to the weather conditions, scarcity of firewood and the decreased time necessary for preparing a meal. Burners were operated on Range Fuel.</p>	
			<p><u>CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:</u> Trousers J.G. still in short supply and of poor quality. In all other respects supply was good.</p>	
			<p><u>TRAINING:</u> During move of Bn to WONDECLA, tanks 400 gall. were badly damaged, partly due to insufficient care in handling and partly due to weaknesses caused through frequent handling.</p>	
				<p><i>J. H. ...</i> 2/23 AUST INF BN</p>

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APPENDICES

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11. Amenities

W. H. ...

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

45 / 1 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 194 5 2/23 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR	1	-	-	W.Os. Class I.	AAGC	AANC	AACG	AAPC	AAPS	TOTAL
-	-	-	6	W.Os. Class II.	1					1
-	-	1	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
-	-	-	6	Staff Sergeants						
NR	6	-	26	Sergeants	5	2			1	8
NR	16	-	51	Corporals	3	1		2		6
-	-	6	664	Troopers, Privates, etc.	16	1	1			18
-	-	-	-	Civilians counting as O.R.						
NR *	23	7	753 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	25	4	1*	2	1	33*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	A	1	1							
B(1)	783	3	3							786
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	26 Bde			1	Base Records		
3	Mobile Cinema			5	Schools		
3	AEME			198	Leave		
				3	FPC		
				17	AWL		
				1	Combined Ops		
				1	Batmen		
				1	Stat Depot		
				1	26 Bde		
				<u>228</u>			

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6/1/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangemakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			By. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boltermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
			Hatchman			Butchers					
			Height Taker			Clerks					
			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply					
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers					
			Joiners			Concretors					
			Lineman			Cooks					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*

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6 JAN 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

TRADE	RANK	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS REQD	REMARKS
<u>TRADE GP 1</u>							
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR	
<u>TRADE GP 11</u>							
CARPENTER	PTE	6	6	7	-	-	
INT DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	NR	
" "	PTE	7	7	-	-	-	
SIGNALLERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
" "	PTE	22	23	-	1	-	
<u>TRADE GP 111</u>							
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	6	6	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	8 4	8	-	4	-	
EQPT REPR	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
RANGETAKER	PTE	4	-	4	-	NR	
STONEMAN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-	
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	A1	-	-	-	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>							
RSM	WOIX	1	-	1	-	NR	
CSM	WOII	5	5	-	-	-	
RQMS	WOIL	1	1	-	-	-	
CQMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-	
PL SGT	SGT	12	10	2	-	NR-	
BATMAN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-	
DVR MT	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-	
GEN DUTIES MESS	PTE	3	3	-	-	-	
HYG DUTIES	PTE	4	4	-	-	-	
LMG/RIFLEMEN	CPL	36	31	5	-	NR	
" "	PTE	361	363	-	2	-	
MMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-	
MORTAR NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR	
" "	CPL	5	2	3	-	NR	
" "	PTE	68	68	-	-	-	
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-	
PIONEERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
" "	PTE	28	28	-	-	-	
REGT POLICE	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STOREMAN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STR BEARER	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	18	18	-	-	-	
TK A NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" " "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
" " "	PTE	15	15	-	-	-	
WATER DUTIES	PTE	2	2	-	-	-	
TOTAL CARRIED FWD		769	753	27	11	-	

A 1 Pte Td Gp 111

TRADE	RANK	W E	POST STR	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS RQD	REMARKS
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	753	27	11	NR	
<u>ATTACHED BY W E</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
MED ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	1	1	-	-	-	
HYGIENE INSPECTOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AACC</u>							
SHOEMAKER	CPL	B 1	B 1	-	-	-	
<u>AAPOST S</u>							
POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAPC</u>							
PAY CLERK	SGT	1	-	1	-	NR	
PAY CLERK	CPL	1	2	-	B	-	
<u>AACC</u>							
CATERER	WOII	1	1	-	-	-	
COOKS	SGT	5	5	-	-	-	
"	CPL	5	3	2	-	-	
"	PTE	13	16	-	3	-	
TOTAL		801	786	30	15		

B 1 pte Ungpd

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TRADE GP 1	PAID	TEST UNPD	TOTAL
COMPUTOR	3	1	4
FITTER	1		1
FITTER MECH	1		1
ELECTRICIAN		1	1
CYPHER OPER		1	1
<u>TRADE GP 111</u>			
FITCHER	1		1
CLERK	2	2	4
BOPT NEPR	1		1
STONE M N TECH	1		1
BOCT NEPR	1		1
BOILER ATTD	1		1
FARRIER	1		1
GUNLAYER	10		10
DVR MECH	33	9	42
DVR MT		6	6

TRADE GP 11	PAID	TEST UNPD	TOTAL
SIGNALLERS		1	1
MASON	1		1
GUN OPER	7		7
Q P A	1		1
DVR OPER	2		2
MECH M T	3	1	4
COOKS	1	3	4
PANEL BEATER		1	1
PAINTER DEC		1	1

DATE. 6 Jan 45

J. Dudley Capt.
Adm Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(J. DUDLEY)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

45 / 1 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 2/23 AUST INF (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.	
-	-	-	1	*						
NR	2	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels						
NR	2	-	6	Majors						
-	-	9	29	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-	
-	-	-	1	Lieutenants						
				Quarter-masters (Capt)						
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.						
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.						
NR	4	9	38			1	-	-	-	

	DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	A C1 37	B C1 2								39
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX48791	Maj	MCRAE E H	LTD VIC	30 Dec 44	ARL
VX36046	Capt	MATTHEWS T H	" "	" "	" "
VX23475	Capt	LOVELL F K	" "	" "	" "
QX14795	Lt	BOARD J H	" QLD	2 Jan 45	ARL
SX10310	Lt Col	TUCKER F A G	B A	2 Jan 45	ARL
OX34264	Lt	STEVENSON G M	GDD QLD	3 Jan 45	M/C Med Downgraded
VX100600	Lt	HYMES F	2/1 CCS	4 Jan 45	Gympie Sting R eye & e

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

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

2/23 AUST INF BN Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	SX10310	TUCKER	FAG	CO	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
Maj	VX48791	MORAE	EM	2IC	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
Capt	VX14533	ISSELL	RW	2IC'D	NO	ARL	28 Nov 44
Capt	VX61536	BEDGLEY	JG	CC'A	YES		
Capt	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	CC'HQ	YES		
Capt	VX20116	WILTON	MAB	CC'C	YES		
Capt	VX36046	MATTHEWS	TH	ADJT	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
Capt	VX23475	LOVELL	FK	CH	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
Lt	VX111053	BELFRAGE	RA	13 P1	YES		
T/Capt	VX5062	ROW	WH	CC'D	YES		
Lt	VX24869	SIMMONS	MA	CC'B	YES		
Lt	VX27821	BUNSON	KI	2IC'D	YES		(3 Dec 44
Lt	VX52884	MELBOD	HPK	5 P1	NO	Instr 1 Aust Corps	Cam Sch
Lt	VX52832	GIBBS	EM	PO	YES		
Lt	VX46373	FOSTER	KG	CM(L)	YES		
Lt	VX40152	WINBORN	LP	IO	YES		
Lt	VX136034	HEATON	PT	A ADJT	YES		
Lt	VX28921	HANSEN	SH	2 P1	YES		
Lt	VX61094	HARPER	HPB	SUP	YES		
Lt	VX88999	ENDERBY	EA	2IC'A	YES		
Lt	VX14795	BOARD	JH	IC(L)	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
Lt	NX5031	DENING	KS	2IC'D	YES		
Lt	VX15237	ISKOV	IP	3 P1	YES		
Lt	VX36745	CANNING	RM	15 P1	YES		
Lt	VX37864	THORBURN	AC	10 P1	YES		
Lt	VX39988	HEAD	AE	9 P1	YES		
Lt	VX55191	GOON	BR	12 P1	NO	ARL	18 Dec 44
Lt	NX25620	TRICKETT	CPW	14 P1	YES		
Lt	VX19597	EDWARDS	IH	16 P1	YES		
Lt	VX12314	SHAW	SL	11 P1	YES		
Lt	VX88979	GREER	R	8 P1	Yes		
Lt	VX42817	ZUKERMAN	M	4 P1	YES		
Lt	VX52247	ATRINS	DW	17 P1	YES		
Lt	VX55789	FARHOOD	AS	18 P1	Yes	NO ARL	18 Dec 44
Lt	VX35418	JARDINE	SLJ	7 P1	YES		
Lt	VX45733	KINNANE	JP	SUP	YES		
Lt	VX55120	SMITH	SE	SUP	YES		
Lt	VX57690	TAYLOUR	CH	1 P1	YES		
Capt	VX64241	SPRING	HE	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

6 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Walter G. Lamb
Signature of Commander
Law Command

W.E.P.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 1945. 2/23 AUST IN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2			3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.								ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.									Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.						
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.								AACC	AAMC	AAOC	AAPS	AAPC	TOTAL					
NR	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.								1					1					
-	-	1	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																		
-	-	1	6	Staff Sergeants																		
NR	2	-	30	Sergeants								5	2		1	1	9					
NR	16	-	51	Corporals								3	1				5					
-	-	1	659	Troopers, Privates, etc.								16	1	1					18			
				Civilians counting as O.R.																		
NR*	19	2	752*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.								25	4	1*	1	2	33*					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	781	4									785
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	26 Bde			1	Base Records		
3	AEML			5	Schools		
5	Mobile Cinema			195	Leave		
1	2/24 Bn			1	FPC		
				17	AWL		
				1	Combined Ops		
				1	Stat Depot		
				1	26 Bde		
				1	ADOS 9 Div		
				121	2/24 Bn		
				237			

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/1/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Blazers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway				Matchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	*	*	

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13 JAN 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

TRADE	RANK	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RPTS RQD	REMARKS
<u>TRADE GP 1</u>							
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR	
<u>TRADE GP 2</u>							
CARPENTERS	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
INT DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	Nr	
" "	PTE	7	7	-	-	-	
SIGNALIERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
"	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
"	PTE	22	23	-	1	-	
<u>TRADE GP 3</u>							
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-	
"	CPL	6	6	-	-	-	
2	pte	4	6	-	2	-	
EQPT REPR	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
RANGETAKER	PTE	4	1	3	-	NR	
STOREMAN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-	
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
"	CPL	1	a 1	-	-	-	
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>							
RSM	WO1	1	1	-	-	-	
CSM	WO2	5	5	-	-	-	
RQMS	WO2	1	-	1	-	NR	
CQ MS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-	
PL SGT	SGT	12	13	-	1	-	
BATMAN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-	
DVRMT	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-	
GEN DUTIES MESS	PTE	3	3	-	-	-	
HYG DUTIES	PTE	4	4	-	-	-	
LMG/RIFLEMEN	CPL	36	32	4	-	NR	
" "	PTE	361	359	2	-	NR	
MMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
2 "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-	
MORTA R NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR	
" "	CPL	5	2	3	-	NR	
" "	PTE	68	68	-	-	-	
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-	
PIONEERS	SGT	2	2	-	1	-	
"	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
"	PTE	28	28	-	-	-	
REGT POLICE	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STOREMAN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STR BEARER	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	18	18	-	-	-	
TK A NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	4	1	3	-	NR	
" "	PTE	15	15	-	-	-	
WATER DUTIES	PTE	2	2	-	-	-	
TOTAL CARRIED FWD		769	752	26	9	-	

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APPENDIX 'A' CONT

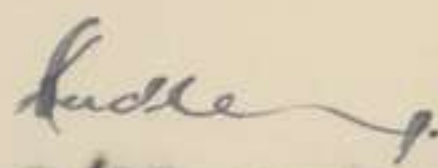
TRADE	RANK	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS RQD	REMARKS
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	752	26	9	-	
<u>ATTACHED BY W E</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
MED ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
MED ORDERLY	PTE	1	1	-	-	-	
HYGIENE INSPEC	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAOC</u>							
SHOEMAKER	CPL	b 1	b 1	-	-	-	
<u>AA POSTS</u>							
POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAPC</u>							
PA Y CLERK	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AACC</u>							
CATERER	WO2	1	1	-	-	-	
COOKS	SGT	5	5	-	-	-	
"	CPL	5	3	2	-	-	
"	PTE	13	16	-	3	-	
TOTALS		801	785	28	12	-	

b 1 pte ungpd

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TRADE	GP 1	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL	TRADE	GP 2	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
COMPUTOT		3	1	4	SIGNALLER			1	1
FITTER		1		1	MASON		1		1
ELECTRICIAN		2X	1	1	GUN OPER		7		7
CYPHER OPER			1	1	O P A		1		1
<u>TRADE GP 3</u>					DVR OPER		2		2
BUTCHER		1		1	MECH MT		2	1	3
CLERKS			2	2	COOKS		1	2	3
QPT REPR		1		1	PANEL HEATER		1		1
STOREMAN TECH		1		1	PAINTE & DEC			1	1
BOOT REPR		1		1					
BOILER ATTD		1		1					
FARRIER		1		1					
GUNLAYER		10		10					
DVR MECH		34	9	43					
DVR MT			6	6					

DATE 13 Jan 45


 Capt
 Adm Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 (J DUDLEY)

13 Jan 45

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Adapted) (Page 1)
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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 1 5 / 2/23 / 1945 (Unit) 45 2

W.E. 11 12c 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels												
NR	2	-	1	Majors												
NR	1	-	7	Captains	AAMC	1			1							
-	-	8	28	Lieutenants												
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters	(CAPT)											
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
NR	3	8	39			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	A C1	B C1								39		
				E.(1)	38	1										
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX100600	LT	HYNES F	2/1 CCS	7 Jan 45	From Hosp
VX52334	LT	McLEOD HPK	9 Div Cam School	12 Jan 45	From Det for Duty
V 4533	CAPT	ISSELL RW	LTD VIC	12 Jan 45	From ARL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX61094	LT	HARPER HPB	GDD Qld L of C	9 Jan 45	Med D/graded

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

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

2/23 AUST INF BN Unit

45/2 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/1/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
SX10310	Lt Col	TUCKER	PAG	CO	NO	ARL	2 JAN 45
VX48791	MAJ	McRAE	EH	2IC	NO	ARL	30 Dec 4
VX14533	CAPT	ISSELL	RW	2IC'D	YES		
VX61536	CAPT	SEDGIEY	JG	OC'A	YES		
VX5087	CAPT	DUDLEY	J	OC'HQ	YES		
VX20116	CAPT	WILTON	MAB	OC'C	YES		
VX36046	CAPT	MATTHEWS	TH	ADPT	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
VX23475	CAPT	LOVELL	PK	Q M	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
VX5062	CAPT	ROW	RFH	OC'D	YES		
VX24869	CAPT	SIMMONS	WA	OC'B	YES		
VX111053	LT	FELFRAGE	RA	13 P1	YES		
VX27821	LT	BENSON	KI	2IC'C	YES		
VX52884	LT	McLEOD	HFK	5 P1	YES		
VX52832	LT	GIBBS	EH	TO	YES		
VX46373	LT	FOSTER	KG	QM(L)	YES		
VX40152	LT	WENBORN	LP	IO	YES		
VX136034	LT	HEA TON	PT	A ADJT	YES		
VX28921	LT	HANSEN	SH	2 P1	YES		
VX88699	LT	ENDERBY	EA	2IC'A	YES		
VX14795	LT	BOARD	IL	TO(L)	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
VX5031	LT	DENING	KS	2IC'B	YES		
VX15237	LT	ISKOV	RF	3 P1	YES		
VX36745	LT	CANNING	RM	16P1	YES		
VX37664	LT	THORNBURN	AC	10 P1	YES		
VX39988	LT	HEAD	AE	9 P1	YES		
VX55191	LT	GOON	IR	12 P1	NO	ARL	18 Dec 4
VX25620	LT	TRICKETT	CPW	14 P1	YES		
VX19597	LT	EDWARDS	IH	15 P1	YES		
VX100600	LT	HYNES	F	11 P1	YES		
VX18314	LT	SHAW	SL	7 P1	YES		
VX88979	LT	GREER	R	8 PL	YES		
VX42917	LT	ZUKERMAN	M	4 P1	YES		
VX52247	LT	ATKINS	DW	17 P1	YES		
VX55789	LT	FARHOOD	AS	18 P1	NO	ARL	18 Dec 4
VX35418	LT	JARDINE	WLJ	SUP	YES		
VX45733	LT	KINNANE	JP	SUP	YES		
VX55120	LT	SMITH	SG	SUP	YES		
VX55120	LT	SMITH	SG	SUP	YES		
VX57690	LT	TAYLOUR	CH	1 P1	YES		
VX64241	CAPT	SPRING	EE	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

13 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Dudley, Capt.
Signature of Commander
Howlands.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945, 2/23 AUST IN (Unit)

W.E. 11/136 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.	AACC	AACG	AADG	AAPS	AAPG	TOTAL
			6	W.Os. Class II.	1					1
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	6	Staff Sergeants						
NR	3	-	29	Sergeants	5	2	-	1	1	9
NR	16	-	51	Corporals	3	1	-	-	1	5
	17	-	641	Troopers, Privates, etc.	16	1	1			18
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
- *	36	1	734 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	25	4	1 *	1	2	33 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	756	11								767
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	26 Bde			1	Base Records		
3	AEME			1	Combined Ops		
1	2/24 Bn			193	Leave		
3	Cinema			1	FPC		
2	2/164 AGTpt			1	26 Bde		
II				1	9 Div ADOS		
				14	2/24 Bn		
				51	Rear Bn		
				4	Schools		
				257			

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/1/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Benders				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Slaty. Engine			
Dispensary, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Gas Fitter, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

20 JAN 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

2/23 AUST INF BN
11/12c/3

APPENDIX 'A'
20 Jan 45

TRADE	RANK	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICHIT	SUR PLUS	RPTS REQ	REMARKS
TRADE GP 1							
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	2	1	-	NR	
TRADE GP 2							
CARPENTER	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
INT DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	NR	
" "	PTE	7	8	-	1	-	
SIGNALERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
" "	PTE	22	23	-	1	-	
TRADE GP 3							
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	6	6	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	4	6	-	2	-	
COPT REPR	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
COOK	PTE	4	1	3	-	NR	
STOREMAN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-	
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	a 1	-	-	-	
NON SPECIALISTS							
SM	WO 1	1	1	-	-	-	
SM	WO 2	5	5	-	-	-	
QMS	WO 2	1	1	-	-	-	
QMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-	
L SGT	SGT	12	13	-	1	-	
BATMAN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-	
DVR MT	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-	
GEN DUTIES (MESS)	PTE	3	3	-	-	-	
Hygiene Duties	PTE	4	4	-	-	-	
IMG/RIFLEMAN	CPL	36	32	4	-	NR	
" "	PTE	361	340	21	-	NR	
IMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	NR	
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-	
MORT NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR	
" "	CPL	5	2	3	-	NR	
" "	PTE	68	68	-	-	-	
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-	
PIONEERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR	
" "	PTE	28	28	-	-	-	
REGT POLICE	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STOREMAN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STR BEARER	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	18	18	-	-	-	
TK A NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	4	1	3	-	NR	
" "	PTE	15	15	-	-	-	
WATER DUTIES	PTE	2	2	-	-	-	
TOTAL CARRIED FWD		769	734	44	9	-	

a 1 pte TG 3

APPENDIX 'A' Cont

TRADE	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS RQD	REMARKS
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	734	44	9	-	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
CHIROPIDIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
MSG ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	1	1	-	-	-	
HYGIENE INSP	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAOC</u>							
SHOEMAKER	CPL	b 1	b 1	-	-	-	
<u>AA POST S</u>							
POSTAL DUPIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAPC</u>							
DAY CLERK	SGT	1	1	0	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AACC</u>							
CATERER	WO2	1	1	-	-	-	
COOK	SGT	5	5	-	-	-	
COOK	CPL	5	3	2	-	NR	
COOK	PTE	13	16	-	3	-	
TOTALS		801	767	46	12	-	

b 1 pte ungpd

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TRADE GP 1	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL	TRADE GP 2	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
COMPUTOR	5	1	4	SIGNALIER		1	1
ITTER	1	-	1	MASON	1	-	1
ELECTRICIAN		1	1	GUN OPER	7	-	7
CYPER OPER		1	1	O P A	1	-	1
				DVR OPER	2	-	2
				MECH MT	2	1	3
				COOKS	1	2	3
				PANEL BEATER	-	1	1
				PAINTER & DEC		1	1
<u>TRADE GP 3</u>							
BUTCHER	12	-	12				
CLERKS		2	2				
EQPT REPR	1	-	1				
STORMMEN TECH	1	-	1				
BOOT REPR	1	-	1				
BOILER ATTD	1	-	1				
FARRIER	1	-	1				
GUNLAYER	10	-	10				
DVR MECH	34	8	42				
DVR MT		6	6				

DATE . . 20 Jan . 45 .

J. Dudley Capt
 Adm Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 (J DUDLEY)

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
20 Jan 45

DEFICIENCIES IN NCO'S SHOWN IN THIS RETURN

RANK	POSTING	DEFICIENCY	AWAITING PROMULGATION IN R O'S PART 2	APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTION FWD TO 9 DIV FOR APPROVAL
SGT	MMG SGT	1	-	-
	MORT NOS	2	-	-
	TK A NOS	1	-	-
<u>CPL</u>	INT DUTIES	1	-	-
	SIGNALIERS	2	-	-
	TAILOR	1	-	-
	IMG/RIFLEMAN	4	3	-
	MORT NOS	3	-	-
	PIONEERS	2	1	-
	TK A NOS	3	-	-

J. Dudley Capt
Adm Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(J DUDLEY)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

45 / 3 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 2/23 AUST INF BN

W.E. 11 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
-	-	-	1	*												
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels												
NR	2	-	1	Majors												
NR	1	-	7	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-							
-	-	9	29	Lieutenants												
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
NR	2	9	39			1	-	-	-							
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.E.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	A C1	B C1										
				E.(1)	39	1										40
				E.(2)												

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX132375	Capt	FRYSON AW (AACH D)	2/1 CCS	13 Jan 45	From hosp.
29713	Lt	BATESON A	3 ARTB (JW)	17 Jan 45	From secondment

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX5031	Lt	DENING K S	SECOND Aust Army Jnr Leaders Sch	19 Jan 45	INSTRUCTION or duty as instr.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/1/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
EX Lt Col	SX 10310	TUCKER	PAG	CO	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
Maj	VX 48791	MORAE	ER	2IC	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX 14533	ISSELL	RW	2IC'D	YES		
CAPT	VX 61536	SEDOLLY	JG	OC'A'	YES		
CAPT	VX 5087	DUDLEY	J	OC'NO	YES		
CAPT	VX 20116	WILTON	MAB	OC'C'	YES		
CAPT	VX 36046	MATTHEWS	TH	ADJT	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX 23475	LOWELL	PK	CM	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX 5062	ROE	RPH	OC'D'	YES		
CAPT	VX 24869	SIMMONS	MA	OC'B'	YES		
LT	VX 111053	BELFRAGE	RA	13 P1	Yes	REAR BN	18 Jan 45
LT	VX 27821	MUNSON	KI	2IC''	NO	REAR BN	18 Jan 45
LT	VX 52834	MCLEOD	EPK	5 P1	YES		
LT	VX 52832	GIBBS	EH	TO	YES		
LT	VX 28713	BATSON	A	13 P1	YES		
LT	VX 46373	POSTER	KG	CM(L)	YES		
LT	VX 40152	WENBORN	LP	IO	YES		
LT	VX 136034	HEATON	FT	A ADJT	YES		
LT	VX 28921	HANSEN	SH	2 P1	YES		
LT	VX 88699	ENDERBY	EA	2IC'A'	YES		
LT	OX 14795	BOARD	JL	IO(L)	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
LT	NX 5031	DENING	KS	2IC'B'	NO	2 Aust Army School	19 Jan 45
LT	VX 15237	ISKOV	RF	3 P1	YES		
LT	VX 36745	CANNING	RE	15 P1	YES		
LT	VX 37664	THEORBURN	AC	10 P1	YES		
LT	VX 39988	HEAD	AE	9 P1	YES		
LT	VX 55191	GOON	ER	12 P1	NO	ARL	18 Dec 44
LT	NX 25620	TRICKETT	CPW	14 P1	YES		
LT	VX 19597	EDWARDS	IE	16 P1	YES		
LT	VX 100600	HYNES	F	11 P1	YES		
LT	VX 12314	SHAW	SL	7 P1	YES		
LT	VX 88979	GREER	R	8 PL	YES		
LT	VX 42917	ZUKERMAN	M	4 P1	NO	REAR BN	18 Jan 45
LT	VX 52247	ATKINS	DW	17 P1	YES		
LT	VX 55789	FARHOOD	AS	SUP	NO	ARL	18 Dec 44
LT	VX 35413	JARDINE	WLJ	SUP	YES		
LT	VX 45733	KINNANE	JP	SUP	YES		
LT	VX 55120	SMITH	SG	SUP	YES		
LT	VX 57690	TAYLOR	CH	1 P1	YES		
CAPT	VX 64241	SPRING	EE	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX 132875	BRYSON AW	AA Ch D	12 May 44	CHAPLAIN

20 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Harry Kept
Signature of Commander
How Bonds.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/1/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Eangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axeman				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*		*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.E. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

27 JAN 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DVR MT 2/23rd AUSTRALIAN INF BN PTE 11 11 - - APPENDIX 'A'
 15/196/3 (MESS) PTE 3 3 - - 27 Jan 45
 HYGIENE DUT PTE 4 4 - -
 IMG/RIFLEMEN CPL 36 35 1 -

" TRADE " PTE 361 336 25 - -
 MMG NOS W E3 POSTED DEF1 SURP RFTS REMARKS
 STRENGTH ICIT LUS RCD

TRADE GP 1

BLACKSMITH PTE 1 - 1 - NR

TRADE GP 2

CARPENTER PTE 6 5 1 - NR

INT DUTIES SGT 1 1 - -

" " CPL 2 1 1 - NR

" " PTE 7 8 1 -

SIGNALLERS SGT 1 1 - -

" " CPL 4 2 2 - NR

" " PTE 22 23 - 1 -

TRADE GP 3

BUTCHER PTE 1 2 - 1 -

CLERK SGT 2 2 - -

" " CPL 6 6 - -

" " PTE 4 6 2 -

EQPT REPR PTE 1 2 - 1 -

LANGETAKER PTE 4 1 3 - NR

STOREMAN TECH SGT 1 1 - -

" " PTE 3 4 1 -

TAILOR SGT 1 1 - -

" " CPL 1 a 1 - -

NON SPECIALISTS

RSM WO1 1 1 - -

CSM WO2 8 5 - -

RQMS WO2 1 1 - -

COMS S SGT 5 6 1 -

PL SGT SGT 12 18 1 -

BATMAN PTE 35 35 - -

DVR MT CPL 1 1 - -

" " PTE 11 11 - -

GEN DUTIES (MESS) PTE 3 3 - -

HYGIENE DUT PTE 4 4 - -

IMG/RIFLEMEN CPL 36 35 1 - NR

" " PTE 361 336 25 - 25 NR

MMG NOS SGT 3 2 1 - NR

" " CPL 22 2 - -

" " PTE 20 20 - -

MORTAR NOS SGT 5 3 2 - NR

" " CPL 5 2 3 - NR

" " PTE 68 65 3 - 3

ORDERLIES PTE 32 32 - -

PIONEERS SGT 1 1 - -

" " CPL 4 3 1 - NR

" " PTE 28 28 - -

REGT POLICE SGT 1 1 - -

" " PTE 6 6 - -

STOREMAN PTE 6 6 - -

STRETCHER BR SGT 1 1 - -

" " CPL 2 2 - -

TK A NOS SGT 3 2 1 - NR

" " CPL 4 1 3 - NR

" " PTE 15 15 - -

WATER DUTIES PTE 2 2 - -

STRETCHER BR PTE 18 18 - -

TOTAL CARRIED FWD 769 730 48 9 28

a 1 pte TG 3

APPENDIX 'A' CONT

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TRADE	RANK	WE	REPORTED STRENGTH	DEFICIT	SURPLUS	RPTS RCD	REMARKS
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	730	48	9	28	
<u>A TT BY W E</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
MED ORDERLY	SHT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	1	1	-	-	-	
HYGIENE INSPECT	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAOC</u>							
SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	b 1	-	-	-	
<u>AA POST S</u>							
POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AAPC</u>							
CLERK	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
<u>AACC</u>							
CATERER	WO2	1	1	-	-	-	
COOK	SGT	5	5	-	-	-	
COOK	CPL	5	3	2	-	NR	
COOK	PTE	13	16	-	3	-	
TOTAL		801	763	50	12	28	

b 1 pte Ungpd

DURPLUS TRADESMA N

<u>TRADE GP 1</u>	Paid	Tested Unpaid	Total	<u>TRADE GP 2</u>	Paid	TESTED Unpaid	Total
COMPUTOR	3	1	4	SIGNALLER		1	1
WATER	1	-	1	MASON	1		1
ELECTRICIAN		1	1	GUN OPER	7		7
CYPHER OPER		1	1	O P A	1		1
				DVR OPER	2		2
				MECH MT	2	1	3
<u>TRADE GP 3</u>				COOKS	1	2	3
BUTCHER	1		1	PANEL BEATER		1	1
CLERK		2	2	PAINTER & DEC		1	1
EQPT REPR	1		1				
STOREMAN TECH	1		1				
BOOT REPR	1		1				
BOILER ATTD	1		1				
FARRIER	1		1				
GUNLAYER	9		9				
DVR MECH	33	9	42				
DVR MT		6	6				

DATE 27 Jan 45

Henry Goff
 Lt Col
 COMD 2/23 Aust/Inf Bn
 (F A G TUCKER)
 A.O.D.

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
27 Jan 45

DEFICIENCIES IN NCO'S SHOWN IN THIS RETURN

<u>RANK</u>	<u>POSTING</u>	<u>DEFICIENCY</u>	<u>AWAITING PROMULGATION IN R O'S PART 2</u>	<u>APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO 9 DIV</u>
<u>SGT</u>				
	MMG SGT	1	-	-
	MORT SGT	2	-	-
	TK A SGT	1	-	-
<u>CPL</u>				
	INT DUTIES	1	-	-
	SIGNALLERS	2	-	-
	TAILOR	1	-	-
	IMG/RIFLEMAN	1	-	-
	MORTAR	3	-	-
	PIONEERS	1	-	-
	TK A NOS	3	-	-

DATE 27 Jan 45

Lt Col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F A G TUCKER)

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

45 / 5 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1	-	-	-				
NR	2	-	1	Majors									
-	-	-	8	Captains									
-	-	9	29	Lieutenants									
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
-	2	9	40			1	-	-	-				
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		A CL	B CL								41
		E.(1)		40	1								
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX50341	T Maj	VINES W J	LTD VIC	21 Jan 45	From ARL and Secondment LHQ Tact Sch BEENLEIGH
SX10310	Lt Col	TUCKER F A G	S A	26 Jan 45	From ARL
NX49281	Lt	FIEY J A	2/4 Cdo Sq ^d	22 Jan 45	Att for rations
WX14797	Lt	WILLIAMS C	" " "	" " "	" " "
VX54741	Lt	MARSHALL E W	" " "	" " "	" " "
VX56267	Lt	WIGHTMAN A K	" " "	" " "	" " "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX50341	Capt	VINES W J	26 Aust Inf Bde	23 Jan 45	For Duty

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

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

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 1 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	SX10310	TUCKER	PAG	CO	YES		
MAJ	VX48791	McRAE	EH	2IC	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX14533	ISSELL	RW	2IC'D	YES		
CAPT	VX61536	SEDCLEY	JG	OC'A	NO	REAR BN	22 Jan 45
CAPT	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	OC'HQ	YES		
CAPT	VX20116	WILTON	MAB	OC'C	YES		
CAPT	VX36046	MATTHEWS	TE	ADJT	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX50341	VINES	NJ	Post pend	NO	Det 26 Bde	23 Jan 45
CAPT	VX23475	LOVELL	PK	CM	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CA PT	VX5062	ROW	RFB	OC'D	YES		
CAPT	VX24869	SIMMONS	MA	OC'B	YES		
LT	VX111053	BEFRAGE	RA	13 P1	Yes		
LT	VX27821	BENSON	KI	2IC'C	NO	REAR BN	17 Jan 45
LT	VX52834	MOROD	HEH	5 P1	YES		
LT	VX52832	GIBBS	EH	70	YES		
LT	VX28713	BATESON	A	2IC'B	YES		
LT	VX46373	FOSTER	KG	EM(L)	YES		
LT	VX40152	WENBORN	LP	10	YES		
LT	VX136034	HEATON	PT	A ADJT	YES		
LT	VX28921	HANSEN	SH	2 P1	YES		
LT	VX88699	ENDERBY	EA	2IC'A	YES		
LT	OX14795	BOARD	JL	10(L)	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
LT	NX5031	LEWING	KS	18 P1	NO	2 Aust Army School	
LT	VX15237	ISKOV	RF	3 P1	NO	REARBN	22 Jan 45
LT	VX36745	CANNING	RM	15 P1	YES		
LT	VX37684	THORBURN	AC	10 P1	YES		
LT	VX39988	HEAD	AE	9 P1	YES		
LT	VX55191	GOON	BR	12 P1	NO	ARL	18 Dec 44
LT	NX25620	TRICKETT	CPW	14 P1	YES		
LT	VX19507	EDWARDS	IH	16 P1	YES		
LT	VX100600	HYNES	F	11 P1	YES		
LT	VX12314	SHAW	SL	7 P1	YES		
LT	VX88979	GREER	R	8 P1	YES		
LT	VX42917	ZUKERMAN	M	4 P1	YES		
LT	VX52247	ATKINS	DN	17 P1	YES		
LT	VX55789	FARROD	AS	SUP	NO	ARL	18 Dec 44
LT	VX35418	JARDINE	WLJ	SUP	YES		
LT	VX45753	KINNANE	JP	SUP	YES		
LT	VX55120	SMITH	SG	SUP	YES		
LT	VX57690	TAYLOUR	CH	1 P1	YES		
CAPT	VX64241	SPRING	EE	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
	BX132875	CAPT BRYSON AW	AACH D	12 May 44	Chaplain
	BX49231	LT FLEY JA	2/4000	Sqd 22 Jan 45	For rations
	BX14797	LT WILLIAMS C	"	"	"
	VX54741	LT MARSHALL EV	"	"	"
	VX56267	LT WIGHTMAN AS	"	"	"

27 Jan 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Ridley Capt
J.A.O.D.

Appx 6

W.D.

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
6 Jan 45
Week Ending 13 Jan 45

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIALIST TRG

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PERIODS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
<u>General trg a ll pls</u>		
Disc trg - Drill	6	4½
PT & Games	6	4½
A E S Discussions	2	1½
	<u>14</u>	<u>10½</u>
<u>SIG TRG No 1 Pl</u>		
Buzzer Reading	5	35/4
Lamp Signalling	1	3/4
Flag	2	1½
Message Procedure	2	1½
Office Procedure	2	1½
Wireless	4	3
Codes and Ciphers	5	33/4
Fullerphone	2	1½
Drill & PT	6	4½
Switchboard maintenance	2	1½
Sig Exercise	3	2½
Map Reading	2	1½
Sport	3	2½
General	3	2½
	<u>42</u>	<u>31½</u>
<u>MMG TRG No 2 Pl</u>		
MMG Trg	14	20½
Advanced handling in field concurrent with user test of A LADDIN Cooker	7	11½
SPORT	3	2½
CAB Discussion	1	1½
CONC and CAMOUFLAGE	1	1½
	<u>26</u>	<u>36 3/4</u>
<u>MORTAR TRG No 3 Pl</u>		
Mor Trg Practical	15	11½
IREN	7	5½
SPORT & PT	9	6 3/4
CAB Discussion	2	1½
Parade Trg	6	4½
OSMG	2	1½
	<u>41</u>	<u>30 3/4</u>

TK/ A PLATOON No 4 Pl

PERIODS

HOURS

Stripping and maintenahce
of guns
GUN DRILL
GUN Ia ying
GUN Mechanism
Ballistics
Bren
Sight Setting
P & RT
SPORT
CAB Discussion

18	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
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36	27
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No 5 and 6 Pls.

CAMP DUTIES - P & RT
ORGANIZED SPORT.

WEEKLY TRAINING SYLLABUS

Week ending 13 Jan 45

NO 1 Pt 2/23 MUST INF BN

PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
1	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade
2	DRILL	PT	DRILL	PT	DRILL	PT
3	MORSE Reading.	LAMP reading and sending	TRENCODE	SEMAPHORE reading	AES Lecture	RIT INSPECTION
4	MESSAGES and Procedure	FULLERPHONE	TRENCODE	SEMAPHORE Sending	MORSE reading	RT Code
5	MORSE reading	FULLERPHONE	TRENCODE	CAB	SIGNAL Office duties	Appointments Code.
6	GROUP Working 108 Mk III	Sig Exercise	MORSE Reading	Message Procedure	Sig Office Procedure	SPORT
7	"	"	10 lines switchboard and its maintenance	RT Procedure	MAP reading	"
8	"	"	"	MORSE Reading	"	"

WEEKLY TRAINING SYLLABUS

Week ending 13 Jan 45

NO 2 PLATOON

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2/23 AUST INF BN

PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
1	Adm Parade Atebrin	Adm Parade Atebrin	Adm Parade Atebrin	Adm Parade Atebrin	Adm Parade Atebrin	Adm Parade Atebrin
2	PT	CRICKET	BASKET BALL	DECK	TENNIS	
3	Check all stores	Mechanism Pt I	SPORT	Mechanism Pt II	Lectures fire control indir- ect sequence of orders.	CAB discussions
4	EGD	Stoppages Pt I	"	Stoppages Pt II		Lecture camouflage
5	Adm Parade Disc trg	Adm Parade Squad and	Adm Parade arms - Drill to incl	Adm Parade saluting at the halt	Adm Parade and on the march.	Adm Parade
6	Lecture of slide rule and range tables.	Fire Control Orders	Instruments Director, Clines Etc.	Advanced handling in close trg AREA	Practical methods of Manning Lectures . Bn Sports Ground	Recapitulation and questions on weeks work.
7 8	EGD	and cleaning of	STORES			Cleaning stores

WEEKLY TRAINING SYLLABUS

Week ending 13 Jan 45

No 3 PLATOON

- 2/23 AUGIE INF BN

PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
1	Coy Parade and drill	Coy Parade and drill	Coy Parade and drill	Coy Parade and drill	Coy Parade and drill	Coy Parade and drill
2	Basket Ball	Basket Ball	Basket Ball	Basket Ball	Basket Ball	Basket Ball
3	Bren SAT Pm 4 Lesson 1&2	Bren Sat Vol I Pm 4 Lessons 8, 4, 5.	BREN SAT Vol I Pm 4, Lesson 6.	B ren SAT Vol 1, pm 4, lessons 7, 8, 9.	Bren Sat Vol I Pm 4, lessons 11, 13, 14.	TOST BREN
4	SMS SAT Vol I, Pm 15, lessons 1, 2, 3.	CAB discussion	Recapitulation Bren, lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	Recapitulation SMS lessons 1, 2, 3.	CAB discussion	TOST SMS
5	Mortar lesson 23 action & cease firing	Mortar lessons 46, 47, 48, 49, 50. Ranging point & area target.	SPORTS	Mortar lesson 4. Testing and adjusting sights for direction.	Mortar select- ing of.- Poens.	TOST
6	Mortar lessons 24, 25, Rapid controlled	Mortar lessons 56 and 57	SPORTS	Mortar lesson 5 testing and adjusting sights for range.	"	"
7	Mortar lesson 26 Misfire	Safety overhead and flanking fire	"	Mortar lessons 24, 25. Rapid and controlled correction	"	"

WEEKLY TRAINING SYLLABUS

Week ending 13 Jan 45

No 4 PLATOON

2/23 AUGST INF BN

PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
1	STRIPPING AND MAINTENANCE OF GUNS			Recreational trg	Recreational trg	Gun Drill
2	"	"	"	Gun Drill	Mechanisms (Firing gear)	Laying
3	"	"	"	Mechanisms (Traversing gear)	Bren Lessons 4-5-6.	Bren lessons 7-8-9.
4	"	"	"	Recap Bren Lessons 1-2-3.	Gun Drill	Ballistics
5	"	"	"	Sight setting and Zeroing.	Lecture	Ballistics
6	"	"	"	Laying practical	Laying practical (Recap)	Stores check and
7	"	"	"	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref Map : Mt GARNET 1:63360

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
17 Jan 45

TRG AND LOCATION

Coy	Time	Trg	Location
HQ Coy 1 Pl	AM PM	P & RT Discipline Trg Preparation of stores for WONDECLA CAB Lecture Cricket	Coy Lines
2 Pl	AM & PM	Discipline Trg Mechanism Pt 1 Stoppages Pt 1 Director, Clino, Dial Sights Mechanism & Stoppages Pt 2 New type stoppages xxx as per ATM 37 EGD Cleaning & return of stores	Coy Lines
3 Pl	AM & PM	Discipline Trg, P & RT Bren Lessons 4,5,6, " " 7 & 8 Mortar ranging # safety & " overhead & flanking fire.	Coy Lines
4 Pl	AM & PM	Discipline Trg, P & RT Stacking kits in Rec Hut CAB discussion Maintenance	Coy Lines
5 Pl	AM & PM	Camp Duties :- Cutting Bush timber Jeep shelters Drains Foul gd signs etc	Coy lines
No 6 Pl	AM & PM	Camp duties	Coy Lines
	1000 - 1200	All pls stacking kits in rec hut	Coy Lines
D Coy	0800 0900 1245 1530	Atebrin Pde Duty Coy Kits to Rec Hut Duty Coy " "	For personnel in Coy Lines lines. CAB Danubian crisis. PITA from ATM. Whitewashing Mess.

L.P. Wenborn (Sgt)
Lt
10, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(L.P. WENBORN)
A.O.D.

W.P.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the FD
Week ending 13 Jan 45

Co Trg

SYNOPSIS OF TRAINING

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Periods</u>
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Drill and discipline trg	5
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Wpn trg

Pita	
Rifle	
CSMG	
Bren	
2" mortar	4
<u>Verbal Orders and messages</u>	3

IO.M - Jungle Area 2½ days to incl

Formations	
March discipline	
Field hygiene	
Pl in defence	
Rece in siting posns	
Preparation	
Fire Plan	
Fire Lanes	28
Outposts	
LP's	
Sentries	
Patrols	
Ambush	
Pl night attack	
Night patrols	
Organised Sport	5
AES Lecture	1

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Distribution

List " B "
plus HQ Coy

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
AIF
In the Fd
5 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN - TRG PROGRAM No 11
8Jan - 15 Jan

1. The six working days will be divided into three days LOAT and the remaining three in the CLOS training area.
2. (a) The LOAT period will be devoted to "Free for all" platoon patrol exercise (General idea attached as Appx "A")
(Sequence of events - Appx "B")

(b) CLOS training period will be devoted to general smartening up and recapitulation (Syllabus of trg attached as Appx "C")
3. CLOSE trg period.
 - (a) Wpn trg.
Lessons to incl LMG, OSMG, Rifle, 2' Mor.
 - (b) PITA gun demo -
TK A pl to arrange for instructor and demo team.
 - (c) AFS Lecture .
IO will notify coys re timings and titles of lectures.
 - (d) TABLED SPORTS
(1) Events with standard are set out below -

EVENT	STANDARD	OFFICIALS	REMARKS
1 100 yds	13 Secs	2	
2 1/4 Mile	90 "	1	
3 Long Jump	14 ft	2	Three tries
4 F S & Jump	27 "	2	" "
5 Grenade	3 in circle out of 6 throws	1	6' circle at 25 yds over 20' bar.
6 SHOT PUTT	16 ft	1	Medicine Ball as shott 3 tries.
7 Cricket ball	60 yds	1	
8 Kicking football	35 "	1	Drop or punt kick 3 tries.
9 High Jump	3'-6"	1	Three tries

- (ii) Coys will be divided into nine squads of equal numbers. Points to be allotted :- 1 for each man who qualifies in each event. Relay race may be run between leading four teams to complete sport

4. LOAT period

- (a) Rations and water.
 - (i) Hot box meals will be provided at breakfast and evening meal halts. Midday meal will be haversack lunch.
 - (ii) Water will be available for coys at breakfast and evening meals. Extra water may be carried by pls in 2 gal tins if desired.

(iii) Strength returns showing number going on bivouac and personnel remaining in camp will be submitted to QM by :-

B and C 081700K
A and D 111700K

(b) Transport

(i) Blankets will be labelled and stacked in pl lots and collected each morning at 0700 hrs and left at evening meal halt by 1700 hrs each day.

(ii) QM to arrange with TC re unit tpt.

(iii) 4X3 ton AASC vehs will report to coys as follows :-

<u>Coys</u>	<u>DEPART</u>		<u>RETURN</u>	
	<u>Depart</u>	<u>RV</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>RV</u>
B & C	080730K	Coy Lines	101300K	392976
A & D	110730K	Coy Lines	121300K	392976

(c) RAP - 1 orderly will travel with each pl.

(d) Umpires


(i) Will travel with pls and are allotted as follows:-

B and C Coys	Capt	WILTON	Lt	HEAD
	Lt	SIMONS	Lt	HANSEN
	Lt	ATKINS	Lt	ISKOV
A and D Coys	Capt	ST DGLE Y	Lt	THEOREURN
	Lt	BE LFRAGE	Lt	HANSEN
	Lt	CANNING	Lt	ISKOV

(ii) Dress

WHITE armbands and NO eqpt.

5. Co-ordinating conference .
Coy Comds plus umpires at Bn HQ 061645K.


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List "B" plus
HQ Coy and Umpires.

Appx "A"
to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Trg Instn No 11
5 Jan 45

GENERAL IDEA - "Free for All" Exercise
8 - 13 Jan 45

1. During the exercise each pl will act as an independent body.
2. The movement of pls has been arranged so that each pl will encounter "enemy" at least two or three times daily. All tps encountered will be hostile, and must be fought.
3. To ensure contact between opposing pls the timed programme must be strictly adhered to. Umpires will ensure that this is done.
4. Each pl will carry a small flag. This will be surrendered to any other pl which is considered by the umpire to have won the fight. Umpires will decide the result of each encounter immediately after the action, inform the pl cmd accordingly and discuss with tps all the points noted.
5. Umpires will represent coy comds and will issue orders for each phase in sufficient time to allow proper use of battle drills. Orders should incl "painting of picture" to pl comds to make each phase as realistic as possible.
6. No fighting will occur during meal times.
7. Tps taking part:-

10 - 11 - 12 pls (8 - 10 Jan
13 - 14 - 15 pls (
7 - 8 - 9 pls (11 - 13 Jan
16 - 17 - 18 pls (

8. Allotment of Umpires :-

Capt WILTON will allot umpires for exercise 8 - 10 Jan

Capt SEDGLEY will allot umpires for exercise 11 - 13 Jan

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HQ. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
A I F
In the Pd
7 Jan 45.

WD

DAY	A	B	C	D
110730		E M B U S		
0800		D B B U S	375892	
0835	To racecourse (defend)	To ck 385891		
0900			Prepare to attack ck 385891	Prepare to racecourse
1000			Attack ck	Attack race-course
1015	Umpires discussion			
1045	TUNOULIN June to ck 385909	June 369907 to 386897	385909 to TUNOULIN	386897 to June 369907
1100	Umpires discussion			
1330	Take up defensive positions at :			
	345920	353927	359907	363917
1700	Evening Meal			
1900	Raids & Patrole	A Pl v B Pl	C Pl v D Pl.	
2100	Umpires Discussion			
180630	Breakfast			
0730	Move to 331968	Move to 336971	Move to 368943 then 388954	Move to knoll 369938 then to June 399954
1150 1030	Umpires Discussion			
1200	Lunch			
1300		Prepare Ambush via 336971		Prepare ambush via 399954
1400	Move to 345970		Move to 410952	
1500	Prepare Ambush via 345970		Prepare Ambush via 410952	
1530		Move to 363970		Move to 410952 then N to 401980
1615	Umpires Discussion			
1630	Move to biv 363970	Move to biv 372979	Move to biv 405977	Move to biv 401980
1700	Evening Meal			
130630	BREAKFAST			
0730	Move to 374988	Move to 388988	Move to 406979	Move to 401977
0800	Infiltrations by sees through jungle A v B C v D			
1100	Umpires Discussion			
1130	LUNCH			
1300	RV with transport at 392976.		Return to camp	

Sequence of events for pl comds
A pl

110730 Embus Bn lines
 0815 Debus 375892
 0820 Move to RACECOURSE- Defend until 1015
 1015 Umpires discussion
 1045 Patrol - TUMOULIN junc to ck 385909
 1200 Umpires discussion
 1230 Lunch
 1330 Take up def posns vic 345920
 Recce for night patrols etc
 1700 Evening meal
 1900 Patrols & raids against B pl
 2100 Umpires discussion
 120630 Breakfast
 0730 Move to 331968
 1030 Umpires discussion
 1100 C A B talks
 1200 Move to 345970
 1230 Lunch
 1330 Prepare ambush vic 345970
 1530 Umpires discussion
 1600 Move to biv ~~363970~~ ~~405977~~
 363970
 1700 Evening meal
 130630 Breakfast
 0730 Move to 374988
 0800 Infiltration by secs against B pl
 1030 Umpires discussion
 1100 C A B talks
 1130 Lunch
 1300 RV 392976 for return to camp

Sequence of events for pl comds
B pl

110730 Embus Bn lines
 0815 Debus 375892
 0820 Move to ck 385891 - Defend until 1015
 1015 Umpires discussion
 1045 Patrol - junc 369907 to 386897
 1200 Umpires discussion
 1230 Lunch
 1330 Take up def posns vic 353927
 Recce for night patrols etc
 1700 Evening meal
 1900 Patrols against A pl
 2100 Umpires discussion
 12 0630 Breakfast
 0730 Move to 336971
 1030 Umpires discussion
 1045 Prepare ~~ambush~~ ambush vic 336971
 1230 Lunch
 1330 C A B talks
 1430 Move to 363970
 1530 Umpires discussion
 1600 Move to biv 372979
 1700 Evening meal
 130630 Breakfast
 0730 Move to 393988
 0800 Infiltration by secs against A pl
 1030 Umpires discussion 10
 1100 C A B talks
 1130 Lunch
 1300 RV 392976 for return to camp

2/23 Bn Ex 11-13 Jan 45

Sequence of events for P1 Comds

C P1

110730 Ambus Bn Lines
0815 Debus 375892
0820 Prepare to attack Ck 385891
1000 Attack Ck 385891
(approx)
1015 Umpires Discussion
1045 Patrol 385909 to TUMOULIN junc
1200 Umpires Discussion
1230 Lunch
1330 Take up def posns 359907
Recce for night patrols etc
1700 Evening meal
1900 Patrols & raids against D P1
2100 Umpires discussion
120630 Breakfast
0730 Move to 368943 then 388954
1030 Umpires discussion
1100 C A B talk
1200 Move to 410952
1230 Lunch
1330 Prepare ambush vic 410952
1530 Umpires discussion
1600 Move to biv ~~363970~~ 405977
1700 Evening meal
130630 Breakfast
0730 Move to 406979
0800 Infiltration by Secs against D P1
1030 Umpires discussion
1100 C A B Talk
1130 Lunch
1300 RV 392976 for return to camp.

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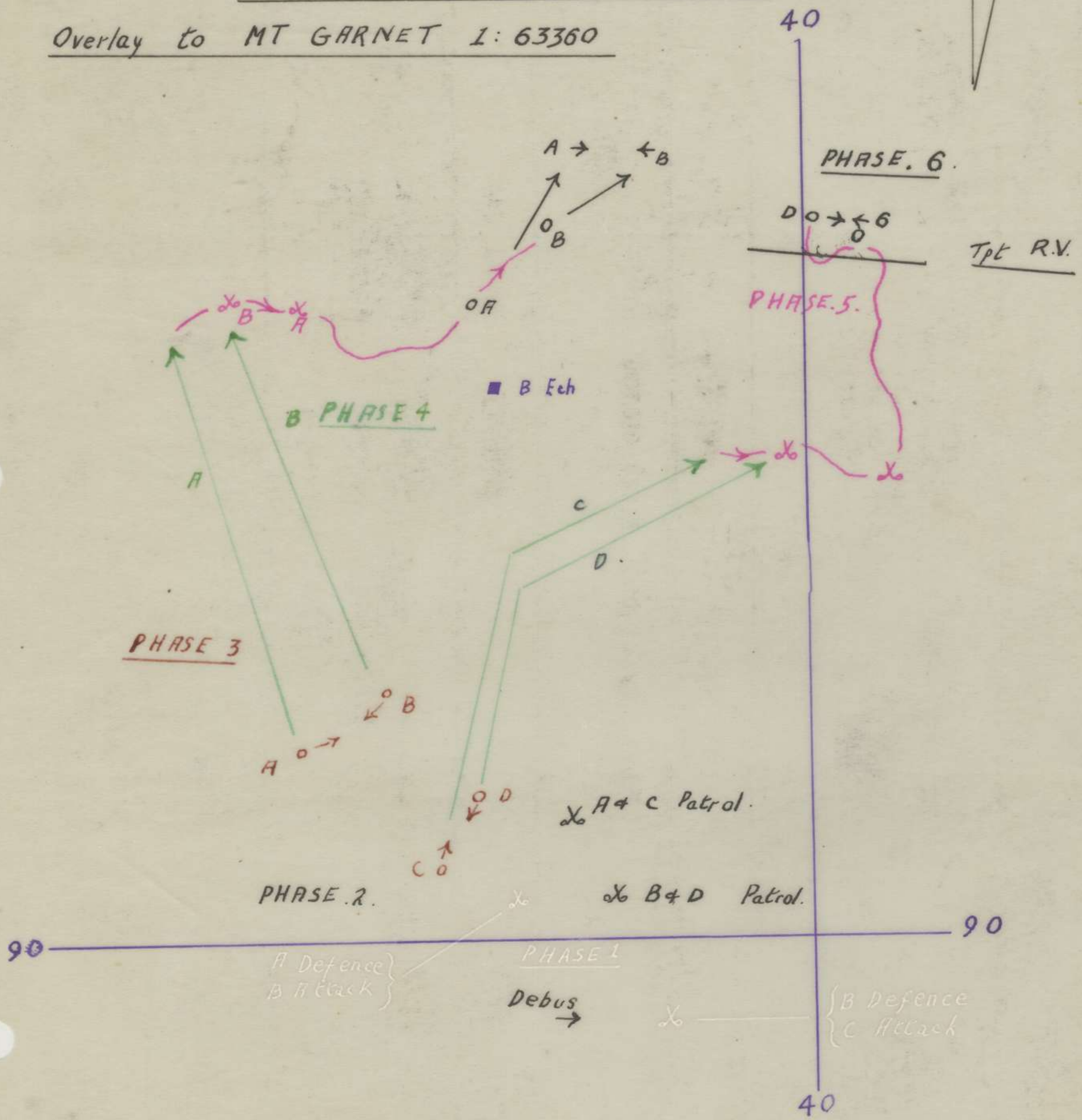
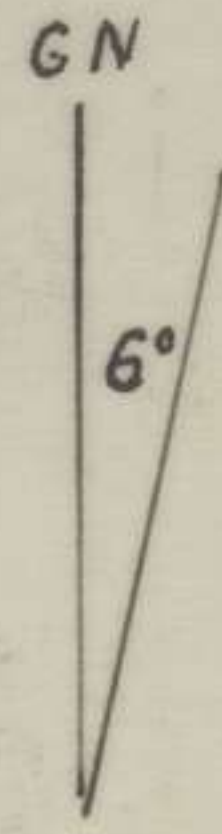
Sequence of events for P1 Comds

D P1

110730 Ambus Bn lines
0815 Debus 375892
0820 Prepare to attack Racecourse
1000 Attack RACECOURSE
(approx)
1015 Umpires Discussion
1045 Patrols 386897 to junc 369907
1200 Umpires Discussion
1230 Lunch
1330 Take up def posns vic 363917
Recce for night patrols etc
1700 Evening Meal
1900 Patrols & raids against C P1
2100 Umpires discussion
120630 Breakfast
0730 Move to knoll 369938 then junc
399954
1030 Umpires discussion
1045 Prepare ambush vic 399954
1230 Lunch
1330 C A B talk
1430 Move to 410952 then 401980
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1600 Move to biv 401980
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FREE FOR ALL EXERCISE.

Overlay to MT GARNET 1: 63360



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INF SEC.
2/23 Aust INF BN
9 JAN. 45

DAY	0800-0815	0815-0845	0850-0940	0950-1040	1050-1130	1245-1330	1335-1440	1440-1530	
1	Coy Parade and Inspection	Pl Drill Gen smartening up exercise incl instns in saluting.	PITA GUN DEMO and FIRING		LES Lectures	COY DRILL Gen smartening up exercise (to incl instn in saluting)	Wpn trg Rifle Bron	Wpn trg 2" Mortar	
2	"	DUTY COY	Wpn Trg	OSMG					
3	"	TABLOID SPORTS (Bn sports ground)					Verbal orders - attack and defense Messages - Written and verbal Discussion and practice - MTP 33 Sec 18 IME Chap XIII.		
4		PL PATROL	EXERCISE		LOAT	AREA			
5		PL PATROL	EXERCISE		LOAT	AREA			
6		PL PATROL	EXERCISE	LOAT AREA			Return from LOAT Area tpt reports 1300 hrs. Coy Administration		

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
1	1400			Bn form up along EVERYN HIGHWAY	
				S.P. 319424 order of march B. C.	
				B.N.G. New A camp.	
2	1410			Bn crosses S.P. (start point)	
				on route to his area night 28/29	
				to commence ex CROOKFOOT.	
3	1455			Bn N.G. est. at 352052	
4	1540			camp in posns A 349054 B.	Bde advised
				356055 C. 356050 D 354054	
5	1600			Back est 405008.	
6	1630			Bde conference incl all sp/commands	
7	1702	Jac	acc corp	"stand to" 290500 hrs "stand down"	
				when ordered	
8	1710	Jac	acc corp	def posns to be spit-locked only	action sigs
				guides to be sent to B.N.G. by	
				1745 hrs to sandwich ration truck	
				to cag areas.	
9	1720	Jac	Bde	request minefields be laid on	sig.
				2/23 front refs 351057 to 348057	
				to 347055 to 348054 to 3480520	
				approx 800' concealed mine	
				to be required after last light 28 Jan	
				to be laid before first light 29 Jan	
10	1745			b.o.p. conference @ patrol policy	
				outline by b.o. standing patrols	
				as follows to be in posn by first	
				light: B coy 358062 New Coy	
				352062 C coy 347052 A coy	
				345060 D reserve patrols to be	
				sent fwd from these bases all	
				afk to be treated as hostile @	
				minefields (as serial no 9) notified	
				markings on vehs presumed	
11	1915			O.O.L. 2 EX CROOKFOOT issued	all copies acked
12	2000	Jac	Bde	patrol notifications (as per serial 10)	
13	2005	Bde	Jac	1 pl fd coy in sp 281930 hrs to 290600 hrs	
				two A.H.S.C. vehs with 1000 mines	
				on route (refer serial 9)	
14	2010	Bde	Jac	2/24 LOC STAC.	

Appx 7

2/23 AUST INF BN OO No11

Ref Map HERBERTON 1 in - 1 Mile

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(b) Present Bn disposition sq 8210 as per att sketch Appx "B".

INTENTION

3 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw to and hold high ground on TRAPPER RIDGE until 271800K.

METHOD4 Gen Timings

(a) No rearward move except recce parties before 241230K

(b) Thinning out commences at 241230K

(c) Posns will be denied until 241251K.

5 Detailed timings)

as per Appx "A"

6 Assembly Areas)

as per att sketch Appx "B"

7 Routes)

8 Recce Parties

Strength :- 1 Offr 4 Ors each coy, of A B C report to Bn HQ 241030K.

9 Covering tps and Rear Gd

(a) Comd : Lt KINNANE

(b) Tps : D Coy

(c) Tasks: Protective patrols to right flank.
Standing patrol overlooking X rds 323105

(d) Will commence withdrawal 241400k.

10 Guides

IO to arrange guides from assembly area to def posn TRAPPER RIDGE

11 MMG

1 Sec A Coy

1 Sec C Coy

12 Mortars 2 dets A Coy
 2 dets B Coy
 4 dets Main HQ

13 Tk A 1 sec A Coy) GUNS token only
 1 sec C Coy)

14 H Hr 241230K

Adm

15 RAP : Move with MAIN HQ

16 Rations : HOT BOX meal 241130K in def posns sq 3210

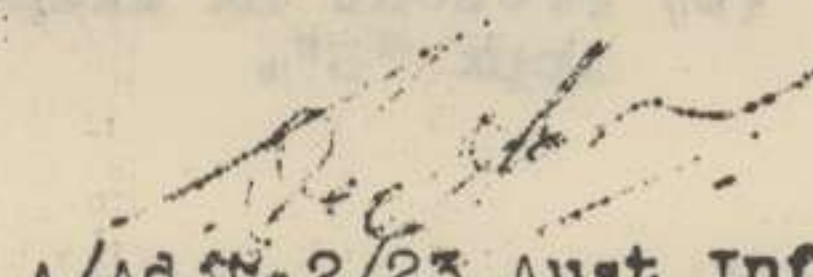
INTERCOMN

17 LT : Will be laid to all coys

18 R/T: 108 sets with all coys and Bn HQ.

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List "C"

WITHDRAWAL TABLE

" EXERCISE BLACKFOOT

Appx "A" to OC 11

Serial	Sub Unit	Timings	Route	Assembly Area	Role in Def posn	Remarks
1	Bn H. Main	H Hour	Parrallel to rd	Eastern slope NIGGER KNOLL		
2	A Coy Coy H. Res Pl Sp Arms	H + 5	Parrallel to approx 300X NORTH of rd.	^{NE} NE slope of NIGGER KNOLL	Right fwd coy	
3	C Coy Coy H. Res Pl Sp Arms	H + 5	Parrallel to rd approx 300 X SOUTH	^{SE} SE SLOPE of NIGGER KNOLL	Left fwd coy	
4	B Coy Coy H. Res Pl Sup Arms	H + 5	Parrallel to rd	EASTERN SLOPES of NIGGER KNOLL	Centre fwd coy	
5	A Coy Res Secs and Pl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 2			
6	C Coy Res Sec and Pl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 3			
7	B Coy Res Sec and Pl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 4			
8	A Coy Fwd Secs less LMGs	H + 18	As for serial 2			

Serial	Sub Unit	Timings	Route	Assembly Area	Role in Def Posn	Remarks
9	C Coy Fwd Sec less LMG	H + 18	As for serial	3		
10	B Coy Fwd Sec less LMGs	H + 18	As for serial	4		
11	A Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	2		
12	C Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	3		
13	B Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	4		
14	A C B Coys and Bn H. Main	H + 30	Move from assembly area to def posn TRAPPER RIDGE			

WD

2/23 AUST INF BN OO No

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- (b) Tps : D Coy
- (c) Tasks: Protective patrols to right flank.
Standing patrol overlooking X rds 325105
- (d) Will commence withdrawal 241400k.

10 Guides

IO to arrange guides from assembly area to def posn TRAPPER RIDGE

11 MMG

1 Sec A Coy
1 Sec C Coy

12 Mortars

2 dets A Coy
2 dets B Coy
4 dets Main HQ

13 Tk A

1 sec A Coy)
1 sec C Coy)

GUNS token only

14 H Hr

241230K

Adm

15 RAP :

Move with MAIN HQ

16 Rations :

HOT BOX meal 241130K in def posns sq 3210

INTERCOMM

17 LT :

Will be laid to all coys

18 R/T :

108 Sets with all coys and Bn HQ.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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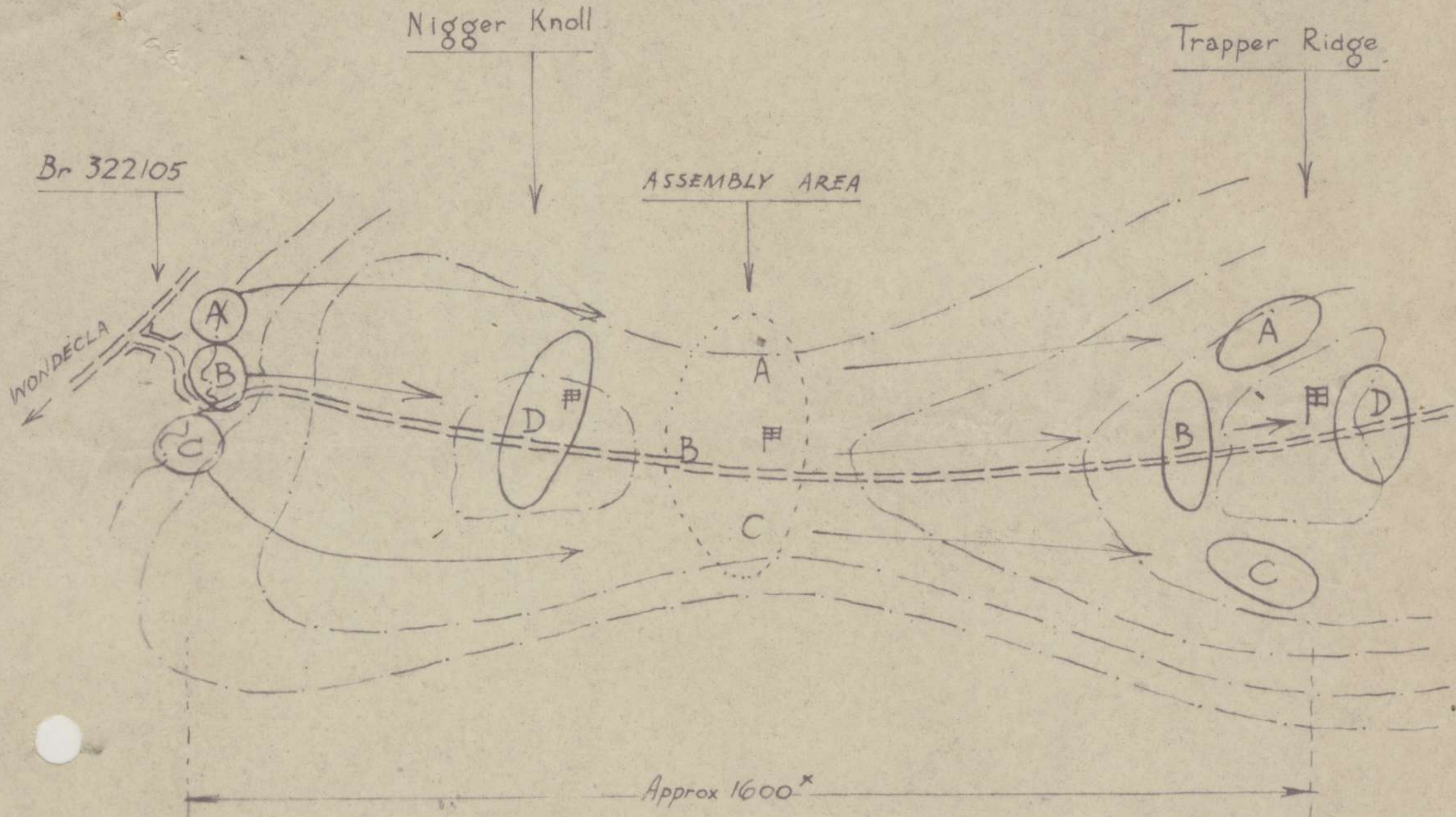
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6	C Coy Res Sec and Fl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 3			
7	B Coy Res Sec and Fl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 4			
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11	A Coy 1 MGs	H + 21	AS for serial	2		
12	C Coy 1 MGs	H + 21	AS for serial	3		
13	B Coy 1 MGs	H + 21	AS for serial	4		
14	A C B Coys and Bn H. Main	H + 30	Move from assembly area to def posn TRAPPER RIDGE			

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APPX B
OO No 11 .. Ex BACKFOOT



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23 Aust Int Bn
23 Jan 45

NOT TO SCALE

22 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN 00 No10

Ref Map HERBERTON 1 in - 1 Mile

INFORMATION

1. Enemy (a) For dispositions (See trace)
 - (b) Estimated strength 2 Coys. Withdrawing east towards MT HYPIPAMEE sq 3907. Occupying hastily prepared def posns. Known to have Lt Tks in area. Main Force withdrawing along EVELYN HIGHWAY.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) Bn is NOT at full strength.
 - (b) 2/24 Bn moving EAST along EVELYN RD.
2/48 Bn in reserve at WONDECLA.
 - (c) 26 Bde has been ordered to clear area east to ATHERTON. HIGHWAY.
3. Met
 - (a) Last light :- 251850K
 - (b) First light :- 260510K
 - (c) Moonrise :- 261838K

INTENTION

- 4 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will attack and capture TRAPPER RIDGE 341099 (See trace)

METHOD5 Summary of Op

Night Assault in two phases.

6 Preliminary Moves

- (a) Tps :- March from camp to vicinity 323105
Route :- Int Sec will provide guides.
SF :- 322074
Start Time. 1830 hrs
- (b) Sp Arms :- Mortars, MMG, Tk A Guns and Sig Stores will be carried in coy vehs.
- (c) Tpt :- Move via main rd to 298096 and then to 322105.
Start time :- 1900 hrs.

- 7 First phase :- Tps:- Right A Coy with under comd one Tk A Gun (Fwd)
Left D Coy with under comd one Tk A Gun (Fwd) and one section MMG

Rear right C Coy with under Comd one section MMG
Rear left B Coy with under comd one TK A Pl less 2 guns.

- 8 Objective Enemy diggings on rise 338098

Right	A Coy excl rd) (See trace)
Left	D Coy incl rd	

9. Axis of advance : (a) 92 degrees mag.

(b) To be taped by IO from FUP to SL by 2000 hrs and thence to be taped to 1st objective in rear of assaulting coys.

10. CL : (a) Track from FUP (SEE TRACE)

11. SL : (a) Approx 331099
(b) To be taped by IO by 2000 hrs (See trace)

12. FUP : (a) 330099 (See trace)
(b) To be lit by IO by 1930 hrs.

13. Fms fwd Coys

A and D Coys two pls up with each three secs up.

14. Assembly Areas

(a) Posns of sub units as per trace
(b) To be marked and lit by IO by 1900 hrs.

15. Res (a) B and C Coys to move 100 yds in rear of fwd Coys.

16. Timings

Leave present area	251830K
Arrive assembly area	252000K
Leave assembly area	252105K
Arrive FUP	252120K
Leave FUP Fwd Coys	252127K
Rear Coys	252128K

Second Phase

17. Tps : Right C Coy
Left B Coy

18. Objective B Coy knoll 341099 incl rd.)
C Coy excl rd to 150 yds right) see trace
341097)

19. Axis of Adv 72 degrees mag.

20. CL Track along ridge from assembly area.

21. SL Diggings 335098 see trace

22. FUP Reverse slope 1st objective - see trace

23. Fm fwd coys
2 pls up with each 3 secs up.

24. Timings
Move on success of assaulting tps on first objective.

Sp Arms

25. MMG (a) Role : Pl less one sec under comd C Coy.
One sec under comd D Coy.

(b) Tasks : Consolidation.

26. Mortars

Move with main HQ

27 TK A Pl less 2 guns under comd C Coy
 One gun " " A Coy
 One Gun " " D Coy
 Move fwd to be controlled by TO

28 Pnrs (a) Pl less sec with main HQ to provide protection.
 (b) Sec (1 NCO 6 Ors) to move with tpt along CL and clear where necessary.
 (c) Task : Clear "Booby Traps".

29 Action on capture of objective

(a) Exploitation
 D Coy left 150 yds, A Coy right to river bank,
 B and C Coys prepare for assault on 2nd Objective.

(b) Mopping Up
 A Coy excl rd to river bank to right rear .
 D Coy incl rd to 200 yds NE.

(c) Consolidation See Trace

(d) Sp Arms
 I Tk A move to 1st objective on first success signal.
 One gun unmes under comd A Coy
 one gun " " " D "
 Task :- Left flank protection.
 II Mortar pl moves to reverse slope first objective.
 Task :- DF along track fwd of C and B Coy.
 III Pnrs defence of HQ.

30. Action on capture of 2nd objective

Exploitation
 (a) B Coy 200 yds along track and 150 yds along NE Spur.
 C Coy SOUTH to river.

Mopping Up
 C Coy responsible for excl track to SOUTH 200 yds.
 B Coy responsible for incl track to NORTH 200 yds.

Consolidation See Trace

Sp Arms
 Two Tk A guns under comd C Coy to move up on success signal.

31. H HOUR NOT before 2130 hrs.

Adm

32. Tpt :
 (a) Allocation one 15 cwt to A,B,C, D and Bn HQ.
 (b) CL
 (c) Assembly areas } See Trace
 (d) Route }
 (e) TO will move required tpt to successive objectives on instns by LT.

SS AME

TYPE	rds per wpn carried on man.	rds carried on veh
Mor 2"	Smoke 6	
	HE 12	
MMG	4 Belts	4 Belts
Tk A 2 pr		
Bren	400	
Rifle	100	
OSMG	200	
Gren 4 Sec	2 per man	
Grenades		
7 Sec	6 per man	

34. Sups :

- (a) Rations : Hot Box meal 260630K
- (b) Hot Drink : Assembly area 252000K
- (c) Water
 - i. Water bottles filled
 - ii. 10 filled 2 gal water tins per coy veh.
- (d) Tools
 - i. 3 shovels 1 pick per sec
 - ii. All other available tools on coy vehs.
 - iii. Pnrs to carry axes.

35. Med

- (a) RAP
 - i. Movos with main HQ
 - ii. Established at 336098 on 1st objective on success of A and D Coys.
- (b) SBs
 - 4 allotted per coy. Will join coy at 251800K.

INTERCOMN

- 36. HQ
 - i. Tac HQ will move behind A and D Coys on axis of advance.
 - ii. Main FC move on axis of advance behind reserve coys.
 - iii. Both HQ established at 336098 1st Objective.
- 37. Sigs
 - i. Main artery laid on axis of advance by C Coy to first objective.
 - ii. 4 Sigs allotted each coy. Join coys 1800 hrs.
 - iii. Report centre established at assembly area by 2030 hrs.
 - iv. Coys responsible for teeing in on main artery.

38. Marking CL :

Pnrs responsible for lighting CL on success of successive objectives,


39. Success Signals :

- (a) 1st Objective : RED over RED
- (b) 2nd Objective : GREEN over GREEN

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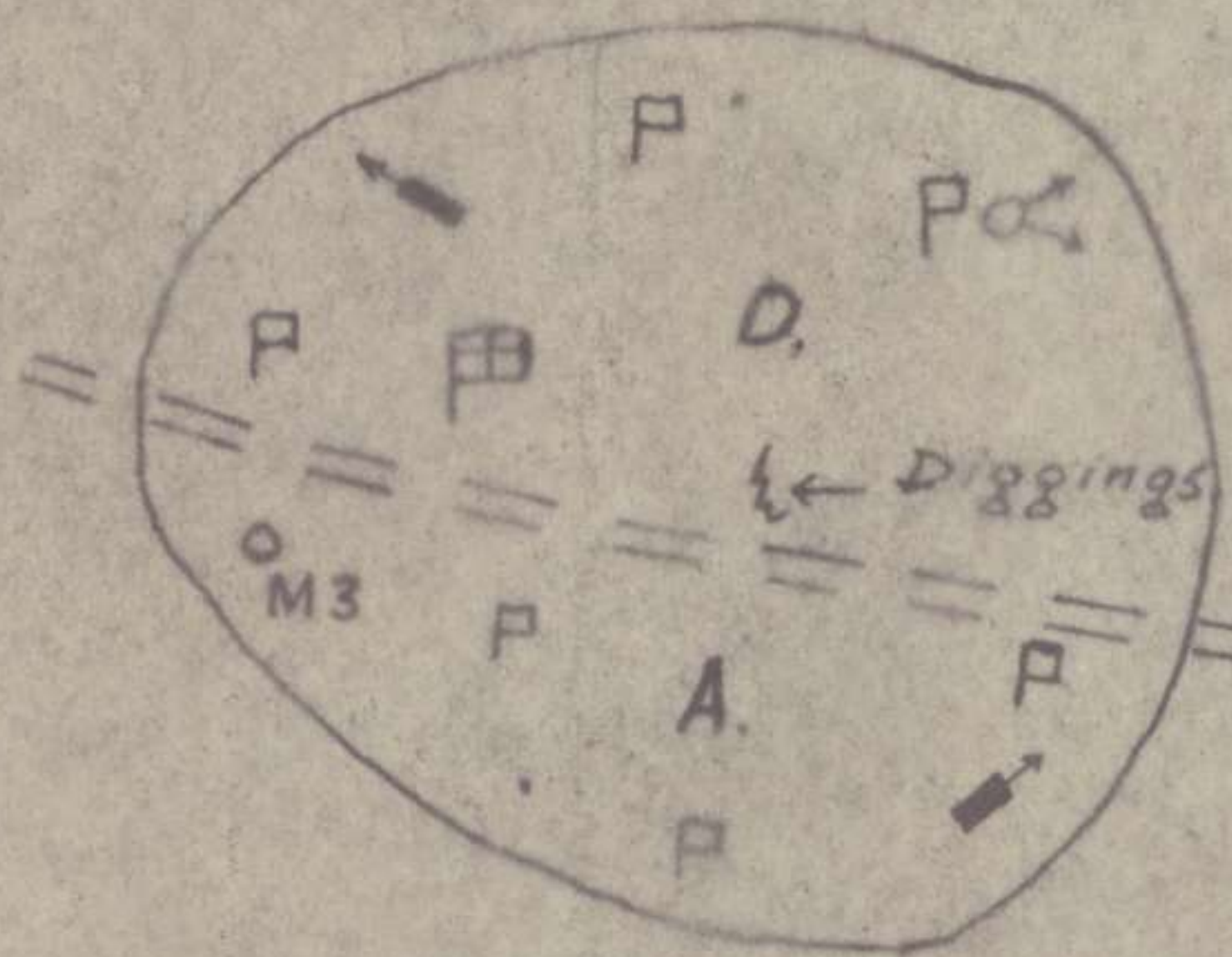
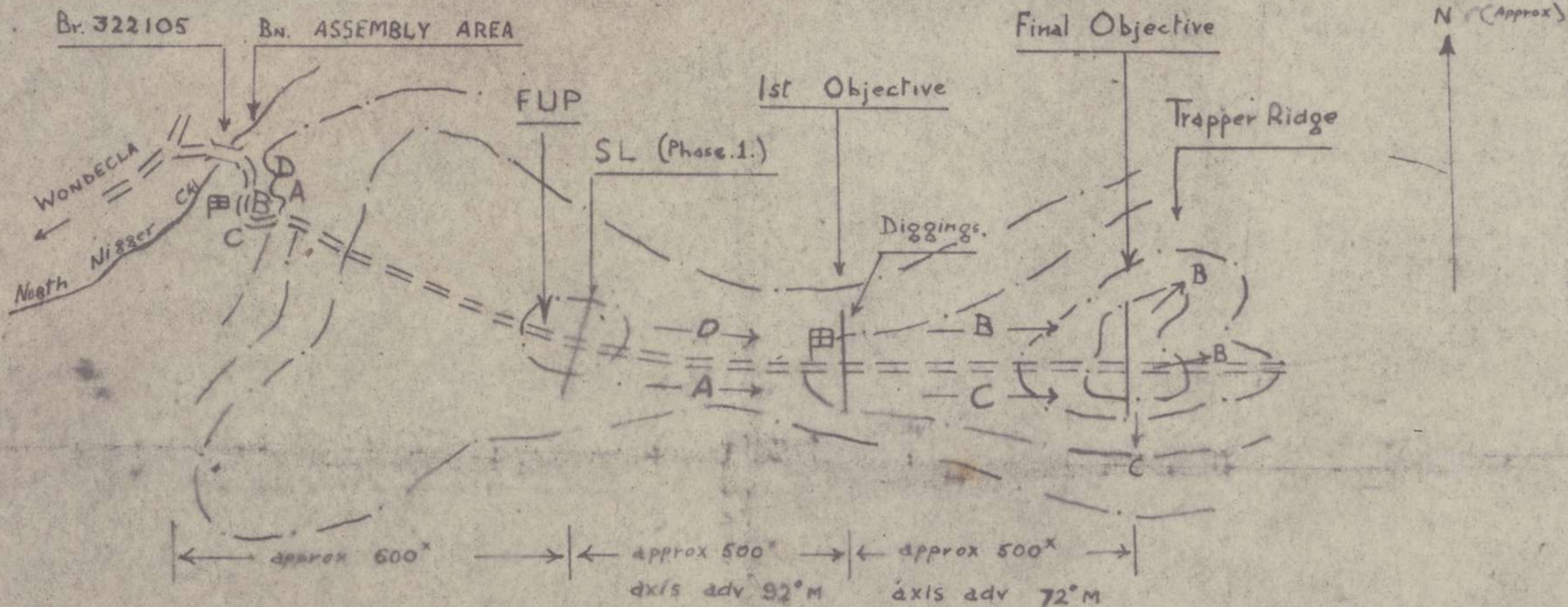
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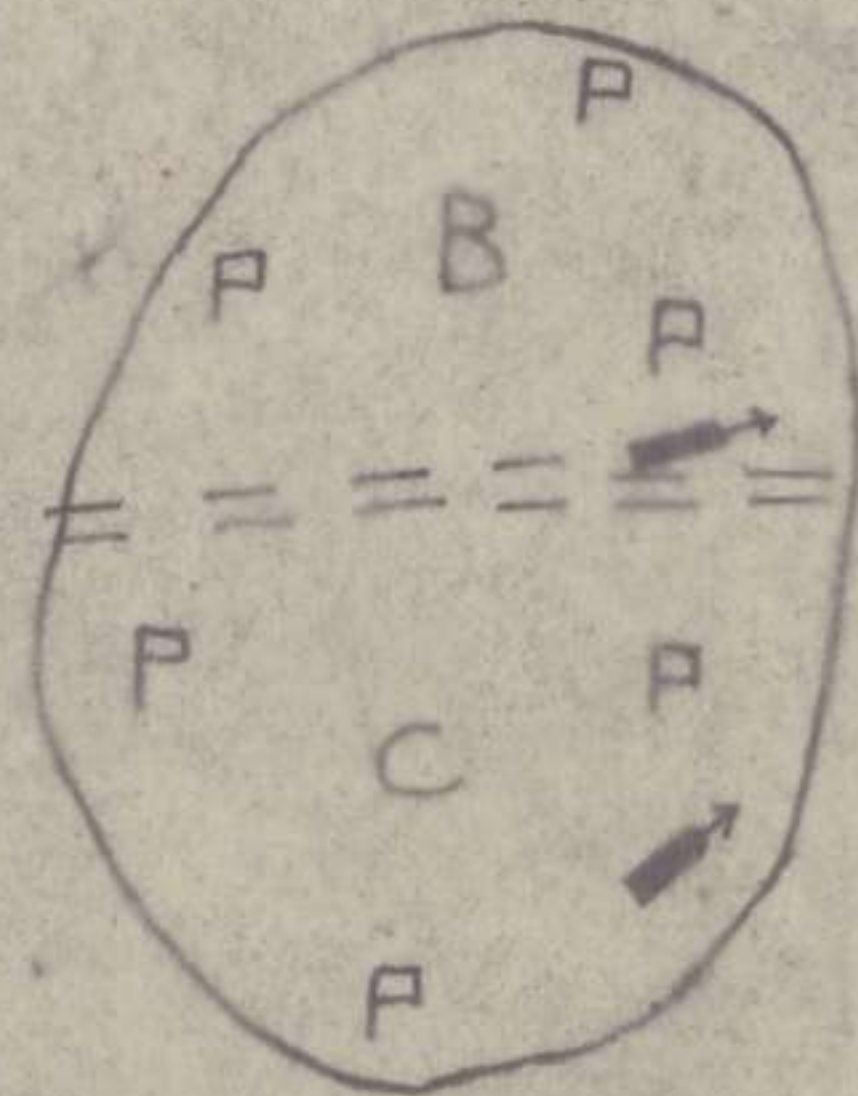

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Ref HERBERTON 1:63,360

Appx 'A'
Ex "BLACKFOOT"



Probable dispositions on 1st & 2nd Objectives



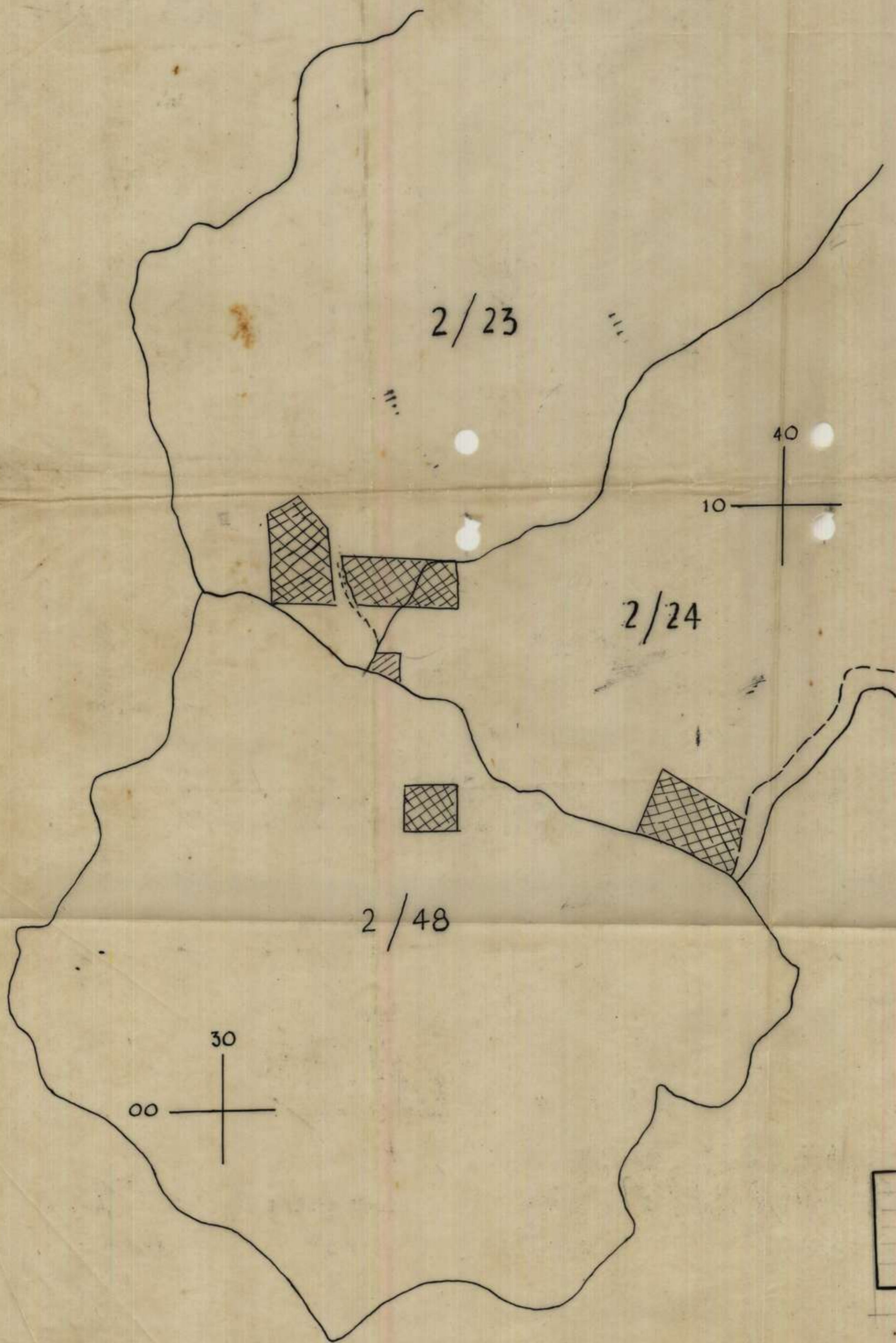
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Period		A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY
Mon 22 Jan	am	Tabloid Sports	1. Close Order Drill incl instn in Saluting 2. The Mechanics of the Night Attack :- Guiding, FUF, Centre Line, Timings. Reorganization after capture of objective IIT Chap XVIII		
	pm	Mechanics of Night Attack :- (a) FUF (b) Centre Line (c) Timings, guiding (d) objective (e) Reorganization IIT Chap XVIII	Tabloid Sports	1. Map reading - The Compass, Protractor. 2. 2" Mortar TsCET	
Tues 23 Jan	am	BN NIGHT ATTACK (Rehearsal by day)			
	pm	1. Foot Drill and Bayonet training. 2. Ambushes ATM 34	Tabloid Sports	1. Foot Drill and Bayonet training 2. Ambushes. IIT ATM 34.	
Wed 24 Jan	am pm	" FREE FOR ALL " Fl Patrols ATK 4 Page 20 Appx E			
THU 25 Jan	am	1. Coy Pdes - Close Order Drill - incl instn in saluting 2. Patrols - (a) The briefing of patrol leaders) Exercised in (b) Patrol reports Wide En pro -) - close trg area. Forma.			Tabloid Sports
	pm	BN NIGHT ATTACK Location - En Trg Area - See att trace.			
Fri 26 Jan	am	Internal Economy - Incl Foot inspections - CAB lectures - Subjects.- "Danubian Crisis"			
Fri 26 Jan	pm				
Sat 27 Jan	am pm	BN WITHDRAWAL Location - En trg Area - See att trace			

UNIT TRAINING AREAS WANDECLA

REF MAPS HERBERTON MT GARNET
1 : 63360



AREAS SHADED
OUT OF BOUNDS

WITHDRAWAL TABLE

" EXERCISE BLACKFOOT

Appx "A" to OC 11

Serial	Sub Unit	Timings	Route	Assembly Area	Role in Def posn	Remarks
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5	A Coy Res Secs and Pl H. of fwd pls	H + 15	As for serial 2			
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DEFENSIVE T. BLE " EXERCISE BLACKFOOT

Appx "A" to OC 11

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8	A Coy Fwd Secs less LMGs	H+18	As for serial 2			

Spars

Serial	Sub Unit	Timings	Route	Assembly Area	Role in Def Posn	Remarks
9	C Coy Fwd Sec less LMG	H + 18	As for serial	3		
10	B Coy Fwd Sec less LMGs	H + 18	As for serial	4		
11	A Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	2		
12	C Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	3		
13	B Coy LMGs	H + 21	As for serial	4		
14	A C B Coys and Bn H Main	H + 30	Move from assembly area to def posn TRAPPER RIDGE			

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ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action Taken
1.	0910			C.O. makes recee of area. Bn "O" Sp bonfire	boy areas and tasks allotted.
2.	0920			boy bonfires bonfire. C.O moves back to Bn assembly area.	
3.	0935			Bn moves up to 345098.	
4.	0950			B boy moves up to posn 324105.	
5.	0950			C.O g orders Sigs to keep listening watch until 1000 hrs.	
6.	0955			C and A boys move to respective areas.	
7.	1005			D boy, Main, Tac, Sigs, Pns take up posns.	
8.	1015	Tac	All boys	I 578. boy recee parties with boy Int personnell report TAC HQ 1030K.	
9.	1025			B. boy recee party reports TAC HQ.	
10.	1033			D boy recee " " " "	
11.	1035			C and A boy " " " "	
12.	1035	Tac	All boys	I 579. During exercise today boys will fwd sitreps to this HQ to indicate imaginary movement of ENEMY. This in addition to normal comm.	
13.	1040			C.O orders Radio Silence when 'phone hook-up with all boys is est.	
14.	1045			C.O moves fwd with recee parties to TRAPPER RIDGE.	
15.	1046	B. boy	Tac	B. boy in posn	
16.	1048	D	Tac	D " " "	
17.	1055	A	"	A " " "	
18.	1057	C	"	C " " "	
19.	1058	B	"	Sending patrol 1 NCO, 1 OR to investigate sound of hy tpt in area of the track 318103. Time Out 1105. Time In 1130	A boy notified
20.	1100	A	Tac	Sending patrol 1 NCO, 3 ORs across ck to recee fwd boy area. Time Out 1100 Time In 1135.	C " " "
21.	1100			all boys on 'phone line. Radio silence.	
22.	1105	A	Tac	SITNOR.	
23.	1110	D	"	D boy patrol 1 NCO 2 ORs Time Out 1110 Time In 1130	Flanking Units notified.
24.	1115	A	Tac	Occasional mortar bombs landing in our area. appear to be ranging shots. No. cas.	Boys advised
25.	1120	C	Tac	boy in posn. Patrol fwd area 3 ORs In 1130.	

ACTION DIARY

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action Taken
26	1125			C O returns from recon ref serial N° 4.	
27	1130	A+C	Tac	SITREP. Patrol reported in N.M.S C. Coy A Coy. Patrol contacted enemy patrol of 4 approx 100' north of rd 332110. Exchanged shots, enemy patrol withdrew to north. No enemy cas on own tps.	all boys notified A coy message
28	1135	B	Tac	Patrol reported in. Patrol moved to house approx 323109 N.M.S, then west to track. 3 enemy tanks crossed track proceeding north east. Patrol fired on road near tank. Enemy cas one. Patrol then withdrew & reported in. Type of Tank - light armour one 37 mm one 20 mm mounted turret. Twin CMG's firing fuel oil weight 15 tons. Lunch	A, C, D boys
29	1130				
30	1140	D	Tac	Patrol returns N.M.S. Firing heard on A Coy front.	boys informed
31	1217	A	Tac	Rifle fire to our immediate front across ch. apparently contact with patrol. Further info on return of patrol.	
32	1227	B	Tac	One enemy tank as previously reported approached br. to immediate front. Tank could examine br. for one minute then tank withdrew. Not fired upon.	D Coy informed
33	1230	D	Tac	A, D & C recon parties pass through area.	
34	1237	C	Tac	boy commenced move	
35	1241	Tac	C+B	standing patrol is now passing through area from D boy.	
36	1245			C O goes to D boy	
37	1257	B	Tac	Phase 7 completed. OC returns	
38	1300	B	Tac	Phase 10 completed	
39	1302	C	Tac	Phase 11 completed.	
40	1303	B	Tac	boy recon party moving back	
41	1305	A	Tac	boy moved to Br A.A.	
42	1306	C	Tac	boy moved to A.A.	
43	1307	B	Tac	boy moved to A.A.	
44	1311	Tac	A+C	boys to move at 1320 hrs.	
45	1414	D	Tac	Rear of B Coy moving through	C. O informed
46	1321	C	Tac	boy moving to defn area	
47	1321	A	Tac	" " " " " "	
48	1324	Tac	D	commenced break with 13 pl 1340 hrs	

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action Taken
49	1326	Tac	Bel	Tac HQ will NOT move before 1335	
50	1400	Tac	C	D bay passed through leaving standing patrol. Tac now moving.	
51	1402			A, B, C in form	
52	1417			Tac HQ in form 345099	
53	1420	A Tac		bay in form 351100	
54	1420	C Tac		bay in form 349097	
55	1424	Tac A, B, C		bay comds to report to Tac HQ	
56	1428	B Tac		bay in form 342100	
57	1430	D Tac		bay in form 343099	
58	1431	Tac D		bay comd report Tac HQ	
59	1432			C O conf. with bay comds. exercise considered successful	
60	1435			Bn moves independently back to camp. order of march C, HQ bay, B, A, D bays.	

2/23 AUST INF BN @ GEN INSTRSEXERCISE "CROOKFOOT"

Ref Maps : HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
 MT GARNET 1 in to 1 mile
 PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile
 ATHERTON
 TABLELANDS
 (Special) 4 miles to 1 inch.

1. OBJECT.

To exercise the bde and att tps in withdrawal and night attacks and the enemy force in maintaining pressure against a withdrawing enemy

2. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT.

- (a) Maximum continuous use of arty
- (b) Emp of tk A screen
- (c) Use of tpt in final phase of withdrawal from any line incl TC on the rds.
- (d) Correct adm procedure.

3. LOCATION.

WONDE CLA

4. DATE AND DURATION.

290600K until approx 1 Feb.

5. CONTROL.Directing Staff:

Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde
 BM 26 Aust Inf Bde
 One Offr 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

6. Umpires.(a) Preliminary Conference.

- (i) A conference of all umpires will be held on the ground on 27 Jan from 270900K until 271500K.
- (ii) Umpires will assemble at HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 270845K.
- (iii) Units supplying umpires will provide them with tpt.
- (iv) Lunch will be carried.

(b) Final Conference.

A Final conference of Umpires will be held at a time and place to be fixed.

7. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

Fire will be represented as follows :-

- (a) Rifle - blank amn
 - (b) LMG and M/G - live amn fired into banks or holes
 - (c) Tk A - blank amn
 - (d) Arty and Mortar Fire - gelignite and other make-shift bombs.
- No live amn will be fired except under the supervision of an Umpire.

3. DRESS.(a) AUST FORCE

Battle eqpt and felt hats

(b) JAP FORCE

Battle eqpt and steel helmets

(c) Umpires

Lt eqpt plus a white armband on each sleeve.

9. ADVANCE PARTIES.

(a) Strength - 1 offr 6 ORs

Bn HQ - IO and I Sec
Coys - 1 OR each

(b) Advance party to report to IO Bn HQ at 0900 hrs 28 Jan. Bivouac areas will be indicated to these parties who will then act as guides for the reception of the main bodies of their respective coys.

10. TRANSPORT.

Allotment as follows :-

A Ech - 4 Jeeps Tk A guns
2x15 cwt MIG
2x15 cwt Command vehicles

B Ech - 2x15 cwt each A,B,C,D Coys
1x3 ton Bn HQ
1x3 ton RQ Store
1x3 ton Rations
1x3 ton Water truck

Detached- 1x15 cwt Bde Sigs.

11. DISTINGUISHING MARKS ON VEHs.

All vehs will be marked as follows :-

(a) Units taking Part -

A blue and white sig or plain white flag plus the letters "EX" in chalk on the bonnet of each vehicle.

(b) Control -

Red Flag

(c) Tks -

Yellow tk - air recognition strips

Flags will be displayed in a prominent position on the front of each veh.

12. CAS.

- (a) Cas will be awarded by Umpires and must be evacuated
- (b) Umpires will affix a card to each cas indicating the nature of the wound; these cards will be provided by 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.
- (c) After evacuation to rearmost med installation, cas may be sent fwd as rfts at the discretion of Control.

13. PW.

Any PW captured will be sent back in the normal manner and will NOT rejoin their Units during the exercise. Umpires will ensure that a token number of PW only are sent back and will not become actively engaged for at least 1 hr.

14. CODES.

- (a) R/T Code No 2 will be used
- (b) Keywords, call signs, code names and frequencies will be notified to each Force by separate instr.

15. ORDERS MESSAGES REQUIRED BY CONTROL.

Copies of all messages orders and instrs issued during the exercise will be handed to Umpires.

16. OUT OF BOUNDS.

- (a) Tps will NOT enter fds planted with crops.
- (b) Any gaps in fences whether or not repaired by the coy responsible will be reported by sig to Bn HQ by 2000 hrs daily.
- (c) CLOVERDALE STUD FARM (456857) is out of bounds to all mov.

17. PRELIMINARY MOVES.

- (a) Units and sub-units of both forces will move to the exercise area on the 28 Jan and will bivouac in their respective conc areas until the exercise commences at 290600K.

18. SPECIAL IDEA - AUST FORCE

By 28 Jan 45 AUST FORCE comprised 1 Aust Corps, consisting of 7 and 9 Aust Divs. The Corps was disposed astride the main arteries leading SOUTH to MILLAA MILLAA and RAVENSHOE. Detailed disposns are as follows:-

7 Aust Div - UPP R BARRON
HILLCREST Areas

9 Aust Div -

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - astride the rd HERBERTON - RAVENSHOE at KALUNGA (2905)

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - astride the EVELYN HIGHWAY in squares 3405 - 3505.

9 Aust Div less two
bde gps - RAVENSHOE

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps has now opened at RAVENSHOE.

On 28 Jan 45 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp began preparation of a def locality in the area indicated above covered by a strong outpost at 345060. Detailed disposns will be indicated on enlargement issued separately. By 281200K adv enemy elements were in contact with this outpost and fighting continued throughout the day. At 281800K enemy pressure was increasing and orders were issued to the Comd of the covering force to withdraw to the main posn after last lt 28 Jan. Tac R reports indicate that approx one regt gp incl tks is moving SOUTH along the AHERTON - HERBERTON Rd.

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has been ordered to deny to the enemy the use of the EVELYN Rd and HIGHWAY, and to stop the enemy on the gen line of the present bde locality. Mutual arrangements have been made between the Comds of 20, 26 and 18 Aust Inf Bde Gps as to responsibilities for flanking patrols.

26 Aust Inf Bde bdys are -

EAST - gen line of track from TRACK JUNC (358098) - FORD (374095) - Mt EYPIPAMES - RD and TRACK JUNC (411074)

WEST - TRACK JUNC (322068) - FORD (323042) - FORD (326035) thence EAST-WEST line of FLAGGY CREEK to 375032

Higher fmns are holding res forces to deal with attempted penetration by wide encircling moves between bde localities.

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2/23 A UST INF BN OO L2
"EXERCISE "CROCKFOOT"

Ref Maps : HERBERTON 1 in to 1 mile
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INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) As per SPECIAL IDEA Exercise "CROCKFOOT" (issued separately).
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2. Own Tps

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- (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to occupy def posns rd and track junc sq 3604 and deny enemy use of EVELYN HIGHWAY.
- (c) Dispns :
 - (i) Fwd : 2/23 Aust Inf Bn with under comd two tps 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt and one pl D Coy 2/2 Aust MMG Bn gen area sq 3505.
 - (ii) Right rear:
 - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn with in sp 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt (less two pps) and C sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt gen area 368047.
 - (iii) Left rear :
 - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn gen area 367038
 - (d) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt in sq 26 Aust Inf Bde. Regt Arty Fire on call from Bns.

3. Air

Enemy are now operating land based AC and have achieved local air superiority.

INTENTION

4. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will occupy def posns gen area sq 3505

METHOD

5. Preliminary moves

- (a) Bn will move from present area to gen area sq 3505 via EVELYN HIGHWAY.
- (b) SP - rd junc 326073
- (c) Order of march :- B,C,BnHQ HQ Coy A, D.
- (d) Time past SP : 281410K - Tpt 281335K

Coys will form up on LEFT of EVELYN HIGHWAY with head of column at main entrance to C2 camp at 281350K.
Tpt to be marshalled on gravel rd with head of column at CAMP Theatre at 281320K.

6. FDLs

NORTH SOUTH line through rd at 349059.

7. Tps

Fwd right	:	D Coy
Left	:	A Coy
Rear right	:	B Coy
Left	:	C Coy

Disposns as per sketch - (Issged to Coy Comds)

8. Times for occupation

Bn to be in posn by 281600K.

9. Res

C Coy will prepare counter attack on D,B,A, coy posns.
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10. Arty DF Tasks

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11. MG

Pl under comd A Coy
Task :- Lines of approach to coy sector.

2/2 MG pl under comd D Coy

Task :- (a) Lines of approach to right flank Bn
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12. Mortars

2 dets each A D Coys.

Tasks :- To be co-ordinated on ground by CO and Coy Comds.

13. Tk A

OC 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt to co-ordinate TK A def incl Bn Tk A pl.

14. Pnrs

Move w ith Main HQ

Role :- (a) Protection of Bn HQ
(b) Def works as required.

15. Def Works

To be completed by 281800K.

Priority :- (a) Automatic wpn pits.
(b) Sec posts.

16. Patrols

(a) Policy :

(i) Fwd patrolling to gain knowledge of enemy's intentions.

(ii) To prevent enemy recce of FDL's.

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B Coy to supply patrol str 1 Offr 7 Ors to contact 2/24 Aust Inf Bn standing patrol 370059. Patrol to leave coy area by 290530K.

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(c) Standing Patrols

Will be established by 290600K by coys as follows :-

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
A	1 Offr 5 Ors	Track junc 345060
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B	1 NCO 5 Ors	Track junc 357062
C	1 NCO 5 Ors	346051

(d) Fighting Patrols

Fighting and recce patrols will be advised later.

ADM

17. DRESS

Battle order with bed roll.
Extra blankets will be placed in sec bundles on coy truck with tent fly.

18. Med

RAP with Main HQ - 4 SBs each coy.
CP :- 384038
ADS :- vicinity sheds JENSENVILLE sq 4001.

19. Amn

Bn res with Bn HQ.

20. Water

All water will be superchlorinated before consumption.
WPs :- At 397028 and 438970.

21. B Ech

To be brigaded by Bde TO in general area JENSENVILLE sq 4001.

22. Tpt

- (a) Allotment as per Gen Instn EX CROOKFOOT (issued separatley)
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- (c) Coy will supply guides to report to 357053 by 28 1645K to guide ration and blankets vehs to coy areas by routes. Guides will be required for above purpose whenever coys change location. Place of reporting will be advised by signal.
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- (e) ALL vehs to carry one 4 gal tin of petrol as res.

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Hot Box meal evening 28th and morning 29th.
Whenever possible two HOT meals per day will be served.

24. Malaria

AREBRIN ACKS to this HQ by 1000 hrs daily.

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(a) Latrines :

Shallow trench latrines will be used and carefully covered after use. Before leaving areas, latrines will be closed and FOUL GROUND signs with the date will be erected.

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INTERCOMN

27. Bn HQ :- Location def posn 353052
Close present location 281345K reopens same time on the march in rear of C Coy.

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- (i) 108 sets each A,B,C,D, Tac HQ, B Ech.
- (ii) Bde Sigs (22 Set) with Tac HQ.
- (iii) Frequencies :- 2900 MC and 3000 MC
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(b) Code Names :-

28	29	30	31	1	2
RUDO	VEGO	DOLO	FAKA	REMI	VECO

(c) Synchronization :-

1700 hrs daily.

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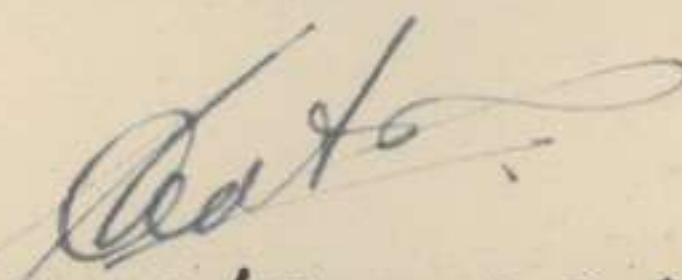
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"CROOKFOOT" EXERCISE

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Number	DATE & TIME	PLACE	By WHOM.	REMARKS & ACTION.
1	1600/29K	Ref. HERBERTON 360060	B. Coy. PATROL	Interrogated by 2nd Sec then escorted back to Bde.
1	0515/30 R.	Ref HERBERTON 411991	B. Coy PATROL	Interrogated 2nd Sec. Escorted to Bde.
1	1600/29K	REF. HERBERTON 347055	A. Coy (9 PL)	Evacuated back to unit through ADS - malaria.

Sig. H. L. Fry Cpl.
Cdt. 2nd Sec.

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
15	2030	Bde	Jac	2/48 patrol policy	
16	2045	Jac	Bde	minefield completed	
17	2200	Jac	Bde	fireplan disposal trace	Don R.
— 29 JAN —					
18	0500	B	Jac	contact patrol to 372059 to contact 2/24.	b.O. informed
19	0515	A	"	standing patrol in posn L.T. direct to the H.Q.	
20	0555	A	"	rece patrol 150x fwd of standing patrol N.M.S.	
21	0600	Jac	Bde	patrol notified (see serial No 10) in posn 280506 K 28 JAN.	
22	0605	A	Jac	rece patrol out from S.P. to investigate timber fringe	
23	0627	B	"	patrol (serial No 18) returned N.M.S.	
24	0630	D	"	standing patrol received N.M.S.	
25	0654	A	"	enemy approaching along road approx str 20	All coy informed
26	0702	A	"	destroyed 1 sec enemy remainder dispersed	Bde informed
27	0725	A	"	enemy probing fwd further cas inflicted forcing them to withdraw	Don + Bde informed
28	0735	Don	"	own cas 1 W. enemy str unknown enemy movement: seen at 345062	A + C coy advised
29	0738	A	"	enemy in str on left flank standing patrol withdrawing	Don + Bde informed
30	0745	A	"	enemy str 7 seen 349059 engaging them with mortar fire	b.O. informed
31	0745	B	"	O.C. receive A coy area re counter attack role	
32	0750	B	"	listening post est. at 361059.	
33	0759	A	"	patrol report enemy str 1 pl astride rd at 345061 O. est	b.O. + Bde Don coy informed
34	0800	Jac	Bde	enemy str behind this pl 150 A. stop DF 5. and S.O.S. called on	A + Don informed
35	0800	B	Jac	O.C. coy receive Don coy area re counter attack role	
36	0815	D	"	enemy str 30 moving EAST along track 06 grid L.M.G. fire brought to bear on them	A + B Coy advised

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
37	0830	D	Jac	2 vehs seen at 346062 OK/A engaging them	Bde Co. advised
38	0835	A	-	approx 30 enemy moving round left flank two Coy	C Coy advised
39	0840	Jac	C	contact patrol to be sent out to own standing patrol	
40	0845	A	Jac	enemy withdrawn from front by enemy cas all coy posn intact	Bde advised
41	0850	D	-	by enemy mortar fire on our posn no cas inflicted	A C Bde Co informed
42	0902	A	-	enemy str 15 engaged on 7 pl front cas inflicted 1 off 7 ers	Bde advised
43	0915	A	-	by enemy MMG fire forced sec 8 pl to move from left to right of rd our cas 1 W.	
44	0917	B	-	patrol contacted 2/24 patrol MMIS	Bde advised
45	0930	all corp	-	1 enemy 2 EB circling over bus posn height 1000 ft	Bde
46	0940	D	-	enemy withdrawn NORTH along NIGBER CR patrol out to investigate intentions	Bde informed
47	0955	D	-	enemy str 6 seen at 356057 engaged by our 2 mortars fighting patrol out to mop up	Bde advised
48	1000			2 enemy 2 EB circling Bw area 400 ft	Bde informed
49	1004	A	-	1 sec enemy MMG located 347060	engaged by mortars
50	1010	B	-	enemy str 2, sec at 349051 patrols out to engage	
51	1018	D	-	patrol reports no enemy WEST of NIGBER CR from 354056 to 354062	
52	1027	A	-	party 6 enemy with sig wire moving from 345060 moving NORTH. Can other party str 6 area 348057	engaged by mortars
53	1030	B	-	patrol str 1 off 9 ers out to contact standing patrol at 349052 (refer serial No 10)	

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54	1030	Bde	Jac	2/24 standing patrols	
55	1045	b	"	patrol reports enemy ptr 1 coy preparing to attack on N coy flank	A coy Bde advised
56	1050	A	"	our cas 1 NMG 2 avrs by enemy air action 6 NMG numbers since replaced	arty D.F. 6 engaged
57	1100	10	"	patrol to 355060 as standing patrol till 1600 hrs unless forced to withdraw by enemy action	
58	1136	Bde	Jac	Bde's bombed slight damage no cas	
59	1151	Bde	Jac	b. tp out of action by enemy bombing	
60	1153	A	"	arty fire dispersed enemy from left flank.	
61	1200	b	"	contact patrol from 2/48 NMS	
62	1202	B	"	fighting patrol out 1145 hrs in 1300 hrs to posn 341059	Bde informed
63	1205	b	"	patrol report engaged and destroyed enemy see 341050	Bde informed
64	1210	Jac	A	patrol to investigate A coy front task disposes ptr and intention of enemy.	Don coy advised
65	1214	10	Jac	2 coy enemy at 345060 patrol out to observe enemy intentions.	A coy Bde advised
66	1220	A	"	rece patrol to 345060 out 1230 hrs in 1330 hrs.	Don coy advised
67	1230	B	"	patrol from 2/24 contacted NMS.	
68	1240	b	"	listening post 360052 heard fire S.W approx 500x patrol out to investigate	Bde advised
69	1254	10	"	cas return enemy 13K own 1.W.W.	Bde advised
70	1256	Bde	"	notification of 2/48 patrol	all coys advised
71	1258	A	"	scattered enemy forces on left flank being engaged with fire	
72	1310	A	"	enemy at following posns approx 1 pl 345060 approx 1 tp 343053 movement also 347048	Don + Bde advised
73	1324			St. Col Wharf b.O 2/24 in confers with b.O 2/23.	

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74	1330	B	Jac	enemy refused to in (serial N° 65) moving too far 355060	all capt Bde notified
75	1340			Arty lay STONK on enemy. Accys front duration 2 mins D.F. task 3. Down cap front 1545 1550 hrs	
76	1400	Jac	Bde	cas to 1300hrs enemy 42K own 7K 1WW.	
77	1402	7/24	Jac	Jap force supply cap captured inform gained from P.W. enabled Jap supply point to be shelled by arty	
78	1423	A	"	recon patrol out to investigate enemy movement area 345055	Bde infnd
79	1425	A	"	cas (enemy) result of STONK 1 JEEP 30 pers K.	
80	1430	Jac	A	arty to be used under direction F.O.O.	
81	1432	B	Jac	patrol on 7/24 front reports IVMS contacted 7/48 patrol 360 042	
82	1435	A	"	1 PW taken Coy area suffering from malaria	interrogated and evacuated
83	1445	A	"	arty. O.P. reports over 50 red white flares firing on bearing 314° approx posn 344 070	Bde advised Bde advised
84	1455	B	"	standing patrol reports enemy in their area @ patrol being reinfd	Bde
85	1500	7/24	"	SITREP 5	
86	1515	Bde	"	WARNING ORDER to move. 20th bde forced to withdraw to high ga astride CAIRNS RLY 385885026 bde will withdraw to high ga ENE astride EVELYN HIGHWAY line posn 424 985 to ring contour 423 970 object to deny enemy use of WONDECLA ROUENSHOE RD @ no rearward move exch recon parties posn 291900K thinning out commences	

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87	1535			291930 K O Bde Esp RV house Pg. 4197 291630 K.	All cays informed
88	1531	B	Jac	intercepted wireless message shows enemy assembling for attack on 2/24 by right flank patrol reports contacted standing patrol 35806 20 ambush set for enemy at 354 060 but they forced us to withdraw back to cay posns. O even cas NIL enemy cas unknown 1 P.W. taken	Bde 2/24 informed
89	1638	A	"	small enemy parties to our right and left flanks being engaged by S.A.F.	
90	1653	A	"	enemy str 1 pl moving from 349060 to a low cay	Low cay advised
91	1705	2/24	"	confirmed enemy in str on high 9a 366 066 preparing to attack	Bde advised
92	1725	A	"	enemy on left flank with to 2 pl str. on ridge fwd of 7 pl. enemy attack and destroyed our out post. our cas 2 K. enemy digging in under S.A.F.	Low Cay + Bde informed
93	1730	Jac	All cays	rece parties consisting of CS M + 3 on each cay report this H.Q. 1800 hrs for movement to new Bw H.Q. O Cay Comds conference 1800 K.	
94	1836	B	Jac	enemy attack on 2/24 Bw	
95	1843	B	"	enemy attack supported by M.M.G. fire on 10 + 12 pls O enemy also firing on 18 pl enemy str in front	b.O. Bde informed
96	1846	A	"	enemy attack on 7 pl front pierced our F.D.L.S O Cay H.Q. withdrawing	
97	1850	A	"	cay cas 2 pts overrun either killed or P.W. all support weapons lost O.C. P.W.	Bde + flanking units advised
98	1855	Jac	C	ordered to counter attack on A cay front	Low cay advised

Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	ACTION
99	1900			L.O. returns from base with orders + timing for bn withdrawal	L.O. advise Coy comd at conference
100	1915	B	Jac	enemy cas. 15 K now NIL.	
101	1917	Jac	B	arty support can be obtained to help your counter attack @ timing at discretion of O.C. coy.	
102	1930	B	Jac	request arty fire 1935 to 1938	Bde advised
103	1931			8pl. A coy under comd W coy. and covering rd.	
104	2000	B		counter attack unsuccessful withdrawing to posn 351053.	Bde advised
105	2005			convoy of support arms vhs to withdraw under comd Lt Service TK/A regt.	
106	2020	Jac	acc comp	final timings for withdrawal	
107	2045			Bn withdraws along EVELYN HWY. order of march B. W. B. A. B. C.	
108	2210			Bn. clear start point 390036	
109	2320			Bn. in posn B. 421977 A 426974 B. 417973 b. 420978 Row 423970	Bde advised
— 30 JAN. —					
110	0500	B	Jac	standing patrol in posn 392999	Bde informed
111	0915	B		1 PW captured 383017 @ enemy in front and rear of patrol posn	interrogated + sent to Bde
112	0940	B		enemy str 2 pls area 385997.	Bde advised
113	0950	B		patrol reports owing to movements of enemy in str forced to fight way back	
114	1030	B		enemy str 1 coy forming up for attack 412990 also 1 pgn at 392998.	Bde advised
115	1035	2/24		SIPREP. 10	
116	1050	Bde		standing patrol to be sent to 415952	Row coy advised
117	1052	B		patrol at 396988 will delay enemy advance	
118	1055	Jac	Bde	request minefield be laid 414973 to 421965	
119	1100	B	Jac	enemy patrols reported at TRACEY CAR	
120	1107	B		Patrol sent to investigate enemy movement on coy front. two 2/24 bn posns. str 15	Bde advised
121	1117	B		patrol at 397985 withdrawing	
122	1119	A		approx coy str 2/24 returning 200x to track junc 427976	

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
123	1130	2/24	Jac	Patrol notification	A+D Coy advised
124	1205	Q	"	patrol est firm base 416 954 recee patrols out to 408967 and 398954	
125	1215	R	"	patrol at 397982 enemy sec at 395972 being engaged	advise Bde
126	1243	Jac	A	coy to prepare for counter attack Bevy area	
127	1250	"	B.	patrol if NOT under pressure to withdraw to 409967.	
128	1315	Q	Jac	recee patrols advise N.M.S.	Bde advised
129	1335	B	"	patrol now at 408967	
130	1400	Bde	"	WARNING ORDER for withdrawal @ owing to pressure on 20 bde front 26 bde will withdraw to area rd junc 450 8680 2/23 bn to take up pos high ga CHILVERTON SCHOOL area. Thinning out commences 1430 hrs clear posns by 1500 hrs	All coys advised
131	1445			coy form up for move order of march A C R B B.H.B.	
132	1530	Bde		owing to inclement weather ex CROOKFOOT has been abandoned	
133	1630	Jac	all coy	Bw will R.V. with tpk 453896.	
134	1700			Bw deluses	
135	1830			Bw deluses camp RAVENSHOE area	

Appx. 9

2/23 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR 23

Ref Map: HERBERTON 1 inch to 1 mile

1. GENERAL

26 Aust Inf Bde less rear parties will move from present camp areas on afternoon 28 Jan and bivouac night 28/29 Jan in an area to be advised in preparation for exercise "CROCKFOOT".

Unit stores not required by the Bde for Exercise "CROCKFOOT" will be moved to RAVENSHOE area 27-29 Jan 45 incl.

2. REAR PARTIES

(a) Strength 11 - 1 Ofcr 19 ORs

Lt McLEOD OC Rear

Allotment to coys as for Adv Party Adm Instr 20.

(b) Rationing - Rations for all rear parties for consumption 30 Jan to 1 Feb incl will be drawn by Bde HQ Rear Party and delivered to units. Normal fresh rations with exception of milk which will be tinned.

(c) Handover of camps - see para 6.

(d) Mov to RAVENSHOE will be a unit responsibility and will take place on conclusion of exercise on 1 Feb 45.

(e) Will be responsible for loading of AASC vehicles 29 Jan.

3. POL

26 Aust Inf Bde PP - Camp E 5 - will close 231200K.

4. MOV OF UNIT STORES TO RAVENSHOE

See Appx "A" att.

5. ALLOTMENT OF STORES TO VEHICLES

See Appx "B" att.

6. HANDING OVER CAMP AREA

- (a) Accommodation Stores: Bedboards and trestles will be stored in an empty building in the camp area. These will be taken over by Camp Staff on a G.1033.
- (b) Bush and Homemade Furniture: Bush poles etc will be stored in one central dump in unit lines.
- (c) Keys: All keys will be labelled and handed to Camp Staff Ofcr.
- (d) Hygiene:
- (i) No refuse will be left in vacated areas. All refuse tins etc will be burnt and then buried in unit areas.
 - (ii) All grease traps at kitchens and showers will be emptied and left dry. 1 oz kerosene or sump oil will be placed in bottom of each trap to prevent subsequent mosquito breeding.
 - (iii) The large master trap (one in each area) to be emptied and left dry. 1 pint of kerosene or sump oil to be placed in bottom of these traps.
 - (iv) Latrines to be left intact except that seats will be nailed down and six inches of soil placed on seats to completely cover them. Dry earth should be used and, if available, hessian will be placed between earth and seat.
 - (v) Urinals will be cleaned and whitewashed.

(e) When each camp is ready for inspection, the rear party officer will contact Camp Staff Officer. A clearance certificate will be obtained, signed personally by the Camp Staff Officer. This certificate (in triplicate) will be forwarded to this HQ by 1 Feb 45 and will include the following points :-

- (i) that camp equipment has been left in same condition as when taken over;
- (ii) that camp areas have been left clean and in a satisfactory condition;
- (iii) that all necessary hygiene precautions have been taken.

(f) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for handing over of camp C2, incl area occupied by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature 1445K

Issued by hand

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 A/Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 (F T FEATON)

Distribution:

List "A" Restricted.

Appx "A" List "A" Restricted

Appx "B" :

- A Coy
- B "
- C "
- D "
- EQ "
- CO
- Adjt
- EO
- CC Rear Party
- CI

APPX "A"
 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 Adm Instr No 23

2/23 AUST INF BN MOV TBL

Issued in conjunction with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr 23

1. Assembly of Convoys . Convoy will assemble vicinity of SPS and will move off on direction of CC Convoy.
2. SPS . (a) Forward Journey - Main rd ORS CLUB MONDECIA
 (b) Return Journey - C MP THE TRE (MT G. SALT RD)
3. Route : HAMILTON - EVELYN RD / EVELYN HIGHWAY
4. Vtm : 20
5. Mih : 20

Serial	Date	FORWARD JOURNEY				RETURN JOURNEY			
		Unit	Vehs	Time Past SP	ETA R VINCHE Camp	Time Past SP	ETA MONDECIA Camp	CC Convoy (fwd and return journeys) to be supplied by	
	Jan 45								
1	Sat 27	2/23 Aust Inf Bn 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	3 1	270800K	270930K	271030K	271200K	2/23 Aust Inf Bn Lt A C THORBURN	
2	Sat 27	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	4	271330K	(To move in convoy under unit arrangements)				
3	Sun 28	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	11	280800K	280930K	281030K	281200K	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
4	Mon 29	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	9 (ASC)	291330K	291500K			2/24 Aust Inf Bn	

2/23 AUST INF BN @ GEN INSTRS

EXERCISE "CROOKFOOT" "CROOKFOOT"

Ref Maps :	HERBERTON	1 in to 1 mile
	MT GARNET	1 in to 1 mile
	PALMERSTON	1 in to 1 mile
	ATHERTON	
	TABLE LANDS	
	(Special)	4 miles to 1 inch.

1. OBJECT.

To exercise the bde and att tps in withdrawal and night attacks and the enemy force in maintaining pressure against a withdrawing enemy

2. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT.

- (a) Maximum continuous use of arty
- (b) Emp of tk A screen
- (c) Use of tpt in final phase of withdrawal from any line incl TC on the rds.
- (d) Correct adm procedure.

3. LOCATION.

WONDE CLA

4. DATE AND DURATION.

290600K until approx 1 Feb.

5. CONTROL.

Directing Staff:

Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde
 BM 26 Aust Inf Bde
 One Offr 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

6. Umpires.

(a) Preliminary Conference.

- (i) A conference of all umpires will be held on the ground on 27 Jan from 270900K until 271500K.
- (ii) Umpires will assemble at HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 270845K.
- (iii) Units supplying umpires will provide them with tpt.
- (iv) Lunch will be carried.

(b) Final Conference.

A Final conference of Umpires will be held at a time and place to be fixed.

7. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

Fire will be represented as follows :-

- (a) Rifle - blank amn
 - (b) LMG and MLG - live amn fired into banks or holes
 - (c) Tk A - blank amn
 - (d) Arty and Mortar Fire - gelignite and other make-shift bombs.
- No live amn will be fired except under the supervision of an Umpire.

8. DRESS.

(a) AUST FORCE

Battle eqpt and felt hats

(b) JAP FORCE

Battle eqpt and steel helmets

(c) Umpires

Lt eqpt plus a white armband on each sleeve.

9. ADVANCE PARTIES.

(a) Strength - 1 offr 6 ORs

Bn HQ - IO and I Sec
Coys - 1 OR each

(b) Advance party to report to IO Bn HQ at 0900 hrs 28 Jan. Bivouac areas will be indicated to these parties who will then act as guides for the reception of the main bodies of their respective coys.

10. TRANSPORT.

Allotment as follows :-

A Ech - 4 Jeeps Tk A guns
2x15 cwt MG
2x15 cwt Command vehicles

B Ech - 2x15 cwt each A,B,C,D Coys
1x3 ton Bn HQ
1x3 ton RQ Store
1x3 ton Rations
1x3 ton Water truck

Detached- 1x15 cwt Bde Sigs.

11. DISTINGUISHING MARKS ON VEHS.

All vehs will be marked as follows :-

(a) Units taking Part -

A blue and white sig or plain white flag plus the letters "EX" in chalk on the bonnet of each vehicle.

(b) Control -

Red Flag

(c) Tks -

Yellow tk - air recognition strips

Flags will be displayed in a prominent position on the front of each veh.

12. CAS.

(a) Cas will be awarded by Umpires and must be evacuated

(b) Umpires will affix a card to each cas indicating the nature of the wound; these cards will be provided by 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.

(c) After evacuation to rearmost med installation, cas may be sent fwd as rfts at the discretion of Control.

13. PW.

Any PW captured will be sent back in the normal manner and will NOT rejoin their Units during the exercise.

Umpires will ensure that a token number of PW only are sent back and will not become actively engaged for at least 1 hr.

14. CODES.

(a) R/T Code No 2 will be used

(b) Keywords, call signs, code names and frequencies will be notified to each Force by separate instr.

15. ORDERS MESSAGES REQUIRED BY CONTROL.

Copies of all messages orders and instrs issued during the exercise will be handed to Umpires.

16. OUT OF BOUNDS.

- (a) Tps will NOT enter fds planted with crops.
- (b) Any gaps in fences whether or not repaired by the coy responsible will be reported by sig to Bn HQ by 2000 hrs daily.
- (c) CLOVERDALE STUD FARM (456857) is out of bounds to all mov.

17. PRELIMINARY MOVES.

- (a) Units and sub-units of both forces will move to the exercise area on the 28 Jan and will bivouac in their respective conc areas until the exercise commences at 290600K.

18. SPECIAL IDEA - AUST FORCE

By 28 Jan 45 AUST FORCE comprised 1 Aust Corps, consisting of 7 and 9 Aust Divs. The Corps was disposed astride the main arteries leading SOUTH to MILLAA MILLAA and RAVENSHOE. Detailed disposns are as follows:-

7 Aust Div - UPP'R BARRON HILLCREST Areas

9 Aust Div -

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - astride the rd HERBERTON - RAVENSHOE at KALUNGA (2905)

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - astride the EVELYN HIGHWAY in squares 3405 - 3505.

9 Aust Div less two bde gps - RAVENSHOE

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps has now opened at RAVENSHOE.

On 28 Jan 45 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp began preparation of a def locality in the area indicated above covered by a strong outpost at 345060. Detailed disposns will be indicated on enlargement issued separately. By 281200K adv enemy elements were in contact with this outpost and fighting continued throughout the day. At 281800K enemy pressure was increasing and orders were issued to the Comd of the covering force to withdraw to the main posn after last lt 28 Jan. Tac R reports indicate that approx one regt gp incl tks is moving SOUTH along the AHERTON - HERBERTON Rd.

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has been ordered to deny to the enemy the use of the EVELYN Rd and HIGHWAY, and to stop the enemy on the gen line of the present bde locality. Mutual arrangements have been made between the Comds of 20, 26 and 18 Aust Inf Bde Gps as to responsibilities for flanking patrols.

26 Aust Inf Bde bdys are -

EAST - gen line of track from TRACK JUNC (358098) - FORD (374095) - Mt HYPIPAMES - RD and TRACK JUNC (411074)

WEST - TRACK JUNC (322068) - FORD (323042) - FORD (326035) thence EAST-WEST line of FLAGGY CREEK to 375032

Higher fms are holding res forces to deal with attempted penetration by wide encircling moves between bde localities.

ACK

Signed at 1700K
Issued by Fand

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
22 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN - ADM INSTN

No 22

DCM - VX 141302 pte

POULSEN G V

1. A DCM will be convened ref the abovenamed soldier for hearing at 0900 hrs Wednesday 24 Jan 45 at HQ 9 Aust Div.
2. The following personnel will attend.-

ACCUSED

VX 141302 pte POULSEN G V

ESCORTS

TWO ESCORTS (Sgt HARRIS to arrange
will return to camp
1900 hrs 23 Jan with
Pro's Offr)

DEFENDING OFFICER

Lt GREER

PROSECUTING OFFICER

Lt JARDINE

WITNESSES

Documentary Only

Pro Offr :- Will return to camp 1900 hrs 23 Jan 45.
Def Offr :- Will return to camp 1500 Hrs 23 Jan 45.

3. Tpt Offr will arrange tpt for the above Offrs and escorts to return to Bn (Rear) at the above times.
4. Cut Lunches will be carried.

Post 24

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

H., 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
16 Jan 45

ADMIN INSTN NO 21

STORING OF KITS - SECURITY GUARD

1. SECURITY GUARD

Will mount two posts.

POST 1 - Rec Hut

Duties - (a) Safeguard all arms and kits stored in Rec Hut.
(b) As for Bn Orders for Guard Post 1.

POST 2 - Amn Dump

Duties - as per Bn Orders for Guard Post No 4

2. Lt BENSON will be responsible for mounting of above posts and general security of camp lines

3. Kits to be stacked in Rec Hut, timings as follows :-

A Coy	1000 hrs to 1100 hrs	16 Jan 45
B Coy	1100 hrs to 1200 hrs	16 Jan 45
C Coy	1400 hrs to 1500 hrs	16 Jan 45
D Coy	0900 hrs to 1000 hrs	17 Jan 45
H. Coy	1000 hrs to 1200 hrs	17 Jan 45
Bn HQ	1400 hrs to 1400 hrs	17 Jan 45.

COM's of each Coy to report to Lt BENSON 30 minutes prior to Coy parade as set out above for instructions re kits and rolls etc.

4. Offrs Kits - will be stacked in CO's office prior to move from this area.

5. Arms & Eqpt

Normal arms and eqpt for trg purposes will be carried by all personnel as Bn is remaining in WONDICLA area until 27 Jan 45 for training. This cancels para 7 of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Order No 20.

6. 1 x 3 ton vehicle will be made available to HQ Coy for transport of MMGs and mortars.

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
14 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN No 20

Ref Map HERBERTON
1 inch to the mile

1. General

As advised earlier the Bn will move to WONDECLA area to participate in 9 Aust Div Gymkhana, at the HERBERTON RACECOURSE (Ref sq 3007 on 19 - 20 Jan 45).

2. Tpt

AASC vehicles will tpt Bn to WONDECLA area. It is expected that two lifts will be required in which case timings will be as follows :-

A B C Coys	-	17 Jan 45
D HQ Coys Bn HQ	-	18 Jan 45

Further details will be promulgated on receipt of same.

3. Adv Pty

(a) Will consist of 2 Offrs and 20 Ors :- Allotment as follows :-

OC	Capt R W ISSELL	(and batman)	
2 IC	Lt L P WENBORN	" "	
Bn HQ and Rifle Coys	-	1 NCO	1 OR
HQ Coy	-	2 NCOs	5 Ors Incl
			1 Cook
			1 Hygiene
			1 Pioneer
RAF	-		1 OR

(b) Will act as rear party for return move to RAVENSHOE

(c) Duties

(i) Check and sign camp inventory submitted by Camp SO WONDECLA of E 14 area. Inventory of C2 Area will be checked and signed by 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) Construct grease traps and urinals as required by Bn.

(iii) Open latrines, at present sealed, prior to arrival of main body and reseal after departure of main body.

(iv) Will obtain signed certificate from Camp SO WONDECLA stating :-

1. That camp has been left in same state as when taken over.
2. That camp areas have been left in a clean and satisfactory condition.
3. That all latrines have been resealed.

The above certificate will be forwarded to this HQ on return to RAVENSHOE.

- (d) will RV vicinity Camp Theatre 141245K and move in convoy to WONDECLA with Bde vehicles.

4. Security Guard

Will consist of 1 Offr and 25 ORs allotment as follows.-

Lt K I BENSON OC
Rifle Coys and Bn HQ 3 all ranks
HQ Coy 9 all ranks
1 Cook to be supplied by C Coy in addition to number allotted.

5. Field Pay Office Guard

2/23 Aust Inf Bn will mount guard on field pay office as from 171800K.
Allotment as follows.-

HQ Coy	1 Sgt	5 ORs
A "	1 Cpl	2 ORs
B "	1 Sgt	2 ORs
C "		5 ORs
D "	1 Cpl	2 ORs

6. Kit Bags

- (a) Will be stacked in coy lots in Rec Hut.
(b) Kit Bags of personnel on leave will be stacked in coy lots in separate area of Rec Hut.
(c) Rolls will be submitted to Lt BENSON of kits to be stacked in Rec Hut. Personnel will report in same order as nominal roll.
(d) Lt BENSON will arrange allotment of space in Rec Hut.

7. Arms

- (a) Other than those weapons and eqpt required by competing teams in Military Events, NO arms or eqpt will be taken.
(b) CQMS' will arrange for collection of all arms and will store same in Rec Hut.
(c) Rifles will be stacked in coy lots in Rec Hut.
(d) Rifles of personnel on leave will be stacked in coy lots in separate area of Rec Hut.
(e) Rolls will be submitted to Lt BENSON of rifles to be stacked in Rec Hut. Personnel will report in same order as nominal roll.
(f) Lt BENSON will arrange allotment of space in the Rec Hut.

8. Beds

Will be stacked in Coy Lines in Pl Lots.

9. Inter-comm

DRLS will report rear Bn HQ 1000 hrs daily.

10. Movement of Stores

- (a) QM will arrange with Coys re movement of own stores etc.
- (b) Personnel moving to WONDECLA area on stores vehicles are set out below, These figures will NOT be varied.

Offrs Mess	3		Canteen	2
Sgts Mess	3		Garbage	1 HQ Coy
Tpt Stores	2		Band	2 Bn HQ
Tent Veh	2	X	RQ	3 HQ Coy
Kitchens	2	X	Tank and	
Accomodation			Stands	2 HQ Coy
Stores	1	X	RAP	1 Bn HQ

Figures for Stores marked X will be taken as for each Coy.

11. Malarial precautions

Similar precautions regarding atobrin and spraying of tents etc will be carried out in WONDECLA area as those at present in practice.

12. Canteens

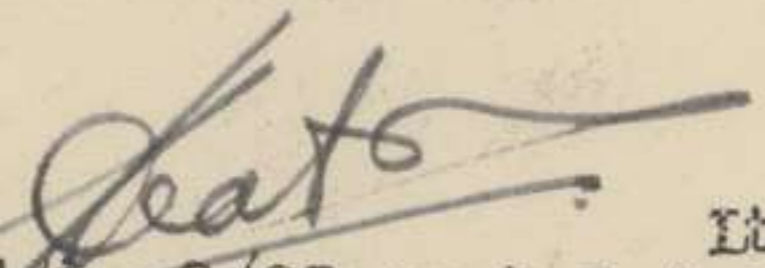
- (a) Unit canteen will move to WONDECLA area PM 17 Jan and will operate as from PM 18 Jan 45.
- (b) A ACS Ors' Club WONDECLA available to 9 Aust Div tps - period 17 Jan - 23 Jan 45, times of opening as for Ravenshoe Ors' Club.
- (c) AACS Offrs' Club WONDECLA available offrs 9 Aust Div.

13. Leave to HERBERTON

Allotment of 500 personnel from 9 Aust Div each night will be made. Bn allotment will be notified later.

14. Dress

JGs, Gaiters, Belts Web, Hats KFF.


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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
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13 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN No. 19

GUARD ORDERS

1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instn No 1 is cancelled.

2. BN GUARD

- (a) Strength 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 12 Ors.
- (b) Guard will mount duties on Duty Mounting Parade Ground in Bn HQ area.
- (c) Guard tent is situated 150 yds NE of Bn HQ.

3. The following duties will be mounted by day and night.

- Post No 1. Guard Tent (Only mounted when prisoners in custody)
- Post No 2. Road junction vicinity Guard Tent.
- Post No 3. Transport Lines
- Post No 4. Ammunition Dump.

4. SECURITY OF ARMS

Each member of Gd is responsible for security of arms, eqpt and amm (if any) on issue to him.

5. Bn Gd will be supplied by Duty Coy in accordance with roster issued separately.

6. Members of the Gd NOT on posts will remain in Gd Tents at ALL times unless given permission by Gd Comd.
At meal times maximum of three men will move to kitchen for meals.

7. DRESS

- (a) By Night. SB, gaiters, Hats KFF turned up, Drill Order.
- (b) By Day. JGs " " turned down " "
- (c) Groundsheets may be worn if required by weather conditions.

8. GD COMD

- (a) Gd Comd will prepare two Gd Reports for each tour of duty, each to be signed by Comd of dismounting and relieving guards. One copy to be filed in Gd Tent and the other lodged at Bn HQ by dismounting Gd Comd on completion of tour of duty.
- (b) Gd Comd has direct personal responsibility to CO for safe custody of all prisoners committed to his charge or taken over by him from previous Gd and for safeguard of all arms, amm, eqpt and WD stores on issue to or in charge of personnel of his Gd during tour of duty.
- (c) Gd Comd will also ensure that sentries are properly posted and regularly relieved by either himself or Cpl under his Comd, and that all times either he or his

Cpl 1s in the Gd Tent awake and on duty.

(d) Gd Comd will make full round of posts at least twice by day and twice by night at irregular times and will ensure that another NCO at different times performs a similar duty.

9. ACTION IN CASE OF FIRE

In accordance with instns as laid down in 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Standing Orders for Fire precautions of 11 Oct 44.

10. POSTING

NCOs posting reliefs will ensure that old reliefs pass on orders for their posting to new relief.

11. PROMUIGATION

Gd Comd will ensure that the whole of the Gd Orders and relevant portions of Standing Orders - Fire precautions are read out and understood by all members of the Gd.

12. ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Vide Appx "A" attached.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 1 (Only to be mounted if
prisoners in custody)

- 1/ Your post is at the Gd Tent.
2. On detection by you of any attempt to escape by prisoners in guard tent you will immediately call out the gd and halt escaping prisoners.
3. You will NOT leave your post until regularly relieved.
4. You will at all times be dressed correctly and armed with rifle and bayonet fixed.
5. You will turn out the Gd.
 - (a) As required in para 2 above.
 - (b) In the event of a disturbance or in case of fire.
6. You will maintain order and safeguard all government property in vicinity of your post.
7. You will pay the following compliments.
 - (a) Present arms to all Offrs above the rank of Capt.
 - (b) salute all other offrs.

ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 2 (Rd Junction)

1. Your post is at the Rd Junction, vicinity Gd Tent and your Beat extends 10 yds SW.
2. You will stop and question any person whom they consider is unauthorised to enter the Bn Area.
3. You will NOT leave your post unless regularly relieved.
4. You will at all times be dressed correctly and armed with rifle and bayonet fixed.
5. You will turn out the Gd.
 - (a) As detailed in para 8 (a) hereunder.
 - (b) To visiting rounds.
 - (c) To armed parties in charge of an offr passing along the road.
 - (d) In the event of a disturbance or in the case of fire.
6. You will maintain order and safeguard all Government property in vicinity of your post.
7. You will direct traffic into Bn Area.
8. You will pay the following compliments :-
 - (a) TURN OUT THE GUARD and present arms to all General Offrs Bde Comds, Ground Rounds and the CO once by day.
 - (b) Present arms to all offrs above the rank of Capt.
 - (c) Salute all other Offrs.

ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 3 (TRANSPORT LINES)

1. Your BEAT is from entrance to tpt lines NW to RAP.
2. You will NOT leave your post unless regularly relieved
3. You will at all times be correctly dressed and armed with rifle and bayonet fixed.
4. You will turn out the Gd .-
 - (a) In the event of a disturbance or in the case of fire.
5. You will maintain order and safeguard all Government property in vicinity of your post.
6. You will direct traffic into Bn area.
7. You will pay the following compliments :-
 - (a) Present arms to all Offrs above the rank of Capt.
 - (b) salute all other Offrs.

ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 4 (Ammunition Dump)

1. Your post is outside entrance to AMN DUMP.
2. You will prevent any person from entering amn dump who is NOT accompanied by CO, QM, or RSM.
3. You will NOT leave your post until regularly relieved.
4. You will at all times be dressed correctly and armed with rifle and bayonet fixed.
5. You will turn out the guard.-
 - (a) In the event of a disturbance or in case of fire.
6. You will maintain order and safeguard all Government property in vicinity of your post.
7. You will pay the following compliments .--
 - (a) Present Arms to all Oftrs above the rank of Capt.
 - (b) Salute all other Oftrs.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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2/23 AUST INF BN - ADM INSTN No 17

1 Jan 45

DCM - QX 38591

Pte WING G O

1. A DCM will be convened ref the abovenamed soldier for hearing at 0900 Hrs THURSDAY 4 Jan 45 at HQ 9 AUST DIV.
2. The following personnel will attend :-

<u>ACCUSED</u>	QX 38591 Pte WING G O
<u>ESCORTS</u>	Two escorts (To be arranged by Sgt HARRIS)
<u>DEFENDING OFFR</u>	Lt I H ESWARDS
<u>PROSOCUTING OFFR</u>	Lt S H HANSEN
<u>WITNESSES</u>	Documentary Only

3. Tpt offr to arrange tpt for the above personnel leaving car park at 0815 hrs on 4 Jan 45.
4. Sgt HARRIS to arrange for Medical Examination and Certificate at RAP on 4 Jan45 at 0800 hrs.
5. Cut lunches will be carried.

[Signature]
A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 (F T HEATON)

No. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Pd
11 Jan 45

2/23 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN

No 18

1. DRESS

The following dress will be worn by all members of 9 Aust Div :-

- (a) Trousers and Shirts KD or JG
- (b) Hats, Khaki fur, with puggarree.
Chin straps if issued will be worn neatly adjusted over the brim of the back of the hat.
Dvrs MT may wear caps SD in lieu of hats.
- (c) Belts Web
- (d) Boots with anklets web, or gaiters SD or American Pattern, or puttees short.

2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise shirt will be worn with long sleeves buttoned at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.

3. In respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be taken until further orders as 0600 hrs and 1900 hrs respectively). Coy Comds may at their discretion, permit members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare.

Members permitted to work with the upper portion of the body bare will wear shirts when proceeding to and returning from the actual place of work.

No general permission will be given by COs pursuant to the above orders. A specific direction must be given by COs on each occasion.

4. Cooks may wear singlets in lieu of shirt KD or JG whilst working in the immediate vicinity of the Kitchen.

5. Whilst participating in organised sport the appropriate uniform will be worn, which will include a covering for the upper portion of the body except when swimming.

6. The following times for sunbathing in the vicinity of tents or quarters in company lines will be strictly observed.-

WHEN IN CAMP ONLY

Working Days	.-	1130 hrs	-	Midday Meal
		1530 hrs	-	Evening Meal
Sundays	.-	After Church Parade until Evening Meal, excepting Mess Parades.		

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ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Capt J DUDLEY Adm Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

R/O's Part 1 No 1/45

1' Bn DUTIES

The following duties will mount at retreat :-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guard</u>
6 Jan 45	D Coy
7 Jan 45	A Coy
8 Jan 45	B Coy
9 Jan 45	C Coy
10 Jan 45	D Coy
11 Jan 45	HQ Coy

Coys will submit name of Orderly Offr to Bn HQ by 1500 hrs.

Heaton
Lt
A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F T HEATON)

NOTICES

STATEMENT OF REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT FOR MONTH ENDING

31 DECEMBER 44

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Pnrs Stores 1-14- 1	Canteens Oct 59-11-2
Tailors Purch. 14- 9	Disbursement 44 Bn 16- 5-9
Khaki Blanco 8- 5- 0	75-16-11
Footballs 1-19- 0	Cash on hand 1 Dec 23- 8-0
Repairs to trombone 1-16- 3	Balance in trust
Regtl Purchases 1- 0- 0	A/c 1 Dec 44 146- 0-2
Mantles 1-15- 0	
Prize Bde Sports 1- 0- 0	
Cash on hand 18- 4- 1	
31 Dec 44 19-19- 2	
Balance in Trust A/c 31 Dec 44 207- 1-10	
<u>245- 5- 1</u>	<u>245- 5-1</u>

We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to 2/23 AUST INF BN Regtl Accounts, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 31 Dec 44.

[Signature]
Lt

[Signature]
Lt

STATEMENT OF BATTALION * CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

1 Dec to 31 Dec 44

TRADING ACCOUNT

Purchases	2188-15- 8	Sales	2558- 9- ½
Stock 30 Nov 44	496-15- 9	Stock	
		31 Dec 44	125- 3- 7
		Trading profit and loss A/c	1-18- 9½
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PROFIT AND LOSS A/c

Expenses	15- 9- 8	Milk A/c	12- 0- 7
Purchases Xmas and New Year Bn Dinners	66- 8- 4	Beer A/c	9
Goods damaged in transit	4- 4- 6	Discount	84- 3- 6
Trading A/c	1-18- 9½		
Nett Profit	8- 3- 6½		
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	96- 4-10		96- 4-10
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BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities

Capital A/c	839- 0- 5½
Profit and Loss A/c	8- 3- 6½
Sundry Creditors. A Coy	1-13- 0½
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	848-17- 0½
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Assets

Cash in hand	712-11- 1½
Stock on hand	125- 3- 7
Equipment	11- 2- 4
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	848-17- 0½
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We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust A/c Book and vouchers relating to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Canteen Trust accounts and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 31 Dec 44.

[Signature] Lt

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

CAPT J DUDLEY, ADM COMD, 2/23 AUST INF BN

RO's Part 1 No 2/45

2. BN DUTIES

RO 1/45 para 1 is cancelled.

The following duties will mount at RETREAT :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GUARD</u>
6 Jan 45	D Coy
7 Jan 45	A Coy
8 Jan 45	F Coy
9 Jan 45	HQ Coy
10 Jan 45	B Coy
11 Jan 45	C Coy
12 Jan 45	HQ Coy
13 Jan 45	A Coy

Coy's will submit name of Orderly Offr to Bn Hq by 1500 hrs.

3. SALUTING

1. The present standard of saluting within the Bn is NOT up to the required standard.
2. WO's, NCO's and private soldiers in uniform at all times will salute :-
 - (a) when about to address, or upon being addressed by, an officer whom they know to be such, and at the conclusion of that address ; and
 - (b) on parade and during an exercise in the field. When passing or being passed by an Offr whom they are able to recognise as such, shall salute that officer.
3. Attention is directed to the recognition of flags flown on motor cars or jeeps. Any vehicle flying a flag is conveying an officer of the rank of Brigadier or higher. Appropriate compliments will at all times be paid to such officers.
4. ALL ranks are reminded that the bearing, smartness and esprit de corps is reflected in the manner in which compliments are paid by officers and men of the unit.

4. BOTTLED LIQUOR

- (a) The practice of tps carrying and consuming bottled liquor on other than licensed premises is still prevalent, and particularly in the town of RAVENSHOE.
- (b) The attention of all ranks is drawn to ASOs Chap 10, para 7 on this subject. Subjoined is an extract of the above order for promulgation to ALL RANKS.

Restrictions in relation to the possession
and consumption of liquor

- (a) Except as provided in para. (b) hereof no member of the Australian Military Forces when in uniform shall :-
- (i) In any public place ; or
 - (ii) In any vestibule or doorway opening on to any public place or to which access may be gained from any public place ; or
 - (iii) In any highway or public road ; or
 - (iv) In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve or ;
 - (v) On any part of a park or recreation reserve ; or
 - (vi) In any public conveyance.
- consume any intoxicating liquor or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor contained in a bottle or a container of any description.
- (c) The attention of all ranks is drawn to "STANDING ORDERS for DRIVERS" para. 19 (b) which states :-
"Drivers are forbidden to carry intoxicating liquors on their vehicles unless the liquor forms part of their load duly authorised by an Officer."
- (d) Future breaches of the abovementioned orders will be regarded seriously and in all cases severe disciplinary action taken against offenders.

5. EVACUATIONS TO CCS OR HOSPITAL

DRO 19 is repeated hereunder for info and necessary action :-

1. Instances are occurring where personnel are being evacuated to CCS or AGH without being in possession of all necessary documents, clothing and equipment.
2. The following is a list of articles that must be carried :-

AF W3118
AF W3118A
Paybook
AAB A83
Mosquito Net
Toilet and shaving gear
Mess Gear and cutlery
Pyjamas if in soldier's possession.

3. Coys will ensure that the above instructions are complied with.

6. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

The attention of ALL RANKS is drawn to GRO 108/42, which states :-

1. The attention of all ranks is directed to A M R & O 293 (1), which provides as follows:-

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A M R or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden."

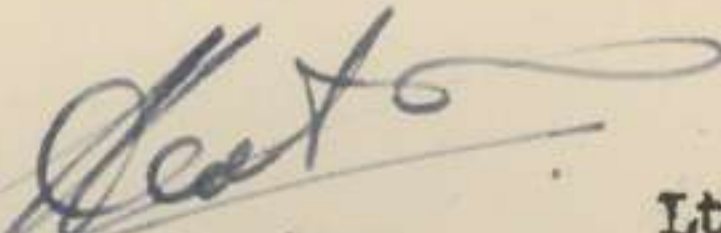
2. The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R. & O 307 (1) which provides :-

" The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an Offr or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an offr or soldier is to apply through his CO or to complain in accordance with the MR and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests all grievances by other means is forbidden."

3. All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any HQ through unauthorised channels will be dealt with as a serious offence.

7. WASHING OF WEB EQPT

- 1. As the result of a report received from 24 AUST INF BDE it is directed that Web eqpt will NOT be washed with PERSIL washing soap.
- 2. Web eqpt washed with PERSIL is rendered completely U/S due to rotting of the article washed.


 Lt
 J. T. FEATON, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 (J. T. FEATON)

Distribution

LIST "A"

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

- 1. (a) At 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/23 Aust Inf Bn)
 2/11 Aust Fd Amb) - 0345 hrs General Parade
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde) Chap JULIAN
- 2. (a) FD Communion
 1000 hrs Camp theatre - All units
- (b) C of E Communion
 0930 hrs 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - YMCA Hut
- (c) RC MASS
 0715 Hrs 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - YMCA Hut
 0930 Hrs 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - YMCA Hut

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

CAPT J DUDLEY, ADM COMD, 2/23 AUST INF BN

RO's Part 1 No 3/45

8. BN DUTIES

The following duties will mount at RETREAT :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GUARD</u>
14 Jan 45	B Coy
15 Jan 45	C Coy
16 Jan 45	D Coy
17 Jan 45	HQ Coy

Coys will submit name of Orderly officer to Bn HQ by 1500 hrs.

9. TRADE GROUPING - USE OF ARABIC NUMERALS INSTEAD OF ROMAN NUMERALS IN DESIGNATIONS. (Extract from 1 Aust Corps RO 322 of 25 Dec 44)

1. Reports indicate that the use of Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV) in the designation of trade groupings creates a greater likelihood of error than would be the case if ordinary Arabic figures (1, 2, 3, 4) were used.
2. Action is therefore being taken in the near future to amend GRO A243/44, War Establishments and other relevant instructions to provide for the substitution of Arabic figures in such designations.
3. Such amendments will be anticipated and action will be taken forthwith to use Arabic figures in all references to trade grouping in records, instructions and other documents.

10. SAFARI JACKETS - MALE PERSONNEL, AMF. (GRO 0.12 of 5 Jan 45).

1. Jackets, safari, may only be worn by officers and warrant officers, class I.
2. Such articles may be worn only when the wearing of summer dress is permitted.

11. LOCAL TRAVEL. (Extract from 1 Aust Corps RO 315 of 18 Dec 44)

1. In future all personnel proceeding on local leave outside camp area will be provided with an authorised leave pass by the unit granting leave. Any person apprehended outside their unit lines without a leave pass and who are not on duty will be charged with AWL.

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NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

1. (a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn 0930 hrs General Parade
Chap FARMER (In Camp theatre)

2. PD Communion

0700 hrs 2/24 Aust Inf Bn Chapel- All units

C of E Communion

0700 hrs 2/23 Aust Inf Bn YMCA Hut - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

0930 hrs 2/48 Aust Inf Bn YMCA Hut - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

RC MASS

0715 hrs 2/24 Aust Inf Bn YMCA Hut

0845 hrs 2/48 Aust Inf Bn YMCA Hut

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

CAPT J DUDLEY, ADM COMD 2/23 AUST INF BN

RO's Part 1 No 4/45

12. PUNISHMENT BY COURT MARTIAL

The following award by DCM to a private soldier of this unit is promulgated.

QX 38591 pte WING G O, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, was charged with having while being a soldier of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia on active service committed the following offence :-

Army Act
Sec 15 (1) WOAS absenting himself without leave

in that he

In the Fd at 13 Aust Pers Stag Camp when on active service absented himself without leave from 0730 hrs 21-Apr 44 until apprehended at 1430 hrs 2 Dec 44 by QX 3075 Cpl COLQUHOUN J D of 7 Aust L of C area Provost Coy.

He pleaded GUILTY and was so found by the COURT.

On 4 Jan 45 he was sentenced to undergo detention for six (6) months and to be discharged from the Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The accused was 33 days in close arrest.

On 11 Jan 45 Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div varied the sentence so that it shall be to undergo detention for six (6) months and confirmed the finding and sentence as so varied.

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A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F T HEATON)

NOTICES

1. Approval has been given for the formation of signal maintenance sections for army broadcasting stations.
2. Vacancies exist within these sections for personnel with the following qualifications :-

(a) Officers - Captains

- (1) Experience in the operation and maintenance of a broadcasting station.

- (ii) Knowledge of theory covering both audio and Radio frequency.
- (iii) Knowledge of broadcasting transmitters.
- (iv) Knowledge of studio eqpt, including amplifiers, faders, microphones, turntables etc.
- (v) Knowledge of prime-movers and power eqpt generally.
- (vi) Knowledge of the method of keeping station records.

(b) Warrant Officers, Class I

- (i) As for Officers, but of a lower standard.

(c) Instrument Mechanics - Cpls and Signalmen

- (i) Normal instrument mechanic qualifications.
- (ii) Knowledge of Broadcasting transmitters and Studio eqpt.
- (iii) Knowledge of Power Plant.
- (iv) Knowledge of studio control operator's work.

3. Qualified personnel from all arms and services may make application through normal army channels for transfer to army broadcasting station signal sections, and all such applications will be forwarded to reach Bn HQ not later than 1500hrs 16 Jan 45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, Part 1

by

CAPT J DUDLEY, ADM COMD 2/23 AUST INF BN

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
22 Jan 45

13. PUNISHMENT BY COURT MARTIAL

(a) The following awards by DCM to private soldiers of this unit are promulgated.

VX 51630 Pte MELROSE J R, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was charged with DESERTION (AWL from 2359 hrs on 30 Jul 44 until 1115 hrs on 30 Nov 44.)

The COURT found the accused NOT GUILTY of DESERTION but GUILTY of AWL.

The COURT sentenced the accused on 20 Dec 44 to be fined the sum of Twenty Pounds (20).

The accused was in close arrest for 19 days awaiting trial

The sentence and finding was duly confirmed on 22 Dec 44 by Col VAIL.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at RR & GDD SYDNEY on 4 Jan 45.

(b) WX 1970 Pte JOHNSTON H was tried by DCM in the field on 15 Dec 44 by order of Maj - Gen A J BOASE Adm Comd Rear Ech First Aust Army dated 9 Dec 44.

President of the Court Maj E. G MILLER PPCM 11 Aust Div

- Charges
- (1) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer Lieut A ROSEN in the field on Nov 24 44 (AA 8 (2))
 - (2) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer Lieut A ROSEN in the field on 24 Nov 44 (AA 8 (2))
 - (3) WOAS offering violence to his superior officer Lieut A ROSEN in the field on 24 Nov 44. (AA 8 (2))

plea NOT guilty

Findings GUILTY of the first and second charges.
NOT GUILTY of the third charge.

Sentence To be fined the sum of TEN POUNDS

Date of sentence 15 Dec 44.

Finding and sentence confirmed on 23 Dec 44 by Maj Gen JJ MURRAY Comd Rear Ech First Aust Army.

Accused was 17 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

Promulgated to the accused on 22 Jan 45.

Heaton
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A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F T HEATON)

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(a) The following orders by DCM to various soldiers of this unit were promulgated on 15 Dec 44:

IX 1000 P.M. 15 DEC 44. The accused was charged with the sum of ten pounds (10/-) for being absent from his unit without leave for 17 days.

The court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the charges.

The court sentenced the accused on 15 Dec 44 to be fined the sum of ten pounds (10/-).

The accused was in close arrest for 17 days awaiting trial.

The sentence and finding was duly confirmed on 23 Dec 44 by Maj Gen JJ MURRAY.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused on 22 Jan 45.

(b) Lt F T HEATON was cited by DCM in the field on 15 Dec 44 by order of Maj Gen JJ MURRAY Comd Rear Ech First Aust Army dated 15 Dec 44.

President of the court Maj F T HEATON 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Charges (1) Was being insubordinate towards his superior officer Lt Col J. H. ... in the field on 15 Dec 44 (1st Chg).

(2) Was being insubordinate towards his superior officer Lt Col J. H. ... in the field on 15 Dec 44 (2nd Chg).

(3) Was being insubordinate towards his superior officer Lt Col J. H. ... in the field on 15 Dec 44 (3rd Chg).

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2/23 AUST INF BN

14 JAN

1930 hrs

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WEDDING DAY

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GRIEG

GOLLIWOGS CAKE WALK
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CRICKET RESULTS

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In The Field
8 Jan 45

ALL BOYS:

26 AUST INF BDE GROUP COMPETITION

1. Teams competing and points scored to date:

9 Div sigs.....	8
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.....	7
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.....	5
2/48 " " ".....	3
2/24 " " ".....	1
2/11 Aust Fd Amb.....	--
26 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.....	--

2. Results of 2 rounds played to 6 Jan 45:

30 Dec 44:

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Tied	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	D	26 Bde H.Q.	(Outright)
9 Div Sigs	D	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	(Outright)
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	(Bye)		

6 Jan 45:

9 Div Sigs	D	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	(Outright)
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	D	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	(1st Inns)
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	D	2/48 " " "	(" ")
26 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.	(Bye)		

3. Draw for 3rd round 13 Jan 45:

			<u>Ground</u>
9 Div Sigs	V	26 Bde H.Q.	Div Sigs
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	V	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/48 Bn
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	V	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2/3 Pnr Bn
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	(Bye)		

4. Details of matches played by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn:

2 Jan 45 at 2/48 Bn Ground:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn 145 (Rice 35, Ellis 23, Dowell 23, Daly 22, Loomes 4 - 39)

Tied with

2/48 Aust Inf Bn 145

6 Jan 45 at 2/48 Bn Ground:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn 8 for 305 (Andrews 110, McKenzie 106, Ellis 36, Dowell 5 - 27, Thompson 3 - 35.)

Defeated

2/24 Aust Inf Bn 98

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
5 Jan 45

DIVISIONAL SPORTS

MEETING

1. Bn will move to WONDECIA for Divisional Sports Meeting over period 17 Jan to 23 Jan 45.
2. Winners of events at Bde Sports will represent Bde group at Div meeting.
3. As results of Military competition at Bde Sports were close, this Bn has the right to challenge in the following events.-

MMG TK A Alarm Race, 3" Mortar

These challenge matches must be finalized by 7 Jan 45. Lt ISKOV will arrange the above challenge matches if required.
4. This Bn will represent Bde Group in the following events.-

Grenade Throwing	Throwing the cricket ball
100 yds sprint	2 runners in a 100 yds relay team
1 Runner in 880 medley	
1 Runner in 440 medley	
5. Band competition will be open. All units supplying entries.
6. Race Meeting will be held. Names of Jockeys with details of experience to reach this HQ by 061800K. Minimum weight to be 10 stone 7 pounds (incl saddle 20 lbs).
7. TOTE will be run by 9 Div Pay Corps. No army or civilian bookmakers will be in attendance.
8. HORSES will be auctioned at 0900 hrs on Sat 20 Jan 45.
9. Pictures and Concert Party will be arranged and timings and details will be notified later.
10. Three hundred service women will attend Sports Meeting on 19 th and 20th Jan 45.

Heaton
Lt
A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F T HEATON)

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Plus Lt WENBORN for BNHQ

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
31 Jan 45

Ref : 5/247

26 Aust Inf Bde

Subject; AMENITIES REPORT - JAN 45

(Ref First Aust Army Standing Orders Chap 8 para (j))

1. No football has been played during the month but all players are keenly awaiting commencement of a new competition.
2. The first XI cricket team have played two matches, one against the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn being a tie, and the other against 2/24 Aust Inf Bn resulting in a win for the Bn team on the first innings.
3. Basketball is still being played in coys and Bn "A" team were successful in winning the Div Competition.
4. Div sports created great interest - Bn representatives gaining several places in the athletic events. Interest was shown in the inter Div sports.
5. Div Race Meeting was very popular with the tps.
6. Pictures have been well attended - shows varying from good to very poor.
7. Boxing tournaments within Div has attracted very large crowds and Bn representatives have done particularly well.
8. The sum of £15.1.0 has been expended on sporting materials during the month.

F A G Tucker Lt col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F A G TUCKER)

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1 Jan 45

All Coys

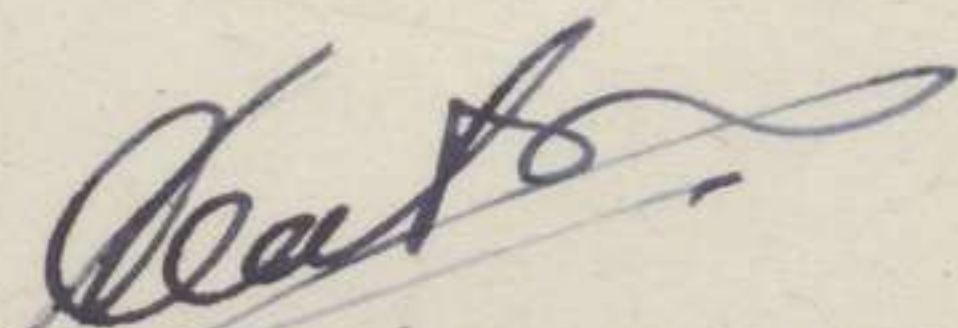
AMENDMENT TO TRAINING INSTN NO 2

1. Para 4 Specialist Trg.

After sub-para (c) insert.

(d) C A B Lectures

- (i) ~~TITLE~~ of lecture
- (ii) NOs of personnel attending each lecture
- (iii) Numbers of lectures given, (each lecture)


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(F T HEATON)

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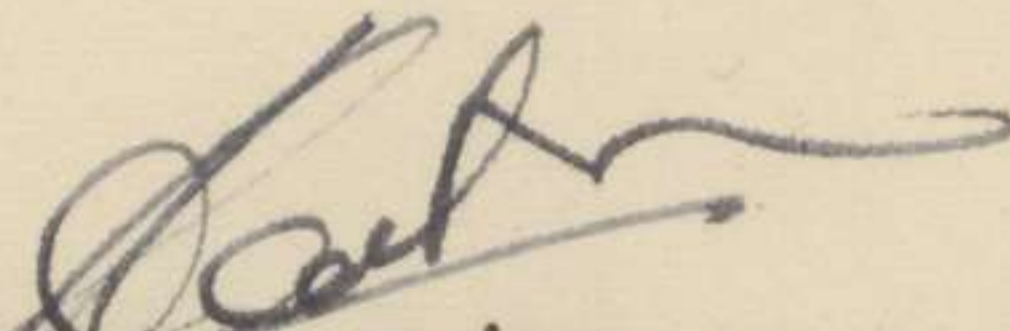
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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
14 Jan 45

All Coys Bn HQ

BOOTS TROPICAL STUDDED

1. Reports have been received from some units in the Div that excessive wear of the studs on Boots TS has been noted during the short period for which these boots were worn.
2. Please submit to this HQ by 151800K a report on these boots giving due consideration to the type of ground on which these boots have been worn (ie rocky ground, gravel paths etc.


Lt
A/Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F T HEATON)

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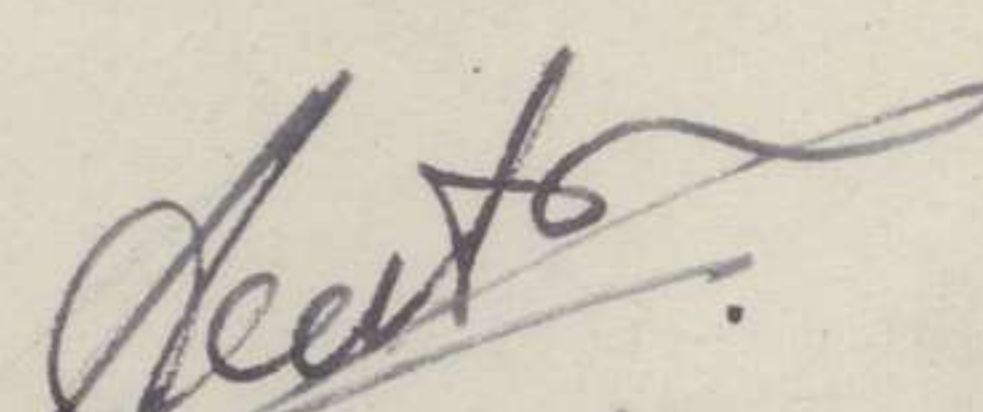
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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
2 Jan 45

ALL COYS
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"C" INSTRUCTION FOR BN JUNGLE TRG

8 - 13 Jan 45

1. RATIONS

Coy kitchens will be established in "B" Ech at map ref Approx 370946 Wt GARNET 1:63360.

Kitchens and transport allotted to Coys will remain under the control of CQMS of each coy.

Morning and evening meals will be "Hot boxed" from "B" Ech to P1 bivouac area. Midday meal will be a haversack meal and will be distributed to P1s each morning at 0630 hours approx. Rations will be drawn daily from Bn ration store by CQMS of coys concerned.

2. WATER

Kitchens will be provided with water by Bn water cart at least once each day - 2 jeep trailers will be provided for this purpose. Re-allotment of 2 gal water tins will be made by QM to ensure that each coy kitchen has 24 2 gal water tins available for delivery to P1s each evening. These containers will be collected by CQMS each morning, returned to "B" Ech and filled in readiness for delivery to P1s the same night.

3. BLANKETS

Blankets will be dumped in P1 areas each morning evening at the same time as evening meal is delivered and will be collected by CQMS at the same time as breakfast is delivered to P1s.

TRANSPORT

4.	8 Jan 45	0830 hrs	2x15 cwt & 2 trailers	B Coy (
			2x15 cwt & 2 trailers	C Coy (
	11 Jan 45	0830 hrs	2x15 cwt & 2 trailers	A Coy (
			2x15 cwt & 2 trailers	D Coy (

These vehicles will move in convoy from Bn area to "B" Ech.
Start Point Bn Offr Mess
Start Time 0845 hrs.

Ration and blanket trucks will leave "B" Ech area daily for P1 bivouac areas at approx 0600 hrs and 1630 hrs.

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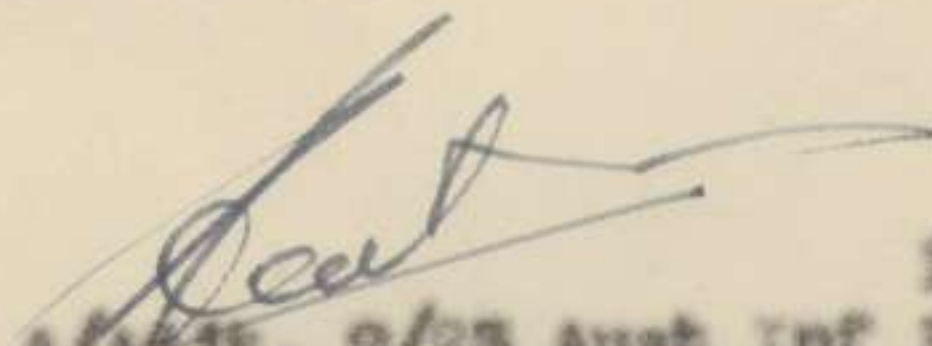
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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING TRG WITH LIVE AMM
AND EXPLOSIVES

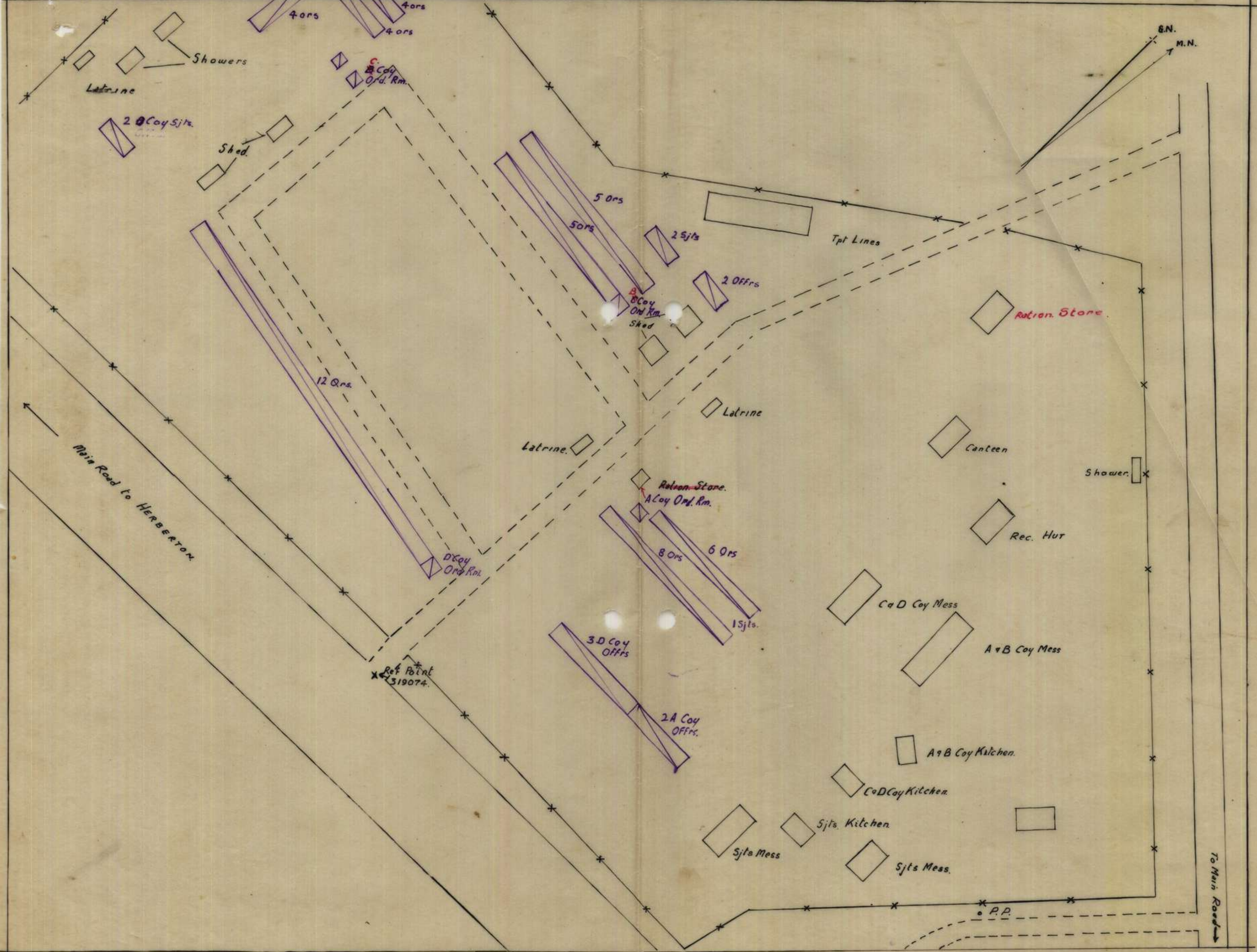
1. The following is an extract from 9 Aust Div HQ Ptl, para 41.-
2. " To reduce casualties during trg to a minimum, safety precautions laid down during exercises with live amm, explosives and flame throwers must be carefully examined. The following action will be taken for this purpose :-
 - (a) In large exercises, the safety precautions will be examined by the HQ arranging the exercise. An examining offr will be nominated by the Bde or Div HQ concerned and should explosives be involved, an experienced engr offr will be nominated.
 - (b) Action on the same lines as that given in sub para (a) will be taken within units when smaller exercises of this nature are arranged.
3. The instructions contained in para 2 will not detract in any way from the responsibility of the CRA or Senior Arty offr for the safety precautions during arty practices, vide sec 8 para 16 of Instructions for practice field Army Arty 1938.

MAINTENANCE OF GUNS MACHINE BREN

1. Instances have been reported of sluggish op or seizure of the piston in the gas chamber of the Bren Gun MkII after firing 200 rds (approx).
2. This defect is caused by failure to completely remove carbon deposits from the inside of the gas chamber and in particular from the annular rings within the chamber, when cleaning the gun.
3. The defect will be prevented by thorough cleaning after firing as indicated in lesson 6 SAT Vol 1 pam 4, or after 500 rds have been fired, whichever is the sooner.


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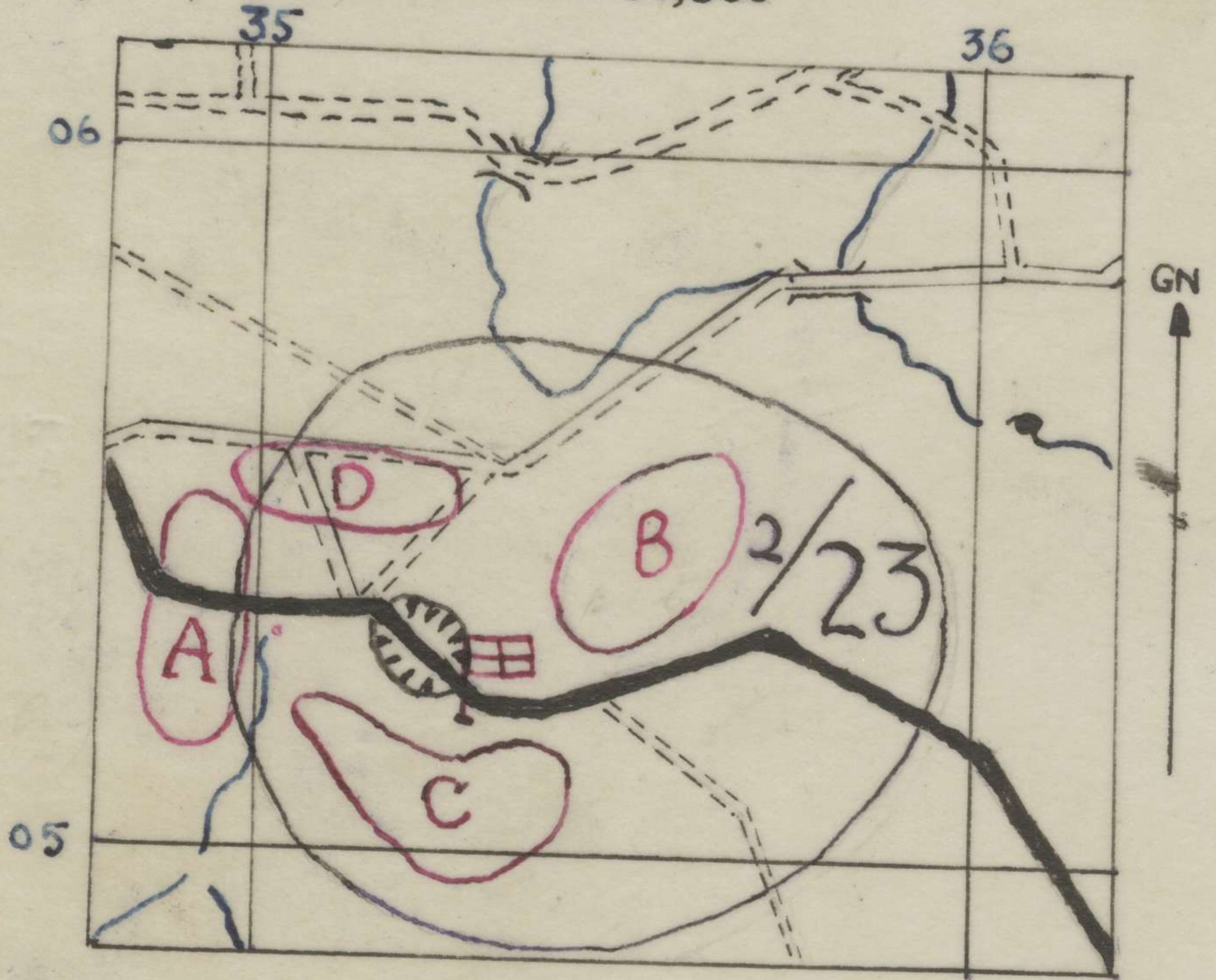
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Approx Bn Dispositions

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Ref Map HERBERTON 1:63,860



Scale 4 inches = 1 mile

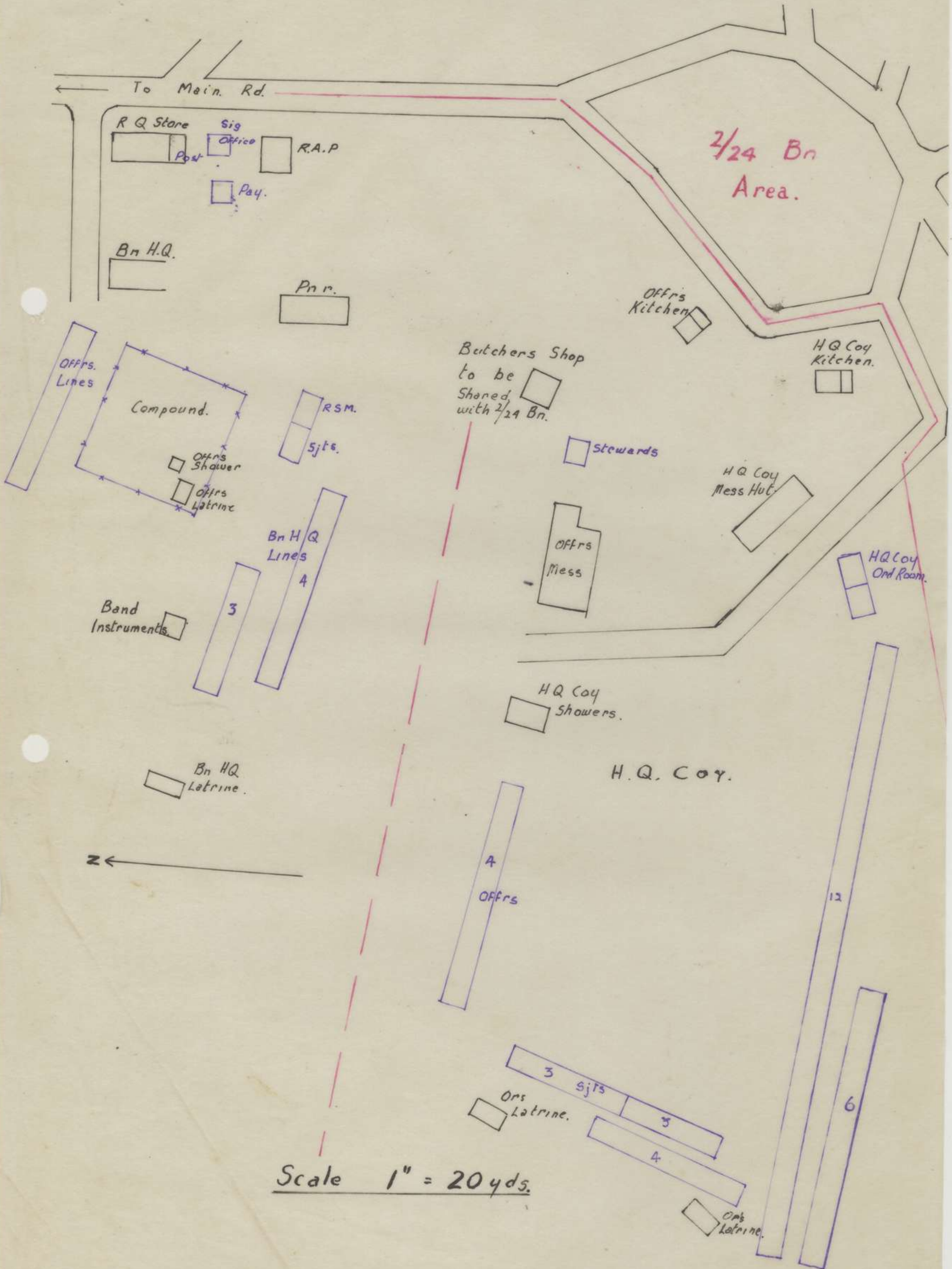
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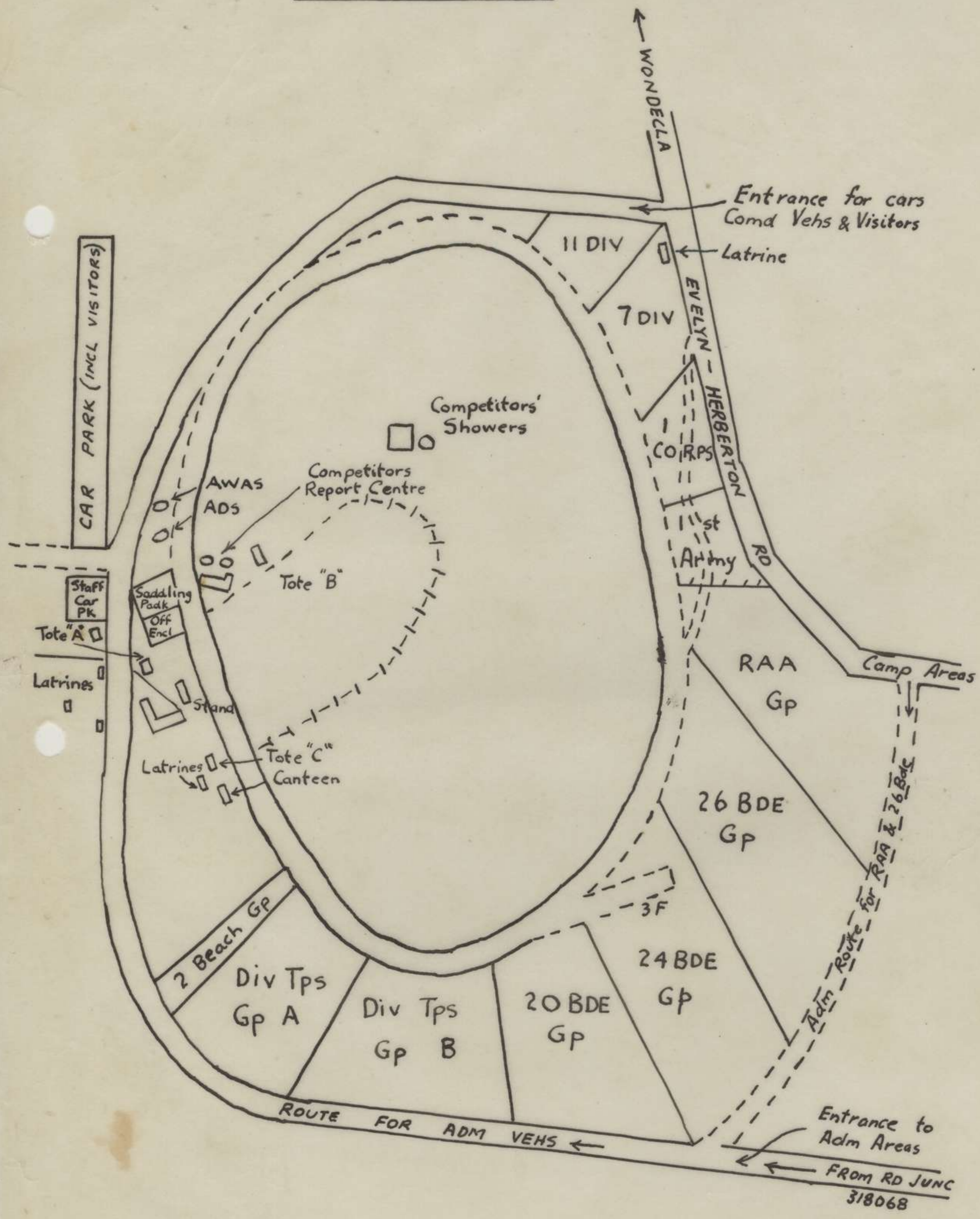
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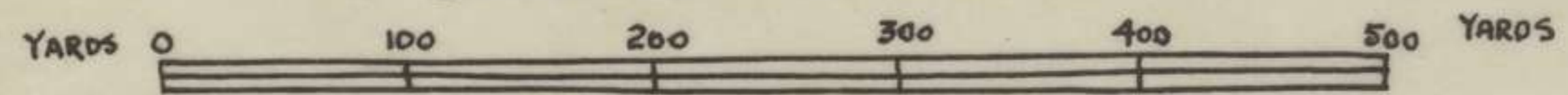
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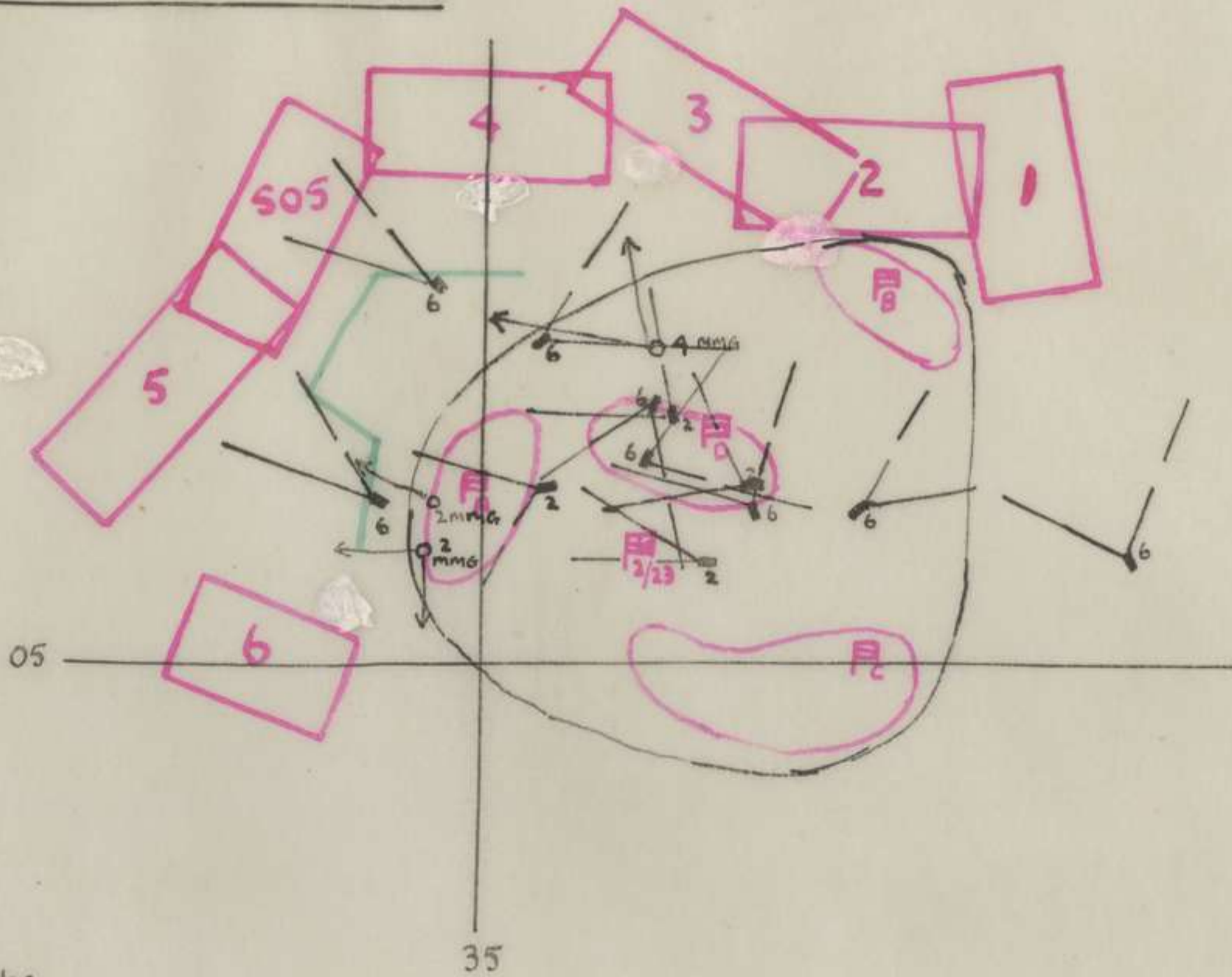
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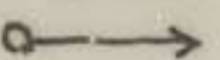
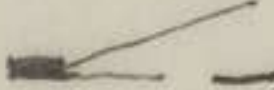


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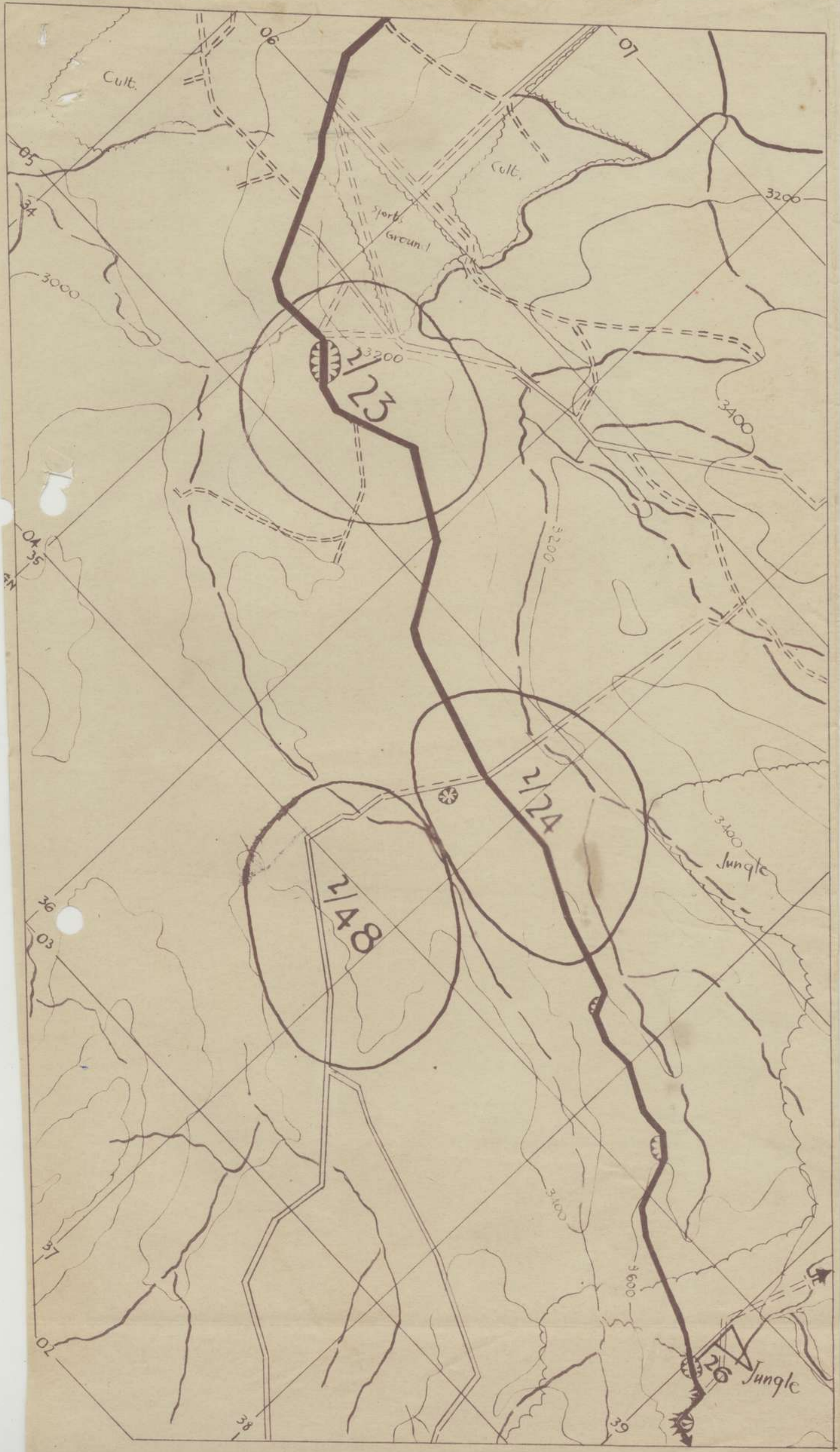
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Overlay to Enlargement 4" to 1 mile



-  Arty Tasks
-  Minefield
-  Mortar Task
-  M. M. G.
-  Tk. A. Gun

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