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2/23 Infantry Battalion

February 1945

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RAVENSHOE	1		CO's conference at which Ex CROOKFOOT was discussed, further discussion on Bn amenities. Lt B GOON appointed A/TO.	
	2		Rear party from Ex at WONDECLA returned to RAVENSHOE camp area. General adm in camp area carried out, particular attention being paid to improvement in drainage systems. Capt W VINES appointed OC D Coy with Capt R ROW as 2i/c. RO 6/45 issued. Appx.	
	3		Amenities conference held in the Rec hut, where representatives of coy personnel discussed suggested improvements for amenities within the Bn. Comd 26 Bde (Brig D A WHITEHEAD DSO MC ED) visited the bn area and inspected unit transport. Padre JULIEN att 2/48 Bn addressed all C of E personnel in Rec Hut. In the evening CO attended 9 Aust Div Concert party in Camp Theatre. Amendment to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr issued. Appx.	
	4		Bn Church parade conducted by Chap JULIEN in Bn Rec hut. Trg syllabus for NCO's and coy individual trg issued for the forthcoming week. Appx	
	5		Lecture to all offrs by Lt Col SINCLAIR on 'WAR NEUROSIS' in offrs mess. Screening of trg films in camp theatre viewed by all tps. Subjects - 'OUR ENEMY JAPAN' 'GOING NORTH' 'ABCA' and 'NAPLES'. Trg cadre held in the evening for all NCOs. CO's conference 2115 hrs. Subject - 'GENERAL ADM' RO's 7/45 issued. Appx.	

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RAVENSHOE	6		Trg as per syllabus. Capt R ROW appointed adjt, ~~Lt HEATON A/adjt~~.	
	7		Capt M SIMMONS appointed Adm Comd C Coy. CO and adjt carried out recce for forthcoming Army-Air Co-op ex. Capt M WILTON marched out to hospital. Trg for pl drill competition carried out. 8 personnel rejoined unit from ARL.	
	8		Bn parade on the Sports Ground, inspection carried out by CO. 1300 hrs. CO's conference, discussion - the forthcoming visit of H.R.H The Duke of GLOUCESTER. Lecture in the offrs mess to all offrs. Subject 'WITHDRAWAL' by Capt W VINES. ~~55 personnel marched out on ARL.~~ Special syllabus prepared for H.R.H's visit. Appx ~~Education Instr No 2 issued. Appx.~~	
Rec'd	9		~~GOC's conference 9 Aust Div HQ at 1445 hrs.~~ Lecture - 'LINGAGEN Gulf ops' attended by CO and coy comds. ~~35 personnel returned from ARL and further 15 marched out ARL.~~ Trg Instr ex AIRFOCT issued together with INTERCOM Instr No 1. Appx	
	10		Weather conditions continue to be overcast with frequent showers. ~~Conference 26 Aust Inf Bde attended by CO.~~ Capt T MATTHEWS appointed OC A Coy. ~~Maj E McRAE, Capt K LOVELL and party 21 ORs rejoined unit from ARL.~~ Flame Thrower demo for BnHQ personnel. ~~Trg syllabus for week ending 17 Feb issued. Appx~~	

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RAVENSHOE	11		Bn church parade in Rec hut conducted by Chap JULIEN. During morning CO carried out recce in preparation for ex AIRFOOT. In the afternoon C and D Coys moved out from camp area and bivouaced overnight in preparation for ex AIRFOOT. IO marched out on ARL, Lt J BOARD appointed A/IO. 3 ORs returned from ARL.	
	12		Warm weather prevails after the recent rain. AIRFOOT ex was carried out during the morning by C and D Coys plus BnHQ personnel. Ex completed, tps returned to camp. Recce by CO accompanied by 2i/c and adjt for 26 Aust Inf Bde TEWT. Bn education class commenced. Chap BRYSON in charge, 50 students attending. 12 personnel marched in and 9 out on ARL.	
	13		Trg as per syllabus Conference 26 Aust Inf Bde on TEWT 'WITHDRAWAL'. 4 personnel return to unit ex ARL.	
	14		Special trg syllabus on bn sports ground. The Governor General, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester visits 9 Aust Div Area. The guard of honour for His Royal Highness at RAVENSHOE comprised of representatives from the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. In the afternoon personnel of the bn lined the main camp rd (MT GARNET-RAVENSHOE) and watched the Governor General - Duke of Gloucester and staff accompanied by the GOC Maj General G F WOOTEN CBE, DSO, inspect the tps 8 B class personnel marched out.	
Rec'd		included		
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RAVENSHOE	15		Warm weather continues. Trg as per syllabus. Weighing of personnel, kit inspection, and application of repellant lotion to clothing carried out. CO's conference - general discussion. Standing Orders for care of wpns on charge to coys issued. Adm Instr No 24 (Guard Orders) issued. Appx	
	16		B and D Coys with one pl of A and C Coys att respectively moved out on FREE-FOR-ALL Ex carried out in the TUMOULIN-TRACEY'S CORNER - RAVENSHOE area. CO and adjt inspect the trg during ex. Bn personnel held elimination shoot for Div Rifle Shooting Competition at HERBERTON Rifle Range. Appx. 4 reinfts marched in. Trg Instr No 14 issued (NCO cadre) Appx.	
	17		CO and adjt inspect further trg on FREE-FOR-ALL ex. Inspection of the bn area carried out by Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde. 2000hrs. Coys returned to camp by MT from the ex. RO 8/45 issued. Appx 2/23 Aust Inf Bn defeated 9 Aust Div Sigs at cricket.	
	18		Bn church parade conducted by Chap JULIEN. in Rec hut. Amenities-cricket match between offrs and sjts resulted ina win for the offrs.	
	19		Internal NCO's cadre commenced in bn lines, also FLAME THROWER Cadre on Sports Ground under Lt ORR (LHQ). 26 Aust Inf Bde TEWT 'WITHDRAWAL' attended by CO, 2i/c, adjt and Sig Offr. Appx	

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RAVENSHOE	19 contd.		8 offrs nominated for 26 Aust Inf Bde Tac School Course 3. AES lecture on BURMA to A and B Coys.	
	20		1330hrs. Lecture in offrs mess to all offrs by Maj McGANN on WAR GRAVES UNIT organization.	
	21		A and C Coys move out to Field Firing practice at the MMG range MILLAA MILLAA by MT.	
	22		Co and adjt visit A and C Coys at the MILLAA MILLAA MMG range. BM 26 Aust Inf Bde visits the bn area and discusses future trg with CO. RO 9/45 issued. Appx AES lecture on BURMA to C and D Coys.	
	23		At Camp Theatre all personnel of the bn attended screening of BATTLE FOR CHINA. A formal dinner was held at D Coy mess hut, the guests being CO and adjt and all ex D Coy members now with other coys. Trg syllabus for week ending 3 March issued. Appx	
Flow Copy	24		A and C Coys returned from MMG range at MILLAA MILLAA. General adm carried out through the bn . Internal education class concluded.	
	25		Bn church parade conducted by Chap JULIEN in the Rec Hut.	
	26		Bn HQ personnel with att personnel (Sig Pl and one det of No 3 pl, sec of pnrs) move out on ex BUMBLEFOOT Appx. B and D Coys move out to Fd firing exercise on the MMG range MILLAA MILLAA.	

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RAVENSHOE	27		Ex BUMBLEFOOT continues. Appx	
	28		Heavy rain continues. Ex BUMBLEFOOT concluded and personnel return to camp by MT. During afternoon CO and Adjt visit B and D Coys and inspect trg at the MMG range MILLAA MILLAA. RMO (Capt SPRING) marched out to school. Lt H McLEOD seconded to 1 Aust Army Regimental Trg School as instr.	

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			CO's REPORT	
	TRAINING		During t his month the trg has been of good variety and of interest to all ranks. Intensive trg has been carried out in 'individual trg' and NCO's and flame warfare cadres. Another 'Free-for-all' ex was carried out by HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde in which two coys of each Bn participated. (B abd D coys of this Bn. The principal lessons learned from this exercise were: a. The necessity for protection at all times. b. The value of surprise. c. The necessity for quick decisions by the Comd of the force. d. Self-reliance of an independent force. Although the exercise proved difficult from the physical aspect, all ranks showed keen interest and much benefit was gained by all. Two exercises were carried out with the chief object of exercising the Bn HQ and Sig Pl in Army/Air communication. Methods practiced were R/T Aldis lamp, ground strips and indication of targets by 2" and 3" Mortar smoke..These exercises proved most valuable. The Bde Offrs Tac School was continued and to date 22 offrs of this unit have attended this course.	
	EDUCATONAL		Further lectures were given to offrs and ORs on the following subjects; The Battle of China - film, all ranks Lingayen Ops) War Neurosis) - offrs Graves Unit Org) Our Enemy Japan) Going North) - films, all ranks ABCA) Naples)	

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			CO's REPORT (contd)	
			The monthly CABs and general discussions were held by all coys. The education cadre proved very useful and the students who attended were most interested and derived much benefit toward their general education.	
	LEAVE		Approx 150 personnel returned to unit from ARL and approx 70 other personnel marched out on ARL.	
	WEATHER		Heavy rains continued throughout the month, and although interruptions in the trg occurred, the trg was NOT seriously affected.	
	PERSONALITIES		Great enthusiasm was experienced by experienced by all ranks on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, the Governor General of Australia. All ranks participated in trg and demonstrations for H.R.H and he displayed keen interest in all he observed. This visit of such a distinguished personality proved to raise the spirits of the men considerably. They were very proud to have been honoured with his visit at such an early date after his arrival in Australia.	

A.A. Brooker Lt Col
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			RMO's REPORT	
			The health of the men in this bn during the month has been splendid. With the exception of some URTI and an outbreak of Diarrhoea, there has been little serious illness, and sick parades have reduced considerably. The Diarrhoea contracted by 52 men of A Coy was only of a mild nature and all responded to treatment. One man from ARL contracted scabies. His clothing and blankets were disinfected and the soldier evacuated.	
			Evacuations for the month:	
			PUO 2 cases Injuries 6 " Skin diseases 4 " Diarrhoea 2 " Other diseases 18 " TOTAL 32 "	
			Personnel returning from ARL were inspected and the health of these men was quite good.	
			5 reinfts were received. All fit Four men have been re-classified. Hygiene of the unit most satisfactory.	
			Medical supplies are adequate with the exception of Elastoplast and Adhesive plaster.	
			W B Strachan Lt Col	

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			RMO's REPORT (contd)	
			Rations have improved considerably and the increased supply and variety of vegetables have made the meals very substantial.	
			Lectures on First Aid were given to NCOs and SBs took part in coy exercises.	
			Training has been moderately severe and, as the greater majority of the men are fit, very few experience difficulty in carrying out their normal infantry training.	

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			QM's REPORT	
	RATIONS		Increase in onion supply improved ~~seasoning~~ of meals. Potatoes still short supplied.	
	CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT		Supply equal to demand	
	CONTROLLED STORES		~~Our~~ One Vickers MMG was certified US. Weapons in general in good condition	

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			APPENDICES	
			a. CO's Report	
			b. QM's "	
			c. RMO's "	
			d. Field Returns for offrs and ORs	
			e. RO's 6/10 45	
			f. Ex AIRFOOT	
			g. Ex BUMBLEFOOT	
			h. Weekly Trg Syllabus	
			i. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn OO	
			j. 2/23 " " " Trg Instr	
			k. Traces	

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SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERBIRD"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

1. It has been established that the ENEMY at MILLAA MILLAA is one Bde which was formerly part of the force which was drawn from INNISFAIL.

2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; and, their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 18 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

Issued by Senior Umpire ENFORCE at 0800K 5 MAR 45.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/2/1945. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/43 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 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.				
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	AAMC	AAOC	AAPS	AAPC 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	13	-	54	Corporals	3	1 -	-	1	5
29	25	-	633	Troopers, Privates, etc.	15	1 1	-	-	17
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
29 *	41	1	729 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	24	4 1	1	2	32

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.P. Under 19 Years	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		750	11					[redacted]	[redacted]		761
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	26 Bde		
3	A EME		
1	2/24 Bn		
6	Mobile Cinema		
20	Concert Party 9 Div		
32			

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Base Records		
1	Comb Ops		
167	Leave		
1	26 Bde		
1	9 Div ADOS		
6	Schools		
177			

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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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
3 Feb 45

DEFICIENCIES IN NCO'S SHOWN IN THIS RETURN

RANK	POSTING	DEFICIENCY	AWAITING PROMULGATION IN UNIT R O'S PART 2	APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO 9 DIV
SGT	MMG SGT	1	-	-
	MORT SGT	2	-	-
	TK A SGT	1	-	-
CPL	INT DUTIES	1	-	-
	SIGNALLER	2	-	-
	TAILOR	1	-	-
	LMG/RIFLEMAN	1	-	-
	MORTAR CPL	4	-	-
	PIONEER CPL	1	-	-
	TK A CPL	3	-	-

DATE 3 Feb 45

J H Lucas. Lt Col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F A G TUCKER)
3 Feb. 45.

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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 3/ 2 /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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
[illegible]ificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
[illegible]cksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, 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							
G[illegible]r, 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.
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2/23 Aust Inf Bn
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APPENDIX 'A'

TRADE	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS RQD	REMARKS
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	24	-	2	-	
TRADE GP 3							
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-	
"	CPL	6	6	-	-	-	
"	PTE	4	6	-	2	-	
QPT REPR	PTE	1	2	-	1	-	
RANGRTAKER	PTE	4	1	3	-	NR	
STOREMAN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-	
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
"	CPL	a 1	a 1	-	-	-	
NON SPECIALISTS							
RSM	WO1	1	1	-	-	-	
CSM	WO2	5	5	-	-	-	
RQMS	WO2	1	1	-	-	-	
CQMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-	
PL 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	-	-	-	
LMG/RIFLEMAN	CPL	36	35	1	-	NR	
" "	PTE	361	335	26	-	26	
MMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR	
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-	
MORTAR NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR	
" "	CPL	5	1	4	-	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	0	-	-	
STOREMAN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-	
STRETCHER 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	729	50	10	29	

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TRADE	RANK	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF ICIT	SUR PLUS	RFTS RQD	REMARKS
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	729	50	10	29	
ATT BY W E							
AAMC							
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
MED ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	PTE	1	1	-	-	-	
HYGIENE INSPECT	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
AAOC							
SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	b 1	-	-	-	
AA POST S							
	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
AAPC							
PAY CLERK	SGT	1	1	-	-	-	
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-	
AACC							
CATERER	WO2	1	1	-	-	-	
COOK	SGT	5	5	-	-	-	
"	CPL	5	3	2	-	NR	
"	PTE	13	15	-	2	-	
TOTAL		801	761	52	12	29	

b 1 Pte Ungpd

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TRADE GP 1	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
COMPUTOR	3	1	4
FITTER	1	-	1
ELECTRICIAN	-	1	1
CYPHER OPER	-	1	1
TRADE GP 3			
BUTCHER	1	-	1
CLERK	-	2	2
QPT 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

TRADE GP 2	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
SIGNALLERS	-	2	2
MASON	1	-	1
GUN OPER	7	-	7
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

DATE 3 Feb 45

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

45/5 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/2/1945. 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.

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	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	2	-	1	Majors					
-	-	-	8	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	40			1	-	-	-

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).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		A CL 40	B CL 1								41
	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.
NX42917	XXXLtXXXXXXXXXXX				
VX55789	Lt	FARHOOD A S	LTD VIC	30 Jan 45	From ARL
VX55191	Lt	GOON B R	" "	30 Jan 45	" "
V[illegible]0341	Capt	VINES W J	26 Aust Inf Bde	2 Feb 45	From Det for Duty

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX42917	Lt	ZUKERMAN M	LTD NSW	28JAN 45	Comp Leave
VX52832	Lt	GIBBS E H	LTD VIC	30 Jan 45	Emerg Leave
NX25620	Lt	TRICKETT C P W	FAA Regt Trg School	2 Feb 45	To attend Course

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/2/194.5 (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	FAO	CO	YES		
MA J	VX48791	McRAE	EH	2IC	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX14533	ISSELL	EW	OC 'A'	YES		
CAPT	VX61536	SEDGLEY	JG	OC 'B'	YES		
CAPT	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	OC 'C'	YES		
CAPT	VX20116	WILTON	MAB	OC 'C'	YES		
CAPT	VX36046	MATTHEWS	TH	ADJT	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX50341	VINES	WJ	OC 'D'	YES		
CAPT	VX23475	LOVELL	FK	QM	NO	ARL	30 Dec 44
CAPT	VX5062	ROW	RFR	2IC 'D'	YES		
CAPT	VX24869	SIMMONS	MA	2IC 'B'	YES		
LT	VX111053	BELFRAGE	RA	13 Pl	YES		
LT	VX27821	BENSON	KI	SUP	YES		
LT	VX52834	McLEOD	HFK	5 Pl	YES		
LT	VX52832	GIBBS	EH	14 Pl	NO	EMERG LEAVE	30 Jan 45
LT	VX28713	BATESON	A	2IC 'C'	YES		
LT	VX46373	FOSTER	KG	QM(A)	YES		
LT	VX40152	MENBORN	LP	IO	YES		
LT	VX136034	HEATON	FT	A ADJT	YES		
LT	VX28921	HANSEN	SH	2 Pl	Yes		
LT	VX88699	ENDERBY	EA	2IC 'A'	YES		
LT	QX14795	BOARD	JL	IO(L)	NO	ARL	2 Jan 45
LT	NX5031	DENING	KS	SUP	NO	See Aust Army School	10 Jan 45
LT	NX15237	KINNANEX					
LT	VX15237	ISKOV	RF	3 Pl	YES		
LT	VX36745	CANNING	RM	15 Pl	YES		
LT	VX37664	THORBURN	AC	10 Pl	YES		
LT	VX35933	HEAD	AE	7 Pl	YES		
LT	VX55191	COON	BR	TO	YES		
LT	NX25620	TRICKETT	CPW	SUP	NO	First A A Regt Trg Sch	2-2-45
LT	VX19597	EDWARDS	IH	16 Pl	YES		
LT	VX100600	HYNES	F	11 Pl	YES		
LT	VX12314	SHAW	SL	9 Pl	YES		
LT	VX88979	GREER	R	14 Pl	(A) YES		
LT	VX42917	ZUKERMAN	M	4 Pl	NO	COMP LEAVE	29 Jan 45
LT	VX52247	ATKINS	DW	17 Pl	YES		
LT	VX55789	FARHOOD	AS	18 Pl	YES		
LT	VX35418	JARDINE	WLJ	12 Pl	YES		
LT	VX45733	KINNANE	JF	SUP	YES		
LT	VX55120	SMITH	SG	8 Pl	YES		
LT	VX57690	TAYLOUR	CH	1 Pl	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.
CAPT	NX132875	BRYSON AW	AACh D	12 May 44	Chaplain
LT	NX165040	IRVING	SG 9 Div Concert Party	29 Jan 45	For rations

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/Feb/194 5. 2/23 Aust Inf (Unit) Bn.

W.E. 11/12/ 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.				
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 AAMC	AAOC	AAPC	AAPS	TOTAL.
-	-	Nil	6	W.Os. Class II.	1				1
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	1	~~5~~	Staff Sergeants					
~~NR~~	3	-	29	Sergeants	5 2		1	1	9
NR	14	-	53	Corporals	3 1		1		5
30	~~25-28-~~	-	~~633~~	Troopers, Privates, etc.	16 1	1			18
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
30*	42	1	~~768~~* 728	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.	G.M.F. Under 19 Years.	G.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		A C1	B C1					[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)		750	11								761
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
7	Cinema	1	Base Rec
1	26 Bde		
3	AEME		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Base Records		
8	Schools		
181	Leave		
1	Combine Ops.		
1	ADOS		

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 10/2/1945

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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
[illegible], 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							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument [illegible]rgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
[illegible]hanics, 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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APPX "A"
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TRADE	RANK	W.E.	POST STR	DEF-ICIT	SUR-PLUS	RFTS REQD
TRADE GROUP I						
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR
TRADE GROUP II						
CARPENTER	PTE	6	5	1	-	NR
INTEL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	7	8	-	1	-
SIGNALLERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	NR
" "	PTE	22	25	-	3	-
TRADE GROUP III						
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-
" "	CPL	6	6	-	-	-
" "	PTE	4	6	-	2	-
EQPT REPR	PTE	1	2	-	1	-
RANGETAKER	PTE	4	1	3	-	NR
STOREMEN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	1	a1	-	-	-
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WOI	1	1	-	-	-
CSM	WOII	5	5	-	-	-
RQMS	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-
PL GGT	SGT	12	13	-	1	-
BATMEN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-
DVR MT	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-
GEN DUTIES MESS	PTE	3	3	-	-	-
HYGIENE DUTIES	PTE	4	4	-	-	-
LMG/RIFLEMEN	CPL	36	34	2	-	NR
" "	PTE	361	334	27	-	27
MMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-
MORTAR NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR
" "	CPL	5	1	4	-	NR
" "	PTE	68	65	3	-	3
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-
PIONEERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	3	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	28	28	-	-	-
REGT POLICE	SGT¼	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
STOREMEN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
STRETCHER 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	728	52	11	30

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TRADE	RANK	W.E.	POST STR	DEF-ICIT	SUR-PLUS	RFTS REQD
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769	728	52	11	30
Att by W.E.						
AAMC						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
Medical Orderly	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Hygiene Insp	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
AAOC						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	b 1	-	-	-
AAPost S.						
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
AAPC						
Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1	-	-	-
Pay Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
AACC						
Caterer	WO II	1	1	-	-	-
Cookers Cooks	Sjts	5	5	-	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	5	3	2	-	NR
Cooks	Pte	13	16	-	3	-
		801	761	54	14	30

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

Trade Group I.	Pd	Testd Unpd	Tot
Computor	3	1	4
Fitter	1	-	1
Electrician	-	1	1
Cypher Oper	-	1	1
Trade Group III			
Butcher	1	-	1
Clerk	-	2	2
Eqpt Repr	1	-	1
Storeman Tech	1	-	1
Bootrepairer	1	-	1
Boiler Attd.	1	-	1
Farrier	1	-	1
Gun Layer	9	-	9
Driver Mech	32	9	41
Driver MT.	-	7	7

Trade Gp II	Pd	Testd Unpd.	Tot
Intl Duties	1	-	1
Signallers	1	2	3
Mason	1	-	1
Gun Oper.	7	-	7
OPA	1	-	1
Dr Operator	2	-	2
Mech MT	2	1	3
Cook	1	2	3
Panel Beater	-	1	1
Painter & Dec.	-	1	1

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J.B. Chuter Lt-col.
Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(F.A.G. TUCKER)

10 Feb 45.

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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
10 Feb 45.

DEFICIENCIES IN NCO's SHOWN IN THIS RETURN.

RANK	POSTING	DEFICIENCY	AWAITING PROMULGATION IN UNIT RO's PART 2	APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO ♀ Div
Sgt	MMG Sgt	1	-	-
	MMrt "	2	-	2
	Tk A "	1	-	1
Cpl	Intel Dut	1	-	-
	Signaller	2	-	1
	Tailor	1	-	-
	LMG/Riflemen	2	-	1
	Mortar Cpl	4	-	4
	Pioneer Cpl	1	-	-
	Tk A Cpl	3	-	-

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

10 Feb. 45.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / Feb /1945 2/23 Aust Inf (Unit).

W.E. 11 / 12 / c 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	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	2	-	1	Majors					
-	-	-	8	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-
-	-	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	-	-	-

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).	DETAIL	A.I.F.	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.	Class 40	Class 1									41
	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.
VX36046	Capt	MATTHEWS T.H.	LTD Vic L of C	8 Feb 45	ex ARL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX136034	Lt	HEATON F.T.	Special Duty	8 Feb 45	

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 Feb /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	F.A.G.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX48791	McRAE	T.H.	2 i/c	No	ARL	30-12-44
Capt	VX14533	ISSELL	R.W.	OC A	Yes		
Capt	VX61536	SEDGLEY	T.C.	OC B	Yes		
Capt	VX5087	DUDLEY	J.	OC HQ	Yes		
Capt	VX20116	WILTON	M.A.B.	OC C	Yes		
Capt	VX36646	MATTHEWS	A.E.	Adjt	Yes		
Capt	VX50341	VINES	W.J.	OC D	Yes		
Capt	VX23475	LOVELL	E.K.	QM	No	ARL	30-12-44
Capt	VX5062	ROWE	R.F.H.	2 i/c D	Yes		
Capt	VX24869	SIMMONS	M.A.	2 i/c B	Yes		
Lt	VX11053	BELFRAGE	R.A.	13 Pl	Yes		
"	VX27821	BENSON	K.I.	Sup	Yes		
"	VX52894	McLEOD	T.F.M.	5 Pl	Yes		
"	VX52852	GIBBS	R.H.	14 Pl	No	Compassionate Leave	30-1-45
"	VX28713	BATESON	A.	2 i/c C	Yes		
"	VX46373	FOSTER	E.G.	QM L	Yes		
"	VX40152	WENBORN	L.P.	IO	Yes		
"	VX136034	BEATON	P.T.	Adjt	No	Spec. Duty	8-2-45
"	VX28921	HANSEN	S.H.	2 Pl	Yes		
"	VX88699	ENDERBY	T.A.	2 i/c A	Yes		
"	QX14795	BOARD	J.L.	IO L	No	ARL	2-1-45
"	NX5031	DENINO	K.S.	Sup	No	Sec Aust Army Schl	19-1-45
"	VX15237	ISKOV	E.F.	3 Pl	Yes		
"	VX37645	CANNINO	R.M.	15 Pl	Yes		
"	VX37664	THORBURN	A.C.	10 Pl	Yes		
"	VX39988	HEAD	A.E.	7 Pl	Yes		
"	VX5391	GOOM	S.R.	TO	Yes		
"	NX26620	TRICKETT	C.P.W.	Sup	No	First Aust Army Schl	
"	VX19597	EDWARDS	I.H.	16 Pl	Yes		
"	VX100600	HINES	K.	11 Pl	Yes		
"	VX12314	SHAW	S.L.	9 Pl	Yes		
"	VX88979	GREER	H.	14 Pl	Yes		
"	VX42917	ZUKERMAN	M.	4 Pl	No	Emergency Leave	29-1-45
"	VX52247	ATKINS	D.W.	17 Pl	Yes		
"	VX55789	FARHOOD	A.S.	18 Pl	Yes		
"	VX35410	JARDINE	W.L.J.	12 Pl	Yes		
"	VX45733	KINNANE	J.F.	Sup	Yes		
"	VX55120	SMITH	S.G.	8 Pl	Yes		
"	VX57690	TAYLOUR	C.H.	1 Pl	Yes		
Capt	VX64241	SPRING	M.E.	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	NX132875	BRYSON A.W.	AA Ch D.	12 May 44	Chaplain.

10 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Lt-col.
Signature of Commander
(F.A.G. TUCKER)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2/1945 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12a/5. 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.				
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 AAMC	AACC	AAPC	AAFC	
IR	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.	1				1
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	1	6	Staff Sergeants					
IR	6	-	26	Sergeants	5 2		1	1	9
IR	14	-	53	Corporals	4 1		1		6
31	28	-	630	Troopers, Privates, etc.	15	1			16
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
31 *	49	1	721 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	25 3	1 *	2	1	32 *

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. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		1 02 3 01						[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)		750	5								755
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
4	AHQ		
4	OTHER		
1	SC BDE		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Base Records		
8	Schools		
150	Leave		
1	Comb OTS		
1	ADOS 9 DIV		
15	AAOS Atherton		

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 17/2/1945.

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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
[illegible]outors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
[illegible]s, 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							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument [illegible]rical)				Joiners				Concretors							
[illegible]anics, 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				Mouiders				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.

17 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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Appendix "A"
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TRADE	RANK	Auth W.E.	Post Str	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Rfts Reqd
TRADE GPI						
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	-	1	-	IR
TRADE GPII						
CARPENTER	PTE	6	3	3	-	IR
MESS DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	IR
" "	PTE	7	7	-	-	-
SIGNALLERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	1	3	-	IR
" "	PTE	22	26	-	4	-
TRAD GPIII						
BUTCHER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-
CLERK	SGT	2	2	-	-	-
" "	CPL	6	6	-	-	-
" "	PTE	4	6	-	2	-
BOOT REPAIRER	PTE	1	2	-	1	-
RANGEMAKER	PTE	4	1	3	-	IR
STORESMAN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	1	a 1	-	-	-
NON SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WOI	1	1	-	-	-
CSM	WOII	5	4	1	-	IR
RQMS	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-
PL SGT	SGT	12	10	2	-	IR
BATMEN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-
DR LT	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-
GEN DUTIES MESS	PTE	5	5	-	-	-
ENGINEER DUTIES	PTE	4	4	-	-	-
LMG FIELDSMEN	CPL	36	34	2	-	IR
" "	PTE	361	334	27	-	27
MMG MOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	IR
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-
MORTAR MOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	IR
" "	CPL	5	1	4	-	IR
" "	PTE	60	64	4	-	4
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-
PIONEERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	3	1	-	IR
" "	PTE	23	23	-	-	-
REPT POLICE	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
STORMEN CLERK	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
SCHEDULE BEARER	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-
" "	PTE	18	18	-	-	-
TK A MOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	IR
" "	CPL	4	2	2	-	IR
" "	PTE	15	15	-	-	-
WATER DUTIES	PTE	2	2	-	-	-
Total Carried Fwd		769	721	56	10	31

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TRADE	RANK	W.E.	Post Str	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Rfts Reqd
Total Brought Fwd		769	721	58	10	31
ATTACHED BY W.E.						
AAMC						
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
MED ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR
HYGIENE INSPECTOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
AACC						
SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	b1	-	-	-
AA POST S						
POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
AAPC						
CLERK	SGT	I	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
AACC						
CATERER	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
COCKS	SGT	5	5	-	-	-
" "	CPL	5	4	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	13	15	-	2	-
	TOTAL	801	753	60	12	31

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TESTED				TRADE GP I	PAID	UNPAID	TOT
TRADE GP I	PAID	UNPAID	TOT				
COMPUTOR	3	1	4				
FITTER	1	-	1				
ELECTRICIAN	4	1	1				
CYPHER OPTR	-	1	1				
TRADE GP3							
BUTCHER	1	-	1				
CLERK	-	2	2				
EQPT REPR	1	-	1				
STOREMEN TECH	1	-	1				
BOOT REPR	1	-	1				
BOILER ATTD	1	-	1				
FARRIER	1	-	1				
GUNLAYER	9	-	9				
DR MECH	31	9	40				
DR M.T.	-	6	6				

TESTED

TRADE GP2	PAID	UNPAID	TOT
SIGNALLERS	2	2	4
MASON	1	-	1
GUN OPERATOR	7	-	7
O.P.A.	1	-	1
DR OPER	2	-	2
MECH M T	2	1	3
COOKS	2	2	4
PANEL BAETER	-	1	1
PAINTER & DEC	-	1	1

DATE 17 FEB 45

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

A.O.D.

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HQ 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
17 FEB 45

Deficiencies in NCOs showing in this return.

RANK	POSTING	DEFICIENCY	ARISE FROM HQ UNIT ROs F&S	APPLICATION FOR PROM TO 9 AUST DIV
SGT	PL SGT	2	-	-
	MMG SGT	1	-	-
	MORTAR SGT	2	-	2
	TSA SGT	1	-	1
CPL	RATNL DUTIES	1	-	-
	SIGNALLERS	5	-	1
	TAILOR	1	-	1
	LMG/RIFLEMEN	2	-	1
	MORTAR CPL	4	-	4
	PIONEER CPL	1	-	-
	TK A CPL	2	-	-

Lt Col
Comd 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
(P.O.W. TUCKER)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 2 /1945 . 2/23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 12e / 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	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	2	-	1	Majors					
-	-	-	8	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	
-	-	8	28	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	2	8	39			1			

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).	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.		40									40
	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.
QX14705	LT	BOARD JL	LTD BNE	11 FEB	45 Ex ARL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX40162	LT	WENBORN L F	LTD VIC	10 FEB	45 Annual Recreational
VX88669	LT	ENDERBY E A	" "	10 FEB	45 Leave
VX5087	CAPT	DUDLEY J	" "	10 FEB	45 " "
VX27821	LT	BENSON K J	GDD Vic	16 FEB	45 Discharged to Industry

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	SX10310	TUCKER	FAP	CO	YES		
MAJ	VX48791	McRAE	KH	2 IC	YES		
CAPT	VX14535	ISSELL	RW	AOC 'A'	YES		
CAPT	VX61536	SEDGLEY	JG	OC 'B'	YES		
CAPT	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	OC 'C'	NO	ARL 10	FEB 45
CAPT	VX20116	WILTON	MAB	OC 'E'	YES		
XXXXXXX							
CAPT	VX36046	MATTHEWS	TH	AOC 'A'	YES		
CAPT	VX50341	VINES	WJ	OC 'D'	YES		
CAPT	VX25475	LOVELL	PK	QM	YES		
CAPT	VX5062	ROW	RPH	Actg Adj	YES		
CAPT	VX24869	SIMMONS	MA	2ic B	YES		
LT	VX111053	BELFRAGE	RA	13 Pl	YES		
LT	VX52334	McLEOD	HFK	5 Pl	YES		
LT	VX52332	GIBBS	EH	14 Pl	NO	Compassionate Leave	30 JAN 45
LT	VX28713	BATESON	A	2ic 'C'	YES		
LT	VX46373	FOSTER	KG	QM(L)	YES		
LT	VX40152	WENBORN	LP	IO	NO	ARL 10	FEB 45
LT	VX136034	HEATON	FT	Ass Adj	NO	Special Duty T/VILLERS	8 FEB 45
LT	VX28921	HANSEN	SH	2 Pl	YES		
LT	VX88699	KNDERBY	EA	2ic 'A'	NO	ARL 10	FEB 45
LT	QX14795	BOARD	JL	IO(L)	YES		
LT	NX5031	DENNING	KS	SUP	NO	See Aust Army JL Wing	19 JAN 45
LT	VX15237	ISKOV	RP	3 Pl	YES		
LT	VX36745	CANNING	RM	15 Pl	YES		
LT	VX37664	THORBURN	AG	10 Pl	YES		
LT	VX39988	HEAD	AE	7 Pl	YES		
LT	VX55191	GOON	BR	TO	YES		
LT	NX25620	TRICKETT	CPW	SUP	NO	FAARTS Regt Trg Sch	2 FEB 45
LT	VX19697	EDWARDS	IH	16 Pl	YES		
LT	VX100600	HYNES	F	11 Pl	YES		
LT	VX12314	SHAW	SL	9 Pl	YES		
LT	VX88979	GREER	R	14 Pl	YES		
LT	VX42917	ZUKERMAN	M	4 Pl	NO	Emer Leave 29	JAN 45
LT	VX52247	ATKINS	DW	17 Pl	YES		
LT	VX55789	FARHOOD	AS	18 Pl	YES		
LT	VX35418	JARDINE	WLJ	12 Pl	YES		
LT	VX45733	KINNANE	JF	SUP	YES		
LT	VX55120	SMITH	SG	8 Pl	YES		
LT	VX57690	TAYLOUR	CH	1 Pl	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.
CAPT	NX132375	BRYSON AW	AA Ch D	12 MAY 44	CHAPLAIN

17 FEB 45 ..... *Date of Despatch*

..... Lt Col ..... *Signature of Commander*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/2/1945 2/23 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 126 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	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	2	-	1	Majors					
-	-	-	8	Captains	AAMC	1			
-	-	5	25	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	2	5	36			1			

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).	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 C1 37									37
	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.
QX14795	LT	BOARD JL.	LHQ Sch of MI	22 FEB 45	To attend course

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 2/1945 (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	FAO	CO	YES		
MAJ	VX43791	McRAE	KE	2ic	YES		
CAPT	VX14533	TOSELL	RW	ACC'HQ'	YES		
CAPT	VX61536	SEDGLEY	JG	OC'E'	YES		
CAPT	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	OC'HQ'	YES	NO ARL	10 FEB 45
CAPT	VX20116	WILTON	MAB	OC'C'	YES		
CAPT	VX36046	MATTHEWS	T H	AOC'A'	YES		
CAPT	VX50341	VINES	WJ	OC'D'	YES		
CAPT	VX23475	LOVELL	FK	QM	YES		
CAPT	VX5062	ROW	RFH	Act ADJ	YES		
CAPT	VX24869	SIMMONS	MA	2ic'B'	YES		
LT	VX111053	BELFRAGE	RA	13 Pl	YES		
"	VX52884	McLEOD	RFK	5 Pl	YES		
"	VX52832	GIBBS	EH	14 Pl	NO	Comp Leave	30 JAN 45
"	VX28713	BATESON	A	2ic'C'	YES		
"	VX46373	FOSTER	KG	QM(L)	YES		
"	VX40152	WENBORN	LP	IO	NO	ARL	10 FEB 45
"	VX136034	HEATON	FT	Ass ADJ	NO	Duty TOWNSVILLE	5 FEB 45
"	VX28921	HANSEN	SH	2 Pl	YES		
"	VX88699	KNDERBY	EA	2ic'A'	NO	ARL	10 FEB 45
"	VX15237	ISKOV	RP	3 Pl	YES		
"	VX36745	CANNING	RM	15 Pl	YES		
"	VX37664	THORBURN	AC	10 Pl	YES		
"	VX32988	HEAD	AE	7 Pl	YES		
"	VX55191	GOON	BR	TO	YES		
"	VX19597	EDWARDS	IH	16 Pl	YES		
"	VX100666	HYNES	P	11 Pl	YES		
"	VX12314	SHAW	SL	9 Pl	YES		
"	VX88979	GRIER	R	14 Pl	YES		
"	VX42917	ZUCKERMAN	M	4 Pl	NO	Emer Leave	29 JAN 45
"	VX52247	ATKINS	DW	17 Pl	YES		
"	VX55789	FARHOOD	AS	18 Pl	YES		
"	VX35418	JARDINE	WLJ	12 Pl	YES		
"	VX45733	KINNANE	JF	SUP	YES		
"	VX55120	SMITH	SG	8 Pl	YES		
"	VX57690	TAYLOUR	CH	1 Pl	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.
CAPT	NX132375	BRYSON AW	AA Ch D	12 MAY 44	CHAPLAIN

24 FEB 45 ..... *Date of Despatch*

J J Eltucker Lt Col ..... *Signature of Commander*

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
24 Feb 45.

Ref :

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Ref 9 Aust Div AG2/25/5971 of 22 Feb 45.

The following return is submitted :-

Number	Rank	Name	Reason for Absence	Date Detachment Commenced	Estimated Date Return
NX25620	Lt	TRICKETT C P W	FAARTS Jnr Ldrs Wpn Trg Course No 18 WONGABEL - 2/2/45-15/3/45	2/2/45	16/3/45
QX14795	Lt	BOARD J L	LHQ Sch of MI Course 21 SOUTHPORT 5/3/45-14/4/45	22/2/45	21/4/45

LtCol
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F A G TUCKER)
24 Feb 45

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/2/1945 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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 AAMC	AAOC	AAPC	AAPS	TOTAL
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class II.					1
NR	1	-	5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1				
*	*	1	*	Staff Sergeants					
-	-	1	6	Sergeants	5 2		1	1	9
NR	4	-	28	Corporals	4 1		1		6
NR	16	-	51	Troopers, Privates, etc.	15	1			16
42	22	-	[illegible] 636	Civilians counting as O.R.					
42*	43	1	727 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	25 3	1 *	2	1	32 *

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. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		A C1 757	B C1 2					[redacted]	[redacted]		759
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
4	AEMS		
1	26 BDE		
4	Cinema		
1	9 Div FSS		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Base Records		
[illegible]9	Schools		
158	Leave		
1	AWL		

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 24/2/1945

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 Asts.				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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer [illegible]eless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
[illegible]ficer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, 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 Mcd.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
[illegible]rs (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
[illegible]rs, Railway Signal				Hatchman				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.		*	*

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.

24 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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2/23 AUST INF BN
W.E.11/12c/3

APPENDIX "A"
24 FEB 45

TRADE	RANK	W.E.	POST STR	DEF-ICIT	SUR-PLUS	RFTS REQD
TRADE GP 1						
BLACKSMITH	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR
TRADE GP 2						
CARPENTER	PTE	6	3	3	-	NR
INTEL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	2	1	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	7	8	-	1	-
SIGNALLERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	1	3	-	NR
" "	PTE	22	26	-	4	-
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	-
RANGETAKER	PTE	4	1	3	-	NR
STOREMEN TECH	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	3	4	-	1	-
TAILOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	1	a1	-	-	-
NON SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1	-	-	-
CSM	WO2	5	4	1	-	NR
RQMS	WO2	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S SGT	5	6	-	1	-
PL SGT	SGT	12	12	-	-	-
BATMEN	PTE	35	35	-	-	-
DR M T	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	11	11	-	-	-
GEN DUTIES MESS	PTE	3	3	-	-	-
HYGIENE DUTIES	PTE	4	4	-	-	-
LMG/RIFLEMEN	CPL	36	33	3	-	NR
" "	PTE	361	335	26	-	42
MMG NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-
" "	PTE	20	20	-	-	-
MORTAR NOS	SGT	5	3	2	-	NR
" "	CPL	5	1	4	-	NR
" "	PTE	68	68	-	-	-
ORDERLIES	PTE	32	32	-	-	-
PIONEERS	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	4	3	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	28	28	-	-	-
REGT POLICE	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
"	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
STOREMEN	PTE	6	6	-	-	-
STRETCHER BEARER	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	2	2	-	-	-
" 2	PTE	18	18	-	-	-
TKA NOS	SGT	3	2	1	-	NR
" "	CPL	4	1	3	-	NR
" "	PTE	15	15	-	-	-
WATER DUTIES	PTE	2	2	-	-	-
TOT CARRIED FWD		769	727	53	11	42

a 1 TG3 PTE

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APPENDIX "A" Contd

TRADE	MXK. RANK	ES W.E.	POST STR	D F- ICIT	SUR- PLUS	RFTS REQD
TOTAL BROUGHT FWD		769	727	53	11	42
ATTACHED BY W.E.						
AAMC						
CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
MEDICAL ORDERLY	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	PTE	1	-	1	-	NR
HYG INSPECTOR	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
AAOC						
SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	b1	-	-	-
AA POST S						
POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
AAPC						
PAY CLERK	SGT	1	1	-	-	-
" "	CPL	1	1	-	-	-
AACC						
CATERER	WO2	1	1	-	-	-
COOKS	SGT	5	5	-	-	-
" "	CPL	5	4	1	-	NR
" "	PTE	13	15	-	2	-
TOTAL		801	759	55	13	42

b 1 TE TG$

SURPLUS TRADESMEN

TRADE GP1	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
COMPUTOR	3	1	4
FITTER	1	-	1
ELECTRICIAN	-	1	1
CYPHER OPERATOR	-	1	1
TRADE GP $			
CLERKS	-	2	2
EQPT REPR	1	-	1
STOREMEN TECH	1	-	1
BOOT REPR	1	-	1
BOILER ATTD	1	-	1
FARRIER	1	-	1
GUNLAYER	9	-	9
DR MECHm	31	9	40
DR MT	-	6	6

TRADE GP2	PAID	TESTED UNPAID	TOTAL
INTEL DUTIES	1	-	1
SIGNALLERS	2	2	4
MASON	1	-	1
GUNNER OPER	7	-	7
O.P.A.	1	-	1
Dr OPER	2	-	2
MECHANIC MT	1	-	1
COOKS	1	2	3
PANEL BEATER	-	1	1
PAINTER DEC	-	1	1

DATE 24 FEB 45

J.F.A.G. Tucker Lt Col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F.A.G.TUCKER).
24 Feb. 45.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1024714

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
24 FEB 45

LIST OF DEFICIENCIES IN NCOs SHOWING ON THIS RETURN

RANK	POSTING	DEFICIENCY	AWAITING PROM IN UNIT ROs PT2	APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO ♀ AUST DIV
WO2	CSM	1	-	-
SGT	MMG SGT	1	-	-
	MORTAR SGT	2	-	2
	TK A SGT	1	-	1
CPL	INTEL DUTIES	1	-	-
	SIGNALLER	3	-	1
	TAILOR	1	-	-
	SEC CPL	3	-	1
	MORTAR CPL	4	-	4
	PIONEER CPL	1	-	1
	TK A CPL	3	-	-

B.A.G. Lucker. Lt Col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(F.A.G.TUCKER)
24 Feb. 45.

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SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERBIRD"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

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2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; and, their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 18 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

Issued by Senior Umpire ENFORCE at 0800K 5 MAR 45.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Lt col F A G TUCKER

Commanding 2/23 AUST INF BN

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2 Feb 45

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14. BN DUTIES

The following duties will mount at RETREAT :-

DATE	GUARD
2 Feb 45	D Coy
3 Feb 45	HQ Coy
4 Feb 45	A Coy
5 Feb 45	B Coy
6 Feb 45	C Coy
7 Feb 45	D Coy

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

15. PUNISHMENT BY COURT MARTIAL

The following award by DCM to a private soldier of this Unit is promulgated :-

VX141302 Pte POULSON G V, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was charged with AWL. (AWL from 0800 hrs 18 Apr 44 until 1100 hrs 7 Dec 44.) A.A 15 (1)

He pleaded GUILTY and was so found by the Court.

On 24 Jan 45 he was sentenced to undergo detention for one (I) year.

The accused was in close arrest for 48 days awaiting trial.

On 26 Jan 45 Maj Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused in the field on 31 Jan 45.

16. CENSORSHIP - ENCLOSURES IN LETTERS

1. Over the past few months, a number of complaints have been received regarding loss of money and other valuables enclosed in letters posted in 9 Aust Div Area.

2. Investigation of these complaints shows that all franking offrs are not complying with the provisions of LHQ Fd Censorship Instr No 4, Appx "B" paras 5 (a) (ii) and 5 (b). These paras provide that the franking offr will check enclosures (especially money), record of which must be shown at top left hand corner of first page of letter. If enclosures are not included the letter will be returned to the sender.

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If the letter is registered, it must be sealed by the franking offr in the presence of the writer. Compliance with these provisions leaves no doubt as to whether the enclosures were actually contained in the letter when posted.

3. Tps will be advised thgt the registering of letters containing money or other valuables is strongly recommended.

17. **ATEBRIN - PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM LEAVE**

All personnel on return to their unit from ARL will take two atebrin tablets per day for seven days and then one tablet per day thereafter.

18. **MED INSPECTION - PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM LEAVE**

Owing to the prevalence of Scabies and other parasitic diseases in other areas and staging camps, personnel returning from leave will undergo a thorough Med Inspection as soon as possible after return to unit. Ref to such inspections will be included in RMOs weekly med reports.

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

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NOTICES

DIV GYMKHANA : The Divisional Commander desires to express his appreciation of the enthusiasm and energy displayed by the members of the various committees and all others who assisted to make the recent Gymkhana such a successful function.

DIV GYMKHANA : Totalisator dividends unclaimed on the race meeting held 20 Jan 45, may be claimed at 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (26 Aust Inf Bde HQ Area) on presentation of tote tickets, until 15 Feb 45. No claims will be recognised after that date.

PROGRAMMES - AMUSU THEATRE

1. Programmes for the AMUSU THEATRE for the period 2 Feb 45 to 11 Feb 45 incl., are as follows :-

Fri	2 Feb 45	"CHINA GIRL"
Sat	3 Feb 45	"SWING YOUR PARTNERS"
Sun	4 Feb 45	"SWING YOUR PARTNERS"
Mon	5 Feb 45	"RIO RITA"
Tue	6 Feb 45	"MURDER IN TIMES SQUARE"
Wed	7 Feb 45	"ADVENTURES OF A ROOKIE"
Thu	8 Feb 45	"BALALAIKA"
Fri	9 Feb 45	"THE MORE THE MERRIER"
Sat	10 Feb 45	"THE UNKNOWN GUEST"
Sun	11 Feb 45	"HE FIRED THE BOSS"

2. Programmes are subject to alteration.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Lt col F A G TUCKER

Commanding 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
5 Feb 45

19. BN DUTIES

The following duties will mount at RETREAT :-

DATE	GUARD
8 Feb 45	HQ Coy
9 Feb 45	A Coy
10 Feb 45	B Coy
11 Feb 45	C Coy
12 Feb 45	D Coy
13 Feb 45	HQ Coy
14 Feb 45	A Coy

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

20. 9 AUST DIV RO No. 43 of 9 Jan 45 is repeated.

DRESS

1. 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 puggaree.
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 putties 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 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 OCs pursuant to the above orders. A specific direction must be given by OCs on each occasion.

4. Cooks may wear singlets in lieu of shirts 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

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the upper portion of the body except when swimming.

6. Coy Comds may authorise sunbathing in the vicinity of tents or quarters during specified hours.

7. Special provisions regarding Offrs.

(a) Offrs (and warrant Offrs) when not on parade with other ranks may wear, in lieu of hats, caps, offr pattern.
(b) Safari jackets may be worn.
(c) Anklets web or gaiters SD need not be worn by offrs when wearing offr's pattern uniform.
(d) CRA 9 Aust Div, Inf Bde Comds, Comd 2 Aust Beach Gp and COs of Div Tp Units may permit the wearing of Sam Browne belts with or without shoulder strap by offrs (and warrant Offrs Class I) in lieu of belts web, with the proviso that uniformity within each unit must be maintained.
(e) After 1700 hrs daily offrs may wear shoes.

8. Attention is drawn to the Rules for Dress of the Offrs' Club RAVENSHOE in which it is laid down that after 1830 hrs daily offrs wearing Shirts KD will wear ties.

Action will be taken to explain the contents of this RO to all ranks. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against all ranks contravening this order.

21. SUNBATHING

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.	

22. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

6 AUST DIV RO 81 of 2 Feb 45 is repeated :-

1. The number of traffic accidents an which MT vehs of this fmn are involved is excessive. It is considered that most of these accidents could be avoided if dvrs exercised more care when driving. In all future cases in which a dvr, whilst driving a veh, is involved in an accident the dvr's driving license will be suspended automatically for a period of one month whether a charge is laid against the individual or not. This suspension of the dvr's driving license will be quite apart from any punishment which he may receive as a result of any charge laid against him in connection with such accident.

23. BOOKMAKING

9 AUST DIV RO 82 of 2 Feb 45 is repeated :-

1. Bookmaking of any description by any member of 9 Aust Div at any time is prohibited.
2. No member under comd 9 Aust Div will bet with any bookmaker other than with one legally registered and operating on a registered course.
3. Any breaches of this order will in future be dealt with severely.

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24. LEAVE OR DUTY OUTSIDE 9 AUST DIV AREA - USE OF NON - OPERATIONAL TRANSPORT.

1. When approval is given or has been given, for vehs to proceed outside 9 Aust Div Area, (WONDECLA Camp Trg Areas for 9 Aust Div units located at WONDECLA) such approval is given in all cases subject to non-operational tpt only being used by fmns and/or units concerned.

2. This order particularly applies to those cases where standing approval has been given for fmns and/or units to send vehs weekly to the coastal area for the purpose of purchasing additional supplies.

3. When permission is requested for a trg exercise or for other mov of a trg nature outside 9 Aust Div Trg Area, (WONDECLA Camp Trg Areas for 9 Aust Div units located at WONDECLA) a specific request will be made for approval for the use of any op tpt required.

4. Within 9 Aust Div Trg Area (WONDECLA Camp Trg Areas for 9 Aust Div units located at WONDECLA) op tpt will be used to the minimum extent possible.

25. BOUNDS

QUEENS HOTEL corner of APLIN and McLEOD Streets CAIRNS is out of bounds until further notice.

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

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MUST MOB CINEMA UNITS

1. The following allocations of screenings have been made for the period 6 Feb to 11 Feb incl.

Fri 9 Feb	Camp Theatre	26 Aust Inf Bde 115	"RAFFLES"(David Niven & Olivia de Haviland).
			I LIKE BABIES & INFINKS.
			SUPER ATHLETES
			MAGIC SHELL
Tue 6 Feb	Camp Theatre	26 Aust Inf Bde 115	NEWS FROM HOME
			"I LOVE YOU AGAIN" (Wm Powell & Myrna Loy)
			JACKPOT
			NEW PUPIL

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2. SCREENINGS IN CAMP THEATRE

Two screenings will be given a nd not more than 50% of personnel from units as indicated are to attend each session ; the first screening will commence at 1800 hrs and the second at approx 2015 hrs.

3

STATEMENT BN CANTEEN ACCOUNTS - 1 JAN 45 - 31 JAN 45

TRADING ACCOUNT

Purchases	1975.17. 1	Sales	1868.14. 4½
Stock 31.12.44	125. 3. 7	Stock 31. 1.45	239. 5. 5
Gross Profit transferred to P&L A/c	6.19. 1½		
	2107.19. 9½		2107.19. 9½

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Expenses	5.12. 6	Gross profit	6.19. 1½
		Milk A/c	2. 8.10
		Discount	80.11.11
Net profit transferred to Capital A/c	84. 7. 4½		
	89.19.10½		89.19.10½

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Ca pital A/c	806.14.11	Cash in Hand and Canteen Trust Account	589.19. 8
Profit for Jan	84. 7. 4½	Stock on Hand	239. 5. 5
Sundry Creditors	19. 0½	Eqpt	11. 2. 4
		Sundry Debtors	51.13.11
	892. 1. 4		892. 1. 4

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 Jan 45.

R A McCann Lt

D Walkin Lt

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STATEMENT OF REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 45

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS	
Sports Goods	15. 1. 0	Canteehs Nov	66.15. 5
Telegrams - Postage	12. 8		
White cleaner Band	11. 0		
	16. 4. 8	Cash on Hand 1 Jan 45	19.19. 2
Cash on hand 31 Jan 45	22.17. 6	Balance in Trust A/c 1 Jan 45	207. 1.10
Balance in Trust A/c 31 Jan 45	254.14. 3		
	293.16. 5		293.16. 5

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 Jan 45.

L A Cumming Lt

D W Atkin Lt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Lt col F A G TUCKER
Commanding 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
17 Feb 45

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26. BN DUTIES

(a) The following duties will mount at RETREAT :

DATE		GUARD
Sat	17 Feb 45	A Coy
Sun	18 Feb 45	C Coy
Mon	19 Feb 45	D Coy
Tue	20 Feb 45	A Coy
Wed	21 Feb 45	HQ Coy
Thu	22 Feb 45	B Coy
Fri	23 Feb 45	HQ Coy
Sat	24 Feb 45	D Coy

(b) Duty Coy will supply Bn Orderly Officer.

(c) Duty Coy will continue to supply 9 Aust Div Cash Office Guard.

27. BOOTS

Insufficient care is being given to the inspection of boots, and in consequence, many have to be condemned because they have been worn beyond repair.

Boot inspections will be carried out each week. Coys will ensure that all worn boots are sent to the Unit Boot Repairer before the damage is irrepa rable, and the boots have to be condemned.

CQMSs will obtain from each soldier whose boots are condemned a written statement giving reasons why the boots are in such a damaged condition. Each statement will be forwarded to QM.

Coy and subordinate comds will be held responsible for ensuring that all worn boots are sent through the normal channels to the unit bootmaker before the damage becomes irrepa rable.

28. TIMBER

The area between RAVENSHOE and TUMOULIN is closed to the Army for collecting any timber, incl firewood.

Standing timber must be cut only from RAE res, and application to do so will be submitted to this HQ.

29. DRINKING WATER

It will be brought to the notice of all ranks that drinking water which has not been chlorinated will NOT be consumed under any circumstances.

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30. ANIMAL MASCOTS AND PETS

Attention is directed to GRO 53/45 which is republished hereunder :-

1. No animal or bird which is not an authorised war establishment will be permitted to accompany troops or any member of the AMF.

2. The entry into Australia of animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulation under the Quarantine Act, owing to tthe risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmosis and other diseases.

3. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the Commonwealth of Australia proper (including islands adjacent to the coast) of -

(i) animals or birds on the WE of a unit, whether allocated before or after embarkation from Australia; or

(ii) living mascots, pets or other animals or birds, whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.

4. (a) ESOs and ATOs will take action with local civil quarantine authorities to have living mascots, pets, animals or birds, which disembark or deplane at a port or an aerodrome in Australia from outside the Commonwealth of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

(b) Birds or animals on the WE of a unit proceeding from an overseas port, to another overseas port may enter an Australian port en route, providing that such animals or birds are kept securely on the vessel and are not permitted to land. The ESO will advise the local civil quarantine officer on arrival of the vessel and make necessary arrangements with him for inspection and security of the animals or birds.

5. When a unit or detachment is moved from one location to a nother, animals which have been permitted by the CO to be kept in unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve, on departure of the unit or detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.

Coys will ensure that the above instruction is complied with.

31. UNAUTHORISED INTERFERRENCE WITH WATCHES G.S.

GRO 198/44 is regeated :-

(a) Cases have occurred in which watches G.S. have been opened and adjustment made by unskilled personnel. This practice has lead to serious damage making ultimate repair impossible.

(b) Defective watches will be submitted to AEME Wksps for repair. Under no circumstances will watches G.S. be opened by other than qualified watchmakers AEME in properly equipped wksps.

R F H Row Capt
for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(R F H ROW)

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Lt col F A G TUCKER
Commanding 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
22 Feb 45

32. BN DUTIES

(a) The following duties will mount at RETREAT :

DATE	GUARD
Sun 25 Feb 45	C Coy
Mon 26 Feb 45	A Coy
Tue 27 Feb 45	HQ Coy
Wed 28 Feb 45	C Coy

(b) Duty Coy will supply Bn Orderly Officer.

(c) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn is relieved of mounting 9 Div Cash Office Guard at 241800H.

33. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTE RATIONS

9 Aust Div advises that from time to time it is necessary to vary the amount of tobacco which may be permitted to be purchased from Army Canteens. Full domands of the AMF cannot be met as there is an acute shortage of Manpower in Australia and the supply of tobacco and cigarettes is NOT able to meet the demands. The Manpower situation in Australia is NOT improving and consequently a further reduction in the amounts of these items available for purchase through AACS may be anticipated.

The full distribution of tobacco and cigarettes by AACS in forward operational areas will continue.

The ration scale which is at present operative is as follows: 2½ oz tobacco and 15 cigarettes per man per week less 10% for non-smokers.

34. BATMEN

1. Batmen will report daily to tpt pk at 1300 hrs.
2. Bn Orderly Officer will allot duties as required.

35. TENTS

1. 23 Aust Inf Bde RO 1 of 20 Feb 45 is repeated :

Attention is directed to GRO 0 385/44. In accordance with the general necessity to conserve all supplies, especially tentage, it is essential that all units make every effort to ensure that their tentage is at all times pitched or stored as authorised.

Special attention will be given to :

(a) ensuring that the fly is completely clear of the outer;
(b) that ropes are adjusted in accordance with the weather, especially during and after rain;

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(c) that a system of weekly maintenance as provided in GRO O 385/44 is carried out.

2. Coys will report accordingly to this HQ by 1200 hrs each Saturday.

36. PREPARATION AND CHECK OF HOME LEAVE PASSES (HL1 and HL2)

(a) 9 Aust Div RO 90 of 17 Feb 45 is repeated :

The attention of units is directed to Corps RO 229, which is subtended for strict compliance :-

1. Checks made by the Railway authorities have disclosed that many HL Passes are carelessly made out, the station of origin or destination or both NOT being inserted.

2. In some instances the first LTD through which the member has passed and also the LTD which has released the member on leave have failed to detect and to remedy the irregularity, and as a result some soldiers have been required by the Railway Authorities to pay the appropriate fare.

3. Action will be taken to ensure that HL Passes are prepared correctly, and show the railway station from which travel originates and the railway station and State of destination. The railway station of destination will be the railway station nearest the member's "home town" as defined in GRO A598/43 para 3 (d), unless special authority has been given in accordance with the GRO A598/43 paras 110, 111.

4. Units will be held responsible for checking HL Passes before marching a member out on leave.

(b) Applications together with specific reasons to travel to destinations other than those indicated on AAF A63s must be submitted in writing through the normal channels.

Capt
for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(R F H ROW)

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NOTICES

The following letter was received by the CO :

303 Charles St.,
Albury

The Commanding Officer,
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

Dear Sir,

Quite a number of ex 2/23rd personnel who live in this district, some broken down but coming good, others still in the Army now in other units, have formed a Sub-branch of the 2/23rd Association in Albury, -- reminding you sir that we are Albury's Own.

It is remarkable, but we seem to find each other in one way or another, we have met several fellows who were taken prisoners in Tobruk. Some of us are :-

Tom Francis, Tom Wright, Eric Peck,
Jim Jackson, just home from Germany.
Frank Michael, Arthur Pickett, Stan Graeber, Bob Scott, Dick Hobley, Ted Winter, George Crosher, Blue Jackson, Jim Dickson, "Nobby" Clark, Keith Horsfall, Laurie Harper, Padre Morrison and Roy Richards.

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We beg to be allowed to send greetings through you to the old Battalion, wishing for everything it deserves, praying that the tasks ahead are not too numerous and too long, and that the day when all can take their places in society, will be in the year that has just begun, 1945.

We assure you that what little we can do to help our old mates we will do gladly.

Yours very sincerely,

H W PRESTON

Hon. Sec. 2/23rd Association

Albury Sub-Branch

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Lt-Col F A G TUCKER
Commanding 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
26 Feb 45

37. BN DUTIES

(a) The following duties will mount at RETREAT.

DATE		GUARD
Thu	1 Mar 45	A Coy
Fri	2 Mar 45	D Coy
Sat	3 Mar 45	B Coy
Sun	4 Mar 45	HQ Coy
Mon	5 Mar 45	C Coy

(b) Duty coy will supply Bn Orderly Offr.

38. UNIT HAIRDRESSER

(a) Unit hairdresser is located in tent opposite Boxing Ring.
(b) Hrs : 0900 -- 1150 1245 -- 1530.
(c) During these times haircuts are free of charge on production of a chit signed by a Coy Offr. Only personnel in possession of such a chit will be in hairdresser's tent during parade hrs.
(d) Haircutting outside the above hrs is by mutual arrangement between hairdresser and client in regards time and payment.

Capt
Adjt. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(R F H HOW)

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Letters	2½d for 1 oz Ea added oz 2d	1d per oz	Any convenient weight or size.	
Post Cards	2d each	1d each		
Printed Matter	1½d first 4 ozs 1d each additional 4 ozs		5 lb	2 ft 6 ins x 4 ins
Merchandise	1½d first 2 ozs 1d each add 2 ozs	1d per 4 ozs	1 lb	as above
Books, Periodicals, n'papers	½ per first 6 ozs. 1d ea add 6 ozs.	1d per 12 ozs	5 lb	as above
Airmail letter cards		1d England 7d		
Airmail charges	3d per ½ oz in add to postage	3d per ½ oz in add to ordinary postage		as above
Registration (Compensation Two pounds.)	3d	3d	1 lb	as above

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	Official Correspondence	Concession Rates	Maximum Weight	Dimensions
Parcels	6d	6d 9d 1/- 1/3 1/6 1/9	1 lb 2 lb 3 lb 3 -- 5 lb 5 -- 8 lb 8 -- 11 lb	3 ft length x 62 ft 6 ins width
Telegrams		Ordinary 14 words 6d Each add 2 for 1d Urgent 14 words 1/- Each add word 1d		

Packets, parcels letters and cables, overseas and foreign rates on application to Unit Postal.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO LIEUT-GENERAL SIR LESLIE MORSHEAD, COMMANDER I. AUSTRALIAN CORPS

The following is an extract from a personal letter from His Royal Highness the Governor General, to the Corps Commander, dated Canberra 16 Feb 45 :-

" I enjoyed my stay with you immeasely and was most impressed with everything I saw. The physique and bearing of all ranks was excellent, and every man looked really hard and fit. I thought that the training which was being carried out was of a high order, and the keenness and enthusiasm of the officers and men was a real pleasure to see.

All the Guards of Honour were of an extremely high standard. Will you please thank those concerned -- on my behalf -- for their most efficient arrangements which made the visit go so smoothly and well.

Wherever your future battles may be fought, I send you and the First Australian Corps my very best wishes for all good luck and success.

3. XMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A Xmas Card has been received by 9 Aust Div containing the following message :

"All ranks of 51st Highland Division send Xmas Greetings and Best wishes for 1945 to all ranks of 9 Aust Div

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SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERBIRD"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

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Issued by Senior Umpire ENFORCE at 0800K 5 MAR 45.

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EXERCISE SECRET

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 13

EXERCISE "AIRFOOT"

Air Co-op with ground tps

Ref Map : PALMERSTON 1 inch to 1 Mi.

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(a) To exercise the Bn in co-op with AC, and particularly in ground/air intercomn.
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(a) Passive air def - concealment and camn of HQ, def posns and movs.
(b) Tac R by unit offrs.
(c) Indication of targets by use of RT, Aldis Lamp, pyrotechnics CCPB 8 (ground panel strips).
(d) Air spotting for correction of 3" mor fire.

3. TPS TAKING PART.

(a) JAPFORCE :

i. D Coy plus one pl B Coy
ii. One sec No 2 (MMG) pl
iii. Two dets No 3 (Mor) pl
iv. One det No 1 (Sig) pl
v. One det SBs

(b) AUSTFORCE :

i. Bn HQ less pers required in camp
ii. C Coy plus one pl A Coy
iii. No 2 (MMG) pl less one sec
iv. No 3 (Mor) pl less two dets
v. No 1 (Sig) pl less dets
vi. Det from 26 Aust Inf Bde Sigs
vii. One det SBs

(c) Air Recce party :

Lt L F WENBORN Lt R F TSKOV Pte MURPHY M

4. CONTROL and DIRECTING STAFF.

(a) Director - Lt Col F A G TUCKER
Assistant Director - Capt R F H ROW
(b) Umpires - JAPFORCE - Capt R ISSELL and 5 NCOs from A Coy
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5. DATE.

D Day 12 Feb 45

6. LOCATION.

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7. MOV.

Day	Force	Start Time	SP
D-1	AUSTFORCE	1400 hrs	Camp Theatre
D-1	JAPFORCE	1500 hrs	Camp Theatre

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ii. AUSTFORCE carry out withdrawal.

9. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

(a) Both Forces.

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20 rounds cartridges verey

(b) AUSTFORCE only 100 rounds .303 per LMG.

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10. ADM.

Adm Instrs issued separately

11. INTERCOMN.

Intercomm Instrs issued separately

12. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/33 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR NO 15

EXERCISE "AIRFOOT"

(Issued in connection with 2/33 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No 15)

1. CAMP SECURITY.

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i. Mounting 11 Feb - A Coy
ii. Mounting 12 Feb - B Coy
Bn

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(c) C & D Coys will leave minimum security picquets in coy lines.

2. DRESS and EQPT.

(a) AUSTFORCE - Battle Order, JGs, Hats KFF, Bed roll, picks and shovels.

(b) JAPFORCE - Battle Order, JGs, Helmets Steel, bed roll,

(c) Directing Staff and umpires will wear white arm bands on both arms.

3. BLANKETS.

(a) 2 per man in labelled sec bundles at coy Q stores by 111300K.

(b) TO will arrange tpt of blankets to coy areas.

4. TENT FLIES.

One fly per 8 men to be transported to areas.

5. KIT BAGS.

To be stored in Reo Hut by coys. A Coy will be responsible for providing picquet on kit bags.

6. MEDICAL.

Usual allotment of SBs to coys.

7. HYGIENE.

Foul ground signs will be used. CQMSs will bring fwd signs with daily maintenance.

8. AMN.

RSM will issue amn by 111200K.

9. TPT.

(a) Coys will requisition for tpt by 101600K.

(b) Allotment to sp arms :

No 1 Pl
No 2 Pl
No 3 Pl
No 4 Pl
Bn HQ
} to be notified

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10. RATIONS.

(a) Hot meals evening D-1, morning D Day

(b) Hard Rations midday D Day

(c) Coys will ration att tps and umpires. Bn HQ will be rationed with C Coy.

11. WATER.

Water bottles will be filled prior to leaving camp area. COs will arrange for sufficient 2 gall water containers to be transported to coy areas evening D-1 and morning D Day.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/23 AUST INF BN INTERCOMM INSTR NO 1

(To be read in conjunction with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No 13)

1. GENERAL.

This instr sets out intercomm plan for EXERCISE "AIRFOOT".

2. EQPT.

(a) AUSTFORCE :

i. One 22 set - Bde Sigs
Three 108 Mk 3
One set of 5 - SCR 536B
One set of 2 - SCR 536B
One No 4 Reception Set - Bde Sigs
9 AC recognition strips
Panel code (LHQ Trg Instr No 7)
One ALDIS Lamp
One verey pistol and 20 rounds

ii. No 1 (Sig) pl less one det and personnel needed in camp will be responsible for maintaining comm.

iii. Intercomm timetable is issued as Appx "A" to this Instr.

(b) JAPFORCE :

i. One 108 Mk 3
One set of 5 SCR 536B
One verey pistol and 20 rounds

ii. 3 pers from No 1 (Sig) pl

(c) UMPIRES :

i. One set of 7 SCR 536B

ii. Intercomm with Bn HQ by FORCE 108 Mk 3

(d) AC :

i. AT 4 AR 8 in plane
ii. One 108 Mk 3
iii. Two SCR 536B netted with HQ AUSTFORCE
iv. One ALDIS Lamp
v. Panel code (LHQ Trg Instr No 7)

3. RT SYSTEM.

(a) 22 set .

i. HQ AUSTFORCE - AC
ii. Operated by Bde Sigs
iii. Frequency 3.5 with flick to 3.0

(b) 108 Mk 3

i. HQ AUSTFORCE - AC frequency 3.0
ii. HQ AUSTFORCE - AUSTFORCE - JAPFORCE frequency 3.5
iii. One spare set at HQ AUSTFORCE

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(c) SCR 536B

As indicated in para 2

(d) No 4 Reception Set.

Operated by Bde Sigs at HQ AUSTFORCE

4. VS :

(a) ALDIS Lamp

HQ AUSTFORCE - AC

(b) AC Recognition Strips for ground/air intercomn

(c) Smoke and pyratechnics to indicate FDLs (AUSTFORCE)

(d) Mortar smoke to indicate targets and bomb line.

5. SIG DIAGRAM :

See Appx "B"

6. CODE NAMES.

(a) AC - WEVA

(b) AUSTFORCE - (less 22 set) LUZA

(c) 22 set - ROLO

7. NETTING.

22 set and 108 Mk 3 with AC from 110800K

8. SYNCHRONIZATION.

0700 hrs D plus 1

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(Issued as Appx "A" to 2/23 AUST INF BN INTERCOMN INSTR NO 1)

INTERCOMN TASKS - AC - AUSTFORCE

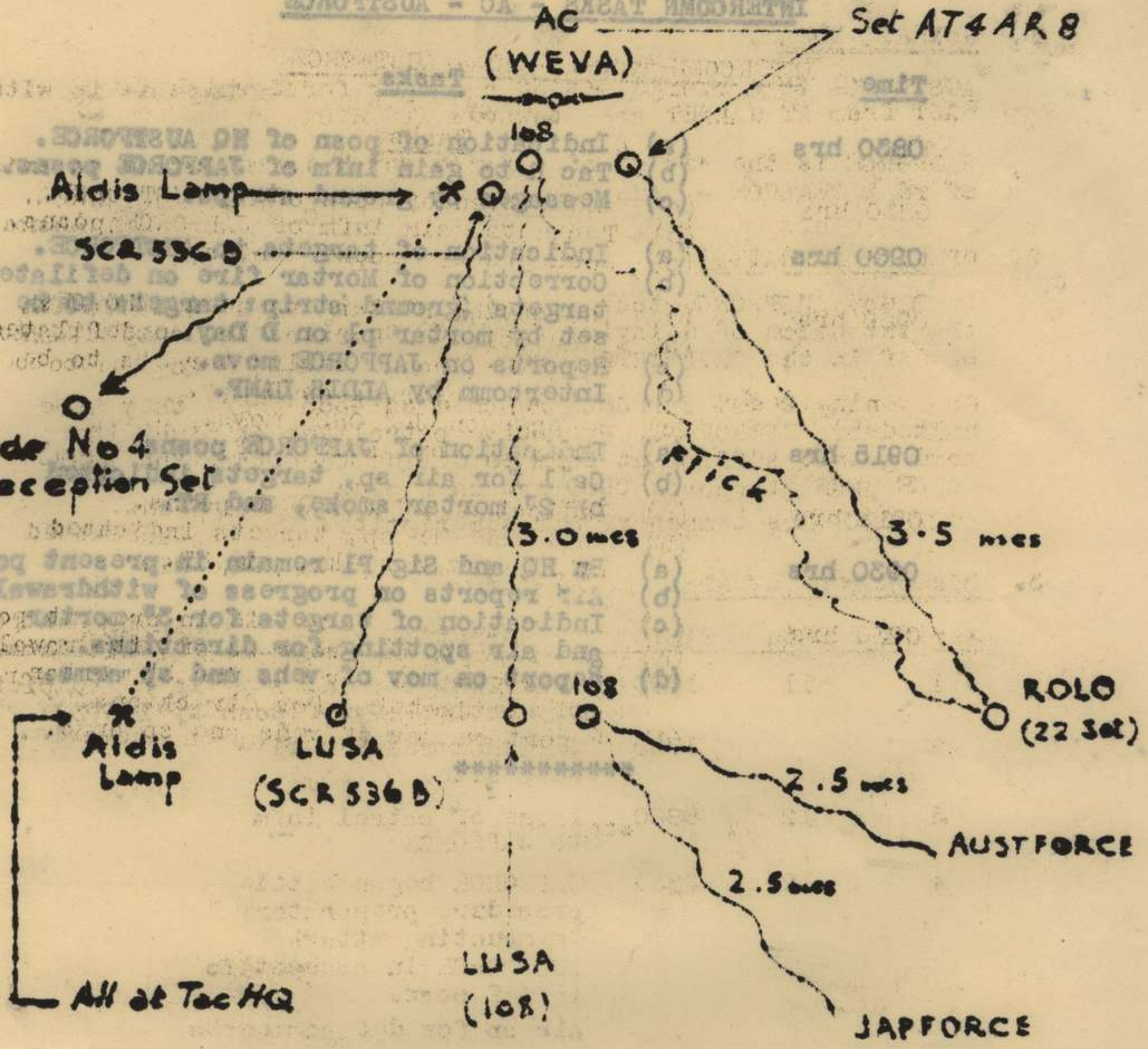
Time	Tasks
0830 hrs	(a) Indication of posn of HQ AUSTFORCE. (b) Tac R to gain infm of JAPFORCE posns. (c) Messages by ground strips.
0900 hrs	(a) Indication of targets to AUSTFORCE. (b) Correction of Mortar fire on defilated targets (ground strip: targets to be set by mortar pl on D Day. (c) Reports on JAPFORCE movs. (d) Intercomm by ALDIS LAMP.
0915 hrs	(a) Indication of JAPFORCE posns. (b) Call for air sp, targets indicated by 2" mortar smoke, and RT.
0930 hrs	(a) Bn HQ and Sig Pl remain in present posn. (b) Air reports on progress of withdrawal. (c) Indication of targets for 3" mortar and air spotting for directions. (d) Report on mov of vehs and sp arms.

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APPX B

SIG DIAGRAM



Issued as Appx "B" to Intercomm Instr - EXERCISE "AIRFOOT"

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2/23 AUST INF BN EXERCISE

"AIRFOOT"

1. **GENERAL IDEA .**

AUSTFORCE is a reargd det of a larger force which is to withdraw EAST from MT GARNET area towards ATHERTON.

JAPFORCE is the adv gd of a force which is advancing on axis of rd RAVENSHOE - ATHERTON.

2. **OPENING NARRATIVE**

On D day AUSTFORCE took up a def posn in area sq 4487 with the intention of delaying JAPFORCE to allow the completion of def in the CHILVERTON Area.

On evening D day JAPFORCE reached sq 4386 where they were halted by AUSTFORCE. By active patrolling at night the comd gained sufficient infm to decide to attack the AUST-FORCE posn at approx 0900 hrs on D plus 1

AUSTFORCE has temporary air superiority.

3. **FORECAST OF EVENTS.**

Serial	Date	Time	Narrative	Remarks
1	11	1600	AUSTFORCE commences occupation of def posn	To be completed by 130730K
2		1700	JAPFORCE reaches biv-ouac site.	
3	12	0800	Issue of patrol infm to JAPFORCE	
4	12	0830	JAPFORCE began battle procedure preparatory to mounting attack AUSTFORCE in occupation if def posn. Air sp for def commences	
5	12	0900	JAPFORCE moving to SL Def fire tasks indicated by aircraft.	
6		0915	Attack on AUSTFORCE.	
		0930	Withdrawal of AUSTFORCE	Bn HQ remains in present posn and in comm with aircraft.
		1000	Co-operation with air-craft closes.	

4. Enlargements of area (6 inches to mile) will be issued by Int Sec.

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LOG. EX. AIRFOOT.

Serial No	Time Date	From	To.	Event.	Action
1	111400K			Left SP.	
2	111615K			Arrived bivs area 445874 • intermediate halts at 1450K, 1530K.	
3	·1730K			Evening meal	
4	120630K			Breakfast.	
5	120845K		TAC	Leading pl at 438871 now halted.	
6	0850K			AC heard approaching from SW. Direction	
7	·0853··	Aust	Jac	Aust force in contact.	
8	0855	AC	Jac	cannot locate you.	
9	..	Jac	AC	will lay out recognition strips.	
10	0858	AC	TAC	HQ recognised.	
11	0900	TAC	AC	TAC R. requested by ground strip.	
12	..	TAC	Jap	you will reach house posn by 0930 but will not adv any further owing to heavy fire.	
13	0903	TAC	AC	~~Drop Jap R message here. Will ack by ground strip~~ ~~ground strip requests report altitude~~	
14	0907	TAC	AUST	have you any info on that firing	
15	0908	TAC	AC	ground strip request report on altitude	
16	0910	Aust	Jac	Enemy have over run fwd sec of fwd pl and are now halted.	
17				108722 set in comm with AC.	
18	0912	AC	TAC	moving in to drop Jap R.	
19	0914	AC	TAC	cannot pick up Walkie Talkies.	
20	0915			TACR report dropped. TACR Report no	
21				Enemy observed.	
22	0916	TAC	AC	switch to aldis lamp. ground strip message.	
23	0918	AC	TAC	altitude 700 ft	
24		Jac	AC	request Reinfts	
25		AC	Jac	ack 24 - wait.	
26	0920	Toc	AC	enemy in four hours 443874 carryout air strike.	

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Ser No	Date Time	From	To.	Event.	Action
27	120931	TAC	AC	drop message here.	ground strip
28	0935	AC	TAC	ack 27.	
29	0936	AC	TAC	aus locating Jap force preparing to bomb.	
30	0942	TAC	Aust	Aust force to retire at 0945. Coy RV 456381	
3				assembly area 456892.	
31	0946	Aust	Jac	force commenced withdrawal	
32		Jac	AC	how long will you be overhead.	
33		AC	TAC	until 1015K	
34	0952	TAC	JAP	move 1000K Exploit to tops of ridge	
35	1000	TAC	Aust	Enemy are now on the move	
36	1006	Aust	Jac	fwd elements of Aust force at RV	
37	1015	TAC	Aust	AC bombing enemy fwd pl	
38	1018	TAC	Aust	Ref bench copy to use Southern side of rd. 20 BDE will use northern side.	
39	1025	AC	TAC	JAP force 1 pl #43870 have been bombed.	
40	1030	AC	TAC	closing down.	

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: Bn HQ — Date—Time of Origin: 102100K — Office Date Stamp

TO — For Action: Bn HQ

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. A 831 ⊙ No engrs required EX AIRFOOT ⊙ Capt ISSELL will be i/c Bn HQ for movement and defensive ptns ⊙ Lt SHAW i/c composite pl A coy 11 ORS B coy 22 ORS to report with party to area between ADOS dumps and FPO ⊙ Lt SHAW will arrange to take 25 picks and 5 shovels ⊙

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except ..... } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

Re will depat to Lt PROCTOR - RAE at 110830K @ Pe may be reqmnd to continue work 12 Feb

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AIRFOOT

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1. Leave camp 120430
2. Report 120715 to. ALO Capt CONNOR at MAREEBA control
3. Eqpt

108 Mk III
Aldis Lamp
Flare bombs
two SCR536 Bs
mat AIRFOOT 10 € ISKOV
PALMERSTON
Panel Code

Capt in
for LT-COL Sadlier
Pte MURPHY

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QNS

Lt Newbould
Lt Lobban
Plt Murphy.

T.O.

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1. Addressees will act as air recce pers in EXERCISE MARROOT

2. Pers will leave camp area 120430K by unit tpt & report dvr 120715K to A.L.O. Capt CONNOR, ~~A.L.O.~~ at Control Tower MAREEBA Aerfd

3 Following equip will be carried
10 pr Mk III
Aldis lamp.
Flare bombs.

2. SOR-536 B.
3 maps
Code Panel Code

Addressees to Sign our back

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2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 13

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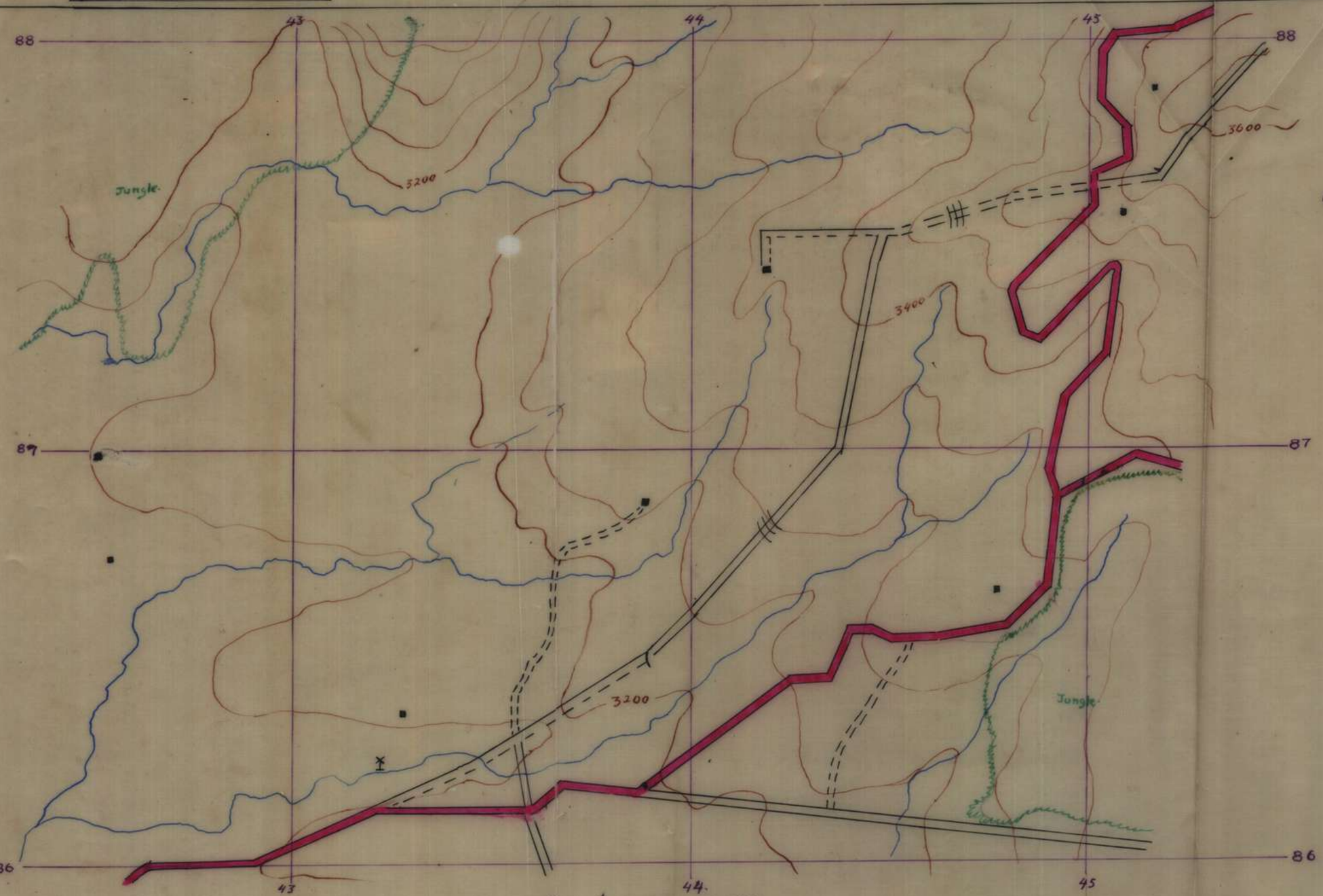
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Ref Map. PALMERSTON. 1:63,360.

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(b) 108 Mk 3

i. HQ AUSTFORCE - AC frequency 3.0
ii. HQ AUSTFORCE - AUSTFORCE - JAPFORCE frequency 3.5
iii. One spare set at HQ AUSTFORCE

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(c) SCR 536B

As indicated in para 2

(d) No 4 Reception Set.

Operated by Bde Sigs at HQ AUSTFORCE

4. VS :

(a) ALDIS Lamp

HQ AUSTFORCE - AC

(b) AC Recognition Strips for ground/air intercomn

(c) Smoke and pyratechnics to indicate FDLs (AUSTFORCE)

(d) Mortar smoke to indicate targets and bomb line.

5. SIG DIAGRAM :

See Appx "B"

6. CODE NAMES.

(a) AC - WEVA

(b) AUSTFORCE - (less 22 set) LUZA

(c) 22 set - ROLO

7. NETTING.

22 set and 108 Mk 3 with AC from 110800K

8. SYNCHRONIZATION.

0700 hrs D plus 1

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EXERCISE SECRET

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(Issued as Appx "A" to 2/23 AUST INF BN INTERCOMN INSTR NO 1)

INTERCOMN TASKS - AC - AUSTFORCE

Time	Tasks
0830 hrs	(a) Indication of posn of HQ AUSTFORCE. (b) Tac R to gain infm of JAPFORCE posns. (c) Messages by ground strips.
0900 hrs	(a) Indication of targets to AUSTFORCE. (b) Correction of Mortar fire on defilated targets (ground strip: targets to be set by mortar pl on D Day. (c) Reports on JAPFORCE movs. (d) Intercomn by ALDIS LAMP.
0915 hrs	(a) Indication of JAPFORCE posns. (b) Call for air sp, targets indicated by 2" mortar smoke, and RT.
0930 hrs	(a) Bn HQ and Sig Pl remain in present posn. (b) Air reports on progress of withdrawal. (c) Indication of targets for 3" mortar and air spotting for directions. (d) Report on mov of vehs and sp arms.

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Jap forces to reach house by 0930.

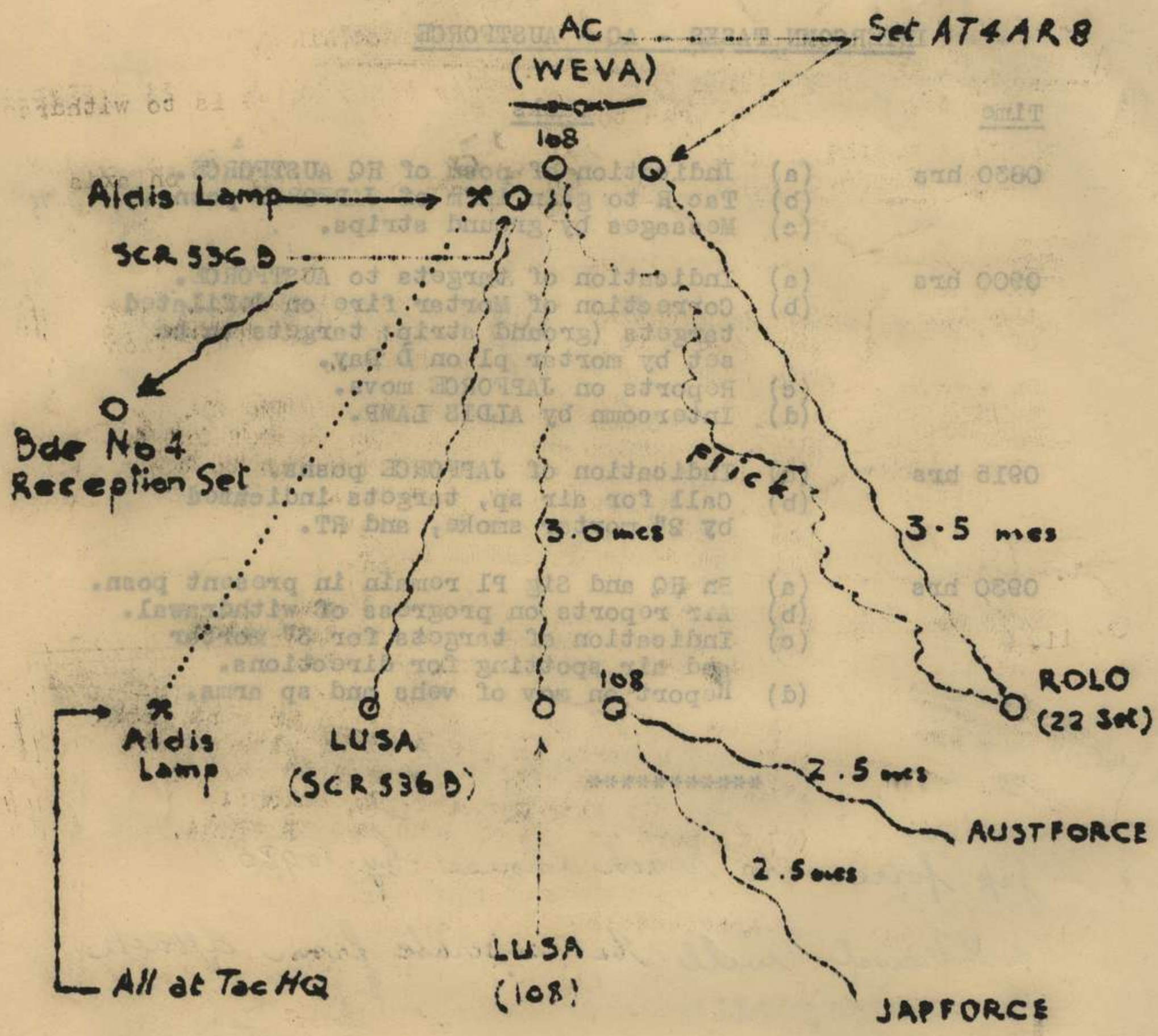
withdrawal will be desperate from attack (ROI)

coloured discs in plane aldis lamps

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APPX B

SIG DIAGRAM



Issued as Appx "B" to Intercomm Instr - EXERCISE "AIRFOOT"

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2/23 AUST INF BN EXERCISE

"AIRFOOT"

1. GENERAL IDEA .

AUSTFORCE is a reargd det of a larger force which is to withdraw EAST from MT GARNET area towards ATHERTON.

JAPFORCE is the adv gd of a force which is advancing on axis of rd RAVENSHOE - ATHERTON.

2. OPENING NARRATIVE

On D day AUSTFORCE took up a def posn in area sq 448? with the intention of delaying JAPFORCE to allow the completion of def in the CHILVERTON Area.

On evening D day JAPFORCE reached sq 4386 where they were halted by AUSTFORCE. By active patrolling at night the comd gained sufficient infm to decide to attack the AUST-FORCE posn at approx 0900 hrs on D plus 1

AUSTFORCE has temporary air superiority.

3. FORECAST OF EVENTS.

Serial	Date	Time	Narrative	Remarks
1	11	1600	AUSTFORCE commences occupation of def posn	To be completed by 120730K
2		1700	JAPFORCE reaches biv-ouac site.	
3	12	0800	Issue of patrol infm to JAPFORCE	
4	12	0830	JAPFORCE began battle procedure preparatory to mounting attack AUSTFORCE in occupation if def posn.	
			Air sp for def commences	
5	12	0900	JAPFORCE moving to SL Def fire tasks indicated by aircraft.	
6		0915	Attack on AUSTFORCE.	
		0930	Withdrawal of AUSTFORCE	Bn HQ remains in present posn and in comm with aircraft.
		1000	Co-operation with air-craft closes.	

4. Enlargements of area (6 inches to mile) will be issued by Int Sec.

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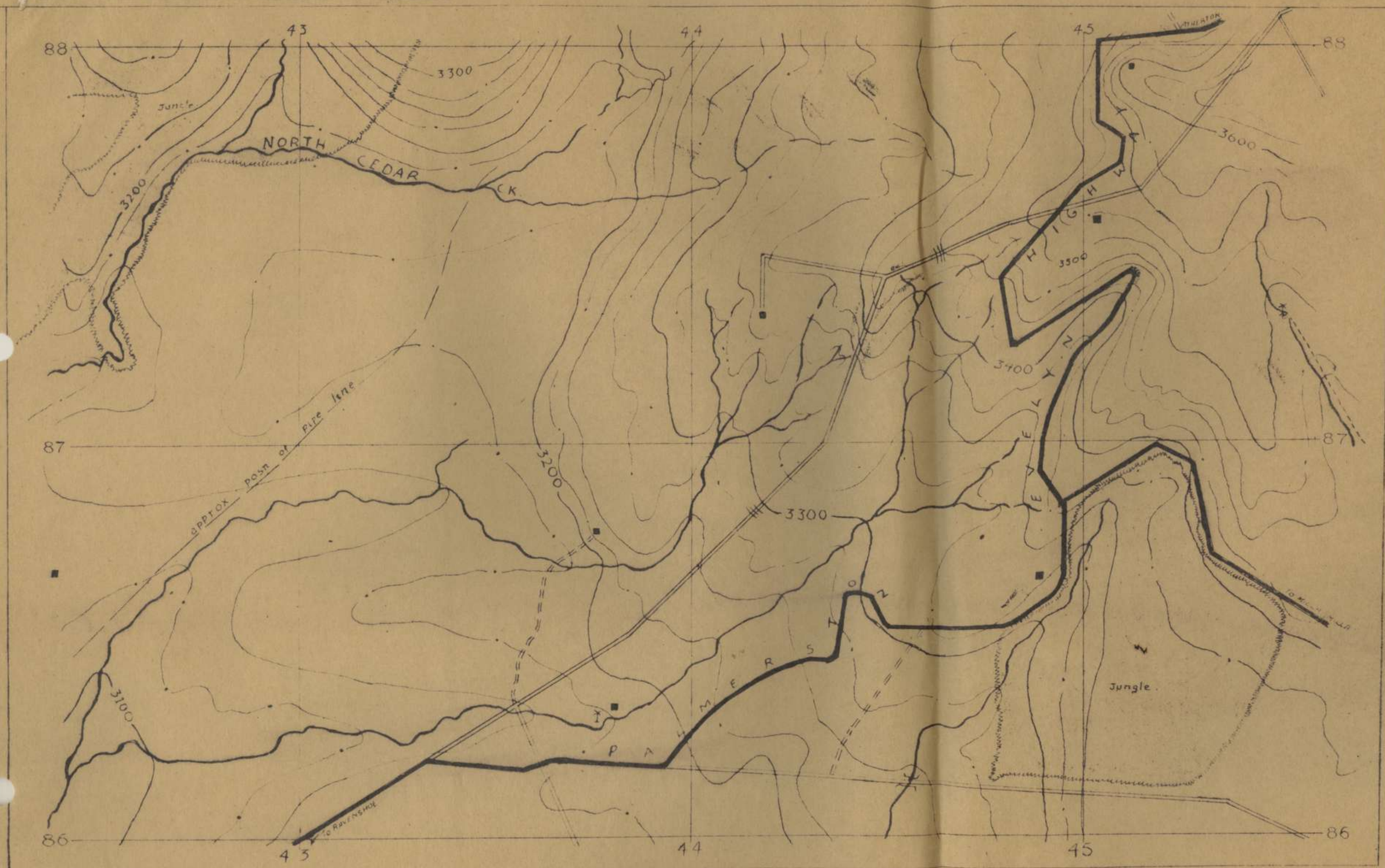
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AREA EX. AIRFOOT

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ENLARGED FROM PALMERSTON. 1·63360

RF 1 10,560



V I = 50 ft.

FORM LINES = 25 ft

Scale: 6 ins = 1 Mile

YDS 200 100 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 YDS

Prepared by
Int Sec
7 Fd Regt Inf Bn
8 Feb 45

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SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERPIPE"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

1. It has been established that the ENEMY at MILLAA MILLAA is one Bde which was formerly part of the force which was drawn from INNISFAIL.

2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; and their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 16 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

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SECRET
EXERCISE BUMBLEFOOT

26 AUST INF BDE OO 1

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Ref Maps : PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. Enemy

As per Tac R reports and sitreps to 271000K.

2. Own Tps

No change in disposns

3. Air

One med bomber sqn is available for sp between 271100K and 271200K

INTENTION

4. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will attack and capture LOOKOUT ROCK (480482), high ground (485853), high ground (483864), and ~~/~~high ground (487867).

METHOD

5. The attack will be carried out in two phases.

6. Phase I - capture line LOOKOUT ROCK - high ground (483864).

(a) Tps : RIGHT - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 13/ Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, ~~and in sp one flt med bomber sqn~~.

LEFT - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 14/ Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt ~~and in sp one flt med bomber sqn~~.

(b) Objectives

2/24 Aust Inf Bn - LOOKOUT ROCK
2/48 Aust Inf Bn - High ground 483864.

(c) Bdy

Incl 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - PALMERSTON HIGHWAY.

(d) Junc Pts - (i) rd track junc 475858
(ii) culvert 482856.

(e) SL - present line of FDLs

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(f) Start Time - 271200K

(g) Rate of Adv - 100 yds in 2 mins.

(h) Action on reaching objective - Consolidate on gen line of objective.

(i) Res - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

7. Phase II - Capture line high ground 405853 - high ground 407867.

(a) Ins : RIGHT - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn with under cond 57 Bty of 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

LEFT - 2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn with under cond 13 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

(b) Objectives

2/23 Aust Inf Bn - high ground 405853
2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn - high ground 407867.

(c) Bdy - incl 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - UMALA creek.

(d) Jump Pt - high ground 403864.

(e) Assembly areas

2/23 Aust Inf Bn - area culvert 402056
2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn - area 479063.

(f) RL - line track 400053 - high ground 403864.

(g) Start Time - After ~~H~~ firing success sig Phase I. Time to be notified 2/24 2 greens.

(h) Rate of Adv - 100 yds in 2 mins.

(i) Action on reaching objective - Consolidate and be prepared to continue the adv.

(j) Res : Ins - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
Location - High ground 403864
Task - Be prepared to sp attack on other objective.

8. Air

(a) Tasks before attack

Serial	No of aircraft	Target	Time	Amount of ap
1.	Two flts	LOOKOUT ROCK	271100-271200	6 tons, strafing
2.	Two flts	High ground 403864	271100-271200	6 tons, strafing
3.	One flt	High ground 405853	271130-271200	3 tons, strafing
4.	One flt	High ground M 407367	271130-271200	3 tons, strafing

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(b) Two flts remain on air alert 271100- 271130.

(c) Indication of targets - 2" and 3" mortar smoke.

(d) Target Bomb Line - Track bend 473847 along track to house 481864.

(e) Sig for completion of Missions - Two Greens.

9. Arty

(a) Phase I

13 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
14 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Phase II

57 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
13 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under comd 2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn.

(b) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt less Btys allotted will sp the attack on call targets.

ADM

10. No change.

INTERCOMN

11. Bde HQ remain present location. Tac HQ opens rd-track junc 474855 at 271145K.

12. Success Sigs

Phase I - Green Red Green

Phase II - Green Yellow

ACK

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Signed at 271050K.

(H.J. KATEKAR) Maj.
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXERCISE "BUMBLEFOOT" — ACTION DIARY① — 27 Feb 45

Serial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken	Remarks.
1.	0805	2/23	26 Bde	GI31 SECRET Ex "BUMBLEFOOT". Sitrep 1 to 0800K	Bde Infmd. For Infm 2/24, 2/48, 2/4 Cav.	
2.	0848			2/23 open comm with 26 Bde by L/T o	C.O. Informed.	
3.	0850	2/23	26 Bde	ENEMY TAC/R moving in from NW	Bde Informed.	
4.	0855	A Coy	2/23	Recce patrol returned 0845 hrs contacted ENEMY strength one sec in Ck 465882 o ENEMY patrol forced to withdraw with 2 cas towards def posn 477875 o Own cas nil o ENEMY movement noticed on rd 475882 o	C.O. Informed	
5.	0855			Minor ENEMY shelling of 3600ft feature in sq 4567	C.O. Informed.	
6.	0910	2/23	B,C,D, Coys	GI 33 o	Infm 26 Bde 2/48.	
7.	0920	2/23	26 Bde	AG1 Restricted o Bumblefoot ATEBRIN ACK o	OCD Informed. Bde Informed	
8	0915	A Coy	2/23	ENEMY shelling area rd junc 449868 o Est 4 rds to fire o Fire appears to have ceased o No cas o Rd junc still passable o	C.O. Informed.	
9.	0920	2/23	26 Bde	GI 34 o	Bde Informed. Infm B,C,D Coys.	
10	0928	Own Tac/R	2/23	Sighted approx 15 men th junc 924505 o	C.O. Informed.	
11	0935	2/23	26 Bde	G.I. 35 o	Bde Informed. Infm ABCD Coys 2/4 Cav	
12	0936	Adjt	26 Bde	Request for tpt 28 Feb.		
13	0937	Tac/R	2/23	8 men sighted 484864 0937 K o	C.O. Informed.	
14	0938	2/23	26 Bde	GI. 136	Bde Informed. Infm A,B,C,D 2/24, 2/48 noted	
15	0950	Adjt	QM. T.O.	Message re tpt 28 Feb.		
16	0958	2/23	26 Bde	GI37 o Sitrep 2 to 1000 hrs o	Bde informed, infm 2/24 2/48 2/4 Cav.	
17	1000	B Coy	2/23	Recce patrol returned 0935 reported contact with ENEMY standing patrol on rd at 477877 o Own cas 1 wounded o Wound in thigh cas benj evacuated RAP o ENEMY posn has one LMG several riflemen o	C.O. Informed.	
18	1020	2/23	26 Bde	G.I 38 o	Bde Informed o Infm ABCD.	

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ACTION DIARY ②

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Serial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken.	Remarks.
19.	1025	2/23	26 Bde	A/C approaching from Nth ○ Bde informed ○	Bde Informed Infm ABCD Boys.	
20	1035	2/4 Bar	2/23	Sitrep 10 to 1000K ○ Sqn HQ bombed ○ 2 bombs fell ○ No cas ○ Sqn HQ moved new posn 200ˣ Nth ○ 454863 ○	ABCD. C.O. Infmd.	
21	1040	2/23	A.B.C. D and Sig O.	WARNING ORDER ○ 26 Bde will attack and capture LOOKOUT ROCK and high gnd 483684 ○ Start time NOT before 271200K ○ "O" Gp RV 3600 feature 455880 ○ Time to be notified	Sig O., ABCD Boys informed	
22	1035	26 Bde	2/23	26 Bde Op will attack and capture LOOKOUT ROCK and high gnd 483864 ○ Start time NOT before 271200K ○ C.O's RV Bde HQ 271030K ○	C.O Informed.	
23	1035	2/24	2/23	(VE from Umpire). 2/24 patrol to Lookout Rock located LMG post on left flanks ○ ENEMY posn fired on by Arty and Mortars ○ Calling for TAC/R report on results ○ If no report another patrol will move out ○	C.O. and Boys informed.	
24	1100	2/23	ABCD Boys	GI 40 ○	Boys infmd.	
25	1115	26 Bde	2/23	GI 101 ○ LOCSTAT	Adjt infmd. Bde " .	
26	1200	2/23	26 Bde	GI 410		
27	1234	2/48	2/23	Patrol ptr 5 moving out from 465874 along ck to 475 876 back along rd to junc 466873 thence along rd 477869 then to windmill at 482861 ○ Task 1) to ascertain ENEMY strength at 477875 (2) ascertain any further ENEMY posns along jungle fringe running SE ○ 3) Contact DOPV at windmill 472861 ○	Adjt informed ○	
28	1250	2/23	ABCD	GI 420	Boys informed ○ Bde informed ○	
29	1300	2/23	26 Bde	Bn HQ close down to reopen on reaching new HQ ○	noted ○	
30	1300			Bn commences move to new area ○		
31	1330			Bn arrives rd junc 515884 debusses to move on foot ○	" ○	

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ACTION DIARY ③ 27. Feb 4

Serial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken	Remarks
32	1415			Bn halts preparatory to moving into new area ○ C.O. adjt, Coy Comdrs make recce ○	noted.	
33	1435			Bn moves into new area ○ Bn HQ 532903	noted.	
34	1430	A Coy	2/23	Coy under fire from ENEMY posn appox 542910 ○ Coy patrolling to locate ENEMY posn and strength ○ Bn moves up to form firm base and Bn area	C.O. Informed.	
35	1500	A "	2/23	ENEMY Pl strength located 541910 ○ ENEMY observed withdrawing along WHITING RD ○	C.O. Informed.	
36	1505	2/23	26 Bde	GI 43 ○ Sitrep No 30	Bde informed	
37	1505	2/23	26 Bde	GI 44 ○ LOCSTAT ○	Bde informed ACCD 2/24, 2/48	
38	1515	C Coy	2/23	ENEMY patrol strength one sec observed moving along ridge in area 546904 ○ Own patrol sent out to destroy ENEMY patrol ○	C.O. Informed.	
39	1520	2/23	26 Bde	GI 45 ○	Bde Informed ○	
40	1800	~~2/23 Bde~~ 2/23	26 Bde	GI 46 ○ Sitrep 46 ○ to 271800K	C.O. Informed ○ entered Sitrep.	
41	1900	2/23	26 Bde	GI 47 ○ Sitrep 50 to 291900K ○ SITNOR ○	Bde informed. All Coys 2/24, 2/48, 2/4 Bav.	
42	1910	26 Bde	2/23	GI 105 ○ Sitrep to 271900K ○ LOCSTAT ○	"	
43	2000	2/23	26 Bde	GI 48 ○ Sitrep 6 to 272000K ○ SITNOR ○	C.O. Informed ○ entered Sitrep. Bde Informed ○	
44	2025	2/4 Bav	2/23	Sitrep 2 to 271900K ○ Sqn HQ est 547887 1600 hrs ○ 2/17 Bn also exercising this area causing confusion in front this HQ but will be moving soon ○ SITNOR ○	C.O. Informed Entered Sitrep.	
45	2025	26 Bde	2/23	GI 106 ○ 26 Bde patrol policy as from 271800K object to establish location of ENEMY FDL's ○ Also flanks ○		

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ACTION DIARY ④

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Serial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken	Remarks
				Areas of responsibility 2/24 Bn from 56 EASTING to incl PALMERSTON Highway ○ 2/48 ~~incl~~ excl PALMERSTON Highway excl BIGGS Rd ○ 2/23 Bn incl BIGGS Rd to 52 EASTING 2/4 Bav Sqn patrol to steds area sq 5691 ○	C.O. informed entered Sitmap.	
46	2030	2/23	B, D, Boys	AGB ○ Patrolling policy to find ENEMY FDLs and flanks ○ D Boy out 2100 hrs 534907 528913 534920 534907 in 0200 hrs ○ A Boy out 2100 hrs 540910 536916 540918 540910 in 2330 hrs ○ C Boy will maintain patrol fwd to PALMERSTON HIGHWAY ○ B Boy maintain standing patrol 523898 ○	Boys Informed & entered Sitmap.	
47	2050	2/4 Bav	2/23	6360 Ref your GI 106 patrol 1 sec departed 272045K task ascertain ENEMY posn area MIDBROOK Bx to 500ˣ N of steds ○ Probable time in 280045 ○		
48	2100	2/23	26 Bde	GI 49 ○ Sitrep 7 ○ SITNOR ○	Bde informed	
				GI 50 ○ Sitrep 8 ○ SITNOR ○	"	
49	2200	2/23	" "	GI 51 ○ " 9 ○ SITNOR ○	"	
50	2300	2/23	" "	GI 52 ○ ENEMY patrol est strength 20 infiltrated from NW. to Bn HQ 272325K ○ ENEMY driven off ○ ENEMY casualties unknown ○ Own casualties nil ○	"	
51	2328	2/23	" "			
				GI 53 ○ Sitrep No 10 ○ SITNOR ○	"	
52	2400	2/23	" "		"	
	28 Feb 45			GI 54 ○ " " 11 ○ " ○	"	
53	0100	2/23	" "	GI 55 " " 12 ○ " ○	"	
54	0200	"	" "	GI 56 " " 13 ○ " ○	"	
55	0300	"	" "	GI 57 " " 14 ○ " ○	"	
56	0400	"	" "	GI 58 " " 15 ○ " ○	"	
57	0500	"	" "	GI 59 " " 16 ○ " ○	"	
58	0600	"	" "			

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erial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken	Remarks.
59	0710	2/24	2/23	I6 ○ Sitrep 6 to 280700K ○ ENEMY MT on MIDBROOK Rd during night ○ Dawn patrols report ENEMY still in posn ○ Otherwise SITNOR ○	C.O. advised.	
60	0800	2/23	26 Bde	PATREP ○ Secret ○ No 1 Fighting patrol to contact ENEMY FDLs and strength out 2100 in 0200 hrs ○ Route 534907 528913 534920 534907 report NO ENEMY contacted ○ No 2 standing listening post strength 6 out 2100 hrs in 0600 hrs route 523898 NTR ○ No 3 Fighting patrol to contact ENEMY FDLs ○ Route 540910 536916 540918 540910 ○ Out 2100 hrs in 0230 hrs ○ ENEMY MT movement to NE ○ No 4 Recce to PALMERSTON HIGHWAY ○ 544909 out 2100 hrs in 0500 hrs NMS ○	Bde Informed.	
61	1000	2/23	26 Bde	GI 60 ○ Sitrep 17 to 1000K ○ One medium bomber over our posn 0955K ○	Bde Informed	
62	0830	26 Bde	2/24 Info 2/23	GO 543 ○ Request for MED level bombing approved ○ Ops Sqn will attack target at 550911 and 547911 from 0945 to 0955K ○ Advise Sqn your target bomb line prior to strike ○ Indicate target by 3" Mortar smoke ○	C.O. Informed.	
63	1020	OP	2/23	Green flare ("present posn of friendly fwd Tps") dropped by A/C ○	C.O Informed.	
64	1030	OP	Mortars	Fwd Mortar task up 300" ○ Order to fire ○ 3" mortars fire smoke to indicate ENEMY posn ○	Mortars Informed.	
65	1035	OP	Mortars	Request for one more mortar bomb on target ○	Mortars Informed.	
66	1037	OP	2/23	Air strike requested as indicated by Mortar smoke ○	C.O. Informed.	
67	1038	2/23	TAC/R	Ground to air sigs 62 63 PANEL CODE	A/C notified.	
68	1042	OP	Mortars	One bomb same target left 15°	Mortars Informed.	
69	1050	OP	2/23	Mortar 1 bomb same target left 8° ○	" "	
70	1055			BB 10 WHITEHEAD 26 Bde Comd moves thru Bn HQ area to OP ○	OP informed.	
71	1056	A/C	2/23	Message dropped by plane "Have you any jobs for us." "Use panel code ○"	C.O Informed.	
72	1058			Contact with A/C by 22 set.	C.O Informed.	
73	0745	26 Bde	2/23	QG 10 Restricted ○ Ref your AG2 of 270930K ○ Tpt cannot be arranged	Adjt informed.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Text	Action Taken	Remarks
74	1000	2/4 Cav	2/23	Sitrep 40 SITHOR ⊙	C.O. Informed.	
75	1100	2/24	2/23	I 50 ⊙ attack commenced 1035 hrs 10 Bombing mission completely successful ⊙ 1040R A Coy Succes signal ⊙	" "	
76	1110	A/C	2/23	Will make two runs over target area ⊙	"	
77	1110	A		A/C completes 2 runs over target area and leaves for base ⊙ Posn bombed 533917 ⊙	noted.	
78	1115	2/23	26 Bde	GI 61 ⊙		
79	1115	26 Bde	2/23	EX BUMBLEFOOT ENDS ⊙ Move back to camp ⊙	C.O. Informed.	
80	1200			Meal at same area ⊙ Ips then ferried by tpt to camp ⊙		

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PATROL REPORT

2/23 Aust Inf Bn D Coy
FIGHTING
2100 hrs

28 FEB 45
No 1
LT. JONES
20 ors.
0200 hrs

Task CONTACT enemy FDL's
Route 534 907 528 913 534 920 534 907

PART I

no contact made with enemy

Part II

Signs of enemy occup by old fires and bed litters.

Part III

owing to hy rain during late afternoon Streams had risen and made crossings slow and difficult moonlight assisted crossing
no fresh topographical infm

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Patrol Report

2/23 Aust Inf Bn A coy
Fighting

28 Feb 45
No 3
Lt BLACK
12 ors
0230 hrs

2100 hrs

Task contact enemy FDL's
Route

Part I

enemy not much heard to the NE

Part II

house unoccup. br still in good order
Surface of

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

Ref MAP. PALMERSTON 449876

UNIT 2/23 AUST INF BN.

PERIOD COVERED by REPORT 0800hrs 27 Feb to

CODEWORD . SHELLRED

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
TIME FROM	TIME TO	MAP Ref of OBSERVER	AREA SHELLED	No and nature of guns	No and NATURE of SHELLS	DAMAGE DONE	TRUE BEARING & TO FLASH, Sound, smoke or bearing of shell groove	NATURE of FIRE Registration, Bombardment	TIME FROM FLASH TO BANG
0915		452873	449868			NIL CAS		4rds Hfire	

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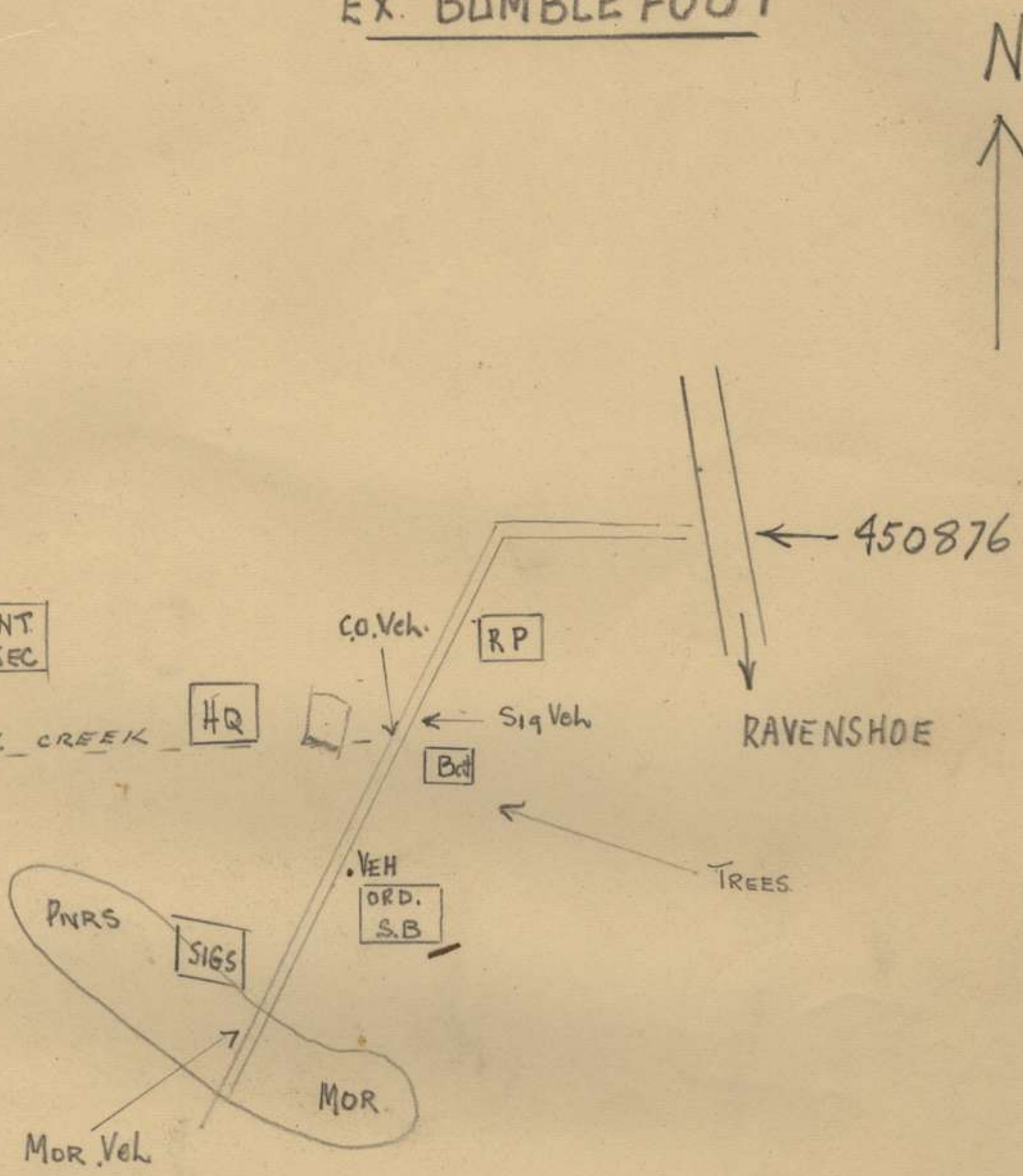
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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERLORD"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in 50 1 mile

1. It has been established that the ENEMY at MILLAA MILLAA is one Bde which was formerly part of the force which was drawn from INNISFAIL.

2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; and, their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 18 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

Issued by Senior Umpire ENFORCE at 0900K 5 M.R 45.

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2/23 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS

State War Diary

Wednesday - 14 Feb 45

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

	1330-1415 hrs	1415-1515 hrs
Rifle Coys		
A Coy	Pl Drill incl ;- (a) Close order drill (b) Rifle exercises on the march	The Sec Stalk
B Coy	Bren (a) I A SAT Pam 4 Lesson 8 (b) Stripping and assembling	Map reading Cont Signs Orientation and Co-ordinates
C Coy	Bayonet Trg SAT Pam 12	Fd Craft Fd Sigs IMT Sec 52
D Coy	Instn on P I T A Gun Stripping and assembling Handbook PITA MkI	Fire Control Section fire orders Indication of targets
Specialist Pls		
No 1 - Signals	Visual Signalling	Cable laying - practical
No 2 - MMG	Indication and recognition Lessons 62-63	EGD
No 3 - Mor	Lesson 23 Action and cease firing	Pl Drill insl :- (a) Close Order Drill (b) Rifle exercise on march
No 4 - Tk A	GUN DRILL - COMPETITIVE	
No 5 - Pnr	CAMP - DUTIES	
No 6 - Adm	ADM - DUTIES	

Note :- Periods will be conducted on unit Sports Ground.

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WET DAY SYLLABUS

Rifle Coys	1330-1415 hrs	1415-1515 hrs
A Coy	CAB "European problems"	Bren Stripping and assembling
B Coy	Mortar .- Stripping - assembling	CAB " European problems "
C Coy	CAB " European problems "	Bren I A S A T Pam 4 Lesson 8
D Coy	Instn on PITA Gun Stripping and assembling	CAB "European problems "
Specialist Pls		
No 1 Pl Sigs	Morse reading	Practical use of W/T Set 108 and use of aerials.
No 2 Pl MMG	Theory of indirect fire.	E G D
No 3 Pl Mor	CAB " European problems "	Ranging and fire control-Theory
No 4 Pl Tk A	CAB " European problems "	Inter sec Questionaire.
No 5 Pl Pnr	CAMP - DUTIES	
No 6 Pl Adm	CAMP * ADM - DUTIES	

Note :- In case of wet weather, the above subjects will be conducted in coy Mess Huts.

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War Diary

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
6 Feb 45

All Coys

Subject; DEMONSTRATION OF ENEMY EQPT

1. 34 Aust FS Sec (RE) will be available to demonstrate enemy eqpt to coys on 9 Feb 45.

2. Each demonstration will last for a period of one hr. The periods each day are allotted as follows :-

0830 - 0930 hrs	A Coy
0930 - 1030 hrs	B Coy
1030 - 1130 hrs	C Coy
1130 - 1230 hrs	Bn HQ
1300 - 1400 hrs)	HQ Coy
1400 - 1500 hrs)	
1500 - 1600 hrs	D Coy

3. The demonstration will be held at Bde HQ in a marquee next to Q Store.

4. Coys will arrange for each group to assemble at Bde HQ 5 mins before the time of commencement of each period.

5. At the conclusion of such period a check will be made of the RE to ensure that nothing is missing.

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

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SIGNAL PLATOON SYLLABUS

Trg Period 5-10 Feb 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	Coy Parade CC Inspection	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade
0900-0945	Close Order Drill	Bayonet Trg PT	Flame Thrower Gen description Lesson 1	Fullerphone Operation and practice	Morse Practice	Line Laying and wiring of Bde def area
0945-1030	Visual Signalling	Layout Protection and concealment of a HQ.	Morse Practice	do	AMS Lecture	do
1030-1130	Morse Practice	do	Paying of Compliments. Disc Trg	CAB	R/T Code	P1 Adm
1245-1330	Signal procedure in Battle - Bn Sig Standing Orders	Signal office Procedure	sports	Message Forms	Group working 108 Mk III R/T & W/T	Maintenance of phones and signal stores.
1330-1430	do	Visual Trg Films (a) Going North (b) Naples (c) The Enemy Japan.	do	Int Summary	do	do
1430-1530	do	do	do	Marching at Attention	do	do

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NO 2 PL TNG SYLLABUS — Week Ending 10 Feb 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin	Coy Parade Adm and Atebrin
0815-0900	DISCIPLINARY TNG	CLOSE ORDER DRILL	PAYING COMPLIMENTS			
0900-0945	Care cleaning of stores	Stoppages normal	Flame Thrower Gen description Lesson 1	Indirect fire Q & A	Int Summary	Overhead and flanking fire
0945-1030	Stoppages	Stoppages as per ATM	do	do	1000-1040 ABS lecture	Mor 3" MMD
1030-1130	Quiz	Bayonet Trg	Camouflage (Pte Bowen)	CAS LECTURE	Director & Dial sights	do
1245-1330	MMD	CAS lecture	Organised coy sports	Adv handling Close trg area	Small Arms Trg MMGM, CSMG	Tests of MMD & stoppages.
1330-1430	MMD	1400/1530 Visual trg Films	do	do	do	TEST's
1430/1530	Camouflage (Pte Bowen)	do	do	do	do	Quiz

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NO 3 PL TNG SYLLABUS — Week Ending 10 Feb 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815		COY PARADE	ADM AND ATTENDN			
0815-0900	Disciplinary Trg	P & RT	P & RT	P & RT	P & RT	P & RT
0900-0945	P & RT	Testing New Phones (Sound Powered)	Flame Thrower Gen description Lesson 1	CAB Lecture	2" Mor Lesson 2 & 3	TOETs BREW
0945-1030	Bayonet Trg Lesson 1	Mortar Quiz	do (Sjt GOODALL)	Fire Disc Trg (ATM 36)	1000/1040 AES Lecture	36 Grenade Lesson 1
1030-1130	Pistol Trg	Observation Trg (Kips Game(	do	Overhead & flanking fire	Bayonet Trg Lesson 2 & 3	BRD Smartening up
1245-1330	Maintenance of Mortars	BRD Stand Drill- Psyic compliments	Organised sports (Coy)	Bren Stripping (Blindfolded)	TOETs Mortar	Fire Discipline Trg (ATM 36)
1330-1430	do	1400-1530 Visual trg Films	do	2" Mortar Lesson 1	MMG Trg (No 2 Pl NCO)	36 Grenade Lesson 2 &3
1430-1530	Pistol Trg	do b	do	3" Mortar Ranging	MMG Trg (No 2 Pl NCO)	Maintenance Mortars - testing sights

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NO 4 PL TNG SYLLABUS — Week Ending 10 Feb 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815		COY PARADE	AEM AND ATEBRIN			
0815-0900	Gun Drill	P & RT	Gun Drill	Gun Drill	P & RT	Gun Drill
0900-0945	P & RT	Gun Drill	Flame Thrower Description Lesson 1	P & RT	Gun Drill	P & RT
0945-1030	OSMG Lesson 1 & 2	Disciplinary Trg - Close Order drill	Mechanisms	Bren Stripping & Assembling	1000-1040 AEM Lecture	CAB Lecture
1030-1130	Disciplinary Trg	CAB Lecture	Disciplinary Trg	Bayonet Trg	Mechanisms	Disciplinary Trg
1245-1330	Bren Less 6, 7, 8.	OSMG Recap. Lessons 2 & 3	Organised Coy Sports	Buffer Filling	Int Summaries	Stores Check cleaning & maintenance
1330-1430	Gun Drill	1400/1530 Visual trg Films	do	Maintenance trg	Disciplinary Trg	do
1430-1530	Bayonet Trg	do	do	Disciplinary Trg	Concealment & Camouflage	do

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
5 Feb 45.

Ref Map MT GARNET 1:63360

TRG & LOCATION STATEMENT

Coy	Time	Trg	Location
A	0800-0820	Coy Pde	Coy Pde Ground
	0820-0900	Pl Drill	" " "
	0900-0945	Flame Thrower	Close Trg area
	0945-1030	Messages and Reports	" " "
	1030-1130	Gas Trg	" " "
	1300-1400	TsOMT Rifle, SMG, Bren, 2"Mortar	" " "
	1400-1500	Bayonet Trg	" " "
	1500-1530	PT and Organized Sport	" " "
B	0800-0900	Coy Pde - Pl duties	Coy Pde Ground
	0900-0945	TOMT - Rifle Patrols	Camp area
	0945-1130	Gas Trg	
	1245-1430	Brief of Patrols	
	1430-1530	CAB - BURMA	
C	0800-0820	Coy Pde	C oy Pde Ground
	0835-1130	Theory of SAF - War Gases Close Order Drill - PT	Close Trg area
	1300-1500	PAD Lecture and practice TsOMT - Smartening Up Drill	" " "
D	0800-1130	Choosing best drill Pl Carriage of Respirator GT '42 CAB - BURMA	Coy Pde Ground area
PM		Messages Grenades - Pam 13	" " "
HQ		As for Day 1 - Weekly Trg Syllabus	Coy area

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War Diary

Hq 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
23 Feb 45

SYNOPSIS OF TRG

Enoch Bridge 3 Mar 45

Individual Plan

Periods

Subject

Preparation for Bde Conteen
Sports
Map Reading
Field Craft
General Knowledge Lectures
Specialist Trg
Patrols
Education Lecture
Discipline Trg
Reliefs
Coy Internal Economy

3 days 4 periods each
35

SYNOPSIS OF TRG - SPECIALIST PLN

Subject	Periods	Hours
General Trg All Pls		
Disc Trg - Drill	6	4½
PT and Games	3	2¼
AFS Discussions	1	¾
	10	7½
SPECIAL		
Procedure in Battle (Bde Comp incl)	22	18½
Range Practice	2	1½
Office Procedure	2	1½
Sig Exercises	2	1½
Maintenance Sig Stores	2	1½
Codes and Ciphers	4	3
Gas Discussions	2	1½
Adm	4	3
Drill	2	1½
Sport	2	1½
Int Summary	1	¾
AFS Lecture	1	¾
	42	37½
MG TRG		
MG Trg - General	17	16
" Tp Off	2	2
" Mtl Lights	6	4½
" Bde Competition	2	2
Sport	2	1½
GAB Discussions	2	1½
Int Summaries	2	1½
AFS Lectures	2	1½
Drill	4	3
General	4	3
	42	35½

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	Periods	Hours
MONDAY TO FRIDAY		
Morning Try - General	6	9
" " Fire Control etc	4	6
" Pa CWT	5	7½
" Maintenance		
" Bde Competition		
Afternoon		
2 in Morning		
Ground		
FITA Gun		
CAB Lectures		
AMS Lectures		
Inf Subject		
Sport		
Drill		
	42	63
SATURDAY		
Gun Drill	7	10½
" Maintenance		
" Laying		
" Indian & Weapon Pits		
Area		
Map Reading		
Drill & P & RT		
AGR		
CAB Lectures		
AMS Lectures		
Gun Mechanism		
Sport		
	42	52½
SUNDAYS		
Camp Duties		
Organised Sport		

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Individual Coy Trg. 2/21 AUST INF BN - TRG SCHEDULE Week Ending 3 Mar 45.

Coy	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
A	Duty Coy	AM. Eliminations for Bren LMG and Grenade throwing teams vide 26 Bde Trg Instr No 20. PM. Sports.	AM. Map Reading Marginal info Co-ordinates Conventional signs. Charge-terization of contours. MAP Chap 4 & 5 Field Sigs. PM. See Pams INT Chap 10	AM. Lectures: The other arms of the Service INT Chap 7 Laying and Maintenance of sig lines and operation of telephone Sec 5. PM. Patrols by Compass bearings	0830 Education Lecture Disciplinary Trg. Paying of compliments. March discipline. PM. Nor 3 in Employment and Kit.	AM. Reliefs ITN Pam 3 PM. Internal Economy
B	0830 Educational Lectures. AM. Elimination for Bren LMG and Grenade throwing teams vide 26 Bde Trg Instr No 20	Fd Firing Nov 44. Service Range Practice App of Fire Indication & Recog. Fire Control Vol 1 Pam 2 Service Targets JD Two CAB Lectures First Aid in the Field		PM. Internal Economy Kit Inspection	Duty Coy	AM. As for A Coy Day 3. PM. Sports
C	As for A Coy Day 2	As for A Coy Day 6	Duty Coy	As for A Coy Day 3	0830 Education Lecture As for A Coy Day 5	As for A Coy Day 4
D	←	As for B Coy	→		As for A Coy Day 3	Duty Coy
HQ		Duty Coy	PM Sports	Duty Coy		

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Wartime

Bn 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
23 Feb 45

Hours of Trg

Week Ending 3 Mar 45

Individual Pl Trg

Subject	Periods
Preparation for Bn Contests	4
Sports	3
Map Reading	3
Field Craft	3
General Knowledge Lectures	3
Specialist Trg	3
Patrols	3
Situation Lecture	3
Discipline Trg	3
Ralliefs	3
Coy Internal Economy	3
	35

Hours of Trg - Specialist Pls

General Trg All Pls

Subject	Periods	Hours
Disc Trg - Drill	6	4½
PT and Games	3	2½
AFS Discussions	3	2½
	12	9

HQ Coy Bn 1 Pl

Procedure in Battle (Bde Coy Inst)	22	15½
Range Practice	2	2
Office Procedure	2	2
Coy Exercise	12	9
Reinforcement Coy Stores	2	2
Codes and Ciphers	2	2
CAS Discussions	2	2
Sigs	4	4
Drill	2	2
Sport	2	2
Int Summary	1	1
AFS Lecture	1	1
	54½	37½

HQ Coy Bn 2 Pl

MMG Trg - General	37	25½
" Tp HQ	2	2
" Mtd Lights	4	4
" Bde Competitions	4	4
Sport	2	2
CAS Discussions	2	2
Int Summaries	2	2
AFS Lecture	1	1
Drill	2	2
General	2	2
	62	42½

	Periods	Hours
MONDAY 3 PM.		
Morning Try - General	6	5½
" " Fire Control etc	4	3½
" Pa GMT		
" Maintenance		
" Bde Competition		
Area		
2 in Mortar		
Grenade		
PIAT Gun		
CAB Lectures		
AAB Lectures		
Int Summary		
Sport		
Drill		
TUESDAY		
Gun Drill	12	9½
" Maintenance		
" Laying		
" Mortar & Transporter		
Area		
Map Reading		
Drill & P & RT		
Rifle		
CAB Lectures		
AAB Lectures		
Gas Mechanism		
Sport		
	42	34½
WEDNESDAY		
Camp Duties	11	9
Organised Sport	31	25½
	42	34½

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2/31 Aust Inf Bn — BILLOWIE OF TWI - SIGNAL PL — Week Ending 3 Mar 45

Parade	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	Coy Parade			Coy Parade	Coy Parade	Coy Parade
0815-0930	Signal procedure in Battle.	25 Bde Sig EXERCISE	25 Bde Sig EXERCISE	Maintenance of Signal Stores	Sig Office Procedure	NOT Competition.
0930-0945	En Signal			Gp	RT Code and Procedure	
0945-1030	Standing Orders	Area Bd June 449868	Area Bd June 449868	Disciplined Try Parade of Complaints		
1030-1130	Close Order Drill	Ref Map	Ref Map	Q&D	Pl Kit Inspection	Refer to
1145-1330	Morse Practice	PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mi	PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mi	Coy Sports Period	En signal Exercise 1st Bn 3 Fullerphone Visual	25 Bde Trg Instr No 22
1330-1430						
1430-1530	Kit Inspn				Marching to attention	Coy Adm

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Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	COMPANY PARADE - ADMINISTRATION					
0815-0925	Disciplinary Training		Pack - Arms Drill	Saluting		
0930-0950 0950-1040	Physique	MED Rifle Competition	P.T.O.S Pam 7 Part 3	C/S Discuss	AMF Lecture	Rifle
1040-1120	MED		Rifle Rnge	Int Surgeries	MED Rifle Competition	Compet-
1245-1300	Coy Administration Parade					itions
1300-1350 1350-1440	Dial Sights and Clinometer	Mechanism of Weapons	SPORT	Advanced Handling Class Wpn Area	General Discussion Gale	
1440-1520	MED Slow March	Night Close Order		Night Close Order	Thorough check & close Order	

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2/23 Aust Inf Bn — WEEKLY TRG SCH - WEEK NO 24 — Week Ending 3 Mar 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	COMPANY PARADE					
0815-0900	Rifle Exercises and Drill					
0900-1200		Training for Mortar Competition				
1200-1245	Area Stripping	2 in Mortar Less 1	Grenade Less 2	Fire Control (Lecture)	AFB Lecture	Ex
1245-1130	To OBS Mortar	2 in Mortar Less 2 & 3	Grenade Less 2	Ranging (Lecture)	Ex Summation	Compet-
1245-1130	To OBS Mortar	Fire Discipline for Det 16	Sports Organised Off	Mortar Quiz	Maintenance of Mortars (Prep for Competition)	ition
1330-1430	To OBS Mortar	To OBS Area		(2) Lectures		
1430-1630	3 in Mortar Battery Meeting (Lecture)	Area Clearing		Rifle Qual		

2/21 Aust Inf Bn — SYLLABUS OF TRG - 15 A.M. — Week Ending 3 Mar 45

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
0800-0815	PARADE AND INSPECTION					
0815-0900	GUN DRILL					
0900-0945	Bren Loco 1	Bren Loco 2	Bren - Stripping and assembly	Map Reading	Map Reading and use of compass	Cay Adm & Maint-enance
0945-1030	Mechanism	Laying Practice	Buffer-filling	Laying Practice	Close Order Drill	Cay Adm & Maint-enance
1030-1130	Gun Drill	P & MT	Ammunition & Pr	P & MT	Area-Preparation before Firing	Cay Adm & Maint-enance
1215-1330	Cal Lecture	Examination of Sight	Sports	Buffer and Recuperator	Gun Drill Competition	Cay Adm & Maint-enance
1330-1430	Sight Testing	Gun Drill	Sports	Gun Drill with Vehicle	Gun Drill Competition	Cay Adm & Maint-enance
1430-1530	Maintenance and Stores check	Maintenance and Stores check	Sports	Maintenance and Stores check	Maintenance and Stores check	Cay Adm & Maint-enance

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2/23 AUST INF BN SPECIALIST TRG SYLLABUS

Week Ending 17 Feb 45.

SIGNAL Pl No 1.

	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130	1245-1330	1330-1420	1430-1530
Mon.	Inspection Parade	Exercise - "Airfoot" - Air Co-operation with Ground Tps. Ref - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr 13.						
Tues		Close Order Drill. Rifle Exercises on the march	Competition Trg Sig Procedure Work:- (a) Morse (b) Fullerphone (c) Visual Semaphone (d) Visual Lamp (e) R/T			Lunch.	Internal Economy and Organized Sports	
Wed		Gas Trg Respirator Drill	As above				Visit of Governor General Syllabus as shown in Appx "A" Att.	
Thurs		Gas Trg The Gas Cape	As above				CAB Lecture	Map Reading) Compass) Recapitulation AES Lecture
Fri	Coy Atebrin and	Att to Rifle Coys (A and B) for "Free for All" Competition. Ref - 26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 16						
Sat		As above ——— Checking stores and return to camp.						

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2/23 AUST INF BN - SPECIALIST TRG SYLLABUS.

No 2 Pl (MMG)

Week Ending 17 Feb 45

Period	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130	1245-1330	1330-1430	1430-1530
Mon	Coy Stebrix and Inspection Parade.	Exercise - "Airfoot" - Air Co-operation with Ground Tps. Ref 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Inst 13.						
Tues		Gas Trg Resperator Drill	Competitive Trg and T'CET)- (a) Mount Gun. (b) Set sights and Lay aim (c) Load (d) Unload (e) Dismount Gun (f) Belt filling (250 rounds)			Internal Economy and Organized Sports.		
Wed		Close Order Drill Drill Paying of compliments	As above			Visit of Governor General Syllabus as shown in Appx A att.		
Thurs		Gas Trg The Gas Cape	A s above		Lunch.	Map reading The compass (Recapitulation)	CAB Lecture	MMG QUIZ Competitive Sec against Sec.
Fri		Bayonet Trg	As above			AES Lecture	Grenade Throwing	Messages and reports.
Sat		Close Order Drill Marching with the band	As above			**Competitive Trg.** Mounting Gun, - setting sights and laying aim - load - unload - dismounting gun - belt filling.		

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2/23 AUST INF BN SPECIALIST TRG SYLLABUS

WEEK ENDING 17 Feb 45

MORTAR PL.

Period	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130		1245-1330	1330-1430	1430-1500
Mon	Coy Stebrin and Inspection Pde.	Exercise - "Airfoot" - Air Co-operation with Ground Tps. Ref 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr 13.							
Tues		Wpn Trg - Bren Stripping and assembling	(TsOFT as for Bde Competition (Test - Action 60 sec (To Fire 12 sec (Controlled correction 25 sec (Rapid correction 10 sec (Cease Fire 20 sec			LUNCH.	Internal Economy and Organized Sport		
Wed		Gas Trg Respirator Drill					Visit of Governor General Syllabus as shown in Appx "A" att.		
Thurs		Close Order Drill Marching Rifle exers.	----As above ----				Grenade Throwing	CAB Lecture	Map Reading Compass Recapitulation.
Fri		Gas Trg The Gas Cape	----As above ----				AES Lecture	Pl Drill Marching with Band	Quiz 3" Mor
Sat		Bayonet Trg	----As above----				Competition Trg. Tests - Action To Fire Controlled correction Rapid corrections Cease fire.		

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2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Specialist Trg Syllabus — Week Ending 17 Feb 45

Tk A. Platoon.

Period.	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130	Lunch	1245-1330	1330-1430	1430-1530
Mon	Exercise - "AIRFOOT" - Air Co-operation with Ground tps.								
Tues	Coy Atebrin and Inspection Parade.	Close Order Drill	Gun Drill - for Competition				Internal Economy and Organized Sports		
Wed		Wpn Trg Bren. Stripping and Assembly	Gun Drill - for Competition				Visit of Governor General Syllabus as shown in Appx "A" att		
Thurs		Gas Trg. Resperator Drill	Gun Drill - for Competition				Bayonet Trg	CAB Lecture	Maintenance
Fri		Close Order Drill	Gun Drill - for Competition				AES Lecture	Map Reading) Compass) Recapitulation	Stores Check and Maintenance.
Sat		Gas Trg The Gas Cape	Gun Drill - for Competition				Gun Drill - Competitors work		Maintenance

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2/23 AUST INF BNTRY SYLLABUS — Appx "A"

Wednesday - 14 Feb 45

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Fd.
11 Feb 45

	1330-1415hrs	1415-1515 hrs
Rifle Coys A Coy	Pl Drill incl :- (a) Close order dill (b) Rifle exercises on the march.	The Sec Stalk
B Coy	Bren (a) I A SAT Pam 4 Lesson 8 (b) Stripping and assembling	Map reading Conv Signs Orientation and Co-ordinates
C Coy	Bayonet Trg SAT Pam 12	Fd Craft Fd Sigs IMT Sec 52
D Coy	Instn on PITA Gun Stripping and assembling Handbook PITA Mk I	**Fire Control** Section fire orders Indication of targets
Specialist Pls No 1 - Signals	Visual Signalling	Cable laying - practical
No 2 - MMG	Idndication and recognition. Lesson 62-63	MGD
No 3 - Mor	Lesson 23 Action and cease firing	Pl Drill incl :- (a) Close Order Drill (b) Rifle exercise on March.
No 4 - Tk A	GUN DRILL) -	COMPETITIVE
No 5 - Pnr	CAMP -	DUTIES
No 6 - Adm	ADM -	DUTIES

Note :- Periods will be conducted on unit Sports Ground.

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Rifle Coys	1330-1415 hrs	1415-1515 hrs
A Coy	CAB "European problems"	Bren Stripping and assembling
B Coy	Mortar :- Stripping - assembling	CAB "European problems"
C Coy	CAB "European problems"	Bren IA SAT Pam 4, Lesson 8
D Coy	Instn on PITA Gun Stripping and assembling	CAB "Europeanproblems"
Specialist Pls No 1 Pl Sigs	Morse reading	Practical use of W/T Set 108 and use of aerials.
No2 Pl MMG	Theory of indirect Fire.	E G D
No 3 Pl Mor	CAB "European problems"	Ranging and fire control Theory
No 4 Pl Tk A	CAB "European problems"	Inter sec Questionaire.
No 5 Pl Pnr	CAMP - DUTIES	
No 6 Pl Adm	CAMP - ADM - DUTIES	

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Week ending 18 Feb 45

Coy	Mon 12 Feb 45	Tue 13 Feb 45	Wed 14 Feb 45	Thu 15 Feb 45	Fri 16 Feb 45	Sat 17 Feb 45
A	Serial 3 Duty Coy and Disc Trg Wpn Trg Gas Trg	Serial 4 Reliefs in Posn warfare FSR Vol II Sec 92	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of Sights practice P.M Serial 7	Serial 8 Map reading CA B lecture P.M. Serial 5 Internal economy & Organized Sport	Serial 2 "FREE FOR ALL" Competition. Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 16	
B	Serial as for Serial 3. Disc Trg Wpn trg Gas trg	Duty Coy	Serial 5 Internal economy & Organized sports Serial 7	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice Serial 8 P.M. Map reading CAB lecture	Serial 2 "FREE FOR ALL" competition (Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 16	
C	Serial 1 Exercise "Airfoot" (Air Co-operation with ground tps) Ref: 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No 13.	Serial 4 Reliefs in posn warfare FSR Vol II Sec 92	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc Trg Wpn trg Gas trg PM Serial 7	Serial 9 Close order drill. AES lecture Serial 8 Map reading CAB lecture	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice P.M. Serial 5 Internal economy & organized sport	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg
D			Serial 8 Map reading and CAB lecture P.M. Serial 7	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg	Serial 10 P1 & Coy trg	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice P.M. Internal economy & organized sport
HQ			Military Competition practice P.M. Internal economy & organized sport	Military competitions practice P.M. Serial 7	Military Competition Practices CAB lecture	Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg	Military Competition Practices

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SCHEDULE OF RANGE, DUTY COY, ETC

Day	Date	Range	Duty	Sports	"Airfoot"	"Free for All"	Reliefs in posn warfare
Mon	12		A		C, D & HQ		
Tue	13		B	HQ (P.M.)			Gp 1 A & B Gp 2 C & D
Wed	14	A	C	B (AM)			
Thu	15	B	D	A (PM)			
Fri	16	C (AM)	HQ	C (PM)		A & B	
Sat	17	D (AM)	C	D (PM)			

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Pl & Coy Trg

2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Trg Syllabus
Rifle Coys

Week ending 18 Feb 45

Serial	0800-0815	0815 - 0900	0900 - 0945	0945 - 1030	1030 -1130	1245 - 1330	1330 - 1430	1430 - 1530
1		Exercise "Airfoot" Lessons :- (a) Air spotting for correction of 3" Mor fire (b) Passive - Air Defence - Con & Camflg - def posns. (c) Indication of targets by use of R/T, Aldis lamp, pyrotechnics, CCPB 8 (d) Tac R by unit offrs (Ref 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instn No 13)						
2		Coy "Free for All" Competition Lessons :- (a) Control (b) All round protection (c) Keeping direction (d) Use of wpns to maintain advantage. (e) Cooking in the fd Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Instr 16)						
3		Day of Duty Coy (a) Discipline trg on Coy parade ground. Incl the paying of compliments. (b) Weapon trg (c) 2 inch Mortar, Bren Rifle.					(c) Gas Trg. Carriage of respirators, respirator dri Gas Cape.	
4		Reliefs in posn warfare - AM. Preparation of Coy def posns - each coy working indepedantly - reliefs on pl basis. PM. Reliefs - two coys co-operate - groupings - Gp I A & B Ref : FSR Vol 2 Sec 92. Gp 2 C & D						
5	INSPECTION PARADE	Internal Economy - incl kit inspection Organised sport - Inter pl cricket matches or Tabloid Sports						
6	COY ATTERIN AND						Miniature Range Harmonization of sights practice. (Sec competition)	
7		Visit of H.R.H. the Governor General - Syllabus as shown in Appx "A" att.						
8		(a) Map reading - Marginal infm, orientation, points, bearings. (b) CAB Lecture						
9		(a) Close order drill - the Fall In - Rifle exercises - Marching with band, turnings. (b) ANS Lecture						
10		Pl and Coy Trg - involving exercises in (a) Formations (b) Patrols (c) the pl in the attack.						

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2/23 AUST INF BNTRG SYLLABUS — ANNEX "A"

Wednesday - 14 Feb 45

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Fd.
11 Feb 45

	1330-1415hrs	1415-1515 hrs
Rifle Coys		
A Coy	Pl Drill incl :- (a) Close order dill (b) Rifle exercises on the march.	The Sec Stalk
B Coy	Bren (a) I A SAT Pam 4 Lesson 8 (b) Stripping and assembling	Map reading Conv Signs Orientation and Co-ordinates
C Coy	Bayonet Trg SAT Pam 12	Fd Craft Fd Sigs IMT Sec 52
D Coy	Instn on PITA Gun Stripping and assembling Handbook PITA Mk I	**Fire Control** Section fire orders Indication of targets
Specialist Pls		
No 1 - Signals	Visual Signalling	Cable laying - practical
No 2 - MMG	Identication and recognition. Lesson 62-63	EGD
No 3 - Mor	Lesson 23 Action and cease firing	Pl Drill incl :- (a) Close Order Drill (b) Rifle exercise on March.
No 4 - Tk A	GUN DRILL) -	COMPETITIVE
No 5 - Pnr	CAMP -	DUTIES
No 6 - Adm	ADM -	DUTIES

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Rifle Coys	1330-1415 hrs	1415-1515 hrs
A Coy	CAB "European problems"	Bren Stripping and assembling
B Coy	Mortar :- Stripping - assembling	CAB "European problems"
C Coy	CAB "European problems"	Bren IA SAT Pam 4, Lesson 8
D Coy	Instn on PITA Gun Stripping and assembling	CAB "Europeanproblems"
Specialist Pls No 1 Pl Sigs	Morse reading	Practical use of W/T Set 108 and use of aerials.
No2 Pl MMG	Theory of indirect Fire.	E G D
No 3 Pl Mor	CAB "European problems"	Ranging and fire control Theory
No 4 Pl Tk A	CAB "European problems"	Inter sec Questionaire.
No 5 Pl Pnr	CAMP - DUTIES	
No 6 Pl Adm	CAMP - ADM - DUTIES	

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2/23 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS

Week ending 18 Feb 45

Coy	Mon 12 Feb 45	Tue 13 Feb 45	Wed 14 Feb 45	Thu 15 Feb 45	Fri 16 Feb 45	Sat 17 Feb 45
A	Serial 3 Duty Coy and Disc Trg Wpn Trg Gas Trg	Serial 4 Reliefs in Posn warfare FSR Vol II Sec 92	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of Sights practice P.M Serial 7	Serial 8 Map reading CA B lecture P.M. Serial 5 Internal economy & Organized Sport	Serial 2 "FREE FOR ALL" Competition. Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 16	
B	Serial as for Serial 3. Disc Trg Wpn Trg Gas Trg	Duty Coy	Serial 5 Internal economy & Organized sports Serial 7	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice Serial 8 P.M. Map reading CAB lecture	Serial 2 "FREE FOR ALL" competition (Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 16	
C	Serial 1 Exercise "Airfoot" (Air Co-operation with ground tps) Ref: 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No 13.	Serial 4 Reliefs in posn warfare FSR Vol II Sec 92	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc Trg Wpn trg Gas trg PM Serial 7	Serial 9 Close order drill. AES lecture Serial 8 Map reading CAB lecture	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice P.M. Serial 5 Internal economy & organized sport	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg
D			Serial 8 Map reading and CAB lecture P.M. Serial 7	Serial 3 Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg	Serial 10 Pl & Coy trg	Serial 6 30x range Harmonization of sights practice P.M. Internal economy& organized sport
HQ			Military Competition practice P.M. Internal economy & organized sport	Military competitions practice P.M. Serial 7	Military Competition Practices CAB lecture	Duty Coy Disc trg Wpn trg Gas trg	Military Competition Practices

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SCHEDULE OF RANGE, DUTY COY, ETC

Day	Date	Range	Duty	Sports	"Airfoot"	"Free for All"	Relie... in po... warfa...
Mon	12		A		C, D & HQ		
Tue	13		B	HQ (P.M.)			Gp 1 A & B Gp 2 C & D
Wed	14	A	C	B (AM)			
Thu	15	B	D	A (PM)			
Fri	16	C (AM)	HQ	C (PM)		A & B	
Sat	17	D (AM)	C	D (PM)			

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2/23 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS

Week ending 24 Feb 45

19 Feb 45	20 Feb 45	21 Feb 45	22 Feb 45	23 Feb 45	24 Feb 45
a.m. TsOET Bren LMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 1100 Educ lecture p.m. Sports	Reliefs a.m. Within coy p.m. With C Coy	Duty Coy ←	Fd firing Range → 1200 hrs Service Range practice Lessons App of fire Vol 1 Pam 2: Indication and Recogn; Fire control; Service targets; JD 2 CAB lectures First aid in the fd		p.m. Internal economy Kit inspection
a.m. Fd Sigs Sec stalk Inf Minor Tactics 41 Chap 9 & 10 p.m. First aid in the fd. CAB lectures	Miniature Range Harmonization of sights	Reliefs As for A Coy 20 Feb 45 in conjunction with D Coy	0830 Educ Lecture. a.m. TsOET Bren LMG OSMG p.m. Sports	Duty Coy	a.m. Disc Trg Gas trg p.m. Internal economy Kit inspection.
Duty Coy	Reliefs As per A Coy 20 Feb 45 in conjunction with A	a.m. TsOET Bren LMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 p.m. Sports	Fd Firing Range → 1200 hrs As for A Coy 23 Feb 45 First aid in the fd		p.m. Internal economy Kit inspection
a.m. First Aid in the field. CAB lecture p.m. Fd Sigs. Inf Minor Tactics Sec Stalk Chap 9 & 10	Duty Coy	Reliefs As for A Coy 20 Feb 45 in conjunction with B Coy	0830 Educ Lec Miniature Range Harmonization of sights	a.m. TsOET Bren LMG SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 p.m. Sports	a.m.. Disc Trg Gas trg p.m. Internal economy Kit inspection
Syllabus as for week ended 17 Feb 45.	Sports P.M. 20 Feb 45				Duty Coy

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HQ 2/23 Aus t Inf Bn
In the Fd
4 Feb 45

SYNOPSIS OF TRG

Week ending 12 Feb 45

Indidiidual - Pl Trg

Subject		Periods
Drill and discipline trg		3
Bayonet trg		2
The flame thrower - Lesson 1		1
Gas Trg -	War Gases	
	Personal gas eqpt	
	Description and care of respiator.	
	Respirator Drill GT 42	2
Patrols - Recce (Correct		
Break off (briefing		2
Formations - Fd Signals		3
Orders and me ssages		3
Camouflage and concealment		2
Range practice - Harmonization of sights		4
Booby Traps - The Murray Switch		1
Grenade - The discharger, particular attention being paid to firing at low angle .		1
2" Mortar - Lesson 1 - 6		1
Bn Sp Arms -	3" Mortar	
	MMG	
	Tk A - 2 pr	3
Medical - Fd dressing and improvisation of stretchers		2
A A F S - Vis Trg Films :-		
	"Going North Leyte"	
	"Naples"	
	"The enemy - Japan"	3
Route March - rd march discipline		3
A F S Lectare		1
C A B Lectures		1
Lecture .- The Bn Int Sec and its function		1
Coy Internal Economy and Organised Sport		3
		42

SPECIAL TRG

	Periods
(a) Flame Thrower Cadre - 6 days course HQ Coy and each rifle coy will nominate 6 ors to attend.	30
(b) NCO Cadre - ALL Coy NCOs	6
	36

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SCHEDULES OF RANGE, DUTY COY ETC

Day	Date	Range	Duty	Sports	Flame Thrower Instruction.
Mon	5		A	C (pm)	B
Tue	6		B	D "	
Wed	7	A	C	HQ "	HQ
Thu	8		D		A
Fri	9	B (am) D (pm)	HQ	A "	C
Sat	10	C	A	B "	D
Sun	11		B		

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Individual Coy Trg — **2/23 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS** — **Week Ending 11 Feb 45**

Day	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130	Lunch	1245-1130	1330-1430	1430-1530
1	INSPECTION PARADE	Pl Drill incl (a) Close order drill (b) Rifle exercises on the march	Flame Thrower. General description Lesson 1	Gas Trg	(a) War Gases (b) Personal gas eqpt (c) Description & care of respirator (d) Respirator Drill GT42		(a) Briefing of Patrols - Lecture Practical application in trg area (b) CAB Burma (1500 - 1530)		
2		Range Practice	30x Range	Harmonization of Sights			A.A.E.S. Visual Trg Films (a) Going North (Leyte) (b) Naples - Establishing Fighting Study in Sicily (c) The Enemy - Japan.		
3		Bayonet Trg SAT Pam 12 Lessons 1-3	Booby Traps The Murray switch and its uses	Field Dressing and improvised stretchers. Lecture and demonstration.			(a) Verbal orders - attack and defence (lecture & practice) MTP Sec 18. IMT Chap XIII (b) Messages-verbal and written (lecture and practice) (c) Patrols by compass bearings - map.		
4	COY AFFERIN AND INSPECTION PARADE	Paying of Compliments Saluting from - (a) Attention (b) On the march	ROAD MARCH		March Discipline		(a) Sam and Fdcraft IT Part VIII Sec 4 (b) Layout, protection and concealment of HQ		A.E.S. Lecture (1500 - 1530)
5		As for Day I	The Bn Int Sec and its functions (Lecture)	Grenade Discharger. (Low angle) SAT Vol I Pam 13	2" Mortar SAT Vol I Pam 8 Lessons 1 - 6		Bn Sp Arms Lecture : a. 3" Mor b. MMG c. Tk A 2 Pr	3" Mortar Handling	MMG Handling
6		As for Day 3	Formations	IT Pam VIII Sec 17 Fd Signals IT Pam VIII Sec 9			Coy Internal Economy and Organised Sports		

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HQ, 2/23 Aus t Inf Bn
In the Fd
4 Feb 45

SYNOPSIS OF TRG

Week ending 12 Feb 45

Indidividual - Pl Trg

Subject		Periods
Drill and discipline trg		3
Bayonet trg		2
The flame thrower - Lesson 1		1
Gas Trg -	War Gases	
	Personal gas eqpt	
	Description and care of respiator.	
	Respirator Drill GT 42	2
Patrols - Recce (Correct		
Break off (briefing		2
Formations - Fd Signals		3
Orders and me ssages		3
Camouflage and concealment		2
Range practice - Harmonization of sights		4
Booby Traps - The Murray Switch		1
Grenade - The discharger, particular attention being paid to firing at low angle .		1
2" Mortar - Lesson 1 - 6		1
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	MMG	
	Tk A - 2 pr	3
Medical - Fd dressing and improvisation of stretchers		2
A A F S - Vis Trg Films :-		
	"Going North Leyte"	
	"Naples"	
	"The enemy - Japan"	3
Route March - rd march discipline		3
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Lecture .- The Bn Int Sec and its function		1
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SCHEDULES OF RANGE, DUTY COY ETC

Day	Date	Range	Duty	Sports	Flame Thrower Instruction.
Mon	5		A	C (pm)	B
Tue	6		B	D "	
Wed	7	A	C	HQ "	HQ
Thu	8		D		A
Fri	9	B (am) D (pm)	HQ	A "	C
Sat	10	C	A	B "	D
Sun	11		B		

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Individual Coy Trg — 2/23 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS — Week Ending 11 Feb 45

Day	0800-0815	0815-0900	0900-0945	0945-1030	1030-1130	Lunch	1245-1130	1330-1430	1430-1530
1	INSPECTION PARADE	PI Drill :incl (a) Close order drill (b) Rifle exercises on the march	Flame Thrower. General description Lesson 1	Gas Trg	(a) War Gases (b) Personal gas eqpt (c) Description & care of respirator (d) Respirator Drill GTA2		(a) Briefing of Patrols - Lecture Practical application in trg area (b) CAB Burma (1500 - 1530)		
2	PARADE	Range Practice	30x Range Harmonization of Sights				A.A.E.S. Visual Trg Films (a) Going North (Leyte) (b) Naples - Establishing Fighting Story in Sicily (c) The Enemy - Japan.		
3		Bayonet Trg SAT Pam 12 Lessons 1-3	Booby Traps The Murray switch and its uses	Field Dressing and improvised stretchers. Lecture and demonstration.			(a) Verbal orders- attack and defence (lecture & practice) MTP Sec 18. IMT Chap XIII (b) Messages-verbal and written (lecture and practice) (c) Patrols by compass bearings - map.		
4	COY	Paying of Compliments Saluting from - (a) Attention (b) On the march	ROAD MARCH March Discipline				(a) Cam and Fdcraft IT Part VIII Sec 4 (b) Layout, protection and concealment of HQ	A.E.S. Lecture (1500 - 1530)	
5	ATTENDANCE AND IN	As for Day I	The Bn Int Sec and its functions (Lecture)	Grenade Discharger. (Low angle) SAT Vol I Pam 13	2" Mortar SAT Vol I Pam 8 Lessons 1 - 6		Bn Sp Arms Lecture : a. 3" Mor b. MMG c. Tk A 2 Pr	3" Mortar Handling	MMG Handling
6		As for Day 3	Formations IT Pam VIII Sec 17 Fd Signals IT Pam VIII Sec 9				Coy Internal Economy and Organised Sports		

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Monty Liked "Mud and Blood"

By H. I. Marshall

LETTERS of appreciation from two distinguished readers — Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery and Lt.-Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead—give unique distinction to the publication in book form of the Middle East issues of "Mud and Blood," the regimental paper of the 2/23rd Australian Infantry Battalion.

For presentation to Field-Marshal Montgomery, a copy of this unusual publication (Ramsay, War Publishing Pty. Ltd., Melbourne) was bound in maroon leather, and the fly-leaf ornamentally inscribed:—"With every good wish for success, from the 2/23rd Battalion Welfare Association."

Publication of the book, and despatch of a copy to Montgomery, developed from suggestions by Mrs Edith E. Simmons, of Elwood, honorary secretary of the Association, whose members—the mothers, wives, fiancees, of the men of this famous Victorian battalion—have been tireless since 1940 in raising money and sending comforts to ease the unit's burden of soldiering oversea.

She wrote to Montgomery, advising that the presentation copy had been sent.

Acknowledgment from an officer of his staff, Captain Henderson — saying the Field Marshal was looking forward to reading the book, as he had always been most interested in the men of the 9th Australian Division — was all she expected to receive.

Actually, his personal letter was following.

DOUBTLESS the book recalled to General Morshead the days of Tobruk and El Alamein, when "Mud and Blood" was published within his command. In a letter thanking the Association for sending him a copy, he said he was sure to enjoy it, "knowing the paper of old."

Besides these two, to the battalion's former Army and Divisional Commanders, gift copies were also sent to its original Brigade Commander, Brig. R. W. Tovell; its first C.O., Lieut.-Col. (now Brig.) Bernard Evans; and his second-in-command, Major (now Lieut. Col.) H. R. Birch.

Mrs Simmons's son, Max, has risen from private to captain in the battalion.

When she first suggested a book collection of "Mud and Blood" issues, she had only those copies he had enclosed in his letters from Palestine, Libya, Syria and Egypt. She and other committee members sought missing issues for six months, and collected almost a full file for the MS.

Anticipating that the demand for such a book would be limited to those connected with the battalion, the Association decided to print only sufficient to meet orders.

The first 200 sold at 10/ each almost as soon as they were printed — a further 100 went almost as quickly.

No more copies are available. One had to be bought back from its purchaser for the Military History and Information Section, and a copy for the War Historian (Mr Gavin Long) will probably be sought in the same way.

The paper started with a donated hand press of some antiquity, type, paper, and printer's ink. Donors in Melbourne included The Herald, Verona Press, and Messrs. Cooke Pty. Ltd., and in Ceylon Messrs. Giffin and Thomas, of the Colombo Apothecaries Co. Ltd.

Apart from the C.O.'s unfailing encouragement, and his insistence on maintaining the journal for the battalion's good, a major share of credit for "Mud and Blood, 1940-1942," belongs to S./Sgt. (now Capt.) J. D. Mulcahy as editor for most of that time, and Sgt. (now Lieut.) Len Wenborne, who relieved him during his absence at Middle East O.C.T.U.

THE paper's first issue was published in the Indian Ocean in 1940.

This had some troopship color, like this extract from "Living Space" by "Rip":—

> The Hun says he's fighting for living space. He ought to talk. I'll change places with him any time he likes. He can sleep all over Europe if he wants to, but let him try sleeping in his tin hat when he can't find room for his hammock.
>
> I tried one night, and made a fair job of it, but the two coves who had jumped into the hat first were jammed under me, and didn't find things too good. . .
>
> Yes, I'd like to see the Boche trying for a while to sleep on "G" Deck. I hacked my way to my pack the other day and the poor old sarge-major crept out when I opened it. All he could say was "Wouldn't It?"

The handpress was "marched out to rejoin Caxton" by a Jerry ground-strafe near Derna pass early in April, 1941. All subsequent issues were typed and duplicated. The first in Tobruk, in the second month of the siege, had a description of a duty visit from the line to Tobruk:—

> Unfortunately the place resembled Melbourne on a Sunday afternoon: the trams had all stopped running, all the pubs were closed, and all the good sorts had gone to the beach, or somewhere . . ."

Others who knew Tobruk won't remember any trams, pubs or good sorts either—except in mirage, or cafard.

In June, 1941, Rommel's aircraft —with the skies to themselves— scattered surrender leaflets on the garrison, reading:—

> AUSSIES
>
> After Crete disaster Anzac troops are now being ruthlessly sacrificed by England in Tobruk and Syria. Turkey has concluded pact of friendship with Germany. England will shortly be driven out of the Mediterranean. Offensive from Egypt to relieve you totally smashed.
>
> YOU CANNOT ESCAPE
>
> Our divebombers are waiting to sink your transports. Think of your future and your people at home. Come forward—show white flags and you will be out of danger!
>
> SURRENDER!

As souvenirs, these were eagerly chased, even outside "the wire."

"Mud and Blood," disgusted by Jerry's poor appreciation of Digger psychology, suggested a leaflet that might have achieved better results:—

> AUSSIES
>
> We have been trying to get you out of your 'rat-holes' for the past three months and we're getting a bit fed up with it. Every one of your chaps we get costs us about 10, and it's getting a bit thick. Do you think that's fair? Play the game, you cads! Come out and give yourselves up. The German beer is the best in the world, and we have millions of gallons of it here. And if you can't stand our sauerkraut we'll give you steak and eggs any time you want them.
>
> We look after our prisoners very well, and every Aussie is supplied with a batwoman: this is on the instructions of the great and far-sighted Fuhrer, who hopes in time to improve the fighting quality of the German race.
>
> Our prison camp is the most luxurious in the world—two-up schools every night, coursing every Wednesday, trots on Monday afternoons, and the gee-gees every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It's all yours, if you——
>
> PLEASE, PLEASE LET US TAKE TOBRUK

ONE of the many competitions devised by the C.O. to alleviate the hardship and boredom of seven siege months was announced in a late July issue, 1941—Flea (or Other Vermin) Catching Competition, between companies, for a prize of 500 cigarettes. A Table of Values was set out, as follows:—

One bug equals	3 fleas
One rat	10 fleas
Three lice (easier to catch)	1 flea
One gazelle	300 fleas
One I-ti prisoner (plus all catch found on him) ..	200 fleas

Although the soldier's humor was predominant, the paper found room for serious thought as occasion demanded.

When the battalion returned to the Western Desert in July, 1942, for the critical El Alamein battles —an editorial printed lines that might have come from a Churchill speech.

It reaffirmed the battalion's "absolute determination to carry on in the tradition the unit has already set, until the day when we can lay aside our arms with the gladness of the conqueror whose cause is just and whose aims have been secured."

TAC HEADQUARTERS:

21 ARMY GROUP.

B.L.A.

15 October, 1944.

Dear Mrs Simmons

I would like to thank the ladies of 2/23 Welfare Association for sending me a copy of "Mud and Blood". I look forward with much interest to reading this book, and about the men who fought so gallantly during those years.

Yrs. sincerely

B. L. Montgomery
Field-Marshal

The Secretary,
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4 DAY AREA WEATHER FORECAST.

HQ 9 Aust Div
11 Feb 45.

Issued by : 2 Aust Mob Met Flt
Dist : 9 Aust Div Area.
Period : Dawn 11 Feb to dusk 14 Feb 45.
Issued : 101600K

Expect generally unsettled conditions during period.

11 Feb : Broken to cloudy with low cloud. Fine all areas in morning but scattered showers in the afternoon and evening with a few isolated thunderstorms. Visibility good. Lt to moderate EAST winds.

12 Feb : Scattered to broken low cloud. Fine in morning but scattered lt to moderate showers all secs late afternoon and early evening. Visibility good. Lt to moderate EAST to NE winds.

13 Feb : Cloudy to overcast low cloud with intermittent lt rain and drizzle all secs. Visibility fair. Moderate ESE to SE winds.

14 Feb : Mainly overcast with intermittent lt rain and moderate drizzle areas. Scattered moderate showers in the afternoon. Visibility fair. Moderate to rather strong ESE to SE winds.

Rainfall records taken at HQ 9 Aust Div :

7 Feb : .69 ins
8 Feb : 3.68 ins
9 Feb : .39 ins

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HQ 9 Aust Div
11 Mar 45

111815K.

4 DAY AREA WEATHER FORECAST

10. Issued by: 2 Aust Mob Met Flt
District : 9 Aust Div Area
Period : Dawn 11 Mar to dusk 14 Mar 45
Issued : 101600K

Synopsis at 100900K : A low pressure area in the GULF of CARPENTARIA is causing showers and thundery conditions in Northern QUEENSLAND. Expect these showery conditions to continue next 3 days.

Forecast :

11 Mar — Cloudy with middle and low cloud with showers and some thunderstorms afternoon and evening. Visibility good. Lt to moderate N to NW winds.

12 Mar — Cloudy to overcast with lt rain and showers throughout the area. Visibility moderate. Lt to moderate N to NW winds.

13 Mar — Broken cloud with scattered lt to moderate showers in area. Visibility good. Lt to moderate NW to W winds.

14 Mar — Fine and cooler with scattered to broken cloud. Visibility good. Lt to moderate S to SE winds.

Rainfall records taken at HQ 9 Aust Div:

6 Mar	7 pts
7 Mar	nil
8 Mar	nil
9 Mar	32 pts

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SUBJECT : 3 DAY AREA FORECAST

Issued by : 2 Aust Lob Met Flt

District : 9 Aust Liv Area

Period : Dawn 4 MAR to dusk 6 MAR 45.

Issued : 031600K

Synopsis at 0315COK : A small cyclone has formed in the GULF OF CARPENTARIA. The moist onshore stream associated with this is causing moderate rain and showers along Q'LAND coast BUNDABERG to CAPE YORK.
Expected unsettled conditions to continue next 2-3 days.

Forecast

4 MAR : Overcast low cloud with further moderate rain and showers throughout the area.
Visibility poor.
Light to moderate NE to E winds.

5 MAR : Overcast low and middle cloud with light to moderate rain and showers throughout the area.
Visibility fair.
Moderate N to NW winds.

6 MAR : Expect some improvement.
Mainly overcast with light rain and scattered light showers.
Visibility fair.
Light to moderate N winds.

Rainfall records taken at HQ 9 Aust Div

28 Feb	109 points
1 Mar	005 points
2 Mar	129 points

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SUBJECT: 4 DAY AREA FORECAST

Hq 9 Aust Div
1 Mar 45

Issued by: 2 Aust Mob Met Flt
Dist: 9 Aust Div area
Period: Dawn 1 Mar to dusk 4 Mar 45
Issued: 281600K

1 Mar 45: Cloudy with middle and low cloud. Expect isolated thunderstorms with scattered lt to moderate showers late afternoon and early evening. Visibility good. Lt WEST winds.

2 Mar 45: Chiefly fine and cooler with scattered to broken low cloud. Possibly scattered lt showers late afternoon. Visibility good. Lt to moderate SSE to SE winds.

3 Mar 45: Fine and mild with scattered to broken cloud. Visibility good. Moderate SE to ESE winds.

4 Mar 45: Fine with scattered to broken cloud. Visibility good. Moderate ESE winds.

Rainfall records taken at Hq 9 Aust Div (100 pts = 1 in)

21 Feb 45	2 pts
22 Feb 45	5 pts
23 Feb 45	130 pts
24 Feb 45	223 pts
25 Feb 45	nil
26 Feb 45	nil
27 Feb 45	4 pts

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SUBJECT : 4 DAY AREA WEATHER FORECAST

HQ 9 Aust Div
15 Feb 45

Issued by : 2 Aust Mob Met Flt

Dist : 9 Aust Div Area

Period : Dawn 15 Feb to dusk 18 Feb 45

Issued : 141150 K

Synopsis at 140900K : Area of lt variable winds and weak pressures over NORTHERN QUEENSLAND.
Generally fine apart from isolated thunderstorms in the above area.
Expect little change in local weather conditions next 2 to 3 days.

15 Feb : Broken to cloudy with sultry conditions.
Scattered moderate thunderstorms with showers afternoon and early evening, otherwise fine.
Visibility good.
Lt variable winds.

16 Feb : Generally fine and warm. Isolated thunderstorms with a few showers in late afternoon.
Visibility moderate.
Lt SE winds.

17 Feb : Fine and warm all Secs with scattered cloud.
Visibility moderate.
Lt NE to EAST winds.

18 Feb : Fine and warm generally with scattered to broken cloud.
Tendency for isolated evening thunderstorms.
Visibility moderate.
Lt to moderate NE winds.

Rainfall records taken at HQ 9 Aust Div:-

10 Feb : .35 ins
11 Feb : .20 ins
12 Feb : Nil ins
13 Feb : .15 ins

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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
8 Feb 45

2/23 AUST INF BN EDUCATION INSTR NO 2

Subject : Educational Classes - Course 1

1. Educational classes of instr in the following subjects will commence on Monday 12 Feb, at 0830K.

English	12 periods	Instrs	(Sjt MACPHERSON	26 Bde.
			(Pte DUN	2/23 Bn
Mathematics	12 "		Sjt MACPHERSON	26 Bde
World Geography	4 "		Lt OAKES	26 Bde
Aust History	6 "		Capt ROW R F H	2/23 Bn
Bookkeeping	6 "		WO 2. REYNOLDS	2/23 Bn
Physiology	4 "		Capt SPRING E E	2/23 Bn
Music	4 "		Pte COLLIS J	2/23 Bn
Malayan	8 "		Pte DUN	2/23 Bn
Manual Work	4 "		Lt WENBORN L P	2/23 Bn
Sex & Marriage	2 "		Chap JULIEN	2/48 Bn
Photography	8 "		Pte COLLIS J	2/23 Bn

2. Syllabus is attached as Appx A.

3. The classes are intended for pers in the bn who desire to improve their general knowledge, and Course 1 will be of two weeks duration. Students selected to attend will be relieved from all other bn duties during the hours allotted for instr.

4. Students will not absent themselves from 0800 atebrin parade.

5. Dress - JG, waistbelt and gaiters.

6. Approx 40 ORs can be accomodated in Course 1 and for the purpose of instr these pers will be grouped into syndicates of 6, according to the normal practice for Aust Army Schools.

7. Pers desirous of enrolling will submit their names in writing to CoyHQ which will fwd them to UEO by 091800K. Particulars required from applicants are ;
   (a) No (b) Rank (c) Name (d) Indication of present educational standards (e) Subjects desired other than those in para 1.

8. Int Sjt will act as OC School with following duties ;
   (a) Assemble students at 0825 and 1255 daily outside Education Hut.
   (b) Check attandance and advise lecturer and UEO accordingly.
   (c) Ensure that students are seated in Education Hut by 0830 and 1300 daily.
   (d) Hand over to lecturer for periods 1 and 5 daily.

9. Senior student will dismiss class on instr from lecturer.

10. QM will arrange for blackboard, easel, 8 tables and 16 forms to be placed in Education Hut for the duration of Course 1. These stores to be in Education Hut by120800K.

11. The institution of these classes is something new in this bn and it is expected that the course will be both instructive and interesting.

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C "	" 3	Chap JULIEN -		2/24 Aust Inf Bn	20
D "	" 4	2/48 Bn	" 11	2/48 " " "	21
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Appx A to 2/23 Education Instr No 2

SYLLABUS EDUCATION CLASSES 12 - 24 Feb.

Period	Day 1 7	2 8	3 9	4 10	5 11	6 12	
1	Maths	Maths	Photo-graphy	Maths	Photo-graphy	Maths	0830
							0915
2	English	Aust History	English	Aust History	English	Aust History	
							1000
							1015
3	Physiol-ogy	English	Manual Work	English	Manual Work	Photo-graphy	
							1100
4	Completion Lesson Private Study						
							1130
							1300
5	Book-keeping	Book-keeping	Maths	Book-keeping	Maths	Quiz	
							1340
6	Photo-graphy	World Geography	Physiol-ogy	Geography	Sex and Marriage	Malayan	
							1420
							1425
7	Malayan	Malayan	Music	Malayan	Music	English	
							1500
8	Completion Lesson Private Study						
							1530

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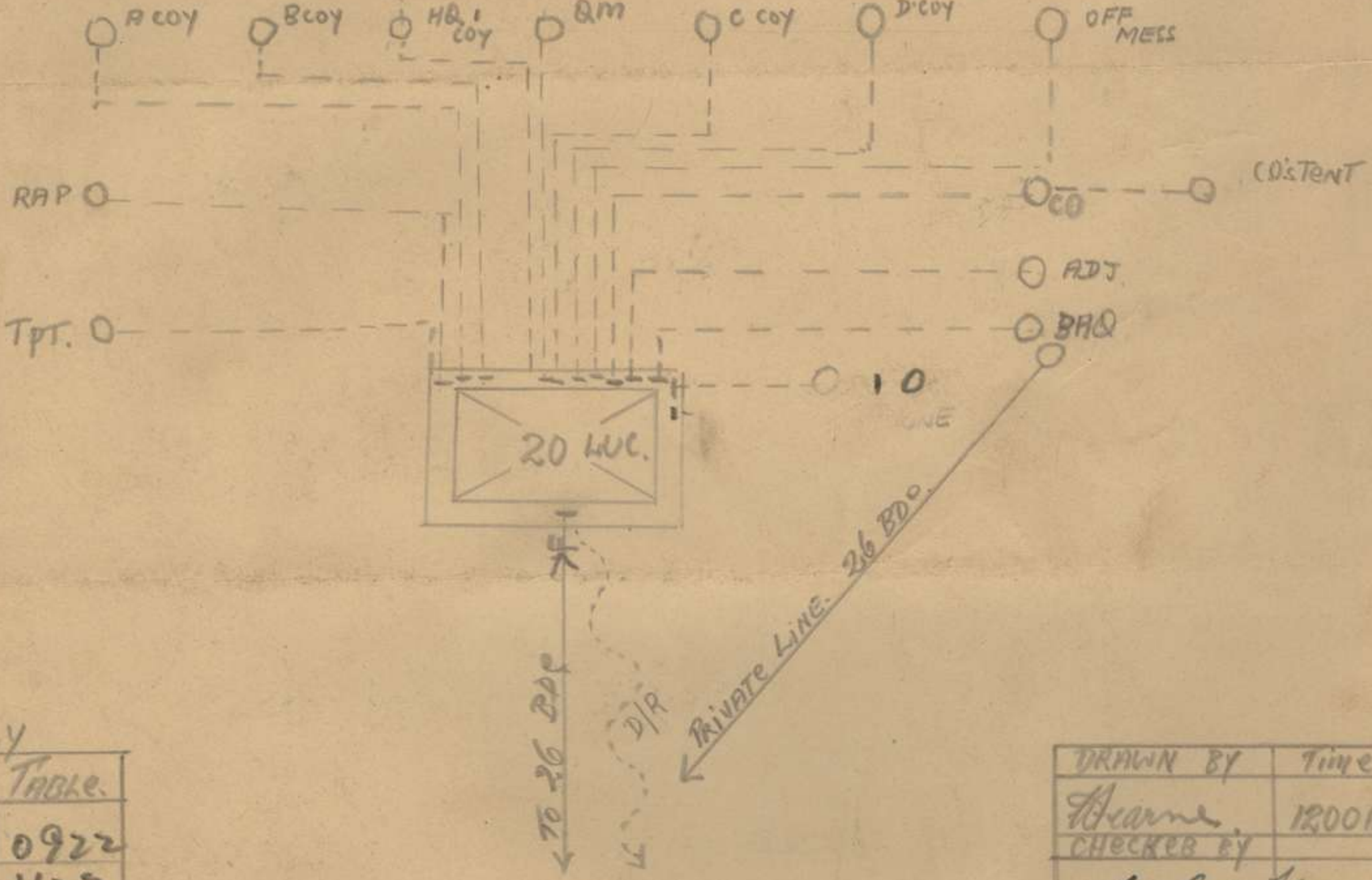
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2/23 AIB Signal Diagram

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1200 HRS

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AM Arrives	0922
	1122
PM Arrives	
	1322
	1522
	1922

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Beer Thursday. 16th Nov 44

26 Bottles @ 1/9 ea = £2.5.6.

Canteen Goods Monday 20th.

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERBIRD"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

1. It has been established that the ENEMY at MILLAA MILLAA is one Bde which was formerly part of the force which was drawn from INNISFAIL.

2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; and, their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 16 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

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26 AUST INF BDE - OO NO 20

Ref Map PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 ml

INFM :

1. Enemy : (a) In posn on Merrymede feature sqs 4098 - 4198
(b) Otherwise as previously indicated in sitreps and Tac R reports.

2. Own Tps:
(a) Now occupying the BEEHIVE and PIMPLE features sqs 4298 - 4297.
(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde held in TOUMOULIN area.

3. Tps Passing from Comd:
As from 1400 hrs tps of 10 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt and pls D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will come under comd/they are at present sp. units

INTENTION :

4. 26 Aust Inf Bde will withdraw to area DEVIL'S ELBOW 448972 with a view to denying its use to the enemy, and causing maximum delay on the enemy's advance.

METHOD :

5. Summary of Op:
(a) 3 Bn Gp will occupy delaying posn CHILVERTON RIDGE sqs 4391 - 4491.
(b) 2 Bn Gp and 1 Bn Gp will pass through to take up def posn DEVIL'S ELBOW.
(c) 2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will give left flank protection during op.

6. General Timings:
(a) No rearward mov except recce parties before 201100K.
(b) Thinning out will commence 201200K.
(c) Posn will be denied until 201430K or later as may be required for extrication of fwd tps.
(d) All tps to be SOUTH of line GEEPS CROSS 439972 - Timber Edge 416958 by 201515K.
(e) All tps excl 3 Bn Gp and 2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn SOUTH of CHILVERTON RIDGE sqs 4391 - 4491 by 201630K.
(f) All tps excl 3 Bn Gp South of EAST - WEST line through rd junc, 456899 by 201800K.

7. Detailed Timings:
(a) Res - 3 Bn Gp will withdraw at 201100K and be in new posn by 201430K.
(b) HQ - Will remain open in present posn until 201430K, and re-open at same time in new posn.
(c) Res fwd Units:
(i) Res coys 1 Bn and 2 Bn move NOT before 201200K.
(ii) These coys occupy extricating posn by 201430K.
(d) 2/4 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn pass through CHILVERTON RIDGE NOT before 201730K.
(e) A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt pass through GEEPS CROSS NOT before 201800K.
(f) All adm details commence mov 201130K and to be est new posns 211430K.

8. Recce Parties :
(a) O Gp RV xrds 450876 at 201100K.
(b) Unit recce parties RV same location 201400K.
(c) 3 Bn CHILVERTON RIDGE recce party RV CHILVERTON 201030K.

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9. Covering Tps:

(a) 1 Bn

i. Res coy 1 Bn with under comd one tp 10 Bty Tk A, No 2 Pl (MMG) 1 Bn (after withdrawal from FDLs)
ii. Location GEEP CROSS 438972
iii. Task - maximum delay on enemy forces
cover engr demolition parties
counter attack FDLs if required for extrication of fwd tps.

(b) 2 Bn

i. Res coy 2 Bn with under comd No 2 Pl (MMG) 2 Bn (after withdrawal from FDLs).
ii. Location - BLUEWATER SPUR 416958
iii. Task - impose maximum delay on enemy
cover engr demolition parties
counter attack FDLs if required for extrication of force.

10. Reargd:

(a) Comd: Lt col X
(b) Tps: 3 Bn Gp
(c) Tasks:
i. occupy CHILVERTON RIDGE to cover bde occupation of DEVIL'S ELBOW def posn.
ii. impose maximum delay on enemy.
(d) Will withdraw when ordered.

11. Flankgd:

(a) Comd - Major Y
(b) Tps - 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn
(c) Location - from right 419947 to left MILLSTREAM FEATURE sq 4093.
(d) Task - left flank protection to withdrawal of main body.

12. Assembly Areas:

1 Bn Gp - 2 Bn Gp NOT south WEIR RD 438932.

13. Embussing Pt:

(a) Tpt for covering tps at 439949 at 201515K.

14. Routes:

(a) 1 Bn Gp - CORDUROY CK EVELYN HIGHWAY DEVIL'S ELBOW
2 Bn Gp - BLUEWATER RD WEIR RD EVELYN HIGHWAY DEVIL'S ELBOW
3 Bn Gp - VALLEY VIEW CIRCLE -CHILVERTON
2/4 Aust Cav Sqn VALLEY VIEW CIRCLE CHILVERTON DEVILS ELBOW.
A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt EVELYN HIGHWAY DEVIL'S ELBOW.

15. Arty:

(a) Tasks:
i. Regt sp fwd FDLs until 201400K.
ii. Two btys sp fwd FDLs 201400K to 201700K.
iii. Regt sp CHILVERTON posn to 935 northing from 201700K.
(b) F.O.O.
One with each delaying force.

16. MMG:

One pl D Coy each under comd 1 Bn, 2 Bn and 3 Bn - from 201400K.

17. Tk A:

(a) one tp 10 Bty each under comd 1 Bn, 2 Bn and 3 Bn from 201400K.
(b) one sec under comd each res coy 1 Bn and 2 Bn.

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18. A.A:

Tasks : (a) Protection of Fd Arty
(b) Protection of MILLSTREAM br 442948 until 201500K.

19. Engrs:

(a) Tasks:
i. Demolitions GEDDES PASS and brs along withdrawal routes.
ii. Minefields CHILVERTON RIDGE as required by reargd comd.
(b) Demolitions will be fired on orders Comds covering tps.
(c) Covering tps will provide protection for demolition parties.

20. Tks:

A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt to be prepared for counter attack to restore FDLs until 201400K.

21. Pro:

(a) Check Posts to be est
i. MILLSTREAM br 442948 from 201100K to 201500K.
ii. xrds 446911 from 201100K to 201630K.
(b) TPs to be est on EVELYN HIGHWAY.

ADM:

22. Tpt: 2/15 Aust G T Pl (lt).
(a) Assist mov adm details as directed by S.C.
(b) Sup 15 jeeps each 1 Bn and 2 Bn delaying forces for final withdrawal.

23. Med:
(a) MDS closes 201100K.
(b) C.P. remains open same location until 201500K.
(c) Fwd ADS closes 201130K - re-opens at 435862 at 201500K.
(d) Rear ADS remains in present posn rear CHILVERTON RIDGE until 201500K.

INTERCOMN:

24. HQ : Closes present posn 201430K and re-opens same time at 427857.

25. Wireless: } normal
26. Sigs : }

27. Synchronization:

Through Sigs at 201000K

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SPECIAL INSTR No EE8

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2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 12

NCO's CADRE

1. **Object**

With a view to improving the military knowledge, bearing and instructional ability of NCO's, coys will conduct NCO's cadres until further notice.

2. **Timings and Place**

Classes will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1900 - 2030 hrs in respective Gp Mess Huts.

3. **Groupings**

In order to provide additional instructors, coys will be grouped as follows :

Gp 1	-	A and B
Gp 2	-	C and D
Gp 3	-	HQ and Bn HQ

4. **Instructors**

In the main, classes will be conducted by Coy Offrs but the following officers, Warrant Officer and NCO's are available to coys for instruction in special subjects :-

Name	Suggested subject in which personnel will instruct
Lt F T HEATON	(a) A & Q Matters (b) Verbal Orders
Lt L P WENBORN	(a) General Int Subjects
WO I HART G L	Guards and Sentry Duties
Sjt MASON F	Map Reading and the Compass
Capt E E SPRING	Medical Subjects

5. **Attendance**

(a) Coys will ensure ALL NCO's (incl L cpls) are in attendance and that an evening roll check is made.

(b) Respective Coy Officers, unless on Bn Duties, will also be present.

6. **Assembly**

The procedure to be adopted for the assembly of respective Gps will be as follows :-

(a) Next Senior Officer present in selected Gp Hut will check (by coys) all present and will hand over to Senior Officer stating "All Present" or "All present except --------".

(b) Senior Officer announces subject of lecture and then hands over to lecturer.

7. **Syllabus**

(a) A suggestive syllabus is attached as Appx "A" but this in no way restricts coys from including any other subjects in which they consider their particular NCO's require instruction.

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(b) Students will have note books, pencils and text books as appropriate to the lecture or course.

(c) Coy Comds will inspect note books on the day following each evening lecture.

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APPX "A"

NCO's CADRE - SUGGESTED SYLLABUS OF TRG

Period	Timings	
Day 1	1900 -- 2030 hrs	(a) Duties of the NCO in Camp and in the Field. (b) Compass marches -- day and night (Lecture)
Day 2	" "	(a) Close Order Drill (b) Message writing
Day 3	" "	(a) Guards and Sentries in Camp (b) Voice Production and control of squads.
Day 4	" "	(a) The paying of Compliments (b) Coy and Pl Adm
Day 5	" "	(a) } Verbal Orders (b) }
Day 6	" "	(a) } (b) } Compass march by night -- Close trg area
Day 7	" "	(a) Method of instr in Weapon Trg (b) Map Reading
Day 8	" "	(a) Range Procedure (b) Camp Hygiene
Day 9	" "	(a) } (b) } Army Quiz
Day 10	" "	(a) } (b) } Interpretation of Aerial Photographs
Day 11	" "	(a) Inspection and care of the feet (b) Briefing of patrols and patrol reports
Day 12	" "	(a) } (b) } Verbal Orders (a) } (b) } Recapitulation

NOTE : It is suggested that wherever practicable the evening class will be devoted to two periods each of 45 min duration

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TRG SYLLABUS - FLAME THROWER CADRE

5 - 9 Feb(incl)

Period	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
1000 1045	Introduction and types of Flamethrowers	Lesson 4 Maintenance care and cleaning	Lesson 8 Fuels	Lesson 10 Range Discipline	Practical preparation for firing.
1045 1130	Lesson 1 General Description of M2 2 Flame - Thrower	Recap Lessons 2 & 3	Recap Lesson 4	Lesson 11 Judging distance	" " "
1245 1335	Lesson 2 Stripping and assembling Tank unit & fuel valve assembly	Lesson 5 Mechanism	Lesson 9 Preparation for firing.	Recap Lesson 5	Firing Practices
1340 1830	Lesson 3 Stripping & assembling ignition head assembly	Lesson 7 Holding Aiming & firing	Recap Lesson 7	Lesson 12 Advanced Handling	" " "
1435 1530	Lesson 6 Contents of a packing of wpn chest & service kit chest.	MI	MI	MI	Closing Address

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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
16 Feb 45

2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 14

1. GENERAL

An NCOs cadre will be held, commencing 180815K.

2. OBJECT

(a) To improve the technical knowledge of NCOs.
(b) To ensure uniformity of instructional policy within the unit.
(c) To show students the standard reached by intensive trg.

3. TIMING and LOCATION

(a) 0815 - 0915 hrs Cadre Parade
1130 Lunch
1245 Afternoon Parade
1530 Dismiss

(b) Each evening will be devoted to preparation of next days work, under the instrs appointed to take those lessons.

(c) Bn OO mounting 161800K will be responsible for erection of 6 tents and marquee by 171600K. Each rifle coy will sup 1 tent and HQ Coy 2 tents. Marquee is in D Coy lines.

(d) Personnel selected will report to rear A Coy lines 171615K.

(e) Cadre personnel will eat in own coy messes.

4. INSTRUCTORS

(a) C.I. - Maj E H McRAE
Senior Instr Lt R ISKOV
School SM. WO T G L HART
Others as indicated in syllabus.

(b) Instructors will report to C.I. or his deputy at least 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the lesson and will ensure that all preparation notes and stores for the lesson are ready by that time.

5. STUDENTS

(a) The following students will attend :-

HQ Coy	-	1
A "	-	5
B "	-	7
C "	-	7
D "	-	5
TOTAL		25

(b) Names of students to be forwarded to Adjt by 171200K. Nominations are liable to alteration by CO.

6. DRESS

Hat KFF, JGs, drill order with rifles.

7. SYLLABUS

Attached

for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(R F H ROW) Capt

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HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
15 Feb 45

(S1)

BHQ
RSM
Sjt Harris
to copy

All Coys

Subject; GUARD - 9 AUST DIV CASH OFFICE

1. Duty Coy will supply above guard of 1 Sjt 1 Cpl and 6 ORS until further notice.

2. On-coming guard will be inspected on Bn Parade Ground at 1730 hrs daily.

3. The administration of atebrin daily to the above guard when supplied by this Bn, will be under supervision of the Bn Orderly Offr who, when the parade is complete will endorse Guard Report accordingly.

4. Bn Orderly Offr will visit and inspect guard by day and night.

5. Guard Reports will be forwarded to this HQ by 0900 hrs on day following tour of duty.

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for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
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2/23 AUST INF BN - NCOs CADRE

SYLLABUS OF TRG

Period 12 days Course

Period	0815-0915	1 0830-0915	2 0915-1000	3. 1000-1045	4 1045-1130	1130-1245	5 1245-1330	6 1330-1430	7 1430-1530
Day 1	Cadre Parade Opening Address	Close Order Drill. The Fall In Dressing a squad (WO I G L Hart)	Voice Production Lecture & Practice (Capt Dudley)	Method of Instr as applied to : (a) the rifle (b) the bayonet (c) the OSMG Incl MI - (Lt Edwards)			Fdcraft & Mov Method of teaching Fdcraft. IT Part 8 Sec 2	Fdcraft and Mov (a) Individual fdcraft movements (b) Movement by night IT Part 8 Sec 2 (Lt Thorburn)	
Day 2	Cadre Parade	Guards & Sentries (WO I G L Hart)	Method of Instr as applied to : (a) the Bren (b) the 2 in Mor incl MI (Lt Edwards)	Map Reading Marginal infm Co-ordinates Conventional signs. Characteristics of contours (Lt Wenborn)	LUNCH		Cam & Concealment. (Lecture) (Lt McLeod)	Cam and Fdcraft Practical (Lt McLeod) IT Part 8 Sec 4	
Day 3	Cadre Parade	Bayonet Trg (WO I G L Hart)	Method of Instr as applied to: (a) the EY rifle (b) the grenade Incl MI (Lt Edwards)	Map Reading Orientation Points Scales (Sjt Mason)	LUNCH		Field Signals Hand Rifle Whistle (WO I G L Hart) IT Part 8 Sec 9	Sec Formations (Lt Thorburn) IT Part 8 Sec 17	
Day 4	Cadre Parade	Close Order Drill The paying of Compliments	Voice Production Practice (Capt Dudley)	First Aid. (a) Bandaging (b) Improvised stretchers. (Capt Spring)			Selection of fire posns : (a) Lecture - SAT Vol I Pam 3 Pam 4 Pam 8 (b) On the ground - IT Part 8 Sec 19 (Lt Thorburn)		

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Period	1 0815-0915 0830-0915	2 0915-1000	3 1000-1045	4 1045-1130	1130-1245	5 1245-1330	6 1330-1430	7 1430-1530
Day 5	Cadre Parade Bayonet Trg (WO I G L Hart)	Coy Adm (Capt Dudley)	Method of Instr as applied to (a) the respirator (Lt Edwards) (b) Flame thrower (Lt Shaw) incl MI			Organisation & Equt of the Pl IT Part 8 Sec 16 (Capt Dudley)	(a) the compass (b) keeping direction & memorizing a route (Lt Thorburn) IT Part 8 Sec 11	
Day 6	Cadre Parade Guard Drill incl the paying of compliments. (WO I G L Hart)	Fd Sketching : Traversing, off-setting, intersection, resection - practical in close trg area. (Lt Wenborn)				Mutual Instr - all infantry weapons listed in Serials 2,3,4. Correct methods of instr to be observed (Lt Edwards)		
Day 7	Cadre Parade Close Order Drill Marching with and without arms. (WO I G L Hart)	T.E.W.T. Indoor Exercise. To consider all adm details within a Pl organisation. IT Part 8 Sec 16 (Lt Thorburn)			HOME	Fd Exercise Practical Fd sketch (Lt Wenborn)		
Day 8	Cadre Parade Guards & Sentries Orders & Duties WO I G L Hart)	Cover from Fire IT Part 8 Sec 7	Orders (Capt Vines)			Selection of lines of advance Simple tactical setting (in the fd) Exercise from own and enemy's point of view. IT Part 8 Sec 10.		
Day 9	Cadre Parade Bayonet Trg Orders to be given by selected NCO's (WO I G L Hart)	Sand Model The section in the attack IT Part 8 Chap 4 (Capt Issell)				Observation trg - Searching ground "Kims Game" Demonstration course. MTP 33 Chap 2 Sec 12 IT Part 8 Sec 6		
Day 10	Cadre Parade PT : Compiling a table of exercises (Capt Dudley)	Sand Model T.E.W.T. The pl in the attack - orders and battle procedure IT Part 8 Chap 4 (Capt Issell)				1245-1445 Adv and first contact Sand Model - Sec and Pl battle procedure	1445-1530 Withdrawal Sec and Pl battle procedure. (Capt Vines)	

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Period	0815-0830	0830-0915	0915-1000	1000-1045	1045-1130	1130-1245	1245-1330	1330-1430	1430-1530
Day 11	Cadre Parade	PT : Medicine Ball work. Team events & how to conduct same. (Capt Dudley)	Sand Model - T.E.W.T. Pl and soc in the defence - orders and battle procedure. IT Part 8 Chap 5 (Capt Row)			LUNCH	Map Reading) Recapitulation, incl aids Compass) to keeping direction. (Lt Wenborn)		
Day 12	Cadre Parade	Close Order Drill Recapitulation incl "How to inspect a squad" (Capt Dudley)	EXAMINATION				EXAMINATION AND CLOSING ADDRESS Return of Stores		

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2/23 AUST INF BN NCOs CADRE

ISSUED AS APPENDIX TO 2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 14

NCOs TO ASSIST INSTRs

Day	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
1		Sgt RILEY R H	Cpl Froud L/Sgt Laybourne	____		Sgt Peel Sgt Rimmington	
2							
3	Sgt Riley R H						
4		Sgt Riley	Provided by RMO	____	____	Sgt Peel Sgt Rynehart	
5	Sgt Riley						
6		____	Sgt Stuart	____			
7					____	Sgt Stuart	____
8							
9					____	Sgt PLLL Sgt Rynehart	
10							
11							
12							

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
17 Feb 44

AMENDMENT TO 2/23 AUST INF BN TRG INSTR NO 14

2/23 AUST INF BN NCO's CADRE

Amendments as under will be made to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No 14.

1. For Lt R ISKOV read Lt THORBURN
2. Day 1. Period 2 - for Capt DUDLEY read Maj McRAE
1 5 - insert as Instr Lt CANNING
1 6 & 7 - for Lt THORBURN read Lt CANNING
2 4 - for Lt WENBORN read Lt THORBURN
3 6 & 7 - for Lt THORBURN read CANNING
4 2 - for Capt DUDLEY read Maj McRAE
5 2 - for Capt DUDLEY " Capt MATTHEWS
5 5 - for Capt DUDLEY " Capt VINES
6 2, 3 & 4 for Lt WENBORN " Lt THORBURN
7 2, 3 & 4 for Lt THORBURN " Capt MATTHEWS
7 5, 6 & 7 for Lt WENBORN " Lt THORBURN
8 2 - Insert as Instr Lt EDWARDS
9 5, 6 & 7 Insert as Instr Capt VINES
9 5, 6 & 7 Insert as Instr Lt CANNING
10 1 - for Capt DUDLEY read Lt HEAD
10 5 & 6 Insert as Instr Capt VINES
11 1 - for Capt DUDLEY read Lt HEAD
11 5, 6 & 7 - for Lt WENBORN read Lt THORBURN
12 1 - for Capt DUDLEY read Maj McRAE

Capt
for Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
(R F H ROW)

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2/23 AUST INF BN - ADM INSTR NO 24

GUARD ORDERS

1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No 19 is cancelled.

2. **BN GUARD**
   (a) Strength - 1 Sjt, 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. **[illegible]**
   The following duties will be mounted by day and night:-

   Post No 1. Road junction vicinity Guard Tent
   Post No 2. Bn HQ road junction becomes guard on prisoner when any under close arrest.
   Post No 3. Transport Lines
   Post No 4. Ammunition Dump.

4. SECURITY OF ARMS.
   Each member of Guard is responsible for security of arms, eqpt and ammn (if any) on issue to him.

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

6. MEMBERS OF GUARD.
   (a) Members of the Guard NOT on posts will remain in Guard Tents at all times unless given permission by Guard Comd.
   (b) All meals will be eaten in Guard Tent.

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

8. GUARD COMD.
   (a) Guard Comd will prepare two Guard Reports for each tour of duty, each to be signed by Comd of dismounting and relieving guards. One copy to be filed in Guard Tent and the other lodged at Bn HQ by dismounting Guard Comd on completion of tour of duty.
   (b) Guard Comd has direct persoal responsibility to CO for safe custody of all prisoners committed to his charge or taken over by him from previous Guard and for safeguard of all arms amn, eqpt and WD stores on issue to or in charge of personnel of his Guard during hour of duty.
   (c) Guard Comd will also endure 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 is in the Guard tent awake and on duty.
   (d) Guard 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.
   (e) Guard Comd will also ensure that both the bugler and the Gd Sjt are awakened at 0530 hrs week days and 0600 hrs Sundays.
   (f) Guard Comd will ensure that his Guard is turned out and waiting for RETREAT to be sounded at 1800 hrs.

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9. ACTION IN CASE OF FIRE.

In accordance with instrs 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. PROMULGATION.

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

12. ORDERS FOR SENTRIES.

Vide Appx "A" attached.

for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Capt
(R F H ROW)

Appx "A" to
2/23 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr
No 24 of 15 Feb 45

ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

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

1. Your post is at the Guard Tent and you will always face the prisoners.
2. On detection by you of any attempt to escape by prisoners in Guard Tent you will immediately call out the Guard 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 Guard :
   (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.
8. You will be fully awake and alert at all times while on duty.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 2 (Rd Junction).

1. Your post is at the road junction, vicinity Guard 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 Guard :
   - (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 Bdo Comds, Grand Rounds and the CO once by day.
   - (b) Present arms to all Offrs above the rank of Capt.
   - (c) Salute all other Offrs.
9. You will be fully awake and alert at all times while on duty.
10. You will not enter your Sentry Box except under adverse weather conditions.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 3 (Bn HQ)(to be mounted only when Post No 1 is NOT required).

1. Your post is directly opposite Bn HQ, your beat extends from entrance to Bn HQ to a point 30 yds NE.
2. You will stop and question any person whom you consider is unauthorisedto 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 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.
8. You will be fully awake and alert at all times while on duty.
9. You will not enter your sentry box except under adverse weather conditions.
10. BY NIGHT ;

    At 1800 hrs you will move to Bn Q Store.
    Your duty will be as a roving picquet around Bn Q Store.
    You will see that NO unauthorised person enters Bn Q Store.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 4 (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 Guard :
   (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.
8. You will be fully awake and alert on duty at all times while on duty.
9. You will not enter your Sentry Box except under adverse weather conditions.

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ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

Orders for Sentry on Post No 5 (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 Offrs above the rank of Capt.
   (b) Salute all other Offrs.
8. You will not enter the amn dump unless authorised, but in the case of adverse weather conditions you may take shelter in the doorway of the dump.
9. You will be fully awake and alert on duty at all times while on duty.

BY NIGHT: Only when no sentry is mounted at Bn HQ.

Commencing at 1800 hrs you will act as a roving picquet around Bn Q Store. You will ensure that no unauthorised person enters or interferes in any way.

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2/23 AUST INF BN

STANDING ORDERS FOR CARE OF WEAPONS ON CHARGE TO COYS

1. GENERAL :

These orders set out the methods which will be adopted by all coys for the care of weapons.

2. ISSUE OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS :

(a) The following weapons, together with spares and cleaning eqpt where issued, will be taken on personal charge by individual members of Coys :-
Rifles, Bayonets, Brens, Owen Sub-machine Guns, pistols, Mortars 2 inch.

(b) CQMSs will ensure that issue is made in accordance with the W.E. entitlement of automatics, and that in ALL cases a signature is obtained from the member to whom the weapon is issued. When NOT in use Brens and Mortars 2 inch will be kept in Coy Q Store.

(c) Each Pl and Sec Comd and each Pl Sjt, will keep an up-to-date record of the registered number, bolt number etc., of each weapon in his sub-unit and the name of the member to whom it is on charge. Records will be posted on a stout card and a waterproof cover provided.

3. CHAIN OF COMD :

(a) Each Pl Comd is responsible for detailing within his Pl an order of seniority so as to provide at all times for :-
(i) a Pl Comd
(ii) a Pl Sjt
(iii) a Comd for each sec.
Where NCO's are not available, senior soldiers will be detailed. The names and appointments of sub-unit comds on every parade or exorcise must be promulgated to the personnel of the sub-unit concerned.

(b) Weapon records, as per para 1 (c) above, will be handed over, and maintained, by the member acting as the sec or pl comd or pl sjt on each day.

(c) CSM will maintain the records of Coy HQ personnel and will incl thereon the names and particulars of weapons held by personnel temporarily att to the coy at any time from Bn HQ or other coys.

4. MAINTENANCE OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.:

(a) Every member is directly responsible that the weapons on charge to him are thoroughly cleaned before 0800 hrs daily. If used during the day, or if directed by sub-unit comds, weapons will again be cleaned prior to 1800 hrs. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member whose weapon is, at any time found to be other than in first class order. NO EXCUSES OF ANY DESCRIPTION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

(b) At least once daily, every sec comd and pl sjt (or the members acting in these appointments) will thoroughly inspect every weapon on charge to members of their sec or Pl. They will be personally responsible that members maintain their weapons in first class order at all times.

(c) Pl Comds (or acting Pl Comds) are personally responsible that these inspections are carried out.
CSM will act as Pl Comd of Coy HQ personnel.

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5. **ISSUE AND CARE OF COY AND SPECIAL WEAPONS** :

(a) EY rifles, grenade dischargers, PITA guns and all weapons other than those mentioned in sub-para 1 (a) above will, if on charge to the coy, be held in the Coy Q Store. CQMS is personally responsible that such weapons receive daily care and are constantly in first class order.

(b) Such weapons will be drawn as required for trg and exercises by Pl Sjts (or acting Pl Sjts) ONLY and a signature given. Pl Sjts will then be personally responsible that :-

(i) the weapons are promptly returned after use
(ii) the weapons are thoroughly cleaned after use

(c) CQMS will report to Coy Comd the name of any Pl Sjt who returns a weapon in unsatisfactory condition. CQMS will inspect every weapon before accepting it back into store.

6. (a) This order will be effective immediately, and all records required, prepared within 24 hrs of promulgation. Pl Comds are responsible for promulgation and necessary instr to all NCO's and men in their pls. The order will also be signed by CSM and CQMS.

(b) CSM will read this order and explain it to all ranks once weekly on a muster parade of the coy, and will note the time and date of promulgation.

(c) One copy will be at all times posted on the notice board.

7. **RETURN OF WEAPONS TO QM** :

All weapons returned to RQ Store will be examined by the QM (or his representative) and the Bn armourer.

QM will issue receipt for such weapons, and a report on the condition of the weapons received.

for Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Capt
(R F H ROW)

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HQ Coy	Copy No	1 - 2
A "	" "	3 - 4
B "	" "	5 - 6
C "	" "	7 - 8
D "	" "	9 - 10
Bn HQ	" "	11 - 12
CO	" "	13
2 IC	" "	14
Adjt	" "	15
QM	" "	16
TO	" "	17
RSM	" "	18
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SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "WATERWIND"

SPECIAL INSTR No EE2

Ref Map: PALMERSTON 1 in to 1 mile

1. It has been established that the ENEMY at MILLAA MILLAA is one Bde which was formerly part of the force which was drawn from INNISFAIL.

2. Our small patrols have discovered what appears to be a Bde in def at area rd junc 450869.

3. There has been considerable movt from WONDECLA in an EASTERLY direction - tac R report 0700K.

4. Our tps at MILLAA MILLAA have been increased to two bns; one, their role is to contain the ENEMY until the arrival of 14 Div.

5. 14 Div is to launch an attack on RAVENSHOE as soon as possible.

6. 16 Div is to launch a new attack on YUNGABURRA on 7 MAR.

7. ENFORCE will employ the maximum offensive action against the ENEMY, should he attempt to push along OLD GERALDTON Rd. Counter attacks will be delivered speedily.

8. It is also important to deny the ENEMY use of EVELYN HIGHWAY, so that he may not move his res speedily.

Issued by Senior Umpire ENFORCE at 0800K 5 MAR 45.

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BN DEFENSIVE LOCALITY

RF 1:7920

Ref Map Palmerston 1:63360

47 48 49 50

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3400 3600 3400 3200 3000 3300 3200 3300 3200

STONY

Track Indistinct

Track 4

Track 1

JUNGLE

Turntable

LANE

Log Ramp

Track 2

Log Ramp

Ford

C.K.

Ford

JUNGLE

Falls

LANE

CREEK

Track 3

Ford

87 87

To Millaa Millaa

CREEK

SOUTH

UMALA

47 48 49 50

Scale 8in to 1mile

yds 100 50 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 yds

LEGEND

Tracks (foot) -------

Jeepable Tracks ======

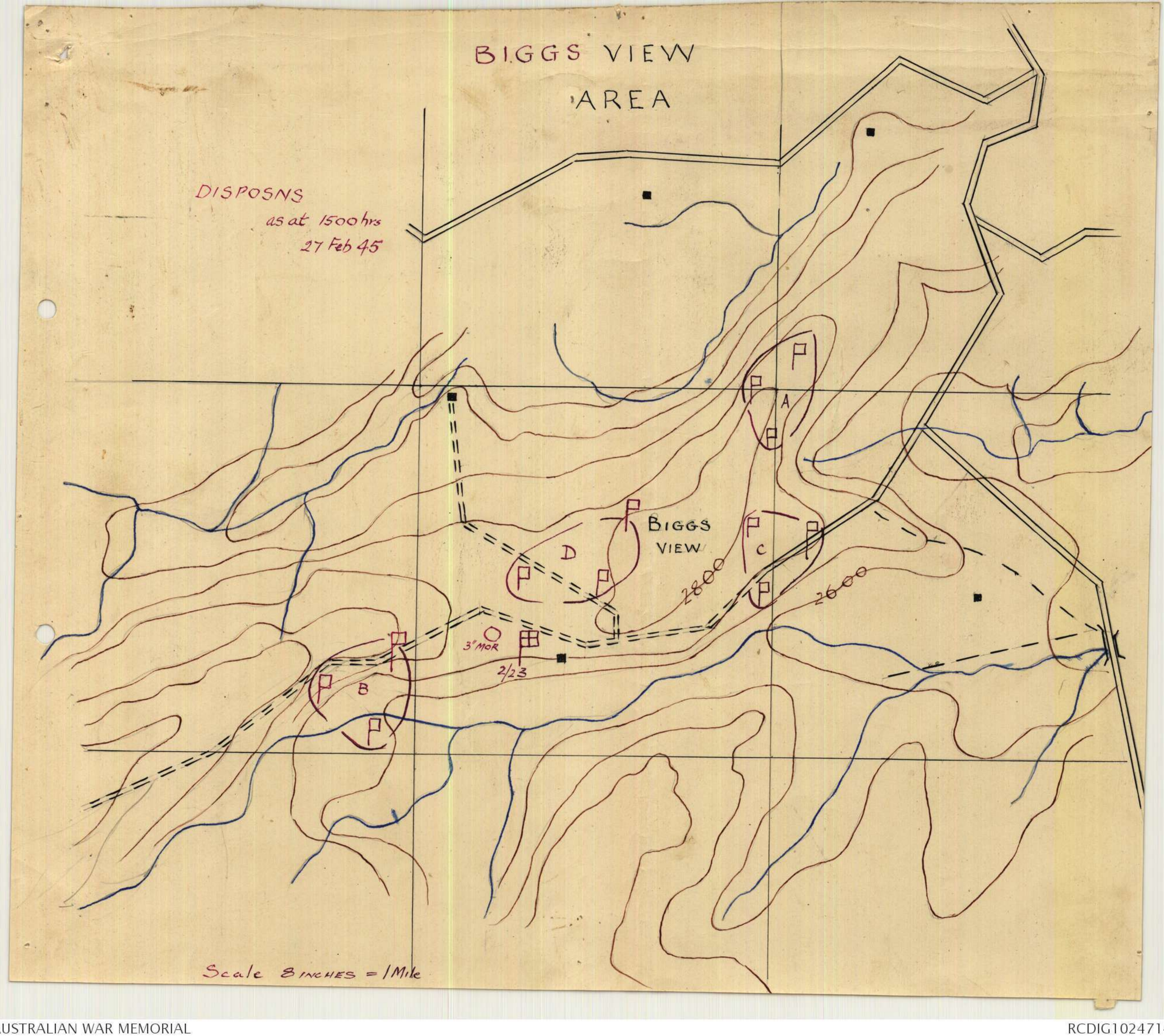
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2/23 Bn

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BIGGS VIEW AREA

DISPOSNS
as at 1500 hrs
27 Feb 45



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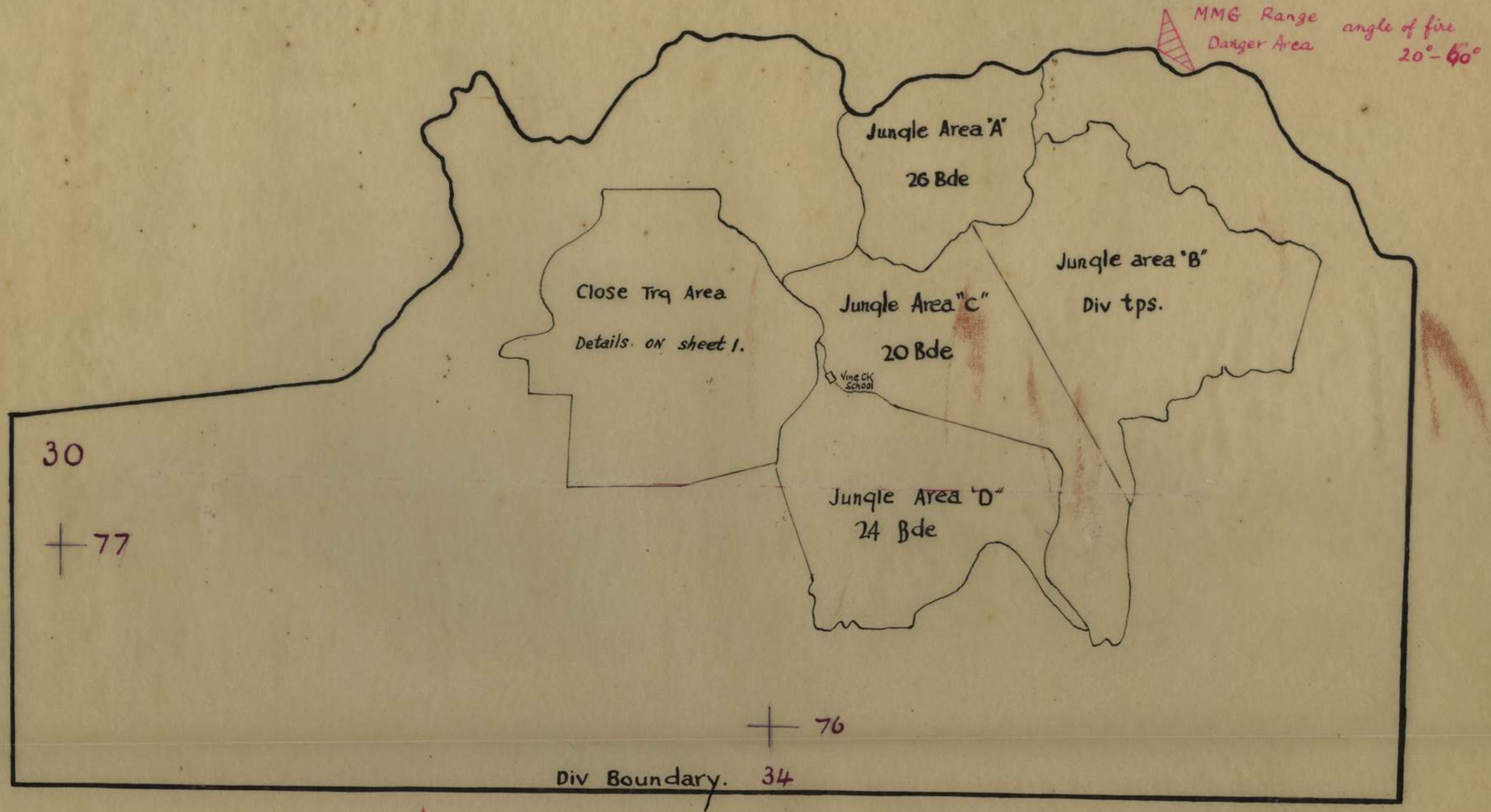
2/23 AUST INF BN CAMP SITE


26 BDE
RAVENSHOE
WATER PIPE 3½"
Shower
COMPOUND
B PARADE
Basket Ball.
Basket Ball
Basket Ball
H.Q PARADE
C PARADE
PICTURE THEATRE
Basket Ball.
D PARADE
FIRE PIT
FIRE PIT
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OVERLAY to

Strat maps, ATHERTON and INNISFAIL.

APPX 'A' to
9 Aust Div G516/80/13 of 1 May 44.



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ARTY RANGE

LEGEND
(S)--sentry

ARTY BAY

WILD RIVER

SENTRY

3 INCH MORTAR RANGE

Approximate line of visibility from O.P's.

TARGET AREA.

O.P. AREA.

1

O.P.

O.P.

Gun areas - each position will accomodate two troops.

2

3

SENTRY

4

M

FF "A"

FF "B"

TK.A

PNR.

CAV.

26 BDE

2/48

2/23

2/24

20 BDE

23

24 BDE

GUN POSITION

TARGET TRACK.

M.G.

DANGER AREA

TK.A. RANGE.

20

75

OVERLAY
to
MT GARNET & PALMERSTON

1 inch to 1 mile.

90

40

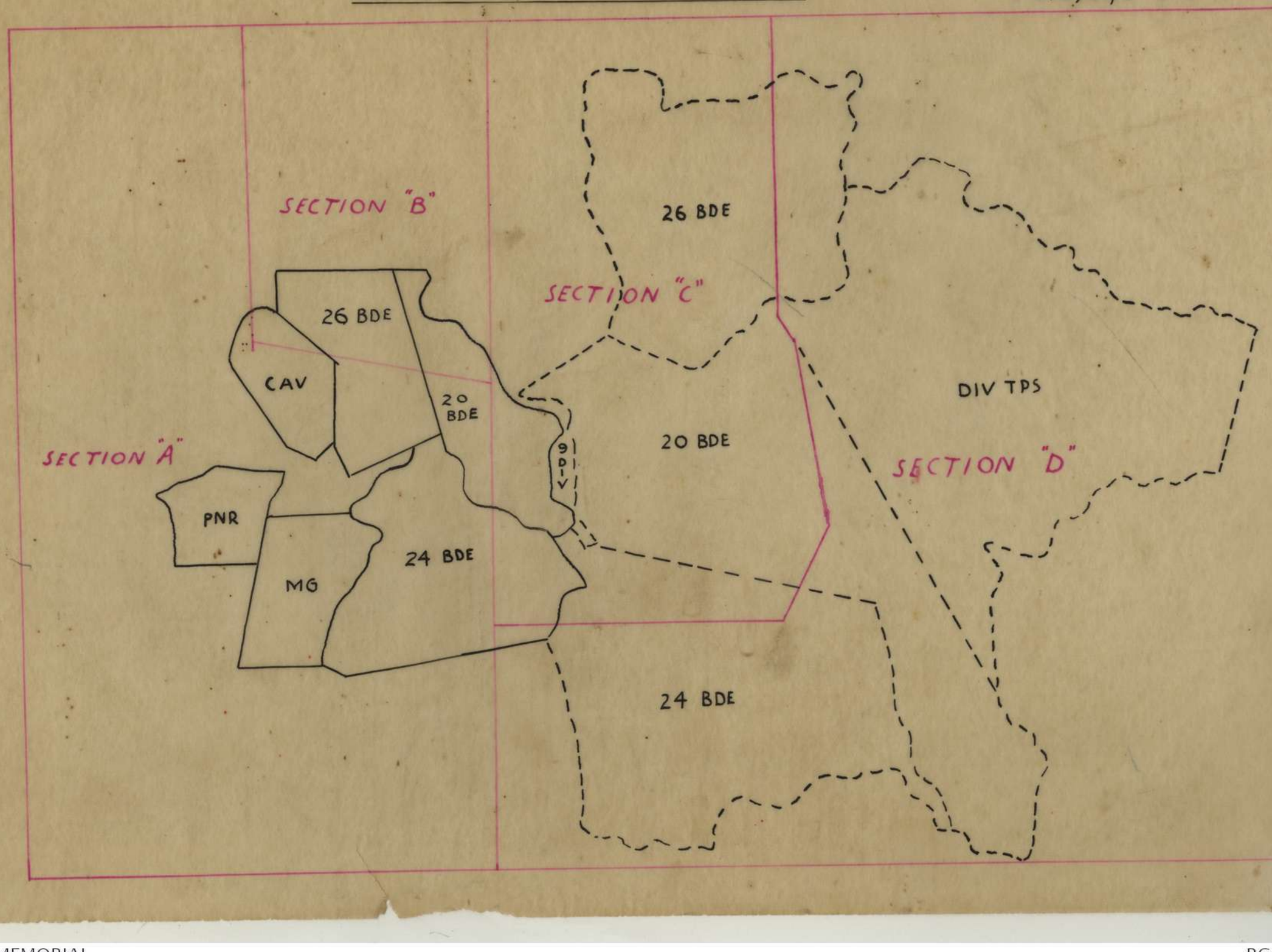
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2/23 Bn.
8 Aug 44.

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— 9 AUST DIV TRG AREA —

KEY TO SECTIONS OF WEATHER FORECASTS.

Appx A. to 9 AUST DIV
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Bomber's Map of JAPAN

MANCHURIA
VLADIVOSTOK
HEIAN HOKU DO
CHOSHIN
KANKYO HOKU DO
KANKYO NAN DO
YUJO
RASHIN
YAZO
SEISHIN
UNZAN
HEIAN
HEIJO
VAN DO
KANKO
CHINNAMPO
JODELHO
GENZAN
KOKAI DO
SUSEN
KAIJO
KOREA
REIJO
KEIKI DO
KOGEN DO
LHUSEF NAN DO
CHUSEI HOKU DO
KOSEN
KOSHU
TAIDEN
EISEN
KUNSAN
SHOSHU
ANTO
ZENRA HOKU DO
KEISHO HOKU DO
EITOKU
KINSEN
NANGEN
TAIKYU
SEIGAKU
MOPPO
ZENRA NAN DO
KEISHO NAN DO
SANROSHIN
URUSAN
MASAN
FUSAN
CHOSEN CHANNEL
SAISHU. L.
TSUSHIMA
TSUSIMA CHANNEL
OKI.I.
MATSUI
C. JIZO
TOTTORI
IWAMI MASUDA
SHIMANE
KAMI-IWAMI
TSUYAMA
WADAYAMA
MAIZURU
FUKUCHIYAMA
BINGO-SHOBARA
SHOMYOICHI
OKAYAMA
HYOGO
KYOTO
SHICA
HIROSHIMA
YAMAGUCHI
SEA OF GENKAINADA
IKI.I
FUKUOKA
YAMAMOTO
KOBE
OSAKA
MARUOAME
TAKAMATSU
MINOURA
KAGAWA
OTO ISLANDS
SAGA
FUKUOKA
USA
MATSUYAMA
YAWATAHAM
MIE
SASEBO
HAIKI
OMUTA
BEPPU
JCHIKO
AWA-IKEDA
SHIKOKU
TOKUSHIMA
NAGASAKI
EHIME
KOCHI
WAKAYAMA
NARA
FUKUE.I
C NOMO
KUMAMOTO
OITA
UWAJIMA
AMAKUS
C MUROTO
KILTSUBAKI
C. SHIONOMISAKI
SEA OF KUMANO NADA
TOSA BAY
C. ASHIZURI
HITOYOSHI
MIYAZAKI
TOMITAKA
KAMI-KOSHIKI.I
YOSHIMAISU
SEA OF HYUGA NADA
SHIMO-KOSHIKI.I
KAGOSHIMA
MIYAZAKI
C. NOMA
MIYAKONOJO
C BONOMISAKI
UKUSHIMA
C. KAIMON
C TOI
ONEJIME
C. SATA

HIGASHI HANNO
SAITAMA
URUWA
MUSASHI-FUJISAWA
FUTAMATAO
TOKOROZAWA
OZAKU
USASHI KURUME
CHIBA
TOKIO CITY
TOKIO
TACHIKAWA
TOKIO
HACHIDJI
TAMAGAWA
KANAGAWA
TOKIO BAY
KAWASAM
TOKIO and VICINITY
YOKOHAMA CITY
YOKOHAMA

SEA OF JAPAN
C. OMA
C. SHIRIYA
C. TAPPI
OMNATO
C KOTOMARI
NOHEJI
AOMORI
G. HENASHI
HIROSAKI
SHIRUCHI
HACHINOHE
ATAORI
C NYUDO
AKITA
KOMA
MORIOKA
MIYAKO
C. HEI.
OMASARI
IWATE
YUKOTE
KUROSAWAJIR
C. OSAKI.
C KUBISAKI
TSURUOKA
SHINJO
CHINOSEKI
YAMAGATA
MIYAGI
KOGOTA
C. HAHKI.
AMAGATA
SENDA
MATSUSHIN.
OSHIKA PEN
SADO.I.
NIGATA
AKAYU
YONEZAWA
C. ROKUGO
NAGAOKA
NHGATA
FUKUSHIMA
ANAMITU
AMA
NAOETSU
KORYAMA
FUKUSHIMA
TSUBAT
TAKADO
AIZU IAJIMA
TAKAOKA
SHIRAKAWA
IAIRA
KANAZAWA
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TOYONO
NAGANO
TAKATOKU
ISHIKAWA
SHINONOI
GUMMA
TOCHIGI
MAEBASHI
FUKUI
TAKAYAMA
NAGANO
OYAMA
MITO
IBAHAKI
FUKUI
TSURUGA
GIFU
SAITAMA
ABIKO
GIFU
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TOKIO
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C. INUBO
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YOKOHAMA
OAMI
AICHI
NINOMIYA
KISARAZU
SHIZUOKA
OFUNA
OHARA
HORINOUCH
AWA-HO
C. NOJIMA
SHIMOUA
C. IRO
C. OMAE
C. DAIO
HAMAWATSU
FUKUR
SEA OF ENSHU NADA

PACIFIC OCEAN

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AREA
WONDECLA — RAVENSHOE

Ref Maps HERBERTON
BARTLE FRERE
PALMERSTON
MT GARNET.

1 : 63360

2 pl. 2½ MMG Bn 4/K/53
1 pl. 2½ MMG Bn 4/K/54

BDE HQ.
D Coy HQ 2½ MMG Bn
Det F.S. Sec.
Bde Sig Sec.
3 Sec. Div Prov.

LEGEND

Arty Bty
2 Pdrs
Arty D.F. Tasks
Inter Bde Bdy
Minefield.
Br. Demo.
Unit Location.

LEGEND
ROADS — Fenced: SEALED, GRAVELLED, EARTHEN — Unfenced
Tracks
Railway track

SCALE : 2 Inches to 1 Mile.
1000 500 0 1 2 3 4 YARDS (Thousands)
R.F. 1:31,680.

Enlargement from MT GARNET and PALMERSTON sheets... by L. Survey Bn 6 Bde

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RF. 1:25000

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26 BDE TRG AREA

REF MAP PALMERSTON 1:63360

R.F. 1:25000



Scale 1 inch to 700 yd approx.

NOTE: Grid system is in yards

Method Enlargement from PALMERSTON 1:63360 Corrections by compass & pacing

LEGEND
Corrections in red
Jungle Areas

Traced by A.H.M. Int Sec. 2/23 Bn. 22 Jan 44.

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