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Unit 7th Army Div

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To 31 Aug 42

Unit	Date and Time	Place	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
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				1. 7th Army Div Op Orders 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 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Unit HQ 7 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug

To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
D'AGUILAR	1 Aug		GOC 7 Aust Div visited 25 Bde. A medical TENT, conducted by ADMS at MAFLETON was witnessed by GOC.	<i>u/hc Hay</i>
"	2 Aug		GOC received telephone instns from GOC 1 Aust Corps at 1715 hrs for himself and AA & QMG to report to HQ 1 Aust Corps for a conference. GOC and AQ arrived 2025 hrs. Present were GOC 1 Aust Corps, BCS 1 Aust Corps, DAQMG 1 Aust Corps, GOC 7 Aust Div, AA & QMG 7 Aust Div. GOC 1 Aust Corps explained that two bde gps and part of Div tps of 7 Aust Div would proceed to NEW GUINEA. Embarkation would commence on 5 Aug and would be complete by 12 Aug. It was decided that 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp would proceed to MILNE BAY, 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp to PORT MORESBY to be followed later by 25 Aust Inf Bde. 2/7 Aust Cav Regt was not included in movement. 7 Aust Div were then placed on 48 hrs notice (see Appx <i>6c</i>)	<i>Appx # I</i> <i>Appx 6 (a)</i>
			Students selected to attend 7 Aust Div Potential LOs course reported at 1500 hrs.	<i>u/hc Hay</i>
"	3 Aug		C in C visited 7 Aust Div. He was accompanied by Gen ODLUM (High Commissioner for CANADA). The party visited 2/25 Aust Inf Bn to watch Bn exercise. C in C lunched at Div HQ. At 1030 hrs a conference was held at HQ Div, and was attended by all BM's, and CO's Div tps, at which the warning order for the move of the Div was issued. The following pts were made at the conference:- All personnel and eqpt of units in 7 Aust Div O of B will move, but with a reduction in MT. Two scales of reduction - one for 18 Aust Inf Bde, and one for remainder of the Div. 7 Aust Div School for Potential LOs commenced at 0900 hrs but was cancelled owing to the projected move of the Div. At 2300 hrs Col SPRY reported as GSO I 7 Aust Div to replace Col ELLIOTT who goes to hospital with a leg injury. At 2400 hrs Col SPRY issued following details of move to 18,	<i>Appx 7</i> <i>u/hc Hay</i>

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D'AGUILAR	3 Aug (contd)		and 21 Aust Inf Bdes by LO: amended scale of tpt; times and dates of flights; dates to commence loading.	<i>APL</i>
"	4 Aug		The BGS 1 Aust Corps advised GI 7 Aust Div by telephone that 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp on arrival at destination would pass to comd HQ "C" Force. No advice was given as to the constitution of "C" Force, but it was understood to be a Div HQ commanded by Gen CLOWES. At a conference held at 0900 hrs, LOs from Bdes reported HQ Div for further orders in confirmation and in amplification of orders taken out the previous night. An LO 1 Aust Corps reported with 1 Aust Corps Instn of 4 Aug. Four copies of the instn were handed over and one Appx which consisted of a staff table allotting personnel and vans to flights (See Appx -) 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 4 issued at 1510 hrs (See Appx 1). 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 39 (issued in conjunction with Op Instn No 4) issued at 1900 hrs. At 1600 hrs, GOC visited HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde. Representations were made verbally to BGS 1 Aust Corps for the issue of machettes, axes etc. Advice was received later that machettes would be made available. Other engr tools are to be withdrawn from 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy, whose stocks thus depleted would be brought up to full entitlement later. BGS 1 Aust Corps advised GI 7 Aust Div by telephone that by order of the C in C, 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn (which was to have accompanied the force as Corps tps) would remain present location. Additional engr stores to be taken by Aust Fd Coys include 100 machettes, 100 shovels, 80 picks, 70 axes, 1 cwt cordage.	

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D'AGUILAR	5 Aug		<p>Adv LHQ Movement Order No 1 Supplement No 1 received, showing allotment of units comprising 2nd flight of "TOORAK" to ships.</p> <p>G30I and AA & QMG 7 Aust Div visited LHQ BRISBANE during the morning to obtain further infm regarding the move. They returned with infm that the embarkation of 2nd and subsequent flights of "TOORAK" had been put fwd one day.</p> <p>G30 III (I) visited Adv LHQ and obtained 8 sets of 1" maps and three sets aeronautical maps of new area. At GPO some topographical infm of the area was obtained.</p> <p>BGS 1 Aust Corps advised G30 I 7 Aust Div that ASC detachments would move with 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes in lieu of Pnr personnel as previously decided upon.</p> <p>Lt-Gen VASEY and Col ROGERS called at HQ 7 Aust Div to confer with GOC.</p> <p>Arrangements were made with the CRE to include raft units of folding boat eqpt with the Fd Coy accompanying 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes.</p> <p>GOC 7 Aust Div received a message from GOC 1 Aust Corps congratulating him and all concerned at his HQ and in subordinate formations for the "fine effort in successfully initiating a most difficult movement problem". (See Appx).</p>	<p>at L. Hay</p> <p>Appx 6 (a)</p> <p>at L. Hay</p>
" "	6 Aug		<p>Lieut D D H FAYLE arrived HQ 7 Aust Div to take over duties of ADC to GOC. Lieut PORTER assumed duty as Div LO.</p> <p>A request was received from C in C that Lieut PORTER be appointed his ADC. Lieut PORTER was instructed to move on 11 Aug 42 to take over new appointment.</p> <p>"G" Office records were examined during the day. Some were destroyed, and some despatched to "Records". Only the minimum requirements were retained.</p> <p>GOC 7 Aust Div accompanied by G30 I watched the embarkation in the manner in which units embarked, particularly 2/10 Aust Inf Bn</p>	<p>at L. Hay</p>

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DIAGUIAR	6 Aug (contd)		Representation was made to 1 Aust Corps for the inclusion of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn (which had been omitted) from 1 Aust Corps to Battle. It was agreed to include 2/1 Aust Inf Bn with units, but the movement of the Bn would be considered later. Orders were received that Col 1st Aust Div was to report immediately for duty as DDGL 1 Aust Corps. Adv party 7 Aust Div sent to embark.	ADP's Log. Appx 6 (b)
"	7 Aug		Approval was obtained from 1 Aust Corps for an adv party, consisting of 300, 300, 300 and 30, to proceed to destination by air. Div 10 for whom permission to travel by air had been obtained, was unable to be accommodated. As the adv party proceeding by ship had already left, 10 was forced to follow with main body.	
			Col 1st Aust Div to take up an appointment at LIA, BANGKOK.	
			A report by 7 Aust Div on operations in jungle warfare is carried out by 25 Aust Inf Bde was forwarded to 1 Aust Corps, and copies issued to all Bdes and Div HQs. Many suggestions were made, incl what appears to be an ideal attachment to the Bren LMG. A support enables the gun to be fired with extreme accuracy from the shoulder either straight ahead or far off, or to be used as a monopod on which to rest the gun while firing in the machine position (38 34/4/110) (See Appx).	Appx 4 (e)
			Comd 2/7 Aust Cav Regt interviewed the 300. He felt concerned that the Regt had not been included in the list of 7 Div units moving, as the Regt, after 2 years of service had not yet been engaged in any action. He understood that the Regt, as at present equipped, would be of no use in tropical country. He suggested that as his men were highly trained, they operate as Commando Coys. The 300 submitted to Comd 1 Aust Corps the proposal that 2/7 Aust Cav Regt without HT and carriers be included in list of units to move. 300 1 Aust Corps	ADP's Log.

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Unit 11. 7 Aust Div

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To 31 AUG 42

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			submitted the proposal direct to the C in C.	
			units of Div Wps, 13 Aust Inf Bde and 21 Aust Inf Bde, who on the move of Div 12, passed to Cord 25 Aust Inf Bde were concentrated and ordered to supply 200 to 25 Aust Inf Bde. The clerical staff of the 25 branch, which for many months has been under strength, was brought up to strength.	<i>Adm. Log</i>
D'AGUIAR	8 AUG		The adv party, who were to proceed by air, left for BRILLIANT during the afternoon.	
			11. 7 Aust Div closed D'AGUIAR at 1400 hrs. Units not moving. Then passed to Cord 25 Aust Inf Bde. 2 and 1 officers were dismantled and office trucks packed up; the office trucks then moved down to an assembly area at Rear 11. 7 Aust Div.	
			330 III (1) and 10 visited 11. 7 Aust Div for further info. 5 copies of 1 to 1 mile maps were obtained, and 5 sets of enlarged vertical aerial photographs of BRILLIANT.	
			CME and 330 III 7 Aust Div telephoned 1 Aust Corps at 1600 hrs re augmenting folding boat camp and assault boats to be carried by engr units. CME asked that some bridge girder camp be included.	
			At 1800 hrs personnel from adv 11. 7 Aust Div moved to Rear 11. 7 where they were to stage until the movement of 11. Div on D'AGUIAR took place.	<i>Adm. Log</i>
do	9 AUG		The day was spent finalizing arrangements of move. A loading party under Lieut WOLF, departed to assist loading of 11. 7 Aust Div.	<i>Adm. Log</i>

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DAMPPIER	10 AUG	0045	Reveille	
		0050	Ship 91 dep. 900	
		0600	Convoy of 10 yachts moved off from DAMPIER	
		0615	Convoy arrived 1300 (1300) (1300) camp, where breakfast was served.	
		0845	HL 7 Aust Div in full marching order commenced march to camp	
		0915	Embarkation commenced	
		1130	Embarkation completed	
		1350	Ship moved away from island and voyage began.	
			Prior to the departure of the ship, Comd 7 Aust Div, accompanied by Lt Col GIB visited the ship to watch embarkation and confer with OC ship Brig S. MILLER CMIA 1 Aust Corps (who is acting CMIA 7 Aust Div)	
	11 AUG		600 and party left BRISBANE by Douglas air liner 1845 hrs.	
			1900 hrs arrived ROCKHAMPTON	
AT SEA			1740 hrs landed TOWNSVILLE	
			Main body HL 7 Aust Div at sea.	
	12 AUG		600 saw arty shoot at TOWNSVILLE.	
			Main body at sea.	
	13 AUG 42		Main body HL 7 Aust Div at sea.	
			Comd 7 Aust Div accompanied by AICMIS, ADIB, 250 I and ADC arrived FINE MONSIEY on TOWNSVILLE by V/D. A visit was made to the 1st Force, where Comd 7 Aust Div was told by Lt Col 1st Corps of the proposal to send two Bns of 21 Aust Inf Bde to NEWCASTLE area. 21 Aust Inf Bde were then warned of the event. Comd 7 Aust Div and party spent the night at HQ No 7 Bde at 17 mile (west of FINE MONSIEY).	

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Unit HQ 7 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 42 To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	14 Aug		Main body HQ 7 Aust Div at sea. During the afternoon, Brig 7 Aust Div informed HQ 7 Aust Div that the movement of the two bns of 21 Aust Inf Bde would take place on 15 and 16 Aug, and that the Bde would be required in a fwd area to direct the ops. At 1000 hrs Comd 7 Aust Div accompanied by AGC I, AGC II and ADC visited Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde at L.III. A conference was held at which the final details of the move of 21 Aust Inf Bde were discussed. Chester Willmott, War Correspondent visited Bde during the afternoon. During the afternoon, it was received that 21 Aust Inf Bde vacated by the 21 30 Aust Inf Bde.	at P. 14 Aug
	15 Aug		Main body HQ 7 Aust Div at sea. 7 Aust Div Op Instrn No 5 issued to Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde. It instructed the Bde to re-occupy L.III with a view to facilitating further ops against SUMA-LOMA. It further stated that Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde would, on arrival in fwd area, assume control of all ops at a time eventually arranged with Comd 30 Aust Inf Bde. At 0800 hrs, 21 Aust Div Op Instrn, defining the role of 21 Aust Inf Bde was issued to Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde. 2/14 Aust Inf Bde moved off for THE CAR. Each man carried full marching eqpt, 50 rdc amm, and a haversack weighing 40 lbs, in which were hard rations sufficient for 6 days march.	at P. 15 Aug Appx 1
	16 Aug 42		Main body HQ 7 Aust Div at sea. During the morning, Comd 7 Aust Div, accompanied by Maj WILKIN (att from HQ 13 Force) and ADC, made a recon of L.III and L.IV area with a view to preparing a def scheme for the area. An adv element of 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ, and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn set off for THE CAR. AGC accompanied by ADC visited Brig	at P. 16 Aug

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			UNLH, comd 14 Aust Inf Bde.	
<u>PTETMORESBY</u>	17 Aug		Main body HL 7 Aust Div disembarked <u>PORT MORESBY</u> 0730 hrs. ✓ Moved by LT to <u>EDLY AVE</u> (9 miles east <u>PORT MORESBY</u>) preparatory to Adv and Rear M. moving to respective selected sites. At 1030 hrs a force of 22 Japanese bombers (Serial 51) escorted by a screen of fighters dropped bombs on 7 Mile aerodrome. When the alert was sounded 1ST CHAMITCH moved away from the wharf, which delayed unloading operations for one hour.	
			Comd 7 Aust Div visited Comd 14 Aust Inf Bde. A warning order was issued to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn, stating that it was to be prepared to move at 24 hrs notice as from 2100 hrs 26 Aug, and that the unit would be organized on the basis that its destination would be the <u>KOMODA</u> area (02005) (See Appx 7a) ✓	
			All ongr units 7 Aust Div, with the exception of dots att 21 Aust Inf Bde were placed under comd M. IGP for ops (02002) (See appx 9c).	Appx 9 (c) appx
	18 Aug		Comd 7 Aust Div accompanied by GOC I, ALBERT and IGP made a further recon of <u>PORT MORESBY</u> area. IG Force Op Instrn was issued to GOC 7 Aust Div. The roles allotted 7 Aust Div were as under: (1) Defence of <u>PORT MORESBY</u> area against sea-borne attacks (2) Defence of aerodromes against land or air-borne attacks. (3) Control of ops in the <u>MOOLA</u> area (see Appx) Adv HL 7 Aust Div ordered (ref rang <u>PORT MORESBY</u> 2" - 1 mile) 125071 at 1200 hrs. Rear M. located at 145092. 7 Aust Div Location Statement (SG 33/1/145 issued (see Appx 3). 7 Aust Div G of B (SG 33/1/33) issued (see Appx 2).	appx 3 appx 2
	19 Aug		Due to acute shortage of maps of <u>NEW GUINEA</u> , it was found impossible to issue units of 7 Aust Div with even one complete set. ✓ No copies of <u>PORT MORESBY</u> sheet, on which	

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Unit HQ 7 Aust Div

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To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PT MORESBY			all our ops are based are obtainable.	
			It is believed 1000 sheets of this map were despatched ex MELBOURNE 5 Aug, but to date they have not arrived. SOG accompanied by ADC visited HQs 3 Aust Inf Bn and 50 Aust Inf Bn.	att. Log
	20 AUG		7 Aust Div Op Instrn No 6 issued. It states in brief that 7 Aust Div is responsible for the defence of the seven aerodromes in the PORT MORESBY area against air-borne and ground attack (See Appx 1).	Appx 1
			As the nature of the country south of the KOKODA area prohibits the use of carriers, universal, the carrier pls of all units under cmd 7 Aust Div, together with inf bn 5" mortar pls, have been grouped, to form the 2/7 Aust Div Carrier Gp. The Gp consists of two coys, each of three carrier and three mortar (carrier-borne) pls. The role of the Carrier Gp is set out in 7 Aust Div Op Instrn No 6.	Appx 1
			At 0800 hrs, SOG accompanied by ADC met Lieut-Gen STURDEE CCS and party at 7 Mile Aerodrome.	att. Log
	21 AUG		At 1015 hrs SOG, accompanied by GSO I, Maj WALKER and ADC attended a conference at Govt House PORT MORESBY and met Gen WHITEHEAD.	
			Plans for the tot of supplies and sent by air were prepared. From infn received, approx 500 Japanese are known to be in the ERORO area. It is known that a feasible track exists ERORO - SISIRATA - MYOLA, and that the ORAKIVA tribe (ERORO district) are friendly to the Japanese. In view of the fact that the enemy might use this track to disrupt the I of C, orders were issued to LAPOURNA Force that adequate precautions be taken to safeguard this track. (O 626) (See Appx 9(c))	
			Adv 21 Aust Inf Bde reached EF031.	att. Log

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Unit 7th Aust Div Date and Time.—From 1 Aug To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PT MORESBY	22 AUG		At 1100 hrs Comd 1 Aust Cor s visited GOC 7 Aust Div. At 1630 hrs Gen WHITEHEAD and Gen WILKINSON visited GOC to return a courtesy call. The day was spent in preparing plans for the def of PORT MORESBY area, and for MOALA ops. Infm was received that Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde had arrived HQ KARUBERA Force at WELLESBORN CROSSING. It was reported from MOALA that the two 8" mortars and 120 rds mortar amm which had been dropped from the air at 0300 hrs, had been recovered, and were 100 % serviceable (0702) (See APPX 9c)	at L. Lay
	23 AUG		During the morning, Comd 14 Aust Inf Bde visited GOC. Comd 1 Aust Cor s visited HQ 7 Aust Div and conferred with GOC. GOC accompanied by ADC visited HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Gp at IMIRI.	
	24 AUG		GOC and ADC visited hospital ship HANUDA to discuss medical arrangements. GOC I visited GOC HQ Force and proposed plans for the defence of MORESBY and for the defence of aerodromes in the MORESBY area. After discussion the plans were approved. (7 Aust Div Op Instrn No 7) (See Appx 1).	Appx 1
			A signal (07 31) was received from GOC HQ Force stating, inter alia, that the present supply situation at MOALA did not permit of offensive ops to be undertaken (See Appx 9c).	at L. Lay
	25 AUG 42		Infm was received that an LO from HQ KARUBERA FORCE was being sent to HQ 7 Aust Div with full infm, and to stress the needs of the situation (See Appx 9b).	
			7 Aust Div Op Instrn No 7 instructed. The instrn stated that in the event of a sea-borne attack, units would come under direct cord IGF and, together with army units under direct cord IGF PORT MORESBY area, would become available to 7 Aust Div for the defence of PORT MORESBY. (See Appx 1).	at L. Lay

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Unit HQ 7 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 1 AUG 42

To 31 AUG 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PT MORESBY	26 Aug		At 0830 hrs GOC 1 Aust Corps conferred with GOC 7 Aust Div. During the discussion, Comd 7 Aust Div asked that 25 Aust Inf Bde be brought over immediately, as he considered that three inf bde gps were necessary for the adequate defence of PORT MORESBY against sea-borne attack. ✓	
			At 1400 hrs GOC, accompanied by GOC 1 and Maj WALKER, attended a conference at 49 Aust Inf Bn HQ to discuss the defence of "Z" Coy area and the RAIF area at KOINEDOBU. Comd "Z" Coy (PAPA BLT) F/C CORRIGAN (def offr RAIF POINT MORESBY) and Comd 49 Aust Inf Bn also attended.	
			It was decided to move 2/37 Aust Inf Bn plus det 9 Pl Aust Inf Bn plus a composite coy formed from 2/14 and 2/16 Aust Inf Bns to RAZORBACK area (0745). (See Appx 9c). ✓	Appx 9(c)
			At 1430 hrs infm was received from IGF that a Japanese landing had been effected on the north shore of MILNE BAY. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde located at ALOLA. ✓	
			SG 2/2/4 - Air raids - issued (See Appx 4f). ✓	Appx 4(f)
	27 Aug		At 0900 hrs Maj CAMERON (BN 50 Aust Inf Bde) who had left ALOLA 25 Aug visited GOC 7 Aust Div. He brought with him valuable infm of the supply situation and conditions in fwd areas.	
			Advice was received that Lt-Col WARD (Comd 55 Aust Inf Bn) had been killed in action in the ISURAVA area. ✓	
			At 1400 hrs Comd 7 Aust Div attended a conference with RAIF, AA, and inf comds at PORT MORESBY. Comd 7 Aust Div laid down his policy for defence and co-ordination.	
			HQ MACQUEEN FORCE - ALOLA.	
	28 Aug		GOC 7 Aust Div accompanied by CRA (Brig L E S BARNER) spent the day inspecting beach gun posns 4028 MORESBY area. Reports received from the ISURAVA area indicated that the enemy were increasing the pressure on our fwd tps.	

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Unit HL 7 Aust Div

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To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Comd HAWAIIA Force asked for the despatch of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn to ISURAVA area (O 8) (See Appx 9(a)). ✓	Atchley Appx 9(a)
	29 Aug		At 0900 hrs GOC 7 Aust Div visited Comd HQF (Lt-Col ROWELL) and conferred on matters affecting the def of PORT HARBOR area and ops in ISURAVA area.	
			7 Aust Div Co Eastn ⁷ sent III - Areas and Installations - issued (See Appx 1).	
			Heavy fighting was reported in the ISURAVA - ABUARI area. To prevent our fwd tps being encircled, 2/18 Aust Inf Bn was withdrawn to MOLA rest house ridge. Enemy casualties were known to be heavy.	Atchley Appx 1
	30 Aug 42		At 0900 hrs Comd 7 Aust Div and 350 I conferred with Comd and 2 i/c 2/27 Aust Inf Bn. It was decided to send two coys 2/27 Aust Inf Bn immediately to the MOLA area, two coys to follow, and to be decided upon. ✓	
			Infm was received that during the last three days, our tps had inflicted by casualties on the enemy in the ISURAVA area.	
			Strong enemy pressure was reported on the entire ISURAVA front (ISS) (See Appx 9(b)).	
			Infm requested ground forming of suspected enemy H. (SIC) (See Appx 9(b)). Two P40s were made available. The area between GIVE and KIRG-I was strafed with unknown results.	Appx 9(b)
	31 Aug		At 0900 hrs Brig PORTER (Comd 30 Aust Inf Bde) who had just returned from MOLA area, interviewed GOC 7 Aust Div. ✓	
			Location statement SG 30/1/146 issued (See Appx).	
			Infm was received from KIRUTAK that by fighting took place at MOLA. Lt-Col HUI (Comd 2/14 Bn) and his staff reported missing but hope was held out for their eventual return.	
			Brig PORTER (Comd 30 Aust Inf Bde) requested investigation of possibility of landing ambulance planes at MOLA to evacuate wounded. ✓	Atchley

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Unit 32.7 Inst Div

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7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 4

INPR

1. 7 Aust Div is moving by sea to a new destination as advised previously to comds at conference held at Bt 7 Aust Div on 3 Aug 42.

Details of move are being advised, vide 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 39.

1 Aust Corps has laid down code words for move - ~~TOPRAH~~ divided into ~~TOPRAH NORTH~~ and ~~TOPRAH SOUTH~~ (ie Aust Div Bde Cpt).

O of B

2. O of 5, 7 Aust Div is att as Appx A. Units and sub-units grouped with Bdes remain or come under comd of Bdes forthwith. Units or sub-units (except Aust Coys AACG) shown under independent go revert forthwith to comd own Bde and on departure of Bde pass to comd 25 Aust Inf Bde. Aust Coys AACG come under comd of Bde to which normally allotted, and on departure 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes all pass to comd 25 Aust Inf Bde. 25 Aust Inf Bde comes under comd HQ on departure of 7 Aust Div.

RELIEF FROM OPERATIONAL ROLE

3. Units and formations will be prepared to hand over, when required, op instns and plans, etc, covering their op role in present area. Relief is being arranged by First Army.

ENCL STORES

4. 5 assault and 5 recon boats to accompany each coy - recon boats to be crated.

BEACH DEFENCE STORES, 21 AUST INF BDE

5. MMGs and beach lights to move with 21 Aust Inf Bde - balance defence stores to be handed over to US dump, CALCUTTA; disposal is being arranged by 1 Aust Corps.

CONTROLLED STORES

6. Controlled stores as under will be released and sent in bulk to destination under arrangements 1 Aust Corps:- Extra TSMGs, prismatic compasses, bty-charging sets, and bicycles

ADV PARTIES

7. Bdes will be responsible for including unit adv parties in previous flights. Total figures of personnel and vehs will NOT, however, be altered.

LOGS

8. One LO will be detailed by each Bde and Div tps to report Queensland L of C forthwith for liaison regarding details of embarkation with formations concerned. Bde Ls will report Div LO upon arrival at Queensland L of C for detailed instns. Ls will move complete with baggage, etc.

AA PROTECTION DURING VOYAGE

9. Units will be responsible that AA MGs are available for use

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on ship as detailed by OC Tps.

COMD DURING VOYAGE

10. Unless otherwise instructed by 311 L of C, the senior combatant offr on each ship will be responsible for appointing OC Tps. *AL*

COMD OF CORPS TPS & 18 AUST INF BDE GP

11. Corps Tps accompanying flights will be embarked under arrangements 1 Aust Corps and will come under comd upon arrival at destination as follows:-

(a) Units accompanying 18 Aust Inf Bde

HQ "C" Force

(b) Units accompanying 7 Aust Div

HQ 1 Aust Corps

12. MAPS 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp comes under HQ "C" Force upon arrival at destination.

13. Subs of maps are being placed on tpts. These maps will NOT be opened or distributed until ship sails.

SECURITY

14. Every possible precaution will be taken to ensure the secrecy of this move. It must be remembered that Jap submarines are known to be operating off the Queensland coast. The following must be guarded against:-

- (a) Tps using telephones at ry stas and wharfs.
(b) Tps giving letters to civilians.
(c) Tps dropping messages overboard.

IMGs - INF BNS

15. Inf bns will be issued with 12 IMGs for issue to carrier pls as primary weapon. Carrier pls will retain IMG (Brens). IMGs will be complete with fiction stores on basis of three carriers per sec. Bapd will be provided under 7 Aust Div arrangements as follows:-

- (a) In bulk to move with 2nd flight 18 Aust Inf Bde for issue by Bde HQ .. 36.
(b) In bulk to move with 2nd flight 21 Aust Inf Bde for issue by Bde HQ .. 36.
(c) In bulk to be issued direct to 25 Aust Inf Bde in present location.... 35

INTERCOM

16. HQ 7 Aust Div will close present location 0800 hrs 10 Aug when comd of tps not moving will pass to 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp (as qualified by para 2 above).

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Signed at 1510 hrs.

Passed to Sigs.

DISTRIBUTION (see over)

Col.
GS 7 Aust Div.

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18 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 4	Comd	22
21 Aust Inf Bde	5 - 8	G (0)	23
25 Aust Inf Bde	9 - 12	G (I)	24
2/7 Aust Cav	13	AQ	25
RAA 7 Aust Div	14	ADMS	26
2/1 Aust MG Bn	15	DAFM	27
RAE 7 Aust Div	16	ADOS	28
Sigs 7 Aust Div	17	Camp	29
HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust		File	30
Div	18	War Diary	31 - 32
2/7 Aust Div Fd		Spares	33 - 35
Cash Office	19		
2/7 Aust Div Postal		For info:	
Unit	20	Adv LSG	36
"C" Coy Aust EL Gd		First Aust Army	37
Bn	21	1 Aust Corps	38
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DIV TPS	18 AUST INF BDE	21 AUST INF BDE	25 AUST INF BDE
AAHC 2/2 Aust Fd Evg Sec	2/5 Aust Fd Amb SCC Aust Dental Unit (att 2/9 Inf Bn) SCC Aust Dental Unit	2/6 Aust Fd Amb 2/55 Aust Dental Unit	2/4 Aust Fd Amb 2/9 Aust Dental Unit 205 Aust Dental Unit (att 2/33 Inf Bn)
AAC 2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop 151 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk 2/7 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit 2/7 Aust Div Salvage Unit 2/56 Aust LAD (7 Div Sigs)	12 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop 18 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk 2/47 Aust LAD	21 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop 21 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk 2/59 Aust LAD	25 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop 25 Ede Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk 2/44 Aust LAD

INDEPENDENT UNITS

2/7 Aust Div Cav Regt
 2/50 LAD
 C Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
 2/2 Aust A Tr Regt
 H Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
 2/54 Aust LAD
 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
 2/55 Aust LAD
 2/1 Aust MC Bn
 2/45 Aust LAD
 2/5 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)
 2/52 Aust LAD
 F Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
 2/51 Aust LAD
 E Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
 2/4 Aust Coy AAC
 2/6 Aust Coy AAC

7 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE - 2400 HRS 3 AUG 42

APEX "A"

S E C R E T

DIV PFC	13 AUST INF BDE	21 AUST INF BDE	25 AUST INF BDE
22 Tps HQ 7 Aust Div 7 Aust Div Int Sec HQ Sec PFC 2/7 Aust Div Regt P1 2/7 Aust Div Regt Coy (Class C, 4 & 5 Secs) 2/7 Aust Div Regt Office 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit (Class Data with files) 2/7 Aust Div Concert Party 7 Aust Div Gen Corps Reception Camp	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit 5 Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Det 7 Aust Div Postal 4 Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit 3 Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
Art Bn HQ 6 Art Bn 7 Aust Div 10 Art Bn 7 Aust Div	11 Art Bn 7 Aust Div	9 Art Bn 7 Aust Div	10 Art Bn 7 Aust Div
Arty HQ 2/5 Aust Div	3 Bty 2/5 Aust Div Regt		2/6 Aust Div Regt (11, 12 & 33 Art Bys) 2/55 IAD 6 Sec Sigs
ASC HQ 2/5 Aust Div 7 Aust Div Config Tng Unit 2/7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	2/4 Aust Div Coy	2/6 Aust Div Coy	2/5 Aust Div Coy
Sigs HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div 2/55 IAD HQ 1 Coy (Class C Sec) HQ 2 Coy HQ 3 Coy 2/7 Aust Div Cipher Sec	J Sec Sigs (HQ 13 Inf Bde)	K Sec Sigs (HQ 21 Inf Bde)	G Sec Sigs (2/6 Div Regt) L Sec Sigs (HQ 25 Inf Bde)
Inf	2/9 Aust Inf Bn 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	2/25 Aust Inf Bn 2/31 Aust Inf Bn 2/35 Aust Inf Bn
AASC HQ 2/5 Aust Div			2/5 Aust Coy AASC

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6 Aug 42.

7 Aust Div Op Instr No 4

Amendment No 1

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1. Amendments to 0 of B att as Appx "A" to 7 Aust Div Op Instr No 4 are as follows:-

(a) Div Tps

Hq Tps - add after 2/7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office "(less det)".
RAE - add Field Stores Sec 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy.
Sigs - delete 2/56 Aust LAD.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

Hq Tps - add - det 2/7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.
Add - ASC - det 2/6 Aust Coy ASC.

(c) 21 Aust Inf Bde

Add - ASC - det 2/4 Aust Coy ASC.

(d) Independent Units

Add - 2/56 Aust LAD.
after 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy "(less Field Stores Sec)".
after 2/4 Aust Coy ASC "(less det)".
after 2/6 Aust Coy ASC "(less det)".

INTERCOM

2. (a) Delete words "HQ 7 Aust Div will close present location 0800 hrs 10 Aug" and substitute "HQ 7 Aust Div will close present location at 1400 hrs 8 Aug."
(b) Div 10 will report Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps, ASCOT Camp, 1400 hrs 8 Aug. Upon departure HQ 1 Aust Corps, Div 10 will report for duty to and will move with HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 1450 hrs.

Issued to Sigs.

Distribution:

As per Op Instr No 4.

W. H. Jones
Col.
GS 7 Aust Div.

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7 Aust Div Op Instr No 4

Amendment No 1

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1. Amendments to C of B att as Appx "A" to 7 Aust Div Op Instr No 4 are as follows:-

(a) Div Tps

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Sigs - delete 2/56 Aust LAD.

(b) 18 Aust Inf Bde

HQ Tps - add - det 2/7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.
Add - ASC - det 2/6 Aust Coy ASC.

(c) 21 Aust Inf Bde

Add - ASC - det 2/4 Aust Coy ASC.

(d) Independent Units

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after 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy "(less Field Stores Sec)".
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Signed at 1450 hrs.

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GS 7 Aust Div.

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15 Aug 42.

7 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO. 5

INFORMATION.

1. It is estimated that the enemy strength, which has so far been opposed to us, amounts to approximately 1500. Further reinforcements arrived GOMA 13 Aug 42 of an estimated total of 3000. It is not clear what proportions of these are fighting troops, or labour personnel for aerodrome construction, and carriage of Sugs. It is expected that the enemy will attempt to secure the pass over the CHEN STANLEY RANGE, with a view either to advancing on PORT MORISON, or to deny us this route, in ops for the recapture BUNA and GOMA.
2. (a) 39 Aust Inf Bn and remnants of PIP after successfully delaying enemy at DEHEI, have withdrawn ISUMAYA area.
(b) Comd 30 Aust Inf Bde should reach KAGI area late on 16 Aug 42 and takes over control of ops from comd 39 Aust Inf Bn on arrival.
(c) 53 Aust Inf Bn is proceeding KAGI area. Its leading coy is expected to arrive 16 Aug 42, and is due to complete concentration on 20 Aug 42. It comes under orders 30 Aust Inf Bde on arrival.
(d) 30 Aust Inf Bde is imposing maximum delay possible on enemy North of CHEN STANLEY RANGE, and at all costs is preventing the sup depot KAGI (YOLA LINE) being captured. Subject to the foregoing, 30 Aust Inf Bde is also at liberty to take any action which will favorably influence the recapture of HOKODA.

INTENTION.

3. 21 Aust Inf Bde will recapture HOKODA with a view to facilitating further ops against BUNA - GOMA.

METHOD.

4. In order to effect the intention vide para 3 above Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde will move forward bearing in mind following objectives -

- (a) to secure GAP.
(b) to protect KAGI dump.
(c) to recapture and secure HOKODA.

5. The force to be employed will be as follows -

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec	
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	
Det 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	} as determined by Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.
Det 2/6 Aust Pd A-B	
Elements 30 Aust Inf Bde	

6. Movement forward from ITIKI area will commence as follows -

2/14 Aust Inf Bn	-	15 Aug 42
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	-	16 Aug 42.
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec	}	as determined by Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
Det 2/6 Aust Pd Coy		
Det 2/6 Aust Pd A-B		

7. Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde will, on arrival in forward area, assume control of all ops at a time to be mutually arranged with Comd 30 Aust Inf Bde. Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde can then employ such portion of 30 Aust Inf Bde as may be necessary to carry out the task vide para 3 above, and which can be maintained in the forward area. Units of 30 Aust Inf Bde which return from forward area will be located initially ITIKI and will come under comd 7 Aust Div on arrival.

8. Balance of units 21 Aust Inf Bde Co NCF moving forward, less balance 2/6 Aust Fd Coy and carrier and mortar pls of Inf Bns, will come under Comd 2/27 Aust Inf Bn as from 1200 hrs 16 Aug 42. Balance 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will come under comd GCE 1 Aust Corps Tps Engrs. Carrier and mortar pls of Inf Bns will come under comd 7 Aust Div direct. Maj WHITE 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be CG carrier and mortar gp.

ADM.

9. Sup arrangements up to and incl KAGI are being made by NCF.

10. Evacuation of casualties will be through RAE's to forward dressing sta (provided by det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb) to holding post (provided by 14 Aust Fd Amb). Track evacuation to base will be through medical staging posts (two medical orderlies provided by 2/6 Aust Fd Amb) at each of the following -

ISURAVA
EFOGI
MAURO
UREBIPAWA
UGERI

A car loading post will be established by 14 Aust Fd Amb at rd head. Maj MACAREY 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will be SMO forward area.

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7 Aust Div Op Instr No 6.

1. 7 Aust Div is responsible for the defence of the following aerodromes in MORESBY area against land or sea-borne attack:-

KILA
7 MILE
WARDS
BOMANA
LALOKI
WAIGANI
RORONA

2. Carrier sub-units will be allotted by formations and units from their resources to aerodromes areas as shown in Appx "A" att.

ROLE: Defence of respective aerodrome areas against air-borne and ground attack.

3. Carrier sub-units allotted to the role of aerodrome defence will be in posn (except as shown in Appx "A") by 1200 hrs 23 Aug 42. They will be located in the vicinity of areas of responsibility concerned so that they can carry out their tactical role. Their role will be in support, and will be co-ordinated by comds concerned with aerodrome defence cmd.

It is proposed, in the near future to revise aerodromes defence comds after consultation with formations, units etc concerned. Any alteration to existing comds will be advised later.

4. Carriers of 21 Aust Inf Bde and 30 Aust Inf Bde (less 49 Aust Inf Bn) are being organised as a Carrier Cp of HQ and 21 and 30 Aust Inf Bde Carrier Coys and will be designated 7 Aust Div Carrier Cp. 30 Aust Inf Bde Carrier Coy will come under cmd 49 Aust Inf Bn as from 2400 hrs 22 Aug 42.

5. Anti-sabotage and close area defence of aerodromes with ground tps and the defence of RORONA aerodrome will be the subject of separate instrns.

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Signed at 1400 hrs.

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APPX "A" TO 7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 6.

<u>Aerodrome Area</u>	<u>FORMATION or UNIT responsible for defence and provision Carrier sub-units</u>	<u>Carrier Sub-units</u>		<u>Aerodrome Defence Comd (any revision to be advised later)</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		<u>Carriers LMG</u>	<u>Carriers Mortar</u>		
KILA	49 Aust Inf Bn	One Sec	One Sec	Lt-Col O W Kessels 49 Aust Inf Bn	To be provided when advice received from AAF that aerodrome is in use
WARDS	49 Aust Inf Bn	One Sec	One Sec		
7 MILE	14 Aust Inf Bde	One Pl	-	Maj P W A Kelso NG Force AA Bde Gp	To be provided when advice received from AAF that aerodrome is in use
BOMANA	7 Aust Div Carrier Gp	Two Secs	One Sec	Maj A L Henderson NG Force AA Bde Gp	
LALOKI	7 Aust Div Carrier Gp	One Sec	One Sec	do	
WAIGANI	7 Aust Div Carrier Gp	One Sec	One Sec		

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7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7.

Defence of PORT MORESBY Area.

Ref maps: PORT MORESBY (provisional) 2" to 1 mile.
Central Division $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1 mile.

GENERAL

Roles of 7 Aust Div

1. 7 Aust Div is responsible for:-
 - (a) Defence of PORT MORESBY area against sea-borne attack.
 - (b) Defence of aerodromes against land or air-borne attacks.

Tps available

2. In the event of a sea-borne attack, units of all allied forces in NEW GUINEA area come under comd GOC NG Force and, together with Army units under direct comd NG Force PORT MORESBY area, become available to 7 Aust Div for the defence of PORT MORESBY.

3. Comd 7 Aust Div is authorised to deal direct with comds of allied tps and comds of units under direct comd NG Force for the purpose of preparing plans for the employment of tps vide para 2 above.

Employment of tps available

4. It is proposed to utilise available tps as follows:-

- (a) For fd defence of PORT MORESBY against sea-borne attack:

7 Aust Div (less MAROUBRA Force) plus one coy 808 Engr Bn.

- (b) For defence of aerodromes and vital installations and areas against sea-borne, land or air-borne attack:

Allied forces (less one coy 808 Engr Bn) and units under direct comd NG Force;

Dets of carrier and mortar units for defence of aerodromes (7 Aust Div Op Instn No 6 of 20 Aug 42 refers);

A mob res provided by fd formations for anti-paratps role only.

Preparation of plans

5. Instns covering the employment of tps vide para 4(a) above are included in Part I of this op instn. Separate op instns (Part II Aerodromes, and Part III - Installations and areas) will be issued covering employment of tps vide para 4(b) above. (7 Aust Div Op Instn No 6 of 20 Aug 42, showing allotment of dets of carrier and mortar units, has already been issued).

PART 1 - EMPLOYMENT OF FD FORMATIONSEnemy approach

6. An enemy attempt to capture PORT MORESBY is unlikely before he has gained sea and air superiority. Some warning of his intentions may, therefore, be anticipated.

The coast line from which there is direct approach to ground vital to hold for the defence extends from TUPUSELEI (2091) to track junc 9707. Ground vital to hold for defence is shown in Appx "A".

Probable landing places, should a sea-borne attack be attempted, are BOOTLESS INLET, JOYCE BAY, WALTER BAY, BOERA and GALLEY REACH area.

Landings outside these areas would make enemy approach through undeveloped country difficult, and deprive the enemy of any element of surprise, but these areas cannot altogether be disregarded.

Basis of defensive plan for fd formations

7. (a) Beach defence arty guns and beach defence MMGs to cover probable landing beaches.
- (b) Mob inf fighting patrols from fwd bns to harass landings and deal with enemy infiltrations.
- (c) Defensive localities organised for all-round and protracted defence sited on, or to cover, vital ground and prevent infiltration. Such localities will be used as bases for counter-attack and offensive action.

Beach defence

8. (a) Fd arty and certain MMGs sited in a beach-defence role will be organised into gps as shown in Appx A and will come under comd RAA 7 Aust Div direct. (MMGs NOT included in gps will remain under comd in whose sector located)
- (b) MMGs will be sited for beach defence but will, wherever possible, be located to give protection to arty beach-defence guns.

Areas of responsibility

9. Appx "A" also shows the following:-
 - (a) Area of responsibility - 14 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
 - (b) Area of responsibility - 49 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

Defence of aerodromes against paratps only

10. Formations etc will provide a mob res for defence of aerodromes as follows:-

(a) 14 Aust Inf Bde

One coy from one bn - LALOKI (1012) or BOMANA (1111) aerodrome.

One coy from one bn - 7 MILE aerodrome (0805).

One coy from one bn - WAIGANI aerodrome (when completed) (0515).

(b) 49 Aust Inf Bn

One coy - KILA KILA (0599) or WARDS (0405) aerodrome when completed.

(3)

Coys will be mob and will be available to move at call. Comds of formations, etc, concerned will ensure that adequate sig comms exist between aerodromes and units.

Div res

11. (a) 7 Aust Div Carrier Gp (less 30 Aust Inf Bde Carrier Coy and dots located on aerodromes vide 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 6 of 20 Aug 42) to be located MURRAY BARRACKS area (049015).

ROLE: Firstly, to be prepared to delay enemy penetration from right flank along routes of LALOKI Valley and north of FAIRFAX BAY;

secondly, to be used as a mob striking force to prevent enemy infiltration on left flank towards ROUNA rd.

- (b) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

To remain in present posn but to be available to move to RAZOR BACK (0910-0909) area at 12 hrs notice. Defensive posns this area to be reced immediately.

Arty

12. (a) Fd - the primary role of fd arty will be the destruction of enemy landing craft. In event of enemy landing arty will be prepared to support inf ops and, for this purpose, will mark and silently register pts in likely avenues of enemy infiltration in co-operation with inf comds. Location of such pts will be made available to inf comds concerned.

- (b) A Tk - NG Force Ind A Tk Tp will remain in div res and will be located in area BARKERS CROSSING (0403).

- (c) Hy AA overlooking water, as a secondary role, will engage in first instance tpts and then landing craft.

Lt AA overlooking water, as a secondary role will engage landing craft.

AA arty sited for protection of aerodromes will be allotted secondary role by comds of aerodrome defence sectors.

- (d) Included in Appx "A" are locations of all fd A Tk and CD arty

Engrs

13. One coy 808 Engr Bn USASOS will come under cmd 49 Aust Inf Bn when op emergency arises. CO 49 Aust Inf Bn will allot defensive role to this sub-unit in his area of responsibility. All preliminary plans for the occupation of such posn in an emergency will be completed as early as possible.

Demolitions

14. 7 Aust Div will be responsible for fd demolitions only. Plans for preparation of obstacles and demolitions will be submitted to this HQ for approval.

Minefds

15. Location and details of minefds already in posn are shown in Appx A. Plans for further minefds will be submitted to this HQ for approval.

(4)

Protection against grass and bush fires

16. Formations etc will ensure that plans are prepared and precautions taken to deal with bush fires in their areas of responsibility.


Completion of plans

17. Plans in accordance with the foregoing will be completed by 27 Aug 42 and will be fwded to this HQ for approval.

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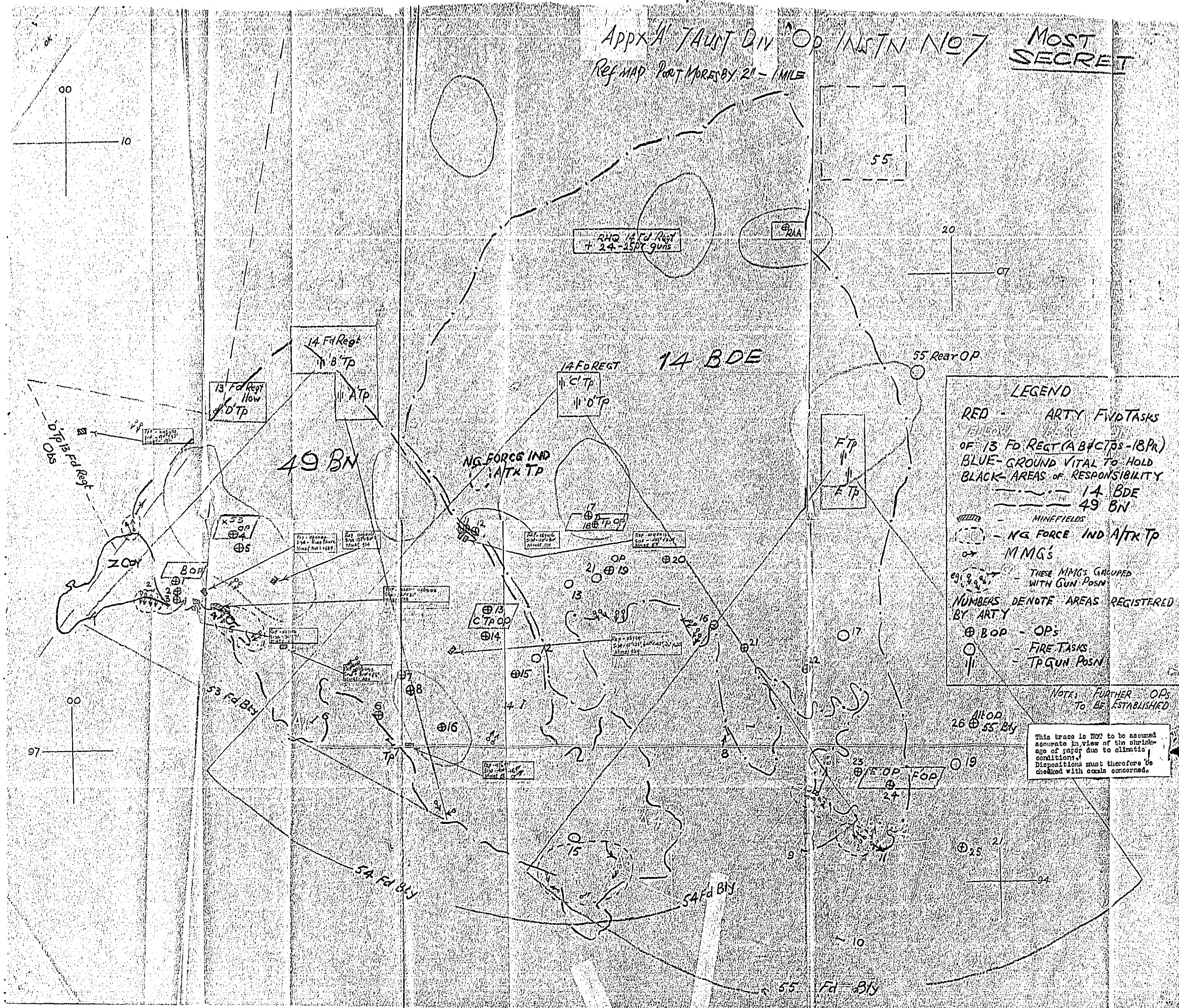
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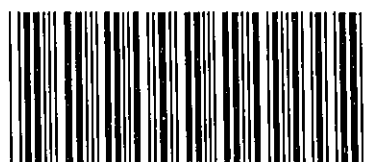
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7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 7
DEFENCE OF PORT MORESBY AREA
PART II - AERODROMES

(Ref 7 Aust Div Op Instns Nos 6 and 7 (Part I) of 20 and 25 Aug 42 respectively)

Ref map: PORT MORESBY (provisional) 31680

1. The responsibility for the protection of aerodromes will be as follows:-
 - (a) AAF - Internal security, protection of aerodrome installations and planes, and anti-sabotage precautions;
 - (b) Army - Defence of aerodrome areas against air-borne and ground attack.

The above policy has been determined in collaboration with AAF MORESBY area.

2. Att as Appx A is a schedule showing aerodromes to be protected, comds of aerodrome-defence sectors, with units and sub-units concerned. Areas of responsibility of aerodrome-defence sector comds are shown on sketch att as Appx B.
3. All allied-forces units and units under direct comd of NG Force located in aerodrome-defence sectors will be available for the defence of those sectors. Sectors will remain constant, and movements of units out of, or into, them will be reported to comds concerned -
 - (a) when projected;
 - (b) immediately when completed.

Changes in appointments of aerodrome-defence sector comds will be made by 7 Aust Div, who will be kept informed of all movements which are likely to affect such comds.

4. Units for defensive purposes will be organised on an inf basis (ie, pls of 30-40 men).
5. The role of aerodrome-defence sector comds will be -
 - (a) to prevent enemy penetration into aerodrome areas;
 - (b) protracted defence of selected localities within aerodrome-defence sectors.
6. Localities selected for defence will be in depth and will include ground vital for the close defence of the aerodrome. AA weapons will be sited therein to perform both their primary and their secondary roles insofar as the efficient performance of their primary roles will permit. Each locality within aerodrome-defence sectors will be self-contained and capable of all-round defence. A mob res will be retained by comds.
7. The action of carrier sub-units (allotted vide 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 6 of 20 Aug 42) will be co-ordinated with defence plans. Their role generally should be as follows:-
 - (a) protective recce and delaying action;
 - (b) harassing of enemy concentrations;
 - (c) immediate attack to counter enemy penetration.

8. The roles of mob res coys from bns will be co-ordinated by comds of aerodrome-defence sectors with formation comds etc concerned (7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7 - Part I - refers).
9. If and when the enemy penetrates a local area the protection of which is the responsibility of the AAF, all tps in that area will come directly under cmd aerodrome-defence sector.
10. Aerodrome-defence sector comds and comds of AAF tps will ensure that all units are practised in their defensive role. Such practices will be carried out periodically.
11. All posns will be rendered as impregnable as time and primary roles will permit, and continuous improvements to works and camflg will be effected. The following will be the priority of construction of fd defences:-
 - (a) rweapon pits and emplacements;
 - (b) wiring;
 - (c) development of posts and comm systems;
 - (d) alternative posts and emplacements;
 - (e) dummy posts.
12. Plans in accordance with the foregoing will be completed by 31 Aug and fwded to this HQ for approval.
13. All previous instns on this subject (less 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 6) are cancelled.

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(x) para 3, 7 Aust Div Op Instn
No 6 refers)

46) copy of 7 Aust Div Op Instn
No 6 of 20 Aug 42 att)

Aerodrome	Units located in aerodrome defence sector	Strength (approx)		Weapons (approx)	Comd aerodrome defence sector	Remarks
		Offrs	ORs			
LALOKI (cont)	One Coy 808 Engr Bn	4	160	Rifles 160 LMGs 8 HMG 1 A Tk gun: (37 mm) 1 SMGs 4		
WAIGANI	HQ 808 Engr Bn) HQ Coy 808 Engr Bn)	8	160	Rifles 160 LMGs 4 HMG 1 SMGs 4	Maj A D Chaffin 808 Engr Bn	Comd will be confirmed and further details will be advised when in use One coy 808 Engr Bn mobile reserve vide 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7 Part 1
	One Coy 808 Engr Bn	4	160	Rifles 160 LMGs 8 HMG 1 A Tk gun (37 mm) 1 SMGs 4		
WARDS	AAF Maintenance Unit					Responsibility of AAF until aerodrome in use when details will be advised
KILA	101 CA Bn (AA)	6	150	Rifles 150 Bofors 8 HMG (AA) 8 SMGs 6	Lt-Col O W Kessels 49 Aust Inf Bn	
	A Coy 96 Engr Bn	4	276	Rifles 270 LMGs 4 HMGs 2 A Tk gun (37 mm) 1		
	No 2 AA SL Sta		12	Rifles 6 LMG 1		

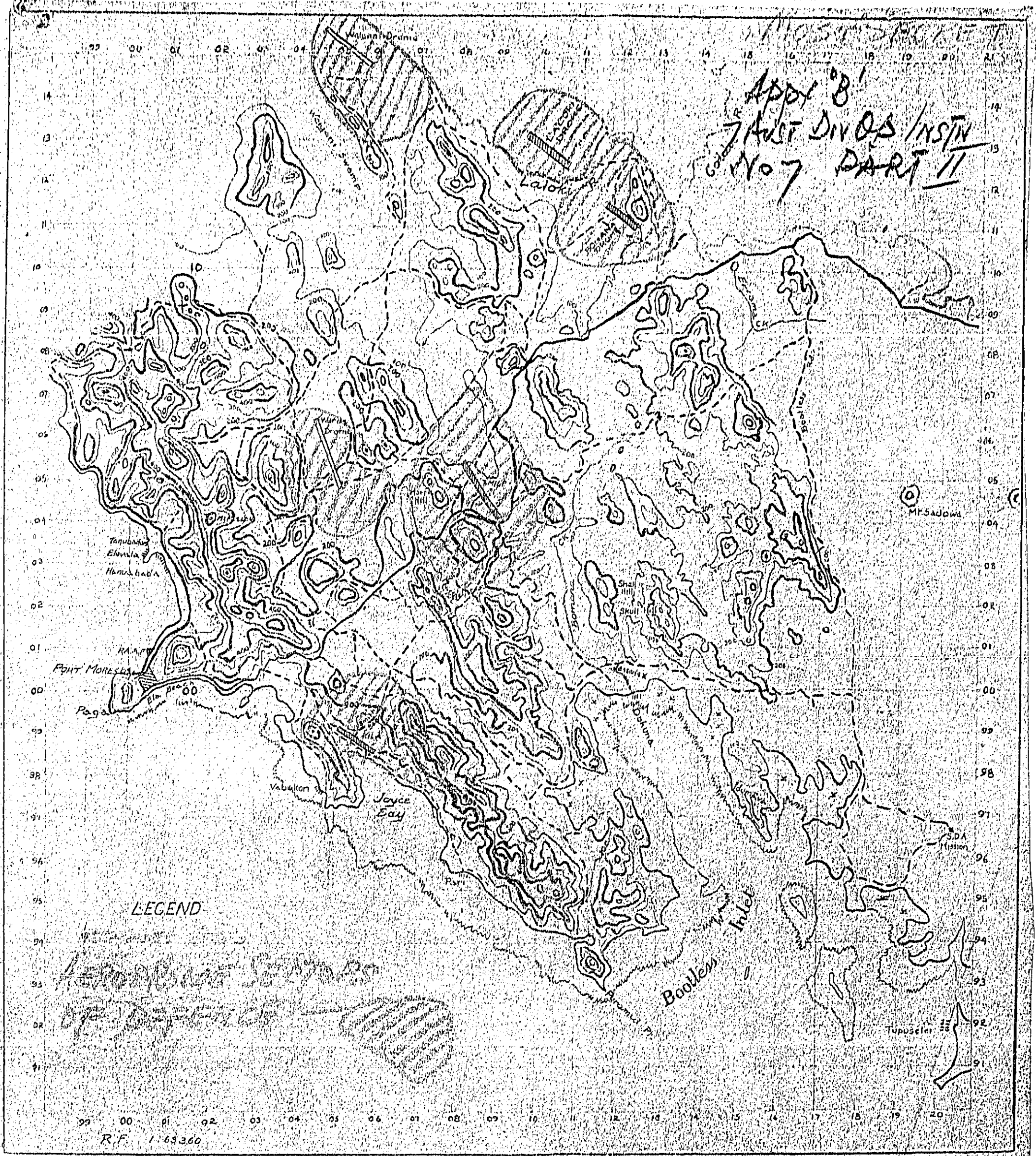
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Appx "A"

<u>Aerodrome</u>	<u>Units located in aerodrome defence sector</u>	<u>Strength (approx)</u>		<u>Weapons (approx)</u>	<u>Comd aerodrome defence sector</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>			
7 MILE	3 Lt AA Bty	4	155	Rifles 177 LMGs 3 Bofors 10	Maj P W A Kelso AA Bde Gp	
	9 Lt AA Bty	2	57	Rifles 50 LMG 1 Bofors 4		
	101 CA Bn (AA)	4	108	Rifles 108 LMG 1 Bofors 4 HMG(AA) 8 SMGs 4		
	B and D Coys 96 Engr Regt	8	530	Rifles 500 LMGs 4 HMGs 4 A Tk guns 2		
	No 10 AASL Sta		12	LMG 1 Rifles 6		
BOMANA	17 Lt AA Bty	5	185	Rifles 153 LMG 3 Bofors 10 HMG(AA) 4 HMG(AA) 2	Capt P B Toose 17 Lt AA Bty	
	101 CA Bn (AA) H and S Coy 96 Engr Regt	3	46	Rifles 44 LMGs 2 A Tk gun (37 mm) 1		
LALOKI	101 CA Bn (AA)	5	131	Rifles 131 LMG 1 Bofors 6 HMG(AA) 8 SMGs 5	Capt L D Gay A Bty 101 Bn AA	

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PART III - AREAS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Ref 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7 (General) of 25 Aug 42)

Ref map: PORT MORESBY (prov) 1:31680

1. In an operational emergency, wherever possible, tps under direct cmd of HQ Force, and units of Allied Forces PORT MORESBY area, who have NOT been allotted defensive roles vide Parts I and II of 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7 will be utilised for the protection of dumps and essential areas. All units will naturally continue to carry out their primary role as long as ops permit. Where this is no longer possible they will be absorbed into the defence of the area in which located.
2. All provisions contained in this instn apply only when the operational emergency for the protection of PORT MORESBY arises.
3. Appx "A" shows defence sectors, units concerned, their roles and details in connection therewith.
4. (a) HQ Force Op Instn No 15 of 9 Jun 42, dealing with the defence of MORESBY town area, is cancelled. The role previously carried out by Z Coy will now be included in that allotted to MORESBY PORT Force. MORESBY PORT Force will come under cmd 49 Aust Inf Bn, but, upon arrival of HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde, will revert to that formation.
(b) MORESBY PORT Force area will be divided into the following sub-sectors:-
 - (i) PAGA PAGA;
 - (ii) TUAGUBU;
 - (iii) KONEBABU.
(c) Comds of sub-sectors will be appointed by Comd MORESBY PORT Force (Maj Johnson, 49 Aust Inf Bn).
(d) Appx "A" shows area of responsibility of MORESBY PORT Force and units which come under cmd when operational emergency arises.
5. All comds of sectors etc have authority to deal direct with tps under direct cmd HQ Force, PORT MORESBY area, and units of allied forces included in Appx "A" for the preparation and co-ordination of defence plans. (plus units covered vide para 6 below)
6. Units NOT included in Parts I, II and III of 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 7 will be allotted roles by the cmd of the sector in which at present located (less units as shown in para 9 below). This will include new units which move into the various sectors. Comds of sectors will be responsible for allotting roles to such units. HQs concerned will advise details of units NOT allotted specifically to sectors.
7. All personnel of ancillary units (excl MORESBY PORT Force) NOT included in defence sectors, and manning pet, amn and sup dumps in areas fwd of rd junc PITT - ROUNA rd will return to sector containing HQ of parent unit.
8. Comds of sectors will appoint LOs who will report to HQ 7 Aust Div as soon as operational emergency is advised.
9. HQs and units moving to rearward posns, will come under cmd sector concerned, for defensive purposes, upon arrival, and will be organised on an inf basis (pls of 1 offr and 30-40 ORs).

(2)

10. All units etc which are required to vacate fwd areas will move via routes as shown in Appx "A" att.

11. Subsequent upon the operational emergency arising, no unit or proportion of a unit will move from areas as allotted by this instn unless with the approval of HQ 7 Aust Div.

12. HQs and units performing their primary function and not included in a defence sector, will be responsible for their own protection.

13. Defensive posns will be sited for all-round defence and will be stocked with 7 days of res of amn, sups, water, etc.

14. Priority of work for fd defences is as follows:-

- (a) Weapon pits and emplacements.
- (b) Wiring.
- (c) Development of posts and comm system.
- (d) Alternative posts and emplacements.
- (e) Dummy posts.

15. Instns regarding the demolition policy are being issued by HQ Force.

16. Defence plans for Base Area will be prepared by Comd of that area.

17. Plans in accordance with the foregoing will be completed by 4 Sep and submitted to this HQ for approval.

18. Traffic control posts will be established rd juncs 075033, 096078 and 161107.

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Signed at 1420 hrs.

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Serial	Unit	Role	Strength		Weapons					Sector for concentration &/or defence	Route to sector	Sector or Sub-sector Comd	Remarks	
			Offrs	ORs	Rifles	LMG	MMG	SM	Misc					
MORSEBY PORT FORCE														
1	Hy Bty PAGA	Locality defence PAGA sub-sector	7	150	140	3	2	8	2(2)	PAGA HILL		Maj B C Johnson 49 Aust Inf Bn	(x) Coast guns (B) Bofors (x) HMG (AA)	
2	Sec Tp 17 Lt AA Bty		1	32	20	1			2(B)					
3	Sec 3 Pl A Bty 101 Bn AA		1	19	19				2(2)					
4	No 3 Sta 67 AASL Coy			10	7	1								
5	Prt Engrs		3	60	60	2	1	3						
6	Det NG Force Sigs		1	25	25			1						
7	Port Det 10 AOD		2	22	22			1						
8	Det NG Force Salvage Sec			8	8									
9	RAAF details		17	60	50		2							
10	2 Port Emb Det USAFIA		10	166	166			20						
11	464 Rl Coy USAFIA			39	59									
12	Sta H1 23 AA Bty	Locality defence TUAGUBA sub-sector	2	80	80	1	2	1	4(A)	TUAGUBA HILL		Lieut A R Tolson	(A) 3.7 AA (x) HMG AA Available for primary role Available for primary role	
13	2 Pl D Bty 101 Bn AA		1	32	32	1		2	4(x)					
14	440 Sigs USAFIA		6	158	158			4						
15	176 Sigs USAFIA		1	10	10			1						
16	1 Army Tps Coy		4	200	150	6		5						
ROROUNA-MORSEBY-PITT ST-JOHN'S GULLY-Rd FARM PASS to MURRAY Bks & FORT MORSEBY														
17	Sta H5 AA Bde Gp	Locality defence KIONEDABU sub-sector	4	146	97	1		1	3(A)	Coastal strip TANUABADA to KORI both incl	LALOKI track (A) thence line of river	Capt C E Gooding	(A) 4 3.7 AA, 4 HMG (AA) incl 4 AA Bty and 101 Bn AA personnel (C) One train LMG - one HMG (x) 60 native police evacuated to SAPHIRE CREEK	
18	Dets RAAF		9	400	400	4	23	100	2(C)					
19	ANGAU		10	70	70									
20	L of C AFSS 35 Service Gp Dets AAF	Locality defence	5	122	120	2	2	12		FILA		CO 49 Aust Inf Bn		
21	703 Ord Coy 8 AB Gp		5	68	55	2	1	11						
22	E Coy 29 QM Regt	Hrt of tps and sups as reqd	3	110	110			2		SEPTONS FARM area 1409	Rd MORSEBY-ROUNA	Comd ABC 7 Aust Div		
23	D Coy 394 QM Bn		3	200	200			2						
24	HQ NG Force AA Regt	Primary and locality defence 9 mile Sector	3	14	18					JOHN'S GULLY Sector (0909-0908-0907-0908) (A) 0908 (x) 0908		Lt-Col J Hudson NG Force AA Bde Gp	(A) 4 3.7 (AA), 4 HMG (AA) incl 4 AA Bty and 101 Bn AA personnel (x) 2 HMG (AA) All Air Force units subject to aerodrome defence requirements RAAF rpt report: thence Comd ABC 7 Aust Div at SEPTONS FARM. Route - via BOMANA & PITT STREET	
25	AA Ops Room		3	25	20				1					
26	HQ 4 AA Bty		7	92	92	2								
27	HQ 23 AA Bty		3	30	46	2			2					
28	H 6 Sta AA Bde Gp		5	158	100	1			1					4(A)
29	HQ 101 CA Bn (AA)		6	88	88	2			8					2(x)
30	HQ 3 Lt AA Bty		1	28	17				2					
31	HQ 67 AASL Coy		5	18	20	1			1					
32	HQ B Sec 67 AASL Coy		1	18	10				1					
33	8 Air Base Gp (less 703 Ord Coy)		31	683	510	23			87					
34	35 Fighter Gp (less 30 Fighter Sqn)		100	1200	1000	20			100					
35	4 Fighter Sector		22	190	150									
36	HQ RAAF (less dets)		50	300	300									
37	HQ AAF		26	24	24				2					
38	415 Sigs (Ar)		4	133	133				5					
39	15 Rep and Salvage Unit (RAAF)		4	141	141		13							
40	C Coy 26 Sigs Regt		Locality defence 9 Mile Quarry	4	279	279	2							3(C)

Serial	Unit	Role	Strength		Weapons					Sector for concentration &/or defence	Route to sector	Sector or Sub-sector Code	Remarks
			Offrs	ORs	Rifles	LMG	MMG	SMG	Misc				
41	H2 AA Bde Gp	Locality defence	6	26	25					(C) Pitt St Sector (1209)		CO 96 Engr Regt	Subject to aerodrome defence requirements
42	Sigs 7 Aust Div		11	199									
43	H2 96 Engr Regt		8	27	27			5					
44	80 Fighter Sqn (35 Fighter Gp)		4	170	70			40					
45	Det 9 Coy AASC	Sup dump security and defence	5	162	155			7		(D) Sector Sup dump and DID (1309)		Capt T M Heston 2/4 Coy AASC	A Tr Rifle
46	Det 2/4 Coy AASC		3	219	212	4		4					
47	7 Aust Div Laundry & Fed Deon Unit		2	85	85	1			1				
48	7 Aust Div Hbb Bath Unit			15	15								
49	7 Aust Div Salvage Unit		1	32	32								
50	Det 61 Rd Pk Coy	Adv amn and engr dump security and defence	2	20	20	1		1		(E) Sector Adv amn and engr dump (1610)		Lieut L Seaborne 2/25 Aust Rd Pk Coy	
51	Det 2/25 Rd Pk Coy			40	40								
52	NG Force Salvage Sec		2	70	70	1		1	1				
53	55 Ord Coy USAFIA		1	30	30			1					
54	9 Coy ASC (less det)	Stores and sup dump security and defence	8	223	215			10		(F) 17 Mile sector (1909-1910)		OC 9 Coy AASC	
55	13 Rd Bakery (less det)		1	30	30								
56	10 ACD (less det)												
57	14 Ord Store Coy (less det)		5	88	88								
58	NG Force Prov Sec (less det)												
59	19 Ord Amn Sec (less det)		2	20	20								
60	NG Force Hbb Bath		1	16	16								
61	NG Force L of C Wkshops	Wkshops, stores, sups and amn security and defence	5	158	152	3				(G) 20 Mile Sector (2207-2208)		Maj C E J Lee AAOC	
62	22 Ord Amn Sec (less dets)		1	28	28								
63	Dets NG Force Ord Units		2	12	12								
64	NG Force Base Depot AASC		9	113	110	2		1					

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Div Tps	21 Aust Inf Bde (See Note A)	14 Aust Inf Bde	50 Aust Inf Bde
<p>HQ Tps</p> <p>HQ 7 Aust Div 7 Aust Div Int Sec C Sec FSS 2/7 Aust Div Emp Pl 2/7 Aust Div Pro Coy (less 3 and 5 Secs) 2/7 Aust Div Hd Cash Office (less det) 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit (less three dets) 2/7 Aust Div Concert Party 7 Aust Div Sec Corps Reception Camp</p>	<p>HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde (less det)</p>	<p>HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde</p>	<p>HQ 50 Aust Inf Bde</p>
<p>Gd Bn</p> <p>HQ C Coy Aust Gd Bn 10 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn</p>	<p>9 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn (less det)</p>		
<p>Arty</p> <p>HQ RAA 7 Aust Div 13 Aust Fd Regt (with u/c 216 Aust LAD) 14 Aust Fd Regt (with u/c 217 Aust LAD) HQ Force Ind A Tk Tp</p>			
<p>RAE</p> <p>HQ RAE 7 Aust Div 9 Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Coy (in support 14 Aust Inf Bde) 2/7 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit Sec 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy</p>	<p>Det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy</p>		
<p>Sigs</p> <p>HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div No 1 Coy (less C Sec and det)</p>	<p>K Sec Sigs (less det)</p>	<p>Sig Sec (14 Aust Inf Bde)</p>	<p>Sig Sec (50 Aust Inf Bde) (less det)</p>

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	<u>Div Tps</u>	<u>21 Aust Inf Bde</u> (See Note A)	<u>14 Aust Inf Bde</u>	<u>30 Aust Inf Bde</u>
	HQ No 2 Coy HQ No 3 Coy 2/7 Aust Div Cipher Sec Sig sec (att 15 Aust Fd Regt) Sig sec (att 14 Aust Fd Regt)			
Inf	Details 21 Aust Inf Bde with under comd: (a) det 2/14 Aust Inf Bn (b) " 2/16 Aust Inf Bn (c) " 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Details 2/27 Aust Inf Bn with under comd: (a) det 2 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn (b) " 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit 6 Aust Inf Coy	2/14 Aust Inf Bn (less det) 2/16 Aust Inf Bn (less det) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn (less det) 59 Aust Inf Bn (less det HQ Coy) 55 Aust Inf Bn (less E Coy and det HQ Coy) Papuan Inf Bn	3 Aust Inf Bn 36 Aust Inf Bn 55 Aust Inf Bn	Det HQ Coy 59 Aust Inf Bn E Coy and det HQ Coy 55 Aust Inf Bn 49 Aust Inf Bn 21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy B Coy 2/7 Aust Div Carrier Co
AASC	HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div Det 2/4 Aust Coy ASC			
AAMC	5 Fd Amb 2/6 Aust Fd Amb (less det) 14 Aust Fd Amb (less det) 2/2 Aust Fd Hqs Sec 2/7 Aust AMCS	Det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb		Det 14 Aust Fd Amb
AACC	HQ 2/7 Aust Div Ord Workshop with under comd: (a) HQ 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pl (b) 21 Bde Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Workshop (c) 21 Bde Sec 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pl 2/7 Aust Div Ord Laundry and Fwd Bach Unit		255 Aust LAD 115 Aust Inf Bde Gp Ord Workshop 115 Aust Inf Bde Gp Ord Fd Pl	

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Div Tps		21 Aust Inf Bde (See Note A)	14 Aust Inf Bde	50 Aust Inf Bde
AAOC	2/7 Aust Div Salvage Unit			
Miscellaneous	2/7 Aust Div Carrier Gp (less B Coy) 2/59 Aust LAD			

NOTE A: 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp constitutes MAROUBRA FORCE.

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INF) DIV TPS	21 AUST INF BDE	14 AUST INF BDE	30 AUST INF BDE
Contg.)	(See Note A)		(See Note A)
109 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop			
109 " " " " Fd Pk			
AASC HQ COMD AASC 7 AUST DIV			
det 2/4 AUST COY ASC			
ALMC 2/2 AUST Fd Hyg Sec	det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	3 Aust Fd Amb	det 14 Aust Fd Amb
2/6 Aust Fd Amb (less det)			
14 Aust Fd Amb (less det)			
2/55 AUST DENTAL UNIT			
AAOC HQ 2/7 AUST DIV ORD WKSHOP			
HQ 2/7 AUST DIV ORD FD PK			
2/7 AUST DIV MOB LAUNDRY & FWD DECN UNIT.			
2/7 AUST DIV SALVAGE UNIT			
219 AUST LAD (att 13 Aust Fd Regt)			
217 AUST LAD (att 14 AUST Fd Regt)			
Miscellaneous		255 AUST LAD	
2/7 AUST DIV Carrier Gp		113 AUST IND BDE	
		Gp Ord Wkshop	
		113 AUST IND BDE	
		Gp Ord Fd Pk	

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21 BDE Gp, 30 BDE Gp constitute MAROUBRA FORCE under comd 21 BDE as from 20 AUG 42, expected date of arrival comd 21 BDE in KAGI area.

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2/27 Aust Inf Bn Gp	6	AQ	17	File	26
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RAA 7 Aust Div	9	HQ Comd AASC	20		
RAE 7 Aust Div	10	Medical	21		

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DIV TPs	21 AUST INF BDE (See Note A)	14 AUST INF BDE	30 AUST INF BDE (See Note A)
HQ Tps HQ 7 Aust Div 7 AUST DIV INT Sec C Sec FSS 2/7 AUST DIV Emp Pl 2/7 AUST DIV Pro Coy (less 3 & 5 secs) 2/7 AUST DIV FD CASH Office (less Det) 2/7 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT (less three Dets) 2/7 AUST DIV CONCERT PARTY 7 AUST DIV Sec Corps Reception Camp	HQ 21 AUST INF BDE	HQ 14 AUST INF BDE	HQ 30 Aust Inf BDE (less details)
Gd Bn HQ C Coy AUST HQ Gd Bn 10 Pl AUST HQ Gd Bn	Det 9 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn		
ARTY HQ RAA 7 Aust Div 13 AUST Fd Regt 14 AUST Fd Regt NG FORCE IND A TK Tp			
RAE HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy		
SIGS HQ SIGS 7 AUST DIV No 1 Coy (less C Sec) HQ No 2 Coy HQ No 3 Coy 2/7 AUST DIV Cipher Sec SIG Sec (att 13 AUST Fd Regt) SIG Sec (att 14 AUST Fd Regt)	det K sec Sigs (HQ 21 AUST INF BDE)	SIG Sec (HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde)	SIG Sec (30 AUST INF BDE) (less det)
INF 2/27 AUST INF BN Gp with under cmd:- det 9 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn " K Sec Sigs 21 Bde Sec 2/7 AUST DIV ORD Wkshop 21 Bde Sec 2/7 " " " Fd Pk 2/59 AUST LAD det 2/7 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT 49 AUST INF BN Gp with under cmd:- details HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde " HQ Coy 39 Aust Inf Bn E Coy 53 Aust Inf Bn	2/14 AUST INF BN 2/16 AUST INF BN	3 AUST INF BN 36 AUST INF BN 55 AUST INF BN	39 AUST INF BN (less det HQ Coy) 53 AUST INF BN (less E Coy and det HQ Coy) Papuan Inf Bn

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31 Aug 42.

1. Formations and units will check their locations as specified on att statement and advise this HQ immediately of any necessary alteration.

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7 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AT 2400 hrs 30 AUG 42.

HQ 7 Aust Div,
31 Aug 42.
SG30/1/148.

Ref maps: PORT MORESBY 2" to 1 mile
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<u>Arm etc</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
HQ	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div	123071	
	Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	143092	
	HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde	109056	
	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde		KOKODA Area
	Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	QE2243	
	HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	055021	
HQ GUARD	HQ C Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	123071	
	9 Pl " " " (less det)	089114	
	Det 9 Pl " " " "		KOKODA Area
	10 Pl " " " "	123071	
RAA	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	123064	
	13 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	051022	
	14 Aust Fd Regt	118078	
	NG Force Ind A Tk Tp	093030	
RAE	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	124068	
	Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pl Coy	110085	
	2/6 Aust Fd Coy (less det)	267030	
	Det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy		KOKODA Area
	2/7 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit	124068	
SIGS	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div	126093	
	No 1 Coy (less C Sec)	126098	
	HQ No 2 Coy	126098	
	Sig Sec 14 Bde	109056	
	Sig Sec 30 Bde (less det)		KOKODA Area
	Det Sig Sec 30 Bde	047001	
	HQ No 3 Coy	126098	
	Sig Sec 13 Fd Regt	051022	
	Det K Sec No 3 Coy		KOKODA Area
	Det K Sec Sigs	QE2243	
	Sig Sec 14 Fd Regt	118078	
	2/7 Aust Div Cipher Sec	126098	
INF	3 Aust Inf Bn	144071	
	2/14 Aust Inf Bn		KOKODA Area
	2/16 Aust Inf Bn		KOKODA Area
	2/27 Aust Inf Bn (less A & B Coys)	088115	
	A & B Coys 2/27 Aust Inf Bn		Moving to KOKODA
	21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	024036	
	36 Aust Inf Bn	174024	
	39 Aust Inf Bn (less det HQ Coy)		KOKODA Area
	Det HQ Coy 39 Aust Inf Bn	036026	
	49 Aust Inf Bn	047001	
	53 Aust Inf Bn (less E Coy and det HQ Coy)		KOKODA Area
	E Coy and det HQ Coy 53 Aust Inf Bn	029024	
	55 Aust Inf Bn	121045	
	Papuan Inf Bn		KOKODA Area
	6 Aust Ind Coy	143079	

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<u>Arm etc</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
INT	7 Aust Div Int Sec C Sec Aust FSS	123071 123071	
AASC	HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div Det 2/4 Aust Coy AASC	135103 134094	
AAMC	HQ 3 Aust Fd Amb A Coy 3 Aust Fd Amb B Coy 3 Aust Fd Amb (less det) Det 3 Coy 3 Aust Fd Amb HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb A and B Coys 2/6 Aust Fd Amb (less two dets) One det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb One det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb HQ 14 Aust Fd Amb A Coy 14 Aust Fd Amb B Coy 14 Aust Fd Amb (less two dets) One det 14 Aust Fd Amb One det 14 Aust Fd Amb 2/2 Aust Fd Hqs Sec 2/7 AAMCU	163087 201966 101081 307070 QH2243 QH2243 RFOGI 134106 134106 052010 QH2245 126063 126063	To move to 163087 by 1200 hrs 1 Sep 42 Moving later to 101081. MYOLA Moving to MYOLA At EORA CREEK Near ILOLO
PRO	2/7 Aust Div Pro Coy (less 3 and 5 Secs)	135103	
PAY	2/7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less dets)	143092	
POSTAL	2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit (less det) Det 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit	143092 QH2243	
AAOC	2/7 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit 2/7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit 2/7 Aust Div Salvage Unit 2/59 Aust IAD 219 Aust IAD (att 13 Aust Fd Regt) 217 Aust IAD " 14 " " " 255 Aust IAD 2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop 2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Sec Ord Wkshop 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Sec Ord Fd Pk 113 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop 113 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	113087 110085 126063 042041 055026 119078 113058 QH1845 QH1845 QH1845 QH1845 165085 165084	
MISCELL- ANEOUS	2/7 Aust Div Carrier Gp (less B Coy) B Coy 2/7 Aust Div Carrier Coy 2/7 Aust Div Emp Pl 2/7 Aust Div Concert Party	042021 027049 143092 143092	
RECEPTION	7 Aust Div Sec Corps Reception Camp	QH1643	

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Ref Maps: PORT MORESBY 2" to 1 mile
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HQ 7 Aust Div,
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<u>Arm etc</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
HQ	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div Rear HQ 7 Aust Div HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde (less Det) Det HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	123071 143092 109056 - - 047001	Moving to KOKODA " " "
HQ GUARD	HQ C Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn 9 Pl " " " " (less det) Det 9 Pl " " " " 10 Pl " " " "	123071 QE2243 - 123071	Moving to KOKODA
RAA	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div 13 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty) 14 Aust Fd Regt NG Force Ind A Tk Tp	123064 051022 118078 061999	
RAE	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy (U/C NG FORCE) 2/6 Aust Fd Coy Det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy 2/7 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit	124068 - 110085 267080 - 124068	Moving to KOKODA U/C NG FORCE
SIGS	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div No 1 Coy (less C Sec) HQ No 2 Coy Sig Sec 14 Bde Sig Sec 30 Bde (less det) Det Sig Sec 30 Bde HQ No 3 Coy Sig Sec 13 Fd Regt Det K Sec No 3 Coy Det K Sec Sigs Sig Sec 14 Fd Regt 2/7 Aust Div Cipher Sec	126098 126098 126098 109056 - 047001 126098 051022 - QE2243 118078 126098	Moving to KOKODA Moving to KOKODA
INF	3 Aust Inf Bn 2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn 36 Aust Inf Bn 55 Aust Inf Bn 39 Aust Inf Bn (less det HQ Coy) Det HQ Coy 39 Aust Inf Bn 53 Aust Inf Bn (less E Coy & det HQ Coy) E Coy & det HQ Coy 53 Aust Inf Bn 49 Aust Inf Bn Papuan Inf Bn	164076 - - QE2243 170986 118096 - 086026 - - 029024 047001	Moving to KOKODA Moving to KOKODA Moving to KOKODA Moving to KOKODA KOKODA area

<u>Item etc</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
INT	7 Aust Div Int Sec	123071	
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AASC	HQ Comm AASC 7 Aust Div	135103	
	Det 2/4 Aust Coy ASC	134094	
AAEC	5 Aust Fd Amb	163087	
	14 Aust Fd Amb (less det)	134106	
	Det 14 Aust Fd Amb		Moving to KOKODA
	2/6 Aust Fd Amb (less det)	052243	
	Det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb		Moving to KOKODA
	2/2 Aust Fd Hvy Sec	126063	
PRO	2/7 Aust Div Pro Coy (less 3 & 5 Secs)	135103	
PAY	2/7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less dets)	145092	
POSTAL	(less 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit (det)	145092	
	Det 2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit	052243	
AAOC	2/7 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fwd Decon Unit	122126	
	2/7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	110095	U/C HG FORCE
	2/7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	126063	
	219 Aust LAD (att 13 Aust Fd Regt)	055026	
	217 Aust LAD " 14 " " "	119078	
	255 Aust LAD	113058	
	2/59 Aust LAD	052243	
	2/7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop	091845	
	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Sec Ord Wkshop	052243	
	109 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	056017	
	113 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	165185	
	2/7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	091845	
	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Sec Ord Fd Pk	052243	
	109 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	056017	
	113 Aust Ind Bde Gp Prd Fd Pk	165185	
MISCELLANEOUS			
	7 Aust Div Carrier Gp	045019	
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	2/7 Aust Div Concert Party	145092	
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INTRODUCTION

1. Collective tng must be carried out in all formations, even though it may be necessary to continue individual tng during the same period.

(a) The GOC 7 Aust Div desires that programmes of tng be so arranged that Bde exercises can be held commencing first week in Oct. Meanwhile at least two unit exercises will be held during Sep 42.

(b) Collective exercises (bn and higher) will last at least 4 days.

OBJECT

2. Success in battle is our aim, and this can be achieved only by offensive action. In tng, particular attention must be given to:-

- (a) development of morale and the offensive spirit;
- (b) attainment of high degree of physical and mental toughness;
- (c) the ability to operate over all types of country and for all ranks to dominate their environment.

SYSTEM OF TNG

3. Experience in the AIF has proved that a unit fights as it trains. Discipline is the basis of all tng and it is the means by which the morale of a force is maintained. Realism is essential and the conditions of the battlefield must be reproduced as far as practicable.

In every exercise there should be an enemy; surprise situations should be introduced, and noise of explosions should be used, particularly in close country and during darkness.

Tng should be progressive and based on our manuals. The applications should be adjusted to deal with enemy methods. As tng progresses, some degree of confusion should be introduced in the final stages by deliberately mixing with the enemy. Reorganization under such conditions, if done in the proper spirit, affords most valuable tng.

A period, where possible, will be allotted each day to close order drill.

TNG OF LEADERS.

4. Today more than ever before, decentralization of command due to modern weapons or close country has thrown an increasing responsibility on leaders in all grades, particularly on comds.

The final test of a unit is its fighting spirit and this is founded on the character and determination of its comd. Formation and unit comds will therefore pay constant attention to the tng of their units. They must be physically tough, have a high degree of mental discipline, have a sound knowledge of tactics, particularly of battle procedure which they should be able to apply instinctively.

In recent campaigns, there has been a marked difference in the battle efficiency of units and this has reflected the characters of their comds. During ops leaders must be prepared to go fwd and influence the situation and not be content to wait at the end of a telephone line.

TACTICAL TNG

5. Tactical tng will be based on the principles laid down in our manuals and pamphlets, and their application will be directed to deal with enemy methods which are based on offensive action, surprise, encirclement or infiltration, and a high degree of sustained mobility over all types of country.

In close country, there is no such thing as a static defence; the defence must be offensive or perish. The first and constant aim in our tng must therefore be the development of the offensive spirit. The study of enemy tactics and the formulation of plans to defeat them will be regarded as the basis on which to build our own plans to outwit and annihilate the enemy.

To know the tactical doctrine is nothing; to apply it is another. A sound knowledge of battle procedure is essential, the arty for instance, who have been taught by experience, make it a drill. The sequence of instn should be:-

- (a) tactical exercises without tps;
- (b) skeleton exercises to perfect procedure and practise control;
- (c) full scale exercises with tps.

Until a reasonable standard has been reached in procedure and control, little value will be derived from exercises with tps.

THE OFFENSIVE SPIRIT

6. The desire to close with, and destroy, our enemy will be preached and emphasised until it becomes a passion. Confidence in our weapons, vigorous tng in bayonet fighting, and realistic practice on the assault course are important factors in developing the offensive spirit. The necessity for winning patrol encounters and the first clashes with the enemy should be stressed, as it has a big effect on morale and success in battle. In exercises and battle, we must dominate "No Man's Land", win the struggle for observation and be always thinking of how we can attack the enemy. Against paratroops and in jungle warfare, we must attack to survive.

All ranks in all arms and services, except those governed by the Geneva Convention, must be trained to fight and protect themselves, particularly in close country.

Arty must always be prepared to defend itself, but this does not absolve the inf comd of responsibility in this regard. The ground staff of air units under army comd must help in their own ground defence.

REALISM

7. The conditions of battle such as noise of firing and explosions, low flying aircraft and confusion should be simulated in tng. All ranks in the Cav, Engrs, Inf and Pms should be passed through the assault course.

The necessity for keeping close to supporting fire and closing with the enemy as quickly as possible should be stressed and where possible practised. Inexperienced tps in LYBIA and SYRIA suffered unnecessary casualties when they were slow in closing with the enemy.

In exercises, there will always be an enemy and, in the final stages of an attack, some inter-mixture with the enemy should be allowed so as to afford practice in reorganization and consolidation.

Contact with the enemy must be maintained, patrols pushed fwd, and every effort made to exploit success.

SELF-RELIANCE AND IMPROVISATION.

8. The importance of self-reliance and the ability to improvise in modern warfare cannot be too strongly stressed. The best means of tng both junior leaders and the men in these characteristics is to detach sub-units during tng and send them away for a week into close and broken country, leaving the junior leader to organise the feeding, sheltering, and general care of his men, and to

experience the responsibility of being alone with his comd and having to lead it.

The following tng should be carried out during such periods of detached tng :-

- (a) individuals and sub-units finding their way through close or jungle country;
- (b) Making own shelters from available resources;
- (c) utilising local materials for crossing rivers and other obstacles, making tracks, etc;
- (d) carrying own requirements in food etc, with a minimum of tpt;
- (e) direction finding and maintenance of control in darkness.

Use can be made of the unit pnr pl to assist in construction of shelters, crossings, etc, and it is essential that inf units become capable of operating in all types of country and overcoming obstacles without assistance of engrs.

DEFENCE AGAINST AIR ATTACK.

9. At all times attention will be paid to dispersion, concealment, and camflg. The importance of camflg is stressed and every fd unit should possess a camflg offr who has attended a camflg course.

All available small arms weapons will open fire at enemy aircraft within their range, unless for special reasons it is desirable to keep the presence of our tps concealed from the enemy. The fire should be controlled, wherever possible, by pl comds, but sometimes owing to wide deployment this duty will rest with sec comds. On no account must tps be allowed to take cover and do nothing.

Although many enemy aircraft are armoured, it must be remembered that from many angles, both the pilot and vulnerable parts are exposed to small arms fire. The most favourable time for inf to fire at dive bombers is when they are diving towards the firer or pulling out of the dive. At these times, the pilot is not protected by armour.

Not only is small arms fire a strong deterrent to enemy pilots, but a few bullet holes in aircraft may keep it for many days in the repair shops.

REPORTS IN BATTLE

10. Special steps must be taken to counter the spreading of alarmist and false reports in battle, especially those created by stragglers and tps who have slipped away from fwd posts, stating they are the sole survivors and that the coy has been wiped out. Fwd observers especially arty and intelligence OPs are sources of reliable infm and should be trained during all exercises to pass back infm continuously.

In stress of first battle, many units forget to pass back infm for hrs.

LT CONTROL

11. (a) Traffic Control has been a serious problem in all ops throughout this war. In any official account of the ops in FRANCE, LIBYA, GREECE, or MALAYA, the difficulties and casualties arising from traffic congestion are stressed.

Traffic control cannot be established in an operation without prior thought, orgzn and tng. Formations must take steps to have organized and trained traffic control posts, and comds must practise the handling of their tpt under difficult conditions.

The aspect of the use of tpt in jungle or close country when

MF is confined to roads, needs special attention and study. Only the minimum of tpt can be taken fwd and careful control, parking areas, turning points, etc, must be thought of.

Units should therefore carry out exercises with a bare minimum of tpt and accustom themselves to carry out ops under those conditions.

(b) Road Discipline. In the days of the horse, the standard of horse master-ship in the British Army was renowned among the armies of the world. It should be the object of all ranks to raise the standard of their units to that level again, and acquire a reputation for machine master-ship, rivalled by none.

It is no use senior ranks taking a superficial view of this matter and occasionally carrying out a cursory inspection - they must get down to details and "amongst the works".

Drs must be given to realise the danger and difficulties that people have gone through to provide tpt for them. There will be even greater difficulties in the future to obtain replacements, and a responsibility is placed on all drs and comds in maintaining vehs at the highest possible standard. By blocking a vital rd at a critical time, it is within the power of one dr to lose a battle.

TNG OF HQ

12. All HQs, in particular Inf Bde, must be trained to function in the fd with their sigs. Skeleton exercises with HQ and sigs should be carried out until HQs are proficient, before exercises with tps are commenced.

INDIVIDUAL TNG OF OFFRS

13. (a) Every offr of, and below, the rank of Brig should take part in all exercises of his comd, and suffer similar privations, so that he becomes as fit as the men whom he is to lead.

(b) All offr must make themselves thoroughly conversant with Japanese tactics, the measures to combat them, and how to surprise and kill the enemy.

(c) Unit comds will arrange practical courses of instn for their junior offr and not rely solely upon GHQ and Force Schools. Full use should be made for instructional purposes of offr and NCOs who have returned from GHQ and Force Schools.

(d) All offr will be trained in the use of the following:

- (i) all offr: Rifle
Pistol
LMG
A Tk Rifle
TSMG

(ii) all offr: to drive a car and truck.

(iii) All staff offr of and below GI, or equivalent appointment, all offr of cav, arty, engrs and inf units:
to drive a Carrier.

SUBJECTS FOR STUDY

14. The following subjects will form the basis of study:-

- (a) Enemy tactics and methods to surprise and defeat the enemy;
- (b) attack and defence in close broken country;
- (c) Maintenance of control and comms;
- (d) fire support.

For offrs:

(e) Combined ops as directed by the corps comd.

GENERAL

15. Tps must NOT be allowed to think that they are having a hard time because the area in which they are situated happens to be uncongenial. They must be imbued with one purpose, that is, to get at grips with the enemy. It is only by example of the offrs that this spirit can be initiated throughout the unit.

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7 AUST DIV - HQ and SIG EXERCISE, 11-13 AUG.

HQ 7 Aust Div,
2 Aug 42.
G214/8/1433.

1. A HQ and sig exercise for all HQ including Services down to and incl bn and equivalent HQ will be held on 11,, 12, 13 Aug in the present div area. Reps of cav sqns, fd btys, A Tk tps, fd coys, MG coys, fd amb, etc., will also take part with the HQ to which they are normally att or to which they are, in the exercise, sent. Air Support Control will take part.
2. At the start of the exercise, HQ and units will be in the posns shown on "EXERCISE ONLY Location Statement at 2400 hrs 10 Aug" to be issued.
3. Exercise will begin at 1600 hrs 11 Aug and end late on 13 Aug.

MESSAGES

4. All messages etc dealing with the exercise as such will have the letters "EX" sent as the first gp in the text. Messages dealing with real casualties will begin the text with words "real casualty".

REALISM

5. Realism in moves, behaviour, etc, is to be simulated. When HQ, etc, move, everything must be moved as in war. The senior coy comd in bns and his equivalent in other arms and the services will be left in comd of tps in camps; his comms on normal routine matters to his HQ taking part in the exercise will be arranged by units, as the resources of Sigs 7 Aust Div will be fully employed in the exercise.
6. HQ and units are expected to originate all messages, etc, whether G, Q or A, that they would in fact send in ops. Normal correspondence will continue.
7. Umpires or DS reps will hand in certain messages to be sent or may "paint pictures", on hearing which the recipient must carry out the necessary actions.

DRESS AND EQPT

8. Those taking part will wear the dress and eqpt they would wear on service but ofrs need not wear battle dress.

DIV CAV VEHs

9. Div Cav will use "wheels" in lieu of tracked vehs in order to economise track life and pet. In all timing, tracked speeds must be worked on.

UMPIRES

10. HQ and units will provide umpires, preferably capts, to assist Div HQ as DS:

Div Cav	1	Bns	1 each = 3
HQ RAA	1	MG Bn	2
HQ RAE	1	AASC	1
Div Sigs	1	Medical	1
HQ Edes	1 each = 3	Pro	1
		Ord	1

These will report for preliminary conference to GII, HQ 7 Aust Div, at 1000 hrs Sat 8 Aug 42.

OPENING SITUATION

11. The opening situation will be sent out before mid-day 8 Aug.

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ADM INSTNS FOR EXERCISE

12. Issued separately.

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TNG PROGRAMMES.

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HQ 7 Aust Div
2 Aug 42.
G214/4/1427.

1. 7 Aust Div circular G214/1/1127 of 31 May 42 is amended as follows:-

Para 1 : Delete - "These programmes ----- each preceding month".

Substitute - "Programmes will cover one fortnight and will be submitted to reach 7 Aust Div 13 days before the first day of the period covered".

Para 3 : Delete whole of para 3.

Substitute - "Field defence works will NOT be carried out except at CALOUNDRA.

2. The first fortnightly programme under this amendment will be submitted on 17 Aug to cover period 30 Aug to 12 Sep.

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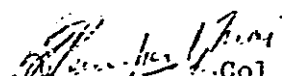
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CAMFIC - TENTS.

HQ 7 Aust Div
Aug 42.
G64/1/1411.

1. 1 Aust Corps G01071 is fwded herewith.
2. 1 Aust Corps G00572 referred to therein was incorporated in 7 Aust Div G64/1/1201 of 13 Jun 42.
3. The following annotations should be made to G01071 :-
 - (a) Para 2 : It is anticipated that emulsion will be available shortly and will be issued automatically.
 - (b) Paras 5 & 7 : Emulsion will be distributed on the basis of tentage returns on the scales indicated, according to whether concentrated or diluted emulsion is received. Indents need NOT be submitted.
Containers in which emulsion is supplied are returnable.
 - (c) Para 9 :
 - (i) Messian or sacking bound to a handle suitable for application of emulsion where brushes are not available,
 - (ii) Before every application of emulsion, the canvas should be "painted" with water and left for a few minutes to allow the water to be absorbed.
 - (d) Diagrams : Where ground patterning is indicated, the outline shown should be filled in with foliage to preserve the continuity of the darker portions of the canvas and so as to prevent an abrupt break due to the outline of the tent. Emulsion should NOT be applied to the ground for this purpose except where tents are left standing for long periods.


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Distribution:

To Bns and equivalent units.

Subject: CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS

Hq 1 Aust Corps
17 Jul 42
G 5/13/42

1. Att are diagrams giving designs for the disruptive patterning of tents.

2. When emulsion is made available the following general instructions will be observed. Until such time as supplies of emulsion are received white tents will continue to be mended in accordance with instructions contained in GCO572 of 12 Jun 42.

3. The following colours will be used on a basis as shown:-

Keshi Green	2 1/2%
Scrub Green	8%
Dark Earth	20%
Light Stone	43%
Barwin Stone	27%

4. When concentrated emulsion is issued, an equal quantity of water should be added and the whole should be thoroughly mixed. This is the maximum strength recommended. If desired a slightly greater proportion of water can be used without decreasing the efficiency of the treatment.

5. The scale of concentrated emulsion on which requirements for tintage should be calculated is:-

Tent	Quantity of Emulsion
Square	3 1/2 gals
Marquee 12 (Double and single)	2 1/2
Chimney 12 1/2 x 14 1/2	1
Indian pattern	2
WJA Pattern	2

It is not known when the emulsion will be issued to be issued in concentrated form but it is anticipated that it will be contained in 5 gal. drums.

6. Unconcentrated emulsion should be broken down to a moderate extent by the addition of up to one part of water to four parts of emulsion. This quantity of water should not be exceeded.

7. GCO572 of 12 Jun 42 stated that tents will be submitted for emulsion on a basis of 2 gals per tent (unconcentrated emulsion). While this is adequate for 12 ft by 14 ft tents the following scale for unconcentrated emulsion will be observed in respect of the following additional types:-

Tent	Quantity of Emulsion
Square	10 gals.
Marquee 12 (Double and single)	6 gals
Indian Pattern	5 1/2 gals
WJA Pattern	5 1/2 gals

8. Requirements for small square motor tents will be calculated on the same basis as 12 ft by 14 ft tents.

9. To obtain best results it is important the mixture should be well worked into the fabric at the time of application otherwise the necessary preservative result will not be obtained nor will the colour be lasting.

10. As the result of recent schools there is now a considerable number of trained Camouf officers within formations and it is suggested that their services should be utilized for the supervision of any disruptive patterning carried out.

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11. Disruptive patterning of tents should be similar to the patterns set out in the attached diagrams.

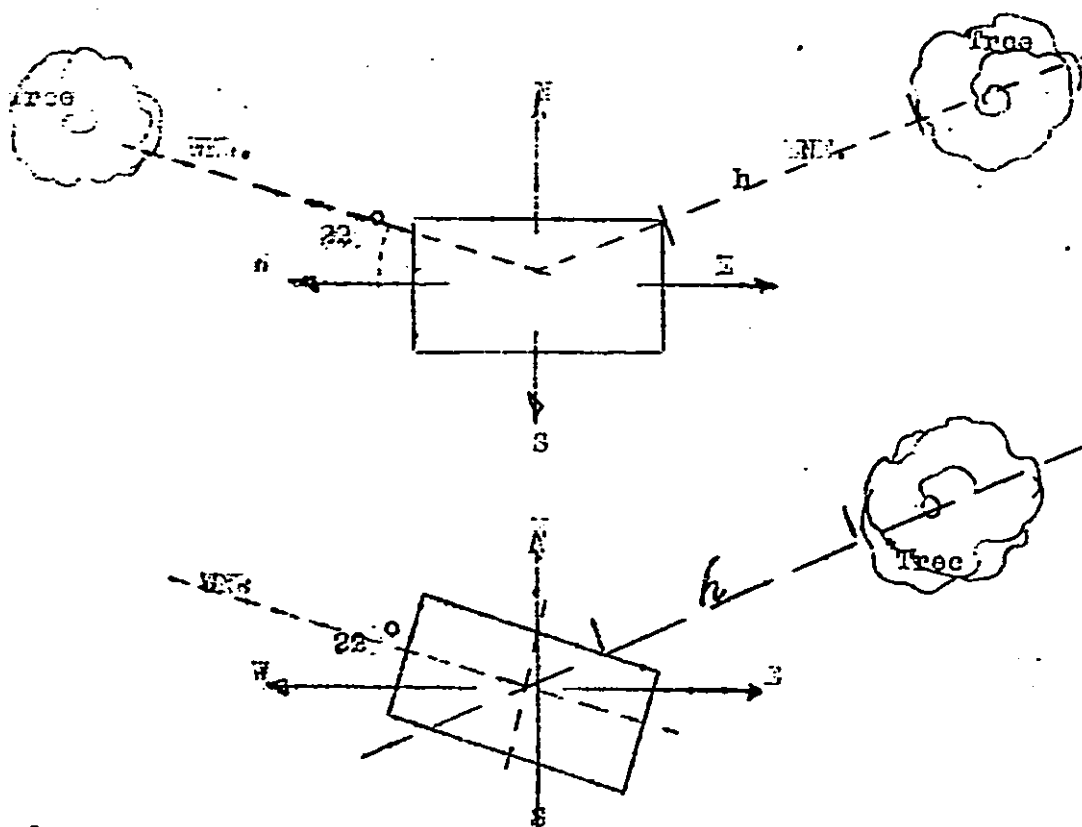
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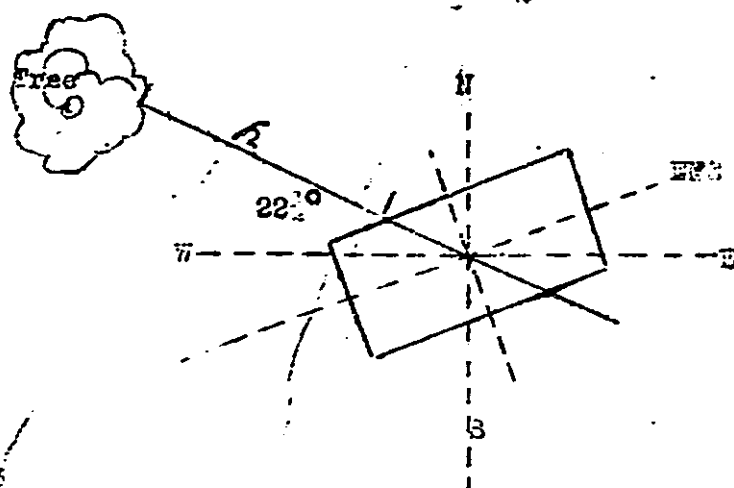
Case 1

Where two trees at a suitable distance ($2h$, h being the height of the foliage from the ground) apart are available.



Case 2

Where one tree is available and it is decided to site to the west of it.



Case 3

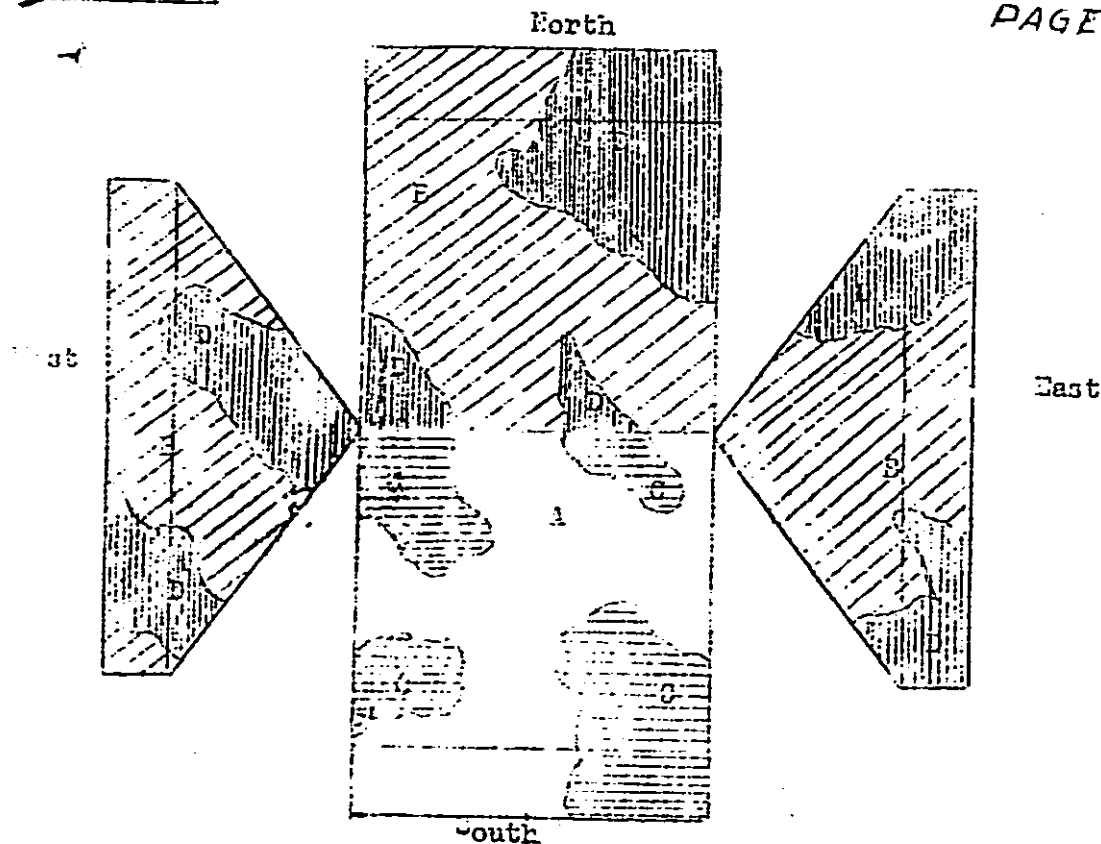
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Generally even if siting in heavy timber check to see that there large trees in positions indicated.

This method of siting will be used for all classes of tents.

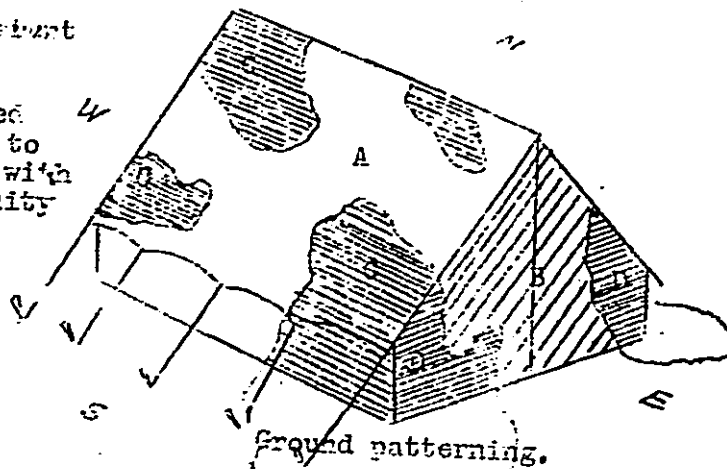
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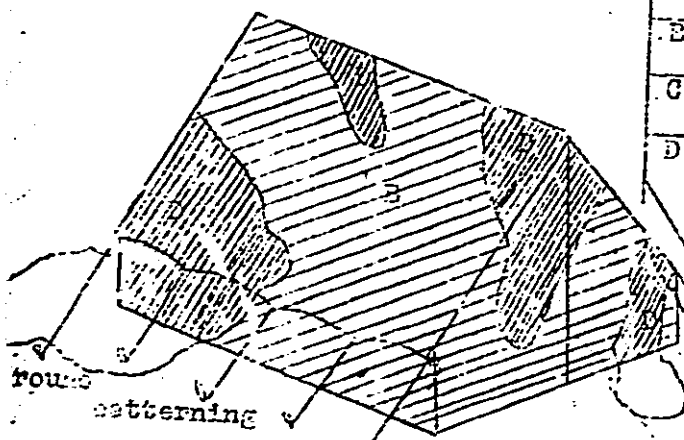
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Ground patterning.

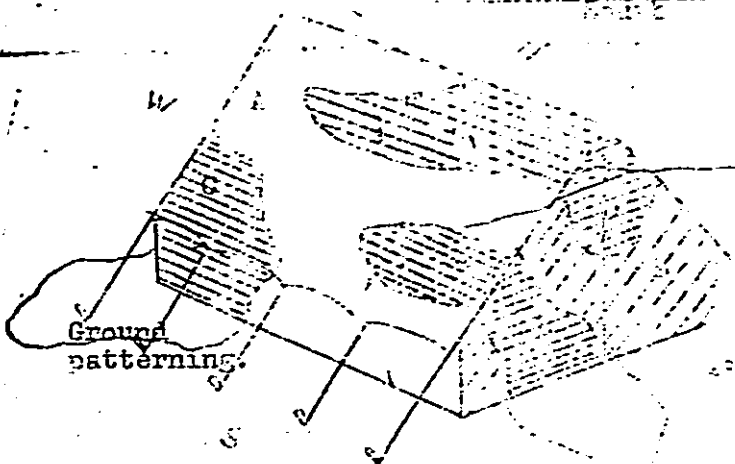
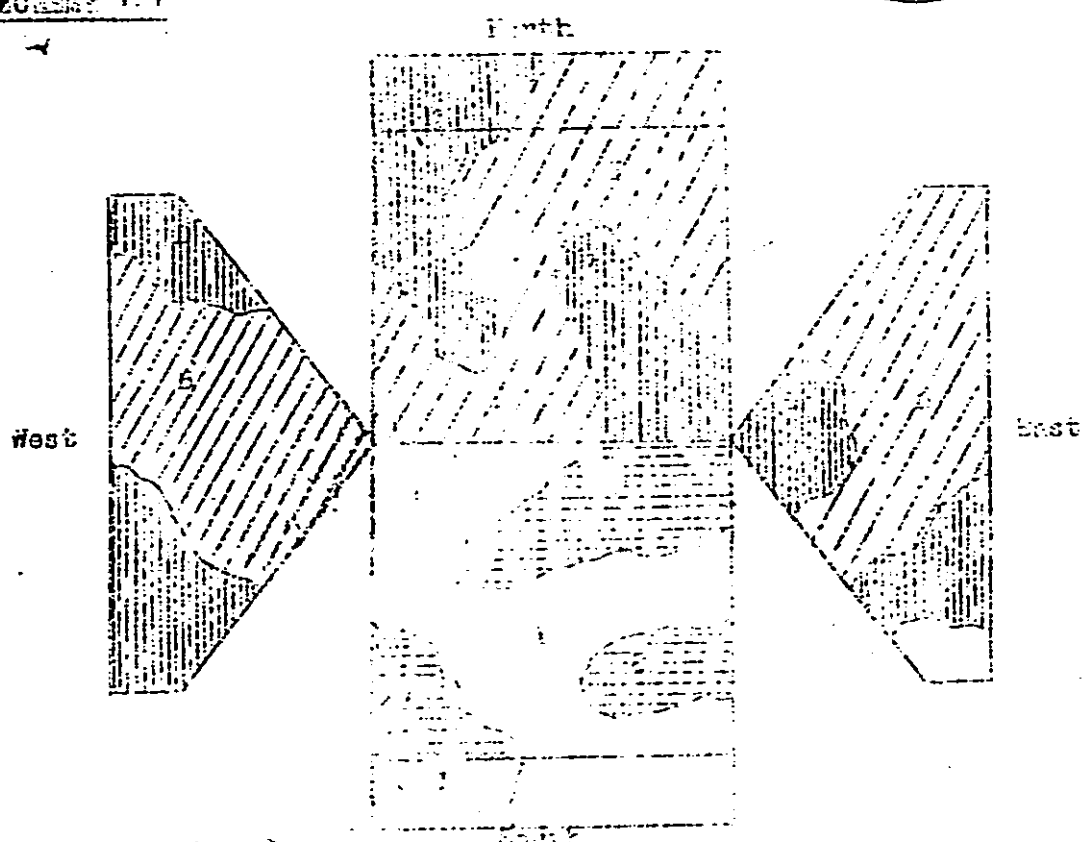
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B	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Dwn. 30%
C	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
D	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
E	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
F	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
G	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
H	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
I	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
J	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
K	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
L	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
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N	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
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X	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
Y	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 50%
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For siting of tents refer to instruction CI2/1/7

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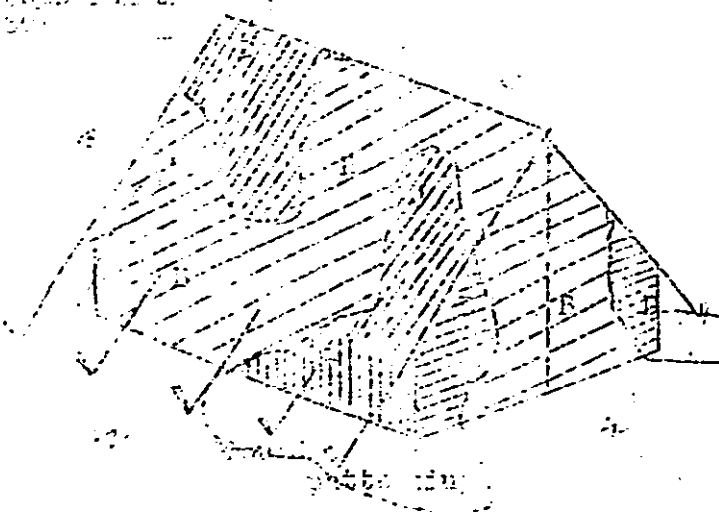


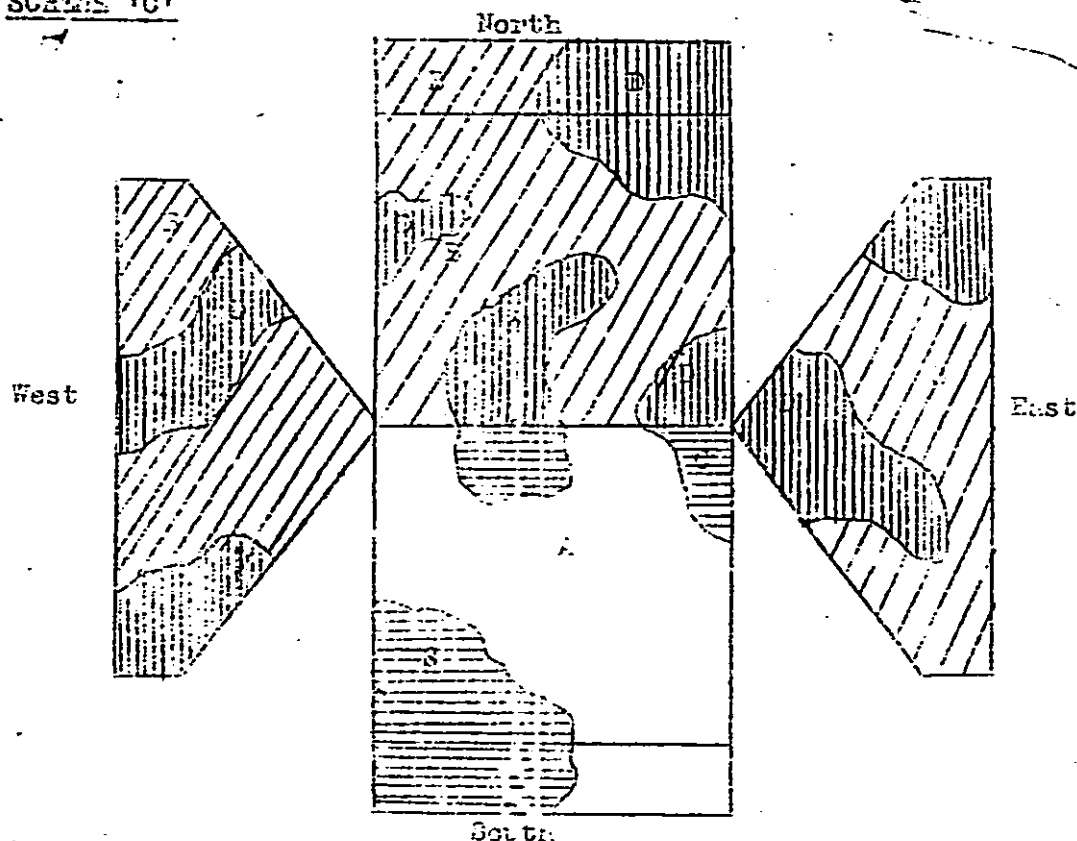
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C	Khaki	Khaki	Khaki
D	Dark Earth	Dark Earth	Dark Earth

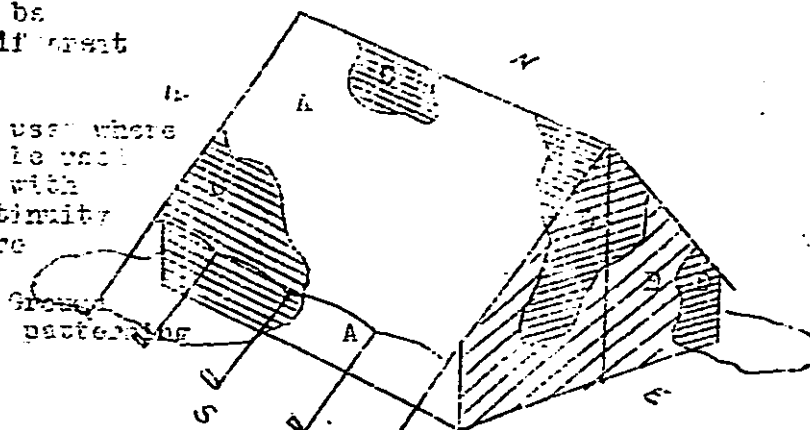
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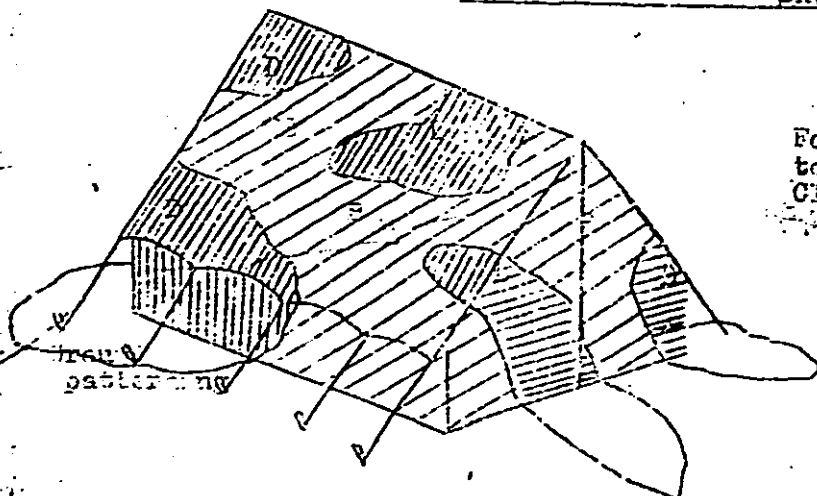
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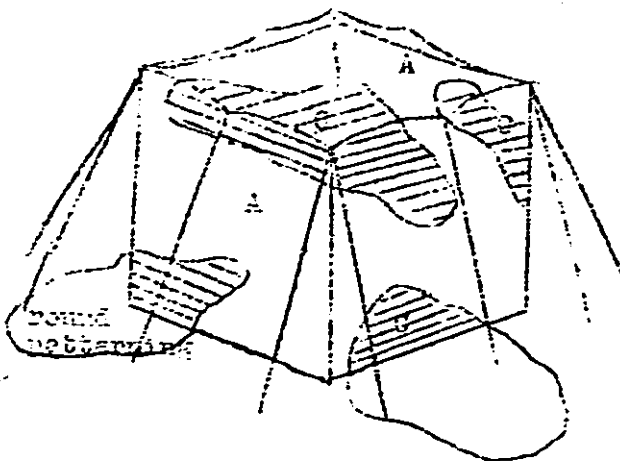
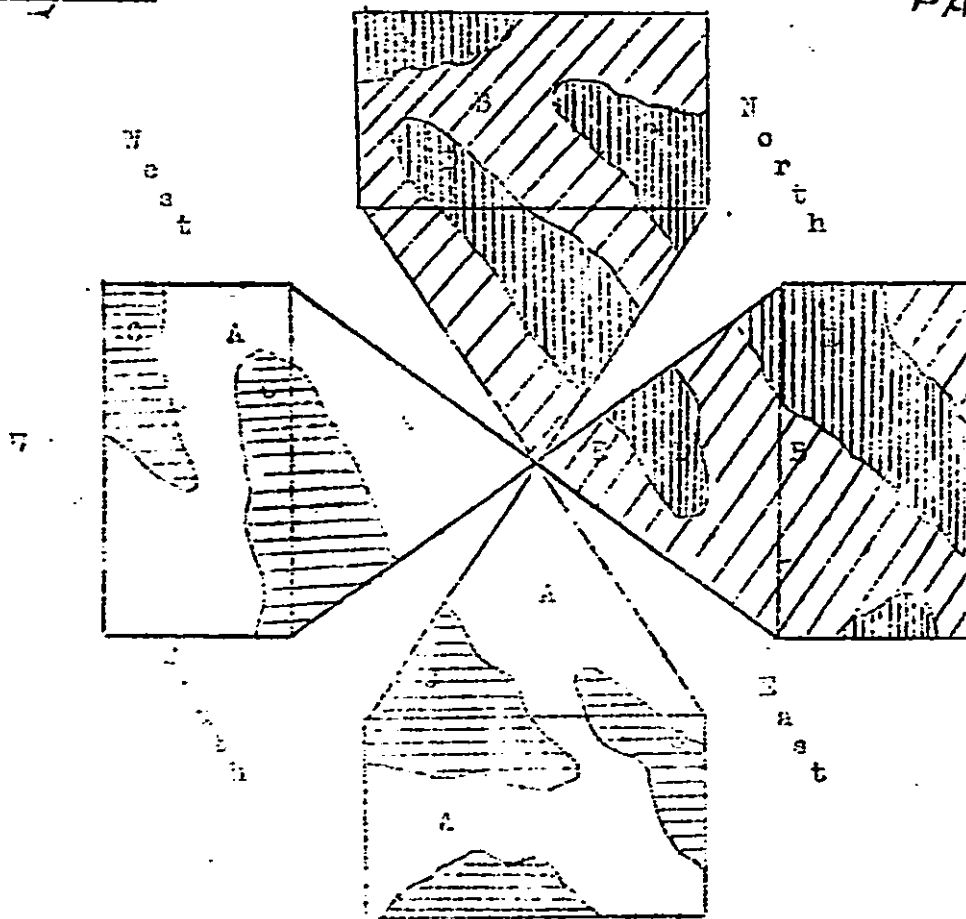
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B	Lt. Stone 60% Dk. Earth 40%	Lt. Stone 50% Scrubby Gn. 50%	Lt. Stone 60% Dk. Earth 40%
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For siting of tents refer to instruction C12/1/7





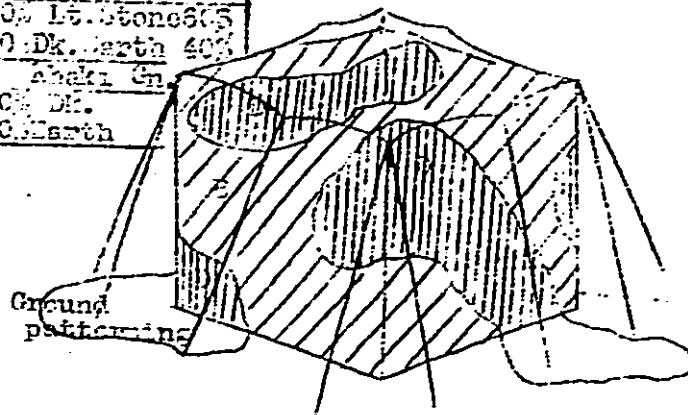
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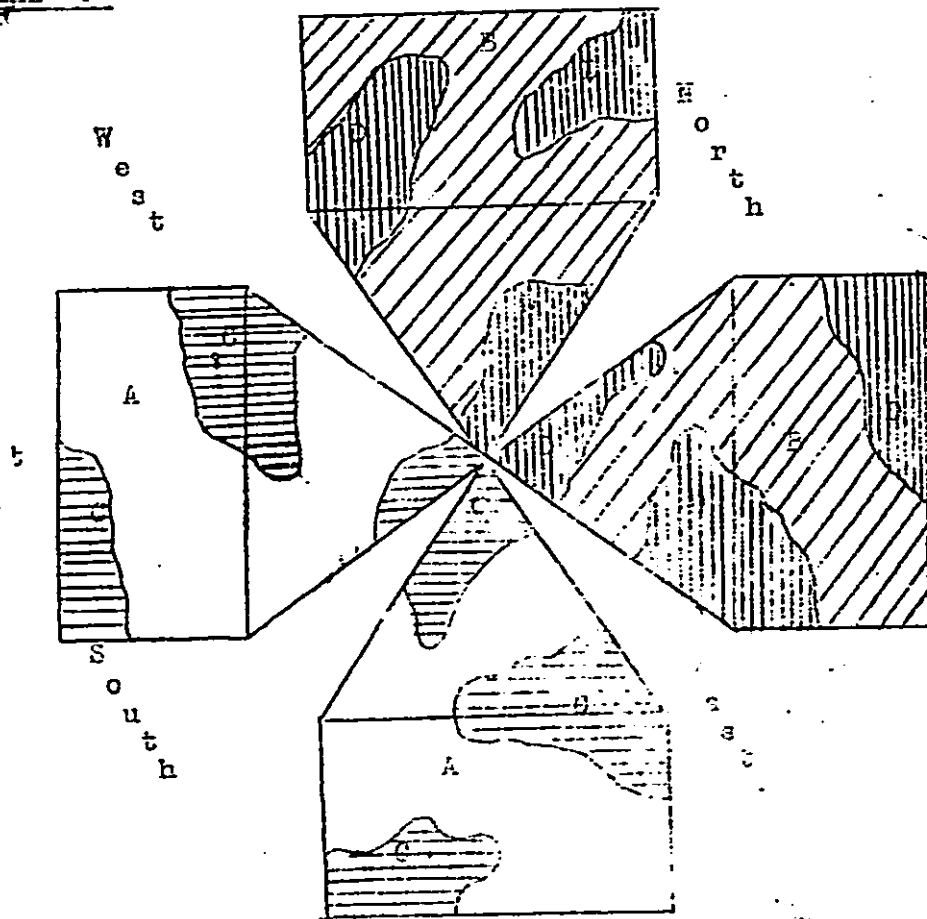
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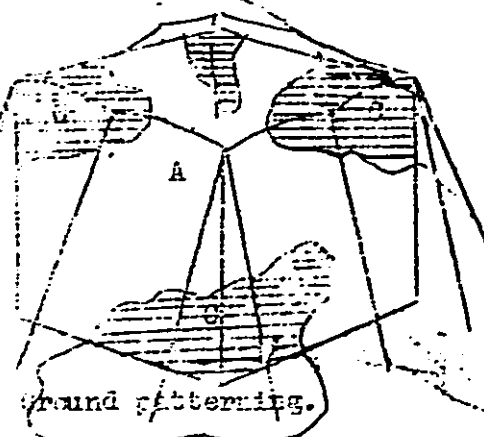
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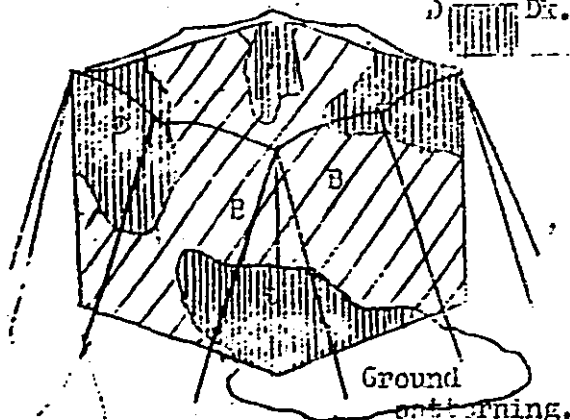
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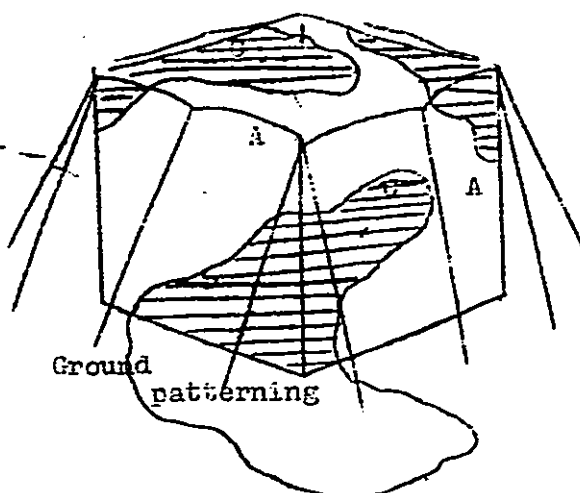
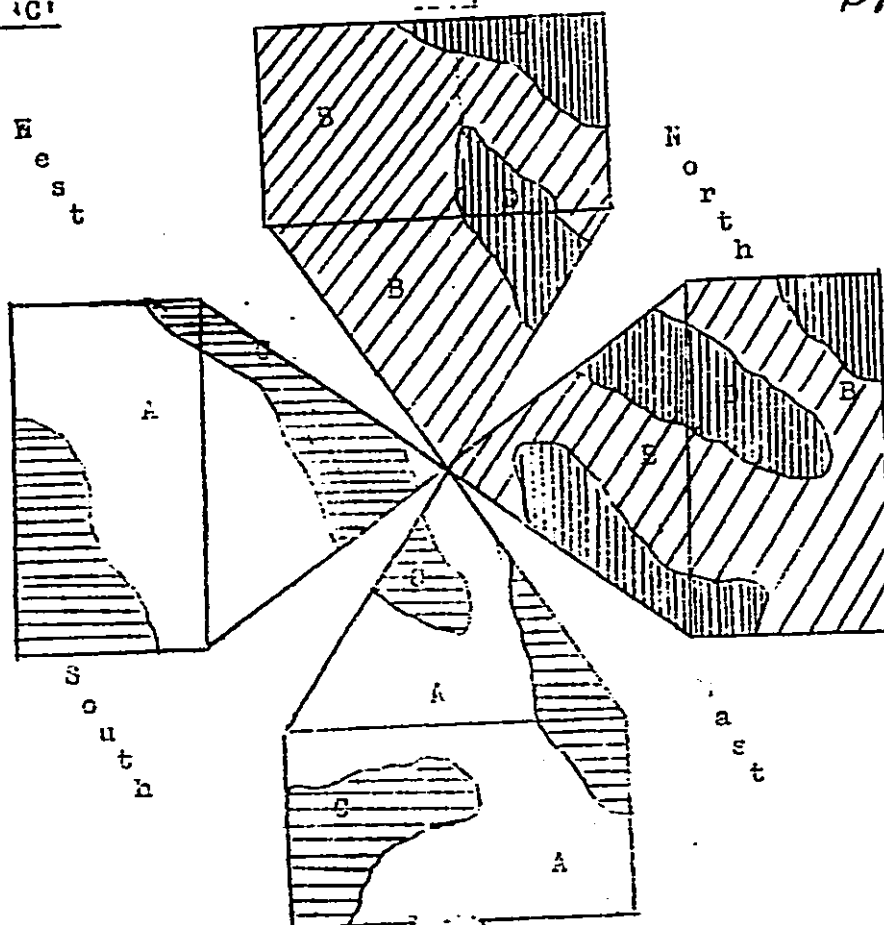
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SCHEME 'C'

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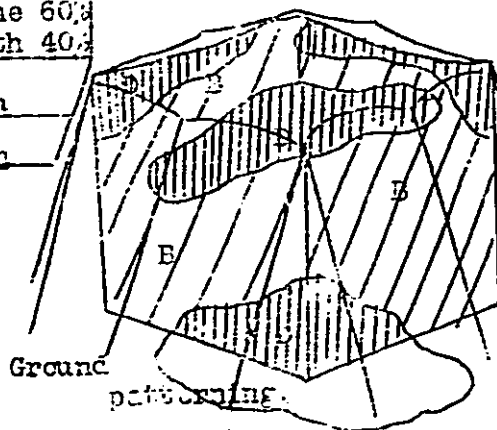
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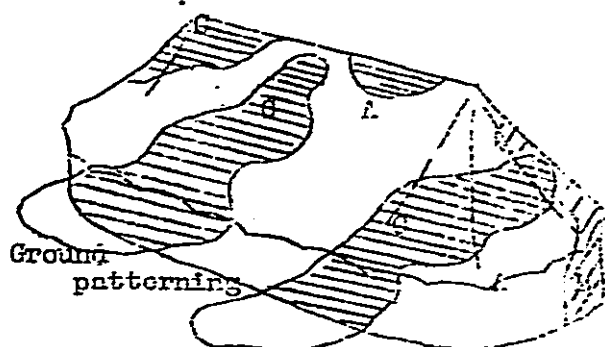
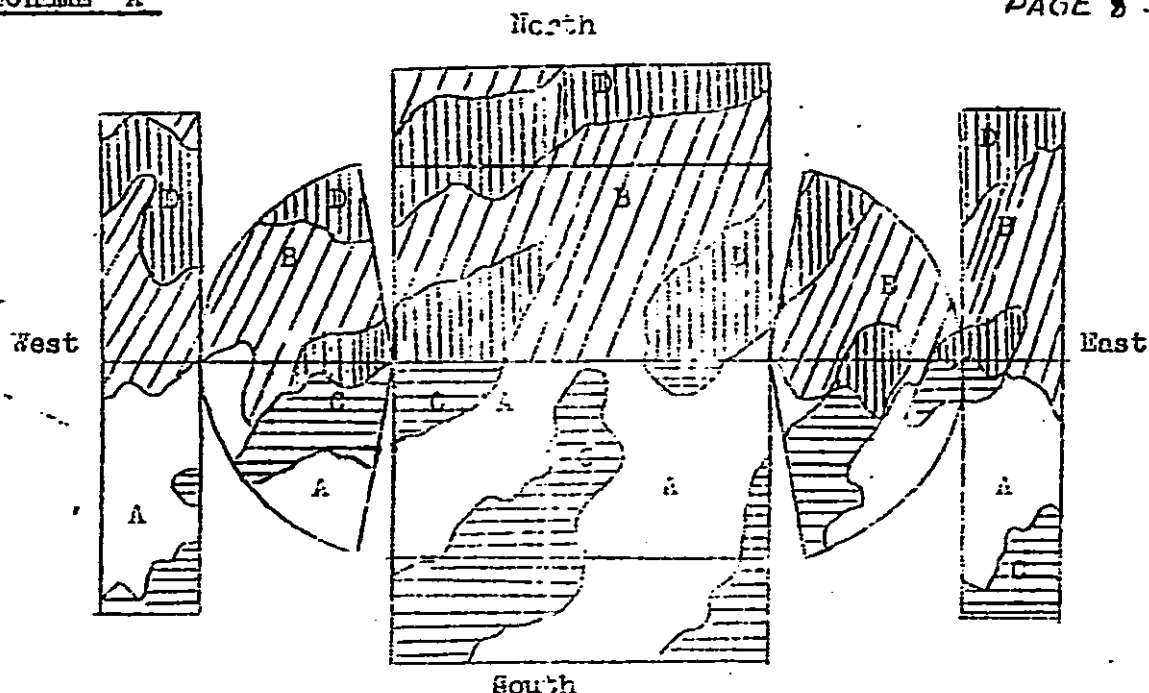
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SCHEME 'A'

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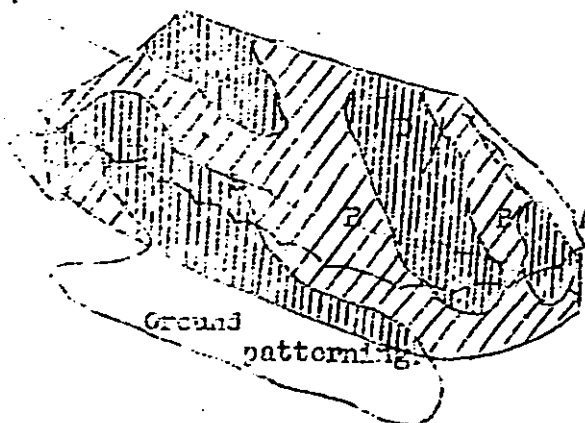
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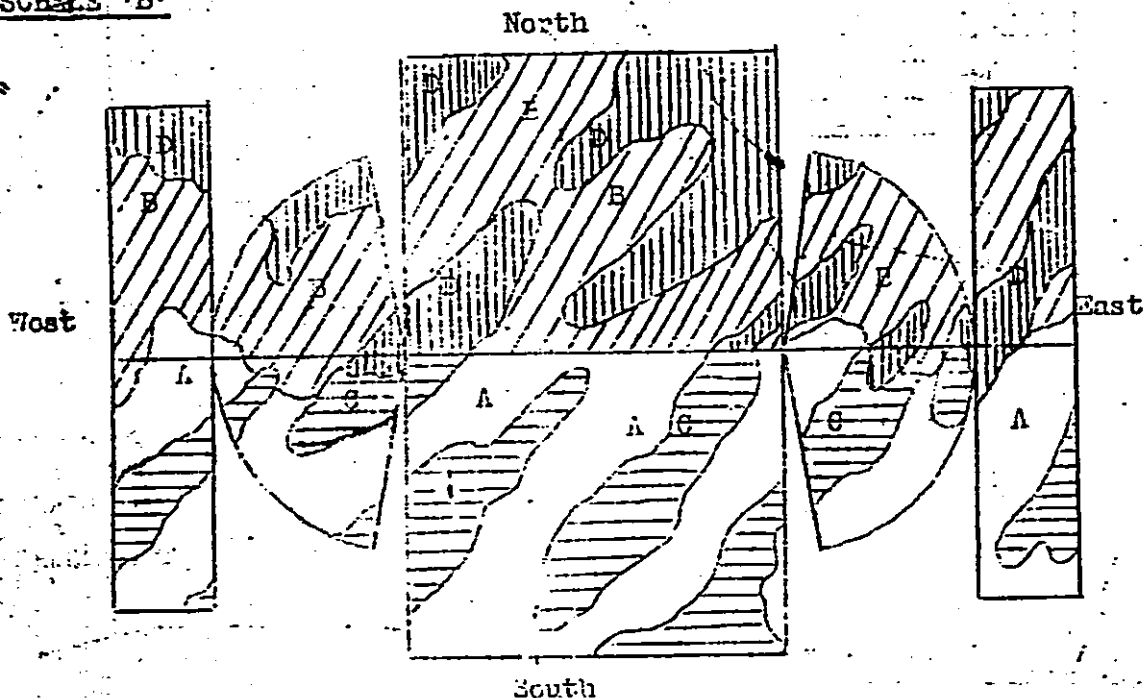
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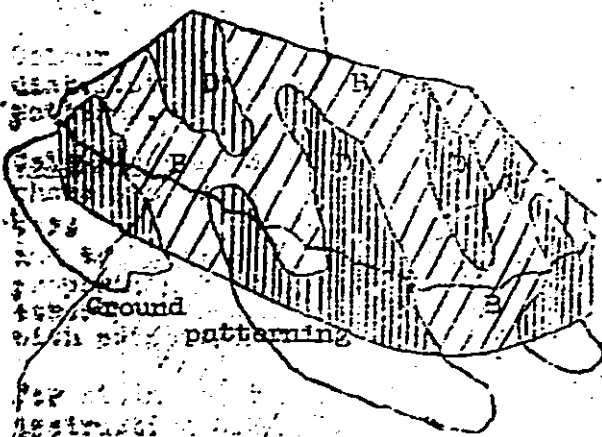


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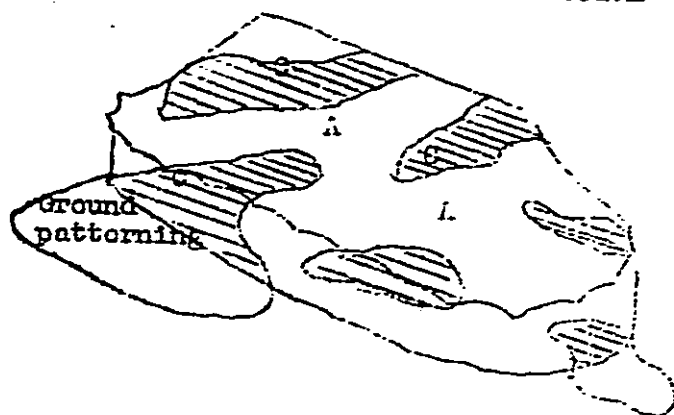
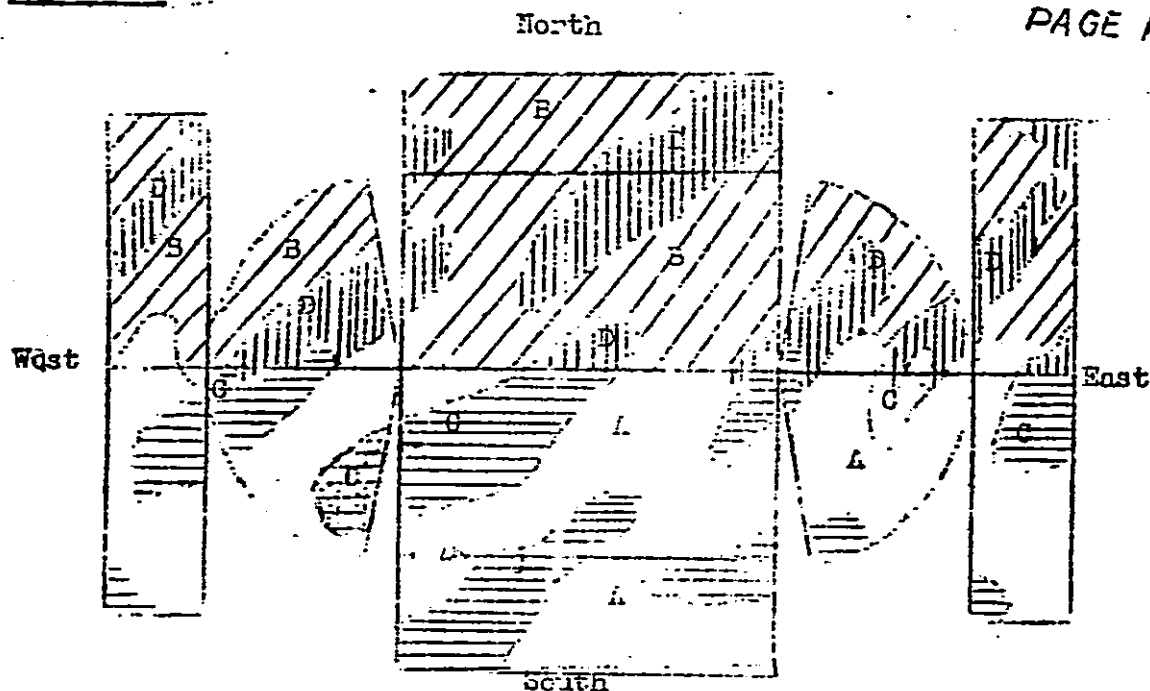
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A	Lt. Stone	Lt. Stone	Lt. Stone 70% Dwn. Stone 30%
B	Lt. Stone 60% Dk. Earth 40%	Lt. Stone 50% Scrub Gn. 50%	Lt. Stone 60% Dk. Earth 40%
C	Khaki Green	Khaki Green	Khaki Green
D	Dark Earth	Khaki Gn. 50% Dk. Earth 50%	Dark Earth



SCHEME 'C'

DISRUPTIVE PATTERN FOR TENTS

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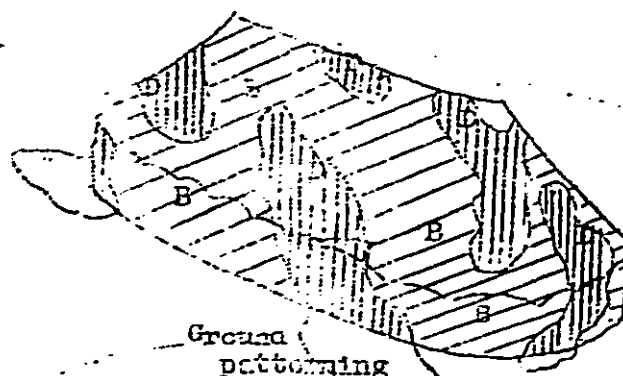
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Colour scheme 3 to be used where ground is bare, and to be mixed proportionately with other patterns in continuity with proportion of bare ground.

For siting of tents refer to instruction CI2/I/7.

Colour Schemes

	Scheme 1	Scheme 2	Scheme 3
A	Lt. Stone	Lt. Stone	Lt. Stone 70%
B	Lt. Stone 60%	Lt. Stone 50%	Lt. Stone 30%
C	Dk. Earth 40%	Scrub Gn. 56%	Lt. Stone 50%
D	Khaki Green	Khaki Green	Dk. Earth 40%
E	Dark Earth	Khaki Gn. 50%	Dark Earth
		Dk. Earth 50%	

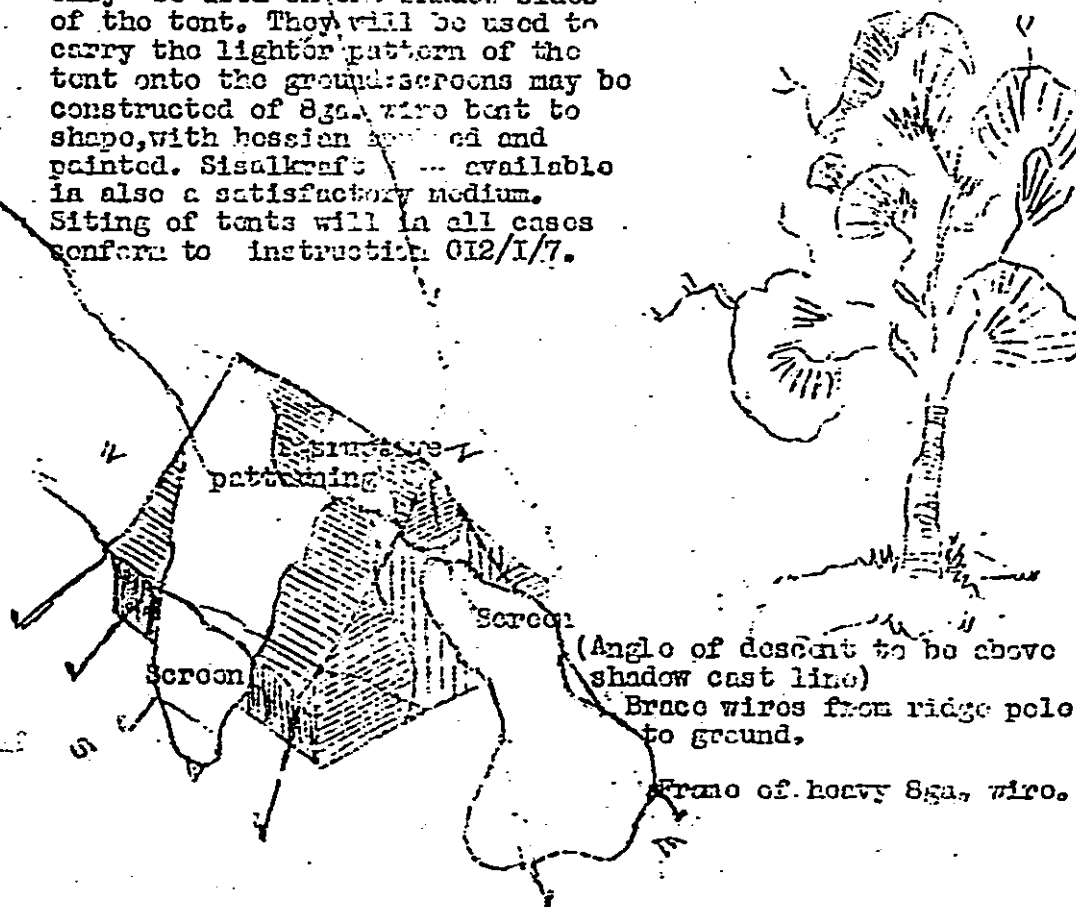


DISRUPTIVE SCREENS AND GROUND PATTERNING

Scheme 1: Screens

Screens will be used to carry the disruptive pattern of a tent onto the ground. These screens should only be used on the shadow sides of the tent. They will be used to carry the lighter pattern of the tent onto the ground: screens may be constructed of 8ga. wire bent to shape, with hessian applied and painted. Sisalkraft is also a satisfactory medium. Siting of tents will in all cases conform to instruction 012/1/7.

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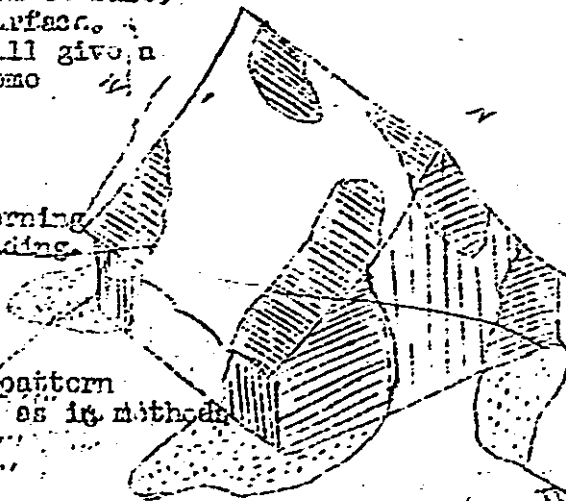
Scheme 2: Ground patterning

Ground patterning to enhance the disruptive pattern of a tent may be attained by the following means:

1. Breaking up of ground with picks etc.
2. Tanned leaves patterned on the ground
3. Leaves, in quantity and unsorted, strown on ground.
4. Tar and tarbark, sprayed to suit.
5. Sump oil painted on surface.
6. Spoil smoothed flat will give a texture suitable in some cases.

Disruptive patterning
with counter shading.

Ground pattern
created as in methods
1-6



Appx "A" to
HQ 7 Aust Div
SG34/4/110

EXPERIMENTS IN JUNGLE WARFARE
FINAL REPORT

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
GT/J/30
31 Jul 42.

HQ 7 Aust Div

As a result of experiments conducted, this HQ has reached the following conclusions:-

1. MT

(a) The reduced scale of MT for a bn suggested in our G05/31/5 of 31 May 42 is suitable, but it is strongly held that trucks, 3 ton FWD, should be substituted for trucks 30 cwt GS. Boggy and difficult country which is virtually impassable to the 30 cwt truck is traversed with ease by the FWD type.

(b) During the HQ and Sig exercise on 12-14 Jul 42, this HQ did NOT use the scale as laid down in our G05/31/5 of 31 May 42. No conclusions were therefore arrived at in connection with this scale.

(c) MCs are most unsuitable and unreliable in close country and it is strongly recommended that these be replaced, at all events partially, with jeeps, bantams, light cars or utilities.

2. HORSES

(a) The use of horses in exercises by day has proved most satisfactory when used as a recce element, enabling movement off roads to be swift and silent.

(b) In boggy country by night they flounder immediately on encountering swamps and are not a success.

3. EQPT

(a) The eqpt set out in our GT/J/8/7 of 9 Jul 42, para 2, has proved entirely satisfactory and is considered a big improvement on the standard web eqpt.

(b) The above eqpt is most satisfactory when worn with a special pair of trousers, KD, designed on the lines of the British battle dress trousers. These have two hip pockets, two patch pockets and two pockets in front, legs are 23" wide and have a strap round the bottom for easy fastening.

4. BREN GUNS

(a) The use of the sling with the "S" hook as described in our GT/J/30 of 30 Jun 42, is quite satisfactory, but a support invented by the armourer Sgt of this HQ is considered almost ideal. A sketch is att as appx "B". Photographs of the above support have been taken and will be fwded when available.

(b) This support enables the gun to be fired with extreme accuracy from the shoulder, either straight ahead or for A.L. and, by extracting the rest from the belt socket and allowing it to swing down and hang vertically, it can then be used as a monopod on which to rest the gun while firing in a kneeling posn.

(c) It will be appreciated that the extra weight and bulk of this support is negligible and it is considered to be extremely satisfactory.

5. CROSSING OF SWAMPS AND WATER OBSTACLES

(a) It is considered that the provision of 10 yds of light rope per sec to assist weak and non-swimmers across rivers etc is desirable.

(b) It is suggested that all 3 ton vehs be supplied with 100 ft of 3" manilla rope for hauling lighter vehs when fascines are laid across a swamp. This has been proved the best method of getting the lighter vehs across the fascines.

6. COMPASSES

(a) It is again emphasised that the scale of issue of compasses is inadequate:

(b) It is considered that the scale of issue should be one per sec.

(2)

7. COY STORES

It is again suggested that the scale of issue of axes, felling, should be 4 per coy.

8. ROPE SOLED SHOES

(a) A pair of rope soled shoes used during a three day bn exercise were found to be very tiring to the feet when distances greater than 15 miles were marched.

(b) They were found to be excellent for patrols and tree-climbing being silent and giving a good grip.

9. MACHETS

NO better implement than a machet has been discovered for use in jungle country.

10. COVERS FOR MCs

(a) It is considered necessary for any MCs on establishment to be equipped with a waterproof cover for the engine and saddle.

(b) Under rainy conditions, if the rider on leaving his machine, does not cover the engine with a groundsheet or similar cover, considerable trouble is experienced in re-starting the engine. If he used his groundsheet, he himself gets wet.

11. Owing to the lack of time the following experiments have NOT been concluded:-

Carrying and eating of new emergency ration.
Best method of preserving boots.
Inflatable groundsheet.

12. BREN CARRIER AS A TK GUN TRACTOR

(a) An experiment in converting a bren carrier to be used as an A Tk gun tractor was carried out by 2/6 Aust A Tk Bty.

(b) Report on the above was submitted to RA 7 Aust Div,

sgd THOS EATHER
Brig
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.

EXPERIMENTS IN JUNGLE WARFARE

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HQ 7 Aust Div
7 Aug 42
SG34/4/110

1 AUST CORPS

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Your G00454 of 2 Jun 42.

1. Att hereto as appx "A" is a report dated 31 Jul 42 upon experiments in jungle warfare as carried out by 25 AUST INF BDE.
2. Extracts of important pts from the reports of 25 Aust Inf Bde to date are as follows:-
 - (a) Boots - the issue boot, well dubbed, is satisfactory for marching. Rope soled shoes were found most suitable for patrols and tree climbing.
 - (b) Machets - no better implement than the machete has been discovered for clearing pathways in jungle country. Recommended two per inf sec.
 - (c) Carriage of mm - carrying Bren LMG magazines in French haversacks, improvised to be slung in a similar manner to issue haversacks proved much more satisfactory than pouches basic. Each haversack holds six magazines and the amm is readily available.
 - (d) Tree Climbing Eqpt - with the exception of the rope soled shoes mentioned in para 2(a), no conclusions have been reached on tree climbing eqpt.
 - (e) LMG Attachment - to attach the LMG to trees, pass the present sling around the bole, fasten, and attach LMG by means of "S" hook. The sling can be augmented by use of double pullthrough. To fire standing, kneeling, ~~Al or~~ around cover, attach a support (suitable length of cleaning rod) to front bracket, and rest in sockets in belt. Photographs enclosed.
 - (f) Web Eqpt - the following modification to web eqpt has proved most satisfactory:-
 - (i) Pouches basic are replaced by carriers cartridge.
 - (ii) Pouches utility are altered by affixing brass clips to the back near the top. The pouches are then attached to the belt behind the carriers cartridge so that the tops of the pouch and belt are level and the pouches lie along the thigh.
 - (g) Dress - Recommend shirts, slacks KD, socks, boots, gaiters and steel helmet. The eqpt mentioned in para (f) above is most satisfactory when worn with a special pair of trousers KD designed on the same lines as British battledress trousers. Has two hip pockets, two patch pockets, two pockets in front, legs are 23" wide and have a strap around bottom for easy fastening.
 - (h) Cable Laying - no opportunity for experiment in machinery for underground cable laying.
 - (i) V/T Sets - no conclusions reached on modification of acrials for 101 and 108 wireless sets. A more powerful set is required for use in close country.
 - (j) Rations - rations satisfactory but monotonous.
 - (k) MT - suggested scale of tpt for HQ Inf Bde and Inf Bn is att as appx C.

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(1) Horses

The use of horses in exercises by day has proved most satisfactory when used as a recon element, enabling movement off roads to be swift and silent.

(n) Crossing of swamps and water obstacles

It is considered that the provision of 10 yds of 1" rope per sec to assist weak and non-swimmers across rivers etc is desirable.

- (ii) It is suggested that all 3 ton vehs be supplied with 100 ft of 3" manilla rope for hauling lighter vehs when fascines are laid across a swamp. This has been proved the best method of getting the lighter vehs across the fascines.


(n) Axes Felling

It is suggested that the scale of issue of axes, felling, should be four per coy.

3. Owing to lack of time certain experiments could not be completed. These include:-

- (a) Carrying and eating of new emergency ration.
- (b) Inflatable groundsheet.

4. In conclusion it is strongly recommended that where tps are liable to operate in jungle country, clothing be dyed a green colour (similar to that used by Dutch tps)

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Comd 7 Just Div

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WAR DEPT - TROPICAL WARPRE

HQ 7 Aust Div

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
31 May 42
G05/31/5

Ref 7 Aust Div sig 0149 of 29 May 42.

(a) BDE HQ

(i) Bde HQ must be mobile and self-contained. Many of the vehs are used for means of communication and control. It is considered that these principles must be adhered to, but a saving can be made by using a lt car, bantam or jeep instead of cars DS.

(ii) Suggested scale of tpt

Cars 4 seater - Bde Comd	1)	
BM	1)	2
Bantams or jeeps - SC	1)	
LO	1)	
TO	1)	
Sup O	1)	10
OC Sig Sec	1)	
OC L/D	1)	
OC Protective Pl	1)	
Chaplains	3)	
Truck 15 cwt - IO	1)	
CEH (office)	1)	
QMS	1)	5
Pet	1)	
Truck water	1)	
Lorries 1 ton - Bde office	1)	1
Lorries 3 ton - fitter, armourer and spares	1)	
offrs' mess	1)	
kitchen	1)	5
protective pl	2)	
MCs - as for present WE		

(iii) L/D and Sig Sec tpt will remain as at present with the exception of the OCs van which should be a bantam or jeep.

(b) TPT

(i) Bicycles	31	
(ii) MCs - I Sgt	1)	
RPc	4)	
Sig Pl	3)	14
Mortar Pl	2)	
Carrier Pl	3)	
Tpt Sgt	1)	
(iii) Trucks 15 cwt or bantam cars -		
Each coy comd 1	5)	
Bn 2 1/c	1)	
Bn QM	1)	9
Bn IO	1)	
Bn TO	1)	
(iv) Trucks 15 cwt - Bn office	1)	
Mortar Pl	2)	
IA Pl	2)	8
Sig Pl	2)	
Carrier Pl	1)	

(2)

1.	(v) Trucks water	1)	1
	(vi) Lorries 3 ton - Coy LMGs etc - 2 per coy	8)	
	Medical offr	1)	
	Pnr Pl	1)	
	MT stores and POL	1)	20
	Cooks 9 1 per coy	5)	
	Offrs Mess	1)	
	Res S.I. and mortars	5)	

The above is suggested scale for a bn holding the full scale of weapons.

(vii) Carriers - Mortar Pl	9)	
Bn Comd	1)	17
Carrier Pl	7)	
(viii) Armd Cs -	7	7

NOTES: The carrier pl is reduced to two secs, but the Armd Cs will be used for recce work and take the place of the MC combinations at present on the FE.

(c) GENERAL

- (i) It is suggested that all lorries of 30 cwt and over should be fitted with dual rear wheels or four wheel drive.

(sgd) T W Eather Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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AIR RAIDS

HQ 7 Aust Div,
SG 2/2/4

26 Aug 42

1. The tendency still exists in some units for personnel to seek cover long before there is any reasonable need. In some cases, this has happened upon the first warning being received, when in fact the enemy aircraft were still many miles away from the area.
2. This state of affairs results in a great loss of valuable time, is very bad for morale, and is palpably absurd.
3. All comds will take immediate steps to educate their tps to view enemy air attack from the correct perspective. The following pts should be stressed:-
 - (a) From their own observation, little material damage and very few casualties have resulted from enemy air action. Moreover, bombing is at present most unlikely, except in certain localities such as the Port and aerodromes.
 - (b) To take cover needlessly is to assist the enemy, since he achieves his object if he disorganises our work and affects our morale.
 - (c) Obviously bombs can NOT fall on a target unless the planes make their final approach on a course, which if continued, would bring them directly overhead. Ground -straffing can be carried out by planes only in close proximity to the target area. The over-caution now displayed in many quarters is therefore ridiculous.
 - (d) Emphasis must be placed on the need at all times for adequate dispersion, concealment and camflg. If a choice has to be made, adequate dispersion is the most important factor.
 - (e) In the case of low-flying attack, all weapons will open fire on enemy aircraft within their range, unless it is desired to keep the presence of our tps concealed from the enemy. Tps must never be allowed to take cover and do nothing.
 - (f) If tps are attacked by low-flying aircraft and are not close to slit trenches, they must never run to them. If armed, they should engage the aircraft from where they are; if unarmed, they should lie down. Apart from the likelihood of spreading panic, to run only attracts the enemy pilots' attention and is almost certain suicide.
 - (g) Vchs will NOT halt, unless enemy aircraft are overhead and the area is one in which attack is likely.
 - (h) Above all, ofrs and NCOs must set a personal example of calmness and unconcern and prevent their men taking cover until it becomes necessary. If ofrs set a high example of courage, steadfastness and devotion to duty, there need be no fear as to the reactions of the men.

Warning System

4. In future the following sigs will be passed through army sig exchanges in the event of an air raid becoming imminent:-

"Air-raid message RED"

This message, originated by COIC, means that an air raid MAY occur within 5 to 10 mins.

"Air-raid message GREEN"

This message, also originated by COIC, means that the raiders have passed.

Action by Unit

5. (a) On receipt of "Air -raid message RED", units will post an air sentry. Under no circumstances will sirens be sounded, shots fired or any other general warning be given of an "ALERT".
- (b) If hostile aircraft are approaching overhead and attack is probable, the air sentry will give the sig to take cover (series of short blast on whistle).
- (c) Immediately the raiders have passed, work must be resumed.

AA Arty

6. The nature and characteristics of AA arty are to be explained to the tps, with an indication of the roles normally allotted to hy and lt AA units. Emphasis should be placed on the use of hy units for protection of concentrated targets, leaving lt AA units to provide cover for gun areas etc against low-flying attack. Care should be taken to explain the "self destructive" shell of the lt AA eqpt. Although a burst may miss an aircraft by only a very small margin, the actual "self destruction" of the projectile may occur at a considerable distance from the plane. Unless this is made clear to the tps, they merely see a series of shell bursts far from the target and ascribe it to bad shooting on the part of the AA gunners.

Own Fighter Protection

7. It would appear that in a number of cases tps are very badly informed as to the extent and manner in which our own fighter aircraft operate. It must be explained to all concerned that our resources in aircraft are not unlimited and that they have to carry out a multiplicity of tasks. Consequently it is not possible for them to provide a "fighter umbrella" over all areas continuously, even if this procedure were desirable. It will be apparent therefore, that our fighter aircraft may sometimes get short warning of an impending raid and they must perforce get away from a "standing start". This being the case, it is essential for our aircraft to climb as rapidly as possible to a pre-arranged RV and then endeavour to intercept from a favourable direction. The point at which interception takes place will accordingly be some miles away from the aerodrome. An explanation of this manoeuvre will assist our tps to understand why our own aircraft may sometimes appear to be flying away from the line of enemy aircraft approach.

8. The necessity for action by all comds on the lines indicated must be readily appreciated and the necessary steps taken to commence an educative programme designed to ensure the highest standard of conduct in the face of air attack.

 Col.
GS 7 Aust Div.

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7 AUST DIV HQ, STANDING ORDERS

appx 5

Hq 7 Aust Div.
3 Aug 42.
G206/1/1307.

1. Herewith copies of SOs for this HQ.
2. Pages 17-23 incl are reserved for Sec 11 which will be produced when the sig security system to be adopted in AUSTRALIA is finalised.
3. Appendices "A", "B", "C", "I", and "J" are dependent on slight alterations in the WE and will be fwded when the new WE is approved.

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HEADQUARTERS
7th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

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CHAPTER 1.

SECTION 1 - UNITS TO WHICH STANDING ORDERS APPLY

1. These Standing Orders are based on WE AIF II/1/3.
2. The Standing Orders apply to:-

HQ Div	Fd Hyg Sec
Div Sec Int Corps	Div Pro Coy
FS Sec	Div Postal Unit
HQ Div Arty	Fd Cash Office
HQ Div Engrs	Div Emp Pl
HQ Comd Div AASC	HQ Gd Coy (less three pls)
Div Sigs (less detached secs)	7 Aust Div Concert Party
	Other small units as may be att
	Div HQ.

SECTION 2 - SUBDIVISION OF DIV HQ

3. In order to facilitate the control of ops, it may be necessary to establish an adv HQ in a fwd area. Div HQ is therefore organised so that it can be divided as follows:-

<u>Adv HQ</u>	<u>Rear HQ</u>
Recce Party	Recce Party
Comd Gp	Rear Gp Div Sigs
Adv Gp Div Sigs	Balance Rear Div HQ
Balance Adv Div HQ	Rear Party

If Adv and Rear HQ are separated by more than a small distance the sub-division causes certain adm difficulties as well as detracting from the efficiency of Div HQ. For this reason the complete HQ will be re-assembled when circumstances permit. Generally Div HQ will sub-divide when ops are fluid and may concentrate when ops stabilise.

4. On occasions a small comd gp may be formed to obviate the continual movement of Adv HQ, which is so organised that the comd gp can separate from it whenever required. During movement the comd gp will usually move separately from the rest of Adv HQ.

5. The division of personnel between comd gp, Adv HQ and Rear HQ, and the allotment of personnel and equipment to vehs are shown in Appendices "A" and "B".

SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

When Div HQ is concentrated

1. (a) The following will come under Camp for adm:-

HQ 7 Aust Div
Div Sec Int Corps
FS Sec Int Corps
Div HQ Sig Office
Div Postal Unit
Fd Cash Office
7 Aust Div Concert Party
Div Emp Pl
HQ Gd Coy (less three pls)
Det 25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
Det RAAF

- (b) The following will be allotted areas by HQ 7 Aust Div, but will be under their own comds for adm:-

HQ 7 Aust Div Arty
HQ 7 Aust Div Engrs
Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets)
HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div
7 Aust Div Pro Coy
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec

(2)

When Div HQ is sub-divided

2. The following officers will be responsible for adm:-

Adv HQ - Asst Camp
Rear HQ - Camp

Allotment of areas

3. Space will normally be allotted for the following:-

Office areas. Visitors car park.
Sig office close to HQ.
Sigs area
Adm area Offrs' and Sgts' messes.
 Men's kitchen.
Rest areas for offrs and ORs.
Veh parks.
Areas for att tps (see para 1(b).)

Responsibility for cleanliness of areas

4. (a) The cleanliness of offices, car parks, etc, is primarily the responsibility of the branch or sub-unit concerned.
- (b) The general supervision of cleanliness of areas will be arranged by Camp or Asst Camp, see para 2 above.

SECTION 4 - MOVEMENT OF DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1. (a) The GI will be responsible for the following:-

- (i) Ordering move of Div HQ.
- (ii) Indicating generally the area in which Div HQ will be located.
- (iii) Indicating time at which Div HQ or Adv HQ is to open at new site.
- (iv) Indicating strength of local protection unit to proceed with Adv HQ.
- (v) Indicating time at which vehs are to be loaded ready to move.
- (vi) Indicating whether "G" or "AQ" is to issue detailed orders for the move.

(b) Detailed orders for the move will include:-

- (i) Route, and RV for guides.
- (ii) Instns re movement control.
- (iii) Time of departure of each gp, or orders for independent running.

(c) GIII (O) will be responsible for notifying formations, units, and RAAF, etc, units co-operating, and all concerned of the following:-

- (i) Map reference of new site of Div HQ (or Adv and Rear HQ).
- (ii) Time of closing and opening of HQs.
- (iii) Seeing gps take fwd sufficient office material (incl copies of indices of ordinary and secret filing systems) to enable the new HQ to function as soon as it opens. Until the complete registry arrives, registration of ordinary correspondence will be effected in usual way at the new HQ, the word "Adv" being shown in front of the registration number (e.g. Adv G23/1/1098); secret "G" correspondence received will be entered in a field register, the first two sections only of the file number being indicated and the third section being left blank (e.g. SG56/1/-); registration of "secret" correspondence will be completed when the main filing systems reach the new location. The word "AC." will be inserted in front of numbers of outward sig messages (e.g. Adv 023).

(3)

(d) Camp or Asst Camp will be responsible for the following:-

- (i) Regulating the departure of the gps, etc.
- (ii) Informing NCOs i/c messes of time at which next meal is required and time messes are to close.
- (iii) Informing NCOs i/c batmen at what time batmen will be wanted and when baggage is to be ready.

Types of move

2. Three possible types of move are likely to occur:-

Type (A) When Div HQ is to open at a new site concentrated.

Type (B) When an Adv HQ is to open at a new site whilst rear HQ remains at old site.

Type (C) When Adv and Rear HQ are to move to separate sites.

Recco of sites

3. Prior to the move of Div HQ, a detailed recco of the new site must be carried out. The normal composition of the recco parties for the various types of move as shown above will be as follows. Each gp must move complete with tents for new offices and for sleeping, etc, with mosquito nets, lamps, and so on.

Type (A) - Recco Gp for Div HQ

GII or other G rep
DAQMC
DAFM
Medical rep
Asst Camp or rep
One G and one AQ clerk
Cpl draughtsman
5 MPs
Sec Emp Pl (incl cook)
Sig rep
2 DRs
Camflg Offr
2 RAE Offrs (one being
from Fd Pk Coy)

(Recco parties may also be needed from Div Arty, Engrs, Sigs,
see local protection unit)

Type (B) - Recco Gp for Adv HQ

GII or other G rep
DAQMC
DAFM
Medical rep
Asst Camp
One G clerk
Cpl draughtsman
3 MPs for route and RV
Sec Emp Pl (incl cook)
Sig rep
2 DRs
Camflg Offr
RAE Offr

(Recco parties for other units as for Type A)

Type (C) - Recco Gps

for Adv HQ

GII or other G rep
DAQMC
DAFM
Medical rep
Asst Camp
One G clerk
Cpl draughtsman

for Rear HQ

DAAG (L)
One AQ clerk
3 MPs
Camp
Sec Emp Pl
(incl cook)

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3 MPs
Sec Emp Pl (incl cook)
Sig rep
1 DR
Camflg Offr
RAE Offr (from Fd Pk
Coy)

Sig rep
1 DR
RAE Offr
Medical rep only if Rear HQ
is likely to be so far from
Adv HQ as to be too much for
rep with Adv HQ

"G" also must advise on siting for Rear HQ. Camflg sgt may also be needed with Recce Gp for Rear HQ.

(Recce parties for other units as for Type A)

When HQ have been selected, messages will be sent by DR to CI and AA & QMG giving map references and best route to new site.

Recce parties will select covered dispersal areas in the new area, to which vchs of all gps can be directed on arrival. They will post traffic control policemen or signposts to guide vchs to these areas. Strict attention must be given to "track discipline" both with regard to vchs and paths for personnel; routes must be marked. If final car parks have been selected these may be used in lieu of dispersal areas.

Billoting parties for units (vide FSPB) when necessary, will move under the comd of Camp or "G" rep (depending on type of move).

Procedure for move of Div HQ

4. (a) During a move it is essential that there should be no period when Div HQ is closed down. For this reason an Adv Gp Div Sigs will be sent fwd to prepare comms at the new site. If the recce gp has remained fwd it will open HQ at the time ordered. If the recce gp has returned to Div HQ an adv party to open the new Adv HQ must be sent fwd. Certain personnel to be sent with this party are shown in Appx "I".
- (b) As soon as the old office closes it must move continuously to rejoin Adv HQ at the new location. Formations and units will be advised before the move so that they realise Adv and Rear HQ are separated and address correspondence accordingly.
- (c) The undermentioned offrs may go fwd when either the Comd Gp, Recce Gp or Adv Party leaves, but will move independently. They will keep in touch from time to time with the fwd gp.

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- (d) Movement will take place in following order:-

Type (A) and (C)

Adv party	(Personnel of Div HQ to open new HQ (only if (Div HQ recce gp has NOT remained fwd) (Sec local protection unit (if none already fwd) (Adv Gp Div Sigs
Main body	(Balance Adv Div HQ (Balance Rear Div HQ
Rear party	

Type (B)

As for Type (A) less all Rear Div HQ personnel. Office lorries will normally move with main bodies.

- (c) Comd Gp will usually move independently.
- (f) Offrs i/c move of gps will be responsible that vchs are ready to move 15 minutes before time laid down for move from assembly area. Offr i/c gp will signal offrs and drs of vchs fwd, give them detailed orders for move incl speed, density, route, destination, halts, and any other details. He will see that they understand and then dismiss them to their vchs.

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- (g) At every halt by day and night during the move, at least one offr or man will dismount from each veh. If he is an offr or NCO, he will find out the reason for the halt and do what he can to remedy it, if the circumstances require it. As the offrs or NCOs move up the coln they must insist that every veh is pulled as far over to the side of the rd as possible. Other ranks will watch for the movement of the vehs ahead. Offrs or NCOs who have moved fwd will be picked up by their vehs as they come level with them.
- (h) After Div HQ has moved, normally one MP will remain at the old site for one hr, to direct orderlies to the new location.
- (j) Warning orders for a move should be issued at least two hrs in adv - if feasible.
- (k) As soon as new Adv HQ area has been laid out the GII will have a plan of offrs' tents and offices made for use of duty personnel at night.

Protection during occupation of new sites

5. GII is responsible that the local protection unit occupies defensive posns covering the site as soon as selected. Special attention will be paid to protection against AFVs and air attack.

CHAPTER II - PROTECTION OF DIV HQSECTION 5 - PROTECTION.Responsibility

1. (a) The GI will be responsible for laying down the general policy for the protection of HQ Div area. This will include HQ of such units as RAA, RAE, Sigs, Pro Coy, etc, which may be close to HQ Div.
- (b) Comd Aust HQ Gd Coy is responsible for the normal defence of HQ Div. In an emergency this defence will be augmented by the addition of HQ offrs and tps.

HQ Gd Pl

2. (a) Comd HQ Gd Pl will dispose his pl immediately on arrival at any HQ site or proposed new HQ site so as to cover the occupation and afford the best protection to the HQ.
- (b) Under the supervision of Camp or Asst Camp, Comd HQ Gd Pl will site and dig alarm posts, emergency posts, and positions for the first and second stage. He will construct such field defences and rd blocks as the posn of HQ requires using the Gd Pl, Emp Pl and other labour provided by Camp.
- (c) He will establish ground OPs, maintain patrols and sentries as the circumstances require. Sentries at all times will be alert at their posts and particular attention must be paid to challenging all personnel entering the Div HQ (especially at night) and preventing all unauthorised persons from approaching the HQ both by day and night.

Emergency defence

3. To provide for an emergency state there will be two stages for manning of defence, each stage manned as demanded by the degree of danger.
- (a) First or spare men stage .. Offrs and ORs who may be spared from the immediate direction of the Div.
- (b) Second or Emergency stage .. All remaining offrs and ORs.

Organisation

4. (a) The organisation of the first and second stage pls will be based on the division of the HQ into Adv and Rear HQs, see Appx "J".
- (b) The GII for Div HQ or Adv HQ and the DAAG for rear HQ will issue orders and arrange for the co-ordination of special protective measures.
- (c) Immediately on the occupation of a new Div HQ the defensive posns for Gd Pl, Emp Pl and the first and second stage pls will be sited and alarm posts decided. Priority in actual digging will be given to slit trenches near to offices for protection against air attack, but when these are completed sec posts will be dug.
- (d) A practice alarm for at least all ranks excl second stage pls will be ordered by GII/DAAG soon after the occupation of each new site.
- (e) In operations the senior SO present at HQ, Adv or Rear, will decide when first or second stage defensive posns are to be manned.

Composition of First and Second Stage Pls

5. An allocation of all ranks to first and second stage pls is given, but owing to the flexible composition of HQs, this can be taken only as a normal composition. Any alterations to these pls will be made by the GII/DAAG conjointly for Div HQ or separately for Adv HQ and Rear HQ. See Appx "A".

Training

6. The Camp Comdt will be responsible for individual training and discipline of ORs. For pl training of the first and second stages of defence, sufficient offrs will be allotted to ensure that offrs obtain a knowledge of the capabilities and proficiencies of tps who will come under their cmd.

Alarms

7. The following alarm sigs will be used by sentries of Div HQ:-

(i) General AlarmAction

Succession of long and short blasts on siren or whistle

Take up arms and occupy alarm posts excl second stage pls unless so ordered.

(ii) Hostile Aircraft

Succession of short blasts on siren or whistle

Prepare to occupy slit trenches if attack develops.

(iii) Gas Alarm

Trench rattle for gas alarm.
"Spray" by word of mouth

Respirators adjusted.
Respirators NOT adjusted.

(iv) Raiders Past

Two long blasts on siren
rptd at 5 sec intervals
(on authority of PAD offr)

(v) Local All Clear

Long blasts on whistle rptd
at five sec intervals (by
PAD offr)

7a. On the general alarm being sounded each office will detail a clerk to stand by to collect all documents and burn them if ordered by senior offr present.

AA Defence

8. (a) All LMGs will be mounted for AA during the hours of daylight.
(b) All AA sentries will have at hand a gong or whistle, trench rattle and gas ground detector.

Air Attack

9. (a) The possible forms of enemy air attack are:-

- (i) HE bombing.
(ii) Incendiary agents.
(iii) Low flying BG attack.
(iv) Gas spray or gas bombs.

Any combination of these forms may be employed.

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- (b) Each unit will appoint a PAD offr who will carry out the PAD duties in addition to his normal work.
 - (c) If CW is introduced gas spray detectors will be placed in posn at all times in areas occupied by tps vide FSPB Pam 8 Sec 5. If gas spray detectors are NOT available squares of tin painted with detector paint will be used in lieu. All ranks will wear eye shields AG and detectors individual and respirators will be worn at the ALERT posn. Capes AG will be carried in the rolled posn. If gas spray has fallen personal decontamination will be carried out immediately. Respirators will NOT be adjusted in a spray attack.
 - (d) Incendiary bombs: fire points will be established (one bucket of sand, two buckets of water and one shovel GS) in offices, QM stores and sleeping quarters. Incendiary bombs will be dealt with as shown in PAG AR Pam 3 Sec 26.
 - (e) Bomb recce: PAD offr will direct the bomb recce squad to ascertain the presence of:-
 - (i) Any unexploded bombs.
 - (ii) Any blister gas.
- Action on (i) Precautionary measures in accordance with Bomb Recce MTP No 45 and report to CRE.
- " " (ii) Contaminated areas will be marked as in PAG AR Pam 1 Sec 45.

SECTION 6 - PAD SYSTEMS.

1. Where necessary, detailed PAD orders will be drawn up based on PAG AR Pam 3 Chap VIII and Appx "I".

CHAPTER III - OFFICE ROUTINE AND PROCEDURESECTION 7 - OFFICE ORGANISATIONReception Office

1. (a) When Div HQ is concentrated - A reception office, which will also be the "G" registry, will be established by "G" branch. It will be near the sig office and well clear of the "G" office. "G" registry clerk (cpl i/c orderlies) will be responsible for the reception office. It will operate 24 hrs a day.
- (b) When Div HQ is sub-divided - Reception offices will be established at both Adv and Rear HQ. Adv HQ reception office will be the responsibility of the "G" registry clerk, whilst the one at rear HQ will be controlled by "A" registry.

Registry of correspondence

2. Separate registries will at all times be established for "G" and "AQ" branches, the former in the reception office. At Rear HQ "A" will establish a reception office.

Enquiries

3. (a) All enquiries, in the first place, will be directed to the reception office, which must be clearly sign-posted "Enquiries". Every effort will be made to satisfy trivial enquiries without reference to the branch or service concerned. To assist, branches and services will forward to the reception office a note or copy of relevant correspondence, e.g., special orders re movement of HQs, DRLS, staff cars and other domestic details.
- (b) OFFR ONLY, MOST SECRET and SECRET correspondence will be sent by the reception office direct to the "G" office or Duty Offr. OFFR ONLY and MOST SECRET correspondence will be opened by an offr. SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL correspondence will be opened by an offr or the Chief Clerk. In each case enough information will be given to the registry clerk to enable him to record and register in the filing system. "G" correspondence of the above nature will be entered in the "G" secret register. The registered number and time of receipt of "AQ" correspondence will be entered in the secret transit book kept by the Chief Clerk "G" Branch (see Appx "H"), before passing to the branch or offr concerned.
- (c) OTHER THAN SECRET - "G" correspondence will be registered and immediately passed to the offr concerned. The registered number and time of receipt of correspondence for AQ Branch or branch concerned will be entered in the reception office transit book (vide Appx "H"); this correspondence will be passed without delay to the "AQ" registry or branch concerned and a receipt obtained.

Action on receipt of correspondence

4. All original recipients are responsible for:-
 - (a) Ack of such correspondence as requires an ack. (When correspondence, orders, instns etc have been ackd, a note to that effect, giving date or message number of ack, will be made on top right hand corner of file copy, where feasible, and/or against the word "ack" if shown. This entry must be initialled).
 - (b) Distributing the correspondence, or the information therein to those who should know it. For guidance in this see suggested scale of message distribution - Sec 9 para 4.

Outgoing correspondence

5. (a) Correspondence marked DRLS (i.e. MOST SECRET

OFFR ONLY, EXPRESS, and SECRET correspondence including 00s) will be passed direct to the Sig Office for transmission and will not pass through the reception office.

- (b) OTHER THAN SECRET - Correspondence, other than that marked as above, will be handed into the reception office where it will be placed in envelopes, numbered serially and passed to the sig office for delivery or passed to the Army postal service. As the reception office is also the "G" registry, all "G" correspondence will be registered before being passed to the sig office.
- (c) GENERAL - (i) Offrs signing correspondence are responsible that the date shown on the correspondence is the actual date on which he signs the correspondence. He may need to enter the time of signature on the left of the page opposite his signature.
 - (ii) An offr originating correspondence for signature by a more senior offr will, after checking typed correspondence, place his initials on the bottom right hand corner of the file copy only.
 - (iii) The clerk who checks typed correspondence will place his initials on the bottom left hand corner of the file copy only.

6. Each file of papers submitted with a memo (or memos) for signature will be in two portions:

- (a) The original of the memo (or memos) for signature, with all attachments, enclosures, etc, attached ready for despatch.
- (b) The office file copy, to which should be attached all relevant papers to be retained.

The two portions of the file will be joined with a glider clip (or master pin). Before signing the memo (or memos), the officer concerned should separate the two portions of the file and satisfy himself that any attachments are in their proper place.

Registration and filing

7. As few documents as possible should be retained. A review of correspondence files will be held by every month when papers, maps, etc, will be sorted into three categories:

- (a) Those needed for current use and local reference. These will be retained.
- (b) Those no longer needed but likely to be of historical value. These will be retained.
- (c) Those not classified under categories (a) or (b). These will be burned.

SECTION 8 - MESSAGES - RECEIPT AND DESPATCH

Receipt of messages

- 1. (a) "In" messages will NOT be registered by Sigs.
- (b) All "In" messages (other than those by DR) will be taken down in triplicate by sigs and RAAF tender (if attached). One copy will be filed in the sig office or RAAF tender, and the other two copies delivered to div reception office.
- (c) All messages, whether received by DR or through sigs, will be taken to div reception office, which will:-
 - (i) Number both copies (or the one copy in the case of DR message) with a serial number in BLUE pencil.

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- (ii) Register and mark both copies (or the one copy) and despatch one copy to the branch concerned.
- (iii) In cases of messages received through sigs, the second copy will be sent to the Battle Board.
- (d) Branches, services, etc will:
 - (i) Ack receipt of messages if due.
 - (ii) Ensure that the message is registered and delivered direct to offr who will be required to take action. Registration will show number, office of origin, TOR (and the message will be marked with branch serial number in RED pencil).
 - (iii) Ensure that sufficient copies of the message are made at once (during ops) for at least the head of each branch and service, file, and the War Diary or Battle Board to receive a copy. See Sec 9 para 4 for suggested distribution.
 - (iv) Ensure that the War Diary copy is sent to the Battle Board at once after duplication is completed.

Despatch of messages

- 2. (a) "Out" messages will be registered in office of origin.
- (b) The number of copies will be:- one for each addressee, one spare for sigs, one for War Diary or Battle Board, one for file and one for all offrs of HQ who should know about it. See Sec 9 para 4 for suggested distribution.
- (c) In the case of messages to aircraft, sigs will pass two copies to the RAAF station. When the message has been sent, the RAAF station will return one copy to the sig office for filing.
- (d) "Out" messages originated by "G" will be sent through div reception office to sigs (except where addressees are other branches or services at Div HQ. These will be delivered by hand). Messages from other branches will be delivered direct to sigs.
- (e) Div reception office will maintain a register of receipts and despatches in field register AFA 2040.
- (f) Ack registers (Appx "H") will be prepared by branch, etc, concerned.
- (g) The responsibility for ensuring that an order has reached addressee lies with the originator.
- (h) An orderly wishing to deliver a message to an individual offr who may, for example, be engaged in conversation, will not wait until somebody asks him what he wants but will make his presence known by saying loudly "Message for".

SECTION 9 - HANDLING OF MESSAGES

Distribution of messages - Responsibility

- 1. (a) In spite of the distribution suggested in para 4, the head of branch or service is RESPONSIBLE that those who should be told ARE told.
- (b) GS in its Staff Duties capacity is responsible that all "G" messages are correctly distributed, and in general will exercise a co-ordinating supervision over the distribution of all messages.

Indication of offr to "ACT" on a message

2. Offr ordering the duplication of any message will mark against the distribution of the message which staff offr is to "act". In some cases several branches may be concerned. Any offr receiving a copy of a message, showing him marked as to "act" is responsible for:-

(i) Acting, or

(ii) Arranging for another branch (or service) to act and also informing the offr who distributed the message of the new arrangement.

Specimen duplicated message

3. "IN" and "OUT" messages will be duplicated on plain paper and will contain the information set out below:-

To: 7 aust div

From: 1 aust corps 02076 22 0163

send twelve offr lt-col or above to attend secret demonstration MELBOURNE
24-25 mar reporting AHQ 1200 hrs 23 mar (.) offr must have served at
least 6 months in cmd of units or in GS appointments

Distributed by G at 1330 hrs 22 mar

To: <u>Comd</u>	T00	0900
<u>G1</u> <u>arrange selection of offr</u>	THI	0930
<u>GII</u>	TOR	1200
<u>AQ</u>	Received	
<u>DAAG</u> <u>supply to G list of those qualified</u>	at G	1245
<u>Q</u> <u>act for move</u>	Method in	By W/T
<u>File</u>		(or by telephone)
<u>War Diary</u>		

Offr ordering the distribution of the message (i.e. staff offr or duty offr) fills in the details shown underlined above. The duty clerk produces the number of messages required, adding the additional details shown below the end of the text of message. If more than one date is covered by period from T00 to time of distribution, the dates as well as times MUST be shown.

All duplicated messages for circulation will contain plain names, addresses, etc. Messages received with code names will be interpreted alongside code names before being sent to offr for action.

The statement, method in "by sigs" is NOT sufficient: L/T, W/T, DR, etc, must be specified.

Suggested distribution of messages

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	G, O, Trg, SD MESSAGES	OPERATIONAL MESSAGES	SITREPS & LOCATIONS	"I" MESSAGES	SCHOOLS & COURSES	A or SC	PROMOTIONS & APPTS	Q or SC MESSAGES	MVTS & QUARTERING	MEDICAL (M)	X or SIG	OTHERS
COMD	1	1	1	1		?	1		1			
G I	1	1	1	1	?	?	?					
G II	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
G III	?	1	1	?	1	1		?	1	1	1	1
GSO (I)	?	1	1	1						?	1	?
AQ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
DAAG	?				?	2	2			1		
DAQMG					?			2	1			
ADMS	?	?	?		?		?	?	?	1		
Battle Board or War Diary	1	1	1	1				?	1	?	?	1
FILE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

NOTE: Copies of messages affecting G (CW), Camp, Catering, Amenities, Pay, Postal, ADCS, DAPH etc must be distributed to them. Warning messages for movement of Div HQ must be sent to Offrs' and Sgts' Mess secretaries. A copy of all messages dealing with amn should go to AASC Amn Offr.

Franking of messages

5. (a) Offrs holding the appointments as under are authorised to frank messages. Their rank, names, but NOT appointments will be published in ROs.
- (i) EMERGENCY OPS - GOC
CRA
CRE
Offrs signing messages giving
identification of enemy units.
 - (ii) IMMEDIATE - Comds mentioned above and in addition:-
GSO 1
AA & QMG
 - (iii) IMPORTANT - all SOs and heads of services
all offrs Corps of Sigs.
- (b) In the absence from Div HQ of any of the above offrs, the offr acting for him may exercise similar powers, endorsing the message "for(by rank and name NOT appointment) AOD".

- (c) In an emergency any offr may frank a message IMMEDIATE but if his name is NOT on the authorised list he will be held responsible that the urgency is sufficient to justify his action. The duty of the sigs in such a case is to accept the message, transmit it with the order of priority ordered, and afterwards to report the matter through the usual channels.
- (d) Priority messages will be franked by originator by hand on only those copies requiring such priority. Copies not needing so high a priority will be endorsed in accordance with the priority (if any) required.
- (e) Messages reporting identifications of enemy units will be sent from bn to Div direct rptd bde and from Div to Army direct rptd Corps. Authority is given for such messages to be franked EMERGENCY OPERATIONS (HQ First Army GSI/195).
- (f) Sigs will notify the originator of the non-clearance of priority messages after the lapse of the following times from THI.

EMERGENCY OPS	30 minutes
IMMEDIATE	1 hr
IMPORTANT	2 hrs

When sigs know that the message will take a longer period to clear than the times stated above, the originator will be informed at once. When a priority message has been cleared, sigs will inform the originator.

Acknowledgments

- 6. (a) An offr despatching a message, instn or CO, is responsible for satisfying himself that the message etc has been received in due time. All branches will keep an ack register. Despatch clerks will bring to notice any outstanding acks. Appropriate action will be taken to ensure the message has been received. SOs will periodically check these acks.
- (b) Incoming messages etc requiring ack will be automatically acknowledged by message before any other action is taken on them. For this purpose offices will maintain message forms ready prepared only requiring completion in respect of as few essentials as possible.
- (c) The signature on a DRS docket is only an intimation to the originating sig office that the packet has reached the receiving sig office; it is NOT an ack of an order or message.
- (d) In special cases a SDR may be told to ask for an official "ack" so as to bring it back with him.

Messages for Local Delivery, within the Div HQ Area

- 7. (a) Local messages etc will normally be delivered direct by Div HQ orderly. Receipts will be taken in the delivery book. A list of such offices to which messages will not normally be transmitted by sigs will be posted at Sig Office at Div HQ. An offr may, however, order such local messages to be delivered by sigs.
- (b) Orders and messages other than those written on authorised message forms will be enclosed in envelopes, a supply of which will be kept ready addressed by the despatch clerk. If economy labels are being used these will be kept ready addressed in lieu of envelopes. The number of the com will be noted on the envelope.

Order of Battle

- 8. GIII(0) will maintain an up-to-date Order of Battle so that multiple address messages can be checked against it, to ensure no units are missed.

SECTION 10 - DUTY OFFERS AND CLERKS

1. The GII will be responsible that enough personnel are on duty at all times at Div HQ.
2. According to the situation duty offers may be required as under:-
 - (a) One duty offer, one clerk (and two "G" orderlies - one in "G" office and one at Reception Office) awake at each "G", "AQ" and HQ Div Arty offices; and at each other office a duty offer and clerk, both of whom may sleep.
 - (b) One duty offer, one clerk (selected from any branch) and one orderly awake in "G" office and one "G" orderly in reception office; and at each other office a duty offer and clerk, both of whom may sleep.
 - (c) A duty offer, clerk (and one orderly for reception office), all of whom may sleep, at an office to which all calls are put through and all messages sent by sigs.
 - (d) In the case of (a) and (b) offers and clerks who have to be awake will be relieved at intervals during the night.
3. When Div HQ is divided the GII will issue these orders for Adv HQ and will notify policy to "AQ", who will issue orders accordingly for Rear HQ.
4. When offers are dispersed the GII will notify the policy to the senior offer in each office who will issue orders accordingly.
5. Rosters showing hours of duty will be maintained by the GII or other authorities (see paras 2 and 3 above).
6. Duty Offer will:-
 - (a) See and distribute all incoming messages and correspondence and take all telephone calls. All messages, telephone calls and visits will be logged.
 - (b) If messages are brought to Duty SO by sigs or cipher personnel they must be handed to duty clerk for registration. The distribution in all cases must be clearly marked on the original of the message, or, if the original is passed direct, the name of the branch etc to which it is passed will be shown on it. If action is needed, the words FOR ACTION will be placed after the name of the recipient concerned. Messages received during ops will be duplicated at once and passed to offices concerned.
 - (c) During static period if offers are NOT in their offices, the distribution of messages other than IMMEDIATE or HIGHER priority may be delayed to a convenient time so long as copies reach offers' tables before these offers next come on duty. MOST IMMEDIATE and EMERGENCY OPS messages must NOT be allowed to lie in baskets etc, but MUST be handed to an offer personally. A suggested scale for the duplication of messages is given in Sec 9 para 4.
 - (d) Deal with any matter that requires immediate action. If unable to deal with it, he will refer to (waking, if necessary) an offer of the branch concerned, or a senior offer of his own branch.
 - (c) Arrange for matters that are not urgent to be filed and passed to the branch concerned when an offer of that branch comes on duty in the morning.
 - (f) Keep in note form a diary of events including action taken and matters awaiting to be dealt with. He will hand this diary to his relief.

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- (g) Keep up duty map.
- (h) Make a sketch to show at least the posns of the tents or quarters and offices of Comd, GI, GII, GIII(O), GIII(CW), GIII(I), IO, all IOs, AQ, DAQMG, DAAG, Camp, Tpt Office and Sig Office so that these can easily be found in the dark.
- (i) Before taking up duty report to GII for any special instns.

7. Duty clerks will:-

- (a) Keep up "ack" register.
- (b) Ensure that all messages NOT dealt with are handed over on relief, or in the morning, to the branch concerned.
- (c) Ensure that action taken on messages or telephone calls is recorded and handed over on relief, or in the morning, to the branch concerned.

SECTION 12 - DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION OWN TROOPS AND ENEMY

Situation Maps

1. The following battle maps will be maintained at Div HQ. If the HQ is divided these maps will be kept at Adv Div HQ and a general situation map may be kept by Rear Div HQ:

- (a) General or visitors' map - outside "G" office - covering whole area of operation. This map is available for all visiting offrs and is designed to obviate worrying GSI with unnecessary questions. This map can be maintained by the duty draughtsman.
- (b) Int situation map - covering Div area of operation. Primarily concerned with locations etc of enemy forces. This map does not show own tps in detail except for fwd elements. Maintained by GIII (I).
- (c) Location map - own tps - showing in detail locations of own tps. Maintained by GIII (O).
- (d) Duty map - maintained by duty offr and showing infm received outside office hrs. This infm must be given to appropriate staff offr at first opportunity.
- (e) Adm map - maintained by "AQ" Branch. This map shows adm situation, e.g. location dumps, etc.
- (f) Shelling maps (if required) - maintained by GIII (I) or IO from infm obtained by liaison with RAA.
- (g) Patrol map (if required) - maintained by GIII (I) or IO.
- (h) Gas map (if required) - maintained by GIII (CW).
- (i) Enemy A Tk mines and defences - maintained by GIII (I) or IO.
- (j) All maps or traces showing own defences, e.g. mines, wire etc, will be maintained by GIII (O).

Conventional signs

2. (a) Colours: in order that battle maps may be interchangeable, only the following colours will be used in marking and for the purpose named:-

(i) Enemy	.. blue
(ii) Own tps	.. red
(iii) Co-operating or doubtful tps	.. green
(iv) Topographical information, boundaries, etc	.. black

Maps must be marked in such a way as to cover up to the least possible degree place names, topographical features, etc.

- (b) Boundaries: only the following will be used to differentiate between boundaries:-

Inter-Army	-O-O-O-
" Corps	-X-X-X-
" Div	-/-/-/-
" Bde	-----
" Bn	-----

SECTION 13 - SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. All waste paper, spare copies of messages, rough drafts, etc, will be carefully burned daily and on each occasion of a move of Div HQ. OC FSS will conduct periodical inspections of Div HQ to ensure this is being

done and on the occasion of a move of the HQ will detail FSS personnel to remain as a rear party to ensure all security precautions have been observed. The initial responsibility rests with offices concerned. FSS will not enter tents which are under guard.

SECTION 14 - LIAISON OFFERS

1. LOs serve all branches of the Staff of Div HQ. They are controlled by "G".
2. The branch requiring an LO will contact "G", where the senior offr on duty will make the necessary arrangements. Normally this "G" duty offr will work through the senior LO awake. It is advantageous whenever expedient that each LO should work with definite formations.
3. The LO detailed for a task will always report to "G" office before leaving and IMMEDIATELY on return. On his return, if his report is of great urgency he will, after reporting in to "G" office, go at once to the offr to whom he has to deliver the urgent report: on completing his verbal report he will return to the "G" tent and report to the offr on duty, so that the battle maps may be brought up to date and any necessary notes made and posted on the battle board. Where an LO's reports are not of great urgency he will make his report to "G" and then go and make his report to the individual offr for whom he has carried out tasks. A task is not completed until all these reports to the "G" office and the individual offr have been made. A written report on the task should be submitted as soon as opportunity allows.
4. As soon as it is known that an LO is to go out the LO will advise sig office, the "A" and "Q" branches, as well as the remainder of "G" and "I", that an LO is to leave for certain places at a definite time. The branches, etc, concerned will send to "G" office any urgent packets they want delivered by the LO to the places he will visit on his trip. The LO will pick these up at the "G" office before leaving and will also call at the sig office for urgent packets. Except in cases of urgency, arrangements can be made for the LO to call at the branches to get verbal instns, but where possible this should be avoided, as it delays the LO in getting away.
5. LOs will at all times be conversant with our dispositions and enemy dispositions on all parts of the div front and of flanking formations as far as they are known at Div HQ. They will also obtain the latest information concerning the dispositions of our own and enemy tps on the front on the particular HQs that they visit.
6. On arriving at and just before leaving any HQ an LO will report his intended movements to sig office who will keep a log of LO movements to which reference can always be made through sig superintendent. Where it is necessary "G" will instruct the LO to advise by signal his arrival at and/or departure from any HQ.

SECTION 15 - BATTLE MESSAGE BOARD

1. During ops copies of all messages will be filed on battle message board which will be open for inspection by all offr of Div HQ. Offrs will make themselves conversant with messages which have been posted on the board.
2. The board will be maintained by GIII (O).
3. Normally the layout of the battle message board will be as follows:-

IN MESSAGES

One clip for messages from HIGHER FORMATIONS.
One clip for messages from FLANK or CO-OPERATING FORMATIONS.
One clip each for messages from each Bde, Cav, RAA, RAE, Sigs, AASC, and one for other div tps.

OUT MESSAGES

One clip for messages sent to HIGHER FLANK or CO-OPERATING FORMATIONS.

OUT MESSAGES (cont)

One clip for messages sent to units of div.
One clip for SITREPS.

4. Messages, whether received verbally or by telephone, will be distributed in accordance with instructions outlined in Section 9. Of this distribution the War Diary copy will be placed on the battle message board.
5. The board will be cleared by the GIII (O) who will transfer messages to the War Diary.

SECTION 16 - CYPHER AND CYPHER PERSONNEL

1. Cypher personnel on the establishment will normally be allotted as under:

Adv HQ .. 6
Rear HQ .. 2 (maximum)

SECTION 17 - ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

1. Offrs visiting lower formations and units will make themselves acquainted with the local situation both tactical and administrative.
2. Offrs returning from a recce, or from visiting formations, etc, will at once circulate to all branches and services such important infm as they have gained, stating its degree of reliability, together with notes on any matters needing attention.
3. Offrs going from Adv to Rear HQ will take with them up to date situation maps.
4. During ops, or office hrs, offrs will not leave Div HQ without permission of G1 in case of GS and A&QMG in case of "AQ" Branch and services. When Div HQ is divided, no ofr will leave Rear HQ without permission of the senior staff ofr present.
5. Offrs leaving or arriving at Div HQ will "clock in or out" at Sig Office. The same procedure will be followed upon arrival at formations, etc. The Sig Office will be informed of their next destination, probable hour of arrival there, also expected hour of return to Div HQ. The Sig Office will be notified immediately if there is any change in their projected movements.

CHAPTER IV - DETAILED ORGANISATION - GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

1. The distribution of duties of offrs appears in Appx "K".

SECTION 18 - PREPARATION AND ISSUE OF ORDERSConferences

1. (a) If the Div Comd calls a conference, the following will normally attend:-

G1	CRA
GII	CRE
AA & QMG	Comd Div Sigs
x ADMS	CASC

(x if required)

plus any other comds of formations or units placed under comd of the div and representatives of services who may be summoned.

Upon receipt of information that an operation order is to be issued, GII will warn Chief Clerk and Sig Office giving approximate time of issue and if possible distribution list.

- (b) During the conference G1 makes notes for warning order and op instns. GII prepares four copies of "Notes for OOs". If not already drafted by him, the draft of the intention para will be personally approved by the Comd.

- (c) Before those present leave the conference, the notes taken by the GII will be read out to ensure that the Comd's intentions have been correctly interpreted and that co-ordination of all points affecting other branches has been achieved. Whilst conference is in progress GIII (I) prepares information para by dictating to clerk No 1, who types on to a stencil beginning with proper headings for an OO.

- (d) Upon conclusion of conference:

G1 dictates a warning order, if necessary, giving one copy to GII as a check.

GII hands copies of his notes to AA & QMG, BMRA, offr i/c Div HQ Sig Office (in addition, information as to what time main OO is likely to be ready and asking him to make sig plan for its distribution).

Preparation and production of orders

2. (a) Chief Clerk, as soon as it is known that orders are to be issued, will:

- (i) Warn sigs.
- (ii) Prepare duplicator for use.
- (iii) Arrange for preparation of addressed envelopes, despatch book and distribution list.

- (b) Upon conclusion of conference AA & QMG prepares notes for any adm arrangements to be included in the body of the order. DAQMG and/or DAAG will write adm paras and assist with march tables if required by GII.

- (c) GIII (I) drafts enemy sub-para of information para and hands to GII.

- (d) GIII (O) drafts own tps sub-para of information para and hands to GII. He then prepares from notes given to him by GII any appendices for attachment to OO and dictates to clerk No. 2.

- (e) Arty, engrs, sigs, etc, prepare in draft form their own paras.
- (f) GII dictates OO to clerk No 1.
- (g) Clerk No 3 prepares any instns drafted by Gl.
- (h) Carbon "flimsies" of cyclostyled orders will be submitted to independent check, if possible. Clerk No 4 and orderly run off copies on the duplicator as pages are passed for issue by GII. When GII has finished dictating, he goes to other branches and to HQ Div Arty to collect tracings and appendices for attachment to OO and to find out whether any arty. engr or AASC orders are ready for issue. (If not ready OO must NOT be delayed). Completed orders are made up and issued under supervision of the Chief Clerk. Sig Offr collects finished OO for despatch.
- (i) Appendices: branches etc will be responsible for producing the requisite number of copies for issue. Copies (unnumbered) will be handed to Chief Clerk for attachment to OO. GS will be responsible for the duplication etc of RAAF appendices.

Acknowledgments of Operation and Administrative Orders and Instructions

3. The procedure for ack of operation and adm orders and instructions which have to be delivered by DR or by hand is as follows:-

- (a) Sigs decide number of DRs required, areas of delivery, and which orders/instructions to be delivered by each DR.
- (b) When a SDR is sent to one particular unit, or when time allowed for delivery to other units permits, the SDR will await and bring back to Div HQ the ack message.
- (c) On receipt, Staff Offr concerned will immediately prepare an ack message and forward it to Div HQ. The signature on DRs docket is NOT an acknowledgment.
- (d) Sigs collect ack messages from SDRs on return and forward them, without delay, as they are received, to the issuing staff.
- (e) The issuing staff will keep a record of acks received as they come in from the sig office (vide Section 9 para 6). In the event of any ack being thought to be overdue, enquiries will be made from the sig office as to whether the SDR can be considered overdue in view of the route and area of delivery allotted. If so, the issuing staff will originate a message calling for an ack. Chief Clerk is responsible for checking acks and informing GIII (O) of any omissions.

SECTION 19 - DISTRIBUTION LISTS

1. In the detail of distribution of documents etc, the following will be shown:-

- either - To Bdes and Div Tps
- or - To Bns and Equivalents
- or - To Coys and Equivalents
- or - the actual distribution

In despatching the copies, those for units etc with a bde gp will be sent to bde HQ for distribution. Any technical instns necessitated by such documents will, of course, be sent on by the head of the arm or service concerned direct to his subordinates.

2. In the case of smaller div tp units the following responsibility of disseminating information is designated:-

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Camp Comdt to Details HQ 7 Aust Div
7 Aust Div Concert Party
7 Aust Div Emp Pl

RAE to 7 Aust Camflg Tng Unit

ADOS to 7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit
7 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd
Decn Unit
7 Aust Div Salvage
Ord units att 7 Aust Div

3. Standard scales of distribution are shown in Appx "D".

CHAPTER V - DETAILED ORGANISATION - ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH.Distribution of duties of offrs, etc

The distribution of duties of offrs appears in Appx "L".

SECTION 20 - ISSUE OF ORDERS (ADMINISTRATIVE)

1. After the administrative plan has been made known, branches and services will, when necessary, prepare the appropriate paragraphs for inclusion in adm orders. These will be disposed as under:-

Med)
Pro) to "A" Branch

Engr)
Amn)
Sup) to "Q" Branch
POL)
Tpt)
Ord)

2. "A" Branch will co-ordinate paras received and pass with own paras to "Q" Branch for typing and issue. Services after passing their paras for Adm Orders will then issue when necessary their own orders and instns.

3. To ensure uniformity in adm orders and save time in producing them, paras for inclusion will be passed to "Q" Branch drafted as follows:-

- (a) Main heading, e.g. MEDICAL, TPT, will be in BLOCK letters and underlined.
- (b) Sub-headings will be underlined, and sub-divisions of paras will be made by small letters and Roman figures.

HQ DROs

4. HQ DROs will be issued as and when necessary.

SECTION 21 - DAILY ADMINISTRATIVE SITUATION REPORTS

1. Will be sent to AA & QMG daily at 0800 hrs or as ordered to show situation of:

Engr
Sup
Amn
POL
Tpt
Med
Traffic

with a view to providing him with an up-to-the-minute review of the situation.

2. Reports will show:-

- (a) Departure from normal, with reasons.
- (b) Anticipated difficulties.
- (c) Points for decision by Div Comd.
- (d) Action taken on important happenings the previous day.
- (e) Conditions of roads.
- (f) Any other points desired to be brought to notice.

CHAPTER VI - INTERIOR ECONOMY.

SECTION 22 - OFFRS' MESSSES

1. Offrs will dine in three messes - "A", "B" and "Z".
2. The allotment of offrs to messes is in Appx "E".
3. When Div HQ is divided into Adv and Rear HQ, "A" and "Z" messes will be with Adv HQ and "B" mess with Rear HQ.

SECTION 23 - WOs AND SERGEANTS' MESS

1. The Chief Clerk will be responsible to the Camp for discipline, etc, of the mess.
2. All L/Sgts and above on the strength of, or attached to HQ Div will mess in the Sergeants' Mess.
3. When HQ Div is divided into Adv and Rear HQ where necessary a mess will be provided for each echelon.

SECTION 24 - OTHER RANKS' MESS

1. Camp will be in charge of the messing arrangements.
2. When HQ Div is divided into Adv and Rear HQ where necessary a mess will be provided for each echelon.

SECTION 25 - EMPLOYMENT PLATOON

1. Will work under direct orders of Camp Comdt and will be trained in AG duties, viz AG recce and marking of areas, gas proofing of rooms, constructing and operating a fd gas cleansing centre.
2. Fd defences such as improving building for defence and shelters, simple splinter and weather proof shelters, gas-proofing of dugouts, construction of concertinas and knife rests.
3. Obstacles, construction of AFV obstacles, conversion of partial into complete obstacles.
4. Camp services, i.e. temporary sanitary arrangements, covers for cooking, etc.
5. Protective - will assist in the defence of Div HQ.

7 AUST DIV STANDARD DISTRIBUTION LISTS

<u>HQ and Div Tps</u>	<u>Bdes & Div Tps</u>	<u>Bns & Equiv</u>	<u>Coys & Equiv</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>HQ 7 Aust Div</u>				
Comd	1	1	1	(a) One each to
G(O)	3(a)	3(c)	3(c)	GI
G(I)	1	1	1	GII
AQ	3(b)	3(c)	3(c)	LO
EDMS	1	1	1	(b) One each to
DAPH	1	1	1	AQ
ADOS	1	1	1	DAAG
Battle Board (not for OOs or instns)	1	1	1	DAQMG
Camp	1	1	1	(c) When distribution
File (one used by GIII(O))	1	2	2	is from Corps or
War Diary	2	2	2	higher formation:
				one only to G
<u>CAV</u>				two only to AQ
7 Aust Cav	1	1	2 x	No spares held
<u>ARTY</u>				
HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	1	2	2 x	(x) If under comd of
2 Aust A Tk Regt	-	1	2 x	or att for local
				adm by bde: other-
<u>ENGRS</u>				wise distributed
HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	1	1	1 x	by their own
25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	-	1	1	branch or Services
7 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit	-	-	1	
<u>SIGS</u>				
Sigs 7 Aust Div	1	1	4	
<u>MG</u>				
2/1 Aust MG Bn	1	1	6	
<u>AASC</u>				
HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div	1	1	1 x	
<u>AAMC</u>				
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	-	-	1 x	
<u>AAOC</u>				
HQ and Main Workshop	-	-	2 x	
<u>PRO</u>				
7 Aust Div Pro Coy (see DAPH)	-	-	-	
<u>PAY</u>				
7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	1	1	1	
<u>POST</u>				
7 Aust Div Postal Unit	1	1	1	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	-	1	1	
7 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	-	1	1	
7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	-	1	1	
7 Aust Div Sec Corps				
Reception Camp	1	1	1	
"C" Sec Aust FSS	-	-	1	
"C" Coy HQ Aust HQ Gd Bn	1	1	1	
Spares	6	7(c)	10(c)	
	32	40(c)	58(c)	

(over)

	Bdes & Div Tps	Bns & Equiv	Coys & Equiv	Remarks
<u>ONE INF BDE GP</u>				
HQ Aust Inf Bde and LAD	1	2	3(e)	(e) One for LAD
Sqn Cav			1 x	
Fd Regt		1 x	4 x	x If under comd
Bty 2 Aust A Tk Regt		1 x	1 x	of or att for
Fd Coy		1 x	1 x	local adm by
Inf Bn		1	6	bde: otherwise
Inf Bn		1	6	by their own
Inf Bn		1	6	branch or
Coy AASC		1 x	1 x	Services.
Fd Amb		1 x	3 x	
Rec Sec A Fd Wkshop			1 x	
Div Sec Ord Fd Pk			1 x	
<u>Total One Inf Bde Gp</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>34</u>	
 Total HQ 7 Aust Div, Div Tps and Three Inf Bde Gps	 <u>35</u>	 <u>70(c)</u>	 <u>160(c)</u>	

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFRS TO MESSSES

<u>ADV DIV HQ</u>				<u>REAR DIV HQ</u>	
<u>"A" MESS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>"Z" MESS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>"B" MESS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
GOC	When Comd Gp moves off they join "Z" Mess & are replaced by LOS	ADMS	If not with "A" Mess	ADOS	When not with "A" Mess
ADC		DADMS		DADOS (O)	
GSO I		DADMS (L)		DADOS (E)	
AA & QMG		DAPM		DADOS (L)	
ADMS		GSO II (L)		LSO	
GSO II	May join "A" Mess but when Comd Gp moves joins "B" Mess	GSOIII (O)		PPCM	
DAQMG		GSOIII (I)		DAAG	
DAAG		GSOIII (CW)		DAAG (L)	
3 LOS		GSOIII (L)		Camp	
Cypher Offr		IO		3 Chaplains	
CRA	When att to Comd Gp only	DAQMG (L)		Amenities Offr	
BMRA		Asst Camp		Div Catering Offr	
CRE		FSS Offr		Pay Offr	
IORE		HQ Gd Bn Offr		Postal Offr	
CO Div Sigs		3 LOS	Except when att to Comd Gp	HQ Gd Bn Offr	
				M H & I Offr	If sec att

ALLOTMENT OF TELEPHONES

<u>ADV DIV HQ</u>		<u>REAR DIV HQ</u>	
Comd	1 (c)	DAAG	1 (a)
ADC		DAAG (L)	
G I	1 (d)	ISO	
G II	1 (f)	PPCM	
G II (L)		ADOS	1 (b)
G III (I)	1 (a)	DADOS (O)	1 (e)
G III (O)		DADOS (E)	
G III (CW)	1 (k)	DADOS (L)	
LCs (three)		Camp	1 (d)
IO		Postal	1 (g)
Asst Camp & Adv Tpt	1 (g)	Pay	
AA & QMG	1 (e)*	M H & I	
ADMS	1 (h)*	Public phone	1 (f)
DADMS		Tpt (if separated from	
DADMS (L)		Camp)	1 (c)
DAQMG	1 (b)		
DAQMG (L)			
DAFM			
FSS	1 (m)		
"A" Mess or CII tent	1 (l)		
Public phone	1 (j)		
	12		7

* These are interchangeable at discretion AQ.

TOTAL ADV AND REAR HQ .. 19NOTE: Letters indicate priority sequence: "a" to "e" are urgent.

- Normally only 9 phones ("a" to "j") can be allotted with Adv HQ because 11 other lines are needed for:

- 1 Corps
- 3 Three inf bdes
- 1 RAA and A Tk
- 1 RAE
- 1 Sigs
- 1 Sigmaster
- 1 Rear Div
- 1 Civil
- 1 HQ Comd ASC

Rear HQ can normally have only 7 internal phones as lines on its board must be left for Adv HQ, Corps, Civil (this acts also as a spare or to relieve Adv board of one of the Div tps lines)

SECRET TRANSIT BOOK - (SAMPLE PAGE)

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT BOOK - (SAMPLE PAGE)

<u>T00</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Addressee</u>	<u>File Number</u>	<u>Ack No. and T00</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS(GENERAL STAFF)GI

- (a) Policy and co-ordination of work of whole Div Staff as delegated by GOC.
- (b) Operations, plans and co-ordination with other formations.
- (c) Policy intercomm.
- (d) Co-operation of arms and RAAF.
- (e) Training policy.
- (f) Initial allotment of quartering areas.
- (g) Supervision of intelligence.
- (h) Moves of Div HQ.
- (i) Liaison with ALO.

GII and GII (L)

- (a) Understudies GI.
- (b) Preparation, checking and issue of all orders and instructions (except adm) as allotted by GI.
- (c) Air defences and AG measures with GIII (CW).
- (d) Working parties (tactical) with "Q" and CRE.
- (e) Detail of Staff Duties including intercomm.
- (f) Trial and report on new materials and inventions.
- (g) Engr stores requirements (with CRE).
- (h) Ammunition requirements (with CRA).
- (i) Organisation and working of "G" staff.
- (j) Control and interviewing of IOs.
- (k) Detail of duty offrs at Div HQ.
- (l) Detailed arrangements with Sigs, "Q" and Camp for moves of Div HQ.
- (m) Move by road (assisted by DAMG and/or DAQMG for march tables).
- (n) Defence of Div HQ (or Adv HQ when separated - DAMG does Rear HQ when established).
- (o) Liaison with ALO (if allotted, otherwise with AIL Sec, Corps HQ) on operational matters.
- (p) Training.
- (q) Wireless frequencies and wave codes (in conjunction with Sigs).
- (r) Allotment of telephones.

GIII (O)

- (a) Understudies GII.
- (b) Own Tps information para of OO.
- (c) Issue of location statement or amendment daily.
- (d) Circulation own situation reports.
- (e) Supervision of ack register.
- (f) Courses of instruction and movements thereto.
- (g) Battle message boards.

GIII (I) and GIII (I) (L)

- (a) Enemy information para of OO.
- (b) Co-ordination of int system, ops and trg within div.
- (c) Be prepared to provide GOC or GI with appreciation from enemy point of view at any time.
- (d) Compilation and issue of int summaries.
- (e) Int reports.
- (f) Deductions from information received.
- (g) Confirmation of uncertain information.
- (h) Ordering and interpretation of air photographs.
- (i) Distribution of int air photographs.
- (j) Security measures and censorship arrangements within div.
- (k) Keeps int map and comd battle map.
- (l) Maps - custody and distribution - GIII Svy if allotted.
- (m) Publications, WEs.
- (n) Supervision and trg "G" draughtsmen.
- (o) Code lists, names etc - R/T codes - supervision and circulation.
- (p) Liaison with FSS.

IO

- (a) Keeps general map (vide Sec 12 para 1 (a))
- (b) Keeps enemy O of B.
- (c) Records information from LOs and IOs.
- (d) Interrogates prisoners (category A only) and records information.
- (e) Report of enemy identifications to higher authority.
- (f) Notes items for inclusion in summaries.
- (g) Liaison with GIII (CW) on chemical warfare int items.
- (h) Answers for GIII (I) in latter's absence.
- (i) Records and collates all topographical infm received.
(In general, IO and staff are primarily concerned with the detailed examination of messages, documents, prisoners, etc, and keeping of records; GIII (I) is primarily concerned in ensuring that information is obtained, and that use is made of such information)

GIII (CW)

- (a) Advice on chemical warfare and PAD.
- (b) AG trg within the div.
- (c) Study div area in order to assess probable dangers from use of gas by enemy.
- (d) Study of CW int in conjunction with IO - keeps CW int map.
- (e) Examination of specimens of technical interest in conjunction with AG mob laboratory.
- (f) Meteorological arrangements for CW.
- (g) Will act as an extra GIII (I) under arrangements made by that SO.
- (h) Upkeep of "G" War Diary.
- (i) Advises DADOS (O) and comds on storage, condition and replacement of AG stores.

DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS(ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF)AA & QMG

- (a) Policy and co-ordination.
- (b) Medical services and sanitation (with ADMS).
- (c) Honors and rewards.
- (d) Promotions and appointments.
- (e) Commissions supply of personnel.
- (f) Routine Orders.
- (g) Adm orders and instns.
- (h) Outline of traffic control (with DAPM).

DAAG and DAAG (L)

- (a) Reinforcements.
- (b) Casualties.
- (c) Burials.
- (d) Discipline and Courts Martial (with ISO).
- (e) Prisoners of War - disposal (with DAPM).
- (f) Provost (with DAPM).
- (g) Interior economy of units.
- (h) Pay and allowances.
- (i) Guards and escorts.
- (j) Ceremonial.
- (k) Control of civilians (with DAPM).
- (l) Office administration.
- (m) Accidents.
- (n) Claims.
- (o) Interpreters.
- (p) Leave.
- (q) Courts of enquiry.
- (r) Spiritual welfare (with Senior Chaplain)
- (s) Recreation.
- (t) Working parties, other than tactical.
- (u) War Diary.

DACMG and DAQMG (L)

- (a) Movements.
- (b) Transport.
- (c) Traffic control (with DAPM).
- (d) Supplies (with CASC).
- (e) Ammunition (with AASC Amn Offr).
- (f) Water (with CRE).
- (g) Postal arrangements.
- (h) Clearing the battlefield (animals and material).
- (i) Salvage (with ADOS).
- (j) Ordnance services (with ADOS).
- (k) Accommodation.
- (l) Billeting.
- (m) Hirings.
- (n) Civilian labour.
- (o) Canteens.
- (p) Catering (with Catering Adviser)
- (q) Laundry (with ADOS).
- (r) Baths.
- (s) Kit Stores.
- (t) Printing and stationery.

ISC

- (a) Advise upon and settle the form of charges when submitted to him.
- (b) Act as prosecutor at trials by Court Martial when the convening authority considers that a legal staff offr should be appointed.
- (c) Act as president or a member of courts of inquiry when the convening authority considers that the nature of the inquiry is such as to render the appointment of a ISO advisable.

- (d) Advise and examine upon the proceedings of such trials by Court Martial as shall be referred to him.
- (e) Advise upon such questions of military law, including the conduct of prosecutions for offences against Part XII of the Defence Act as shall be referred to him.
- (f) Instruct in military law, including the conduct of prosecutions for offences against Part XII of the Defence Act, the officers of the formation.
- (g) Perform such other duties of a legal nature as shall be assigned by the Div Comd.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

- (a) Understudy the LSO.
- (b) Act as Judge Advocate at such courts martial and trials by court martial as he shall be appointed to or for.

PERMANENT PRESIDENT OF COURTS MARTIAL

- (a) Sits as president on all courts martial within division.
- (b) Instructs officers as to duties and responsibilities when detailed to sit as members or when under instructions.
- (c) Sits as president on courts and boards of enquiry when considered necessary by convening officer.

GOC

- (a) Personal comfort of GOC.
- (b) When alone with GOC acts as his SO.
- (c) On return from visits to troops ensures that "G", "A" and "Q" know the latest locations of troops he has visited.

CAMP AND ASST CAMP

- (a) Local administration of HQ Div and discipline of all ORs.
- (b) Interior economy of HQ Div (pay, rations, clothing, eqpt, and sanitation, AAGI rebate).
- (c) Allotment of areas for Div HQ and parking areas.
- (d) Control of pool cars.
- (e) Supervision of sgts' and men's messes.
- (f) Allotment of men's quarters.
- (g) Allotment of offrs' quarters.
- (h) Organisation and co-ordination protection of Div HQ areas (incl camouflaging and layout of transport for HQ Div, under GII).
- (i) HQ DROs.
- (j) Issue of orders to Emp Pl.
- (k) Offrs' Messes (Asst Camp adv, and Camp rear mess).
- (l) During moves, responsible for correct marshalling of vehicles and personnel.

ADMS

- (a) Commands medical units of div.
- (b) Advises GOC on matters affecting health of div.
- (c) Responsible with AA & QMG for plans to evacuate sick and wounded within the div.
- (d) Carries out technical medical instns, from higher authorities, within div.

DADMS AND DADMS (L)

- (a) Understudies ADMS.
- (b) RMO to Div HQ.
- (c) DADH within Div area.

ADOS

- (a) Control of ord services within Div.
- (b) Provision of eqpt, clothing, vehs and all ord stores (with DAQMG).
- (c) Ensure correct maintenance of ord stores.
- (d) Prevent wastage of war material.
- (e) Salvage (with DAQMG).
- (f) Commands ord units with div.
- (g) Liaison between units and ord depots.
- (h) Implements ord policy as defined by DOS.
- (i) Laundry (with DAQMG).

DADOS (O)

- (a) Supervision of ord office at HQ.
- (b) Check and approval of indents.
- (c) Establishment and control of ADOS dump when necessary.
- (d) Maintain statistics and records.

DADOS (E)

- (a) Supervision of LADs and att wkshops.
- (b) Examination of vehs and eqpts.
- (c) Co-ordination of recovery in formation.
- (d) Modification of eqpt as authorised.
- (e) Maintain technical records and memo of examination of armaments.
- (f) Advise ADOS on technical matters.

DADOS (L)

- (a) Maintain vehicle census and census of warlike stores.
- (b) Understudies ADOS and DADOS.

DAPM

- (a) Arrangements for collection and disposal of stragglers.
- (b) Custody and disposal of prisoners of war (with DAAG).
- (c) Arrangements for arrest of unauthorised personnel within lines.
- (d) Executive duties in connection with the control of road traffic (with DAQMG).
- (e) Protection of soldiers against frivolous and unjust charges brought against them by inhabitants (with DAAG).
- (f) Control of civil population within Div area.
- (g) Generally the maintenance of discipline and ensuring compliance with police regulations within Div area.
- (h) Organisation and efficiency of Provost Coy.

DIV CATERING ADVISER

Advising on all matters in relation to:-

- (a) Messing.
- (b) Preparation and cooking of food.
- (c) Service of meals.
- (d) Cookhouse eqpt.
- (e) Improvised methods.
- (f) Petrol cookers.
- (g) Preparation of bill of fare.
- (h) Liaison between supply depots and units.
- (i) Economy and avoidance of waste.

CHAPLAINS

Spiritual welfare and morale of troops.

AMENITIES OFFR

- (a) Entertainment of troops.
- (b) Comforts for troops.
- (c) Liaison and co-ordination with chaplains, YMCA, Comforts Fund and Welfare bodies.
- (d) Co-ordination with bde amenities offrs.

COPY OF THE MESSAGE

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TO 7 AUST DIV

FROM 1 AUST CORPS

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL ALLEN FROM GENERAL HOWELL (.) I would like to congratulate you and all concerned at your HQ and in subordinate formations for the very fine effort in successfully initiating a most difficult movement problem (.) I have no doubt that the bigger problems we will be faced with in the future will be met with the same determination and success

TCO 2105
EMI 2120

CONFERENCE AT HQ 1 AUSST CORPS - 2030 HRS 2 AUG 42

COC received telephone instrns from COC 1 Aust Corps about 1715 hrs 2 Aug for himself and AQ to report Corps HQ for a conference. COC and AQ arrived Corps HQ at 2035 hrs.

Present

- COC 1 Aust Corps
- BOC 1 Aust Corps
- DA & QMG 1 Aust Corps
- COC 7 Aust Div
- AA & QMG 7 Aust Div

COC 1 Aust Corps explained that :-

- (1) HQ 1 Aust Corps, certain Corps tps and most of 7 Aust Div would proceed to NEW GUINEA.
- (2) The first move would be in four flights commencing 5 Aug. 7 Div would lead. Embarkation complete by 12 Aug. Arrive destinations by 18 Aug.
- (3) Four flights include two Bde Ops only and part div tps in addition to certain Corps tps. Other Bde Op to follow later.
- (4) Force would be on reduced scale of tpt :-

One Bde Op - approx 25%
Remainder - approx 50%

(5) Shipping would be :-

Lead	3 Aug	depart	6 Aug	8 ships	for	PORT MORESBY
"	5	"	8	2	"	MILNE BAY
"	7	"	8	2	"	PORT MORESBY
"	7	"	8	5	"	MILNE BAY
"	10	"	11	2	"	PORT MORESBY
"	10	"	11	5	"	MILNE BAY
"	12	"	15	1	"	PORT MORESBY
"	12	"	15	2	"	MILNE BAY

Decided that :-

- (1) 13 Bde Op would go to MILNE BAY
- (2) 21 Bde Op and div tps would go to PORT MORESBY
- (3) Later 23 Bde Op would go to PORT MORESBY (?)
- (4) Cav Regt would NOT be included.

The following matters were discussed :-

EMBARKATION Under arrangements HQ and I of C.

MOVE TO BRISBANE Corps AASC to be made available.

EQUIPMENT Asked for priority for controlled stores, but as Corps Comd had already arranged for TSMs on basis of 2 per sec and compasses prismatic on basis of 1 per sec to be shipped in bulk, no further action was taken.

ACCOMMODATION STORES Full scale 'A' including tentage.

HIT Summer dress only. Winter dress back to hit store. 2 p's trousers ED, 2 shirts per man would be shipped in bulk.

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Surplus returned to Ord.

BLANKETS

One per man.

PERSONNEL

Appointment CRA = WILSON or BAKER.
DAFH = CRIMMIEAN to remain Div temporarily.
GI = SPRE report Div 5 Aug.
REINFORCEMENTS = NOT such hope.

RECOVE PARTIES

Arrangements would be made for travel by air for Recove Parties from 1-4

1 Aust Corps
7 Aust Div
21 Aust Inf Bde.

WARNING ORDER

7 Div to be on 48 hrs notice as from 2400 hrs 2/3 Aug.
Agreed NO confirmation necessary.

L. L. G. Smith
Lt-Col
AA & QNO 7 Aust Div

Adv Party Hq 7 Aust Div

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HAA 7 Aust Div.
RAE 7 Aust Div.
Sigs 7 Aust Div.
HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div.

Hq 7 Aust Div,
4 Aug 42.
SQ33/1A/63.

1. Comd Gp Party, comprising GOC, GI, AQ, ADMS and AEC are moving separately. No move before 10 Aug.

2. The adv party Hq 7 Aust Div to move with Flight No 2 vide appx C to Adm Order No 39 will be as under:-

GII(L)	Camflg Offr (incl RAE duties)	HCO (as detailed by Camp)
DAQMG(L)	Cpl draughtsman	Batman to GII(L)
Medical Offr	3/Sgt clerk	Batman to Med rep
		Dr MT

3. One car D3 to accompany adv party.

4. GII(L) to be issued with one TSMG and amm.

5. Camp to arrange move of personnel, veh and baggage vide Adm Order No 39.

6. GII(L) to contact offr i/c Adv Gp Div Sigs at destination as required.

Copies:

Comd	AQ	Camp
GI	Q	File
GII(L)	ADMS	✓ War Diary

Approved for
Col.
GS 7 Aust Div.

6(d) SECRET

VERBAL INSTNS FOR MOVE BALANCE 2/27 INST INF BN TO EFOGI 1 SEP 42

HQ 7 Aust Div
1 Sep 42
SG64/2/25

The following verbal instns were given to Maj WHITE 2/27 Bn (in connection with the move of the balance of that unit to EFOGI) at 0100 hrs 1 Sep 42:-

- (a) Infm about the enemy and own tps as known at 0100 hrs 1 Sep 42.
- (b) Topography The importance of EGI in view of tracks leading to ALOLA, TEMPLETON'S CROSSING, BROWN'S RIVER, MYOLA.
- (c) He, with his tps, was NOT to move beyond EFOGI unless instructed to do so by MAROUBRA Force. If, however, upon arrival, no instns awaited him, he was to get in touch with MAROUBRA as quickly as possible for instns as to his future movements.
- (d) He was to take all security precautions whilst en route and if he had to wait at EFOGI he would occupy a defensive posn.
- (e) He must guard against flank infiltration. (essential to carry out mob offensive patrolling)
- (f) The following documents etc were given to Maj WHITE:-
 - (i) List of code names
 - (ii) List of telephone No's for staging posts.
 - (iii) Summary of certain messages to and from MAROUBRA during last three days.
 - (iv) track graph
 - (v) map with marked tracks.

Maj WHITE was instructed to burn all the above documents if there was any chance of them falling into enemy hands.

- (g) He was to report progress by sending "immediate" sigs to Div HQ from each staging post en route.
- (h) All infm was given to Maj WHITE re move of leading det of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

War Diary (2)

W. B. Gray Col
GS 7 Aust Div

Army Form C. 2122.

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1 airtel corps.

FROM

7 airtel div.

Originator's Number

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Date

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FROM 1 Genl Corps 7 Genl Div		Originator's Number 0 666	Date 7	In Reply to Number
MOST	SECRET	0	my	5633/17/70
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To 18-21-SS Aust Inf Bde, 2/7 Aust Cav, 2nd 7 Aust Div, 9/1 Aust MG
Bn, 2nd Sig Bde 7 Aust Div, 2/7 Aust Div - Tech Office, 2/7 Aust
Div Postal Unit, 6 Coy Aust Ld Co, 2nd Bde, 1st Aust Army,
1st Aust Corps, Queensland & N.T.

From 7 Aug 19

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7 Just 114 up East St. 4. Officer of Hotel is moved to Hotel in 13 and 11 just up East St. 4. 114 and 114 just up East St. 4. Personnel to be detailed by 114 and under separate instructions to carry personal weapons forth. Accommodation shown and proposition E2 apt. all informal.

Distributed by Dept 321, Box 600, 42

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TO: 12-01-25 Just Post Recd, 8/1 Just Adv, No 7 Just Adv, 8/1 Just Adv
in, 8/1-Adv-Adv 7 Just Adv, 8/7 Just Adv in each Office, 8/7 Just
Adv Postal Unit, 8 Just Post In On Am, Adv LMA, First Just Adv,
1 Just Corps, Accounting & C.

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7 must list by Index No 4. Order of Battle is amended to include in ID card of unit list by 1/5, 2/5 and 3/4 must copy by 1/5 respectively. Personnel is to be detailed by D, 1/5, 2/5, 3/4, 4/5, 5/5 and to carry personal weapons, baggage, accommodation stores and proportion 1/5, 2/5, 3/4, 4/5, 5/5. All information.

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to 18-21-55 Aust Inf Bde (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY) 7 Aust Div
copy to HQ.

FROM

7 Aust Div

Original Number

Date _____

In Reply to Number

following is rptd 1 Asst Corps 0936. personal for general allen from
general rostell. I would like to congratulate you and all concerned at
your HQ and in subordinate formations for the very fine effort in
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TO 18-31-35 Aust Inf Bde, 2/7 Aust Cav, HQ 7 Aust Div, 2/1 Aust
HQ Bn, HQ-21st-2nd 7 Aust Div, 2/7 Aust Div ad Cash Office,
2/7 Aust Div Postal Unit, 2 Coy Aust Bn, 21 Bn, 2nd Bn, First
Aust Army, 1 Aust Corps, New Zealand L of C.

From 7 Aust Div

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7 Aust Div Op Instr No 4. Cover of battle is awarded to include in
16 and 21 Aust Inf Bde 2, 3, 4, 5/6 and 2/4 Aust Corps HQ respectively.
Personnel to be detailed by HQ HQ under separate instrs are to
carry personal weapons, baggage, accommodation stores and proportion
of eqpt. all informed

Distributed by 1 at 2200 hrs 6 Aug 42

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to Comd

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7 Aust Div 3 Aust Div

FROM	1 Aust Corps	Originator's Number	0 919	Date	4	In Reply to Number
extract	FIRST	AUST	ARMY	G	(SD)	
1431	of	2nd	AUG	re	1/2d	
for	action	- 0	!	AUST	CORPS	
will	arrange with burial	of	108	1/2		
108	medium	MG	where	including	associated	
stores	firm	3	AUST	DIV	for	
army	carried	platoon	of	Eng	13-2	

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FROM			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
7	ALIST	DIV	0	carriers	should
be	complete	with	workers	M G	tripole
and	associated	stores	0	section	lines
will	be	allotted	on	basis	3
carriers	forming	1	section	0	7
AUST	DIV	will	arrange	mutually	with
3	AUST	DIV	0	equipment	must

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7	ALIST	DIV	will	apt	

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7 AUS DIV
VISIT OF C-IN-C - 3 AUG 42.
ITINERARY.

Appn 7
 HQ 7 Aust Div
 2 Aug 42.
 G130/1/1432. ✓

Ref Maps: CABOOLTURE 1"
 IPSWICH 1"
 GYMPIE 1"

0850 hrs Met on BRUCE HIGHWAY at rd junc (C) 1231 by escort.
 0900 hrs Met by Comd, 7 Aust Div at MORAYFIELD and taken to
 25 Aust Inf Bde exercise.
 0915-1130 hrs Watches tng.
 1130-1215 hrs Moves to HQ 7 Aust Div.
 1215 hrs Inspects gd of honour 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
 1230 hrs Lunch.
 1330 hrs Moves to 13 Bde area -
 1410 hrs Met by 13 Bde guide at rd and ry junc KILCOY.
 Watches 2/10 Bn exercise in thick country. Leaves
 when desired.

This itinerary supersedes 7 Aust Div G130/1/1415 of 31 Jul.

Distribution

12 Aust Inf Bde
 25 Aust Inf Bde
 1 Aust Corps
 Comd

ADC

GI

AQ

A (Act re gd of honour provided by 13 Bde)

Q (act re traffic control)

File

War Diary (2)

7 AUST DIV

VISIT OF C-in-C - 3 AUG 42

ITINERARY

Ref maps: CAMOOLTURE 1"
LEEMING 1"
GLENFIE 1"

HQ 7 Aust Div,
31 Jul 42.
C 130/1/1413.

1000 hrs Met on BRUCE HIGHWAY at rd & ry junc (C) 1231 and
escorted to 25 Aust Inf Bde fd firing course (C) 023315

1015-1130 hrs Watches tng

1135-1210 hrs Moves to HQ 7 Aust Div

1215 hrs Inspects Gd of Honour

1235 hrs Lunch

1330-1400 hrs Moves to 13 Bde area - met at rd & track junc
(G) 578652 at 1400 hrs.

1420 Arrives RV (1) 578644

1420-1600 hrs Watches tng

1615 hrs Returns to BRUCE.

Distribution

18 Aust Inf Bde	ADC	Q (act re traffic control)
25 Aust Inf Bde	GI	File
1 Aust Corps	AA	War Diary (2)
Comd	A	(Act re gd of honour provided by 13 Bde)

7 AUST DIV
VISIT OF C-12-4 - 3 AUG 42.
ITINERARY.

Re 7 Aust Div
 2 Aug 42.
 0130/1/1432.

Map: CABOOLURE 1"
 ITTICH 4"
 GLENIS 4"

0850 hrs Met on BRUCE HIGHWAY at rd junc (C) 1231 by escort.
 0900 hrs Met by Comd, 7 Aust Div at BERRIFFIELD and taken to
 23 Aust Inf Bde exercise.
 0915-1130 hrs watches trg.
 1130-1215 hrs Moved to Re 7 Aust Div.
 1215 hrs Inspects gd of honour 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
 1230 hrs Lunch.
 1330 hrs Moved to 13 Bde area -
 1410 hrs Met by 13 Bde guide at rd and ry junc KINCOR.
 Watches 2/10 Bn exercise in thick country. Leaves
 when desired.

This itinerary supersedes 7 Aust Div 0130/1/1413 of 31 Jul.

Distribution
 23 Aust Inf Bde
 25 Aust Inf Bde
 1 Aust Corps
 Comd

ADC 2 (act re traffic control)
 CI File
 AQ War Diary (2)
 A (Act re gd of honour provided by 13 Bde)

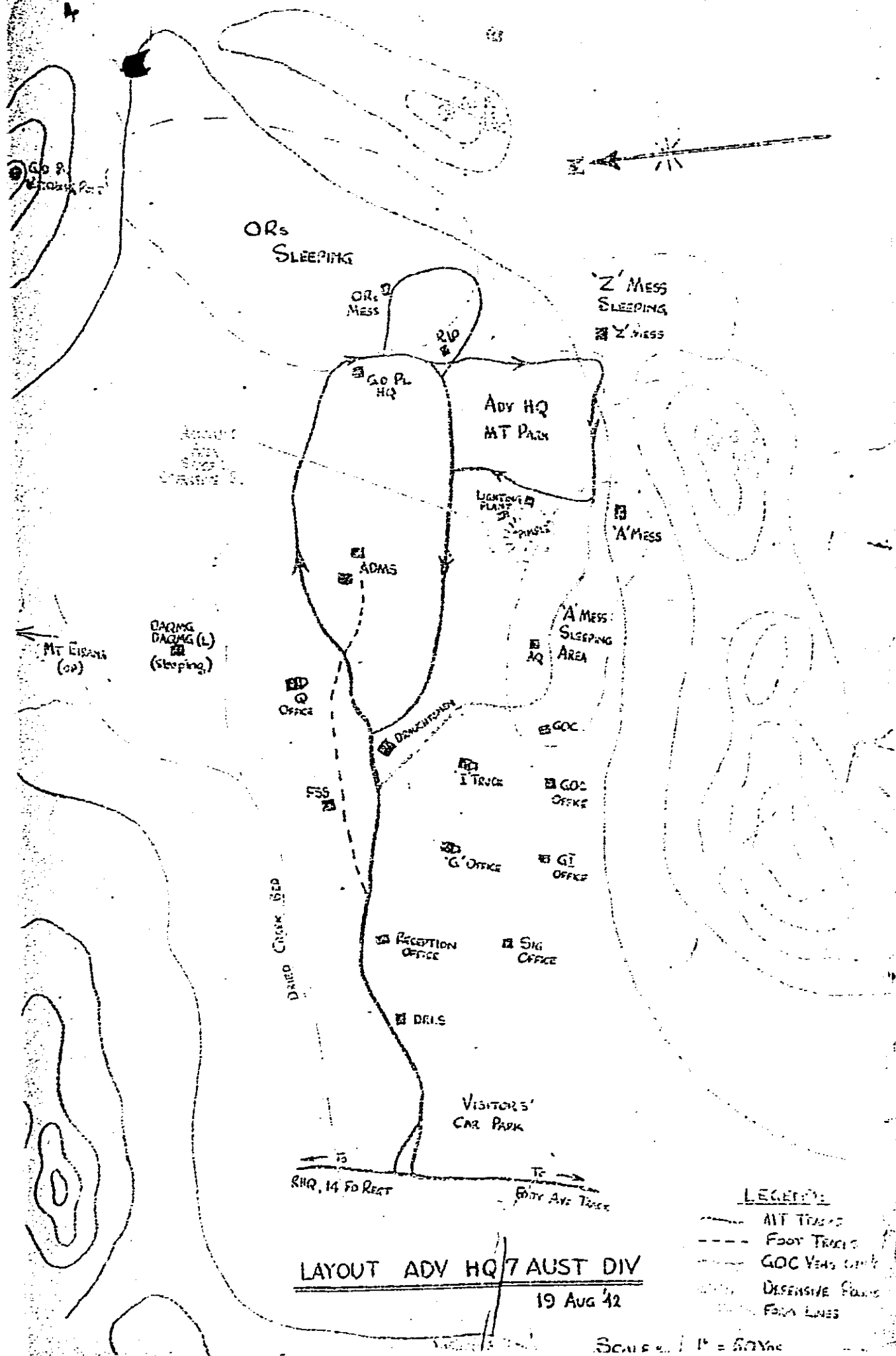
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Appx 8
ACTION DIARY

A16-Mob. Print Sec AIF-2M-44-G.

DATE	Serial No.	Revised No.	TOO LOR.	INFORMATION		Origin
				Time	ITEM	
31				0955 0830	Sitrep 0830 hrs 30 Aug. ISURAVA 1500 hrs enemy penetrated both flanks 2/14 Bn infiltrated to rear. heavy fighting 14 Bn strongly pressed all sides. 1530 hrs bde comd decided to withdraw on EORA CR. from ALOLA ridge 16 Bn covering extrication 14 Bn. 1600 hrs enemy between ISURAVA and ALOLA attacked bde HQ. ABUARI. A and B Coys forced back to water fall. enemy encircled their rear. Coy 55 Bn sent to their help broke and scattered. 1600 hrs withdrawal commenced.	011
					Part II	
31				0830	Part III. 14 Bn extricated but number missing. present pos 1000 hrs south ALOLA 16 Bn their rear Bde HQ estab half way EORA CR rear HQ EORA CR comd estab. 55 Bn moving back 1200 39 Bn reorganising EORA CR	
31				1215	Air straffing urgently requested ALOLA village ref 1200 GK740 top left corner square VII. suspected enemy	
31				1340 1230	Force withdrawn on EORA CR area 55 Bn MYOLA 59 Bn approx 2/14 Bn approx 230 holding posms vicinity EORA CR 2/15 Bn approx 450 holding track 1000 yds south ALOLA. order to evacuate wounded to MYOLA. request investigation possible of landing planes MYOLA evacuate wounded. sups run comd fairly satisfactory. Bde HQ EORA CR. enemy obviously in considerable strength. party estimated at least 500 men round left flank. opposing patrols in contact some cases total casualties yesterday high KEY and staff still missing but hopeful their arrival as stragglers still coming in. GRAHAMSLAW and party leave tomorrow recon approaches to good track ALOLA KAGI exists. decide return 30 and 55 to MORESBY. still desire rest of 2/27 Bn. confidently believe enemy casualties considerable in comparison reported enemy cutting tracks clearing camp sites ridge east ALOLA and mules tpt. intend delaying enemy advance south (at MYOLA depending on report GRAHAMSLAW. may have to consider 14 Bn and KAGI. difficult undertaking. am using fighting patrol back your 0732 and 0733	
31				1845	Ack 0733. urgently repeat request for air straffing of ALOLA village and ISURAVA early a.m. patrol 2/16 Bn to Jap HQ and approx 500 tps in ALOLA	

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LAYOUT ADV HQ 7 AUST DIV
19 AUG 42

Source: P. 100 Yards