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September - October 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 45 To 1 Sep 45

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 45 To 2 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Clear and sunny during morning and light cloud in afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LO I Lt A P HAMILTON visited 58/59 Aust Inf Bn for an inspection of coy areas and an informal talk with the troops. This afternoon the AA and QMG Lt-Col T H WINCHESTER visited the Bde Comd and discussed the reorganisation of the Div at TOROKINA and tentative dates for movement. This afternoon the Bde Comd held a conference of COs at which CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY CO 15 Fd Amb Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT, Adm Comd 57/60 Inf Bn Maj W McCALL, Capt N D ANDERSON, Capt R BOWDEN, Lt K H WILLIS and Lt K J HUMMERSTON were present. At the conference, the pre-vocational training scheme was discussed in detail also the questions of hookworm treatment and the provision of additional pictures shows for the bde while in its present location. Notes in confirmation of this conference are attached.</p> <p>Attached is a census of prevocational training showing subjects required and instructors and students available.</p>	
	2 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Clear and sunny in the morning. Scattered showers in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the GSO I 3 Aust Div Lt-Col F G HASSETT</p>	<p>Appx /</p> <p><i>Anderson Cpt</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 2 Sep 45 To 3 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 Sep		visited the Bde Comd. The IO Capt N S DUN and the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS left today for TOROKINA to interview all personnel in the LOB area for the purpose of preparing any applications for AAES correspondence courses and to give information on the prevocational training scheme generally. The Chief Co-ordinator of Prevocational Training Capt R BOWDEN accompanied by Lt A P HAMILTON and Lt K J HUMMERSTON this afternoon visited the Education Officer AT HQ 3 Aust Div to make arrangements for the provision of stores and text books for classes to be conducted at Bde HQ and at units. Today advice was received from HQ 3 Div that the submission of daily sitreps would cease.	
	3 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine and hot, <u>GENERAL</u> This morning the CO 15 Fd Amb Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT visited the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER and discussed the proposed move of A Coy 15 Fd Amb to TOROKINA. This would leave the Amb HQ in its present location and B Coy manning the ADS at the MOBIAI River. Advice was received from HQ 3 Div that all controlled stores other than weapons which are surplus to unit requirements may be returned. Immediate action is being taken to dispose of all such surplus stores. The response of troops in the LOB area to the prevocational training scheme was particularly good and great interest was displayed in the various proposals. Over 15 per cent of the troops in the area decided to take up AAES Courses and in the	

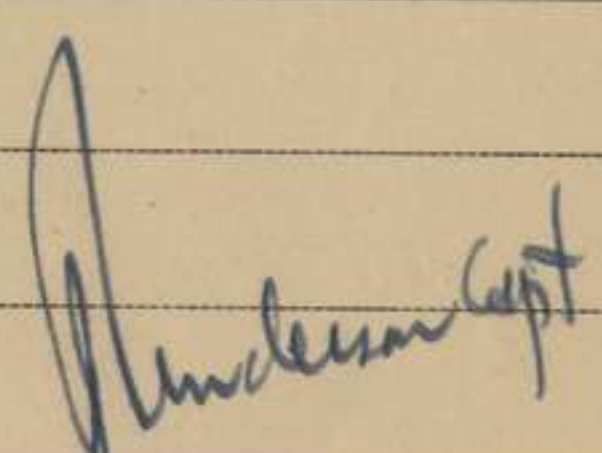
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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 3 Sep 45 To 5 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	3 Sep		of an early discharge to continue them when they returned to civil life. The most popular subjects were bookkeeping, carpentry and interior decoration.	
	4 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Scattered cloud with light showers.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> The Co-ordinator Committee for Prevocational Training held a conference at which unit representatives were present and further administrative details of the scheme were discussed and further action taken on compilation of the necessary information and statistics. The Bde Legal Officer Capt F B TREATT returned from LOB area to take part in a number of Courts Martial being conducted at HQ 29 Inf Bde. He brought to the Bde Comd a detailed account of the stores situation at the LOB and a progress report on the work done in preparation of the arrival of the Bde. A report was also submitted by the Bde Amenities Offr Lt D A JACKSON on the preparations made on the amenities side for the arrival of the Bde. Stocks of size 3 gaiters were received today and these will make up one of the main deficiencies in clothing articles.	
	5 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine and hot.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> This morning the Bde Comd visited 24 Aust Inf Bn accompanied by the LO2 Lt R H MATHAMS. The Comd made an	

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 5 Sep 45 To 6 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 Sep		inspection of coy areas. The BASCO Capt F G FORD returned from the Bde Rest Camp having completed his period of supervision of catering and cooking and having made the necessary improvements. Advice was received today of the promotion of the LO I Lt A P HAMILTON to T/Capt.	
			At a further meeting of the pre-vocational training committee an allotment to units was made of a number of huts to be made available at TOROKINA for use as lecture rooms.	
			This evening WO WINSTANLEY from HQ 3 Div provided a programme of recorded music at Bde HQ. The programme was well selected and was much appreciated by all personnel of Bde HQ. This evening the CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON visited the Bde Comd.	
			Attached is Educational and Prevocational Training Circular No 4 giving a provisional timetable for training periods.	Appx 2
	6 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u>	
			Scattered cloud with light showers throughout the day.	
			<u>GENERAL</u>	
			This morning the CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON again visited the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER. The Chief Co-ordinator of Prevocational Training Capt R BOWDEN accompanied by the Bde Education Offr Lt K J HUMMERSTON left for TOROKINA to make arrangements for the installation of the huts as allotted at the last conference of the Co-ordination committee. A matter of general interest to all personnel was the announcement today that 1 October 45	

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 6 Sep 45 To 8 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Sep		had been selected as recording day for calculation of points for demobilisation. Advice was received from HQ 3 Div that surplus ammunition to unit WET could be returned. This announcement was welcomed by all units who were holding large quantities of ammunition left over from operations.	
	7 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Scattered cloud with light showers throughout the day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the CO 53/59 Inf Bn Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY visited the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER to discuss officer postings within the unit and the question of seconded officers. Advice was received today from HQ 3 Div that the tentative date for the move of the brigade to TOROKINA was from 12 to 18 Sep 45. 24 Inf Bn would be the first unit to move. Pictures were shown at Bde HQ this evening and the Bde Comd attended. The Bde Ordnance Officer Lt P POLACK today advised that supplies of hats had been received sufficient to issue one new hat to all ranks within the brigade. This will enable all troops to have respectable hats to wear on their return to base areas.</p>	
	8 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Overcast during the morning. Fine and hot in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER finished his vetting of the draft of the Bde Report on Operations</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 Sep 45 To 9 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Sep		<p>and it is now available to go to press. Only the writing of the Bde Comd's personal summary of the operations and the lessons learned remain to complete the report. This afternoon Chaplain H T SHOTTON of 58/59 Inf Bn conducted a church parade at Bde HQ at which the Bde Comd was present. Capt R BOWDEN and Lt K J HUMMERSTON returned this afternoon from TOROKINA having completed an allotment of huts and having attended an education conference at HQ 2 Aust Corps. The Bde Amenities Officer Lt D A JACKSON also arrived from TOROKINA to present the report of his activities to the Bde Comd. A conference of Unit COs was held this afternoon by the Bde Comd at which CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, CO 15 Fd Amb Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT, Adm Comd 57/60 Inf Bn Maj W McCALL, Capt F D H WRAY, Capt N D ANDERSON, Capt R BOWDEN, Lt K H WILLIS, Lt K J HUMMERSTON and Lt D A JACKSON were present. Following reports by Capt BOWDEN, Lt HUMMERSTON and Lt JACKSON of their activities at TOROKINA, the conference dealt with further details of the prevocational training schemes, proposed amenities at TOROKINA, provisional arrangements for the move to TOROKINA and the maintenance of GLOUCESTER PARK, VICTORIA PARK and the Bde swimming pool. Notes in confirmation of this conference are attached.</p>	
	9 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine and hot.</p>	<p>Appx <i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 9 Sep 45 To 10 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Sep		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the GSO 1 3 Aust Div Lt-Col F G HASSETT, CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, CO 15 Fd Amb Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT, and Adm Comd Maj W McCALL visited the 3 Aust Div Liaison Post at the MIVO River. The Co-ordination Committee for Prevocational Training held a meeting today to prepare for a general conference with all units representatives and sub-committees to be held at Bde HQ tomorrow morning. Advice was received today that indents may be lodged for ribbon for 1939/45 Star and Pacific Star. Units are already proceeding with the manufacture of ribbon bars. This evening the A/BM Capt N D ANDERSON and the SC Lt K H WILLIS visited HQ 3 Aust Div to discuss aspects of the pre-vocational training scheme and arrangements for the move of the Brigade to TOROKINA. Attached is Educational and Pre-vocational Training Circular No 4.</p>	
	10 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Overcast and cloudy. Heavy rain during the Afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the SC Capt F D H WRAY, the Legal Officer Capt F B TREATT and the BASCO Capt F G FORD left for TOROKINA to co-ordinate arrangements for the reception of the brigade. This afternoon the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS visited 58/59 Inf Bn and watched a football match at DONALDSON Field between 58/59 Inf Bn and</p>	Appx 4

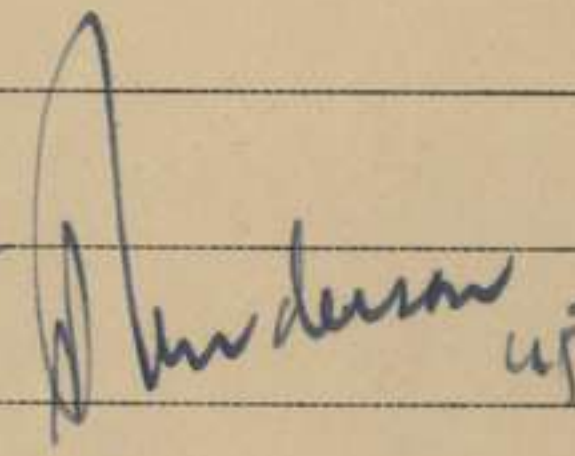
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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 10 Sep 45 To 12 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	10 Sep		2/11 Fd Regt. The Bde Amenities Officer Lt D A JACKSON held a conference of unit sports officers to arrange details for the opening of organised sport as soon as the brigade arrives at TOROKINA. A general meeting of the Co-ordination Committee and all unit representatives was held this morning to arrange further details for the commencement of the pre-vocational training scheme. Information was received today that the discharges of a number of long service officers had been approved. Capt F D H WRAY and Lt G R LANE are the only officers of Bde HQ affected.	
	11 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning, overcast with intermittent showers during the afternoon.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> This morning the GOC 3 Aust Div Visited the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER and the Bde Comd accompanied by the GOC back to Div HQ where he will remain overnight. The first movement of the Brigade to TOROKINA commenced today when elements of 24 Inf Bn began their move. Personnel are being moved by vehicle to MOTUPENA POINT staging area and from there by barge to TOROKINA. All stores are going right through by road.	
	12 Sep		Attached is Educational and Pre-vocational Training Circular No 5. <u>WEATHER</u> Overcast and sultry.	Appx 5  upt

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIFB) Date and Time.—From 12 Sep 45 To 13 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Sep		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Today the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER moved to TOROKINA with the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD and with the GOC made an inspection of Bde HQ and all unit areas and also GLOUCESTER Park and the remains of VICTORIA PARK. The remainder of 24 Inf Bn moved today and this evening the unit was complete in its camp site at TOROKINA.</p> <p>Preparations for move were made today at Bde HQ and loading of trucks of the bulk of the stores was completed this afternoon in preparation for an early move tomorrow morning.</p>	
	13 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Fine and very hot.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Today the move of Bde HQ to TOROKINA took place. A small rear party under comd of the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS was left to clean up the old camp site. The move proceeded without a hitch and personnel at LOB had the camp well prepared for the arrival of the troops. In addition to Bde HQ the first elements of 57/60 Inf Bn commenced their move today. The LO I Capt A P HAMILTON was present at Beach 4 when personnel of the battalion arrived and supervised their fostering in. Information was received this evening that the brigade would have to supply 1 Major, 5 Cpts and 9 Lts for transfer to 11 Inf Bde for island garrison duties. Volunteers will be called for and if not available, low priority personnel will be selected.</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 14 Sep 45 To 15 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	14 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning. Heavy rain during late afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> This afternoon the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LO I Capt A P HAMILTON visited 24 Inf Bn and made an inspection of the camp site. The camp is in excellent condition and shows the result of much hard work by advance parties and LOB personnel. This evening the Bde Comd attended the pictures at 24 Inf Bn. The remainder of 57/60 Inf Bn moved from HARI today and Capt N D ANDERSON was present at Beach 4 to supervise their arrival and fostering in.</p>	
	15 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning. Intermittent showers during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> This morning the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER made a thorough inspection of the Bde HQ Camp which was found to be in a satisfactory condition. Following his inspection the Bde Comd accompanied by the LO I Capt A P HAMILTON visited the TOROKINA ORS Club and then the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD at Div HQ. Movement of the remainder of Bde HQ from the OGORATA took place today and movement of the brigade is now complete with the exception of 58/59 Inf Bn. This afternoon the Bde Comd held a conference of unit COs at which CO 24 Inf Bn Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, CO 57/60 Inf Bn Lt-Col P G WEBSTER, CO 15 Fd Amb Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT, Capt N D ANDERSON</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 15 Sep 45 To 16 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Sep		<p>Capt R BOWDEN, Lt K H WILLIS, Lt K J HUMMERSTON and Lt D A JACKSON were present. The Pre-vocational Training Scheme, Amenities, Hookworm treatment, Malaria control and the transfer of personnel to 11 Inf Bde were discussed. Notes in confirmation of the conference are attached.</p> <p>This evening the Bde Comd entertained the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD, the GSO I Lt-Col F G HASSETT, DAQMG Maj D J BREHANY, the Unit COs and sisters from 2/1 AGH at a buffet supper and dance in the Bde HQ Officers' Mess. The function was well organised and a complete success.</p>	Appx 6
	16 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Overcast and sultry.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> This morning advice was received of the granting of a further seven immediate awards for gallantry in the SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE operations. All awards were to personnel of 24 Inf Bn and consisted of one bar to MC, one MC, one DCM and 4 MMs.</p> <p>This afternoon the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by Capt F D H WRAY made an inspection of all the surfing beaches in the TOROKINA area. It has been decided to conduct a script writing competition within the brigade with suitable prizes with the object of encouraging writing talent and of obtaining a good supply of script for unit concert parties and other entertainments.</p> <p>An instruction setting out details of the competition is attached.</p>	Appx 7

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Army Form C.213.
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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 17 Sep 45 To 18 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Fine and hot.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>58/59 Inf Bn commenced their move from the MOBIAT to TOROKINA today. The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LOI Capt A P HAMILTON visited 57/60 Inf Bn and made an inspection of the camp area. The area was found to be in a very satisfactory condition and a lot of work had been done to overcome the state of disrepair into which the camp site had fallen during occupation by another unit. This evening the Bde Comd visited the pictures at Camp RATA RNZAF. Advice was received that the Brigade would be required to supply 132 low priority ORs for transfer to 11 Inf Bde for occupation troops at RABAUL. Training under the pre-vocational Training Scheme commenced at all units today and two weeks of general educational training will be carried out. An instruction setting out the syllabus being followed at Bde HQ is attached. One sac sac hut for use as a lecture hut was built at Bde HQ today. A number of similar huts have already been built in unit camp areas. Interview of personnel desirous of taking courses of instruction at the 2 Aust Corps College commenced today.</p>	
	18 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Fine in the morning. Heavy rain during the afternoon.</p>	<p>Appx 8</p> <p><i>Anderson Capt</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 18 Sep 45 To 19 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Sep		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LO I Capt A P HAMILTON visited 24 Inf Bn today and the Bde Comd interviewed and congratulated the winners of the immediate awards announced on Sunday. On a battalion parade the Bde Comd presented each of the award winners with the ribbon of his award. This morning the IO Capt N S DUN held a meeting of sports representatives on Bde HQ with the object of organising all sport on the HQ and of making the necessary grounds and material necessary. Representatives were appointed for each type of sport to be played and a sports storeman appointed and made responsible for safe custody and maintenance of sporting equipment.</p> <p>This afternoon the Bde Comd accompanied by the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS visited the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj-Gen W BRIDGEFORD at HQ 3 Aust Div. The remainder of 58/59 Inf Bn moved from the MOBIAT to TOROKINA today and the move of the Bde is now complete.</p>	
	19 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Fine and hot.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Capt A P HAMILTON who has been appointed Bde Demobilisation Officer called a conference this morning of unit demobilisation Officers and discussed details of demobilisation procedure and the preparation of the various forms and books involved. Everything is in readiness to proceed with the filling in of papers as soon as instructions</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Capt</p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 19 Sep 45 To 20 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19 Sep		<p>are received as to the personnel to be affected. This afternoon the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS visited 58/59 Inf Bn and later proceeded to HQ 2 Aust Corps where he was the guest of the Corps Commander Lt Gen S G SAVIGE at a party and social evening at the TOROKINA Officers' Club. The first event of the organised sport programme for the Bde HQ was a cricket match between the officers and ORs this afternoon. The match aroused considerable interest and the ORs were victorious by a large margin.</p> <p>Attached is copy of HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde Camp Standing Orders. Appx 9</p>	
	20 Sep		<p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning. Heavy rain during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> Advice was received today of the granting of a further fourteen awards for gallantry in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE operations. These immediate awards were granted to personnel of 58/59 Inf Bn and consisted of 4 MCs and 10 MMs. A conference of unit adjutants was held this morning by the SC Lt K H WILLIS to finalise the details of allotting personnel for transfer to 11 Inf Bde. Personnel were selected evenly from the 3 units and were either volunteers desiring to continue serving in the army or low priority personnel.</p> <p>This evening the Bde Comd accompanied by Capt N D ANDERSON and Lt R H MATHAMS visited 24 Inf Bn for the opening of their Officers' mess.</p>	<p><i>Anderson Capt</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 20 Sep 45 To 22 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Sep		Attached is copy of orders issued for a Bde ceremonial parade for the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEMORE with a preliminary parade for the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER.	Appx 10
	21 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning, overcast in the afternoon.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> Today the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER visited all units to inspect camp areas and for discussions with commanding officers. Accompanied by the LO 2 Lt R H MATHAMS he visited 24 Inf Bn in the morning and in the afternoon he visited 57/60 Inf Bn and 58/59 Inf Bn. At 58/59 Inf Bn the Bde Comd interviewed and congratulated the winners of the latest immediate awards for gallantry and presented them with a ribbon of their award. This evening the Bde Comd accompanied by Capt A P HAMILTON was a guest at 57/60 Inf Bn for a dinner and social evening for the opening of their officers' Mess. At Bde HQ today a rehearsal for the ceremonial parade was carried out by Bde HQ personnel.	
	22 Sep		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine and hot.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> This morning the 15 Inf Bde Group consisting of HQ 15 Inf Bde, 24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/59 Inf Bn, 15 Fd Coy and 15 Fd Amb paraded at GLOUCESTER PARK for the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER. Lt Col A J ANDERSON CO 24 Inf Bn commanded the parade. Following his inspection, the Bde Comd addressed the parade and informed them that it	Anderson Capt

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 22 Sep 45

To 23 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	22 Sep		<p>would be his last opportunity to speak to the Bde as a whole as reposting of personnel would commence almost immediately. The Bde Comd outlined the achievements of the Bde in operations and stated how proud he was to have been the leader of such a fine team which as a jungle fighting brigade was second to none in the Australian army. He urged all troops to carry on in civil life the comradeship they had learned in the army and to remember in some practical way the sacrifices of their comrades who would not return. The Comd concluded his address by wishing all members of the Bde Group success and happiness in the civilian life. When the address was finished there was spontaneous and informal applause from all troops assembled on the parade. The Bde then marched past. This afternoon the first exodus from the Bde began when the 132 OR for transfer to 11 Inf Bde moved out. This afternoon the Bde Comd visited the GOC 2 Aust Corps Lt Gen S G SAVIGE at Corps HQ. Tomorrow Lt Gen Savage will depart for Australia to take up a post as Co-Ordinator General of Demobilisation. This evening the Bde Comd attended a party given by GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD to all commanding officers in the Division. A short conference of commanding officers was held this morning following the parade at which amenities, the proposed rifle shooting competition and the GOC's parade were the principal matters discussed. Notes in confirmation of this conference are attached as Appendix</p>	
	23 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER</u> : Fine and Hot. <u>GENERAL</u> The GOC 2 Aust Corps Lt Gen S G SAVIGE departed for AUSTRALIA</p>	<p><i>Anderson Capt</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 23 Sep 45

To 24 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23 Sep 45		<p>from PIVA strip this morning. The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER went to the strip to farewell Lt Gen SAVIGE. A guard of honour was provided by 15 Bde commanded by Maj W McCALL and consisted of 100 personnel with one rank of the guard drawn from each of the infantry battalions. The officers from the infantry battalions who have been reposted to 11 Inf Bde left the Bde this morning and the first batch of transfers are now complete. This afternoon the AA and QMG Lt Col T H WINCHESTER visited the Bde Comd. The A/BM Capt N D ANDERSON visited HQ 3 Aust Div to make arrangements for the GOC's parade tomorrow.</p> <p>This afternoon Chaplain H T SHOTTON from 58/59 Inf Bn conducted a church service at Bde HQ/</p> <p>Attached as Appx is Educational and Pre-vocational Training Instruction No 2 for Bde HQ personnel.</p>	
	24 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER</u> : Fine and very hot during the morning. Heavy rain in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>This morning the 15 Inf Bde Group similarly constituted to Saturday morning paraded at GLOUCESTER PARK for the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD. The GOC addressed the parade and complimented the Bde on the manner in which it had added further laurels to its reputation as a fighting force in the SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE operations and stated how proud he was to have had the Bde under his command. Referring to the men of the Bde as tough dependable fighting men the GOC wished them every success in their civil life. The GOC the presented ribbon bars to all winners of awards for bravery in operations in New Guinea and SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE and spoke words of congratulation to personnel who had been mentioned in</p>	

John Lumsden Capt

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 24 Sep 45 To 25 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	24 Sep 45		<p>despatches and who had won GOC's cards for meritorious conduct in operations. The Bde then marched led by the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER followed by the award winners then the remainder of the Bde. Following the parade the GOC, the DAAG Maj R TOMKINS and the unit CO's were entertained at morning tea in the Bde HQ officers mess. It was decided today that owing to the short time the Bde was likely to be in TOROKINA the VICTORIA PARK theatre would NOT be rebuilt but that the theatre now almost completed at 24 Inf Bn would be used as the Bde theatre site. Advice was received today that the discharge of CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt col W M MAYBERRY had been approved and early movement could be expected. On his departure Maj W McCALL will administer command of 58/59 Inf Bn.</p>	
	25 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Overcast with intermittent showers during the day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u></p> <p>The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by CO 24 Inf Bn Lt col AJ ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt col W M MAYBERRY CO 15 Fd Amb Lt col D W BRUMMITT visited HQ 3 Aust Div this morning where official photographs were taken. The party then proceeded to 15 Fd Amb and later were entertained by Commander FOWLER RAN on a tanker moored at TOROKINA. The officers for long service discharge departed this morning. Capt F D H WRAY and the OC Guard Pl Lt G R LANE left from the HQ. There were 4 officers from 24 Inf Bn, 2 from 57/60 Inf Bn and 2 from 58/59 Inf Bn.</p> <p>Major RATCLIFFE Malarialogist from HQ 2 Aust Corps visited Bde HQ this afternoon and arrangements were made for spraying the area with DDT particularly the swamp in the rear of the camp site.</p>	<p><i>Anderson Lt+</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 26 Sep 45 To 27 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER</u> : FINE AND HOT.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> :</p> <p>This morning the Chief of the General Staff, Lt Gen J norrhcott accompanied by the GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD, visited the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER.</p> <p>Following a short conference at Bde HQ the CGS visited the three unit camp areas and made a quick-inspection of the Bde area. He showed particular interest in what was being done in the Bde Educational and Pre-vocational Training Scheme and requested a personal copy of the instruction showing details of the scheme and the census taken. This evening the Bde Comd accompanied by Capt N D ANDERSON visited 24 Inf Bn where a Victory dinner was being held. The Bde Comd visited each coy mess where he was welcomed by the mess president. All functions were particularly well organised. Attached as Appx is Educational and Pre-vocational training circular No 6.</p>	
	27 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER</u>: Fine with scattered cloud.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u>:</p> <p>Information was received today that all units of the 15 Inf Bde Group had been declared redundant units and a priority was given for their movement to AUSTRALIA. Advice was also received today that the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER had been appointed Controller of Demobilisation for the State of Victoria and would be moving very shortly to take up his duties in this appointment. This morning the Bde Comd finalised all matters concerning the report on operations which is now ready to be produced. This evening the Bde Comd accompanied by Capt N D ANDERSON proceeded to 57/60 Inf Bn for a dinner and dance in the officers mess.</p>	

Anderson Capt

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 28 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Overcast and cloudy. Scattered showers during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> This morning the Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER visited 24 Inf Bn and then proceeded to HQ 3 Aust Div to meet the GOC Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD. Following an interview with the GOC the Comd proceeded to 2/1 AGH for medical board. Preparation of demobilisation papers for all personnel with points priority over 150 has commenced throughout the Bde. This evening there was an informal farewell dinner for the Bde Comd in the officers mess at Bde HQ.</p>	
	29 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine in the morning. Light rain in the late afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The Bde Comd Brig H H HAMMER accompanied by CO 24 Inf Bn Lt col A J ANDERSON, CO 58/59 Inf Bn Lt col W M MAYBERRY, CO 57/60 Inf Bn Lt col P G WEBSTER and CO 15 Fd Amb Lt col D W BRUMMITT visited the Jap PW camp at TOROKINA. After an inspection of the compound the Bde Comd proceeded to 58/59 Inf Bn where he remained for lunch. This evening the Bde Comd accompanied by Capt N D ANDERSON visited 57/60 Inf Bn where a victory dinner was held at each coy. As at 24 Inf Bn the Bde Comd visited each coy mess and spoke informally with the troops.</p>	
	30 Sep 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine and hot.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> This morning a special memorial church service was conducted by 58/59 Inf Bn at the TOROKINA cemetery in honour of the members of the unit who had been killed in action on BOUGAINVILLE. Chaplain H T SHOTTON presided at the service</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Anderson Capt</p>

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45[illegible]

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.			Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Sep 45		OOB and strengths of units as at 30 Sep 45 are as follows:			
			OOB	Strengths		
				Offrs	OR	
			HQ 15 Inf Bde	13	67	
			15 Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	38	
			14 pl 2/1 Gd Regt		30	
			266 LAD		21	
			24 Inf Bn	18	562	
			57/60 Inf Bn	22	527	
			58/59 Inf Bn	21	518	
			15 Inf Bde Postal Sec		4	
			Commanders and staff of 15 Inf Bde are as follows:			
			<u>HQ 15 Inf Bde</u>			
			Comd	Brig	H H HAMMER	
			SC	Capt	K H WILLIS	
			SC (L)	"	N D ANDERSON	
			IO	"	N S DUN	
			TO	"	R J W FRASER	
			LO	"	A P HAMILTON	
			Lt	Lt	R H MATHAMS	
			BASCO	Capt	F G FORD	
			Legal	"	F B TREATT	
			Hygiene	"	A E LEFFERS	
			Amenities	Lt	D A JACKSON	
			Education	"	K J HUMMERSTON	
			Ordnance	"	P T POLACK	

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 6 / 1945 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.			
			1	* Brigadier* Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	1 2 1	1 2	1 10 6			N I L						
	4	3	13									
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		13									13
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

NX114387 Lt NORRIE P J 58/59 Inf Bn 31/8/45 Resuming Regtl Duties

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

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

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35/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/9/1945. HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
			1	* Brigadier*								
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels								
	2	1	10	Majors								
	1	2	6	Captains		N I L						
				Lieutenants								
				Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	4	3	18									
DETAIL			A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.			18									18
E.(1)												
E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX114337	Lt	HORRIE F J	58/59 Inf Bn	31/8/45	Resuming Regtl Duties

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

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

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W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS 19 O.R's 66 + OFFRS O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	* Brigadier*									
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		1	Majors									
	1	1	11	Captains									
	1	1	5	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	2	18										
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.													18
E.(1)													
E.(2)													

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 9 / 1945 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 68 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			1	* Brigadier*										
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels										
	1		11	Majors										
	1	1	3	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	3	2	13											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	18									18
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/9/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col (TFRlg)	VX24325	HAMMER	H H	Comd	Yes		
Capt (TMAJ)	WX6440	ROBSON	H G	PM	No	Leave 24 days	22/7/45
Capt	VX3367	WRAY	F D H	BM(L)	Yes		
Lt	WX136391	WILLIS	K H	SG	"		
Capt	VX104065	ANDERSON	N D	SG(L)	"		
Capt	WX101551	DUN	H S	IC	"		
Capt	VX102652	FRASER	R J W	TO	"		
Lt (FCapt)	WX51600	HAMILTON	A F	LO	"		
Lt	WX33921	MATHAMS	H E	LO	"		
Chap 4th Cl	Q273427	BLACK	C G P	Padre	No	Duty 57/60 Bn	4/7/45
"	WX174886	MCCOSHEN	J Y	"	"	" 24 Bn	20/3/45
"	VX114251	SHOTTON	H T	"	"	" 53/59 Bn	16/2/44
Capt	WX12028	FORD	F O	Basco	yes		
Capt	WX131713	TREATT	F B	Legal	"		
Capt	VX108249	LEPPERS	A H	HVC	"		
Lt	WX112911	JACKSON	D A	Amen	"		
Lt	VX22286	POLACK	P T	OO	"		
Lt	VX42639	HUMPHREY	K J	Bdn	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
WX Capt	WX204176	MERRY J W	63 ADU	13/6/45	duty

8 Sep 45
Date of Despatch

Capt
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

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W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
			1	Brigadier *									
				Lieut.-Colonels *									
	1		1	Majors									
	1	1	11	Captains									
	1	1	5	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	2	18										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		18									18
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

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

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 9 / 1945 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Brigadier *									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		1	Majors									
	1	1	11	Captains									
	1	1	5	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	2	18										
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.				18									18
E.(1)													
E.(2)													

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

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

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 9 / 1945 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1	Brigadier *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	1		1	Majors					
	1	1	11	Captains			N I L		
	1	1	5	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	3	2	18						

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	18									18
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 9 / 1945 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Brigadier *									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		1	Majors									
	1	1	11	Captains			N I L						
	1	1	5	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	2	18										
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL			A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.			18									18
	E.(1)												
	E.(2)												

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

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

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/9/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 9 / 1945 (Unit)
W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Brigadier *									
	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels									
	1		10	Majors									
	1	1	5	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	4	1	16										
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL			A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		16										16
	E.(1)												
	E.(2)												

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.					
Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX6440	Capt	ROBSON H G	BSL (Retirement)	29/8/45	Relinquished appt of
	(TMAJ)				BM - Longser
VX3367	Capt	WRAY F D H	"	25/9/45	Relinquished appt of
					BM (L) - Longser

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1	Brigadier * *										
	2		-	Lieut.-Colonels										
	1		10	Majors										
	1	1	5	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	4	1	16											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
		A.		16										16
		E.(1)												
		E.(2)												

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

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

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

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PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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7 Sep 45

Copies: 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
15 Aust Pd Amb (AIF)
Co-ordinating Committee
Cmd
BN

- 1 Attached for information is a census taken within the brigade on pre-vocational training showing by subjects the number of students and instructors available.
- 2 Subjects have been divided into the following categories:
 - (a) Instruction under unit arrangements
 - (b) Instruction under brigade arrangements
 - (c) Subjects requiring Divisional or Corps assistance
 - (d) Subjects which will probably be taught at Corps College
 - (e) Subjects being applied for under AARS courses to be conducted under brigade arrangements.
- 3 Attached to the census as Appendix A is a list of text books required, and as Appendix B list of stores and materials required, for training within the brigade.
- 4 It would be appreciated if advice can be given at the very earliest regarding instruction in subjects requiring higher than brigade instructional facilities to permit the forming of a definite curriculum and time table. Early advice of the availability of text books and stores would also be appreciated.

Lt Col H. H. Warren
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

15 AUST INF BDE EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Census showing -

SUBJECTS

NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS AVAILABLE

Appx A

TEXT BOOKS REQUIRED

Appx B

STORES AND MATERIAL REQUIRED

UNIT SUBJECTS (Category A)

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
1 Window dress- ing					5	1					5	1	
2 Wheat farming			1	1					1		2	1	Fd Amb to 57/60 Bn
3 Fishing					6	2					6	2	
4 Leather work	21	1			5	1					26	2	
5 D & M	137	6	334	4	190	10	24	3	125	4	810	27	
6 Gen Edn to Grade 8	56	5	30	4	10	3	3	2	29	3	128	17	58/59 Bn to Bde HQ
7 Bootmaking & Repair	14	1	1	1	7	1			10	1	32	4	
8 Tailoring			3	1	3	1					6	2	
9 Carpentry	88	4	50	3	84	6	8		14	1	244	14	Bde HQ to Amb
10 Blacksmithing	3	1	5	1	5	1			1		14	3	
11 Cabinet making	7	1	10	2	3						20	3	58/59 to 57/60
12 French polishing	1	1			7	2					8	3	Amb to 24 Bn
13 House planning	1				8	1	1				10	1	to 58/59 Bn
14 Butchering	2		1		6	1			6	1	15	2	24, 57/60 to 58/59
15 Photography	3		1		8	1			36	2	48	3	" "
16 Hairdressing			5		9	2			10	1	24	3	57/60 to 58/59
17 Grazing			1		6	1					7	1	"
18 Forestry			3		3	1					6	1	"

BRIGADE SUBJECTS (Category B)

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
1 Advertising			1		3	1	1				5	1	
2 Signwriting	2		3	1	4	1?			6		15	1 1?	
3 Dairy farming	3		7		12	3					22	3	
4 Mixed "	10		12	1	10		1				33	1	
5 Plumbing	4		5		14	1	3				26	1	
6 Painting (house)	2		2	1	11	2	1				16	3	
7 Gen Edn (Spec)	4		7		3			1			14	1	
8 Bookmaking	1				1			1			2	1	

DIVISIONAL SUBJECTS (Category C)

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
1 Business management			6		10						16		1 instr reqd
2 Agricultural science	1										1		
3 Market garden	2						2				4		
4 Bee farming									1		1		
5 Mech draughting	1		4						2		7		
6 Fitting & turning	1				7		1				9		
7 Toolmaking	1		3		2						6		
8 Fetter					2						2		
9 Sheetmetal work	2		1		2				4		9		
10 Iron & brass moulding			1		1						2		
11 Engraving			2	1	2	1	1		1	1	6	3	loan instr
12 Die setting					2						2		
13 Electro plating			1			1			4		5	1	
14 Radiator mech			1								1		
15 Hydraulic engineering					1						1		
16 Architecture & draughting	1		1		2						4		
17 Plastering			1		3						4		
18 Bricklaying	3		6		3				7		19		
19 Upholstery			1		1				2		4		
20 Reticulation			1								1		
21 Fibrous plaster			1		1						2		
22 Wood machining	1				1						2		
23 Mantel design	1										1		
24 Spray painting			1								1		
25 Tele mechanic			1										
26 Baking & pastrycook	2	1	4		6	1	2		1		15	2	ref facilit.

DIVISIONAL SUBJECTS

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
27 Printing trade			5		6	4	1				11	4	loan in
28 Glazing									3		1		
29 Real estate					1						4		
30 Mining (gold)					1						1		
31 Dry cleaning			1		1						2		
32 Irrigation			2								2		
33 Orchardng			2		2						4		
34 Butter manuf					1						1		
35 Wool scouring			1				4				1		
36 Art General											4		
37 Music theory	3		2				1				5		
38 piano	3		1		9	3	1				14	3	
39 guitar			1								1		
40 trombone							1				1		
41 singing	1										1		
42 Bulldozer			4		15				9		28		
43 Tractor			11		26				19		56		
44 Winch driving			2								2		
45 Road building eqpt					15				1		16		
46 Panelbeating	1	1	3		7	1					11	2	
47 Mot trimming			1		1						2		
48 Watchmaking					3				5		8		
49 Tanning			1								1		
50 Cinema op		2	2		7				2		11	2	
51 Distiller							1		2		3		
52 Typewriter mech					1						1		
53 Cooking chef									7		7		
54 Landscape & home gardening					6						6		
55 Pottery					2						2		
56 Boat building & designing					3						3		

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DIVISIONAL SUBJECTS (Category C)

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
57 Textile manuf					3				1		4		
58 Weaving					2						2		
59 News agent					1						1		
60 Dramatic acting					1						1		
61 Plastics					1						1		
62 Wire machinist					1						1		
63 Meat preservation					1						1		
64 Brick making					1						1		
65 Wheelwright	1										1		
66 Meat inspecting	2		3		2				1	1	1	1	
67 Slaughtering	1		3		6				1		8		
68 Horticulture	3								1		11		
69 Electrical			4		13				1		3		
Engineering											18		elementary
70 Steam engine driving					2						2		
71 Mot mechanics	78		24		21		21				144		

MAES SUBJECTS

(Category D)

Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remark.
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
COLLEGE													
1 English					1				1		2		
2 French					1	1	2				3	1	
3 Japanese					1						1		
4 Philosophy							1				1		
5 Psychology							2				2		
6 Theology									9		9		
7 Geology III							1				1		
8 Industrial chemist	1										1		
9 Adv Edn over grade 8			15						1		16		
BRIGADE													
1 Accountancy	2				6		7	2			15	2	
2 Commercial Law	1		1		16	1					18	1	
3 Secretarial practice	1										1		
4 Commercial Art	3		6	1	5	1?			1		15	1 1?	
5 Sheep farming	1		1				1		1		4		
6 Poultry "	1		4	1	7	1			4	1	16	3	
7 Pig raising			2		2						4		
8 Animal husbandry	1		3		5						9		
9 Refrigeration	4		2		10		2		5		23		
10 Boiler attendant			2						6		8		
11 Interior decorating			1				3		1		5		
12 Electricity & magnetism	14		4		4		3				25		
13 Radio	15		7		10		1				33		
14 Radio Maint	5						1		24		30		

LAES SUBJECTS

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Subject	24 Bn		57/60 Bn		58/59 Bn		Bde HQ		15 Fd Amb		TOTAL		Remarks
	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	Stud	Instr	
<u>BRIGADE (cont)</u>													
15 Painting & sketching	5				12	1					17	1	
16 Diesel D & M	9	1					3				12	1	
17 Diesel engineering			13		12						25		
18 Welding - oxy	4		13		22		1		11		51		
19 Welding - elec	3	1			19		3		2		27	1	
20 Shorthand	2		5		2	1	1		4		14	1	
21 Woolclassing	15	1	20		42		8		3		88	1	
<u>UNIT</u>													
1 Bookkeeping	30	3	24	3	33	3	16	2	18	2	121	13	
2 Typing	3		3		11	1	2		15	1	34	2	
3 Salesmanship	5	1	16		22	1	4				47	2	
4 Ticket writing	14	1	15		17		1	1			47	2	
5 Lettering			1								1		
6 Banking			1		1						2		
7 Agriculture					24						24		
8 Applied Electricity			1								1		
9 Electrical wiring					2						2		
10 Farm machinery					1						1		
11 Grocery					1						1		
12 Journalism	2										2		

TEXT BOOKS REQUIRED

Serial	Book Title	Number required	Remarks
1	Complete set army pams D and M	5	
2	Pendlebury's "School Arithmetic"	4	equally divided among each unit less 58/59 Bn
3	Murry Fields Grammar	4	
4	First Aid in English	4	
5	National English	4	
6	James' Junior Geography	4	
7	School Atlas	12	
8	Baker and Bourne Algebra Part I	4	
9	Golden Treasury of Verse	4	
10	Anthology of Australian Poetry	4	
11	Days "Australian Exploration"	4	
12	Henney and Dudley "Handbook of Photography"	2	
13	F J Jordan "Photographic Enlarging"	2	15 Fd Amb and 58/59 Bn
14	D W Low "Developers"	2	
15	Lettering	3	
16	Dictionary	12	Bde HQ

GENERAL

Any available text books on :-

1	Leatherwork	
2	Butchering	2
3	Forestry	1
4	Houseplanning	1
5	Farming Wheat	1
6	Farming Dairy	1
7	Window dressing	1
8	Signwriting	2

CHARTS AND MAPS

Wall Maps	Australia and Australasia	5
	USA	5
	Europe	5
	Asia	5
Diagrams (wall charts)	Cattle	2
to explain butchering	Sheep	2
	Pigs	2

15 AUST INF BDE

STORES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

EDUCATIONAL

Exercise books		580
Note books		500
Foolscap -		
journal	reams	24
ledger	"	30
cash book	"	12
plain	"	30
Ink -		
blue	quarts	4
red	"	1
Pens		300
Nibs	gross	10
Pencils -		
HB		500
H		80
2H		80
B		150
2B		80
3B		80
Erasers		150
Chalk -		
white	boxes	6
coloured	"	3
Rulers 12 inch		50
Ticket inks or		
poster colours -		
red	jars	36
black	"	36
blue	"	36
white	"	36
brown	"	36
yellow	"	36
green	"	36
Water colours -		
red	tubes	36
black	"	36
blue	"	36
green	"	36
white	"	36
brown	"	36
yellow	"	36
Indian Ink -		
all colours each colour		36
Cartridge paper	rolls	6
Artists brushes -		
Sizes 1,2,3,4, 8	each	18
Set squares -		
45 degrees		12
60 degrees		12
Office pins	boxes	20
Drawing pins	"	20
Paper fasteners	"	20
AAB 71	gross	1
Manila folders		300
Blotting paper	gross	4
Tee squares		12
Drawing boards		40
Black boards		12
Scale rules		
1/4, 1/8, 1/2, 3/8, 5/8, 1,		
1 1/2, 3 inches	each	12
Maths sets		9

FELTWORK

AES Kits and instrs		3
Light felt -		
green	sq yds	6
blue		6
red		6
white		2
brown		3
yellow		3
Wool - 3 and 6 ply		
red	skeins	12
black	"	12
yellow	"	12
green	"	12
Stuffing fibre	lbs	12
Knives		4
Scissors -		
8 inch		2
6 inch		2
Needles -		
large		72
Awls		3
Thimbles		24
Marking chalk	sticks	12

METALWORK

AES kits -		
metalwork		3
soldering		3
Pipe cutters		4
Pipe vices		4
Steel sheets		12
Galvanised iron	sheets	12
Solder	lbs	24
Flux	tins	6
Spirits of Salts	quarts	3
Resin	lbs	2
Zinc	lbs	3
Alum	lbs	2
Soldering irons		24
Sal amoniac	blocks	12
Tin snips -		
straight		24
curved		24
Bossing mallets		12
Hacksaws -		
frames		12
blades		72
Lead sheet	lbs	18
Piping 3/8 in 1 in 2 1/2 in		as avail- able
Elbows, tie pieces		
assorted	each	50
Stocks and Dies	each	6

ELECTRICITY

Resistors -	
500 ohm	12
2500 ohm	12
Power transformers	3
(any type)	
Audit transformers	3
DCC wire 26 SWG	12
ozs	

CARPENTRY

Planes -	
jack	30
smoother	30
try	6
fillister (with cutters)	6
Hand saws -	
rip	6
cross cut	6
tenon	12
keyhole	6
bow	6
Hammers - claw	30
Punches -	
brad	18
nail	18
Bradawls	12
Spokeshaves -	
concave	12
convex	12
Chisels - register and	
firmer	
1 1/2" 1" 3/4" 3/8" 1/2" 3/8" 1"	
each	18
Screwdrivers -	
large	18
small	18
Braces (ratchet preferred)	18
Bits - clean cutting	
1" 7/8" 3/4" 3/8" 1/2" 3/8" 1"	
each	12
rough cutting	
1" 3/8" 3/4"	
each	9
German centre	
1" 3/4" 1/2"	
each	3
Squares	
6"	18
12"	18
Bevels	18
Rules - 3 ft folding	36
Files	
6" slim taper	30
4" " "	30
Wood rasps (all types)	30
Sandpaper	
No 0	120
1	120
2	120
Saw sets	6
Cord lines (100 yds)	12
Oil stones -	
fine	6
coarse	6
Glue pots	9
Glue brushes 1 inch	9

CARPENTRY (contd)

Vices or bench screws	18
Sash cramps 4 ft to 6 ft	12
Land axis	18
Gauges	18
Work benches	18
Nails and screws in all available	
sizes and quantities	
Timber -	
rough -	
8 x 2 12/8' sup ft	500
4 x 3 12/12 "	500
3 x 2 4/8' "	100
6 x 1 12/8' "	150
sawn	
6 x 1/2 ft	600
2 x 1 "	600
3 x 1 "	900
4 x 1 "	600
6 x 1 "	1800
3 x 2 "	600
4 x 2 "	400
4 x 3 "	600

LEATHER WORK

Sheepskins (basil)	36
Cowhide	6
Horsehide	3
Kangaroo hide	12
Lacing - brown, black, red,	
blue ft	600
Liquid glue tubes	36
Raven oil -	
black bottles	12
green "	12
red "	12
tan "	12
Wax cubes	18
Hemp balls	12
AES outfits	2

WOOLCLASSING

Woolclassers demonstration	
kits	3

BLACKSMITHING

Mild steel assorted sizes	
ft	600
Coke bags	6
Charcoal "	6

DIESEL D & M

Tractors diesel	3
Fuel pumps	6
Atomizer assemblies	6
Types of starter motors	6

D & M

Jeeps	20
3 tonners	10
Staff car (any order)	3
Chassis complete light	3
heavy	3
Demonstration models - (1 each sectionalised)	
engines	6
gear boxes	6
clutch assemblies	6
carburettors	12
water pumps	12
distributors	12
fuel pumps	12
batteries	6
radiators	6
differentials	6

PHOTOGRAPHY

Cameras (any size)	3
Light filters	asstd 6
Dishes 12" x 10"	6
Developer	gals 1
Hypo	lbs 12
Acid fixing	lbs 2
Safety lamp	2
Printing frames	
(sizes available)	6
Clips bulldog	24
Paper -	
gaslight (asstd gross	3
bromide sizes)	3

TAILORING

Tailoring outfits 1

HAIR DRESSING

Scissors (WISS)	pairs	4
Clippers -		
OO	"	4
OGOO	"	4
Neck brushes		4
Blade razors		4
Strops		2

FISHING

Rope 1 inch	feet	400
Net 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh 21 or 24 ply		360
	ft	
Net 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh 12 ply	"	12
Net mending needles		12
Lines -		
21 - 27 ply	each	6
Hooks assorted	any quantity	

NOTES ON BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE 17 - 1 SEP 45

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

G1052

3 Sep 45

Present: Lt-Col A J ANDERSON
Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY
Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT
Maj W McCALL
Capt F D H WRAY
Capt I D ANDERSON
Capt R BOWDEN
Lt K H WILLIS
Lt K J HUMERSTON

1 EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

(a) Census

In anticipation of definite information from higher authority, a census conducted within units and collated by brigade co-ordinating committee has been prepared and will be forwarded to 3 Aust Div.

The census gives details by subjects of numbers of students, instructors available and text books and materials required.

The census will give to higher authority a complete picture of what we require of them and what we ourselves have been doing in regard to educational and pre-vocational training within the brigade.

(b) Allocation of Time

Of the 18 hours allowed for educational and pre-vocational training 8 hours will be allotted to general subjects relating to rehabilitation, post war problems and general interest topics and 10 hours will be allotted to pre-vocational training. Brigade co-ordinating committee will prepare timetable for subjects being undertaken as brigade subjects and will inform units so that they can prepare their timetables in accordance with brigade timetable.

Attendance at general educational periods will be compulsory. Commanding Officers will ensure that all personnel are given some training or occupation during pre-vocational periods. In fact, all unit personnel will carry out 18 hours per week on education and pre-vocational training.

The brigade co-ordinating committee will decide how much time can be allotted to general subjects during the first fortnight after arrival at TOROKINA.

2 REHABILITATION

Brigade Education Sergeant will continue to train experts in rehabilitation within units so that they become "men in grey" in these subjects and can give definite and accurate information to all unit personnel and can produce the answers on the spot.

Brigade Education Sergeant will, in addition, give lectures to officers and NCOs in each unit so that they can guide personnel under their command.

3 HOOKWORM

A letter will be forwarded to 3 Aust Div requesting that treatment for hookworm be commenced now and not left until personnel arrive at TOROKINA.

4 PICTURE SHOWS

A letter will be forwarded to 3 Aust Div requesting a greater number of picture shows within the brigade weekly. Request will also be made for reliable projectors.

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BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
Brigade Co-ordinating Committee	(4)
File	
War Diary	(2)

Subject:

EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING
CIRCULAR 1.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1056
15 Sep 45

- 1 When 15 Aust Inf Bde scheme of educational and pre-vocational training begins to operate, pre-vocational training for subjects under brigade arrangements will be conducted at the following times:

Monday	1330 - 1530	Thursday	1000 - 1200
Tuesday	1330 - 1530		1330 - 1530
Wednesday	1330 - 1530	Friday	1330 - 1530

Units will plan their timetables for general and pre-vocational training accordingly.

- 2 After arrival at TOROKINA and prior to the commencement of the scheme, units will devote 5 hours weekly to general training with particular attention to rehabilitation problems.

Anderson ^{Capt} Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
Comd
BM
SC
Coordinating Committee
File
War Diary ✓ (2)

NOTES ON BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE 18
8 SEP 45

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
 G1066
 10 Sep 45

Present: Lt-Col A J ANDERSON
 " W M MAYBERRY
 " D W BRUMMITT
 Maj W McCALL
 Capt F D H WRAY
 " N D ANDERSON
 " R BOWDEN
 Lt K H WILLIS
 " K J HUMMERSTON
 " D A JACKSON

These notes are in confirmation.

1 EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

(a) Training of instructors

Brigade Co-ordinating Committee will gather together unit instructors in all subjects and arrange for their instruction so as to give them a refresher in subjects they will instruct. The limited number of text books available will be pooled.

(b) Accommodation

3 Aust Div has arranged to build 30 x 18 native huts for education purposes on the scale of 3 to each battalion and 1 at Bde HQ. Work will commence 10 Sep 45. In addition, some tentage may be made available through AAES.

If additional accommodation is necessary, huts will be constructed with shelter halves as roofing.

Tentage on loan to 15 Aust Inf Bde Rest Camp will be equalised between units and surpluses returned to units.

(c) Assistance by higher authority

A supply of tools will be made available for unit instruction. Units will submit indents to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.

Bulldozers will be made available to the brigade for instructional purposes.

Apprentices will be withdrawn from units and trained under arrangements 2 Aust Corps. Other trade training will also be carried out under arrangements 2 Aust Corps.

(d) Rehabilitation pamphlets

Many pamphlets on rehabilitation and current affairs are coming to hand. Brigade Co-ordinating Committee will arrange to continue training of instructors in these subjects so that they become familiar with the contents of the pamphlets and can pass on information to all personnel.

In order to ensure that all personnel receive information, nominal rolls will be kept of personnel attending talks in these subjects.

2 MOVE TO TOROKINA AND EARLY ACTIVITIES

Tentative dates for move of brigade 12 - 18 Sep. Units may dribble up to TOROKINA any essential personnel immediately.

To assist units in administration and settling in, there will be a lapse in rest camp drafts as from 13 Sep 45.

Shortly after move to TOROKINA is completed, two brigade parades will be held. At the second parade, GOC 3 Aust Div will present all ribbons won by personnel of 15 Aust Inf Bde in all campaigns.

If permission is obtained, all automatic weapons will be greased and stored. All OR will be issued with rifle and bayonet.

It is the Commander's desire that personnel of 15 Aust Inf Bde create a good impression in TOROKINA and set a high standard in conduct, discipline and turnout. Commanding Officers will arrange talks to troops in these matters.

One good set of clothes will be set aside for ceremonial parades and visits to entertainment centres.

Commanding officers will ensure all personnel are issued with neat, uniform colour patches and puggarees.

All personnel proceeding out of brigade area will be inspected as to dress prior to departure.

3 RIBBONS

In anticipation of receipt of 1939/45 Star and Pacific Star ribbons, units will prepare ribbon bars. Bars will be 7/16 inch in width.

4 BUS SERVICE - TOROKINA

A letter will be forwarded to 3 Aust Div requesting an Army bus service be installed from 15 Aust Inf Bde area to island entertainment centres.

5 AMENITIES

(a) Sport

(i) On arrival at TOROKINA, units will commence intra-battalion competitions in all branches of sport. A number of pennants is available for units. Units will notify Amenities Officer of their requirements.

(ii) At a later date, intra brigade competitions will be arranged in each sport. A committee consisting of unit representatives will be formed in each sport to assist Amenities Officer in drawing up rules and fixtures. After consultation with various sports committees Amenities Officer will prepare outline plan of brigade sporting activities and submit to unit.

(iii) Representative brigade teams will be formed in each branch of sport and entered in BOUGAINVILLE competitions.

Every opportunity will be given to these teams to be properly trained and coached. Coaches will be appointed in each sport to ensure proper training is carried out. Team functions will be arranged to create a team spirit-de-corps. A gymnasium will be built to provide additional facilities for training.

Before commencement of intra brigade competitions, all sports teams will be tested and treated for hookworm.

(iv) Swimming pool at 24 Aust Inf Bn is being rebuilt by engineers. In view that pool will be used by other than 15 Aust Inf Bde units, arrangements will be made to build an alternate pool near 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Entertainment

It is the Commander's desire that as much entertainment as possible be given to the troops.

VICTORIA PARK will be rebuilt into brigade entertainment area and will provide facilities for pictures, concerts and boxing.

A brigade band will be formed from unit bandsmen with Sgt SCOTT, 24 Aust Inf Bn, as bandmaster. This band will be entered in BOUGAINVILLE competitions. Amenities officer will take up matter of a standard dress.

To encourage local talent and provide material for sketches at unit and brigade concerts, a script writing competition will be conducted.

The competition will be divided into two sections:

- (i) topical sketch
- (ii) open

Prizes of £3, £2, and £1 will be awarded in each section. In addition, £1 will be awarded for any sketch used in any production classed as brigade entertainment.

Conditions of the competition will be drawn up by Amenities officer and promulgated.

(e) Maintenance of Sports and Entertainment facilities

When construction is completed, responsibility for maintenance will be:

Swimming pool
GLOUCESTER PARK
VICTORIA PARK

24 Aust Inf Bn
57/60 Aust Inf Bn
58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Anderson Capt.
Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
Co-ordinating Committee	
Amenities Officer	
File	
War Diary	(2)

War Diary

Subject:

EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING
CIRCULAR 4

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1061

9 Sep 45

- 1 Brigade co-ordinating committee will confer with officers in charge unit committees and unit education officers or NCOs at Officers Mess HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde at 0900 hrs 10 Sep 45.
- 2 Agenda for meeting will be:

AAES courses
Training of instructors
Tools and equipment supplies
Control of tools and equipment
Current affairs and rehabilitation - training of unit teams and methods of instruction.

Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Co-ordinating committee	
Comd	
BM	
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File	
War Diary	(2)

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Subject:

EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING
CIRCULAR 5

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1068
11 Sep 45

- 1 In order to prepare instructors for their work in connection with the Educational and Prevocational Training Scheme, tutorial classes have been arranged in the following subjects:

General education - primary
Bookkeeping - basic
Accountancy and Commercial Law
French
Music - theory
Shorthand
Salesmanship
Leather work
Carpentry
Cabinet making
Woolclassing and sheep farming
Dairy farming
Poultry raising

- 2 Instructors in these subjects will assemble in Mens Mess HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn TOROKINA at 0900 hrs 17 Sep 45.

Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Co-ordinating Committee	
Comd	
BM	
SC	
File	
War Diary	(2)

ND

BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE 19 - 15 SEP 45

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1074
19 Sep 45

Present: Lt-Col A J ANDERSON
" W M MAYBERRY
" P G C WEBSTER
" D W BRUMMITT
Capt N D ANDERSON
" R BOWDEN
Lt K H WILLIS
" K J HUMMERSTON
" D A JACKSON

These notes are in confirmation.

1 EDUCATION AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

(a) Brigade scheme

Full brigade training scheme will commence 1 Oct; until then 5 hrs instruction weekly will be given under unit arrangements on general education and rehabilitation topics.

Training of instructors will begin 18 Sep.

Education stores will be received in bulk and distributed to units. Units will appoint an Education Q representative to handle these stores.

Education stationery has been ordered and should be available 18 Sep.

Some tables and forms have been received but, in the main, units will have to construct their own stores to provide seating and writing facilities.

During educational and pre-vocational training periods troops will be made as comfortable as possible and may remove shirts.

(b) Assistance by higher authority

Corps scheme will commence 24 Sep. Hours of instruction will be 0830 - 1200 daily, with study facilities at other hours.

The Corps reference library will be open for use by unit instructors as from 19 Sep.

Maj KESTIVAN will interview all students in agricultural subjects 21 Sep; further details will be advised.

It is anticipated that a list of subjects that will be undertaken at Corps will be issued 18 Sep.

It is unlikely that bulldozers will be made available for unit instruction.

(c) Training of rehabilitation experts

As there is a very large number of pamphlets on rehabilitation coming to hand, each unit will provide one representative to assist Sgt LOCKWOOD in collating the vital information from these pamphlets which will then be promulgated to unit instructors. This team of super instructors will then train unit experts.

At all lectures in rehabilitation subjects nominal rolls will be called so that a check can be made to ensure that all personnel have received instruction in each subject.

2 AMENITIES

(a) Sport

Brigade competitions will commence not before 8 Oct.

After brigade competitions have been completed, representative teams in each sport will be chosen to represent the division in BOUGAINVILLE competitions.

(b) Entertainment

Following dates have been set for concerts:

28/29 Sep	24 Aust Inf Bn unit concert at 24 Aust Inf Bn
5/6 Oct	58/59 " Bde concert at VICTORIA PARK
12/12 Oct	57/60 " " " " " "

15 Aust Fd. Amb will provide entertainers to assist at unit and brigade concerts as required.

(c) OR Club TOROKINA

The Commander desires all COs to make an inspection of the club.

Transport will be arranged to convey unit personnel to the club for meals or functions.

3 MEDICAL

(a) Hookworm

All personnel will be clinically examined for hookworm before treatment.

(b) Malarial control

In view of loss of a number of officers in each unit, steps will be taken to ensure that rigid malarial control is maintained.

4 TRANSFERS OF PERSONNEL FROM 15 AUST INF BDE

It is anticipated 15 Aust Inf Bde will be required to transfer personnel to 11 Aust Inf Bde as follows:

Maj	1
Cpts	5
Lts	9
OR	200

To allow for easier administration and control units may be

reorganised in so far as HQ Coy will be reduced to a group of signallers, pioneers and administrative personnel and the remainder transferred to rifle companies.

Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
Co-ordinating Committee	
Amenities officer	
File	
War diary	(2)

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Subject: 15 AUST INF BDE SCRIPT WRITING COMPETITION

Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
A5707
15 Sep 45

1 PREAMBLE

In order to provide script for unit and brigade concerts and to encourage local talent, a script writing competition will be conducted. Prizes will be awarded for best script submitted. Competition will be divided into two sections:

- (a) Topical
- (b) Open

Entries in topical section will be of a humorous nature and will be limited to skits or burlesques on unit, brigade or BOUGAINVILLE personalities and events.

Entries in both sections will be judged according to entertainment value.

2 PRIZES

Prizes in each section will be:

First	£3
Second	£2
Third	£1

In addition, £1 will be awarded for any other script which is used in its entirety at any production classed as brigade entertainment.

3 CONDITIONS

- (a) The competition is open to all members of units of 15 Aust Inf Bde Group excepting the judges.
- (b) Scripts must be original and clearly indicate stage settings, properties etc required.
- (c) Any number of entries may be submitted.
- (d) Scripts will remain the property of the competitor but the right is reserved to use any scripts submitted in any unit or brigade entertainment without remuneration except as prescribed above.
- (e) Decision of the judges will be absolute and final.

4 ENTRIES

- (a) Entries need not be typewritten if written in legible hand.
- (b) Only one side of paper will be used.
- (c) Number, rank and name and unit of competitor will be recorded on each sheet of manuscript.
- (d) Entries will be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked "15 Aust Inf Bde Script Writing Competition Topical (or Open) Section."

(e) Entries will be lodged with Amenities Officer HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde on or before 1 Oct 45.

5 JUDGES

(a) Topical

Capt N S DUN
Lt R H MATHAMS
Capt A P HAMILTON

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
"
"

(b) Open

Capt N D ANDERSON
Lt K J HUMMERSTON
Lt A O McFARLAND

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
Edn Offr HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
Edn Offr HQ 3 Aust Div

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Capt
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (15)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (15)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (15)
15 Aust Fd Coy RAE (AIF) (8)
3 Aust Sup Sep Pl (AIF) (3)
4 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) (3)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) (8)
15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)
14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
266 Aust LAD (AIF)
15 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec
Comd
BM
SC
TO
Amenities Officer
Education Officer
CSM
File
War diary (2)

EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING - HQ 15 AUST INF BDE
AND ATTACHED SECTIONS

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1072
16 Sep 45

INSTRUCTION 1

- 1 Until the full educational and prevocational training scheme commences on 1 Oct 45, instruction in general education and rehabilitation subjects will be given to personnel of HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and attached sections in accordance with the following scheme.
- 2 Personnel will be divided into two groups. On occasions each group will be subdivided into two sub groups.
- 3 Groups will meet at the following times:

	<u>A GROUP</u>	<u>B GROUP</u>
Monday	1100	1330
Tuesday	1100	1330
Wednesday	1100	0800
Thursday	1100	1330
Friday	1100	1330
- 4 Officers commanding sections will allot personnel to groups in equal numbers.
- 5 Attendance at lectures is compulsory. Officers commanding sections will ensure that if a member cannot attend lectures of his own group on any particular day, he will attend the lectures of the other group on that day. CSM and section NCOs will keep rolls of personnel attending lectures in each group; rolls will be marked daily.
- 6 Lectures will be given in OR Mess unless otherwise notified.
- 7 Syllabus for week ending 22 Sep 45 is attached.

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BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	(2)
14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	(2)
266 Aust LAD (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Inf Bde Postal Section	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
TO	
CSM	(2)
Lecturers	(5)
File	
War Diary	(2) ✓

SYLLABUS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING - HQ 15 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
AND ATTACHED SECTIONS - WEEK ENDING 22 SEP 45

<u>Day</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>
Monday	Post War Reconstruction Training Scheme	Lt HUMMERSTON
Tuesday	Practical problems in Mathematics	Sgt REVELL and Sgt SILVEY
Wednesday	Social Security	Capt DUN
Thursday	Use of the Kings English	Sgt SILVEY and Sgt REVELL
Friday	Demobilisation Procedure	Capt HAMILTON

WD

HQ 15 AUST INF BDE CAMP STANDING ORDERS

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

19 Sep 45

DAILY ROUTINE

1	Reveille	0630
	Atebrin parade	0640
	RAP	0700
	Breakfast	0715
	Tent inspection (OSC Sections)	0815
	Weapon inspection and duty parade	0830 - 1200
	Midday meal	1230
	Afternoon parade	1330 - 1600
	Evening meal	1715
	Lights out	2215

CANTEEN

2	Dry Canteen	1200 - 1220
		1630 - 1700
	Wet canteen (cool room)	1600 - 1630

POSTAL

3 Mail closes 2130

DRESS

4 The following dress will be worn: hats khaki fur, shirts, trousers, belts, boots (polished) and gaiters.

5 All personnel must be shaven before breakfast.

TENT LINES

6 Tents and tent lines will be uniformly maintained as shown in Appendix A.

WASHING AND SHOWERING

7 Washing and showering will be carried out only at specified washing and showering points and NOT in tent lines.

MESSING

8 Mess gear will be kept spotlessly clean and will be covered at all times when not in use.

FIRE ORDERS

9 As per 15 Aust Inf Bde Fire Orders of 11 Feb 45.

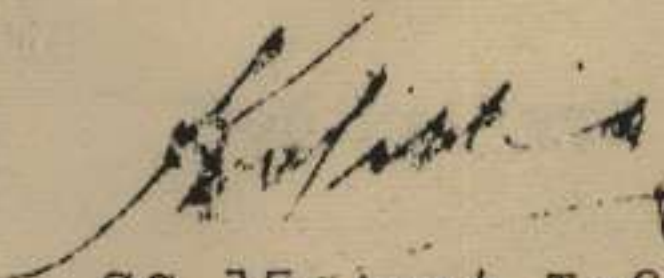
BOUNDS

10. The following are out of bounds to all troops except those on duty:

Command area
Kitchen
Q Store
Officers lines
Refrigerator

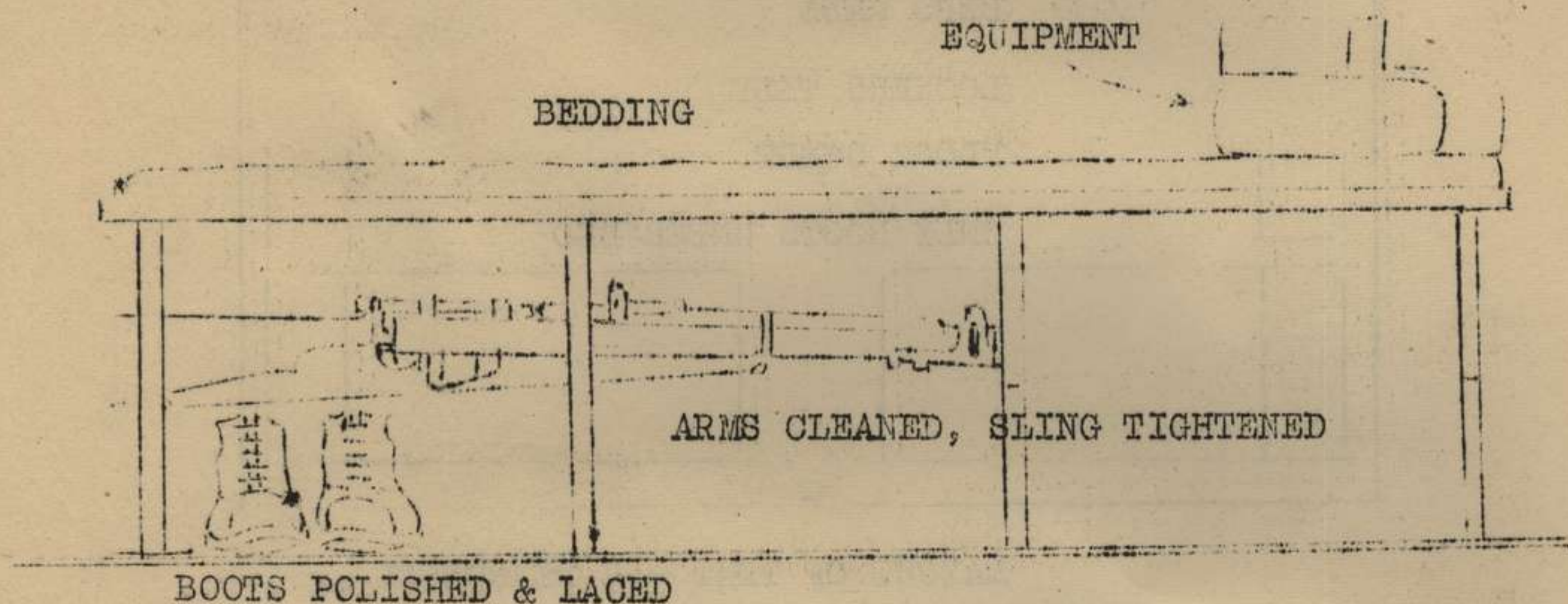
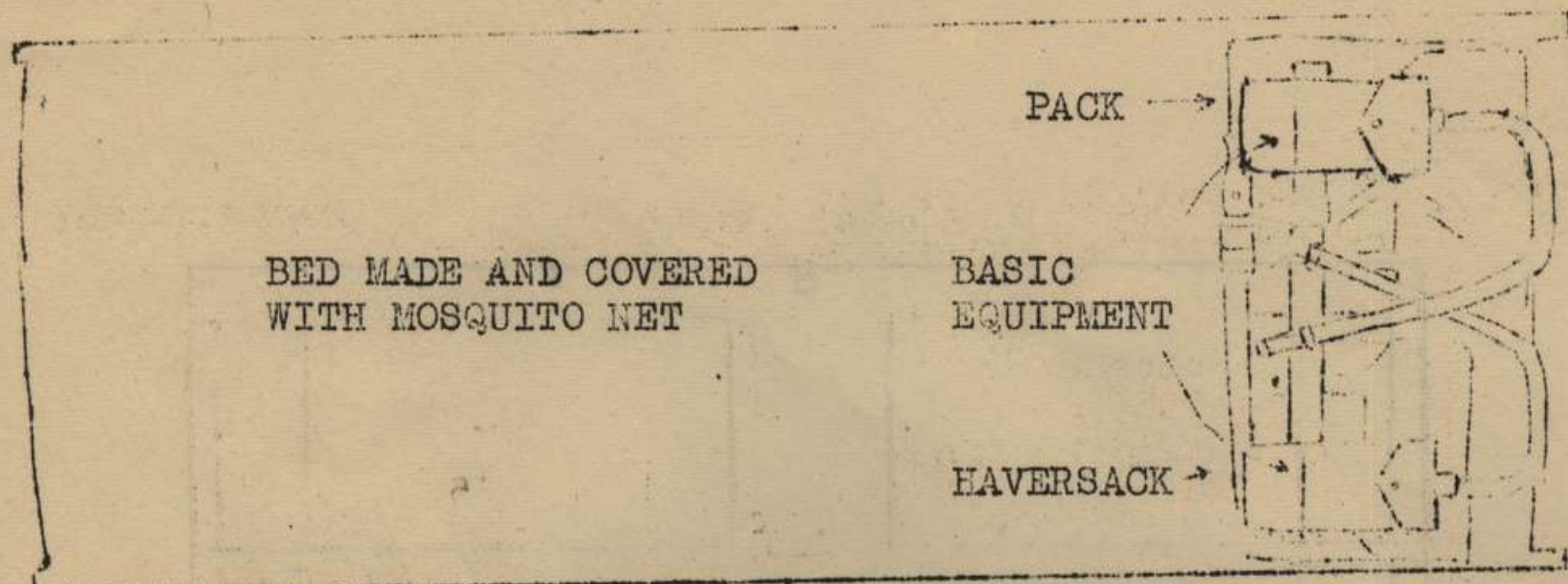
COMPLIMENTS

11. Compliments will be paid at all times.
12. Special attention will be paid to jeeps flying pennants.


Capt
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)
14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
266 Aust LAD (AIF)
15 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec
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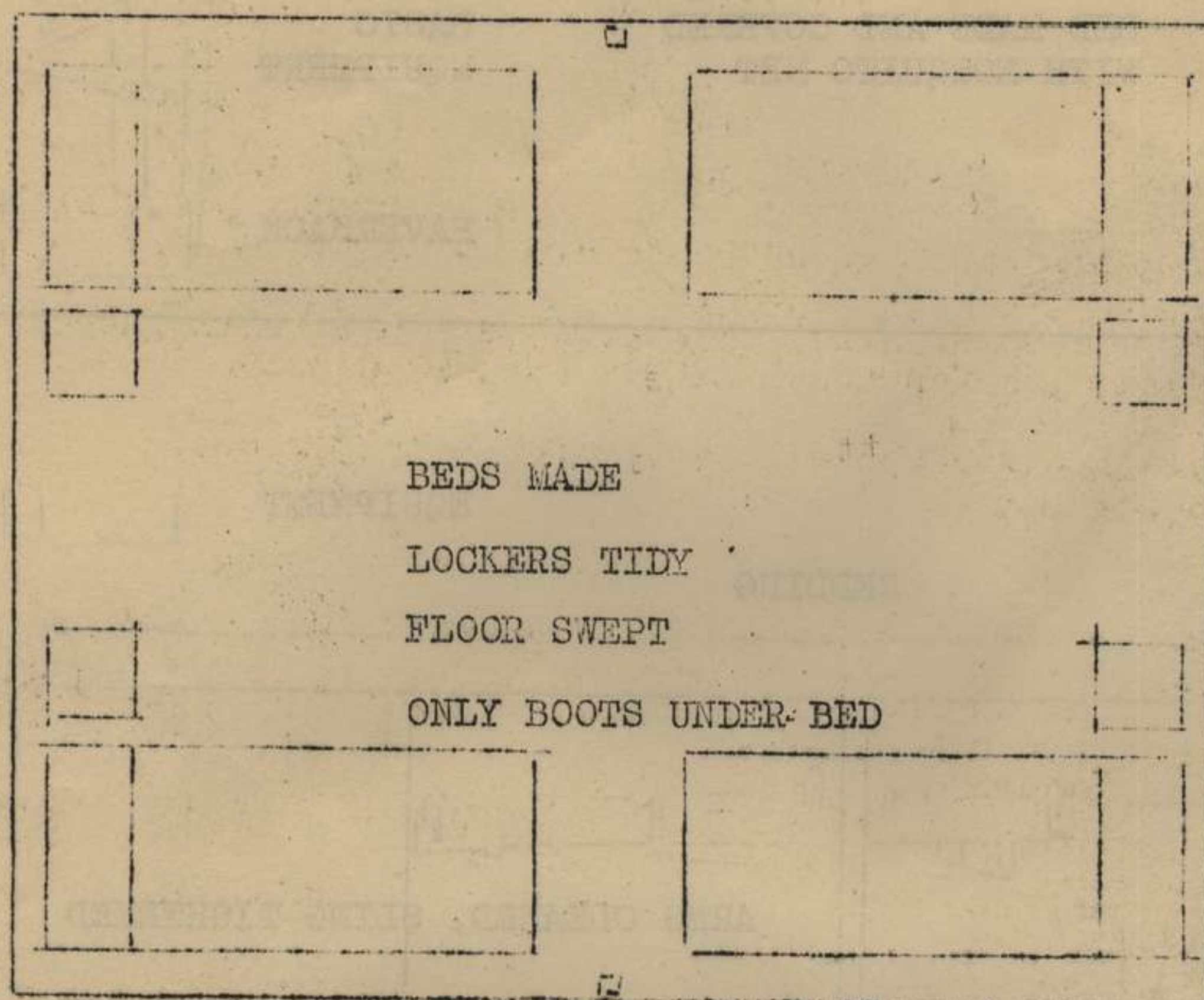
Bed, neat with no clothes under equipment.

Equipment to be clean and stacked neatly.

Boots, polished, laced and placed neatly under head, backs to front of tent.

Arms clean, unloaded, placed on legs of bed.

All spare clothing, toilet gear etc to be either in equipment or placed NEATLY in bedside locker.



LAYOUT OF TENT - 4 PERSONNEL

Towels only to be bung on towel line.

A second line may be erected at evening to hang mosquito nets.

Floor of tent and area surrounding tent to be swept clean daily.

Lockers to be kept clean and neat.

15 AUST INF BDE CEREMONIAL PARADE

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1075
20 Sep 45

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1 GENERAL

- (a) A brigade ceremonial parade for inspection by Maj-Gen W BRIDGEFORD CB, CBE, MC GOC 3 Aust Div will be held on Mon 24 Sep 45 at 0900 hrs at GLOUCESTER PARK.
- (b) The Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER CBE, DSO, will inspect the brigade at a rehearsal at 0900 hrs 22 Sep 45.
- (c) This instruction will apply for both parades.

2 GROUPINGS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Comd</u>	<u>OR</u>
1	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and att tps	Capt N S DUN	3 pls of 36
2	24 Aust Inf Bn	Lt-Col A J ANDERSON	5 coys of 100
3	57/60 "	" P G C WEBSTER	"
4	58/59 "	" W M MAYBERRY	"
5	Supporting Arms	" D W BRUMMITT	
	15 Aust Fd Coy		1 coy of 80
	15 Aust Fd Amb		2 coys of 80

NOTE owing to transfer of personnel to 11 Aust Inf Bde, organisation of each battalion on GOC's parade will be 5 companies of 90.

3 FORMATIONS

- (a) Diagrammatic layout of the parade as per sketch attached as Appendix A.
- (b) Units will form up in close column of companies. Intervals of 10 paces from front rank to front rank, facing NORTH with companies sized tallest on flanks, shortest in centre.
- (c) Officers will adopt normal positions, company commanders 6 paces in front of companies and platoon commanders 3 paces in front of companies.
- (d) RSMS will be 4 paces from and in line with the front rank of the second company. CSMS will be 2 paces from and in line with the front rank of companies.
- (e) On crossing companies CSMS will move 6 paces to flanks of companies and will turn about and resume positions together. CSMS will NOT fix bayonets. Supernumerary NCOs will NOT take up positions in rear but will be placed on left flank of respective companies.

4 START POINT

Road junction DIVISION, AMERICAL and PENDLETON ROADS.

5 TIMINGS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Time head past SP</u>
1	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	H Hr
2	24 Aust Inf Bn	H plus 1½ mins
3	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	H plus 4 mins
4	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	H plus 6¾ mins
5	Supporting arms	H plus 9½ mins

6 ASSEMBLY AREAS

- (a) Serial 1 AMERICAL RD
Serials 2 - 4 PENDLETON RD
Serial 5 15 Aust Fd Coy Rd
- (b) H hour for rehearsal will be 0800 hrs
H hour for GOC's parade will be advised.

7 SPACINGS

During march on and march past intervals will be:

Between groups 50 yards
Between companies 15 yards

8 BAND

- (a) Unit bands will be massed and will play for the march on to form up, general salute, inspection and march past.
(Band master Sgt C SCOTT, 24 Aust Inf Bn)
- (b) Band will take up position as shown in Appendix A. On completion of inspection, band will move direct to area WEST of saluting base and will play whole column past.
- (c) Band will be in position at 0750 for march on.

9 MARKERS

One marker per group to report to CSM HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde at CROSS ROADS at 0745 hrs.

10 PARADE STATES

Markers will hand parade states to CSM HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde who will pass to Staff Captain.

11 MARKING OF PARADE GROUND

- (a) Each company frontage will be indicated by tracing tape.
- (b) Right of each company will be marked by small white pennan

12 SALUTING BASE

Will be marked on either flank by a flag.

13 FLAGS

The Union Jack, Australian and unit flags will be flown on the ground as arranged by Capt FRASER, HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.

14 DRESS

- (a) Jungle greens (laundered), units will try to make dress as uniform as possible.
- (b) Hats turned up with chin straps on chin.
- (c) Puggarees of uniform colour.
- (d) Colour patches.
- (e) Gaiters, Australian pattern.
- (f) Boots will be polished.
- (g) Equipment - belt and sidearms. Equipment will be fitted correctly, will be clean and of uniform colour.
- (h) Arms - all OR less 15 Aust Fd Amb will carry rifles and bayonets, additional rifles and bayonets will be available at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde on 21 Sep 45.
- (j) Decorations including 1939/45 and Pacific Stars will be worn.

15 GOC's CAR

Move of GOC's car is shown on sketch attached as Appendix B.

16 MEDICAL

15 Aust Fd Amb will establish aid post at rear of H H HAMMER STAND.

17 TRAFFIC CONTROL

3 Aust Div Pro Coy will be responsible for traffic control.

18 SYNCHRONISATION

Signals officer HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for synchronisation of watches at 0700L 22 Sep and 0700L 24 Sep 45.

Sturges Capt
Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>G1075</u>	<u>Appx A</u>	<u>Appx B</u>			
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2	2		CSM	1	1
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2	2		File	1	1 1
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	2	2		War Diary	2	2 2
15 Aust Fd Coy RLE (AIF)	1	1		Spares	3	3 3
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	2	2				
Sgt C SCOTT (Band)	1	1				
3 Aust Div (AIF)	3	3	3			
3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	1	1	1			
Comd	1	1	1			
BM	1	1	1			
SC	1	1	1			
IO	1	1				
TO	1	1				
Sig Offr	1	1				

DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT OF PARADE

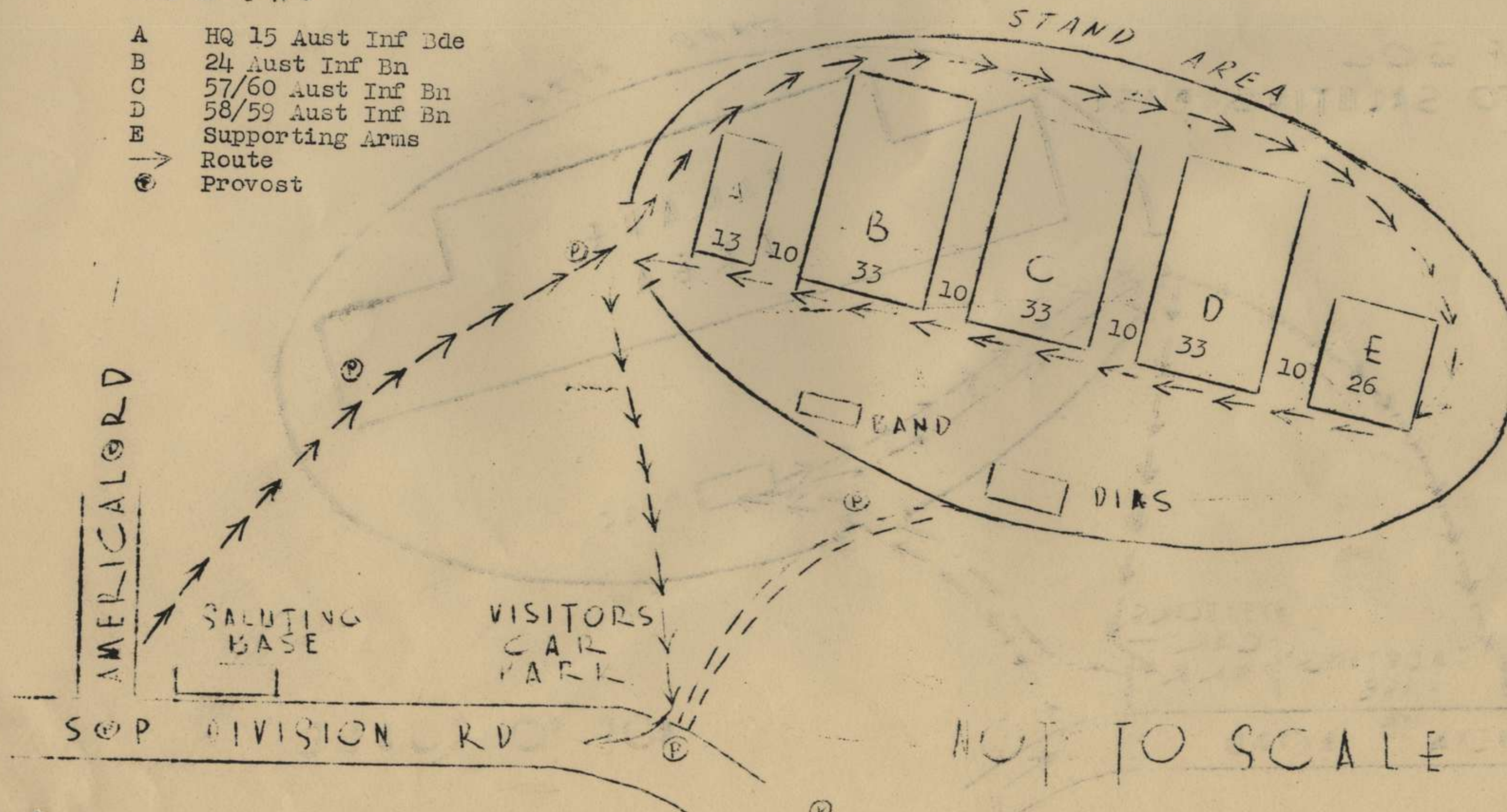
GLOUCESTER PARK - 24 and 26 SEP 45

APPENDIX A

to 15 Aust Inf Bde G1075
of 20 Sep 45

LEGEND

- A HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
- B 24 Aust Inf Bn
- C 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- D 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
- E Supporting Arms
- Route
- Ⓟ Provost

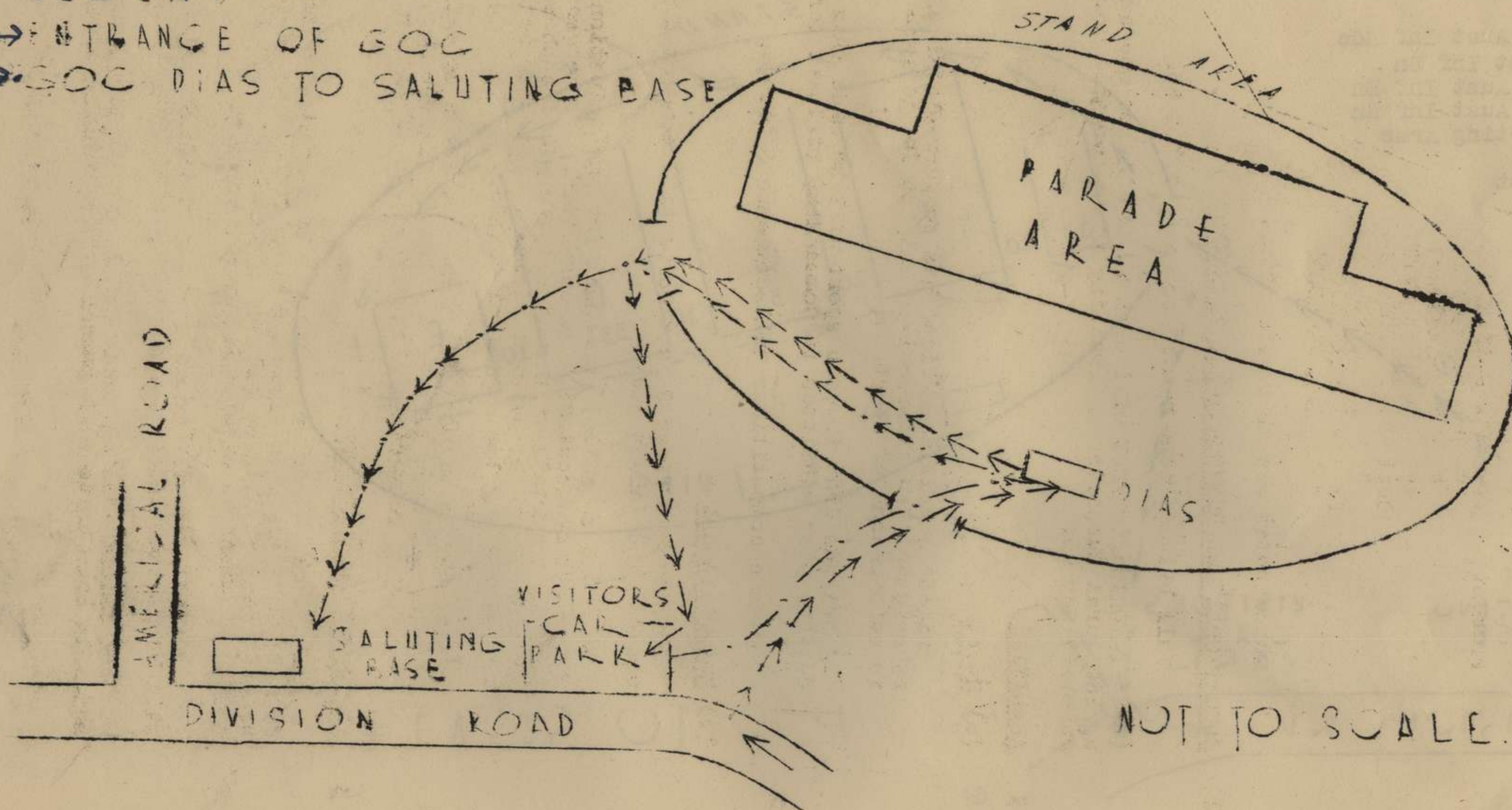


ROUTE OF GOC'S CAR

APPENDIX **B**
to 15 Aust Inf Bde G1075
of 20 Sep 45

LEGEND —

- ENTRANCE OF GOC
- GOC DIAS TO SALUTING BASE



WD

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTES ON BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE 20 - 22 SEP 45

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1081
24 Sep 45

Present: Lt-Col A J ANDERSON
" P G C WEBSTER
" W M MAYBERRY
" D W BRUMMITT
Capt N D ANDERSON
" R BOWDEN
Lt K H WILLIS
" D A JACKSON

These notes are in confirmation.

1 EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

Full brigade scheme will commence 1 Oct 45.

TOROKINA COLLEGE will open 24 Sep 45 for academic and agricultural subjects. Training in trades will commence 26 or 27 Sep 45.

2 AMENITIES

(a) Sport

Brigade Amenities Officer has conferred with unit sports representatives and received entries for brigade competitions in each branch of sport.

A brigade draw in each sport will be made this week and the outline plan submitted to Commanding Officers for approval.

Brigade competitions will commence 8 Oct 45.

(b) Entertainment

Amenities Officer 2 Aust Corps will conduct a swing band contest and talent quest.

In order to select personnel for participation in the Corps Talent Quest will be conducted. The quest will be held as a curtain raiser at brigade picture shows and talent will be judged by popular acclaim. Further details will be promulgated by the Amenities Officer.

The work at VICTORIA PARK has been held up owing to the shortage of sawn timber. A letter will be forwarded to 3 Aust Div requesting that the supply of timber be expedited.

3 RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST

In order to select a brigade representative team to compete in 3 Aust Div Rifle Shooting Contest on 27 Oct 45 a brigade contest will be held on 13 Oct 45. Units will select a team of eight to enter the brigade contest.

Conditions will be as for the Divisional contest which will be advised later. Allotment of ranges will also be advised.

A shield will be presented to the winning team and pennants awarded to each member of the winning team.

4 GOC's PARADE - 24 SEP 45

Owing to transfers from units, battalions will be formed into four companies instead of five for the parade.

Procedure of the parade will be:

- (a) General salute
- (b) Presentation of ribbons
- (c) Address
- (d) March past

H Hour will be 0830 hours.

Handwritten signature
Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
Co-ordinating Committee	
Amenities Officer	
File	
War Diary	(2)

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EDUCATION AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING - HQ 15 AUST INF BDE
AND ATTACHED SECTIONS

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1079
22 Sep 45

INSTRUCTION 2

1

Syllabus for week ending 20 Sep will be:

Tuesday	Repatriation benefits	Lt K HULLERSTON
Wednesday	Rehabilitation - Going Home	Capt N S DUN
Thursday	Taxation	Capt N D ANDERSON
Friday	Traps to avoid in hire purchase, insurance, borrowing money, etc	Capt F B TREATT

Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	(2)
14 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	(2)
266 Aust LAD (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec	
Comd	
BM	
SC	
TO	
CSM	
Lecturers	(4)
File	
War Diary	(2)

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EDUCATION AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
G1082
26 Sep 45

CIRCULAR 6

- 1 Brigade Co-ordinating Committee will confer with officers in charge unit committees in BM's office HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde at 0830L 28 Sep 45.
- 2 AGENDA
 - (a) Attendance at TOROKINA COLLEGE
 - (b) AAES courses
 - (c) Final arrangements for brigade and unit training schemes.
- 3 Unit officers will bring statistical information relative to (a) and (b) above as under:
 - (a) Number accepted by TOROKINA COLLEGE
 - (b) Number undertaking AAES courses
 - (c) Number awaiting AAES courses.

[Signature]
Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
Comd	
BM	
SC	
Co-ordinating Committee	
File	
War diary	(2)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 45

To 2 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Oct 45		<p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>Morning - clear and hot; afternoon - heavy showers.</p> <p>This morning the Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER departed for the mainland by air to take up his new appointment as Director of Demobilisation for Victoria. He was farwelled on the airstrip by Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 24 Inf Bn, Lt-Col P G C WEBSTER, CO 57/60 Inf Bn, Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, CO 58/59 Inf Bn, Capt N D ANDERSON, BM; and Lt R H MATHAMS, LO. A composite guard of honour of 60 men under Capt E M GRIFF, 58/59 Inf Bn, and the brigade competition band were also on the airstrip for his departure. Brig HAMMER will stay at LAE for two days and then proceed to the mainland.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, CO 24 Inf Bn, assumed command of the brigade and visited GOC 3 Div to discuss general policy.</p> <p>During the afternoon Lt Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM visited 24 Inf Bn on a tour of inspection.</p> <p>Official notification was received that promotion of Lt K WILLIS, SC, to Temporary captain is approved.</p> <p>Capt R J W FRASER was evacuated to 2/1 AGH with a recurrent wound injury.</p>	
	2 Oct 45		<p>Weather: morning fine and hot, afternoon intermittent showers.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, held a conference of commanding officers and staff officers this morning. The main subjects under discussion were Education and Prevocational Training, brigade sporting activities and entertainments.</p> <p>Notes on the conference are attached as appendix.</p>	Appx /

Anderson Capt

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 2 Oct 45 To 3 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.																																
	2 Oct 45		<p>In the evening Lt-Col ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, attended a formal dinner at 58/59 Inf Bn.</p> <p>Owing to the shortage of officers in 58/59 Inf Bn it was found necessary for Capt N S DUN, BDE IO, to relinquish the latter appointment and resume regimental duties with 58/59 Inf Bn. He will be posted as 2IC of the battalion.</p> <p>The following immediate awards won by members of the brigade in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE were promulgated today</p> <table><tr><td>VX143577</td><td>Lt H W GAY</td><td>57/60 Inf Bn</td><td>MC</td></tr><tr><td>VX141784</td><td>Cpl A D BASSETT</td><td>"</td><td>DCM</td></tr><tr><td>QX59153</td><td>Pte W H INGRAM</td><td>"</td><td>MM</td></tr><tr><td>Q270823</td><td>" C F JORDAN</td><td>"</td><td>MM</td></tr><tr><td>VX144762</td><td>S Sgt H R TAYLOR</td><td>"</td><td>MM</td></tr><tr><td>QX59361</td><td>A Cpl W L OSHYER</td><td>"</td><td>MM</td></tr><tr><td>VX102654</td><td>Lt L S PROBY</td><td>58/59 Inf Bn</td><td>Bar to MC</td></tr><tr><td>VX113046</td><td>Pte F H PRICE</td><td>"</td><td>MM</td></tr></table>	VX143577	Lt H W GAY	57/60 Inf Bn	MC	VX141784	Cpl A D BASSETT	"	DCM	QX59153	Pte W H INGRAM	"	MM	Q270823	" C F JORDAN	"	MM	VX144762	S Sgt H R TAYLOR	"	MM	QX59361	A Cpl W L OSHYER	"	MM	VX102654	Lt L S PROBY	58/59 Inf Bn	Bar to MC	VX113046	Pte F H PRICE	"	MM	
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	3 Oct 45		<p>Weather: morning hot; afternoon cloudy with some rain.</p> <p>The brigade educational programme is progressing favourably although it is realised owing to the limited time available that it will not be possible to carry it out in its entirety as originally planned. All units are therefore working to the best of their capacity on a modified scale.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM attended a solemn high mass of thanksgiving for victory at GLOUCESTER PARK this morning.</p> <p>A formal dinner held at 2 Fd Regt was attended by Capt N D ANDERSON BM.</p>																																	

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 4 Oct 45 To 5 Nov 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Oct 45		<p><u>Weather:</u> morning clear and sunny; afternoon hot and sultry.</p> <p>Demobilisation work is being carried out by all units. Separate demobilisation officers and clerks have been appointed and are being used exclusively for that work. As higher authority cannot, as yet, give the dividing line between high and low priority personnel; work done has necessarily been of a "blind" nature, but all necessary papers for anticipated high priority personnel are being completed.</p> <p>Today, Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, visited personnel of the brigade who are patients at 2/1 AGH and informed them of current happenings within the brigade.</p> <p>At night Lt-Col ANDERSON attended a formal dinner at 1 PIB.</p>	
	5 Nov 45		<p><u>Weather:</u> morning hot and clear; afternoon heavy rain.</p> <p>15 Inf Bde Rest Camp at MOTUPENA POINT closed down today. The primary function of the Rest Camp was to give battle weary soldiers three to five days rest away from the front line. This object was achieved most satisfactorily all officers and men speaking very highly of the wonderful treatment afforded them. As the entire brigade is now concentrated in the TOROKINA area, the need for the camp has ceased and the staff are to return to their respective units.</p> <p>The following figures show the number of personnel who have visited the Brigade Rest Camp at its two sites, at PURIATA RIVER and MOTUPEAN POINT:</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 5 Oct 45 To 6 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.				Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 Oct 45		<u>PERSONNEL RESTED AT 15 INF BDE REST CAMPS</u>				
			<u>PURIATA RIVER</u>		<u>MOTUPENA POINT</u>		
			UNIT	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
			24 Inf Bn	22	559	14	337
			57/60 Inf Bn	6	291	10	326
			58/59 Inf Bn	8	283	13	380
			HQ 15 Inf Bde	4	77	5	35
			15 Fd Coy RAE		79		
			15 Fd Amb				44
			Misc att	1	15		
			TOTAL	41	1304	42	1122
			TOTAL 83 officers 2426 OR				
			Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM visited 24 Inf Bn and inspected the general educational set up. The programme is progressing most favourably; all students and instructors showing keenness.				
			During the evening Lt-Col ANDERSON attended a social function at 24 Inf Bn.				
	6 Oct 45		Weather: morning fine and warm; afternoon cool with rain.				
			During the morning Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM and Capt K H WILLIS, SC attended a memorial service held by 24 Inf Bn at TOROKINA WAR CEMETERY. Lt-Col A J ANDERSON as CO 24 Inf Bn gave the opening address.				

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 6 Oct 45 To 7 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Oct 45		A football match between Bde HQ and 15 Fd Amb was played during the afternoon; 15 Fd Amb running out the winner. In the evening 24 Inf Bn concert party put on a very good show. Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD, GOC 3 Div; Lt Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM attended.	
	7 Oct 45		Weather: morning fine and warm; afternoon cloudy. In order to choose a representative brigade team in the forthcoming 3 Div Rifle Shooting Contest on 27 Oct 45, it is intended to hold a brigade contest on 13 Oct 45. Each battalion will be represented by a team of eight and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to winners and place getters. An instruction setting out conditions of the contest was issued today and is attached. A church parade for Bde HQ personnel was held at 1330 hours today. During the morning Lt-Col A J ANDERSON and Capt Capt N DANDERSON attended a ceremonial parade at 57/60 Inf Bn where Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD GOC 3 Div pinned ribbons on recent award winners in the battalion. A memorial service was held by 57/60 Inf Bn at TOROKINA WAR CEMETERY. Capt K H WILLIS, SC and Capt A P HAMILTON, LO attended the service on behalf of Adm Comd. During the afternoon Bde HQ played cricket against Sigs 3 Div and were narrowly defeated in an exciting match.	Appx 2

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 Oct 45 To 9 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Oct 45		<p>Weather: morning fine and hot; afternoon heavy rain.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, held a conference of commanding officers and staff officers this morning.</p> <p>Further definite instructions were given regarding the education programme to be pursued within the brigade.</p> <p>Sport in all phases was discussed and commanding officers informed that Maj Gen BRIDGEMAN, GOC 3 Div, would attend the grand opening of 15 Inf Bde Sporting Competition on 10 Oct at GLOUCESTER PARK.</p> <p>Notes on Bde Comd's Conference are attached.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM visited 57/60 Inf Bn and inspected the battalion education scheme this morning.</p> <p>An instruction setting out educational lectures for Bde HQ personnel for the forthcoming week is attached.</p>	
	9 Oct 45		<p>Weather: morning fine and clear; rain in afternoon.</p> <p>This morning Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, visited 58/59 Inf Bn to discuss the change of command of the battalion. Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, the present CO, is moving to the mainland shortly for discharge and Maj W McCALL, present 2IC 57/60 Inf Bn, is to assume command of 58/59 Inf Bn today.</p> <p>Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, inspected TOROKINA RIFLE RANGE today in view of the impending brigade rifle shooting contest.</p> <p>Demobilisation plans are proceeding slowly and Capt K H WILLIS SC visited HQ 3 Div today to discuss further details.</p> <p>A farewell dinner for Bde HQ and attached unit personnel was held this evening. All sections assisted in decorating</p>	<p>Appx 3</p> <p><i>Anderson Capt</i></p>

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 9 Oct 45 To 10 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Oct 45		the mess during the day and so helped to turn the dinner into a gala night. The weekly issued of two bottles of beer per man was made for the occasion and that, together, with an excellent dinner made the night a great success.	
			Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON BM visited the mess hut during the evening. Lt-Col ANDERSON spoke to the men and spent quite a time autographing menus which were specially prepared for the occasion.	
	10 Oct 45.		Weather: morning fine; afternoon intermittent rain. This afternoon was the grand opening of 15 Inf Bde sporting competitions. Two football matches were played during the afternoon and Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd shook hands and spoke to the four teams prior to their respective matches.	
			Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD, GOC 3 Div, was unable to attend having been admitted to hospital.	
			Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, Capt N D ANDERSON BM, visited a 24 Inf Bn cooks dinner during the evening.	
	11 Oct 45		Weather: morning fine; afternoon heavy rain. This morning Lt-Col A J ANDERSON Adm Comd visited Maj Gen W BRIDGEFORD GOC 3 Div at 2/1 AGH and discussed the educational programme within the brigade.	
			The lack of text books is hampering all education schemes to a great extent although units are overcoming the difficulty by duplicating as many precis as then can obtain. Text books have been promised the brigade in the near future.	
			Lt-Col MAYBERRY, CO 58/59 Inf Bn will live at Bde HQ whilst awaiting movement to the mainland for discharge. He is expected to arrive this afternoon.	

Anderson Capt

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 12 Oct 45 To 13 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Oct 45		<p>WEATHER - morning fine; afternoon rain.</p> <p>It is expected that 15 Inf Bde which has been classed as a redundant unit under demobilisation plan will move to the mainland late this month or early in November. All low priority personnel will be transferred out to non redundant units and high priority personnel will be attached to the respective units for the move. Information is, as yet, too indefinite for any great amount of work to be done on preparation but units are stocktaking with a view to returning all controlled and surplus stores.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, visited HQ 3 Div today and discussed tentative arrangements for the movement of the brigade. Later in the day the Adm Comd also visited Lt-Col P G C WEBSTER, CO 57/60 Inf Bn.</p>	
	13 Oct 45		<p>Weather - morning fine; afternoon fine and hot.</p> <p>As a part of the brigade educational scheme it has been decided to conduct a series of debates on a competitive basis throughout the brigade.</p> <p>These debates have as an object</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to provide instruction in current affairs, (b) to instruct personnel in subjects closely related to their post war plans. (c) to train personnel as public speakers. <p>The brigade rifle shooting contest was held this morning on the TOROKINA RIFLE RANGE. Anderson Bros attended the contest which was won by 58/59 Inf Bn with a slight margin over 24 Inf Bn with 57/60 Inf Bn third. A representative</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 13 Oct 45 To 14 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 Oct 45		<p>team will now be chosen for the Divisional Shoot on 27 Oct 45.</p> <p>This afternoon Bde HQ played 58/59 Inf Bn B Team in Aust Rules football. The game was fast and clean Bde HQ running out comfortable winners. Scores were Bde HQ 7 goals 4 behinds 58/59 Inf Bn 4 goals 6 behinds.</p>	
	14 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine and hot.</p> <p>Today being Sunday, all units held church parades in unit lines. Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, attended a service held at Bde HQ.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to sport. Bde HQ playing 15 Fd Coy in a cricket match. It was an exciting match Bde HQ scoring 117 to 15 Fd Coy 113 - a margin of 4 runs.</p>	
	15 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine and hot.</p> <p>Maj A R DUELL, Adm Comd 24 Inf Bn, visited Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, this morning and hand over documents relating to change of command 24 Inf Bn were finalised.</p> <p>Later in the morning Anderson Bros visited 58/59 Inf Bn and inspected the entire camp and unit educational scheme.</p> <p>In order to arrange for rehabilitation lectures throughout the brigade Capt HARVEY, Rehab Offr 3 Div, visited Bde HQ this afternoon. Capt HARVEY will lecture himself and will live with the brigade for the required period.</p> <p>In the evening 58/59 Inf Bn concert party presented their 'Victory Show' at VICTORIA PARK THEATRE. Capt N D ANDERSON attended.</p> <p>Maj J SINCLAIR, LHQ, arrived today and inspected all vehicles in the brigade. He expressed satisfaction with the condition of the vehicles and stated that they were as good, if not better,</p>	

Anderson Capt

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 15 Oct 45 To 17 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Oct 45		than any others he had inspected. His inspection report is attached.	
	16 Oct 45		Since the cessation of hostilities and subsequent return of the brigade to TOROKINA area it has been apparent that discipline in all aspects has been relaxed slightly by personnel.	Appx 4
			Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, called a conference of all regimental officers today and addressed them on man management.	
			Points stressed were discipline in dress and malarial precautions.	
			During the morning Adm Comd visited HQ 3 Div for further discussion on the move of the brigade and allied problems.	
			As a curtain raiser for the brigade debating contest a demonstration debate was held this afternoon by personnel of Bde HQ at 57/60 Inf Bn. Personnel from all units of the Brigade Group attended.	
			In the afternoon Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, visited Adm Comd 24 Inf Bn. Lt-Col W M MAYBERRY, former CO 58/59 Inf Bn departed for the mainland by air this morning.	
	17 Oct 45		Weather - hot	
			Information has been received that a number of low priority personnel will be transferred from this brigade to 23 Inf Bde a non redundant unit on the island.	
			Capt K H WILLIS called a conference of all unit adjutants to discuss the transfers which will consist of officers and OR.	
			It is intended to present a brigade concert in which outstanding artists of all unit concert parties will participate.	
			To discuss details of the concert Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, held a conference of all unit concert party representatives this afternoon.	

Anderson Capt

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 17 Oct 45 To 18 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17 Oct 45		During the afternoon ANDERSON Bros attended a football match between 24 and 58/59 Inf Bns at Gloucester Park.	
			A picture show in the evening at Voctoria Park was attended by Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt K H WILLIS SC.	
	18 Oct 45		Weather - fine and hot.	
			It has been advised that the Japanese prime mover captured by 57/60 Inf bn in operations in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE will be sent to National War Museum CANBERRA by Military History Section.	
			The prime mover which was renamed 'THE HAMMER' was used with outstanding success to keep supplies up to forward troops when roads were impassable to jeeps and tractors. Military History Section have asked for notes on the story of the capture and subsequent use of 'THE HAMMER' by 15 Inf Bde, to accompany the prime mover to the museum. Copies of the notes are attached.	Appx 5
			This morning LtOCOL A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, presented the shield and prizes to winning team (58/59 Inf Bn) and prize winners of 15 Inf Bde rifle shooting competition. After the presentation, the Adm Comd with Lt-Col P G C WEBSTER inspected 57/60 Inf Bn camp area which was found to be in excellent condition.	Appx 6
			Mr SABEY of Army Disposals Commission is lecturing throughout the brigade and answering queries raised by members of the brigade relative to the disposal of army equipment. This morning Mr SABEY visited Bde HQ and a list of questions asked and answers received is attached.	Appx 7

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2718.
(Adapted.)

Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 18 Oct 45 To 20 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Oct 45		<p>Capt A P HAMILTON, LO, who has volunteered and been accepted for the Japanese Occupation Force moved to take up his new duties with 67 Inf Bn today.</p> <p>Capt P B NINK, 57/60 Inf Bn, will fill the vacancy of LO (Capt).</p> <p>During the evening Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, ADM COMD, attended a social function at 24 Inf Bn.</p>	
	19 Oct 45		<p>Weather - morning fine; afternoon intermittent showers.</p> <p>Today 20 officers of the brigade marched out to take up duties with 23 Inf Bde. These officers who are of low priority points assembled at Bde HQ in the morning and were addressed by Lt-Col A J ANDERSON at an informal parade.</p> <p>The first series of debates in 15 Inf Bde debating contest will be held today.</p> <p>Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, visited 3 Div during the afternoon and discussed the position of amenities throughout the brigade.</p> <p>In the evening Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, attended a social function at 57/60 Inf Bn.</p>	
	20 Oct 45		<p>Weather - morning fine; afternoon heavy rain.</p> <p>Today 37 other ranks, volunteers for the British Commonwealth Force marched out to 67 Inf Bn and 60 other ranks with low priority points marched out to 23 Inf Bde for allotment to units. Prior to their departure Lt-Col A J ANDERSON Adm Comd, addressed them at an informal parade at 24 Inf Bn.</p> <p>The Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, visited CO 24 Inf Bn and conferred on general matters.</p> <p>During the afternoon Lt-Col A J ANDERSON was visited by</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 20 Oct 45 To 22 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Oct 45		<p>Lt-Col D W BRUMMITT, CO 15 Fd Amb, and discussed the medical situation throughout the brigade.</p> <p>Today Bde HQ played 58/59 Inf Bn A Team football. Played in a torrential downpour 58/59 Inf Bn were vastly superior team and ran out easiest of winners.</p>	
	21 Oct 45		<p>Weather fine and hot all day.</p> <p>A church parade was held this morning at which Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, was present.</p> <p>During the evening the Adm Comd, Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, and staff with visiting sisters from 2/1 AGH attended the pictures at Victoria Park.</p> <p>The syllabus for educational and prevocational training for the coming week is attached.</p>	Appx 8
	22 Oct 45		<p>Weather: morning dull and cloudy, afternoon heavy rain.</p> <p>This morning Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, attended a ceremonial parade and march past of 29 Inf Bde for GOC 3 Div. From there the Adm Comd and BM proceeded to 57/60 Inf Bn where an informal parade of low priority personnel marching out to 23 Inf Bde was held.</p> <p>The Adm Comd addressed the parade reminding them of the high standard to which they had helped the brigade attain and asked them to take that high standard with them to whichever units they were posted. In all 206 OR marched out to units of 23 Inf Bde today.</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Oct 45 To 24 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23 Oct 45		<p>Maj-Gen W BRIDGEFORD, GOC 3 Div, visited Lt-Col A J ANDERSON Adm Comd this morning to discuss divisional and brigade sporting and education schemes.</p> <p>Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM, attended a debate held at 58/59 Inf Bn from there proceeding to 24 Inf Bn where the unit lines were inspected and found to be in excellent condition.</p> <p>42 members of the brigade who are high priority personnel were attached to 7 Inf Bde this morning for movement to the mainland.</p>	
	24 Oct 45		<p>The C-in-C, Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY is expected to arrive in the divisional area within the next few days and will review the division. Each battalion will have approximately 300 personnel inter unit attachments being made on the day to affect the arrangement. Bde HQ and sub units personnel will be attached to one or other of the battalions to increase the strenght of the latter. A rehearsal within the brigade will be held on 26 Oct 45 and a divisional rehearsal will be held on 27 Oct 45.</p> <p>This afternoon Capt N D ANDERSON, BM and Capt K H WILLIS, SC visited all units and discussed the arrangements for the C in C's parade.</p> <p>During the afternoon Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, attended 3 Div Memorial Service held at TOROKINA CEMETERY.</p> <p>Bde HQ played 24 Inf Bn in the cricket competition this morning; 24 Inf Bn scored 116 to which Bde HQ replied with 119 the winning runs being scored in the last over.</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 25 Oct 45

To 26 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	25 Oct 45		<p>Weather - morning fine, afternoon fine.</p> <p>Owing to the dwindling strength of the brigade it is necessary to amend the present sporting programme. It has been decided to play only Australian Rules football and cricket on a competitive basis; other sports such as softball, Volley ball etc will be run on a challenge system only. Notes on and amended draw of the Bde Sporting Competition are attached.</p> <p>This morning ^{Comd and B.M.} ANDERSON BROS attended a ceremonial parade of 1 PIB for GOC 3 Div. Later in the day the Adm Comd attended a conference at HQ 29 Inf Bde. Details of the visit of and parade for C in C were discussed. On his return Lt-Col ANDERSON called a conference of all COs and passed all available information on to them. Notes on 15 Inf Bde rehearsal for the C in C parade are attached.</p>	Appx 9
	26 Oct 45		<p>Weather - morning cool and cloudy; afternoon rain.</p> <p>The brigade rehearsal for C in C parade was held this morning at Gloucester Park. The rehearsal was very smooth all units being very experienced in the intricacies of ceremonial parades.</p> <p>During the afternoon Lt-Col AJ ANDERSON, Adm Comd, Capt N D ANDERSON, BM and Capt K H WILLIS, SC attended a divisional conference regarding the parade. The conference was held at PIVA air strip where the parade proper will be held.</p> <p>Capt SPARKS Hyg Offr 3 Div visited all units and inspected hygiene and sanitation. Capt SPARKS was impressed by the high standard maintained.</p>	Appx 10

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (ATF) Date and Time.—From 27 Oct 45 To 29 Oct 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27 Oct 45		<p>Weather - cool and cloudy.</p> <p>A divisional rehearsal for C in C parade was held on PIVA strip this morning. It was a full dress rehearsal. all units being present. 15 Inf Bde Instr 1 for the C in C parade was issued today and is attached.</p>	Appx //
	28 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine and hot</p> <p>Church parades were held at all units today. The Bde HQ parade was attended by Capt K H WILLIS, SC.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was devoted to general camp duties and sports during the afternoon. Results of brigade sporting fixtures today are as follows: A combined team of Bde HQ 15 Fd Amb played a combined team of 8 and 24 Inf Bns in the football competition 24 Inf Bn ran out the winners the scores being 24 Bn 9 goals 8 behinds Bde HQ 5 goals 4 behinds. In the cricket 57/60 Inf Bn had an easy win over Bde HQ who could only knock up 75 runs. 57/60 Bn replied with 77 for the loss of only 7 wickets.</p>	
	29 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine and hot.</p> <p>The parade for the C in C was held today and was a magnificent success. Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, C in C, addressed the parade before the march past and assured the troops that every endeavour was being made to move them to the mainland as quickly as possible. He stressed the well known fact that lack of shipping is and will slow down movement. During the afternoon Gen BLAMEY accompanied by Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM visited all units of the brigade. Lt-Col A J ANDERSON attended a dinner at HQ 3 Div in the evening.</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Oct 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine and hot.</p> <p>This morning 15 Inf Bde rifle team held a practice at TOROKINA range for the forthcoming 3 Div rifle shooting competition. Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd attended.</p> <p>Later in the day Maj W L G MERRITT, LO visited Bde HQ to discuss final arrangements for the shoot.</p> <p>58/59 Inf Bn team had a narrow win over Bde HQ team in 15 Inf Bde debating competition this afternoon. Lt-Col A J ANDERSON Adm Comd and Capt N D ANDERSON, BM attended the debate which was held at Bde HQ.</p>	
	31 Oct 45		<p>Weather - fine rain later in day.</p> <p>This morning Lt Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd, visited HQ 3 Div to discuss further details of the movement of the brigade to the mainland.</p> <p>Capt T G HARVIE and Lt A J MOLLARD, Rehab Offrs 3 Div, arrived at Bde HQ today, they will give a series of lectures throughout the brigade. Lt F W EADE 24 Inf Bn marched in this afternoon to fill the appointment of LO caused by the transfer of Lt LYLE to 27 Inf Bn.</p> <p>During the afternoon Bde HQ played both cricket and football in the brigade competitions today. In the morning they played cricket and 15 Fd Coy ran out easy winners. Final scores were Bde HQ 82 15 Fd Coy 124.</p> <p>During the afternoon in the football competition Bde HQ played 58/59 Inf Bn. The game was most exciting, the result being in doubt right to the last bell. 58/59 Inf Bn won the match by only one point. Scores 58/59 Inf Bn 7 goals 7 behinds</p>	
			<p>Bde HQ 7 " 6 "</p>	

Attached is 15 Aust InfBde Report on Operations 13 Apr - 15 Aug 45.

Appx 12

Anderson Capt

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL A J ANDERSON

AND COLD 15 INF BDE

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
16 Oct 45

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137 CENSORSHIP

- 1 Attention of all ranks is directed to First Army ASO Chap 14 para 19.
- 2 The removal of unit censorship does not permit personnel to forward prohibited articles to the mainland.

A. J. Anderson
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

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138 LOSS OF MAIL - PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

- 1 Advice has been received that the PMG department has accepted liability for registered articles lost on 17 Apr 45.
- 2 3 Div Postal Unit will forward to each FPO a sufficient number of statutory declarations to be completed by senders of registered articles lost.
- 3 Senders of registered articles which contained postal notes, duplicates of which have been obtained subsequent to loss, will not be required to complete the statutory declaration form.
- 4 The actual signing and witnessing of statutory declarations will be completed within units and then passed to the unit postal orderly for transmission to the relative FPO.
- 5 A specimen statutory declaration will be made available to each FPO and senders of registered articles will be required to complete their declarations in a similar manner.

139 SAFEGUARDING LT - UNATTENDED VEHICLES

- 1 Despite previous orders several vehicles have been left unattended recently and as a result, have been lost.
 - 2 A driver is personally responsible for the safety of his vehicle and will remain with his vehicle and NOT leave it unattended under any circumstances except in unit transport lines.
 - 3 Experience has proved that the removal of high tension wires, rotors and other similar precautions will NOT prevent the theft of an unattended vehicle.
 - 4 No parking areas have been authorised or defined in accordance with First Army ASO 14/35 within the TOROKINA area or elsewhere on this island.
 - 5 Picquets or provost personnel belonging to either the Australian or Allied forces have no responsibility in connection with the safeguarding of vehicles, but are posted for traffic control and other duties.
 - 6 Officers will NOT drive vehicles except:
 - (a) in an emergency;
 - (b) when in possession of a pass issued by this HQ 3 Div or 4 Base Sub Area.
- When such circumstances arise, the officer will, before taking the wheel, endorse the work ticket accordingly and sign the same. Provost personnel will report any breaches of this order.
- 7 This order will be republished in all unit routine orders and promulgated to all ranks immediately.
 - 8 A copy of this order will be kept posted at all times on the notice board of all transport lines. Transport officers and NCOs will personally ensure that every driver is aware of and clearly understands the contents of this order.
 - 9 Where any breach of this order is committed, a charge will be preferred against the offender, a Summary of Evidence taken and application made to this HQ for trial by district court martial. Personnel involved in any such charge, irrespective of rank, will not be marched out of the unit until the matter is finalised and specific direction given by this H.

140 MAILS FOR PW AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES RECOVERED FROM THE ENEMY

- 1 Advice has been received through the PLG Department that letters and photographs may now be sent to Australian and Allied PW and civilian internees in Japanese hands.
- 2 The address should include service number, rank, name and unit, squadron or ship to which the prisoner was attached before capture, followed by Liberated Prisoner of War, c/o Army Base PO MELBOURNE.
- 3 To cover later postings, it has been arranged that in the "Notices of Recovery of Personnel" forwarded to next of kin information will be given as to which of the following unit addresses letters should be forwarded to in future:

- (a) C/o one of the three Reception Units (locations MOROTAI, SINGAPORE OR MANILA) as appropriate for personnel recovered in those areas;
 - (b) C/o Base Post Office LME for personnel recovered in First Army area.
- 4 The superscription "Prisoner of War Post" should not be used. Stamps need not be affixed, as postage charges are paid by the Red Cross.

(to be repeated in all unit routine orders)

141 RADIOGRAM SERVICE - NEW GUINEA - AUSTRALIA. EXTENSION OF SERVICE

- 1 AWA Radiogram Service recently introduced from NEW GUINEA to AUSTRALIA, now operates from AUSTRALIA.
- 2 In addition the EFM Service has been extended to this area and operates both to and from Australia.
- 3 The standard charge for EFM messages is 2/6 for a selection of three of the standard texts available.
- 4 Copies of standard texts are available at all FPOs.
- 5 The EFM service at 2/6 per message provides a much cheaper rate of communication than the radiogram service which is 6d per word including address.

H. Williams
Capt
58/59 Inf Bde

NOTICE

TESTING OFFICERS AND NCOs

TX1158	Lt	C StL	LEWIS	24 Inf Bn
VX104457	Sgt	S D	HUTCHINS	"
VX81107	Capt	D L	THOMAS	57/60 Inf Bn
VX81073	Capt	R M	MARTIN	"
VX87485	Sgt	H J	BYFORD	"
VX102845	Sgt	S	ROYALS	58/59 Inf Bn

War diary

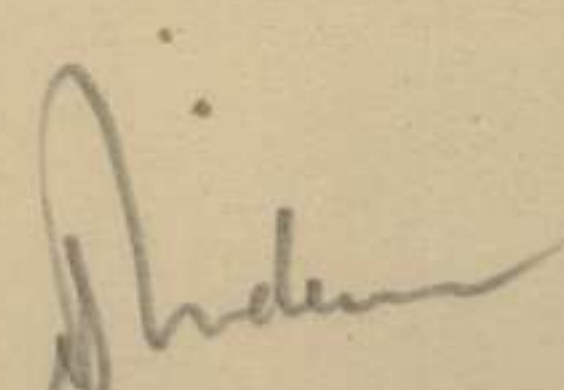
EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING
HQ 15 INF BDE AND ATTACHED SECTIONS

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1085
1 Oct 45

INSTRUCTION 2

Syllabus for week ending 6 Oct will be:

Tuesday	World Security	Lt K J HUMMERSTON
Wednesday	Provisions of Moratorium Act	Capt F B TREATT
Thursday	The design of your home	Capt A P HAMILTON
Friday	Population Problems of Australia	Sgt A W LOCKWOOD


Capt
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

As for Instruction 2

Subject

BRIGADE TALENT QUEST

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
A5772
2 Oct 45

24 Inf Bn (AIF)
57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)
15 Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)
14 pl 2/1 Gd Regt
266 LAD (AIF)
CSM

- 1 Entries are invited from units to take part in a Brigade Talent Quest to be held prior to picture shows at 24 Inf Bn stage.
- 2 The duration of each quest will be half an hour and will thus commence at 1830 hours where pictures start at 1900 hrs.
- 3 Adjudication of each quest will be by audience reaction.
- 4 Any number of persons may combine together to form one act but single or duet items are preferred.
- 5 Maximum duration for each act or item is to be 5 minutes.
- 6 Each quest will be conducted along the lines of "Australia's Professional and Amateur Parade" and winners on each night will represent the brigade in 3 Div Quest.
- 7 Unit sports officers are to submit entries to the Amenities Officer HQ 15 Inf Bde by 1700 hrs Friday 5 Oct 45.
- 8 Number of quests that will be conducted depends on number of entries received and units are requested to encourage any personnel with any talent whatsoever to compete. Provision of entertainment is the main theme.
- 9 Prizes will be awarded to all winners.

H. H. Miller
Capt
SC 15 Inf Bde

WD

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTES ON BDE COLD'S CONFERENCE 22 : 2 OCT 45

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1087
5 Oct 45

Present: Lt-Col P G C WEBSTER
Maj W McCALL
Maj A R DUELL
Capt N D ANDERSON
Capt K H WILLIS
Capt R BOWDEN
Lt D A JACKSON

The conference was called by the Adm Comd,
Lt-Col A J ANDERSON.

These notes are in confirmation.

1 EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

In view of the administration entailed in preparation for movement and demobilisation, the brigade scheme as originally outlined will not be carried out in its entirety. However, units will follow out the scheme to the full extent of their capabilities.

In order that personnel attending TOROKINA COLLEGE may attend unit lectures in general educational and rehabilitation subjects, instruction in these subjects will be given each afternoon. Prevocational training will be conducted each morning.

Commencing 8 Oct 45, 53 Tpt Pl will allot 3 ton vehicles and instructors to units for D & M Courses.

2 AMENITIES

(a) Sport

In view of the limited time available and loss of personnel, neither unit nor brigade athletic carnivals will be conducted.

Brigade competitions in all sports will commence 10 Oct 45, by which time all grounds will be ready.

Brigade boxing bouts will be deferred to a later date

It is anticipated that the swimming pool will be ready for use next week. Unit swimming sports will be organised and conducted at an early date.

(b) Entertainments

Unit concerts will be conducted on the following dates:

24 Inf Bn	6 Oct 45
58/59 Inf Bn	13 Oct 45
57/60 Inf Bn	20 Oct 45

It is anticipated that brigade entertainments area will have seating accommodation for 1400 by 6 Oct 45.

(c) Return of Amenities stores

All stores purchased through Amenities will be returned to Amenities prior to movement. Stores returned will be valued and unit trust funds credited with this evaluation.

Brigade Amenities Officer will make arrangements for valuer to visit units at an early date.

Disposal of refrigerators, pianos and wireless sets will be subject to further enquiries.

(d) Band contest

Island Band Contest will be conducted 13 Oct 45 at which brigade competition band will compete.

Brigade Amenities Officer will arrange full dress rehearsal for 11 Oct 45 at which brigade personnel may attend.

3 PREPARATIONS FOR MOVEMENT

(a) Unit Reorganisation

Reorganisation of HQ companies will be completed by 6 Oct 45. As strengths of units decreases, rifle companies will be amalgamated to facilitate administration.

(b) Unit Cadres

Unit cadres will be selected immediately approaching a basis of 10% of WE. COs will carefully exercise their judgements in the selection of personnel and work on the basis of "the best man for the job" irrespective of the points of the individual.

Members of the unit audit board will be regarded as key personnel and be made part of the unit cadres.

In view of the fact that the posting and demobilisation of officers is in the hands of the Military Secretary units will submit particulars of officers included in unit cadres on 3 Oct 45 so that application may be made for their retention.

(c) Staff Tables

Tables will be checked and kept up to date.

(d) Crating of stores

Target date for completion of crates is 21 Oct 45.

In view of the need for pioneer personnel in construction of crates, two stands only will be completed at GLOUCESTER PARK.

(e) Unit Records

All unit files will be examined and those for disposal will be despatched to the appropriate office.

Sufficient demobilisation staff will be appointed in each unit to ensure a speedy compilation of forms and returns.

4 UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

Units will appoint association committees immediately so that as soon as demobilisation is completed, unit general meetings may be convened and reunions organised.

5 REST CAMP

Brigade rest camp will close 6 Oct 45.

Salvaged materials will be distributed to units.

6 UNIT FUNDS

Units will ensure that cash credits in canteen and regimental funds are converted into benefits for the troops at an early date.

7 DISCIPLINE

COs will ensure the same high standard of discipline is maintained and pay particular attention to compliments and dress.

At least one battalion parade will be held each week.

Handwritten signature
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
57/60 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
58/59 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
15 Fd Amb	(AIF)	(2)
Comd		
BM		
SC		
Co-ordinating Committee		
Amenities Officer		
File		
War diary		(2)

Subject 15 AUST INF BDE RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1088
6 Oct 45

1 GENERAL

A rifle shooting contest will be held at TOROKINA rifle range at 0830 hrs 13 Oct 45.

2 TEAMS

Each infantry battalion will enter a team of eight. A representative brigade team will be chosen from competitors to enter 3 Div contest on 27 Oct 45.

3 PRACTICES

Serial	Practice	Target	Range	Rounds	Points	Remarks
1	Application	4 ft	200	10	50	2 sighters
2	Snap	large snap disc	200	10	50	5 exposures of 8 secs - 12 secs between exposures
3	Application	4 ft	300	10	50	2 sighters
4	Rapid	4 ft	300	10	50	5 rounds on mound. exposure 1 min
5	Application	4 ft	400	10	50	2 sighters

4 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- (a) No slings or bayonets
- (b) No rests
- (c) No equipment
- (d) Standard service rifle only to be used
- (e) Dress - jungle greens, belts web, anklets web
- (f) Open to all ranks

5 RANGE DISCIPLINE

Strict range discipline will be observed throughout the shoot.

6 PRIZES

Winning team - Shield
Each member of winning team - Pennant and £1/10/- cash
Best individual shot - £3 cash
Best shot each range - 1st £1 cash
2nd 10/- cash
3rd 5/- cash

7 SPECTATORS

Spectators will occupy only such areas as authorised by safety officer

8 ALLOTMENT OF DUTIES

Fire control officer	-	Lt FEATHERBY, 24 Inf Bn
Marshall	-	WO WOODWARD HQ 15 Inf Bde
Butt party	-	1 officer and 16 OR to be supplied by 57/60 Inf Bn
Scorers	-	1 officer and 8 OR to be supplied by 58/59 Inf Bn
Safety officer	-	1 officer to be supplied by 24 Inf Bn
Ammunition numbers	-	2 OR to be supplied by HQ 15 Inf Bde

24 Inf Bn will be responsible for erection of targets, butt party stores and safety flags. Score cards and pencils will be supplied by 58/59 Inf Bn.

10 TIMINGS

Butt party, scorers, safety officer and ammunition numbers will report to Lt FEATHERBY at 200 yard mound at 0815 hrs.

Competitors will report WO WOODWARD 200 yard mound at 0815 hrs.

First shoot will commence at 0830 hrs.

11 AMMUNITION

Each battalion responsible for supply of ammunition for its own team.

Additional ammunition may be obtained on application this HQ.

12 TRANSPORT

Requisitions for transport will be forwarded to this HQ by 1200 hrs 12 Oct 45.

13 MEDICAL

58/59 Inf Bn will establish aid post vicinity visitors car park by 0815 hrs.

14 INTERCOMMUNICATION

15 Inf Bde Sig Sec will be responsible for communications between butts and each mound.

R. Anderson
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)	SC
57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)	Sig Offr
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)	CSM
Comd		File
BM		War Diary (2)

EDUCATIONAL AND PROVOCATIONAL TRAINING
HQ 15 INF BDE AND ATTACHED SECTIONS

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1089
8 Oct 45

INSTRUCTION 3

Syllabus for week ending 12 Oct will be:

Monday	Decentralisation	Sgt L W LOCKWOOD
Tuesday	Australian Political Scheme Serial 1	Lt J I LYLE
Wednesday	Understanding Human Nature - Serial 1	Lt R H MATHIAS
Thursday	Musical Appreciation (with recorded music)	Lt K J HULLERSTON
Friday	Sexology	Maj L A ATKINS

J. Henderson
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION
As per Instr 2

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NOTES ON BDE CO.'S CONFERENCE 23 : 8 OCT 45

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AID)
G1093
11 Oct 45

Present: Lt-Col P G C WEBSTER
" D W BAULITT
Maj W McCALL
Maj A R DUELL
Capt N D ANDERSON
Capt K H WILLIS
Capt R BOWDEN
Lt D A JACKSON

These notes are in confirmation.

1 EDUCATION AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

Every man will be given some instruction or opportunity to carry out technical work. If necessary, classes will be repeated throughout the day to give the opportunity for all to attend.

Commanding Officers will keep a watch on instructors and ensure they are familiar with their subjects and are capable of imparting knowledge.

AASC vehicles for D & H instruction will not be allotted by 3 Div before 17 Oct. However, steps are being taken to obtain some AASC vehicles by private arrangement before that date.

A further delay has occurred in the supply of tools. Releases are expected early next week.

On the transfer of personnel to other units, a nominal roll will be forwarded to those units with copy this HQ showing personnel undertaking AASC courses and those attending TOROKINA COLLEGE.

2 AMENITIES

(a) Sport

All arrangements have been made to commence the brigade competitions on 10 Oct 45. GOC has been invited to attend the grand opening.

As there are insufficient teams to run a brigade competition in hockey, baseball and soccer, these teams will be entered in the divisional competitions.

Arrangements are being made to obtain the use of tennis courts at BOSLEY FIELD and OR CLUB for units of 15 Inf Bde.

Owing to the necessity to play more than one match on some grounds on each half day, punctuality of games in the brigade competition is essential. The Commander has directed that any team which is more than five minutes late will forfeit the match. Unit Sports Officers are asked to co-operate with the Amenities Officer in this regard.

57/60 Inf Bn will be responsible for the erection of new goal posts and the repair of the roofing on the stands at GLOUCESTER PARK.

Owing to a washaway the swimming pool will not be ready for use until 13 Oct.

In addition to brigade competition matches, units will encourage challenges with units outside the brigade.

It is suggested that each unit award a shield to the winners of intra-battalion football matches.

(b) Entertainments

Final details of the divisional band contest are not yet available but are expected shortly and will be promulgated.

Negotiations are being conducted to obtain visiting concert parties.

58/59 Inf Bn will be responsible for the construction of a rolling screen for the theatre.

3 PREPARATIONS FOR MOVEMENT

3 Div will arrange a series of medical boards commencing 11 Oct. It is anticipated 30 personnel per hour will be examined. In the meantime boardings by RMOs will continue.

4 WAR SOUVENIRS

Captured enemy weapons will not be carried by personnel to the mainland nor forwarded by post or MFO. Any breaches will result in court martial. Representations will be made to 3 Div to see if some captured weapons can be returned as unit stores.

The question of Japanese swords is still under consideration by higher authority.

5 LOCAL SECURITY MEASURES

See 15 Inf Bde G1090 of 9 Oct 45.

6 MEDICAL

(a) Malaria

Number of cases in 58/59 Inf Bn is increasing. CO will keep a particularly close watch on malarial control.

(b) Skin

CO 58/59 Inf Bn will enquire and report why treatments for skin disease are less than in the other two battalions.

7 3 DIV MEMORIAL SERVICE

GOC 3 Div will conduct memorial service at TOROKINA CEMETERY shortly. Representatives from each unit will attend.

8 MORALE

Certain press cuttings stating that some troops will be required for unduly long periods in the islands are tending

to upset the morale of the troops.

COs will hold parades and at these parades will ridicule any statements that are not official at the same time ensuring that any official statements on demobilisation are promulgated to all personnel.

9 DISCIPLINE

COs will keep a close watch on behaviour in officers messes.

A. Anderson
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
57/60 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
58/59 Inf Bn	(AIF)	(2)
15 Fd Amb	(AIF)	(2)
Comd		
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Co-ordinating Committee		
Amenities Officer		
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War diary		(2)

15 INF BDE DEBATING CONTEST

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1095
13 Oct 45

1 GENERAL

A series of debates on a competitive basis will be conducted as an integral part of 15 Inf Bde Education and Prevocational training scheme.

2 OBJECT

- (a) To provide instruction in subjects relating to current affairs.
- (b) To instruct personnel in subjects of national importance in which, as citizens, they will be vitally concerned.
- (c) To train certain personnel in the art of public speaking.

3 ATTENDANCE

Debates will be attended by unit personnel; attendance at such will be classed as attendance at lectures in unit general education. The debates will be considered as lectures in a more interesting form.

When a debate is held in the unit that is on the "home ground" that unit will arrange for its personnel to attend. The number to attend will depend on unit policy but it is suggested that 50% of personnel could attend each debate.

Attendance at debates away from the "home ground" may be arranged through this HQ.

4 TEAMS

Teams will consist of three members of any rank. Units will enter teams in the competition as under:

HQ 15 Inf Bde	1
24 Inf Bn	2
57/60 Inf Bn	2
58/59 Inf Bn	2

In addition, 15 Fd Coy and 15 Fd Amb are requested to each enter one team.

5 OUTLINE OF CONTEST

The draw will be arranged for a round of three weeks. First debates will be held on 19 Oct and then each Tuesday and Friday.

Times of commencement will be arranged mutually between competing units but the debates will be conducted during periods allotted to educational and prevocational training.

6 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to members of the winning team.

7 INAUGURATION

In order to cultivate interest in debating and to inaugurate the brigade contest, a demonstration debate will be held at Mess Hut, HQ Coy 57/60 Inf Bn at 1400 hrs 16 Oct.

The subject for the debate will be

"THAT TRADE UNIONISM IN AUSTRALIA IS JUSTIFYING ITS EXISTENCE"

The following personnel will attend:

HQ 15 Inf Bde	25
24 Inf Bn	75
57/60 Inf Bn	75
58/59 Inf Bn	75
15 Fd Coy	25
15 Fd Amb	25

Administrative instructions will follow.

8 DETAILS OF CONTEST

Details of the contest including rules, draw and prizes will be issued separately.

A. Anderson
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)
15 Fd Amb (AIF)	(2)
15 Fd Coy (AIF)	(2)
3 Div (AIF)	
Comd	
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Subject:

15 INF BDE DEBATING CONTEST

WD
HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1102
16 Oct 45

Further to our G1095 of 13 Oct 45

1 CONDITIONS OF DEBATE

- (a) The affirmative will begin.
- (b) The opening speaker for the affirmative will be followed by the opening speaker for the negative, then will follow the second speaker for the affirmative, the second speaker for the negative; the third speaker for the affirmative and third speaker for the negative in that order. Each speaker will be allowed seven minutes.
- (c) After the third speaker for the negative has spoken, the opening speaker for the negative will sum up for his team and will be followed by the opening speaker for the affirmative who will sum up for the affirmative. Time allowed for summing up will be five minutes each speaker.
- (c) During summing up no fresh matter will be introduced.

2 ADJUDICATORS

Adjudicators will allot points on the following basis.

100 points to each speaker (excluding summing up) - 60 for subject matter, 40 for method of presentation.

In addition 100 points will be allotted to each side for team work, including summing up.

Possible score will therefore be 400.

3 DRAW AND SUBJECTS

Attached as appendix A is draw and subjects for each round of the contest.

Debates will be held at the units first named in the draw.

The affirmative side will be taken by the first named units in the draw.

4 ADJUDICATORS, CHAIRMEN AND TIMEKEEPERS

Adjudicators will be supplied by units as shown in Appendix A.

Chairmen and timekeepers will be supplied by the home team.

5 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

Each member of winning team of contest	fountain pen and propelling pencil
Each member of second team	cigarette lighter.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Home team will be responsible for arrangement of seating accommodation and general administration.

Glendon
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)
57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	(4)
15 Fd Coy (AIF)	(3)
15 Fd Amb (AIF)	
3 Div (AIF)	
Comd	
BM	
Edn	(2)
War Diary	(2)
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DRAW FOR 15 INF BDE DEBATES

APPENDIX A
To 15 Inf Bde G1102
of 16 Oct 45

Date	Matches				Adjudicator supplied by	Subject
Fri 19 Oct	24A	v	15 Bde		15 Fd Coy	That the socialisation of medical services in Australia would be in the best interests of the community
	58/59 A	v	57/60 A		24 Bn	
	15 Fd Coy	v	58/59 B		57/60 Bn	
	57/60 B	v	24 B		58/59 Bn	
Tue 23 Oct	57/60 A	v	15 Bde		24 Bn	That the Australian daily press pursues a policy in the best interests of the community
	58/59 A	v	24 A		57/60 Bn	
	15 Fd Coy	v	57/60 B		58/59 Bn	
	24 B	v	58/59 B		HC 15 Bde	
Fri 26 Oct	15 Bde	v	58/59 A		15 Fd Coy	That the immigration of Asiatics into Australia would be in the best interests of the community
	24 A	v	15 Fd Coy		57/60 Bn	
	57/60 A	v	24 B		58/59 Bn	
	58/59 B	v	57/60 B		24 Bn	
Tue 30 Oct	15 Bde	v	15 Fd Coy		HQ 15 Bde	That the abolition of state parliaments in Australia would be in the best interests of the community
	24 A	v	24 B		24 Bn	
	57/60 A	v	57/60 B		57/60 Bn	
	58/59 A	v	58/59 B		58/59 Bn	
Fri 2 Nov	15 Bde	v	24 B		15 Fd Coy	That the parliamentary upper houses are necessary for the proper government of Australia
	24 A	v	57/60 B		58/59 Bn	
	57/60 A	v	58/59 B		24 Bn	
	58/59 A	v	15 Fd Coy		57/60 Bn	

Date	Matches	Adjudicator supplied by	Subject
Nov	57/60 B v 15 Bde 58/59 B v 24 A 15 Fd Coy v 57/60 A 24 B v 58/59 A	24 Bn 57/60 Bn 58/59 Bn HQ 15 Bde	That decentralisation of industry in Australia is essential in the interests of progress
Fri 9 Nov	58/59 B v 15 Bde 24 A v 57/60 A 57/60 B v 58/59 A 15 Fd Coy v 24 B	15 Fd Coy 58/59 Bn 24 Bn 57/60 Bn	That the compulsory school leaving age in Australia should be raised to 16 years

NOTES

- 1 Debate held at first named unit
- 2 Affirmative side taken by first named unit

THE HAMMER

During the sensational advance by 57/60 Inf Bn over treacherous terrain from the HONGORAI RIVER SE along the COMMANDO ROAD, across the HUDA and TOROBIRU RIVERS and through the OSO JUNCTION to capture the tactically important COMMANDO TAITAI ROAD JUNCTION on 4 Jun 45, a prize Japanese prime mover was captured which was later to assist in the destruction of the Japanese on SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE.

The capture of this prime mover, or more commonly known as a tractor, was accomplished by B Company under the command of Capt JOHN BROOKES of WOODBEND, Victoria, when during the advance the company discovered a large Japanese workshops in which was located the prime mover, four 3 ton trucks, a small car, bicycle, a quantity of batteries, spare wheels, spare tyres and other spare vehicle parts.

On the day following the discovery of this workshop, patrols operated from A Company scouring the AMIO area in search of any Japanese parties still present in the area. One patrol, led by Pte Ocea CONNELLY of PRESTON, Victoria, a member of the battalion intelligence section, thoroughly investigated the equipment in this workshop and it was discovered that most of the spoil had been badly damaged by the accuracy of the bombing by RNZAF Corsairs operating in close support of 57/60 Inf Bn infantry. Fortunately however, the prime mover had been spared from the destruction of our bombs and was in reasonably good condition. While searching the area the patrol was subjected to fire from an enemy patrol operating in the vicinity but the Japanese were quickly driven off by our troops.

Upon receipt of the information that the prime mover was in fair condition, the IO 57/60 Inf Bn immediately advised HQ 15 Inf Bde of the possibility of some use being made of it in the future. Consequently two men from 266 Aust LAD, Sgt Bill CLARK of MELBOURNE and Cpl Pat MCATAMNEY of ORANGE, NSW, were sent to 57/60 Inf Bn with the task of repairing and returning the Japanese prime mover to Bde HQ. These two mechanics, both of whom were experts on this type of equipment, lived in the jungle for five days and worked untiringly with the limited assortment of tools available until the captured prize was in readiness for the journey back to base. This was the initial voyage of the prime mover which was later to be of vital use to our forces. During the trip SW down the TAITAI TRACK, across the HARI RIVER and thence EAST along the BUIH ROAD to Bde HQ on the OGORATA RIVER, many minor mechanical mishaps were successfully overcome. On arrival, the vehicle was placed in the hands of Capt John BRIMCHLEY of WERRIBEE, Victoria, OC of 266 LAD, whose men quickly conducted a thorough overhaul, on the completion of which the prime mover was in excellent order.

It was decided to name the captured prime mover 'THE HAMMER' after the Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER CBE, DSO and bar. 'THE HAMMER' then commenced the first of dozens of trips of hauling supplies along the BUIH ROAD during which all troops of the brigade and supporting units came to know the HAMMER and to realise the great task it was performing.

During the lightning drive along the general axis of the BUIH ROAD resulting in the capture of the MOBIAI RIVER and the ultimate control of the western line of the KIVO RIVER, the largest natural water barrier in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE, torrential rains threatened to seriously hinder the movement of jeeps conveying supplies to the spearhead of the advance. The road became so muddy that in places it was impassable to jeeps and even our Australian tractors were unable to negotiate numerous patches.

However, 'THE HAMMER', with its superior pulling power was continually successful in hauling a train of six or seven trailers through the mud and slush from the OGORATA to the NIVO RIVER. Thus, during the operations, this Japanese prime mover prevented a serious supply problem from arising. To perform these tasks the HAMMER was on the road for almost 24 hours a day and the job of driving the tractor fell to L Cpl 'Curly' COSTA of TOOWOOMBA, Queensland, and Pte Harold MILLARD of CLERMONT, Queensland, who together with the 266 LAD mechanics worked ceaselessly to keep the vehicle in first class condition.

On the morning of 27 Jun 45, the day prior to the memorable brigade assault on the western bank of the NIVO RIVER the limit of the Australian advance before the cessation of hostilities, the Bde Comd, Brig H H HAMMER CBE, DSO and bar and the BM, Maj H G ROBSON, visited 24 and 57/60 Inf Bns in their concentration areas on the MOBIAI RIVER. Due to recent torrential rains, the route along the BUIN ROAD and LAWS TRACK to the battalion assembly areas was, in some sections, a deep sheet of mud extremely difficult to negotiate and rendering it almost impossible for jeeps to move through the boggy patches under their own power. This more powerful Japanese prime mover or tractor was able to convey Brig HAMMER to the MOBIAI RIVER. This proved of tremendous tactical value as it was essential that the Bde Comd should confer with his battalion commanders to finalise all plans for the attack on the following morning.

Throughout the latter period of the 15 Inf Bde campaign this Japanese prime mover, previously used by them to haul their huge 150 mm guns, was turned against the Japanese and by greatly assisting in the task of keeping a continuous flow of supplies rolling to the front line, rendered invaluable support towards the destruction of the Sons of Hippon opposing the 15 Inf Bde in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE.

Subject:

15 INF BDE RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1103
17 Oct 45

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

1 GENERAL

The Adm Comd 15 Inf Bde will present the shield and prizes to winning team and prizewinners of 15 Inf Bde Rifle Shooting Contest at 57/60 Inf Bn at 1000 hrs 18 Oct 45.

2 PERSONNEL TO ATTEND

All personnel who participated in the brigade rifle shooting contest will attend.

Units may, in addition, nominate a small number of spectators to attend.

3 FORMATION

Teams will form up in a hollow square facing administration buildings HQ 57/60 Inf Bn as arranged by WO BRAZIL, RSM 57/60 Inf Bn, and as shown by sketch hereunder.

4 TIMES OF REPORTING

Teams will report to WO BRAZIL vicinity flag pole HQ 57/60 Inf Bn at 0945 hrs. Spectators will be in position as shown by 0955 hrs.

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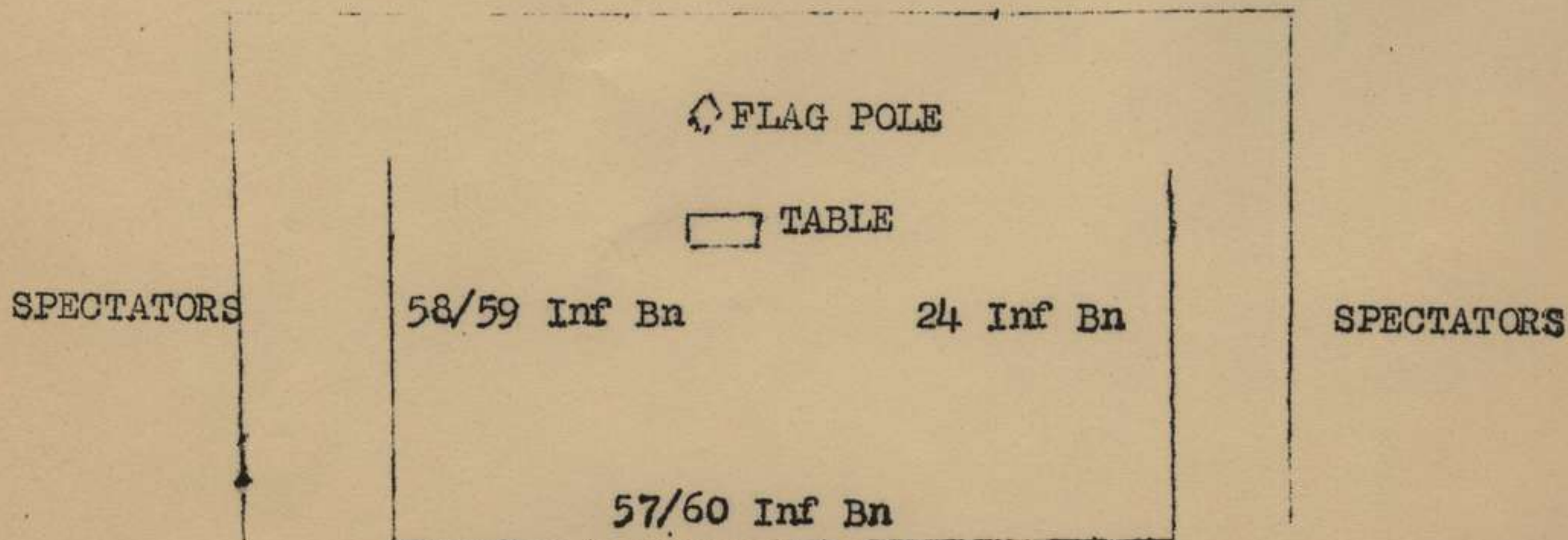
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BM 15 Inf Bde

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WD 32

Subject: EDUCATIONAL AND PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING
HQ 15 INF BDE AND ATTACHED SECTIONS

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1105
21 Oct 45

INSTRUCTION 5

Syllabus for week ending 27 Oct 45 will be:

Monday	Newspapers and their work	Sgt A W LOCKWOOD
Tuesday	Musical appreciation	Lt K J HUMMERSTON
Thursday	Understanding Human Nature Serial 3	Lt R H MATHEWS
Friday	Australian Political Scene Serial 3	Lt J L LYLE

Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

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Subject:

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NOTES ON 15 INF BDE REHEARSAL
FOR 3 DIV CEREMONIAL PARADE

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1106
25 Oct 45

1. GROUPINGS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Composition</u>
1	24 Inf Bn (AIF)	2 Coys each 90 OR 24 Inf Bn 1 Coy 40 OR 24 Inf Bn 25 CR HQ 15 Inf Bde 15 OR 57/60 Inf Bn
2	57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	3 Coys each 90 OR 57/60 Inf Bn
3	58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	1 Coy 90 OR 58/59 Inf Bn 1 Coy 40 OR 58/59 Inf Bn 50 OR HQ 15 Inf Bde 1 Coy 90 OR 7 Inf Bde

2. FORMATIONS

(a) March on and form up as per previous brigade parades.
Flags will indicate company positions as previously.

(b) March off and practice march as per sketch attached.

3. START POINT

Junction AMERICAL DIVISION PENDLETON ROADS.

4. TIMINGS

Time past SP ..

Head 24 Inf Bn	H Hour
Head 57/60 Inf Bn	H Hour plus $1\frac{1}{2}$
Head 58/59 Inf Bn	H Hour plus 3

H Hour will be 0900 hours.

5. SPACINGS

Whilst marching in column of route -

Between battalions	50 yards
Between Companies	15 yards

Whilst marching in line -

Between battalions	150 yards
Between companies	1 pace

6. BAND

15 Inf Bde competition band will play. Separate instructions have been issued.

7. MARKERS

One marker per battalion will report to CSM HQ 15 Inf Bde
SP 0845 hours.

8. REVIEW ORDER

When the Command "15 Inf Bde will move to the right in threes" is given, officers will move to take up positions in review order which will be -

- (a) CO 20 paces left of left file of OR
- (b) Bn 2 i/c, Coy Comds, Adjutant in that order -
6 paces left of left file of OR
- (c) Coy 2 i/c, Pl Comds -
3 paces left of left file of OR.

9. DRESS

As for previous parades but NO chinstraps. Officers will NOT wear pistols.

Inclusion
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

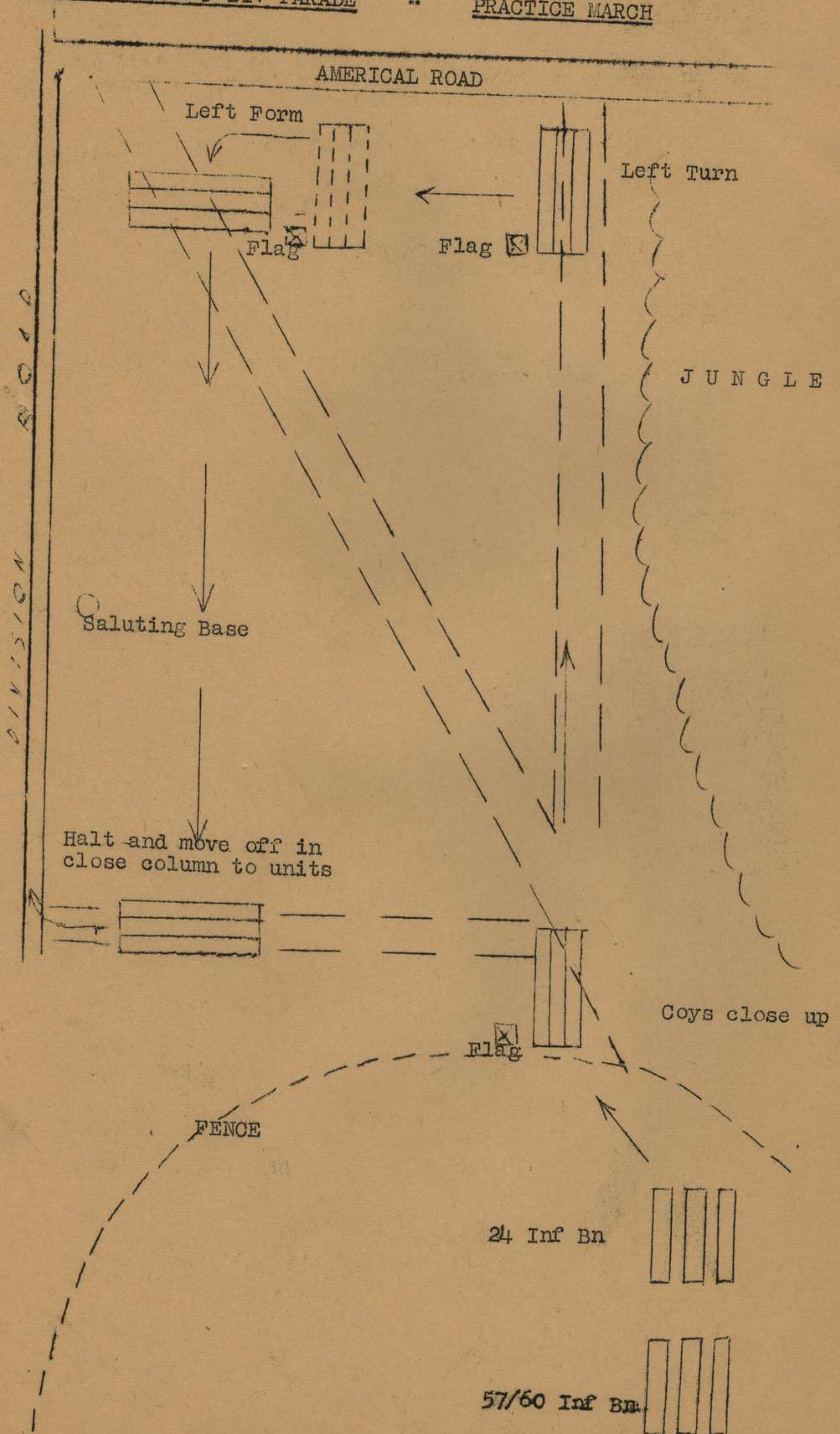
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57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	3
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	3
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APPX A to 15 Inf Bde
G1106 of 25 Oct 45

REHEARSAL FOR 3 DIV PARADE

PRACTICE MARCH



War Diary

Subject:

BRIGADE SPORTING COMPETITIONS

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
A5871
25 Oct 45

- 1 Following a meeting of unit sports officers, it has been decided to continue Australian Rules and Cricket only on a competition basis within the brigade.

The brigade is represented in the 3 Div Hockey Competition by a team from 58/59 Inf Bn. Personnel from other units interested in Hockey please contact Cpl PARKER of 58/59 Inf Bn.

- 2 Softball, Basketball and Volleyball, owing to lack of entries, are to be run on a challenge basis only. Arrangements for games to be made by unit sports officers.

- 3 Unit sports officers are again reminded, especially for Australian Rules games, that they are to supply:

- (a) One goal umpire
- (b) One boundary umpire
- (c) One timekeeper
- (d) One scoreboard operator

The supplying of a timekeeper by some unit teams has frequently been overlooked.

- 4 Cups are to be awarded to both cricket and football winners and individual winners of:

- (a) Best and fairest player (Aust Rules)
- (b) Highest goal kicker "
- (c) Best batting average (Cricket)
- (d) Best bowling average "

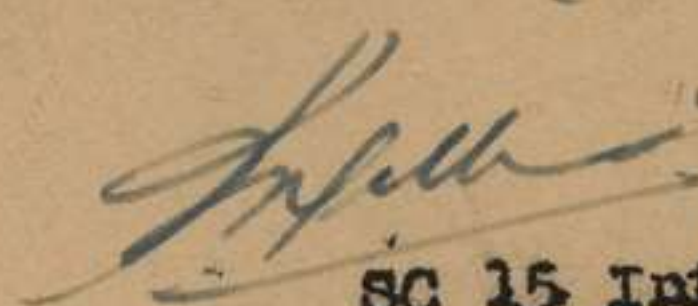
- 5 Cricket semi finals will be on a knock-out basis and will be all day games, hours of play being:

0830 - 1200
1300 - 1630

No restriction will be placed on the length of batting time and should a draw result the match will have to be replayed.

- 6 Attached is a draw for Australian Rules Football and Cricket.

- 7 All previous instructions and draws for Brigade Sporting Competitions are cancelled.


Capt
SC 15 Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

24 Inf Bn (AIF)	(8)
57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	(8)
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	(8)
15 Fd Coy (AIF)	(4)
File	
War Diary	(2)

CRICKET

				<u>Ground</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Matting & stumps sup by</u>
Sunday 28 Oct	24 Bn 57/60 Bn 15 Fd Coy bye	v v	58/59 Bn Bde HQ	24 Bn SHELLEY OVAL	0830 0830	24 Bn Bde HQ
Wednesday 31 Oct	Bde HQ 58/59 Bn 24 Bn bye	v v	15 Fd Coy 57/60 Bn	SHELLEY OVAL 57/60 Bn	0830 0830	15 Fd Coy 57/60 Bn
Sunday 4 Nov	24 Bn 58/59 Bn 57/60 Bn bye	v v	15 Fd Coy Bde HQ	24 Bn SHELLEY OVAL	0830 0830	24 Bn 58/59 Bn
Wednesday 7 Nov	24 Bn 58/59 Bn Bde HQ bye	v v	57/60 Bn 15 Fd Coy	24 Bn SHELLEY OVAL	0830 0830	24 Bn 15 Fd Coy
Sunday 11 Nov	24 Bn 15 Fd Coy 58/59 Bn bye	v v	Bde HQ 57/60 Bn	24 Bn SHELLEY OVAL	0830 0830	24 Bn 57/60 Bn

SEMI FINALS

Wednesday 14 Nov	1 2	v v	3 4	24 Bn SHELLEY OVAL	All day matches 0830 - 1200 1300 - 1630
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FINAL

Saturday
17 Nov

ALL DAY MATCH -- GLOUCESTER PARK

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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

All games to be played on GLOUCESTER PARK

				<u>Time</u>	<u>Umpire</u>
Sunday	57/60 Bn	v	58/59 Bn	1515	
28 Oct	Bde HQ	v	24 Bn,	1330	PRESTON
Wednesday	57/60 Bn	v	24 Bn	1330	CHILTON
31 Oct	58/59 Bn	v	Bde HQ	1515	PRESTON
Sunday	57/60 Bn	v	Bde HQ	1330	PRESTON
4 Nov	58/59 Bn	v	24 Bn	1515	CHILTON

SEMI FINALS

Wednesday	1	v	2	1515	PRESTON
7 Nov	3	v	4	1330	CHILTON

FINAL 1400

Sunday	Winner 3	v	4	V	Loser 1	v	2	CHILTON
11 Nov								

GRAND FINAL 1400

Wednesday								PRESTON
14 Nov								

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Subject:

NOTES ON 15 INF BDE REHEARSAL
FOR 3 DIV CEREMONIAL PARADE

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1106
25 Oct 45

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2. FORMATIONS

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3. START POINT

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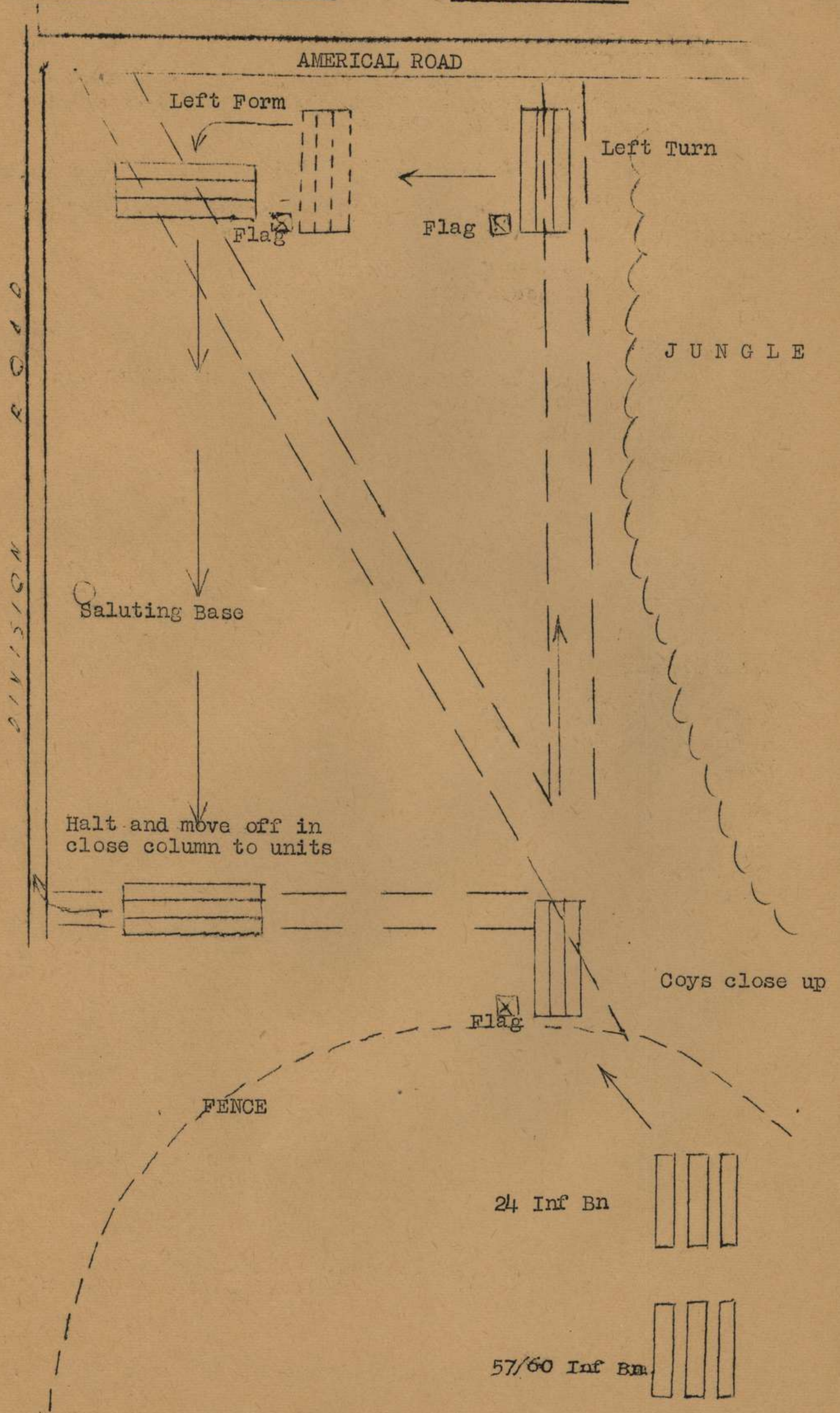
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REHEARSAL FOR 3 DIV PARADE

PRACTICE MARCH



C-IN-C AMF PARADE

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)

26 Oct 45

15 INF BDE INSTR 1

Reference map: TOROKINA ROAD MAP 1 inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

INTENTION

- 1 A parade and march past of 3 Div and 4 Base Sub Area CMG will be held for C-in-C AMF Gen Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, GBE, KCB, DSO, ED on 29 Oct 45.

PLACE

- 2 PIVA FIGHTER STRIP reference 5993.

TIME

- 3 H Hour will be the time that assembly is complete (approximately 1000 hrs.)

REHEARSAL

- 4 A rehearsal will be held on 27 Oct 45 - H hour 1000 hrs.

COMPOSITION OF PARADE

- 5 From right to left on inspection line
- 15 and 29 Inf Bde bands
 - 15 Inf Bde
 - 23 Inf Bde
 - 29 Inf Bde
 - Div Tps
 - PIB
 - 4 Base Sub Area

COMMAND

- 6 Brig N W SIMPSON, DSO, Comd 29 Inf Bde will command the parade.

ASSEMBLY

- 7 Lt-Col A J ANDERSON, Adm Comd 15 Inf Bde, will act as parade commander for assembly.
- 8 By H Hour, formations, arms and services will be in position at open order, dressed, with bayonets fixed, ready for hand over to Brig N W SIMPSON, DSO.
- 9 Movement to assembly area will be by MT in movement table as Appendix A - to be issued separately.

MARKERS

- 10 (a) One marker per battalion will be picked up at unit orderly rooms at 0730 hrs on 27 and 29 Oct and transported to PIVA STRIP by 15 Inf Bde transport.
- (b) Markers will then report to marshalling officer, Capt D CAMPBELL HQ 29 Inf Bde, at ~~saluting base~~ at 0800 hrs.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 11 Issued as Appendix B attached.

FORMATIONS AND INTERVALS

- 12 To be issued separately as Appendix C.

DISPERSAL

- 13 March table for personnel as Appendix D to be issued separately.

DRESS

- 14 Hats KF
Shirts JG
Trousers JG
Belts Web
Boots
Gaiters (Aust)
Rifles (excl officers)
Sidearms (excl officers)
Decorations and service ribbons

SIGNPOSTING

- 15 Signs marking right flank positions of first company etc on inspection line and dispersal areas will be erected by 29 Inf Bde on 28 Oct 45.

MARKING OF VEHICLES

- 16 Marking of vehicles will be arranged by HQ 15 Inf Bde as shown by Appendix A.

DRIVERS

- 17 Drivers will be dressed as ordered for personnel parading. Drivers will 'stand to' at vehicles during parade.

SYNCHRONISATION

- 18 Watches will be synchronised through 9AC broadcasting station TOROKINA at

0630 hrs
0700 hrs
0730 hrs
0800 hrs on 27 and 29 Oct 45.

NOTIFICATION OF H HOUR

- 19 Notification of H Hour will be promulgated to all addressees by immediate signal.

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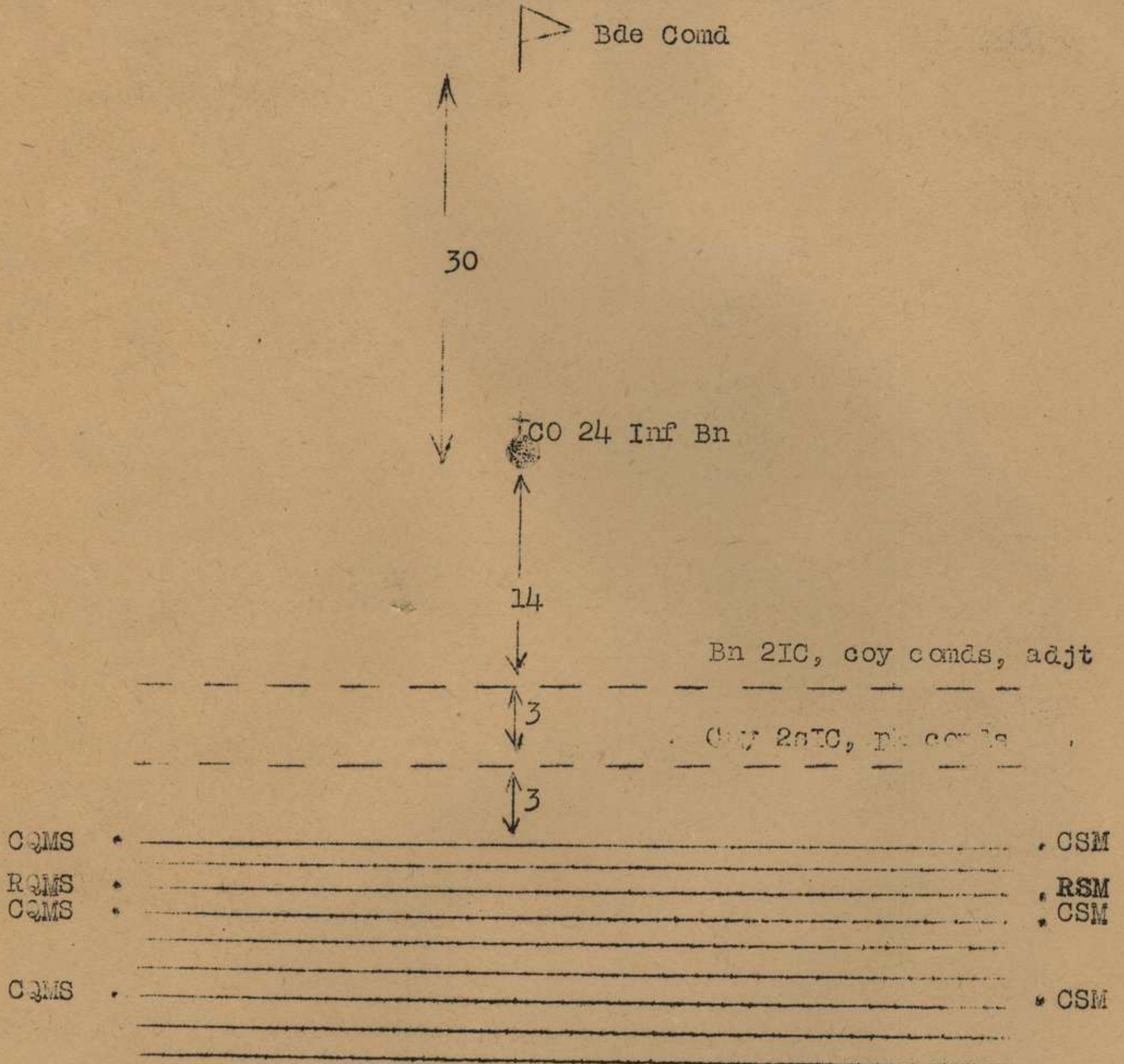
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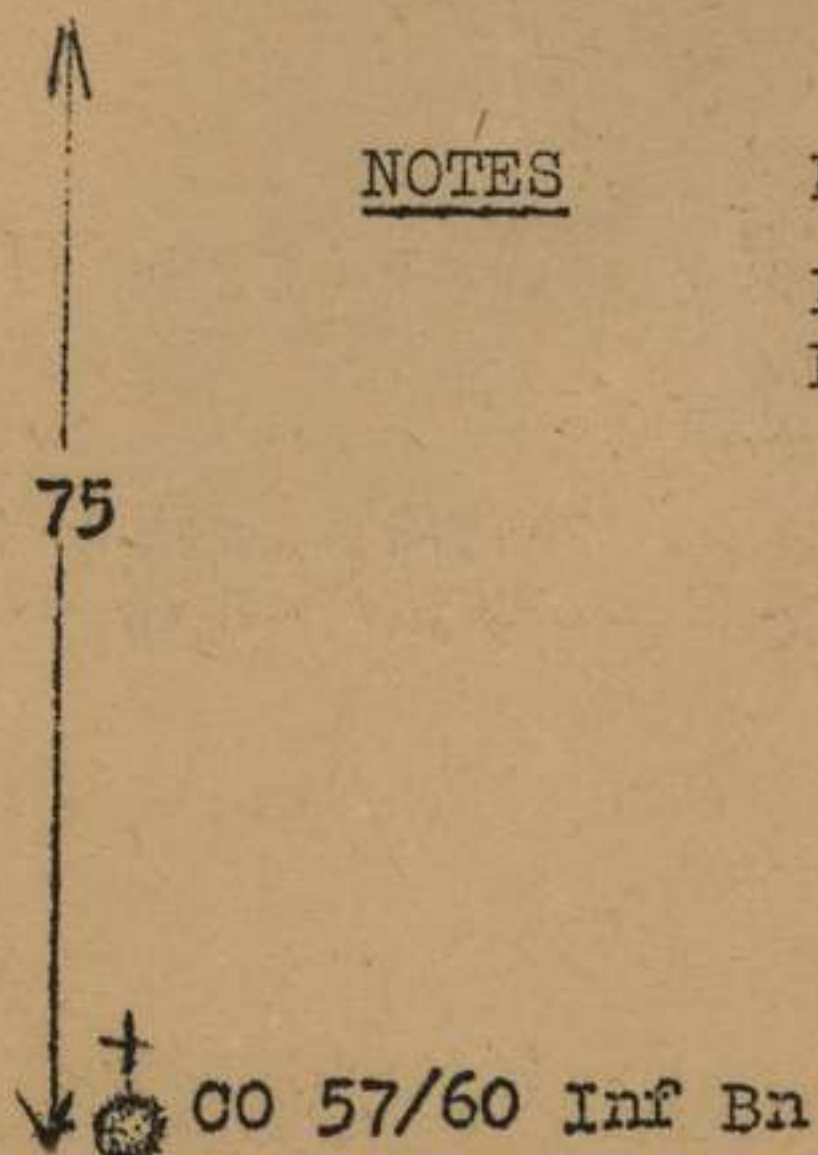
FORMATIONS AND SPACINGS

- (a) Parade in mass as per 15 Inf Bde rehearsal of 26 Oct 45
(b) March past in block as per sketch herewith.



NOTES

NOT to scale
Distances shown in
paces



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NOTES ON BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE 24 : 25 OCT 45

HQ 15 Inf Bde (AIF)
G1107
28 Oct 45

Present: Maj A R DUELL
Lt-Col D L B GOSLETT
Maj W MCCALL
Capt N D ANDERSON
Capt K H WILLIS
Lt D A JACKSON
Lt P J POLACK

These notes are in confirmation.

1 G-IN-C AMF PARADE

A parade for inspection by G-in-C AMF will be held PIVA STRIP 29 Oct 45.

A brigade rehearsal will take place GLOUCESTER PARK 26 Oct and full divisional rehearsal at PIVA STRIP 27 Oct.

Commanding Officers will pay particular attention to dress on these parades. Hats will be worn with the correct cent (no Woolloomooloo styles), bayonet scabbards will be polished and waist belts fitted correctly.

One hour per day will be allotted to training for this parade. See also our G1106 of 25 Oct 45 and 15 Inf Bde Instr 1 of 26 Oct 45.

2 MEDICAL

(a) Malaria

Figures for the brigade are rising and some cases have been MT. Rigid malarial control will be continued.

(b) Dysentery

An outbreak of dysentery has occurred in some base units. Units of 15 Inf Bde will continue to maintain same high standard of hygiene.

3 PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT

It is anticipated move to mainland will begin about middle of November.

Now that timber for crating is available, units will complete construction of crates for all stores.

Nominal rolls for move will be prepared now and brought up to date from time to time.

[Signature]
Capt
BM 15 Inf Bde

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57/60 Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)	Amenities officer
58/59 Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)	File
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