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MILNE BAY	1	0600	Strength 26 Offrs 593 O/R's Attach 4 Offrs 31 O/R's	J
		0800	Make and Mend	J
		0900	Capt J.F. Reynolds took over comd of H.Q. Coy and Major C.N. Crosswell of C Coy	
			Church parades were held in rifle coy areas throughout day.	J
		1400	Light showers during afternoon and night	J
	2	0600	Strength 26 Offrs 596 O/R's Attach 3 Offrs 31 O/R's	J
			Bn supplied working parties.	J
		0600	Strength 28 Offrs 598 O/R's Attach 4 Offrs 31 O/R's	J
		0830	1" Sec reced route to and assembly area for Bn for Exercise RABI - ANIOMA area.	J
		1500	Bn moved to assembly area on WENURIA Cr	J
		1900	Lt Col. C.W. DAVIDSON acted as chief of D.S. and Major J.D. CARSTAIRS was Bn Comd.	J

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	3	1900	Bn Comd issued orders for Bn to seize and hold MOUNTAIN SPRINGS RIDGE and establish firm base.	J
		2400	Orders issued for Bn to return to camp area due to creeks fwd being impassable.	J
	A	0300	Bn back in camp area.	J
		0600	Strength 28 Offrs 598 ops Attach 4 Offrs 31 ops Rainfall in Bn HQ area from 0600K/3 to 0600K/4 650 points	J
		0700	Exercise resumed. Bn Comd issued orders for Bn to move to RABI by M.T.	J
		1000	Bn crossed WEHURIA CK start line	J
		1025	Fwd Coys debussed RABI and moved fwd by march	J
		1250	"A" Coy came under mortar & MG fire but pushed fwd to head of SANDERSON BAY	J
		1400	"A" Coy held up at head of SANDERSON BAY. "B" Coy reached WEST edge of CAMERON PLATEAU. "C" and "D" Coys in firm base fwd of TAGALUA	J

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	4	1415	Bn Comd issued orders for 2 Coy attack on CAMERON PLATEAU with arty support (D ^o Tp 14 Aust Fd REGT 4 th)	
			"B" Coy to attack enemy posn on southern edge of plateau and "D" Coy to move up WADUWADU Ck and attack enemy on high ground	JW
		1500	Bn HQ and "C" Coy moved fwd in rear of "A" Coy	JW
		1645	"B" Ech established KB Mission	JW
		1700	No comm from "D" Coy	JW
		1800	Attack cancelled. "A" "B" and "C" Coys prepared night posns.	JW
		1830	Hot meal delivered by native carriers	JW
		1835	"D" Coy still out of contact. 1 Sec force failed to locate them	JW
		1950	"B" Coy sighted flares NORTH of plateau. Patrol failed to locate origin.	JW

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	4	2030	Location of "D" Coy established by flares and shot signal to "B" Coy.	
		2400	Orders issued for attack on CAMERON PLATEAU K/S. Tanks to destroy enemy on high ground and move south to attack enemy posns supported by "B" Coy. On receipt of success signal from "B" Coy from track junction on lower plateau "C" Coy will drive thru CAMERON SPRINGS area to WHITTON CK. "A" and "D" Coys to form firm base at CAMERON SPRINGS. "B" and "C" Coys to form bridge head on WHITTON CK. Arty Z-10 to Z on high ground thence harassing fire on WHITTON CK Xing. Mortar Z to Z+10 on enemy posns on lower plateau. Zero 0630 K/S.	
	5	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 597 Oks Attach 4 Offrs 31 Oks.	

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	5	0600	Rainfall in Bn HQ area from 0600 K/4 to 0600 K/5 250 points	J
		0715	"B" Coy success signal from track junc lower plateau	J
		0725	"C" Coy attacked	J
		0825	"B" Coy consolidated on WHITTON CK above Xing	J
		0905	"C" Coy cleared CAMERON SPRINGS area	J
		0930	"C" Coy held up at Gopie	J
		1005	"B" Coy ordered to attack down EAST bank of WHITTON CK on enemy left flank. One tp tanks to support	J
			"C" Coy on WEST bank of WHITTON CK	J
		1205	Attack successful. "B" and "C" Coys established firm base on WHITTON CK Xing	J
		1213	"A" and "D" Coys established firm base at CAMERON SPRINGS. "A" Coy sent patrol to CAMERON PLATEAU to wipe out guerillas. Reorganisation and replenishment of rations and amn.	J

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	5	1300	"A" Coy patrol successful. 15 Japs killed.	JW
		1410	"A" and "D" Coys pushed fwd to seize in succession ASKEW R., LALUA CK and WAHAHUBA CK.	JW
		1540	"A" and "D" Coys established firm base on WAHAHUBA CK and "B" and "C" Coy with Bn HQ firm base on LALUA CK. Night posns being prepared.	JW
		1550	Sapper from 101 Fd Workshop reported large number of Japs at LILHOA and KALOI. M.G. lanes cut through jungle on HILIMOI CK and he saw two mortars being mounted at LILHOA Village.	JW
		1615	"A" Coy sent patrol fwd to contact enemy.	JW
		1715	Patrol reported no enemy at OME. Pushed fwd to HILIMOI CK.	JW
			"A" Coy reported enemy using gas bombs.	JW

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	5	1717	Priority message to L.H.Q. rptd 5 Aust Div and 29 Bde reporting enemy using gas for first time (taken only)	
			"A" Coy instructed to find samples of bombs, containers and other equipment	JW
		1757	"A" Coy patrol reported enemy MG. on EAST side of Lock McMillan Bay. Observed two fields of fire and enemy digging in. Estimated strength 1000.	JW
		1800	"A" Coy report failure to find any samples of gas bombs.	JW
		2030	"B" Ech delivered hot meal by barge and native carriers.	JW
	6	0600	Strength 27 ofrs 601 ops Attach 4 ofrs 31 ops	
			Rainfall in Bn HQ area from 0600k/5 to 0600k/6 180 points.	JW
		0645	"B" Ech ordered fwd to LALUA Ck.	JW
		0700	Div Comd withdrew arty support. Bn moved to assembly area.	JW

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	6	0815	Coys in assembly areas. "C" and "B" Coys CUDIN RANI CK. "A" and "D" Coys WANADALA	J
		0845	Orders issued. "A" Coy flank attack NORTH of LILIHOR "D" and "B" Coys attack astride road and hold village on HILIMOI CK. "C" Coy firm base CUDIN RANI CK. Call for air support and at end of straffing mortars to fire on village on HILIMOI CK for 5 minutes. MGs to search trees for snipers and observed targets.	
			Zero - Opening of mortar fire.	J
		1000	Message calling for air support	J
		1102	Straffing commenced	J
		1112	Exercise ends.	
			Bn was moved to beach to observe straffing. An instructive 10 minutes was spent.	J

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	6	1130	Bn moved to AHIOHA. "B" Ech returned to camp.	JW
		1345	Sea tpt arrived	JW
		1350	Sea tpt ran aground.	JW
		1445	After repeated attempts by Captain to refloat vessel a rope was run out from her stern and Bn entered water and pulled her off.	JW
		1630	Bn disembarked at GIU GIU	JW
		1715	Bn arrived in camp.	JW
	7	0600	Strength 26 Offrs 597 O/s Attach 4 Offrs 31 O/s	
			Rainfall in Bn H.Q. area from 0600 k/6 to 0600 k/7 220 points	JW
		0800	Make and mend.	JW
		1400	Lt. Col C.W. Davidson held conference of D.S. and umpires.	JW
	8	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 593 O/s Attach 4 Offrs 30 O/s	JW

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	8	0600	Rainfall in Bn H.Q. area from 0600 K/7 to 0600 K/8 20 points	JW
		0800	All coys cleaning and maintenance of weapons.	JW
		1500	Conference of all ofrs and NCO' acting as pl comds. Address and general criticism by Bde Comd followed by criticism by Lt Col. C.M. Davidson.	JW
	9	0600	Strength 28 Ofrs 594 O/ps Attach 4 Ofrs 27 O/ps. Rainfall in Bn H.Q. area for 24 hrs - Nil.	JW
		0800	Make and mend. Church parades held in Coy areas throughout day.	JW
		1900	Picture show in Bn H.Q. area. "Shanghai Gesture" and "Nazi Spy" were shown; much discussion as to their merits or otherwise followed.	JW
	10	0600	Strength 28 Ofrs 592 O/ps Attach 4 Ofrs 27 O/ps. Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - 10 points	JW

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	10	0830	B Coy route march. Remainder of Bn trng in Coy areas	JW
		1700	Coy Comds conference in connection with relief of 4 Bde by 29 Bde. Orders issued for recce by Coy comds of 29/46 Bn area. Reports to be submitted by 1800/11 re amn, tentage and supplies	JW
		1843	Air Raid "Red". One or two planes at approx 25000ft dropped 6 bombs, 4 of which fell near GIBARA and 2 in vic HIWOLA Is. Nil damage or casualties reported. Search lights and A/A engaged without observed results	JW
		1857	All clear	JW
	11	0600	Strength 29 Offrs 592 O/s Attach 3 Offrs 27 O/s Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area 10 points	JW
		0830	A Coy route march. Remainder of Bn trng in Coy areas	JW
		1000	C.O. made recce of 29/46 Bn area.	JW

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	11	0830	Coy Comds recce 29/46 Bn area	J
		1900	Warning Order from 29 Bde for relief of 4 Bde. 42 Bn to relieve 29/46 Bn.	J
		1900	Coy Comds conference re relief of 29/46 Bn. Reports submitted on amm and tentage. Reports satisfactory and amm and tentage to be exchanged.	J
	12	0600	Strength 29 Offrs 592 O/ps Attach 3 Offrs 27 O/ps Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - nil.	J
		0830	C Coy route march to MARS. Remainder of Bn trg in Coy areas.	J
		0900	Recce by Coy Comds of 29/46 Bn of this area	J
		1400	C.O. recced 29/46 Bn area.	J
	13	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 588 O/ps Attach 3 Offrs 27 O/ps Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area 35 points.	J

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	13	0800	Make and Mend. Bn preparing to move.	ju
		0900	Arrangements completed for taking over WAGA WAGA and MULLINS HARBOUR patrols at 0800/14 from 29/46 Bn	ju
		1000	C.O. reced new Bn area	ju
		1430	C.O. reced proposed fresh Bn ^{HQ} area on Route 2	ju
		1500	O.O. No 5 issued.	See Appx. ju
	14	0600	Strength 25 Offrs 590 o/r's Attach 3 Offrs 27 o/r's	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn HQ area - Nil	ju
		0800	Bn moved out to relieve 29/46 Bn	
			Two patrols from C Coy moved out to relieve 29/46 Bn patrols at WAGA WAGA and MULLINS HARBOUR	ju
		1200	Relief of 29/46 Bn complete.	ju
		1400	Recces of Coy areas were carried out by 2 nd and 3 rd Sgt.	ju

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	14	1900	Coy Comds conference at which it was proposed that B Coy supported by 2/1 PWR Bn and 3/2 EMPLOYMENT Coy be responsible for defence of LAU LAU and and ANADUMA STRINGER Sectors, under comd Major C.N. CROSWELL; D Coy and A Coy to be responsible for defence of ANADUMA LADANA and GABA GABUNA Sectors under comd Major J.D. CARSTAIRS; C Coy to occupy Junction Sector as Bn reserve; Bn H.Q. to move to new postn off Route 1.	
	15	0600	Strength 25 Offrs 604 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 9 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil	
		0800	Coys engaged on defensive work.	
			C.O. freed Coy areas during day	
	16	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 651 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 9 O/Rs	

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	16	0600	Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - 80 points	J
		0800	Make and Mend	
			Church parades held in Coy areas throughout day	J
	17	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 650 o/p's Attach 2 Offrs 9 o/p's	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - 10 points	J
		0800	Bn engaged on maintaining and repairing defensive posns, constructing Coy accommodation and preparing new Bn H.Q. posn at 391447	J
		1000	C.O. attended conference at H.Q. 5 Aust Div	J
		1430	C.O. reced RAB1 area with C.O. 15 Bn	J
	18	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 649 o/p's Attach 2 Offrs 9 o/p's	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil	J
		0800	Bn carrying on same work as yesterday	J
		2345	Lieut. L. McLaughlin and Lieut M. Anderson	J

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			arrived in "TAROOMA" from TOWNSVILLE.	J
	19	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 654 Grs Attach 2 Offrs 9 Grs	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	J
		0930	C.O. interviewed applicants for Pre-selection Board for Officers	
			Bn carrying on same work as yesterday.	J
		2116	Air Raid "Red". Three or four bombers at 23,000 to 26,000 ft dropped approx 10 bombs between BNTOON WHARF and TURNBULL STRIP. Two parachute flares were dropped at commencement of run.	
			At least four bombs fell in "B" Coy area but there was no damage or casualties.	
			Dump of approx 50 drums of petrol was destroyed, a tent and TR/A portee were damaged. Nil casualties reported.	J

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	19		Searchlights did not engage but heavy AA fired 41 rounds and some .50 cal at flares.	
			Night fighters sighted but could not make contact	JW
		2203	All clear	JW
	20	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 663 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 9 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in BnHQ area - 10 points	JW
		0700	Lt Col. CW. Davidson, Major J. DeM. Carstairs, Capt. A. Jenks and Lieut J. A. Collier left camp area to act as umpires for 5 Aust Div Staff and Signal Exercise No 2	JW
		0800	Bn still engaged on maintaining and repairing defensive works, constructing Coy accommodation and preparing new BnHQ post at 391447	JW
	21	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 664 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 9 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in BnHQ area - Nil.	JW

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	21	0800	Bn still engaged on same work as yesterday	J
		2000	NG. Concert Party staged concert in Bn HQ area	J
		2020	C.O. and party returned from 5 Aust Div Staff and Signal Exercise No. 2	J
	22	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 668 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn HQ area - Nil.	J
		0800	Bn still engaged on same work as yesterday L/Cpl. AG. Dawson left with Sig party to attend to cipher duties at MULLINS HARBOUR.	J
		1000	C.O. held conference of Bn umpires at recent 5 Aust Div Staff and Signal Exercise No. 2	J
	23	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 674 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn HQ area - Nil.	J
		0830	Church parades were held in Coy areas during day	J

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	23	0830	Make and Mend	J
		0930	CO attended conference at H.Q. 5 Aust Div of umpires on recent Staff and Signal Exercise No. 2	J
	24	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 672 O/As Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/As Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - 325 points	J
		0800	Bn engaged on maintaining and repairing defensive posns, constructing Coy accommodation and preparing new Bn H.Q. posn.	J
		0930	CO attended conference at H.Q. 5 Aust Div in connection with recent Staff and Signal Exercise No. 2.	J
	25	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 672 O/As Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/As Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	J

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	25	0800	Bn preparing and maintaining defensive posns.	
			Those not on above work witnessed a bombing and straffing display at GARA GABUNA BAY by Kittyhawks of RAAF. It proved most interesting and gave those witnessing it an idea of how effective it would be.	JW
		1400	C.O. reced new Bn H.Q. posn and met C.O. 15 Bn at TURNBULL FIELD to decide on inter-Bn boundary.	JW
	26	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 673 O/r's Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/r's	
			Rainfall for 24 hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil	JW
		0800	Bn engaged on defensive work	JW
		1000	C.O. 24, Adjit, Padre and 1 Sgt reced ALLIGATOR DENA DENA and DUARI SUB SECTORS. During the recce an arty shoot by 14 Aust Fd REGT was witnessed from arty OP in ALLIGATOR SUB SECTOR. It proved	JW

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			very interesting and a spice was added by two tree top bursts about 75 yds in rear of Q.R.	
			Heads went down in a hurry.	JW
	27	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 666 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	JW
		0800	Bn engaged on defensive work.	JW
	28	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 666 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	JW
		0800	Bn engaged on defensive work and preparation of new Bn H.Q.	JW
	29	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 663 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs	
			Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	JW
		0800	Bn engaged on same work as yesterday	JW
		1730	42 Bn Mext Order No. 1 issued	See Appendix

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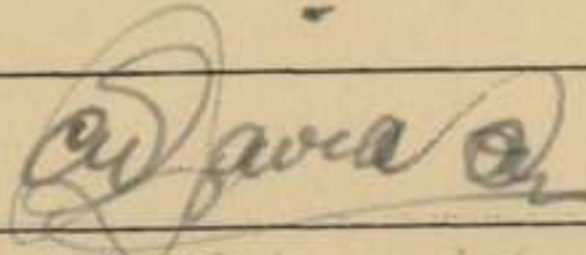
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	29	1900	C.O. attended function at H.Q. 5 Aust Div in honour of His Excellency, Lord GOWRIE, Gov Gen of Aust	JW
	30	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 659 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	JW
		0800	Make and Mend. Church parades were held in Coy areas.	JW
		1000	Bn H.Q. moved to new posn 390447.	JW
	31	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 659 O/Rs Attach 2 Offrs 10 O/Rs Rainfall for 24hrs in Bn H.Q. area - Nil.	JW
		0945	Lecture to Coy Comds and Pl Comds by Capt MacPherson, ^{ex RMO,} of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn on operations in Wau area Jan - Apr 43.	JW
			 Lt. Col. Comd. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY

LT-COL. C.W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION,

Serial No. 45

7 May 43

216. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF (D.R.O. 600)

1. The following is republished from NEW GUINEA FORCE orders:-

- (i) Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.
- (ii) On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.
- (iii) Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.
- (iv) All ranks having pistols in their possession not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.
- (v) All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.
- (vi) The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.
- (vii) R.O. Part I No. 159 of 3 Mar 43 is cancelled.

2. When a member is charged with losing by neglect any equipment on issue to him, the onus lies upon him of proving that he has taken all reasonable precautions.

3. All ranks will exercise the highest possible standard of care both when the pistol is carried on the person, which should be done when possible, and at all other times. Members should make arrangements for the proper safe custody and/or guarding of pistols, when not in use.

217. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

1. Below is copy of a letter addressed to 5 Aust Div by NGF.

2. As a result of this, a letter of commendation has been sent by the GOC 5 Aust Div to Comd DRAKEFORCE on the prompt collection and despatch of the captured material and documents concerned.

3. The attention of all officers and NCOs is to be drawn to the importance of such action, and the value of information gained from captured enemy material and documents so forwarded, is to be stressed to ensure prompt attention to this important duty in similar circumstances.

4. Copy of letter to 5 Aust Div from NGF.

A letter has been received from Adv LHG (AUST) over the signature of the Deputy Chief of the General Staff, concerning a signal which has arrived from the War Office, LONDON, congratulating the Australian Military Forces on the excellent information recently despatched to them concerning the enemy in this area.

In particular, they have referred to copies of Japanese Army and Divisional Orders, maps of enemy projected operations, and, lastly to the five volumes of the Japanese Army List dated Nov 42.

5. An extract from the above-mentioned letter reads:-

" Records here would indicate that the whole of this material was captured by our troops on GOODENOUGH ISLAND, in which case it is particularly desired that the Commander of this unit should be advised of the great importance placed by War Office LONDON on the information obtained. Would you also pass to them the appreciation of the C-in-C for the prompt collection and despatch of this valuable material? "

218. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4-GALL. AND 44-GALL. DRUMS.

1. Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening.

219. TOOTHBRUSHES - REPLACEMENT ISSUES. (G.R.O. 0,659)

1. Toothbrushes will be replaced by free issues at not less than three-monthly intervals on return of unserviceable brushes.

(Signed)

J. F. FRAINEY, Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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LT-COL. C.W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

9 May 43

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220. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS ("G") D.R.O. (608)

1. A number of cases have occurred recently where propaganda leaflets designed for use against the enemy or amongst the natives have been despatched to private addresses through the mail.
2. Whilst it is appreciated that most of these leaflets would do little harm if published, there are others which may have serious repercussions if disseminated amongst certain sections of the AUSTRALIAN and AMERICAN communities.
3. It is therefore forbidden to enclose any type of propaganda leaflet in mail, and Franking Officers will take immediate steps to ensure that this regulation is enforced.

221. FIREARMS - ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF ("A") (D.R.O. 612)

1. In every case of accidental discharge of firearms an immediate examination of the firearm concerned will be made by a qualified armourer or other expert who will thoroughly check its mechanical condition and furnish a written report to the HQ of the unit concerned.
2. Where the report discloses no mechanical defect disciplinary action will be taken against the member handling the firearm at the time of discharge.
3. All ranks will be warned of the necessity of observing safety precautions in the handling of firearms.

222. BOXING AND WRESTLING CONTESTS - SUNDAY NIGHT, 30 MAY (D. NOTICE)

1. Boxing and Wrestling Contests conducted by 29 Aust Inf Bde under the auspices of the 5 Aust Div Amenities Services will be held on Sunday Night 30/5/42 at 1900 hrs. A Stadium is being erected on a natural amphitheatre site adjacent to No 1 RAE Dump Route 1.
2. Entries close with Amenities Officer, 29 Aust Inf Bde at 1700 hrs 24 May. £50 in Canteen Orders will be distributed to winners in following events:-

BOXING	First	Runner Up
Featherweight Division	£3/10/-	£1/10/-
Lightweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Welterweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Middleweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Heavyweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-

WRESTLING

Featherweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Lightweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Welterweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Middleweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-
Heavyweight Division	3/10/-	1/10/-

Further particulars may be had from All Amenities Officers.

223. LOSSES SUSPECTED TO BE DUE TO THEFT ("A") (D.R.O. 626)

1. Many losses of stores etc are occurring in circumstances indicating deliberate theft on a large scale.
2. Units have NOT been co-operating fully in frequently checking controlled stores, in promptly reporting losses, and in holding proper kit inspections.
3. To stamp out the thefts the full co-operation of all officers, NCO's and men is needed.
4. All personnel are to be suitably addressed and informed of the seriousness not only of theft, but also of aiding and abetting thieves by their failure to report suspicious circumstances, and asked to co-operate in the interests of their unit and for the protection of themselves and their mates. They must be made to realise that any thief is their enemy, not their friend.
5. Any member of a unit discovering any loss must immediately report it to his superior officer.
6. Any member, having any knowledge of or concerning a theft by some other person, who does not immediately report the full details to his superior officer will be charged with aiding and abetting the thief and tried by Court Martial.
7. Every loss of money or stores of any kind must be reported by telephone or signal (Whichever is quicker) to DAPM 5 Aust Div immediately the same is discovered.
8. In the event of the preceding paragraph not being strictly complied with, the CO will be held personally responsible for the full value of the money or stores so lost, irrespective of the circumstances. On this point attention is directed to the provisions of AMR & O's 692(3), 693 and 694.
9. Charges of theft will in future be dealt with by General Court Martial which can award a maximum penalty of five (5) years' penal servitude.
10. Thorough inspections of kit and quarters will be carried out at least once a fortnight at irregular intervals and without prior notice.
11. Any person found in unauthorised possession of any article no matter how trivial will be charged and the matter reported immediately to the DAPM.
12. Complete checks of pistols, binoculars and compasses on charge will be made weekly by an officer who will sign a certificate that he has satisfied himself that every item is properly accounted for.
13. This order is to be published in all unit routine orders, and adequate steps taken to bring it to the attention of every officer, NCO, and soldier.

224. COURT OF INQUIRY. A court of inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers, will assemble at a time and place to be appointed by the President, for the purposes of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances of Accident to M/V C31695 and Injuries to QX34028 Lieut S.W. EDWARDS, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

President: Major C.N. CROSSWELL.

Member : Capt J.F. REYNOLDS.

Proceedings will be handed to HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn by 1800 hrs 15 May 43.

(Signed) J.F. FRAINEY Capt
Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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BY

LT-COL C.W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

20 MAY 43 Serial No. 47
225. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of N265439 Cpl (A/Sgt) F.C. FITCH, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service Absenting himself Without Leave - at TOWNSVILLE from 0630 hours 6 January 1943 to 1000 hours 22 March 1943 after having previously surrendered himself to the NSW L of C Pro Corps at Park Road Guard-room at 1045 hours on 4 February 1943.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: Reduced to the ranks and be fined £15.

Date of 11 May 1943.

Sentence:

The case was investigated on 28 April 43. The accused was not in close or open arrest.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

226. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of - Q113210 Pte Felix ROBINSON, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 0600 hours on 3 January 1943 till 1600 hours 14 April 1943, a period of 102 days.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: To undergo detention for seven months.

Date of 11 May 43.

Sentence:

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 43.

227. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 and 13 May 1943 for the trial of - Q36992 Pte Kevin Morris 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service disobeyed in such manner as to show a wilful defiance of authority a lawful command given personally by his superior officer in the execution of his office - on 6 Apr 1943 when ordered by Lieut D.E. McKinlay to put on long trousers did not do so, saying, "My long trousers are wet; there is enough disease in this place without wearing wet trousers - I wouldn't put them on for Christ", or words to that effect.

Finding: Guilty.

Sentence: Detention for 120 days.

Date of

Sentence: 13 May 43.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 17 May 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

228. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10-13 May 1943 for the trial of - Q36107 Pte R. BAUMAN, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

1st Charge: Whilst on Active Service using insubordinate language to his superior officer viz., on 24 April 43 said to Sgt R.H. Wilkinson, 42 Aust Inf Bn, "You're a black bastard", or words to that effect.

2nd Charge: Whilst on Active Service striking his superior officer being in the execution of his office - on 24 Apr 43 kicked Sgt R.H. Wilkinson with his boot on the "behind"

3rd Charge: Whilst on Active Service using threatening language to his superior officer - on 24 Apr 43 when informed by Sgt R.H. Wilkinson that he would be put on an A.4 said to Sgt Wilkinson, "After the crime sheet is over I'll fix you", or words to that effect.

4th Charge: Whilst on Active Service using violence to his superior officer - on 24 Apr 43 after having been ordered to accompany Sgt Wilkinson, 42 Aust Inf Bn, to the orderly room, bumped him with his shoulder.

Finding: Guilty of the first charge; Not Guilty of the second, third and fourth charges.

Sentence: Detention for 7 months.

Date of Sentence: 13 May 1943.

The accused was 12 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 18 May 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

229. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of - Q113248 Pte Mervyn Leslie MATTHEWS, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 0800 hrs 3 Jan 43 until 1600 hrs 14 Apr 43, excluding the period 7 Feb to 4 Mar for which he was fined £5 and 28 days detention on 5 Mar 43 at Townsville and excluding a period of 28 days spent in detention from 5 Mar to 1 Apr 43.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: To undergo detention for 120 days.

Date of

Sentence: 11 May 43

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

230. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 43 for the trial of - Q36991 Pte R.G. MILLAN, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: 1. Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave at TOWNSVILLE from 0600 hours 9 June 1942 to 1245 Hours 22 November 1942.
2. Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave at TOWNSVILLE when in lawful custody absented without leave from 0600 hours 7 December 1942 to 0900 hours 22 March 1943.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: To undergo detention for seven months.

Date of
Sentence: 11 May 1943

The accused was in close arrest for 15 days.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

231. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of - Q36136 Pte V.W. JONES, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave - from 0600 hours 4 January 1943, to 1500 hours 14 April 1943, excluding a period from 0630 hours 31 January 1943 to 1830 hours 19 February 1943.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: To undergo detention for 150 days.

Date of
Sentence: 10 May 43.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

232. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of - Q36904 Pte S.C. CHURCH, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave - from 0600 hours 4 January 1943 until 1500 hours 14 April 1943, excluding a period from 0630 hours 31 January 1943 to 1830 hours 19 February 1943.

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: To undergo detention for seven months.

Date of
Sentence: 10 May 1943.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.

233. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943 for the trial of - Q113653 Pte R.E. DINGLEY, 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Charge: Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave AA 15(1) - AWL from 0600 hrs 4 Jan 43 to 1500 hrs 7 Apr 43, having previously surrendered to the Military authorities at TOWNSVILLE on 22 Jan 43.

Finding: Guilty, except for the days from 2 March 1943 to 10 March 1943 and except for the fact that the period of AWL commenced at 0630 hrs on 4 Jan 43 and not from 0600 hrs 4 Jan 43.

Sentence: Detention for 120 days

Date of Sentence: 10 May 1943.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 18 May 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 1943.


234. CONCERT PARTY STAGES AND FRAMES.

1. Frames and stages for the Concert party have been or are being erected in certain locations in this area.
2. Two cases have occurred when these frames have been removed, one near Strip 3 and the other on route 10.
3. All ranks will be advised that these frames are erected to assist in their entertainment and that they will not be touched under any circumstances.
4. All troops will be warned that showings of the Concert Party will be cancelled in areas concerned if frames or stages are removed or interfered with.

235. STATEMENT OF REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1. The following is a statement of the Regimental Trust Fund Account of the 42 Aust Inf Bn for the month of April 1943.
 - (a) Receipts for the month £84.10.6.
 - (b) Expenditure for the month £23.18.2.
 - (c) Credit Balance as at 30 Apr 43 £61.8.2.

(Signed)


J.F. FRAANEY, Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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236. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS (N.S.F.O. 132)

1. Instances have occurred recently of field cable and copper wire lines having been deliberately cut and sections stolen.
2. OCs will take action to ensure that all ranks are informed of the danger of vital communications being disrupted by such vandalism.
3. The use of field cable for any purpose other than that for which it is intended is a serious offence.
4. The deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court martial, unless the Formation Commander otherwise directs. In all cases of deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Commander, will be taken.

237. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION. (G.R.G. G.341)

1. The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from L.H.Q. is strictly forbidden.
2. The breaking-down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.
3. If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to H.Q. of Corps or L. of C. Areas.
4. Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by R.A.E. units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from formation etc. headquarters.

238. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES NO. 36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE. (GRO G.342)

1. The .22 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No.36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.
2. Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-
 - (a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.
 - (b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.
3. Coys will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

239. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. (G.R.O. A.367)

1. In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the authority under which such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.
2. When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave:-
 - (a) pay (including deferred pay);
 - (b) field allowance;
 - (c) command allowance;
 - (d) special allowance;
 - (e) exchange allowance;
 - (f) dependants allowance;
 - (g) travelling allowance;
 - (h) subsistence allowance;
 - (i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above-mentioned regulations.
3. Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily and, consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

240. CENSORSHIP OF PARCELS - FAILURE TO DETECT PROHIBITED MATTER (DRO 655)

1. Instances have recently been discovered of parcels, having been franked by officers although they contain prohibited matter, and in particular articles of government property.
2. AFCI No. 22 para 6 sets out clearly instructions re franking of parcels and packets.
3. It is apparent that franking officers are not performing their duties.
4. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases detected.

241. MOSQUITO REPELLENT (D.R.O. 656)

1. The new mosquito repellent lotion is a personal issue and units will ensure that each man is in possession of a bottle of same. Patrols, sentries and troops on exercises will be inspected periodically. Personnel evacuated beyond RAP will take the current issue with them as medical units only receive enough for their own personnel.
2. Reports of misuse of this repellent fluid have been received. This fluid has already shown its value as a mosquito and tick repellent, but its supply is still very limited. Its supply is so limited and its prospective value so great that misuse by troops is sabotage. Accordingly Commanders will take very severe disciplinary action against offenders.

242. MALARIA CONTROL (D.R.O. 657)

1. To derive the maximum benefit from the recent rains which have destroyed many larvae, all coys and detachments will redouble the destruction of adult mosquitoes in tents, huts, slit trenches etc by spraying twice daily with flyspray.

2. In many areas, it is obvious that slit trenches have been allowed to become overgrown with grass, and to contain pools of water or debris. Slit trenches must be kept clean and dry as they are favoured haourages for the mosquito.
3. Following the rain, the amount of surface water will be increased. Coy Comdrs will ensure that extra efforts are made to spray such water with malarial.
4. Drains are an essential feature of the Malaria Control Work. Once a drain is out through or near a coy area, it is reasonable to expect that coy to be sufficiently interested to maintain the drain, keep it clear of debris, coconuts etc, or at least, to ensure that it is not used as a dumper broken down by thoughtless drivers. In future, Coy Comdrs will be held responsible for the drains constructed in and about the unit area.
5. Within coy areas, in general, the amount of surface water will be reduced by filling in ruts created by vehicles. As these ruts are usually made by careless or lazy drivers, drivers may be employed especially on this important task.
6. Commanders are reminded that they are personally responsible for malaria control in and about their area and the success of the present campaign can only be maintained if commanders concentrate even greater attention to the discharge of this responsibility. This applies particularly to Commanders of Detachments, many of whom tend to become lax.

(Signed) J.F. FRANKY, Capt,
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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243. A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 May 1943, and 13 May 1943, for the trial of ,

Q145413 PTE D.A. MITCHELL - 42 AUST INF BN.

Charge: "WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE in that he at TOWNSVILLE, when on active service, absented himself without leave from 0600 hrs 20 December 1942 till he was returned to his unit at 0900 hrs on 22 March 1943, having been previously arrested at DARRA, BRISBANE, on 21 Jan 1943 and at EMERALD on 10 February 1943, being dressed on the second occasion in civilian clothes." A.A. Sec 12 (1) a.

Finding: NOT GUILTY of Desertion but GUILTY of Absence Without Leave.

Sentence: Detention for 9 months.

Date of Sentence: 13 May 1943.

The case was investigated on 1 April 43. The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 22 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 25 May 43.

244. A Field General Court Martial, convened by GOC 5 Aust Div, was held in the Field on 25 May 43 for the trial of :

Q113240 PTE A.J. LOY, 42 AUST INF BN.

Charge: 1st Charge - AA 8(1) - WOAS offering violence to his superior officer in that he in the field on 9 October 1942 struck at Number Q36425 Sergeant Stanley Speed WEISKE 42 Australian Infantry Battalion with his fists.

2nd Charge - AA 15 (1) - WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field when under open arrest absented himself without leave from 0600 hours on 13 November 1942 till 0600 hrs on 27 November 1942.

3rd Charge - AA 22 - WOAS When in lawful custody escaping in that he in the field, on 6 December 1942 when in lawful custody at the Field Punishment Centre TOWNSVILLE escaped.

4th Charge - AA 12(1) (a) - WOAS attempting to desert His Majesty's Service in that he at TOWNSVILLE with intent to desert absented himself without leave from 2300 hours on 6 December 1942 until 1400 hours on 15 December 1942, having been previously arrested at ROCKHAMPTON by the Civil Police on 9 December 1942.

5th Charge - AA 15 (1) - WOAS absented himself without leave in that he in the Field when in Open Arrest absented himself without leave from 0600 hrs on 3 January 43 until 0900 hours on 5 MAY 43 having previously to the Military Police BRISBANE on 22 April 1943.

Finding: 1st Charge - GUILTY
2nd Charge - GUILTY
3rd Charge - GUILTY
4th Charge - NOT GUILTY of attempting to desert but GUILTY of absence without leave except that the absence commenced at 0600 hrs 7 DEC 42 and not at 2300 hrs on 6 DEC as stated on the Charge Sheet.
5th Charge - GUILTY

Sentence: Imprisonment with hard labour for 2 years.

Date of Sentence: 25 May 43.

The Charges were investigated on 10 October 1942.

The accused spent 6 days in civil custody, 48 days in close arrest and 3 days in Open Arrest awaiting trial.

The Findings and Sentence were duly confirmed on 27 May 43 and promulgated to the Accused in the Field on 31 May 43.

(Signed)

J.F. FRAINEY Capt,
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major-General E. J. MILFORD, DSO, COMMANDING 5 AUST DIV

HQ 5 Aust Div
17 May 43

SERIAL No 56

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

650. CENSORSHIP ("G")

1. Attention is drawn to NGF Routine Order No 6/43 of 8 Feb, para 35 and Div Routine Order No 41 of 31 Jan, para 460. These instructions are being frequently disregarded.
2. COMMENT ON AIR RAIDS. Air raids can only be referred to in general terms and no information may be given which is not officially released. Any comment must be such that a particular raid cannot be identified as this would link the location of a unit with a particular place.

651. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMAND AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS - Ref GRO 544/42

1. Recommendations for the above will in future only be submitted through formations and NOT by any unit direct to NG Force.
2. (a) Such recommendations for staff appointments will ONLY be for G 11 or equivalent appointments and higher appointments.
(b) Recommendations for Grade 11 appointments will only be made for officers of at least the present standard required of an officer for appointment as a Brigade Major or equivalent appointment
(c) Officers recommended should have attended a staff school or be strongly recommended by the formation etc ~~commanders~~ to attend a Staff School.
(d) No other names need be submitted.
3. Such lists will include the names of all officers who have qualified at staff schools not now employed in staff appointments indicating reasons for their not being recommended to fill Staff appointments.
4. The following pro formas will be used in the submission of these returns.
(a) Recommendation of Brigade or equivalent Commander for appointment to command.

Number	Rank	Name	Date of Birth	Present Appointment	Recommended Appointment	Remarks

651. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMAND AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS (Contd)

BRIGADE OR EQUIVALENT COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE

The above mentioned officers in order of priority are fitted for an appointment to Command, carrying Field Rank or higher, and I am prepared to accept them for appointment in the formation or unit under my command in the capacity I have recommended above.

(b) Recommendation of Brigade or Equivalent Commander for appointment to Staff

Number	Rank	Name	Date of Birth	Present Appointment	Recommended Appointment	Whether qualified at a Staff School or NOT. Name of School and date	Reasons for NOT having been recommended for a staff Appointment	Remarks

BRIGADE OR EQUIVALENT COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE

The above mentioned officers in order of priority are fitted for a Grade II Staff Appointment or higher, carrying Field Rank or higher, and I am prepared to accept them as a member of the Staff of the formation or unit under my command in the capacity I have recommended above.

5. Returns to reach this Headquarters Before the 10th day of each month, and will only be submitted by Brigade Commanders in accordance with the above pro formas. Returns will NOT be submitted unless accompanied by certificates. NIL returns will be forwarded.

652. RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS ("G")

1. There are, generally speaking, two natures of reconnaissance :-

- (a) General
- (b) Particular.

2. Time spent on reconnaissance is ALWAYS WASTED unless those conducting the reconnaissance know exactly what is required of them. This requires terms of reference which should be as precise as possible.

3. The terms of reference should state:-

- (a) The object of the reconnaissance:
- (b) The composition of the reconnaissance party:
- (c) The task or tasks in general:
- (d) Any particular task in detail:
- (e) The direct questions to which direct answers are to be given:
- (f) To whom and by when, the report is to be submitted and the number of copies required.

4. The report will follow the terms of reference and the questions should be answered categorically. The report if written, should be compiled with care and due regard to neatness and correct staff duties including order, form and logical sequence.

5. To be successful a reconnaissance should be conducted in accordance with a carefully thought-out plan which should be communicated to all concerned.

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Lt.-Col
GS, 5 Aust Div

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S BRANCH

653. SPORTS FIELD ("A")

1. The Sports Field which is being constructed on Route 1 near the old Slaughter House Bridge will not be used by troops until further notice.
2. Units will be notified when this field is complete and available for use.
3. The allotment of the field to units will be under control of Amenities Officer 5 Aust Div.
4. Further details will be advised later.

654. COURT OF INQUIRY INTO INJURY - MEDICAL MEMBER ("A")

1. Whenever a Court of Inquiry is convened into the death or serious injury of a member the officer convening the Court will apply to ADMS 5 Aust Div for the nomination by him of a senior medical officer as a member of the Court in order that the Court may be in a position to obtain and sift the medical evidence.

655. CENSORSHIP OF PARCELS - FAILURE TO DETECT PROHIBITED MATTER ("A")

1. Instances have recently been discovered of parcels, having been franked by officers although they contain prohibited matter, and in particular articles of government property.
2. AFCI No 22 para 6 sets out clearly instructions re franking of parcels and packets.
3. It is apparent that franking officers are not performing their duties.
4. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases detected.

656. MOSQUITO REPELLENT ("A")

1. The new mosquito repellent lotion is a personal issue and units will ensure that each man is in possession of a bottle of same. Patrols, sentries and troops on exercises will be inspected periodically. Personnel evacuated beyond RAP will take the current issue with them as medical units only receive enough for their own personnel.
2. Reports of misuse of this repellent fluid have been received. This fluid has already shown its value as a mosquito and tick repellent, but its supply is still very limited. Its supply is so limited and its protective value so great that misuse by troops is sabotage. Accordingly Commanders will take very severe disciplinary action against offenders.
3. To be repeated in Unit RO's.

657. MALARIA CONTROL ("A")

1. To derive the maximum benefit from the recent rains which have destroyed many larvae, all units and detachments will redouble the destruction of adult mosquitoes in tents, huts, slit trenches etc by spraying twice daily with flyspray.

658. MALARIA CONTROL (Contd)

1. In many areas, it is obvious that slit trenches have been allowed to become overgrown with grass, and to contain pools of water or debris. Slit trenches must be kept clean and dry as they are favoured haourages for the mosquito.
2. Following the rain, the amount of surface water will be increased. Commanders will ensure that extra efforts are made to spray such water with malarial.
3. Drains are an essential feature of the Malaria Control Work. Once a drain is cut through or near a unit area, it is reasonable to expect that unit to be sufficiently interested to maintain the drain, keep it clear of debris, coconuts etc, or at least, to ensure that it is not used as a dump or broken down by thoughtless drivers. In future, Commanders will be held responsible for the drains constructed in and about the unit area.
4. Within unit areas, in general, the amount of surface water will be reduced by filling in ruts created by vehicles. As these ruts are usually made by careless or lazy drivers, drivers may be employed especially on this important task.
5. Commanders are reminded that they are personally responsible for malaria control in and about their area and the success of the present campaign can only be maintained if commanders concentrate even greater attention to the discharge of this responsibility. This applies particularly to Commanders of Detachments, many of whom tend to become lax.

659. STATES AND RETURNS - PENDITION OF ("A")

1. AAF W. 3006 (Daily Strength State). Composition of figures appearing under heading "F" (attached not allowed by WE), will be shown on the back of the form, giving numbers by units.
2. In accordance with Amendment No 1 to "Instructions for Records Procedure" as promulgated by NG L of C Area Records Office, AAF W. 3006 will be rendered by all units and detachments commanded by an officer.
3. Personnel on strength of sub-units or detachments not commanded by an officer will be accounted for under heading "F" on W. 3006 of unit to which such sub-unit or detachment is attached for duty, and details shown in accordance with para 1 of this order.

660. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF COAL ("Q")

1. A Coal Dump is situated on Route 2 near LILLIPUT Dump.
2. This coal is held in reserve for the coaling of ships in emergency cases.
3. Units will not remove coal from this dump under any circumstances.

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Lt.-Col
AA & QMG, 5 Aust Div

NOTICES

1. AMENITIES.

- (i) Boxing and Wrestling Contests. Entries close with Amenities Officer 29 Aust Inf Bde 20 May 43 and NOT 24 May as previously notified.

Full details are published in Div Routine Orders Serial No 54 of 3 May 43.

It is desired that all units take an active interest in the contest.

- (ii) Amateur Hour No 2. Amateur Hour No 2 will be held at HAGITA HOUSE Concert Stage on Sunday 23 May 43.

£10 in Canteen Orders will be distributed as prizes over the following sections:-

- (a) Vocal - classical
- (b) Vocal - modern
- (c) Vocal - combination
- (d) Instrumental
- (e) Novelty

Entries to be submitted immediately to Amenities Officer HQ 5 Aust Div or HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

2. LOST.

- (i) Pair of spectacles, hornrimmed in black case branded with maker's name "W.H. PONSFORD, MELBOURNE" were lost between ADOS Office HQ 5 Aust Div and 4 AOD between 1400 hrs and 1700 hrs 15 May 43.

Finder please notify HQ 5 Aust Div.

- (ii) At Picture Show at AMERICAN HQ on 8 May, one .38 S & W Revolver No 3803 complete with web belt, holster and ammunition pouch with 24 rounds. Any information likely to lead to the recovery of the articles to be forwarded to HQ 5 Aust Div immediately.

3. FOUND. In vicinity of HQ AA Gp, 1 Spectacle Case marked NG A. 14/482 VX. 74085 S/Sgt MANNE'S, J.G. Can be claimed on application to "AQ" Branch HQ 5 Aust Div.

O V E R

NOTICES (Contd)

4. MISSING SHIPMENTS ex "DUNDULA"

The following consignments are missing from cargo discharged by "DUNDULA".

8 cases equipment
1 crate machinery
10 large tent poles
26 small tent poles
102 pieces timber
1 motor rim and fitting
1 Wooden block
4 metal bars
1 piece plating
3 hex steel rods
1 tin mercury

Above consignments were branded with blue and yellow stripes.

All Units will notify this HQ's by 25 May as to whether any of these consignments are in their possession.

42 AUST INF BN.
2 May 43.NEWS SHEET NO 82.ISSUED BY 42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SECTION.
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 1 May.43)OPERATIONS.

OWN LAND: GOODENOUGH: The search for five Japanese reported to be in the VEDEKALA area has so far been unsuccessful. The country is reported to be very overgrown and difficult to patrol.

OWN AIR: Apr 30. GREENHILL in the MUBO area was bombed and strafed. LAE was bombed and buildings destroyed. PASMATA was bombed, direct hits being scored on runway. CAPE GLOUCESTER. Six bombers on the strip were bombed and strafed. STEFFEN STRAIT. A convoy of eleven 600 ton cargo vessels was bombed. Nil hits were scored.

ENEMY AIR: A patrol from TAUPOTA reports having found a Japanese plane wrecked about 4,000 ft up in the mountains approx 4 hours' march from HIOGE (approx 10 miles WEST of TAUPOTA). Four dead Japs were in the plane which has been damaged by fire. Ref News Sheet No 80. Further investigation reveals that there is no truth in the report of the Jap prisoner who escaped from a native police boy at WAMAWMANA. No additional capture has been made other than the one reported in News Sheet No 75.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT: In the raid on MORESBY on 12 Apr 43, the enemy made use of a new type of incendiary bomb. A detailed report is not yet to hand but preliminary description is as follows:-

The bomb was a 250Kg (approx 561 lbs) height about 5' 6" and painted battleship grey with a red band on the tail fin. The bomb casting was of poor quality cast steel ranging from 1" thick at the nose to less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " at the tail. The usual burster charge was fitted into the nose and detonated by an impact fuse. An elaborate clockwork time fuse was fitted into the tail and set to burst approx 200 ft above the ground. This would then scatter approx 700 incendiary pellets in all directions up to several hundred yards. The individual pellet was made of iron piping 2.7 inches long and 1.1 inches in diameter, filled with an incendiary material, apparently electron metal impregnated with a rubber composition. The ignition method is not clear but the mixture possibly contains an igniting compound similar to potassium chlorate.

This is the most efficient type of incendiary bomb so far used by the Japanese, and is of extreme danger because of its anti-personnel effect. The best method of extinguishing the pellet is to cover with sand or dirt, or else isolate and allow to burn out.

OTHER FRONTS.

3 AUST DIV: MISSIM area. Portion of a patrol from an Independent Coy attacked the enemy approx 800 yards SW of KOMIATUM at 708943 on 27/28 Apr. Eight Japs were killed; our casualties were 2 killed. Further contact with the enemy was made on 29 Apr by the remainder of the patrol. The patrol withdrew on 29 Apr and are now holding the track at 701948.

MARKHAM AREA: Relief of forward sections of an Independent Coy was completed on 29 Apr.

TUNISIA: The Germans are counter attacking against the 1st and 8th

2.

Armies, but the Allies continue to make suitable gains. General Montgomery attacked along the coast and met strong opposition. Allied a/c sunk two destroyers, a corvette and damaged a destroyer and three other vessels. A single Beau Fighter shot down five JUNKER transport planes.

RUSSIA: The Russians have made slight gains in the Caucasus but operations have been held up by floods.

SECURITY.

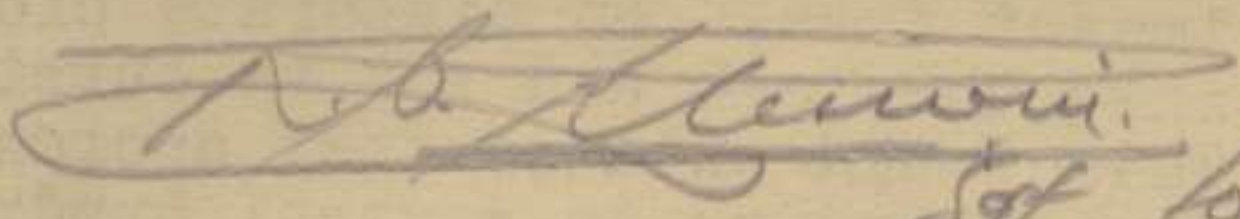
CENSORSHIP: A gradual improvement has been noticed in Unit censorship. A recent check on registered mail, however, revealed that a considerable amount of cash in the form of notes, is still being sent to the mainland. Action is being taken to inform all concerned of a provision of NGF R.O. 178 A which states that cash will not be forwarded to the mainland.

Numerous enquiries from troops have raised the point of why certain military information released to the press in AUSTRALIA may not be discussed in personal correspondence.

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

Secondly, Press reports are of a general nature and except where official approval is given, do not mention units, locations etc whereas troops on the spot writing letters may reveal certain details which have not been officially released and which are still military secrets.

All officers should explain this to their troops.



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I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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42 AUST INF
7 May 43

NEWS SHEET NO 83.

ISSUE BY 42 Aust Inf B Intelligence Section.
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 6 May.43.)

OPERATIONS

OWN AIR. Six B24s bombed shipping and part of the town at 1730K on Tuesday.

Two or three direct hits and several near misses set fire to a 5,000 ton cargo ship, which was later seen listing smoking heavily.

Two 400 or 500 ton ships near the jetties were possibly damaged.

There were large explosions at the SE end of the town area.

Other shipping sighted included one 5,000 ton unidentified vessel and four 400 to 500 ton cargo ships.

ENEMY AIR: Final assessment of the plane losses in the raid on DAR on Sunday was:-

Enemy losses. 5 fighters and 1 bomber destroyed.
4 " probably destroyed.
8 " and 1 bomber damaged.

Allied losses 7 fighters destroyed by enemy
3 " " " petrol shortage
3 " " " engine failure
1 " " " crash landing

Three of our pilots are missing.

BUIN-FAISI. Photo recce of BUIN-FAISI area at 1430K/3 gave the following sightings:-

KAHILI 34 fighters and 4 bombers.
BALLALE 5 fighters and 4 bombers
FAISI 12 floatplanes.

OTHER FRONTS.

3 AUST DIV; MISSIM area. The attack by an Ind Coy on BOEDUBI on 2 and 3 Apr was successful and our troops are now reorganised at BOEDUBI (Approx 3 miles S.W. of SALAMAUA.) No detailed report is available beyond the fact that the JAPANESE withdrew towards SALAMAUA.

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42 Aust Inf Bn
6 May 43.

NEWS SHEET NO. 64

Issued by 42 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Section
(Based on information received up to 1000 hrs 6 May 43)

OPERATIONS.

OWN - AIR: GREENHILL (1 1/2 miles NE of MUBO) was bombed and strafed from 1028 to 1042 yesterday.

OTHER FRONTS.

3 AUST DIV: MUBO area. One patrol moving to DUALI encountered heavy mortar, machine gun and light machinegun fire. The patrol withdrew to the river junction about 2 miles EAST of VICKERS RIDGE on the night of 4/5 May.

MISSIM Area. Following the successful attack by an Ind Coy on BOBDUBI, the enemy is now confined to and surrounded in three positions on BOBDUBI RIDGE.

One platoon from the Coy, in an ambush position 2 1/2 miles SOUTH of BOBDUBI killed 25 of 72 Japanese moving in that area.

WIRELESS NEWS.

TUNISIA: Fighting in TUNISIA continues to favour the Allies - The First Army is only 3 miles from TUNISIA and French-Moroccan and U.S. troops have entered the suburbs of BIZERTA.

Heavy fighting goes on in the air as well as on land.

Allied bombers, a few days ago, sunk 11 ships and raided axis targets in Sicily and Italy.

RUSSIA: In the KUBAN RIVER area in the CAUCASAS the Russians have driven a wedge into the German line and are now only five miles from the last German stronghold.

The Germans have brought in considerable reserves, but the Russians still have control of the air.

Other fronts in Russia are quiet.

ALEUTIANS: The ABC Washington Correspondent advises that US forces have occupied another island in the ALEUTIANS. This island is only 63 miles from KISKA the Jap stronghold.

BURMA: The Japanese have began another attack on the British Army in Burma.

MISCELLANEOUS

RAINFALL: Between 0600 hrs 3 May and 0600 hrs 6 May 13.2 inches of rain fell in Bn HQ area.

JAP LOSSES: Japanese losses this year in the SWPA are as follows:-
Shipping destroyed, 5 cruisers, 10 destroyers, 13 Cargoes etc, 4 subs; probably destroyed, 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 5 cargoes etc, 1 sub; damaged, 1 Aircraft Carrier, 2 cruisers, 10 destroyers, 35 cargoes etc., 1 sub.

A/c destroyed, 54 bombers, 349 fighters; probably destroyed, 18 bombers, 58 fighters; damaged 2 bombers, 13 fighters.

(Note: These figures have been compiled from 5 Aust Div I Summaries and do not include aircraft destroyed on the ground. Shipping losses do not include all sunk as a result of Allied submarine activity.)

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NEWS SHEET NO. 85

ISSUED BY 42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SECTION
(Based on information received up to 1000 hrs 10 May 43)

OPERATIONS.

OWN - AIR: Seven B17s and six B24s heavily bombed and strafed the MADANG aerodrome for an hour yesterday morning. Dispersal areas and dumps were attacked; many fires were started but results generally were not observed.

GREENHILL was bombed and strafed from 0958 to 1014 hrs yesterday.

NEW GEORGIA. Thirty seven divebombers and 8 fighters, covered by another strong force of fighters, attacked MUNDA at 0730 hrs on 6 May. Many fires and explosions were caused. One dive bomber was shot down and one fighter is missing.

OTHER FRONTS.

3 AUST DIV: MARKHAM area. One of our patrols engaged 20 Japanese near MARKHAM POINT (approx 8 miles from MARKHAM RIVER mouth upstream). The enemy casualties were 1 killed and 2 probably killed. Our casualties were 1 wounded.

WIRELESS NEWS.

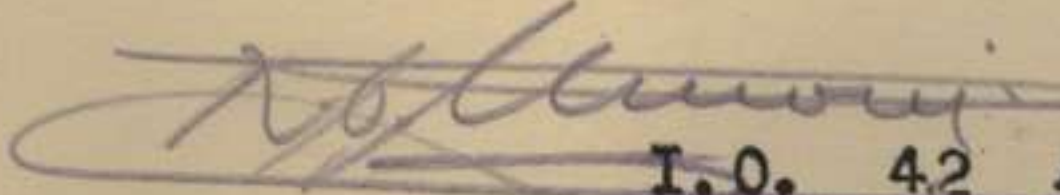
TUNISIA: Both TUNIS and BIZERTA have fallen to the Allies and the German Army is now in the unhappy position of possible encirclement.

The possibility of a large scale evacuation is very slim, but an effort to rescue some tps by motor boat, may be made during the night.

Armoured car units of the Eighth Army were the first to enter TUNIS and the First Army took BIZERTA.

No details of the fighting have yet been released, but it has been announced that 1000 prisoners and much material have been captured.

RUSSIA: Fighting has again broken out in Russia but no details are available, except that in an air battle 240 German planes were destroyed.

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NEWS SHEET NO 86

ISSUED BY THE 42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SECTION
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 10 May 43)

OPERATIONS.

OWN - AIR: Eight Beaufighters and a number of B25s made a concerted attack on MADANG yesterday. Off CAPE KUSSERON all aircraft thoroughly strafed a 1,000 to 1,500 ton cargo vessel whose entire deck and superstructure were crowded with troops. A fire started in the superstructure and later the B25s scored a direct hit on the ship which was probably destroyed.

A 600 ton motor vessel was also bombed and strafed near MADANG and was probably destroyed.

One ZEKE at MADANG was strafed and set on fire. Three other ZEKES on the strip were not attacked because of interception by 10 ZEKES. The planes saw an enemy fighter and a dive-bomber bogged in delta sand near HOPOI.

VUNAKANAU airfield was bombed at 0500 hrs yesterday.

UBILI was bombed and buildings damaged.

ENEMY-SEA:NEW HANOVER:

A Japanese convoy of 8 vessels was sighted off NEW HANOVER at 1137 hrs yesterday on a course which, if continued would take it down the SW coast of NEW IRELAND. The convoy comprised:-

Two 10,000/12,000 ton cargo vessels
One 8,000/10,000 ton cargo vessel
Two 6,000/8,000 ton cargo vessels
One cruiser
Two Destroyers

They were then 10 miles SOUTH of CAPEMATANALEM doing 10 to 12 knots on a course of 130 degrees.

Three quarters of an hour later on 6,000/8,000 ton vessel escorted by a destroyer was sighted NE of CAPE MATANALEM. It was travelling in 12 to 15 knots on a course of 160 deg

NEW BRITAIN:

In a recce yesterday the following sightings were made at different places along the NORTH of NEW BRITAIN from MATUI POINT southward to LAPOI:-

One 100 ton lugger on beach
Two camouflaged launches on reef
Two launches on their sides on a reef
Ten camouflaged launches along the shore
Two landing barges on one reef, eight landing barges on another reef and one barge on a third.

No personnel were seen near any of these stationary craft

A 60ft launch containing 15 men and supplies was sighted on the SW coast of UMBOI (ROOKE) ISLAND. It showed the white flag and was run on to a reef. The men jumped ashore and dispersed.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV.


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MUBO AREA:-

An enemy position near GREENHILL was unsuccessfully attacked with air support on Friday morning. Our casualties were 1 killed and four wounded.

MISSIM AREA:-

An enemy position about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile SOUTH of BODDUBI was attacked at 1200 hrs on Friday. The position was occupied and three counter attacks were beaten off. A fourth counter attack preceded by mortar fire forced our troops to withdraw. Our casualties were 1 wounded. Total enemy casualties were 17 killed, including 10 ambushed on the previous day approx $\frac{1}{2}$ mile farther SOUTH.


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I.O. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NEWS SHEET NO 87

ISSUED BY THE 42 AUST INF BDN INTELLIGENCE SECTION
(based on information received up to 0900 hrs 10 May 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR: KOMIATUM village and track were strafed from 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs 9 May.

Airfields at WEWAK, BUT, MADANG, CAPE GLOUCESTER, FINSCHHAFEN and GASMATA were attacked.

ENEMY-SEA: A message received on the 5 May states that there are indications that a Japanese submarine unloads supplies at SALAMAUA nightly. This follows a previous report that on 20 Apr, two vessels not unlike submarines were sighted near a buoy in SALAMAUA harbour.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV:

MISSIM AREA:

On 7 May our troops gained high ground a few hundred yards SE of BOBDUBI itself. From this point enemy mortar positions could be observed. Later the enemy was observed digging in about 400 yards SSE of BOBDUBI.

On 8 May at 0600 hrs 60 enemy reinforcements were ambushed near this position. Twenty were killed and many wounded. We suffered no casualties.

MUBO AREA:

Patrol activity discloses that OBSERVATION HILL is only lightly held by the enemy.

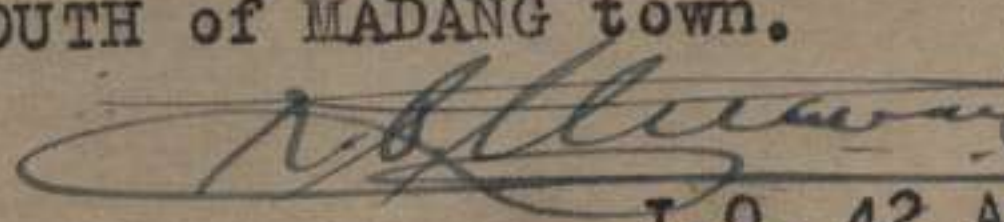
MADANG - BOGADJIM HINTERLAND

Information from a reliable source states that the natives in the SAIDOR are collaborating with the enemy to such an extent that it is impossible for our party to operate in the coastal and inland areas WEST of SAIDOR. Native raiding parties from the hill have destroyed two of our dumps and as the Japanese are punishing natives who assist the Allies, it is difficult for our small force to continue their activities.

In the BUNDI area an enemy patrol is reported to have entered INAMKEP. (This place is not shown on maps, but from directions would be approximately 20 miles WEST of BOGADJIM) This patrol came from KALAU and EGOI on 29 Apr, and is probably part of security plan to protect the coastal road and occupied districts from interference by Allied patrols.

According to native reports all houses and copra sheds at BOGADJIM are occupied by the enemy. Further NORTH, enemy troops are at mouth of the GOGOL River on the MADANG side.

It is noted that a new airfield has been made at MADANG by cutting the coconut trees on either side of the ~~road~~ MODILON ROAD. MODILON is a large plantation covering the remainder of the peninsula SOUTH of MADANG town.

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NEWS SHEET NO 88

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN
(based on information received up to 0900 hrs 12 May 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR: On 10 May 7 B25s bombed the runway at CAPE GLOUCESTER with unobserved results.

6 A20s bombed and strafed LABU LAGOON (near LAE)

Recce aircraft bombed FINSCHHAFEN MISSION and also bombed and strafed camouflaged lanches at TALASEA.

Camouflaged boats at MANASANA and DECEPTION POINT (EAST of TALASEA) were also strafed.

Allied aircraft bombed and strafed BABO (NW DUTCH NEW GUINEA) starting over 20 fires, one of which was in vast proportions in the vicinity of oil tanks.

Explosions were also caused which shook and lit aircraft at 6,000ft.

Three aircraft were seen destroyed. At least 20 on the drome were strafed and many considered to be destroyed or damaged.

ENEMY- AIR:-

MILNE BAY Raid No.25. Red 1839 hrs; all clear 1857 hrs. One or two probable BETTYS, flying at approx 25,000 feet dropped ~~7~~ 6 bombs, four of which fell near GIBARA and two in the vicinity of HIWOLA IS. Nil damage or casualties reported. AA engaged with no observed results.

NW Sector:

Enemy aircraft raided MILLINGIMBI (approx 250 miles EAST of DARWIN) on the 9 and 10 May.

On 9 May seven SALLYS caused slight damage and a few casualties. One Beaufighter intercepted and possibly damaged 1 SALLY

On 10 May 3 aircraft again attacked unsuccessfully, one ZEKE being possibly destroyed.

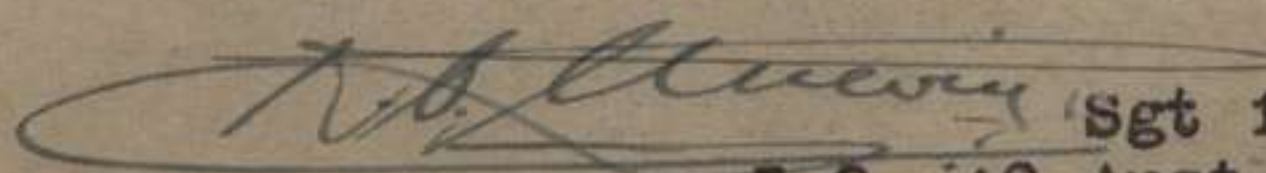
OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV:

In the MUBO area on 9 May the enemy unsuccessfully attacked an ambush party on the flank of our positions NORTH of VICKERS RIDGE.

The enemy has reinforced his troops on OBSERVATION HILL AND re-occupied positions at 692858 and WOODY IS between BITOI RIVER and DRY CREEK.

No further activity is reported in the MISSIM area.

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42 Aust Inf Bn,
13 May 43

NEWS SHEET NO 89

(Issued by Int Sec 42 Aust Inf Bn based on information received up to
0900 hrs 12 May 43)

OWN AIR

SABAH: At 0400 K/11 VUNAKANAU airfield and ANAK were bombed. A village and barges at LABU LAGOON were bombed and strafed. CAPE GLOUCESTER airfield was bombed during the day.

ENEMY SEA: At 0610 K/11 an enemy submarine fired three torpedoes at a small merchant vessel approx 40 miles SW SAMARAI. The vessel took evasive action and was not hit. Two torpedoes passed ahead, one at 200 feet, one at 80 feet and another passing 50 feet astern.

Twelve depth charges were dropped by an escorting vessel, but there was no definite evidence that they took effect. An a/c on escort duty sighted torpedo tracks but the submarine itself was not sighted.

ENEMY AIR: Further details received of the enemy raid on MILLINGIBI on 10 May state that 9 Zekes attacked the strip at 0905 K. One ~~Zeke~~ Beaufighter was destroyed and two others damaged on the ground. Five Spitfires intercepted, destroying two Zekes, one probably destroyed and two others damaged. One Spitfire was shot down.

OTHER FRONTS

3 Aust Div: Considerable local activity in the HUBB area is reported. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

To the east of VICKERS RIDGE a small party of our troops engaged the enemy while others attempted to by-pass the position and gain the track in the rear. The attempt was unsuccessful owing to the enemy's defensive positions. It is estimated that there were 60 Japs in this area.

HONGBE TO SALAMABA:

DUALI

A Jap Marine Force is in occupation from ~~the~~ south to CAPE ROOM with small outposts on JAWANI and LABABIA Is. They had an CP on a hill 400 feet high inland from DUALI.

The patrol estimates the enemy strength prior to the ~~12 Apr~~ 12 Apr at about 500, but at the time of reporting an unknown number of reinforcements were arriving from LAE. The enemy is reported to have many Bren type MGs also many grenades and short carbines.

Among the Japs the death rate from dysentery and malaria is high and food shortage is acute. They even visited BUSO to kill the village dogs for food.

Although HQ is in the town proper, the main Jap garrison in SALAMABA is reported to be in KILA residential area, with field arty pieces on the mountain behind. The troops are in the vicinity of LOGUI.

It is considered that the natives in KAI-AMI, PAI-ANA, SIPOMA, BUSO and KUI VILLAGES are all in sympathy, but due to ~~some~~ coercion, are forced to accede to Japanese wishes. The natives around DUALI and LABABIA are pro-Japanese. A/c report that the track along the coast from DUALI to HASSAU BAY shows signs of heavy and recent usage, many foot ruts being clearly visible in the soft ground.

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42 Aust Inf Bn
14 May 43

NEWS SHEET NO. 90
ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN
(based on information received up to 0900 hrs 14 May)

OPERATIONS

OWN ↓ AIR: One B24 dropped 6 bombs on SALAMAUA at 1257 hrs 12 May. A direct hit was obtained on one building.

At 0131K/12 one Catalina bombed the strip at CAPE CLOUCESTER. No results were observed.

At 0830 hrs a recon aircraft dropped 4 x 500 lbs bombs on the old strip.

At 0745K/12 B25s bombed and strafed FINSCHHAFEN airfield and mission. The runway was hit and one building was destroyed.

ENEMY-AIR: MERAUKE was raided by 9 BETTYS at 1133 yesterday. An ammunition dump was destroyed and other dumps were damaged.

ENEMY-SEA: Sightings 12 May were :-

WEWAK : At 0830 hrs
~~One~~ One 500 to 1000 ton cargo vessel in harbour.
One 2000 to 4000 ton cargo vessel approaching harbour.

KAVIENG : AT 1020 hrs
One 500 ton and two 2000 ton cargo vessels

GASMATA : A submarine was sighted 50 miles SOUTH of GASMATA at 2000 hrs 12 May. It was travelling at 14 Knots on a 260 degree course. The submarine submerged as the aircraft was overhead.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV :

MUBO area:

After our troops had regained contact with the Coy on LABABIA RIDGE (~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~) the enemy counter attacked with determination but was driven off. Our casualties were 2 killed and 7 wounded. The enemy is consolidating a position 1/2 mile NW of the LABABIA OP.

One of our companies has arrived at SKINDIWAI

MISSIM area

At first light on 11 May our patrols found that the enemy positions at BOBDUBI were unoccupied. Our troops occupied enemy positions on BOBDUBI ridge and, from then, a small force contacted the enemy one mile SOUTH of BOBDUBI (712992) Our casualties were one wounded.

The force took up a position covering a track slightly to the WEST. In the afternoon 12 Japanese moving SOUTH were ambushed half a mile NORTH of KOMIATUM. Five were killed and 1 wounded. Another group of JAPANESE (estimated at 100) was seen in the area but was not attacked.

MARKHAM Valley area:

(a) A possible new strip has been constructed by the enemy at a point just EAST of the LERON River, 25 miles NW of ~~XXXXX~~ GABSONKEK. It is located in the centre of a burnt off area which runs NW and SE. The pilot who reported sighting the strip considered that aircraft could be landed on it.

3 AUST DIV:

MARKHAM Valley area contd:-

- (b) As the new strip is located 25 miles WNW of BOANA, it may have been the work of an enemy party which visited BOANA on 22 Apr and left in a NW direction.

MADANG area:

- (a) Enemy development in this area is continuing.
- (b) At MELANAUA Harbour, just WEST of MARAKUM (12 miles east of BOGADJIM), objects resembling crates or trucks were seen being ferried across the mouth of a small river. There were stores on both banks, and a possible bridge under construction.
- (c) An earlier report stated that a road was being built from BOGADJIM to TOBO (on the coast approx 6 miles SOUTH of BOGADJIM).
- (d) Japanese kiapa (administrative officers) are reported to be at SEK, NAGADA (on the MADANG - SEK Road), and AMELE (8 miles SW of MADANG).

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NEWS SHEET NO 91

ISSUED BY 42 AUST INF BN "I" Sec, BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED ~~IN~~
FROM 0900 HRS 13 MAY TO 0900 HRS 14 MAY.

OPERATIONSOWN AIR:

RABAUL-At 0426 hrs on 13 May B 17s bombed the VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI airfields. Barracks at the latter place were hit. Eight B 25s and six B 25s bombed and strafed dump and ~~camp~~ areas at GASMATA. Barge traffic along the coast of NEW BRITAIN was strafed.

ENEMY SEA: *

At 0306 hrs 13 May one of our vessels reported submarine indications 20 miles SW of BRUMER IS. No further indications or reports have been received.

ENEMY AIR:

PORT MORESBY air raid No 107. Two enemy a/c were over DURAND strip. Five flares were dropped around the strip. Six to eight bombs fell in the hill SE of the strip. Nil damage or casualties. A/a unsuccessfully engaged.
ORO BAY- Air raid in progress approx 0900 ~~13~~ ¹⁴ May.

OTHER FRONTS3 Aust Div:

In the Mubo area casualties inflicted on the enemy from 9 to 11 May are estimated at 63.

Our patrols in the GREEN HILL area on 12 May report ~~th~~ that the enemy has withdrawn to the ~~temple~~ PIMPLE.

Thirty of the enemy were killed in the MISSIM area and many wounded.

One mile south of BOBDUBI our forces were attacked on 12 May. Attack repulsed. Enemy casualties unknown, ours one wounded.

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NEWS SHEET NO.92

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN
(based on information received up to 0900 hrs 16 May)

OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR: 14 May:

Beaufighters and B25s bombed and thoroughly strafed the GASMATA area and airfield.

Five A20s bombed and strafed the old strip at CAPE GLOUCESTER
Two large fires were started.

B17s bombed WEWAK drome. Bombs fell on the target but results were unobserved due to the glare from the searchlights.

BORAM strip was also bombed by B17s causing several large fires and two explosions.

ENEMY-SEA: Reinforcements to LAE - SALAMAUA

Further sightings of submarines off Cape ORFORD followed by the reported presence of submarines in the HUON GULF show the continued use by the enemy of such craft to bring supplies to this sector.

A small cargo boat was reported to be unloading at SALAMAUA in the early hours of 8 May. Heavy weather was setting in and despite a special search later in the morning this vessel could not be located.

Sightings of barges along the Northern coast of NEW BRITAIN have been more numerous than usual. On 8 May a barge containing supplies and fifteen armed and equipped troops was strafed off the Southern tip of ROOKE Island. The following day, five barges loaded with bales were in the same area being unloaded by approx one hundred and fifty Japanese. These sightings indicate that the use of small craft from RABAU along the northern coast of NEW BRITAIN to ROOKE Island and via FINSCHHAFEN is possibly one of the enemy's methods of re-inforcing the LAE area.

ENEMY-AIR.

DOBODURA. At 2130k/13 3 aircraft dropped an unknown number of bombs. No damage or casualties reported.

ORO BAY. At 1034K/14, 20 medium bombers escorted by 20 to 25 fighters bombed ORO BAY and PORT HARVEY. Eleven P38s and 32 P40s intercepted the enemy aircraft 10 miles before they reached the target. Eight ZEKES, 1 HAP, 7 BETTYS were destroyed; 5 BETTYS and 1 ZEKE were probably destroyed. One P38 pilot bailed out (possibly missing); 1 P40 crash landed and the Pilot is safe. One loaded petrol barge and 1 Bitumen dump was destroyed. Our casualties were 8 injured. At PORT HARVEY the damage is undetermined.

At LAE on 14 May it was reliably reported that there were 35 fighters on the drome.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV:

The only activity reported was in the MISSIM Area where a party of 13 Japanese moving along the track one mile NORTH of KOMIATUM was machinegunned 8 being killed.

MADANG-RAMU:-

There is a marked increase in enemy activity in this area where a Patrol reports that the Japanese have mapped the area KESAWAI to KOREPA (about 23 miles SSW BOGADJIM) on the old trade route. Many natives are known to have crossed the RAMU recently owing to lack of food caused by enemy looting of gardens. Our patrols are endeavouring to induce them to remain on the south

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV.

MADANG → RAMU contd.

side of the river.

Natives state that the enemy has occupied all buildings at BOGADJIM and is making base camps at IGOI (36 miles SW MADANG) and KULAU (40 miles ENE IGOI).

A regular enemy patrol to MUSAK is maintained but it is now reported to have returned to BOGADJIM, presumably to make a report on its reconnaissance. The enemy has informed the natives that they intend patrolling to GUIEBA and BUNDI at an early date.

The proximity of BUNDI to the IWAM PASS, which cuts the BISMARCK Range, may indicate future Japanese plans to occupy the MT HAGEN - BENA BENA plateau.

WIRELESS NEWSITALY BOMBED:

Heavy bombing of Sicily and Southern Italy has followed the surrender of the German Army in Tunisia.

Both RAF and US bombers are being used in the blitz which is heavier than any yet experienced by Italy.

More than 1000 bombers took part and met very little opposition, only a few planes failing to return.

German aid to Italy has been promised, but Hitler has so far gone no further than to promise.

In the meantime Germany is fortifying the BREMNER PASS in case Italy falls.

An unconfirmed report says that two Vatican Officials have gone to Turkey to confer with Allied representatives. The purpose of their visit it is said is to investigate the possibility of a separate peace for Italy.

The Naval base at BIZERTA is quickly being rebuilt by England.

In addition to the bombing of Southern Italy, the RAF continued its attacks on Germany and occupied France.

ACTIVITY IN THE ALEUTIANS:

Increased American activity in the Aleutians is reported and an Island 170 miles west of KISKA and 2000 miles from TOKIO has been retaken. This move considerably reduces the value of KISKA to the Japanese.

CHURCHILL - ROOSEVELT CONFERENCE:

Neither Mr Churchill nor President Roosevelt will make a Statement until their conference is completed.

RUSSIA:

The Russian Air Force has continued its bombing on the Eastern front.

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NEWS SHEET NO.93

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTALION
(based on information received up 0900 hrs 17 May)

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OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR:

At 2000K and 2219K/14 our heavy bombers attacked VUNAKANAU AIRFIELD WITH FIRES STARTED.

GASHATA airfield was bombed and strafed by our medium bombers at 0630K/15.

A large attacking force failed to ~~find~~ locate the enemy convey reported off ARAWA at 0800K/15.

Four efforts to attack LAE airfield were unsuccessful owing to bad weather.

Our recon aircraft shot down 4 enemy fighters in encounters on 15 May 43.

ENEMY-AIR:

WAI.

At 0930K/15 20 enemy bombers escorted by 9 fighters raided the airfield. Nil damage to aircraft or strip. Nil casualties reported.

PORT MORESBY:

Raid No.108. At 1930K/15 two aircraft made a run from SW. At least 4 large daisy cutters were dropped at DURAND. One of our medium bombers was damaged by fragments and some aircraft instruments were destroyed. Our casualties were two personnel with broken ear drums. Searchlights located and AA engaged with unobserved results. One of our night-fighters intercepted when the enemy aircraft were leaving the target shooting down one SALLY in flames.

Raid No.109. At 2031 and 2047K/15 two flights of SALLYS made runs over the area. Searchlights located and AA engaged. No further details available.

ORO BAY:

Our casualties in raid 14 May are now 2 killed and 12 wounded.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUSTRALIAN DIV:

MISSIM AREA:

At 1245K/14 BOBUBI RIDGE was heavily shelled and mortared from NUKNUK and the vicinity of KELA, followed by an enemy attack in force from the KOMIATUM track. Our casualties were 1 killed and 4 wounded. -An independent company is counter attacking.

At 1600K/14 our troops moving SOUTH down the FRANCISCO RIVER TO TURN THE ENEMY'S right flank, met a large number of enemy and withdrew to secure the track at the NORTH end of BOBUBI RIDGE.

Our troops withdrew from BOBUBI RIDGE and took positions in the vicinity of KUNDA BRIDGE. The enemy consolidated on the BRIDGE but did not advance to the WEST of it. Our casualties were 3 killed and 8 wounded. It is estimated that 60 enemy were killed and many wounded.

At 0810K/15 9 enemy bombers and 15 fighters bombed and strafed KUNDA BRIDGE. Later 40 dive bombers attacked the same area. No details are available.

WIRELESS NEWS

EUROPEAN WAR:

With its "heel" severely bruised by BRITISH and American bombers, its navy rendered useless and invasion expected daily, Italy is in a panic.

Rome Radio on Saturday appealed to the people that in the event of an invasion, to stay off the roads and keep them open for military traffic.

The Italian Secretary for the Navy says that the Adriatic and other seas adjacent to Italy are filled with British ships and that the Italian Navy would be unable to repel an invasion.

British and American bombers raided Sardinia. Stally and the

WIRELESS NEWSEUROPEAN WAR contd:

south of Italy and a town (Civitatevecchia) only 37 miles ^{from Rome} was pounded.

Several ships have been damaged and at least three sunk

During the last 72 hours, 8000 tons of bombs have been dropped by the RAF on Germany and occupied France, the main targets being railways.

US bombers made a "satisfactory" raid on the German U-Boat base of Raden. The raid was described as one of the heaviest of the war.

CHURCHILL-ROOSEVELT CONFERENCE:

Allied "war nerves" is advanced by Tokio as the reason for the conference between Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt. But Japan has warned its people to expect reverses as the conference will probably result in greater forces being sent against her.

ALEUTIANS:

US officials report that fighting in the Aleutians continue to favour the Allies, who are consolidating after taking Attu

Tokio Radio told its listeners that US forces had now advances to the tip of the Aleutians Islands

BURMA:

Japanese positions in Burma were bombed. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and three damaged.

RUSSIA:

Russia is joining in the air war on the Axis. In the last few days 17 enemy aircraft have been destroyed, 300 trains and a number of supply lorries wrecked.

Russian planes also raided Smol, White Russia and Orel causing heavy damage.

The Germans are reported to be massing near Kharkev and fighting is reported about Leningrad.

"PATTERN FOR PEACE". Roman Catholics in Australia have been given pamphlets entitled "Pattern for Peace". The pamphlets set out aims for post war reconstruction. Some of the aims are: Encourage the emigration of other Roman Catholics, increased wages for the working man, homes to be owned by the working man, and the reform of the educational system so that spiritual education is treated more seriously.

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42 AUST INF BN.
18 May 43.

NEWS SHEET NO. 94.

ISSUED BY INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN.
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 18 May.)

OPERATIONS.

OWN-AIR : B24s bombed VUNAKANAU, bombs falling in the target area. Fires were started but full results could not be observed.

LAE airfield was bombed and strafed at 1120 hrs, 2030 hrs, and 2200 hrs on 15 May.

FINSCHHAFEN MISSION was bombed at 0243K/16 with unobserved results.

ENEMY-SEA: At 0400K/14 an Allied Hospital ship was sunk NE Cape Moreton. So far 55 survivors have been reported.

ENEMY-AIR: LAE 0630K/16. Twenty ZEKES and ten BETTYS were sighted on drome.

OTHER FRONTS.

MADANG AREA. It is reported that there are servicable bridges across the GORI and MINDJIN RIVERS (approx 15/20 miles SOUTH of MADANG). These bridges are near the river mouth. No Bridges were located on rivers within eight miles of MARKHAM VILLAGE. NURU RIVER Bridge is badly damaged and is being rebuilt.

WIRELESS NEWS

ITALY SUFFERING
FROM "NERVES"

Many rumours, which are being treated with reserve in England are current about Italy's war "Nerves". One is that the King has abdicated and the panic stricken people are rioting. Another is that Mussolini's cabinet has resigned and that Hitler has left the country to its fate by withdrawing all German soldiers and the Gestapo.

Wishful thinking probably accounted for the rumour that the Italian Govt were putting out peace "feelers", but it is supported to some extent by the peace mission of Vatican Officials to Turkey where the Head of the R.C. Church in US is visiting.

Commenting on the rumours the "London Times" says it is unlikely that Hitler will leave Italy on the shelf because it would give the Allies complete control of the Mediterranean and supply them with bases from which to bomb German Industrial centres in Czecho Slovakia.

AIR RAIDS.

Germany raided Ne England. It is expected the casualties will be heavy.

The R.A.F. and U.S.A.F bombed Germany, the raids being satisfactory.

RUSSIA.

A German counter attack 130 miles SE Kharkov was repulsed

CHINA.

The Japs bombed the U.S. airfield at CHUNGLING. This base is within bombing range of Japan. The US fighters were waiting for the Jap planes - 36 bombers and 30 fighters and 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed and ten probably destroyed.

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ALUES:ANS:

Fighting on ATTU is continues to favour US troops.
Weather is unsuitable for large scale air activity but
as soon as it clears the Americans have threatened to
bomb Kiska.



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NEWS BULLETIN NO. 95.

ISSUED BY INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN.
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 19 May)

OPERATIONS.

OWN - AIR : On 17 May 7 B25s bombed the drome at GASMATA. A supply dump was hit and fires were started. Following the mission the runway was definitely unserviceable.
On 18 May 6 Beauforts also attacked GASMATA drome. All bombs fell in the target area but results were not observed.

ENEMY -AIR : At 1250K/17 22 bombers escorted by approx. 20 fighters raided the WAU area. Casualties reported to 1500 hrs were 1 offr and 4 O/Rs. wounded. No damage is reported. The airfield is still serviceable.

WIRELESS NEWS.

LANCASTERS DESTROY DAMS. For months selected Lancaster crews trained and planned for a big job. During the weekend conditions were perfect for the flight they had to make but instead of bombs they carried mine s - their target two big dams in Germany. Both dams were situated in the Ruhr Valley and millions of tons of rushing water carried away everything before it- even villages. Railways were washed out and three big industrial towns, including Essen were seriously effected. Heavy rains swelled the rivers and filled both dams to capacity.
This idea of smashing dams came from a refugee from the continent and in addition to the Lancaster crews, only six men in England knew the destination of the planes as they soared across the channel.

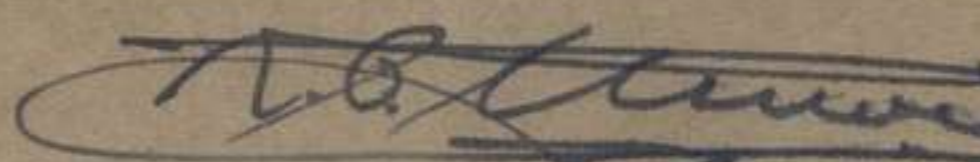
ITALYS NERVES. Italys war "nerves" have not been improved by the bombing of the seaplane base 15 miles from Rome. After the raid pamphlets were dropped over the city by British bombers.
Algiers claim that Italy is looking for peace.

AXIS OVER ENGLAND. German planes bombed England and Wales. Little damage was done but there were some casualties.

RUSSIA. A German counter attack in the Donetz Basin was repulsed by the Russians who consolidated, despite other German counter attacks.

ALEUTIANS. The secretary for the U.S. Navy Col. Knox, announced that fighting on Attu Is. is favouring the Americans. Tokio radio says that Japanese troops are attacking from the north south and east.

AUST. HOSPITAL SHPI SUNK. Striking without warning at 0410 hrs on Friday morning, a Jap submarine sunk the newly-commissioned hospital ship "Centaur" only sixty miles outside Moreton Bay. There were 363 on board and about 60 were rescued by plane 36 hrs after the disaster. Of the seven women on board only one was saved. When she was attacked the hospital ship was brightly illuminated and without escort. There was no possibility of the ship being mistaken for a cargo vessel. The "Centaur" was on its way to N.G. and carried no soldiers. The ship sank in three minutes. The 3000 ton vessel which sailed on the Fremantle-Singapore route before the war, was commissioned as a hospital ship only 2 months ago.

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42 AUST INF BN.
20 May 43.

NEWS BULLETIN NO. 96.

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN.
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 20 May 43.)

OWN-AIR. :Liberators bombed the VUNAKANAU airfield on early morning 18 May.

ENEMY-AIR. :At 1116 hrs 18 May one enemy fighters~~s~~ strafed the airfield at WAU.

ENEMY-SEA: It is suspected that enemy mines have been laid off the Queensland coast in the vicinity of FITZROY Is.

WIRELESS NEWS.

MINED DAMS. The two German dams that were mined by the Lancasters continue to cause widespread devastation. Recce planes report the area a "Sea of Water" and one large town 20 miles away is completely flooded.

MUSSOLINI'S APPEAL. :In an order of the day to the Italian people Mussolini said "Keep faith in victory in this our hour of trial". Allied air attacks on the country continue.

RUSSIANS. :The position in Russia is the same except for small gains by Soviet troops.

ALEUTIANS: U.S. troops have taken an advantage point called "Rocky Ridge" on Attu Is. If the weather clears the Americans say the island will be theirs in a week.

WAKE ISLAND BOMBED. U.S. bombers raided Wake Is. which was taken by the Japs at the beginning of the Pacific War. Two Zero's were shot down and two damaged.

LAST NIGHT'S RAID. An unknown number of enemy a/c dropped at least four A/P bombs in vicinity of B Coy area. A small petrol dump was destroyed but there were no casualties.

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42 AUST INF BN.
21 MAY 43.

NEWS BULLETIN NO. 97.

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN.
 (based on information received up to 1000 hrs 21 May 43.)

OPERATIONS.

OWN-AIR. One of our heavy bombers raided CAPE GLOUCESTER and ARAWA on 18 May with unobserved results. On the same day a medium bomber attacked the jetty near GASMATA.

ENEMY-AIR. WAU - Further information on the raid of 18 May discloses that 23 single seater fighters dropped approx. 10 bombs, one of them strafing the airfield from 50 feet.

DOUGLAS HARBOUR. On 18 May this area was bombed. No damage or casualties were sustained. One enemy a/c. reported shot down by A/A.

MILNE BAY
 RAID NO. 26 Red-2116K/18. All clear 2203K/18. Three or four bombers at ²³⁰⁰⁰~~29000~~ ft dropped approx. 10 bombs between the Pontoon Wharf and Turnbull Strip. A dump of approx. 50 drums of petrol was destroyed and a ~~Tk~~ tent and portee were damaged. No casualties were reported. A/A engaged firing 41 rounds ^{of heavy} and ~~some~~ .50 fired at flares dropped by bombers. Night fighters sighted but could not make contact.

WIRELESS NEWS.

ANOTHER DAM MINED. Britain dropped mines in another dam in the Ruhr. The walls of the dam have not broken yet but are expected to do so.

ATTU Is. In the battle for Attu Is. in the Aleutians, U.S. forces have joined and have the Japs with their backs to the sea.

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ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN
(based on information received up to 0900 hrs 22 May)

OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR

GASMATA airfield was attacked by our heavy bombers on 19 May. Results were unobserved. On 20 May they bombed the airfield exploding a possible ammunition dump. During the same day a heavy bomber attacked the airfield starting a fire.

Our medium bombers between 20 and 21 May attacked coastal dumps between the jetty and the runway. All bombs fell in the target area which was then strafed. A small 50 ton vessel ran ashore 4 miles EAST of the airfield. An enemy night fighter intercepted. One of our aircraft is missing.

CAPE GLOUCESTER new strip was bombed by a heavy bomber on 20 May with unobserved results.

RABAU. Our heavy bombers attacked VUNAKANAU airfield on 20 May ~~with unobserved results~~, starting a number of fires. An AA position was silenced and a searchlight was destroyed. Other results were unobserved.

SALAMAUA. Our Bostons bombed and strafed the FRANCISCO RIVER on 20 May.

ENEMY-SEA

One of our heavy bombers dropped 3 x 500 lb bombs on a 5,000 ton cargo vessel about 150 miles NORTH of CAPE GLOUCESTER. Results were unobserved.

ENEMY-AIR

DOUGLAS HARBOUR. On 19 May 12 enemy a/c strafed a 12 and 50 ton supply ship. The 12 ton vessel was burnt out, beached and is a total loss. The 50 ton vessel was beached and was slightly damaged. Our casualties were 2 natives killed and 3 members of the ship's crew wounded.

REF MILNE BAY RAID NO.26. Reports from our troops at WEDAU indicate the possibility of one enemy bomber coming down in the sea off CAPE FRERE, and another going down towards GOODENOUGH. An RAAF launch searched the CAPE FRERE area but no trace was found.

An air raid was reported in progress at DOBODURA on 19 May.

PORT MORESBY. On the same night approx 16 bombs were dropped at RORONA near the AROA River.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV.

MISSIM AREA:

On 19 May our patrol contacted 20 enemy on a track at a point about 2 miles NW of BUGASU. Our casualties were 1 missing; the enemy 2 killed.

WIRELESS NEWS FROM USA.

RAF BLITZ.

The RAF flew into its ninth day of non-stop bombing of German targets. As the bombers dropped their load, Mr Anthony Eden was telling the world, and especially the Axis powers, that England intended to carry on its bombing day by day and hour by hour until the hour of victory.

British engineers have estimated that German workmen will take two years to repair the damage caused to their dams by British bombing.

A US engineer pointed out that if this policy was followed in the Far East, the German attack would be "child's Play" in comparison to similar attacks on the Japanese dams.

73 AXIS PLANES

DESTROYED RAF and US bombers continued their attacks on SARDINIA and SICILY. Five airfields were attacked. Axis planes intercepted

WIRELESS NEWS contd.

and 29 of them were shot down. In addition 44 were destroyed on the ground, total 73. Only four allied planes failed to return.

RUSSIA.

At least four German counter attacks have been repulsed by the Russians. Most of these have been in the Caucasus area. Six German troop-carrying motor vessels were sunk in the Black Sea. In the Leningrad sector eight German planes were shot down

ATTU AIR STRIP

TAKEN

Little of Attu Island is now in Japanese hands and US troops have captured FARANA, which dominates the only pocket of Jap resistance at Chichagof Harbour. Other Jap resistance is confined to sniping.

Large supply and ammunition dumps and material have been captured and the Jap built air strip is also in US hands.

JAP ADMIRAL

DEAD

Tokio Radio has announced the death of Admiral Yamamoto, commander of the combined naval fleet. It is said that he was killed in a war plane.

Admiral Yamamoto is the man who boasted that he would dictate the terms of peace in the White House.

RECORD BOMB

LOAD ON BURMA

Allied aircraft dropped 125 tons of bombs while attacking Japanese targets and installations in Burma

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NEWS SHEET NO. 99

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 23 May)

OPERATIONS

OWN - AIR: Our medium bombers strafed and bombed 10 barges NE of SERK ISLAND, near ALEXISHAVEN on 20 May. They sank 5 and thoroughly strafed the remaining 5 which were beached.

RABAUL. Our heavy bombers again attacked VUNAKANAU at 21 May starting large fires. GASHATA was bombed by our heavy bombers. Beaufighters strafed HOTE and CISENBOB (MISSIN area) in direct support of our forward troops.

ENEMY-AIR: WAU was raided on 21 May. P38s intercepted 15 to 20 HAPS, ZEKES and OSCARS, destroying 7 certain, 5 probables. An unknown number of enemy aircraft bombed and strafed one assault landing craft on the LAKEKANU River about 20 miles NORTH of TERAPO. No damage or casualties resulted.

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV. **MISSIN AREA.** CISENBOB was unsuccessfully attacked by the enemy at 0700 hrs on 20 May. However further enemy pressure forced our troops out of the village by 1945 hrs. They withdrew to a defence position. Our casualties were 2 wounded and 1 missing. The enemy's casualties are estimated at 50 to 60.

WIRELESS NEWS

GERMANY BOMBED: Two more heavy raids have been launched by US bombers on the German U-Boat bases of Emden and Wilhelmshaven. Emden's raid lasted for an hour and the other raid for 40 minutes.

The last time Emden was raided by US bombers was on Saturday and it was the fourth time US planes had bombed Wilhelmshaven.

The British Minister for Air (Mr Sinclair) again announced that the only way the war would end would be by an unconditional surrender of the Axis powers. He said the air raids were no longer just raids but battles. They would continue day and night. US planes bombing by day and the RAF by night.

"I am in favour of continual day and night bombing" he said "and that is what Germany is going to get".

The number of enemy planes destroyed in the Mediterranean during the last two days is now 186.

Enemy planes attacked Malta, but British fighters met them and soon broke up their formations. Of the 30 to 40 bombers that went over two were shot down and some damaged. A few bombs were dropped, but they caused little damage.

SUPER BOMBERS: From America again comes the news that "Super" Bombers will soon be raiding Germany. A spokesman said they were already in production and were "bigger and better" than any other bombers at present in the air. (It will be remembered that some time ago America promised planes that would carry from 20 to 30 tons of bombs).

RUSSIA. Fighting in Russia continues on many fronts, but most of all in the vicinity of Novorossisk. NE of this city the Russians have consolidated. The Germans prepared to counter attack again but the Russians beat them to it and attacked first.

Moscow reported that the Poles are showing their hatred for the Germans in a realistic manner. At one place 50 Germans were killed and at another three German officers in a Staff car were killed. In addition a big ammunition train was derailed.

ATTU ISLAND. On Attu Island the Japanese have been driven on to a narrow peninsular and are faced with surrender or liquidation. Tokio radio is pessimistic, but says the forces are still counter-attacking. Later news says that the Japanese have been headed into an area 5 miles square. There is no chance of an evacuation as the US control the sea.

SOLOMONS. In a raid on Guadalcanal Is in the Solomons the Japanese lost two bombers.

BURMA. The Allied air offensive in Burma continued when US heavy bombers dropped 100 tons of bombs on Japanese targets on the Irrawadi River. RAF bombers and fighters concentrated on the Arakan front. No American, but one British plane was lost.

CHINA. Chinese airmen trained in the US, hit for the third day in succession at Japanese positions in Central China. Japanese GHQ at Ichang was set on fire.

JAP NAVAL BASE ABANDONED. Tokio radio announced that the Jap Naval Base at Haipong Indo China has been or will be abandoned. The reason given was that the river flowing into the base was filling it with sediment.

ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL CONFERENCE. President Roosevelt announced that the Conference with Mr Churchill will probably end this week. British and American military commanders have submitted recommendations for further offensives.

US PRODUCTION. The US Air Production Board announced that by next April the US will be building 1000 heavy bombers a month. Last April more than 500 were built. The 1000 heavy bombers would not include the "super" bombers.

LEND LEASE. Under Lend Lease arrangements between Britain and the US, the former has given much more than she has received. This was disclosed by the US Lend Lease Administrator, who said that Russia had received more than any other country from US.

JAP RAID 700 MI NORTH OF PERTH. On Thursday Japanese planes made their most southerly raid on the Australian mainland. Three aircraft appeared over Exmouth Gulf 700 miles north of Perth. They were driven off after dropping one bomb which did no damage. It is thought that the aircraft were either seaplanes or carried by submarines.

THE "SILENT SERVICE". During the North African campaign from El Alamein in October to the close of the campaign at Tunis, the British Navy sank 313 Axis ships including 56 warships in the Mediterranean. This does not include the number of U-Boats sunk or Axis vessels which fell victim to extensive mine laying by the Royal Navy.

A. L. Benson

Capt. for Lieut.
I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn.

CENTENARY ISSUE

NEWS SHEET NO. 100.

ISSUED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION 42 AUST INF BN.
(based on information received up to 1000 hrs 24 May 43.)

OPERATIONS.

OWN-AIR: 22 May. Buildings in the area 2 miles SW FINSCHHAFEN and GASMATA were bombed.

ENEMY -AIR: WAU was raided on 22 May by 21 enemy A/C. No casualties or damage.

WIRELESS NEWS.

ALLIED AIR BLITZ : The determined allied air blitz on German targets has extended into its tenth day. Steel and iron production centres in Belgium were pounded and three intercepting a/c were shot down. RAF fighters swooped over the channel and sunk two Axis ships and damaged others. Mosquito bombers raided Berlin for the third night in succession.

288 A/C IN THREE DAYS: The all out blitz by the RAF and USAF on Axis bases in SICILY and SARDINIA and ITALY is still the chief feature of the battle for the control of the MEDITERRANEAN SEA. On Saturday over 90 Axis planes were destroyed making the total for three days 288. In all these operations the Allies lost 12 a/c.

On Sunday Fortresses followed up a night attack by Wellingtons. They encountered stiff opposition and the escorting Lightnings engaged in a fierce battle with 50 enemy a/c. Seven were shot down and nine more were caught on the ground. RAF planes from MALTA are helping to make it a non-stop blitz by destroying Italian harbour installations, air force ground defences and communication centres.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS: The Russian air force also took heavy toll of German a/c, shooting down 65 on Saturday in a heavy enemy raid on KURSK, the main Russian base between OREL on the north and KHARKOV in the south. Ten Russian planes were lost. Mass dive bombing by the Germans failed to move the Russians from positions on the DONETZ RIVER.

Military commentators in London believe that the storm will soon break after the comparative lull on the Russian front. It is thought that Hitler will pin everything on a major drive against MOSCOW to split the Red Army in two.

COSTLY CAMPAIGN: A US commentator claimed that the whole African campaign, including the ETHIOPIAN episode, cost the Axis 750,000 men, killed or taken prisoner. Allied losses, according to the commentator, were not one third of that number.

"FINAL PHASE"
ATTU ISLAND.:

The US Navy Department has announced that the battle for Attu Island in the Aleutians is in its final phase.

Latest development is that the Japanese have been broken up into three small forces, which are being strafed by US fighters.

The town of Attu has been bombed and is now almost demolished.

Allied heavy bombers attacked Kiska Is.

CHINA WAR :

A heavy attack has been launched by the Japanese in China.

The small Chinese air force, which has been going for two weeks without a spell, is giving the infantry support.

PEARL HARBOUR:

Of the 19 US ships damaged at Pearl Harbour on 7 Dec, 41, a few are already in service. Others are being repaired. The only losses were a battleship and a destroyer.

GHANDI TRIAL
URGED :

A number of leading Indians are urging that the charges against Gandhi and other interned Indian politicians be investigated. Otherwise, they say, the only way to solve the political dead lock, which is still a menace to the defence of India, and the Burma campaign, is by releasing Gandhi and his lieutenants.

A. J. Murray

Sgt for Lieut.
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NEWS SHEET NO 101

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WEST AUST BOMBED AGAIN: Following up their Thursday night attack Japanese a/c again raided Exmouth Gulf, 700 miles north of Perth. Three planes dropped nine bombs in the bush and in the water.

It is thought that the Japs are not using sea planes but long range Mitsubshi medium bombers based on Sourabaya in Java, or on Sumba Is west of Timor.

JAP BASES BOMBED : Jap air bases at Gasmata and Kavieng have been heavily raided by US heavy bombers.

Kavieng was raided at night for an hour and one bomb was seen to land 15 feet from a large Jap ship.

Approaching Gasmata, Liberators were met by Jap fighters, which failed to divert the bombers. Over Gasmata ground defences opened up, and on the way out, the Liberators were again attacked by fighters. At least two of these were shot down.

DORTMUND TARGET FOR: RAF RAID When they dropped 2000 tons of bombs on the German city of Dortmund, in the Rhur, RAF completed a total of 100,000 tons of bombs on Germany alone.

It was the heaviest raid made by the RAF. There were so many planes over the target that pilots said they had to be careful they did not collide. Dortmund was literally "roofed" with raiding a/c. Thirty eight of our bombers failed to return.

The weather was perfect for the raid, which lasted for an hour, and pilots easily found their targets. So many fires were started that the whole area was finally one mass of fire. Huge columns of smoke spiralled to 30,000 feet. Ground defences were completely disorganised and search lights were operating singly and not in unison.

"ITALY'S MALTA" BOMBED: Pantelleria, a small island 40 miles east of Cape Bon and 60 miles from Sicily, sometimes called "Italy's Malta", has been heavily bombed by allied planes.

On Monday Fortresses made three heavy daylight attacks from Tunisia. Five Axis ships were hit.

Pantelleria has also been called "the unsinkable a/c carrier" but at present it carries few, if any, a/c.

Axis fighter opposition, which stiffened recently, was weak again.

Wellingtons attacked Messina, which is the end of the ferry service from south Italy. Ships were sunk, wharves and jetties severely damaged, and a power station left in flames.

Nazis troops and a/a guns are being rushed to Sardinia, which is being bombed continually.

Paris radio says that heavy allied naval forces are passing north from Tunisia through the Sicilian Straits.

NAZIS MASS IN CENTRAL RUSSIA : Menacing masses of Nazis troops are being attacked on the central Russian front by bombers of the Red Air Force.

Red Army gunners have broken up a heavy German attack 150 miles south of the Key point of Orel.

It is still believed that Hitler will attempt a smashing summer offensive, with the aim of so weakening the Red Army that it will not be able to support an allied second front.

N. B. Stevenson Sgt for Lt
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26 May, 43.

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NON-STOP
BLITZ FROM
TUNISIA

Sardinia was the target for the sixth day of non-stop allied bombing against Nazi Mediterranean bases. Over 300 planes - Fortresses, Wellingtons, Warhawks, Mitchells, Lightnings - flew back and forth, hour after hour, from Tunisia. The Lightnings strafed the island. Eleven enemy fighters were destroyed and allied losses were three planes.

FOUR ENEMY
PLANES
DESTROYED

Four enemy planes were destroyed in a raid over Eng, three by a/a and one by fighters. There were 25 German planes in the raid, which caused little damage to a south coast town. There were some casualties.

278 NAZI
DIVISIONS
PREPARING

A huge German army of 278 divisions have been massed on the Russian front. The Red Army is waiting for the attack and have also massed guns and tanks.

Soviet scouts are continually probing enemy lines to test Nazi strength.

Despite Red Air Force attacks on barges and small ships, the Germans are reinforcing their troops holding a strong defence line near Novorossik, from the Crimea.

Four enemy a/c were destroyed near Kursk, 13 at Rostov and 10 near Murmansk.

ATTU RAIDED
BY JABS

Attu Is in the Aleutians was raided by 16 Jap bombers, five of which were destroyed by Lightnings. Two P38s were lost but one pilot was saved.

The remnants of the Jap force on the island are being mopped up.

RABAU BOMBED

Three strips and a sea plane base at Rabaul were bombed.

Finschhaven, Lae, and Tenfoei (Timor) were also bombed, the latter by RAAF Hudsons.

BURMA

The allies continue to bomb Jap positions in Burma.

In a raid on Rangoon, main Jap base, a ship was sunk in the roadstead. RAF Blenheims bombed troops and villiages in the Upeer Chindwin area in NW Burma.

SOLOMONS

Three Jap cargo vessels were attacked by Liberators and damaged while steaming through waters NW of Guadalcanal.

Three Jap bombers were brought down in a raid on Guadalcanal, and US bombers raided Munda Is.

BOXING
TOURNAMENT

The allied boxing and wrestling tournament will be held on Sunday afternoon and night, 30 May, on Wednesday night and the following Sunday night. The stadium is on Route 1 near the RAE dump.

SGT FOR LIEUT
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(Based on information received up to 1000 hrs 27 May, 43)

DUSSELDORF
BOMBED

Another blow at German industry has been struck by massed RAF bombers on Dusseldorf, Germany's third largest inland port.

Almost as many planes as blasted Dortmund took part and more than five 2-ton bombs fell on the city every minute, in addition to a large number of 4-tonners and incendiaries.

Fighters intercepted the raid and some were shot down.

400 BOMBERS
OVER SICILY

Over 400 allied bombers attacked Sicily and other Axis bases in the Mediterranean.

Messina bore the brunt of the attack and had two raids, the first by Fortresses of the North African Command and the second by Liberators of the Middle East Command.

Harbours and air fields were also bombed on Sardinia, and Pantelleria. Enemy losses for the 24 hours totalled 31 and ours were 11. Since the allied air offensive began a little over a week ago, 361 axis planes have been destroyed to our 41.

Middle East Liberators also bombed German positions in western Greece.

11 MORE SHIPS
LAUNCHED

US Maritime Committee has announced that 11 more ships have been launched, including eight Liberty ships.

ITALIANS FLEE
FROM BOMBS

US radio commentator reports that Italians are fleeing from southern Italy to escape British and American bombs.

According to the commentator, Rome is crammed with panic stricken refugees, who, like all Italians, are suffering also from "acute invasion scare."

GERMANY
REPENTS?

From Spain, where Axis leaders first tested mass aerial bombing of cities, now comes the German-inspired denunciation of such bombing.

Madrid radio, once again putting forth Nazi propaganda, voices this sentiment which has been openly followed up by Berlin and Rome radios and Axis Press.

LABOUR TROUBLES
IN ITALY

Officially admitting for the first time serious labour unrest in Italy, Rome radio says that all disputes between workers and employers must cease.

ANOTHER PURGE
IN NAZI PARTY

Once again the Nazi party is being purged. German official announcements, say that many Nazis are being combed out, because they are "luke warm."

BAD WEATHER
IN SW PACIFIC

Bad weather has hampered allied air activity from Aust and New Guinea. Single planes made armed recce flights, but it was one continual battle with rain and storms.

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IG 42 Aust Inf Bn

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1000 HRS, 28 May, 43.

LARGE PANZAR
THRUST :
EXPECTED

Soviet troops are waiting for a massed panzar attack from the Germans anywhere along the 2000 mile front.

Berlin radio says that the Russians have in several places penetrated the strong Nazi defences near Kerck Strait which is north of Novorossik and separates the Kuban from the Crimea.

On Wednesday German bombers were intercepted over Novorossik and 67 of them were shot down by Red air men.

FIGHTERS STRAFF
MEDITERRANEAN:

Wharves and docks were thoroughly strafed by Warhawks and Lightnings when they attacked Sardinia, Sicily and Pantalleria. One big power station in the centre of Sardinia was set on fire with cannon shells.

Meanwhile allied bombers, including Wellingtons, bombed dromes on Sicily. Comiso (formerly a major base from which Stuka dive bombers made the near by waters a "death alley" for allied convoys bound for Malta) and other targets.

Fifty enemy fighters intercepted and some were shot down.

" FIGHT SIDE BY
SIDE":

In Washington, Mr Churchill pledged Britain to fight side by side with US until the Japanese have been forced to surrender unconditionally.

The vital meeting of the combined British and US staffs has ended in complete agreement on all action to be taken against the enemy. The talks lasted over two weeks.

JAP DRIVE SLOWED
DOWN:

According to US radio that Jap attack against the Chinese has been slowed down. The attack was described as the heaviest the Japs have put on in China and their casualties were said to be heavy.


YAMAMOTO'S
DEATH NO-
ACCIDENT?

US radio commentators have expressed the opinion that Admiral Yamamoto's death may not have been an accident.

~~ASSASSINATION~~ Assassination is the usual method employed in Japan for doing away with political failures and it is suggested that the Army, which controls Japan, grew tired of the blunders Yamamoto made with his Navy in the Pacific.

CURTIN'S NEW
POWERS:

New regulations aimed at stepping up war production were gazetted last night. They give the Prime Minister power to cancel the military exemptions of employees and employers responsible for unjustified holdup of war production.

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TEN WAVES OF BOMBERS
OVER ESSEN

RAF bombers made their heaviest raid this year on the Krupps works at Essen, most bombed place in the world for its size & importance.

Another heavy raid was made on Jena, instrument making centre 50 miles SW of Leipzig.

The attack on Essen was made during the early hours of the morning and lasted 50 minutes.

Ten waves of bombers went over at five minute intervals. The bombs dropped were those calculated to be most effective at that stage of the attack.

Essen is the most strongly defended city in Germany and the a/a was very fierce. Four ton and two ton bombs caused violent explosions. Vivid tongues of flame shot many thousands of feet in the air, and the whole area was a mass of flame when the last bombers headed for home.

In this and other operations during the night we lost 23. The raid on Jena was made by Mosquito bombers, which also bombed other factories which make important instruments.

Ventura bombers raided Zeebrugge in Belgium. They were escorted by Spitfires and one Spitfire and one Ventura were lost.

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"ALARMING" DAMAGE ON
MEDITERRANEAN ISs

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LAE BURNS AFTER
ALLIED RAID

The Berlin correspondent of a Sweedish newspaper agency has cabled that the bomb damage to Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria has now assumed "alarming proportions."

Yesterday further raids were made, Sardinia receiving the heaviest attack. Thirty one Axis fighters were shot down.

A new feature was the use of Lightnings as bombers.

Allied planes delivered the heaviest raid that Lae has yet experienced. The attack was carried out by bombers and fighters. After 28 tons of bombs had been dropped fires could be seen from 75 miles away.

It is believed that the half-starved Jap garrison had received supplies of food and reinforcements under cover of bad weather.

Fighters strafed the area from tree-top level.

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64 MORE GERMAN PLANES
FALL TO RUSSIANS

In air battles in the Kuban area Soviet planes accounted for 64 Nazi machines for the loss of 13.

Russian planes and units of the Black Sea fleet are continuously attacking German supplies and tps crossing the Kerch Straits from the Crimea to Kuban.

Fierce fighting continues near Novorossik and in the last 48 hours 131 (64 yesterday) German planes have been shot down.


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JAPS HALTED IN
CHINA

The three prong Jap thrust in China has been halted at two points.

On Thursday the Chinese claim to have killed 1000 Japs. Fighting continues.

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NAVY JOINS IN AT
ATTU IS

The Navy has joined in the wiping out of the remnants of the Jap forces on Attu. Bombers and fighters have been attacking for days.

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 Sgt for Lieut
IO 42 Aust Inf Bn

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31 May 43

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RAF HITS NEW TARGET

RAF bombers unloaded 1500 tons of bombs on a new target (an industrial town of 400,000 population) in Germany. The town is the combination of two old German towns and is spread over 10 miles of narrow valley into which are packed many small factories.

The huge chemical works of Farbenindustrie, centre of an international combine before the war, was also hit and a ball and bearing factory ~~also~~ damaged. Flames rose to 15000 ft

Thirty three of our planes failed to return and two German fighters were shot down.

SARDINIA ATTACKED AGAIN

The Sardinian naval base of Cagliari, 120 miles from Bizerta, had first priority in new allied attacks.

Photos of Leghorn, (north of Rome and bombed Friday night) show four large ships sunk in the harbour, one still burning and heavy damage to rolling stock and docks.

DSO FOR LEADER OF COMMANDOS

With the awarding of the DSO to a WA Lt Col, a story of the remarkable exploits of a commando band in New Guinea has been released. These commandos were primarily responsible for the saving of Wau, but their most daring adventure was a raid in Salamaua.

Seventy men armed with Tommy guns crept into the town about 8 O'clock and hid under the houses occupied by the Jap garrison. At 1 am at a given signal every sentry was shot dead and the commandos emerged with guns barking and grenades flying. One man was missing from the raid but turned up a couple of days later. During their long campaign 12 were killed but they accounted for at least 500 Japs. The leader was Lt Col Clay.

JAPS NO LONGER RESIST

All organised resistance by the Japs on Attu Is has ended

RAID ON ENG

A/a gunners brought down three German planes over Eng. A fighter destroyed another and in an air battle between Spitfires and Fockewls four enemy planes were shot down. Typhoon fighter-bombers attacked targets in Belgium and France.

AUSSIES SINK U-BOATS

Australians manned three of a number of Coastal Command flying boats which in ten days sunk five enemy submarines. Two were destroyed off Iceland, one in northern waters and two in the approaches of the Bay of Biscay. Pilots saw many survivors struggling in the water.

RUSSIA

The only news available about Russia, is that violent air battles are still taking place over the Kuban.

FRENCH SHIPS JOIN BRITAIN

Vichy radio reported that French warships and crews at Alexandria have joined the allies.

R. G. Lewis Sgt. for Lieut
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459	1 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		1915		I428	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
460	21 MAY	"		0640		I429	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
461				0640		0.6	PWO cases plus 1 @ bodies fit to fight 30 and 657.	
462			29 Aust Inf Bde	0900	0946	0364	Coy occupying Gurney sub sector of Gili Gili sector may be withdrawn for exercise from 1500K/3 to 1200K/7 @ Ack	
463		29 Aust Inf Bde		0950		I430	Ack	
464			29 AUST INF BDE	1430	1510	A215	2 pl 3 Aust. tpt Coy at present on 12 hrs notice to move this area @ will take over all H/T on arrival.	

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465	2 MAY	AT [unclear]		1645		01		
465	2 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		1900		T431	SITREP @ SITNOR	
466	3 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0705		T432	SITREP @ SITNOR	
467	"	"		0705		015	PUC cases NIL @ Bodies fit to fight 30 and 656 @	
468	4 MAY							
468	4 MAY	"		0755		03	PUC CASES NIL @ BODIES FIT TO FIGHT 30 AND 656	
469	7 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0805		T433	PUC CASES PLUS 2 @ BODIES FIT TO FIGHT 28 AND 655	
470	"	"		0806		T434	SITREP @ SITNOR	
471		29 Aust Inf Bde	2030/6	0730/7		0371	SECRET @ For info @ 47 Bn is to provide a protective det. of one pl for RAAF RADAR station on Kiriwina Is in vicinity of Korakuba Pt	

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							No move to take place before 1200 hrs 6 MAY O Ack	
472	May 7		29 Aust Inf Bde			1245 O 373	GOC NGF and CGS will visit MILNE BAY and GOODENOUGH IS. on 8/9 MAY O Ack O Itinerary follows O Units will continue with normal roles and training but will be prepared to be visited although not on itinerary	
473			29 Aust Inf Bde	1340		I 435	Ack	In reply to O 373
474			do	1900		I 436	SITREP O SITNOR	
475			29 Aust Inf Bde			I 897	3 Pl 3 Aust Pack Tpt Coy was placed under comd 5 Aust Div 1500 hrs May 7	
476	8 May		29 Aust Inf Bde	0900		O 2	Puo Cases plus 1 O Bodies fit to fight 31.652	

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				0700		T437	SITREP @ SITNO R	
177	8 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE	29 AUST INF BDE	1125	1200	I746	BOoby TRAPS AND EXPLOSIVES School vicinity of FLYING FOX FORD ROUTE 4 will fire 3 illuminating VERY STAPES and will carry out explosives tests 1830X/10 to 2030X/10 @ All informed	
178								
179			29 AUST INF BDE	1110	1200	I745	Ref our D378 D Amend date of visit to read 9/10 may @ All informed @ Pk	
180			29 AUST INF BDE	1200	1237	A219	Each Unit will attach 4 OR to report for duty with 11 Aust Div mobile laundry for a period of fourteen days from 1400 hrs today Ration & accou supplied by laundry	

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481	1943 8 MAY	29 AUST INF BN		1250		I438	Ref Amendment of visiting date. O ACK.	
482	9 MAY			0700		I439	SITREP O SITNOR.	
483				0700		05	P.V.O CASES MINUS TWO O BODIES FIT TO FIGHT HAND 659	
484				0900		I440	SITREP O SITNOR	
485	10 MAY	29 AUST INF BN		0700		I441	SITREP O SITNOR.	
486		do		0700		07	P.V.O cases plus 1 O Bodies fit to fight 32 and 658.	
487	10 MAY			0900		I442	SITREP O SITNOR.	
488	11 MAY			0700		I443	SITREP O SITNOR.	
489			10, C.C.S	1000.		M55	SOR4 ADMS. O place on seriously ill list Q122085. ABERCROMBIE, SWTA 42 AUST INF. BN. O diagnosis chronic typhus and BT malaria.	

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491	12 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I446	SITREP @ SITNOR	
492		29 Aust Inf Bde		1900		I447	SITREP @ SITNOR	
493	13 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I448	SITREP @ SITNOR	
494	12 MAY		29 Aust Inf Bde	2150	2228	I750	14 Aust Fd Regt will fire 48 rds daily from 24 to 28 May incl from gun posts at RABI and HOMO RIVER Firing will take place from 0900 K to 1400 K. Height 6000 ft	HQ Coy A.B. Co D RMO RM informed
495	MAY 13	29 Aust Inf Bde		1900		I449	SITREP @ SITNOR	
496		29 Aust Inf Bde		1740	1915	I751	Ref map GILI GILI 1/25000 @ H.Q. closes present locat -ion reopens ROUTE 10 MAP Ref 395478 1000 hrs 14 May	

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496	14 MAY	29 A.I. BDE		0700		I 450	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
497		29 AUST INF BDE		0730		I 451	Patrols WAGA WAGA and MULLINS HBR moved out 0730 @ WAGA WAGA One NCO @ ORS Route MAINWARR GIBARA WAGA WAGA Return 10 MAY @ MULLINS HBR 10hr @ ORS route BARAGA DUARO SIE SIEADA MULLINS HBR return 25 MAY	
498			29 AUST INF BDE	1050	1110	I 752	Map Gilli Gilli 1/25000 @ HQ. estd Route 10 Map Ref 395448 1030 hrs 14 May	
499			29 AUST INF BDE	1310		I 452	29/46 Pm relieved at 1200 hrs.	
500			ALoy 7 AUST MG BN	1550		256	Ack @ Ref OP order M5 Copy No 18 @	
501		29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I 453	SITREP @ SITNOR. Bar area occupying 29 Pm former area	

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502	14 MAY		29 Aust INF BDE	1855	2120	I 453	PASSWORD FROM 1800K/445 1800K/SI CHAPLAIN	ALL COYS ADVISED I 454
503	15 MAY		29 Aust INF BDE	0900		I 455	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
504			MAGGER WAGON PATROL	-	-	-	PATROL ARRIVED 1400K/44	VE. } BDE ADVISED
505			MULLINS HARBOR PATROL	0800	1300	-	PATROL ARRIVED JAWABO 1600/44	} I 456
506		54 Aust DIV RPTD 29 Aust INF BDE		1520		I 457	13 PR B Coy REPORTED IN 1000 hrs 0 NOW IN DEFENSIVE posn 416437 REF MAP 1/25000 GILI GILI	VE. }
507		ADMS 54 Aust DIV		1575		014	REF MAP GILI GILI 1/25000 0 RAP MAP REF 576 443	
508		29 Aust INF BDE		1900 1700		I 457	SITREP 0 13 PR RETURNED FROM FERGUSSON IS 1000 K/45 0 PRESENT POSN 416437 REF MAP GILI GILI 1/25000	
509	16 MAY			0900		I 459	SITREP 0 SITNOR.	

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510	16 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I460	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
511	17 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I461	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
512	"	29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I464	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
513	18 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I465	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
514	"	29 AUST INF BDE		0750		I466	WAGA WAGA patrol moved out at 0745 hrs @ Strength INCO and 9 OR's.	
515	"		MULLINS HARB. PAT	0700	1700		No canoe at LAELNEAFA @ Journey to DAHUNI 4 days travel @ Expect relief to arrive SUN 23 MAY @ DAWABO to SIESIEADA 15 miles (good walking) SIESIEADA to DAHUNI 12 miles sagg swamp and ranges @ (Hard walking) Total distance from	

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							BALAGA to DAHUNI approx 56 miles @ Weather fine @ All well	
516	18 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I469	SITREP @ SITNOR	
517	19 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I470	SITREP @ SITNOR	
518			29 AUST INF BDE		1545	0370	Ref 29 AUST INF BDE OP Instn No 21 appx A @ cancel Serial 1 K.B. Mission standing patrol until further notice Serial 2 constant recce patrol to continue @ All informed @ Ptk	Acked
519			29 AUST INF BDE		1630	I473	Bofors practice shoots Bearings + MR Gunc post 0900 K/20 - 1100 K/20 10 Rts	
520		29 AUST INF BDE		1650		I473	Patrol from Waga Waga returned 1430 K/19	
521		29 A.I. BDE		1900		I474	SITREP @ SITNOR	

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	1943							
522	20 MAY	29 Aust INF BDE		0700		I 475	SITREP 05ITNOR	
523				0830		I 476	MULLINS HARBOUR PATROL MOVED OUT 0830 HRS. 0 STRENGTH 10FFR 987R6	
524			29 Aust INF BDE	1019	1430	I 764	SECRET 0 AMENDED CODE NAMES A SQN 4/8 Aust ARM REGT AND 14 Aust FO REGT	ACK 23
525			29 Aust INF BDE	1358	1434	I 768	MORTAR SHOOT 1330G 1700 K/24 FROM 369460 0 TARGET 369470 0 DANGER AREA 1000' RADIUS.	ALL COYS INFORMED I 477
526				1358	1434	I 770	BETWEEN 0900 AND 1200 HRS 21, 22, 23 MAY 43 44 A/A GUNS WILL FIRE 112 ROUNDS FROM 398428, 430436 353452 AND 439451 BEARING 340° RIGHT to 20° 0 RANGE 6000' HEIGHT 18,200'	ALL COYS INFORMED I 477

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	1943							
527	MAY 21	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I478	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
528			29 AUST INF BDE	0929	1030	I902	PASSWORD from 1800/21 to 1800/22 will be COLLECT.	Ack. All Coys, RMO, IQ, QM, advised.
529	MAY 21.	^{AUST} All Coys, 14 th Regt. 32 AUST EMP. Coy.		1500		026	Ref 42 AUST INF BN. OPERATION INSTNS. N°5 App. "A" @ title of sector square 4344 shown KILABO should read STRINGER @ amend maps accordingly.	all informed.
530		29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I480	SITREP @ SITNOR	
531	MAY 22	29 AUST Inf Bde		0700		I481	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
532		29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I483	SITREP @ SITNOR	
533	23 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I484	SITREP @ SITNOR	
534		29		1630		I487	WAGAYAGA PATROL 1500hrs	Ack. All Coys
535			29 AUST INF BDE	1500	1630	0777	BOMBING AND STRAFFING FROM 0800K/25 TO 1200K/25. ETC.	ADVISED

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SER No	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	Time of Event	TCR	Orig No	Summary of Message or Event	Remarks. Action Taken.
	1943							
536	23 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I488	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
537	24 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE.		0700		I489	SITREP @ SITNOR	
538		Mullins Harbour Pt	MULLINS HARBOUR Pt	1353	1510	L.R.1.	HALF PATROL ARRIVED MULLINS HARBOUR 23 MAY REMAINDER AT LILIAFA ONLY ONE CANOE AVAILABLE @ACK.	ACKED I490
539		29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I491	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
540	25 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I492	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
541		MULLINS HARBOUR Pt	MULLINS HARBOUR Pt	0703	1020	L.R.2.	May I return LILIAFA on Thursday or must I remain at DAHUNI till relieved @ remainder of patrol arrived WIRINEBI this morning am taking them rations by canoe.	Informed no more till relieved I495.
542		29 AUST INF BDE		1045	1110	0.701	Gas fng @ demonstration	

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	1943							
543	25 MAY						ground decontamination at 1430 hrs 26 MAY at 43 O.B. O unit gas off's. Pioneer pl off's and Sgts will attend.	
543	"	29 Aust Inf Bde		1900		I 496	SITREP @ SITNOR	
544	26 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I 497	SITREP @ SITNOR	
545	"	do.		0812		I 498	MULLINS Hbr patrol moved out 0810 hrs @ Strength 1 OFFICER and 9 O/R's	
546	"	do.		1900		I 501	SITREP @ SITNOR	
547	27 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I 502	SITREP @ SITNOR	
548	"	do		0750		I 503	D Coy patrol left for WAGAWAGA by water Tpt 0730 hrs Strength INCO and 9 O/R's @ Unable	

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							to leave yesterday.	
							due to Arty shoot.	
549	27 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		1135 1504		I 504	WAGA patrol returned 1130 hrs.	
550	"	do		1900		I 505	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
551	28 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I 506	SITREPO SITNOR	
552	"	do		0745		I 507	MULLINS HRB patrol reported in 1730 hrs 27 MAY	
553	"	do		1900		I 508	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
554	"		29 AUST INF BDE	1655	1920	I 906	Password from 1800/28 to 1800/4 will be NEGLECT	All Coys informed I 509
555	29 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I 510	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
556	"	do		1900		I 513	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
557	30 MAY	do		0700		I 514	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
558	"	do		0730		I 515	WAGA WAGA patrol left 0730 hrs One NCO nine ORs.	
559	"	do		0800		I 516	Bn HQ closes present posn, opens 390447 at 1000 hrs.	

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560	30 MAY	29 AUST INF BDE		0910		I 517	Return fd works and gun posns @ fd works 50 percent T&A and MG posns 90 percent	
561			MULLIN'S HARBOUR PATROL	0800	0945	MA 2	Patrol left DAHUN 1000 hrs.	
562		29 AUST INF BDE		1900		I 518	SITREP @ Bn HQ new 890947.	
563	31 MAY	29 Aust Inf Bde		0700		I 519	SITREP @ SITNOR	
564		do		1900		I 521	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
565		29 AUST INF BDE		1630	1650	I 781	Ref map GILGILI 1/250000 1330K/1 to 1700K/1 mortar shoot will be carried out map ref 369460 030 MAY to 5 JUN 5 DIV will carry out unit booby trap and explos. course at map ref 388438	
566	1 JUN	29 AUST INF BDE		0700		I 522	SITREP @ SITNOR	
567				1030		I 523	MULLIN'S HARBOUR PATROL manned out at 0600/1 10 off 9 ORP.	

LOCATION STATEMENT OF 42 AUST INF BN
AS AT 1800 HRS 14 MAY 43

UNIT	Ser NO	MAP REF	REF MAP	COMM	REMARKS
Bn HQ	91	374424	1/25000 Arty Series NEW GUINEA GILLI GILLI	Line thru Bde & Bn Switch, DRIS & Runner	
H.Q. Coy		373423	"	Line thru Bn switch & Runner	
1P1		373424	"	Runner	
2P1		374423	"	"	
3P1		373423	"	"	
4P1		435446	"	"	
5P1		375423	"	"	
6P1		373422	"	"	
7P1		373423	"	Direct Line to Coy H.Q. & Runner	
"A" Coy		376412	"	Line thru Bn Switch & Runner	
8P1		378413	"	Runner	
9P1		375411	"	"	
10P1		380417	"	"	
"B" Coy		424440	"	Line thru Bn Switch & Runner	
11P1		428436	"	Runner	
12P1		434442	"	Direct Line to Coy H.Q. & Runner	
13P1		(R)4286	FERGUSON IS 4m to 1 inch	W.T.	When relieved will occupy posn MR417437
"C" Coy		365406	1/25000 Arty Series NEW GUINEA GILLI GILLI	Line thru Bn Switch & Runner	
14P1		362412	"	Direct Line to Coy H.Q. & Runner	
15P1		367405	"	Runner	
16P1		365406	"	"	
"D" Coy		373423	"	Direct Line thru Bn Switch & Runner	
17P1		410435	"	Direct Line to Coy H.Q. & Runner	
18P1		394422	"	Runner	
19P1		387417	"	Direct Line to Coy H.Q. & Runner	
R.A.P.		374423	"	Line thru Bn Switch & Runner	

LOCATION STATEMENT OF 42 AUST INF BN
AS AT 1500 HRS 28 MAY, 43

UNIT	SER NO	MAP REF	REF MAP	COMM	REMARKS
42 Aust Inf Bn			Gill Gill Arty Series 1/25,000	Line through to Bde and Bn	
Hq RAP	91	37454231 37444229		Line to Bn and runner	
Hq Coy		37424234		Line to Bn and runner	
1 Pl		37404230		Bn switch, DRLS and runner	
2 Pl		37384232		Runner	
3 Pl		37424234		Runner	
4 Pl		37564225		"	
5 Pl		37424234		"	
6 Pl		37484235		"	
7 Pl		37444231		Line to Bn and runner	
A COY		37644116		Runner	
8 Pl		37724119		"	
1 Sec		37784129		"	
2 Sec		37854085		"	
3 Sec		37734115		"	
9 Pl		37744118		"	
4 Sec		37684083		"	
5 "		37304086		"	
6 "		37474118		"	
10 Pl		38144173		"	
7 Sec		37884169		"	
8 Sec		37864183		"	
9 Sec		38144173		Line to Bn and runner	
B COY		42234384		Runner	
11 Pl		42594355		"	
1 Sec		42754344		"	
2 Sec		42634340		"	
3 Sec		42634352		"	
12 Pl		43384401		"	
4 Sec		43364394		"	
5 Sec		43504402		"	
6 Sec		43384401		"	
13 Pl		41594370		"	
7 Sec		41144344		"	
8 Sec		41624341		"	
9 Sec		41764344		Line to Bn and runner	
C COY		38124171		Runner	
14 Pl		38344162		"	
15 Pl		38284162		"	
16 Pl		38124171		Line to Bn and runner	
D COY		39394226		Runner	
17 Pl		40894356		"	
1 Sec		41084348		"	
2 Sec		40894356		"	
3 Sec		40084336		"	
18 Pl		39404218		"	
4 Sec		39394210		"	
5 Sec		39264189		"	
6 Sec		39704272		"	
19 Pl		38774160		"	
7 Sec		38694163		"	
8 Sec		38774160		"	
9 Sec		38944173		"	
MORTARS		42334384			
		43304448			
		43344444			
		42234378			
		39304219			
		37684193			

Tk/A
Bn Guns

37484230
37654191
37954186
37604088

101 Tk/A

41504420
43054414
42424422
42304392

BELs

43724444
43654432
43604415
43554400
43254378
43004348
42844344
42384338
41664331
41464328
40954320
40814304
40184285
39584236
39534230
39404176
38844155
38544146
38084160
37844126
37844114
37004070
36804046
36134054

BEACH GUNS

H Tp

H1 37824105
H2 39354174
H3 39364180
H4 40884313

G Tp

G1 42474340
G2 43554405
A Aust Heavy
Bty 43104366
43124372

MGs

Bn Guns

Sec 7 37624130
Sec 8 37864173
Sec 14 42134431
Sec 15 42654415
3 Pl A Coy
7 Aust MG Bn
Sec 9 39324213
Sec 10 39604273
Sec 11 40104362
Sec 12 40154380
Sec 13 41324361

W. Lewis Sgt for Lieut
10 42 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference A.M.F. II/120/1

Date 1 MAY 43

W.E. 34 X 836

Attached
Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

42 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
Majors ..	<u>3</u>		
Captains ..	<u>9</u>		
Lieutenants ..	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	<u>1</u>		
Totals ..	<u>34</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Major	GROSSWELL, C.N.	42 Aust Inf Bn	27/4/43	Marched In - Returned from Hospital
Lieut	STEVENSON, J.G.	do	27/4/43	Marched In - from Course N.G.F. Tng Centre Jnr Ldrs Wing - Port Moresby

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	FRIEND, G.C.	42 Aust Inf Bn	27/4/43	Marched Out - to Courses 1-3 Booby Traps & Explosives.
Lieut	McKINLAY, D.E.	do	27/4/43	do
Lieut	WEIGHT, J.W.	do	25/4/43	Marched Out - to N.G.F. Tng Centre Jnr Ldrs Wing P. Moresby

PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lieut (T/Lt-Col)	OX33882	DAVIDSON, G.W.	G.O.	Yes	
Major	OX34022	CROSSWELL, G.N.	OC Coy	Yes	
Capt (A/Major)	VX5423	CARSTAIRS, J.de M.	2 1/2	Yes	
Capt	OX35753	JONES, V.S.	2 1/2	Yes	
Capt	OX33904	REYNOLDS, J.F.	HQ Coy	Yes	
Capt	DX907	GREER, P.R.M.	B Coy	No	School
Capt	OX40809	FRANEY, J.F.	Adit	Yes	
Capt	OX33333	CORDIE, J.	OC	Yes	
Capt	OX34023	COLE, R.B.	No. 4 Pl	No	L.O. - 29 Bde
Capt	OX33335	McDONALD, H.	A Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX42360	GANTER, A.C.	2 1/2 B Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX40807	JENKS, A.E.	OC D Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX34024	PATTINGALE, E.J.	2 1/2 A Coy	Yes	
Lieut	OX44165	WHYTE, J.T.J.	OC No. 2 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34533	WELDRUM, A.D.R.	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes	
Lieut (P)	OX33386	TAYLOR, S.H.	OC No. 6 Pl	No	29 Bde
Lieut	OX34025	FRIEND, G.C.	OC No. 9 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX40833	WEIGHT, J.W.	OC No. 16 Pl	No	do
Lieut	OX34026	HUTTON, D.F.	OC No. 12 Pl	No	5 Aust Div
Lieut	OX34027	RICHMOND, L.T.	OC No. 14 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34028	EDWARDS, S.H.	2 1/2 No. 4 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34030	BURTON, R.N.	I O	No	School
Lieut	OX42361	COUSINS, R.B.	OC No. 5 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34029	McKINLAY, D.E.	OC No. 19 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX45098	COLE, C.F.	OC No. 18 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40804	HOMWOOD, A.L.	OC No. 1 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	VX54197	GARLAND, B.J.	OC No. 11 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	NGX125	BLITNER, W.	TC	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX43158	WILKER, R.B.	OC No. 15 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX44163	HARVEY, G.N.	OC No. 3 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX40808	HARVEY, G.S.	OC No. 17 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX33339	STEVENSON, J.S.	OC No. 13 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	VX8980	COLLIER, J.A.	OC No. 10 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	NX138179	CAMERON, S.A.	OC No. 8 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40806	FOX, W.E.	Supernumerary	No	ARD - Canungra

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	OX24533	GLYNN-CONNOLLY, H.	A.A.M.C.	8/7/42	R.M.O.	Yes
Capt	OX70965	ROBINSON, J.V.J.	29 Aust	9/4/43	Chaplain	No
Lieut	OX40840	CRAN, P.G.	Inf Bde	2/3/43	Pl Comdr	No
Capt	SX20055	CLAP, G.N.	A.A.C.S.	16/3/43	Dentist	No

42 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

1 MAY 1943

(Date of Despatch)

W. J. ... Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 11

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. II/120/1

Date 8 MAY 1943

W.E. 34 X 836

Attached
Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

42 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Majors	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Captains	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	
Lieutenants ..	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>2</u>
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Totals . . .	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	<u>FRIEND, G.C.</u>	<u>42 Aust Inf Bn</u>	<u>2/5/43</u>	<u>Marched In - From Booby Trap & Explosives. Courses</u>
Lieut	<u>McINLAY, D.B.</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>2/5/43</u>	<u>- 3 Flying Fox Ford. do</u>

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
A/Lieut	<u>HARVEY, G.S.</u>	<u>42 Aust Inf Bn</u>	<u>3/5/43</u>	<u>Sick - To A.D.J. 7 Pd Amb</u>

PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lieut (2/1st-Lieut)	OX33872	DAVIDSON, G.W.	CO	Yes	
Major	OX31072	CROSSWELL, G.M.	C Coy	Yes	
Capt (A/Major)	OX34123	CANTAIRS, J. de N.	2 1/2	Yes	
Capt	OX34123	JONES, V.S.	C Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX34123	MCDONALD, J.P.	Hq Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX34123	ORR, P.M.M.	B Coy	No	Duty - 5 Aust Div
Capt	OX34123	FRANKY, J.P.	Adjt	Yes	
Capt	OX34123	JORDIE, J.	QM	Yes	
Capt	OX34123	COLE, R.B.	No. 2 Pl	No	L.O. - 29 Bde
Capt	OX34123	MACDONALD, H.	A Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX42360	GANTER, A.G.	B Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX40807	JENKS, A.E.	D Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX34024	PATTINGALE, E.J.	A Coy	Yes	
Lieut	OX44165	WHYTE, J.I.J.	No. 2 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34533	MILLER, A.D.R.	D Coy	Yes	
Lieut (P)	OX33886	TAYLOR, S.G.	No. 8 Pl	No	29 Bde
Lieut	OX34025	FRIEND, G.C.	No. 9 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40838	WEIGHT, J.A.	No. 18 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX34026	HUTTON, D.P.	No. 12 Pl	No	3 Aust Div
Lieut	OX34027	RICHMOND, L.I.	No. 14 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34028	EDWARDS, S.W.	No. 4 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34030	BURTON, R.N.	P O	No	School
Lieut	OX42361	COUSINS, R.B.	No. 3 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34029	McKINLAY, D.B.	No. 19 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX45098	COLE, G.P.	No. 18 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40804	HOMWOOD, A.L.	No. 1 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX41197	CATLAND, S.J.	No. 11 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX4125	STILLER, W.	No. 10	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX43158	WINTER, R.S.	No. 15 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX41113	HARVEY, G.N.	No. 3 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX40803	HARVEY, G.S.	No. 17 Pl	No	Hospital
A/Lieut	OX36389	STEVENSON, J.C.	No. 18 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX3980	COLLIER, J.A.	No. 18 Pl	Yes	
A/Lieut	OX138179	CAMERON, S.A.	No. 8 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40806	FOX, W.E.	Supplementary	No	ARD - Cammeray

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	OX24533	GLYNNCONKOLLY, H.	A.A.M.C.	8/7/42	R.M.O.	Yes
Capt	OX70095	ROBINSON, J.V.J.	29 Aust	9/1/43	Chaplain	No
Lieut	OX40840	CRAN, P.G.	Inf Bde	2/3/43	Pl Comdr	No
Capt	OX20055	CLAP, C.N.	A.A.C.S.	10/3/43	Dentist	No

42 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

3 MAY 43

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature] Lt-Col

(Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 42

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference A.M.F. 11/120/1

Date 15 MAY 1943

W.E. 34 X 838

Attached 42 AUST INF BN Unit

Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1		
Majors	3		1
Captains	9		
Lieutenants ..	20	3	
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	1		
Totals . . .	34	3	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	J.A. ROSS	42 AUST INF Bn	31/3/43	Seconded from 29 Bde and resumes Regimental Duties Authority. NGE Approvals List 2
Lieut	P.G. CRAN	do	5/3/43	do
A/Lieut	J.S. HARVEY	do	9/5/43	Returned from Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	J.B. VOLZ	42 AUST INF Bn	5/3/43	Seconded to 29 Bde. Authority - NGE Approvals List No. 25
Capt	J. CONDIE	do	12/5/43	Sick-To A.D.S. 7 Fd Amb
Capt	G.H. OLAP	A.A.C.S.	14/5/43	Ceases to be attached.

PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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Lieut (T/Lt-Col)	OX33882	DAVIDSON, D.W.	CO	Yes	
Major	OX34022	CROSSWELL, C.W.	"B" Coy	Yes	
Capt (A/Major)	VX5423	CANSTAINS, J. de B.	2 1/c	Yes	
Capt	OX35759	JONES, V.S.	"B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX33884	WYNDOLLS, J.P.	"B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX907	DREAR, W.R.M.	"B" Coy	No	Duty - 5 Aust Div
Capt	OX40811	ROSS, J.A.	No. 4 Pl	No	Duty - 29 Bde
Capt	OX40809	WATNEY, J.P.	Adit	Yes	
Capt	OX33883	JONES, J.	SM	No	Hospital
Capt	OX33885	MACDONALD, H.	"A" Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX42360	CANTON, A.S.	2 1/c	Yes	
Capt	OX40367	WATSON, A.B.	"B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	OX34024	ATTWELL, S.T.	2 1/c	Yes	
Lieut	OX41165	SMITH, J.T.J.	No. 2 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34533	WILSON, A.D.R.	1/c	Yes	
Lieut	OX34025	WILSON, G.C.	No. 9 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40333	WILSON, J.W.	No. 15 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX45246	WILSON, F.S.	No. 11 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34026	WILSON, R.P.	No. 13 Pl	No	5 Aust Div
Lieut	OX34027	WILSON, L.P.	No. 14 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34028	WILSON, S.W.	10	No	School
Lieut	OX34029	WILSON, S.W.	10	No	School
Lieut	OX42361	WILSON, R.D.	No. 5 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX34029	WILSON, D.S.	No. 15 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX45098	WILSON, G.P.	2 1/c	Yes	
Lieut	OX40804	WILSON, A.L.	No. 1 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	VX54197	WILSON, S.J.	No. 13 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX125	WILSON, W.	No. 6 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX43158	WILSON, R.B.	No. 15 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX44168	WILSON, J.H.	No. 3 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX40808	WILSON, C.S.	No. 17 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX36329	WILSON, J.G.	No. 12 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	VX8980	WILSON, J.A.	No. 10 Pl	Yes	
Lieut	OX138179	WILSON, S.A.	No. 8 Pl	No	School
Lieut	OX40805	WILSON, W.S.	Supernumerary	No	AND - Cammerga
Lieut (P)	OX33886	TAYLOR, S.A.	Supernumerary	No	29 Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

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Capt	OX24533	GLYNN-CONNOLLY, H.	A.A.M.C.	8/7/42	R.M.O.	Yes
Capt	OX70965	ROBERTSON, J.V.J.	29 AU T	9/4/43	Chaplain	No

42 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

(Unit)

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(Signature of Commander)

15 MAY 1943

(Date of Despatch)

29 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

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Serial No. 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference II/120/1

A.M.F.

Date 22 MAY 1943

W.E. 34 X 836

42 AUST INF BN Unit

Attached 1 14
Allowed by W.E. X

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1		
Majors ..	2		1
Captains ..	8		
Lieutenants ..	25	5	
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	1		
Totals ..	34	5	2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	P.R.M. GOSCH	42 AUST INF BN	20/5/43	Retd from duty 5 Aust Div
Capt	J. CONDIE	do	15/5/43	Retd from hospital
Lieut	H.A. ANDERSON	do	18/5/43	Marched in from 11 Aust Div Rec Camp
Lieut	L.S. McLAUGHLIN	do	18/5/43	do
Lieut	D.P. HUTTON	do	16/5/43	Retd from 5 Aust Div

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	W. BILTMAN	do	18/5/43	Retd from School
A/Lieut	J.A. CASHEN	do	18/5/43	Retd from School
Officers QUITTED during week.				
Major	J.A. ROSS	42 AUST INF BN	14/5/43	Seconded to 29 Aie and resumes Regimental Duties Authority: HQ 29 Aie

PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

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Lieut (T/Lt-Col)	833882	DAVIDSON, C.W.	CO	Yes	
Major	834022	CROSSWELL, C.N.	OC "C" Coy	Yes	
Capt (L/Major)	834123	CONSTABLE, J. de M	2 1/e	Yes	
Capt	837759	JONES, V.S.	2 1/e "C" Coy	Yes	
Capt	833884	BYNOCK, J.F.	OC "D" Coy	Yes	
Capt	83907	SMITH, P.R.	OC "F" Coy	Yes	
Capt	834009	FRATNEY, J.F.	Adjt	Yes	
Capt	833883	COMBS, J.	Adjt	Yes	
Capt	833885	MACDONALD, H.	OC "A" Coy	Yes	
Capt	8342360	GAVIN, A.G.	2 1/e "B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	8340807	JENKS, A.E.	OC "D" Coy	Yes	
Capt	834024	PATTINGALL, E.J.	2 1/e "A" Coy	Yes	
Lieut	834733	WELDRUM, A.D.R.	2 1/e "D" Coy	Yes	
Lieut	834025	FRIEND, G.C.	OC No. 9 PI	Yes	
Lieut	835809	ANDERSEN, H.A.	OC No. 16 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834038	WRIGHT, J.W.	OC No. 2 PI	No	School
Lieut	834159	MCLAUGHLIN, L.A.	OC I.O.	Yes	
Lieut	834040	CRAN, P.G.	OC No. 11 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834026	HUTTON, D.F.	OC No. 13 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834027	RICHMOND, L.T.	OC No. 14 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834028	EDWARDS, S.W.	OC Supernumerary	Yes	
Lieut	834030	BURTON, R.N.	OC I.O.	No	School
Lieut	8342361	COUSINS, R.B.	OC No. 5 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834029	McKINLAY, D.E.	OC No. 19 PI	Yes	
Lieut	8345098	COLL, G.P.	2 1/e No. 4 PI	Yes	
Lieut	8340804	HOMWOOD, A.L.	OC No. 1 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834197	CASTLAND, B.J.	OC No. 15 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834125	BLITNER, W.	OC No. 6 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	8343158	WINNER, R.B.	OC No. 15 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	834168	HARVEY, C.N.	OC No. 3 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	8340803	HARVEY, G.S.	OC No. 17 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	8346389	STEVENSON, J.G.	OC No. 12 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	834980	COLLIER, J.A.	OC No. 10 PI	Yes	
A/Lieut	8343179	CAMERON, S.A.	OC No. 8 PI	Yes	
Lieut	834165	WHYTE, J.I.J.	OC Supernumerary	Yes	
Lieut	8340806	FOX, W.R.	OC No. 4 PI	No	AD - Canungra
Lieut (P)	833886	TAYLOR, S.E.	OC Supernumerary	No	29 Bde

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Capt	8324733	GLYNN-CONNOLLY, H.	A.A.M.C.	8/7/42	R.M.O.	Yes
Capt	8370985	ROBINSON, J.V.J.	29 AUST INF BDE	9/4/43	Chaplain	No

42 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

22 MAY 1943

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature] Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 44

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. II/120/1

Date 29 MAY 1943

W.E. 34 X 836

Attached

42 ADJUT INF BN Unit

Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

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* ..			
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Majors	2		1
Captains	8		1
Lieutenants ..	25	5	
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	1		
Totals	37	5	2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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Lieut (T/Lt-Col)	333882	DAVIDSON, C.W.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	334022	CROSSWELL, C.N.	OC "C" Coy	Yes	
Capt (A/Major)	33423	CONSTABLE, J.de V.	21/c/	Yes	
Capt	33759	JONES, V.S.	2 1/e "C" Coy	Yes	
Capt	333884	REYNOLDS, J.P.	OC "D" Coy	Yes	
Capt	33907	BREWER, F.R.N.	OC "B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	334029	FRANNEY, J.F.	Adit	Yes	
Capt	333883	CONDIE, J.	OC	Yes	
Capt	333885	MACDONALD, H.	OC "A" Coy	Yes	
Capt	332360	GANTER, A.G.	2 1/e "B" Coy	Yes	
Capt	334027	JONES, A.B.	OC "D" Coy	Yes	
Capt	334024	PATTINGALE, H.J.	21/c/ "A" Coy	Yes	
Lieut	344165	WHYTE, J.I.J.	Supernumerary	Yes	
Lieut	334533	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	21/c/ "D" Coy	Yes	
Lieut	340808	FOX, W.B.	OC No. 4 P1	No	AMO - Canungra
Lieut	334025	FRIEND, G.C.	OC No. 9 P1	Yes	
Lieut	33809	ANDERSON, M.A.	OC No. 16 P1	Yes	
Lieut	340838	WEIGHT, J.W.	OC No. 2 P1	No	School
Lieut	336459	MCCLAUGHLIN, L.K.	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut	340340	CRAY, P.G.	OC No. 11 P1	Yes	
Lieut (P)	333386	TAYLOR, S.M.	Supernumerary	No	29 Bde
Lieut	334026	HUTTON, D.P.	OC No. 13 P1	Yes	
Lieut	334027	RICHMOND, L.T.	OC No. 14 P1	Yes	
Lieut	334028	EDWARDS, S.W.	Supernumerary	Yes	
Lieut	334030	BURTON, R.N.	I.O.	No	School
Lieut	342361	COUSINS, R.B.	OC No. 5 P1	Yes	
Lieut	334029	McKINLAY, D.B.	OC No. 19 P1	Yes	
Lieut	345098	COLE, G.F.	2 1/e No 4 P1	Yes	
Lieut	340804	HOMWOOD, A.L.	OC No 1 P1	Yes	
Lieut	34197	GASLAND, B.J.	OC No. 18 P1	Yes	
Lieut	34125	BLITNER, W.	OC No. 6 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	343158	WINTER, R.B.	OC No. 1 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	344168	HARVEY, C.N.	OC No. 3 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	340808	HARVEY, G.S.	OC No. 17 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	336389	STEVENSON, J.G.	OC No. 12 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	33980	COLLIER, J.A.	OC No. 10 P1	Yes	
V/Lieut	33179	CARRON, S.A.	OC No. 8 P1	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	324533	GLYNN - CONNOLLY, H.	AANC	1/7/42	RMO	Yes
Capt	370985	ROBINSON, J.V.J.	29 Aust Inf Bde	2/3/43	Chaplain	No

42 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander)

29 MAY 1943

(Date of Despatch)

29 AUST INF BD.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
TO 1200 hrs 1 MAY, 43.

42 AUST INF BN
1 May 43

PART 1

OPERATIONS

OWN-LAND; Personnel were engaged on working parties, Combined operations training and Jungle training during the week. The remainder of the unit carrying out routine duties.

Pioneers carried out building of Mess Huts and experimenting with the improvisation of land mines and bangalore torpedoes.

On 24 Apr. 43 a conference of Offrs was held at Div.H.Q. to discuss features arising from Signal and Staff exercise which was carried out during the previous week.

Construction of dispersal bays in Bn.H.Q. area continues.

Own - SEA; NIL

OWN - AIR; Nil

ENEMY-LAND: Nil

ENEMY- SEA: Nil

ENEMY - AIR: Red air raid alarm was received at 1930/24. All clear 1955K/24. Nil report

PART II.

CHEMICAL WARFARE Personnel were subjected to a gas chamber concentration of D.M. Many were made painfully aware of the dangers and discomfort caused by this gas when no respirator is worn

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL: In preparation for further jungle training by rifle Coys "I" Sec parties carried out recce of three possible jungle ranges. Two were suitable and tracings and prints of these were made and submitted.

PART IV

NIL

PART V

SECURITY: Change of password was promulgated to all ranks. Bn News Sheets contained items on Security of Information Sentries remain posted at night.

[Signature] Sgt for Lieut
I.O. 42 Aust Inf. Bn.

[Signature] Lt.Col.
Comd 42 Aust Inf. Bn.

S E C R E T.

42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
TO 1200 HRS 8 MAY 43.

42 AUST INF BN
8 May, 43.

PART I.

OPERATIONS
OWN-LAND.

Bn moved out at 1500K/3 to an assembly area on WEHURIA CK in preparation for an exercise in the RABI-AHIOMA area. Due to very heavy rain and swollen creeks the Bn moved back to camp area arriving at about 0230K/4.

The exercise was resumed at 0900K/4 and Bn moved by MT to RABI, debussing at 1025 hrs. By 1415 hrs A and B Coys has reached the head of SANDERSON BAY and the WEST edge of CAMERON PLATEAU respectively, and CO issued orders for attack by B Coy with D Coy executing a flanking movement. D Tp 14 Fd Regt and 3" mortar registered targets but D Coy failed to reach posn for their attack and the action was cancelled until the following morning. D Coy reported their posn at 2025 hrs and CO issued his orders for attack the next morning.

At 0630K/5 attack commenced with arty and mortar support. B Coy had reached their objective on WHITTON CK and consolidated by 0855 hrs. In meantime C Coy passed through A Coy and cleared MOUNTAIN SPRINGS area but were held up at GOPIE. By 1205 hrs B and C Coy had established firm base on WHITTON CK Crossing.

At 1415K/5 advance continued and firm bases were established on WAHAHUBA CK and LALUA CK by 1540 hrs. At 1715 hrs A Coy from fwd firm base reported that enemy used gas for first time in present ops. (See Part II C.W.)

From information received from a sapper from 101 Fd W/Shops it appeared that enemy were preparing posns in strength at LILIHOA and KALOI and strong patrol confirmed it.

At 0700K/6 Div Comd withdrew arty support and Coy moved fwd to assembly areas vic CUDIN RANI and WANADALA CK. At 0830 hrs CO and R Gp recced posn and at 0845 hrs CO issued orders for a three Coy attack on LILIHOA. A Coy was to carry out flanking attack NORTH of LILIHOA with B and D Coys attacking eastwards astride track. At 1102 hrs straffing commenced and lasted for approx 10 minutes. At the conclusion of the straffing the exercise ended and the Bn moved through to AHIOMA to embark by sea tpt for return to GILI GILI. The ship ran aground while being brought into the jetty and after repeated unsuccessful attempts by the crew to refloat her, a rope was run out from her stern and the Bn entered the water and pulled her off.

By 1715 hrs Bn was back in camp after completing an exercise under conditions which are almost certain to be encountered in NEW-GUINEA. Heavy rain fell almost incessantly throughout the three days; live amm was used by the tps and the arty and mortar fire gave an idea of just how valuable this supporting fire can be. The straffing by the RAAF was witnessed by the whole Bn and after inspecting the target area all pers realised how effective it was.

Make and mend was carried out on 7 May and one set of clothes per man was laundered by the 11 Aust Div Mobile Laundry. Rainfall from 0600K3 to 0600K8 at Bn HQ was 13.2 inches.

PART II.

Chemical
Warfare.

Whilst on exercise "Enemy" used gas for first time. Priority message was sent in token to L.HQ rptd 5 Aust Div and 29 Aust inf Bde. Coy against whom attack was made were instructed to obtain specimens of any equipment used but without result.

Sheet 2.

PART V.

Security: Change of password was promulgated to all Coys.
Sentries remain posted at night.

A. B. Cluwin

Sgt for Lieut.
I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn.

A. D. Dora

Lt-Col.
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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13 May 43

42 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

REF MAP: GILI GILI - 1:25000

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy As per Sitreps and Intelligence Summaries.
2. Own Troops.

Following tps come under command and are in support of 29 Aust Inf Bde from 1200 hrs - 14 May 43.
Under command - 3 Bty 101 Aust Tk A Regt
"A" Coy 7 Aust MG Bn

In support - 14 Aust Fd Regt.

INTENTION.

3. 42 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 29/46 Aust Inf Bn in GILI GILI and MAIWARA Sectors 14 May 43.

METHOD.

4. Allotment of Troops.

HQ Coy - JUNCTION Area 375422.
A Coy - GABA GABUNA Area 378415.
B Coy - STRINGER - LAULAU Area 414434 to 437447.
C Coy - ALLIGATOR - DONA DONA Area 360413.
D Coy - AWADUMA - LADAVA Area 384416 to 414434.

5. Movement of Troops.

As per following table:-

SERIAL	UNIT	START TIME	START POINT	ROUTE
1.	B Coy and attached tps.	0800	Coy Area	Routes 1 & 2
2.	D Coy and attached tps.	0800	Coy Area	Route 1 to junc 1 and 3 at 357432 thence Route 3.
3.	A Coy and attached tps.	0800	Coy Area	As for Serial 2.
4.	C Coy	0815	Coy Area	As for Serial 2.
5.	Bn HQ and HQ Coy details.	0830	Coy Area	As for Serial 2.

6. Relief.

(a) Coys will take over complete maps of each area of responsibility.

(2)

6. Relief (contd)

- (b) Coys will submit to Adv Bn HQ by 1300 hrs a report that relief has been completed together with certificate of handing over.

7. Patrols.

- (a) C Coy will supply the following patrols to relieve 29/46 Aust Inf Bn patrols.
- (i) MULLINS HARBOUR - 1 Officer 9 OR's
 - (ii) GIBARA - WAGAWAGA - 1 NCO 9 OR's
- (b) I.O. will supply details of patrol tasks and arrange guides from 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) Patrols will report to HQ 29/46 Aust Inf Bn for guides at 0800 hrs 14 May 43.

8. Tank Attack.

- (a) 2 Sections come under command A Coy at 0700 hrs 14 May 43.
- (b) 2 Sections under regimental control.
- (c) Role - Take over and man 37/52 Aust Inf Bn positions.

9. Medium Machine Guns.

- (a) 1 ^{platoon} ~~section~~ comes under command A Coy at 0700 hrs 14 May 43.
Location - junc routes 3 and 9
- (b) 1 ^{platoon} ~~section~~ comes under command B Coy at 0700 hrs 14 May 43.
Location - vic No 3 Landing Strip.
- (c) MMG's will be under the technical control of O/C A Coy 7 Aust Machine Gun Bn.

10. Mortars.

- (a) 4 dets come under command B Coy at 0700 hrs 14 May 43.
- (b) 1 det comes under command D Coy at 0700 hrs 14 May 43.
- (c) 3 dets under regimental control.
- (d) All dets will take over roles and positions from 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Carriers.

Separate instructions will be issued later.

ADMINISTRATION.

12. Dress. Battle Order, gaiters, felt hats.

13. Medical.

- (a) RAP moves with Bn HQ details to 376423.
- (b) Evacuations will be by Lt Sec to ADS B Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb at 399446.

14 SUPPLIES.

- (a) Rations - (i) 4 days reserve rations will be held after completion of relief.
 (ii) All rations in excess of 4 days supply will be withdrawn by Q.M.
 (iii) Supply Point - Factory DID
- (b) Petrol (i) 50 gals reserve for vehicles will be held in each area.
 (ii) Petrol Point - 395439

15 TRANSPORT.

- (a) T.O. will requisition on Bde TO for 8 3-ton AASC vehicles.
 (b) Transport will be allotted as under.

UNIT	BN TPT	AASC TPT.
Bn HQ & HQ Coy.	2 3-ton 1 15-cwt van 2 15-cwt trucks 4x4	4- 3-ton.
A Coy	1 3-ton	1 3-ton.
B Coy	1 3-ton 1 Jeep	1 3-ton.
C Coy	1 3-ton	1 3-ton
D Coy	1 3-ton 1 Jeep	1 3-ton

- (c) On completion of relief Bn transport allotted to Coys will remain in Coy areas under Coy command.
 (d) Coy tpt will move in Coy Gps independently.

16.

- (a) The following special instructions ref exchange of accommodation stores etc, will be rigidly observed by Coys.
- (i) Kitchens - All moveable cooking eqpt will be taken. All fixtures e.g. grease trap eqpt, incinerators & aldershot ovens will remain.
- (ii) Rations - All rations will be taken with Coy.
- (iii) Water Storage - All storage drums and tanks, except RAP tank will remain present area.
- (iv) Showers - Will be taken.
- (v) Accom Stores - Tables & forms will be taken. Messing structures and boxes, other than those required for packing will remain in present area.
- (vi) AMN. - The following will be carried (ALL other amm, ALL types will remain present area)
 Rifles 50 Bren 100 Owen 120
 MMG 2500 (carton).
- (vii) TENTAGE. - All tentage remain present area.

(vii) TENTAGE (cont.)

On arrival new area the following tentage will be drawn from tentage at ALLIGATOR subsector.

H.Q. Coy 8 tents.
C Coy 15 tents.

(b) 2 i/c Coy and 6 OR's will remain in present Coy area till area inspected by Bn 2 i/c and hand over completed.

BEDDING: Bed tops only will be taken. Frames and heavy structure will remain.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- 17. Adv Bn H.Q will open at HQ 29/46 Aust Inf En 376423 at 0900 14May 43
- 18. Rear Bn H.Q remains present position till relief completed.
- 19. Reports to Adv Bn H.Q. by L.T.
- 20. Sig Officer will take over existing communications.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 1500 hrs

Issued by. *DR*

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 42 Aust Inf En.

DISTRIBUTION.

A Coy	HQ Coy (6)	Comd	A Coy 7 Aust M.C. En
B Coy	RMO	2 i/c	29/46 Aust Inf En (for Infm)
C Coy	QM	Adjt	29 Aust Inf Bde (for Infm)
D Coy	TO	I O	File (2)
			<u>War Diary (2)</u>

42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
TO 1200 HRS 15 MAY 43

42 AUST INF-BN
15 May, 43

PART I.

OPERATIONS
OWN-LAND

At 1500K/8 a conference of all Officers and NCO's was held to discuss and criticise the exercise which was held from 3 May to 6 May. address
 In his opening the Bde Comd gave some very constructive criticism which was followed in more detail by the C.O. who acted as CHIEF of Directing Staff for the exercise. The lessons learnt and the points brought out proved most instructive and all personnel went away feeling that the exercise had been well worth while and that the Bn had received three days of excellent training in conditions which will be encountered in action.

On 11 May C.O. and all Coy Comds made a reece of 29/46 Bn area.

At 1700K/11 a warning order was received from Bde H.Q. that the Bn was to relieve 29/46 Bn in the general GABA GABUNA area.

At 1900K/11 a conference was called at which Coy Comds submitted reports of their reeces earlier in the day.

On 12 May, Officers from 29/46 Bn reeced the Bn area preparatory to the change over.

Bn was preparing to move on the 13 May and at 0800K/14 it moved out and the relief of 29/46 Bn was completed by 1200 hrs

At 0800K/14 two patrols from Bn moved out to relieve existing 29/46 Bn patrol at WAGA WAGA and MULLINS HARBOUR.

At 1900K/14 a conference was held at which it was proposed that "B" Coy, 2/1 PNR Bn and 32^{AWADUMA} EMPLOYMENT Coy be responsible for defence of STRINGER and LAU LAU Sectors under command Maj.C.N.Croswell; AWADUMA, LADAVA and GABA GABUNA Sectors to be held by "D" and "A" Coys under command of Major J.D. Carstairs with "C" Coy held as Bn reserve in JUNCTION Sector.

On 15 May all Coys were engaged on defence work in their own areas.

OWN - SEA: NIL

OWN - AIR. NIL

ENEMY-LAND NIL

ENEMY-SEA NIL

ENEMY-AIR: Air Raid "Red" at 1843K/10; all clear 1857K/10
 Night was cloudy and no enemy planes were observed although Searchlights and A/A engaged.
 It was later ascertained that one or two planes flying at approx 25,000 ft dropped 6 Bombs, four of which fell Near GIBARA and two in the bay.

PART II

NIL

PART III

NIL

PART IV

NIL

(2)

PART V

SECURITY : Change of password was promulgated to all Coys.
Sentries remain posted at night.

A. J. [Signature]

Sgt for Lieut
10. 42-Aust Inf Bn

C. J. [Signature]

Lt. Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

TO 1200HRS 22 MAY 43.

42 Aust-Inf Bn
22 May 43

PART 1.

OPERATIONS

OWN-LAND During the week the bn. has been engaged on maintaining and repairing defensive posn, constructing company accomodation and preparing a new posn for Bn.H.Q.
C.O. 21/C, O.C. D Coy and O.C. 10 Pl. acted as umpires for 5 Aust Div Staff and Signal Exercise No.2. on 20 and 21 May 43.

During the week two patrols left for Waga Waga and one for Mullins Harbour. The relief patrols had nothing suspicious to report.

OWN-SEA NIL.

OWN-AIR NIL.

ENEMY-LAND NIL.

ENEMY-SEA NIL.

ENEMY-AIR. At 2116K/19 Air Raid Red was received. Two parachute flares were dropped and at least four bombs of apparently anti personnel type were dropped in B Coy. area. There was no damage or casualties in the Bn. but a small petrol dump on the bank of Wehuria Creek was destroyed.

PART II

NIL.

PART III

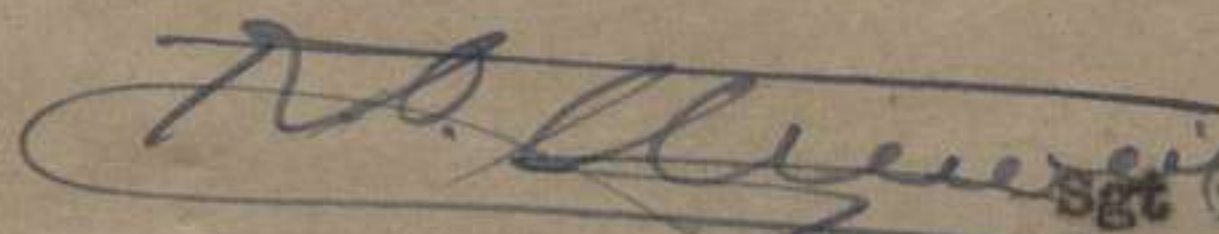
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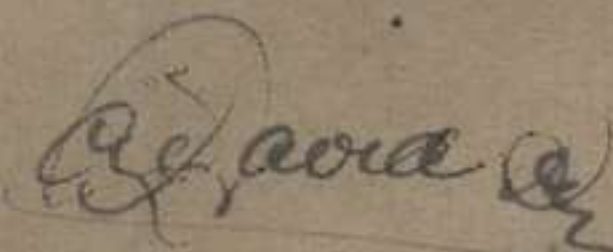
PART IV.

NIL.

PART V.

SECURITY. Change of password was promulgated to all coys. Sentries remained posted at night.


Sgt for Lieut.
I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn.


Lt. Col.
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.

42 Aust-Inf Bn
29 May 43

42 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

TO 1200 HRS 29 MAY 43

PART I

OPERATIONS
OWN - LAND

During the week the Bn has been engaged on maintaining and repairing defensive posns, constructing coy accommodation and preparing a new posn for Bn Hq.

One patrol left for MULLIN'S HBR and another for WAGA WAGA. One returned from MULLIN'S HBR and two from WAGA WAGA.

The CO attended two conferences of umpires on recent Staff and Signal Exercise No 2, at Hq 5 Aust Div.

A bombing and strafing attack by the RAAF was witnessed by the Bn in the GABA GABUNA sub sector on the morning of 25 May. It proved interesting and impressed upon all ranks the value of air support.

On 26 May the CO reced ALLIGATOR, DONA DONA, and DUAPI sub sectors.

Two members of the "I" Sec attended a Photo Interpretation school at Bde Hq.

OWN - SEA

Nil

OWN - AIR

"

ENEMY - LAND

"

ENEMY - SEA

"

ENEMY - AIR

"

PART II

Nil

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The patrols that have been sent to WAGA WAGA and MULLIN'S HBR have obtained valuable information on the type of country and have submitted reports on the topography of the ground covered.

PART IV

Nil

PART V

SECURITY

Change of password was promulgated to all coys. Sentries remained posted at night.

[Signature] Sgt for Lieut
IO 42 Aust Inf Bn

[Signature] Lt Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary

SECRET
Copy No. 9
29 May 43.

42 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1

Ref Map: 1.25000 GILI GILI

INFORMATION

1. As per 42 Aust Inf Bn Operation Instruction No.5.

INTENTION

2. Comd HQ will occupy new position at 390447 Route 11 on Sunday 30 May 43.

METHOD

3. Personnel
CO, Adjt, I.O., A/Adjt, Sig O, RMO, Padre, RSM, Office Staff, "I" Section, Pay, Postal, RPs, Sigs (4), 1 Det A/A Pl, Pioneer Pl, Batmen (7).
4. Start Time
1000 hrs
5. Start Point
Rd Junc present Bn HQ position.
6. Route
Route 3 to junc Route 3 and 1 at 357432 thence Route 1 to Route 11.
7.
MT move in convoy under direction of T.O.
Movement Order issued separately.
8. Accommodation.
On arrival allotment of tps to tent areas will be directed by Capt Reynolds.
9. Supporting Arms.
Separate instructions will be issued for movement of Supporting Arms HQ.

ADMINISTRATION

10. Dress Battle Order, waiters felt hats.
11. Medical
 - (a) Bn RAP moves to Bn HQ Area 390447.
 - (b) RMO will establish Forward RAP'S at A and B Sector HQ.

12. Supplies

- (a) Officers Mess Kitchen will move to new area and provide meals for all pers until separate kitchen is established.
- (b) HQ Coy will provide unconsumed portion of current period rations for pers, other than Officers, moving to new area.
- (c) "Q" remains present position till further orders.

13. Stores

- (a) Tentage and accommodation stores will be taken from present position to new area.
- (b) Bunks will be taken.

14. Transport

- (a) TO will provide transport for stores, kitchen, tentage and bunks by withdrawing tpt allotted to Coys.
- (b) 1 Jeep will be allotted permanently to Bn HQ, in addition to Comd Jeep.
- (c) Transport Lines remain present position till further orders.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

15. Sig Officer will arrange LT connections to new Bn HQ by 1000 hrs with Bde HQ, A and B Sector HQ's.

16. DR moves with Bn HQ.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1700 hrs

Issued by *Ligs*

J. Gray
Adj't 42 Aust Inf Bn Capt

DISTRIBUTION:

Comd
Adj't
RMO
IM
TO
RSM
A Sector Comd
B Sector Comd
HQ Coy
War Diary (2) *9+10*
File (2)

42 AUST INF BN WORKS INSTRUCTION NO. 1

1. Commencing Monday 17 May 43, the following works policy will be put into effect.
2. All personnel except those required for essential Coy Adm duties will be made available for work.
Coy Comds will submit by 1800 hrs on Saturday of each week a return of personnel available on the prescribed pro forma.
3. Personnel will be allotted to the four following tasks by Bn HQ.
 - (a) Maintenance of present def posns, repair of wire, clearing fields of fire, development of new posns as ordered.
 - (b) Preparation of New Bn HQ area.
 - (c) Improvement of essential accommodation in present Coy Areas.
 - (d) Completion of sup arms posns.
4. Allotment to these tasks will be dependent on number of men & tools available & progress of work.
For week commencing Monday 17 May 43 following will be the allotment.

(a) <u>Def posns</u>	A Coy	59		
	B "	63		
	C "	-		
	D "	63	-	185
(b) <u>New Bn HQ</u>	HQ Coy	34		
	A "	20		
	B "	-		
	C "	28		
	D "	-	-	82
(c) <u>Coy accommodation</u>	12 per Coy from Coy personnel		-	<u>60</u>
(d) <u>Sup Arms posns</u>				
	MMGs - All MG personnel on MG posn			
	Mortars- All Mortar personnel on Mortar posns.			
	Tank Attack - All Tk/A personnel on Tk/A posns.			
5. Work on def posns in Coy areas will be carried out in the following order:-
STRINGER, LAU LAU, AWADUMA, LADAVA, GABA GABUNA, ALLIGATOR.
6. Sector Comds will -
 - (a) prepare a works programme for their sectors, allot pers to various tasks and supervise work generally.
 - (b) Submit a report regarding progress of work in their sectors at 1800 hrs on Saturday of each week.
7. TO will arrange tpt for pers working at a distance exceeding 1 mile from Coy area.
Coys will make available Coy tpt as required for their purpose.
8. Tools as required by Sector Comds will be supplied by Coys.
9. Work on new Bn HQ area & provision of further accommodation in Coy areas will be under supervision of Capt J.F. Reynolds.
Sector Comds will consult with Capt Reynolds regarding availability of Pioneers and materials for this work.
10. Tps working in other Coy areas will carry cut lunch. Sector Comds will arrange to supply hot water for tea.
Hours of work:- Leave Coy Area 0800 hrs
Lunch 1200 hrs - 1300 hrs.
Knock off at Job 1600 hrs.
Smoke-oh from 10 mins to the hr to clock hr.
11. Every effort must be made to have programme of work completed by 5 Jun 43.

Drainy
 Capt
 Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution: A Coy MG Pl Major Crosswell File (2)
 B Coy MG Pl Capt Reynolds War Diary (2)
 C Coy TKA Pl Comd
 D Coy Maj Carstairs. Adjt

42 AUST INF IN OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 5.

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21 May 43.

DEFENCE OF GILI GILI - MAIWARA SECTORS

Ref MAP GILI GILI 1:25000

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy - As per current SITREPS & "I" Summaries.
2. Own Troops -
 - (a) 15 Aust Inf Bn - RADI sector.
 - (b) 22 Aust Inf Bn - PALMS area under command 4 Aust Inf Ede & will become reserve Bn for 29 Aust Inf Ede in the event of operations developing.
 - (c) 3 Bty 101 Aust Tk/A Regt) under command 29 Aust Inf Ede from
A Coy 7 Aust MG Bn) 1200 hrs 14 May 43.
 - (d) 14 Aust Fd Regt in support 29 Aust Inf Ede from 1200 hrs
14 May 43.
 - (e) In the event of operations becoming imminent, 32 Aust Employment Coy and one Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer In will come under command 42 Aust Inf Bn & will occupy LAU LAU & AWADUMA sub - sectors respectively.

INTENTION.

3. 42 Aust Inf Bn will destroy all enemy troops attempting to land in GILI GILI Sector & will deny enemy access through MAIWARA Sector.

METHOD.

4. Subdivision of Area.

Bn area will be divided into two sectors -

"A" Sector - Comd Major J. deM. Carstairs
DUUPI sub - section
DONA DONA do
ALLIGATOR do
GABA GABUNA do
LADAVA do
JUNCTION do

"B" Sector - Comd Major C.N. Crosswell
AWADUMA sub-section
LAU LAU do
STRINGER do

5. Allotment of troops to areas.

- (a) For purpose of occupation & maintenance, following distribution of troops will apply -

"A" Sector (i) Sub - sectors DUUPI - DONA, DONA - ALLIGATOR will not be occupied.
(ii) GABA GABUNA - A Coy.
(iii) LADAVA - D Coy less 1 platoon.
(iv) JUNCTION - C Coy

"B" Sector.
(i) AWADUMA - 1 platoon D Coy
(ii) LAU LAU - B Coy less 1 platoon
(iii) STRINGER - 1 platoon B Coy

5. Allotment of troops (contd)

(b) On operations becoming imminent, following distribution will apply:

<u>"A" Sector</u>	(i) GABA GABUNA	- A Coy
	(ii) LADAVA	- D Coy
	(iii) JUNCTION	- C Coy as Bn reserve.
<u>"B" Sector</u>	(i) AWADUMA	- Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn
	(ii) LAU LAU	- 32 Aust Employment Coy
	(iii) STRINGER	- B Coy

6. Supporting arms.

(a) Artillery.

(i) Field Artillery.

Tasks as per Appendix "A".

(ii) Beach guns.

Locations as per Appendix "A".

Task: destroy enemy landing craft attempting to land on Bn front.

(iii) Tank Attack.

In support A Tp 3 Bty 101 Aust Tk/A Regt.

Tk/A platoon 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Location & tasks as per Appendix "A".

(b) MMG's

In support 3 Platoon A Coy 7 Aust MG Bn.

MG Platoon 42 Aust Inf Bn.

Location & tasks as per Appendix "A".

(c) Mortars. Locations & tasks as per Appendix "A".

(d) B.E.L's. Location as per Appendix "A".

Capt E.J. Battingle is appointed Officer i/c B.E.L's & will.

(a) Train one NCO per B.E.L. in maintenance & use of B.E.L's.

(b) Exercise constant supervision over maintenance of B.E.L's.

(c) Submit a weekly report to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs Saturday covering maintenance & training.

(e) Carriers. 2 sections under command "A" Sector Comd.
2 sections under command "B" Sector Comd.

7. Minefields.

(a) Location FIELD "A" 379408.

(b) RAE 5 Aust Div is responsible for -

(i) Inspection & removal of mines from present minefields.

(ii) Marking off each minefield & pegging position of each mine in field.

(iii) Stacking requisite number of mines for each field in waterproof shelters adjacent to field.

(iv) Regular inspections of stacked mines.

(c) On operations becoming imminent mines will be laid according to a plan to be prepared & promulgated by this HQ.

8. Patrols. Patrols will be maintained

(a) To GIBARA - WAGA WAGA SOUTH

(b) To MULLINS HARBOUR

Table of patrol reliefs as per Appendix "B".

ADMINISTRATION.

9. Medical. (a) Forward RAP's will be established at HQ each sector -
A Sector - road junction 376423.
B Sector - route 6 424440
- (b) Bn RAP at Bn HQ area 390447.
- (c) ADS - B Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb 399446.
10. Ammunition. (a) Ammunition will be maintained at the following:-
Scale "A" - 100%
Scale "B" - 2 days (all categories)
- (b) Ammunition will be held in Coy or Platoon dumps adjacent to positions & must be raised one foot from ground & housed in iron shelters.
- (c) All ammunition will be inspected at least once per week.
- (d) Ammunition in excess of above scales will be returned to 10 AAOD.
11. Supplies. (a) 4 days reserve rations will be held in Coy dumps & will be turned over once per week.
- (b) Rations in excess of 4 days reserve will be returned by arrangement with BASCO.
- (c) Supply Point - FACTORY DID
- (d) Water Point - HAGITA HOUSE - 360428
- (e) Petrol Point - 395439. Reserve of 50 gals per vehicle on charge will be held in unit area.
12. Recovery. (a) 312 LAD at 29 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
- (b) Evacuations to 104 Sec 5 Aust Div W/

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

13. Bn HQ Route 11 390447
14. "A" Section HQ Junction Routes 3 & 16 376423
15. "B" Section HQ Route 6 424440.
16. Bde HQ Route 10 395451
17. Sig Officer will establish LT between Bde HQ, Bn HQ & Section HQ's.
18. Sig centre remains present location, road junction 376423.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 0900 hrs

Issued by Sigs

W. J. Gray
Adj. 42 Aust Inf Bn Capt

<u>Distribution.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
HQ Coy	1
A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
Sig Officer	6
MG Officer	7
Mortar Officer	8
Tk/A Officer	9
Carrier Officer	10
54 Bty 14 Aust Fd Regt	11
55 Bty 14 Aust Fd Regt	12
A Tp 3 Ety 101 Aust Tk/A Regt	13
3 Pl A Coy 7 Aust MG En	14
32 Aust Employment Coy	15
Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer En	16
RMO	17
QM	18
ADS - B Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb	19
Major J. deM. Carstairs	20
Major C.N. Croswell	21
Capt E.J. Pattingale	22
Cond	23
Adjt	24
IO	25
29 Aust Inf Bde	26
War Diary	27-28
File	29-30

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APPENDIX "B"

TO 42 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 5

TABLE OF PATROLS AND RELIEFS

Patrol	Strength	Unit	Relief to move out.
GIBARA - WAGA WAGA SOUTH (Constant recon patrols)	1 NCO 9 OR's	C Coy	14 May 43
		C Coy	18 May 43
		C Coy	22 May 43
		D Coy	26 May 43
		D Coy	30 May 43
		D Coy	3 Jun 43
		A Coy	7 Jun 43
		A Coy	11 Jun 43
		A Coy	15 Jun 43
		B Coy	19 Jun 43
		B Coy	23 Jun 43
		B Coy	27 Jun 43
		MULLINS HARBOUR (Standing patrols)	1 Offr or NCO 9 OR's
C Coy	26 May 43		
D Coy	1 Jun 43		
D Coy	7 Jun 43		
A Coy	13 Jun 43		
A Coy	19 Jun 43		
B Coy	25 Jun 43		

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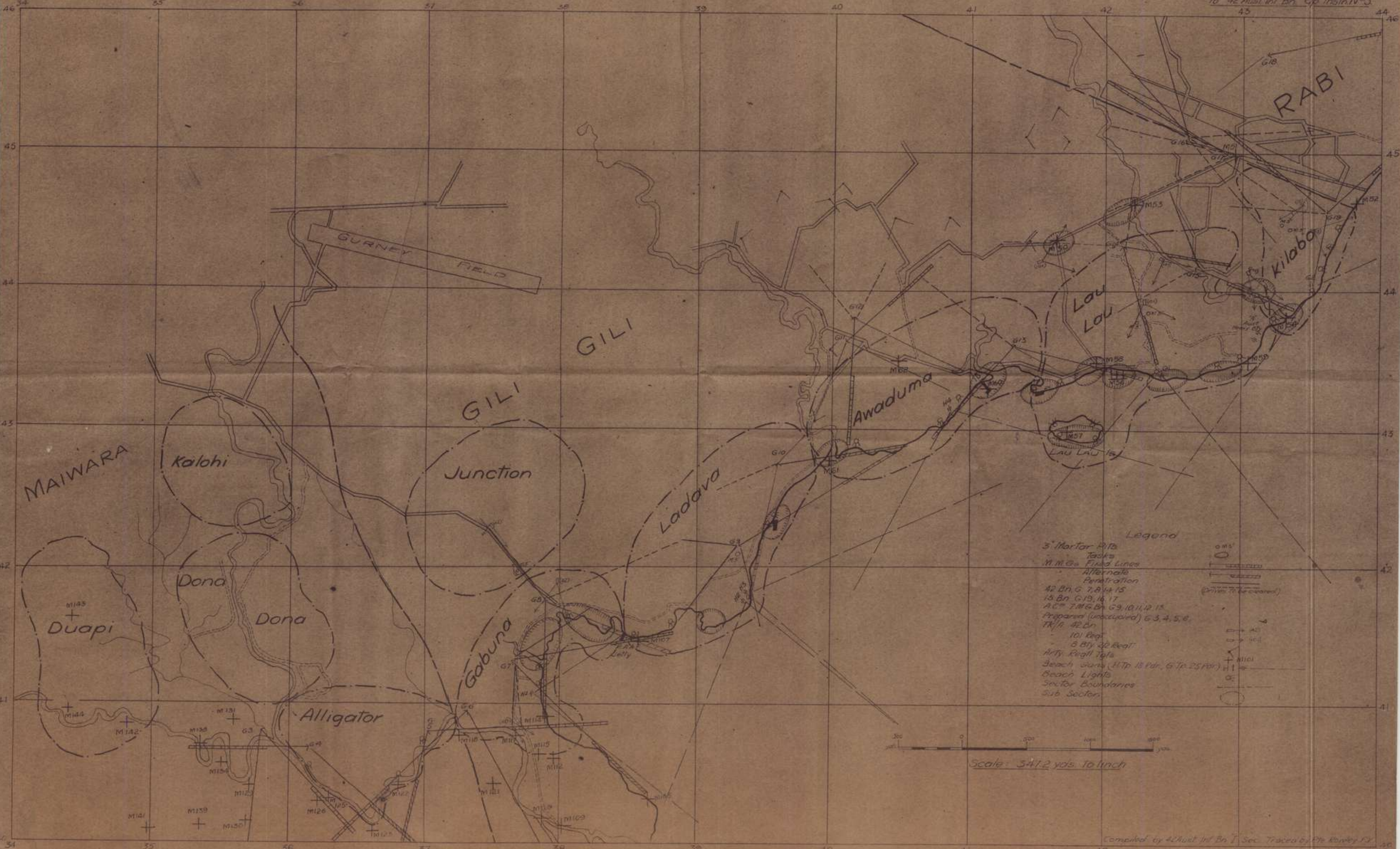
- (a) Patrol Leaders will report to Intelligence Office prior to moving out for information concerning route, supplies, tasks, reports etc
- (b) Table for patrols commencing 1 Jul 43 will be issued later.

SUPPORTING ARMS - FIRE TASKS

Ref Map 1:25000 Arty Series Gili Gili New Guinea

R.F. 1:12500

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Appendix A
To 42 Aust Inf Bn Op Instr N°5



Legend

- 3" Mortar Pits
- Tasks
- M.M.G. Fixed Lines
- Alternate Penetration
- 42 Bn G 7, 8, 14, 15
- 15 Bn G 13, 16, 17
- A.C. 7 M.G. Bn G 9, 10, 11, 12, 15
- Prepared (unoccupied) G 3, 4, 5, 6
- TK/A 42 Bn
- 101 Regt
- 6 Bty 20 Regt
- Arty Regt Tpts
- Beach Sigs (H Tp 15 Pdr, G Tp 25 Pdr)
- Beach Lights
- Sector Boundaries
- Sub Sector

Scale: 341.2 yds. To Inch

Compiled by 42 Aust Inf Bn I. Sec. Traced by Pte Rowley 17
19 May 44