

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/2/25

25 Infantry Brigade  
January - February 1945

26 FEB. 1945

WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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(Adapted)

Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jan To 31 Jan 45


Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	1 Jan		Rest Day.	
	2 Jan		Normal training for all units. Heavy rain fell during afternoon and night 2/3 Jan.	
	3 Jan		Maj R H LOWE of 2/5 Aust Armd Regt attached to this HQ as IO. It is expected that the 2/5 Armd Regt will work with this Div in operations. For Training Syllabus for week ending Jan 14 see --	Appendix "A"
	4 Jan	1500	Bde Comd held conference of COs to discuss details of training policy, orders for dress as laid down by 1 Aust Corps (see Appx "B"), and saluting of Officers. The Bde Comd congratulated the COs on the success of malarial precautions taken by their units.	Appendix "B"
	5 Jan	1200	Brig BIERWORTH, DAQMG First Aust Army, visited Bde Comd. Maj LOWE now attached to 2/9 Aust Armd Sqn.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	6 Jan		All units training per Syllabus. Bde HQ firing on DANBULLA Rifle Range, one Squad in morning, one in afternoon.  Weather fine.	
	7 Jan		Rest Day.  Bde Comd departed on leave. BM accompanied him to CAIRNS.  Lt-col R H MARSON, CO 2/25 Aust Inf Bn, Adm Comd 25 Bde during absence of Brig EATHER.  Lt-col R H McINLYRE and Maj R H LOWE of 2/5 Armd Regt now attached to this Bde as observers.  Weather fine.	
	8 Jan		Normal training for all units. Weather fine.  Maj P CLEASBY-THOMPSON marched out to 2/33 Bn for one week.	
	9 Jan		Normal training. Weather fine with few light showers.  For Training Syllabus for week ending 21 Jan see--	Appendix "c"



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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jan To 31 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	10 Jan	0930	Lt-col McINTYRE & Maj LOWE marched out to return to their unit.	
	11 Jan		A further LVT Training period has been allotted to 25 Bde from 12-14 Jan. Training Cadre comprises 3" Mortar Detachment and one Rifle Pl from 2/25 Bn, MMG Det and one Rifle Pl from 2/31 Bn, and one Rifle Pl from 2/33 Bn. Cadre to move to 1 Aust Bch Gp at CAIRNS on 11 Jan. BM and LO I watched 2/25 Bn training on TANK ROCK Arty Range.	
	12 Jan		Normal training, weather fine.	
	13 Jan		Normal training, weather fine.	
	14 Jan		Rest day. Church parades and adm. Heavy rain in afternoon.	
	15 Jan		Personnel from Bn Pnr Pls preparing camp for 25 Bde NCOs' Cadre to be held from 19 Jan to 5 Feb, area 5039. For particulars of Cadre see-- 25 Bde Q Instruction attached as --	Ref map GORDONVALE 1" Appendix "D" Appendix "E"

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jan To 31 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	16 Jan		Lt G LOVELY of 2/5 Armd Regt attached to this Bde to observe training.	
	17 Jan		Officers of the Bde attended a demonstration of all latest Sig equipment at 7 Aust Div Sigs area.	
			For Training Syllabus for week ending 28 Jan see--	Appendix "F"
	18 Jan		Bn COs, IO I, and selected Officers from Bde attended an Engineers' Demonstration of Bridging, Road Building, and Mine Clearing at DANBULLA Rifle Range.	
		1400	BM and IO II marched out to Cadre Camp.	
		1800	Students reported to Cadre Camp.	
	19 Jan		Bde NCOs' Cadre Course commenced.	
			Maj P CLEASBY-THOMPSON acting as BM during absence of Maj LYON at Cadre Course.	
	20 Jan		Normal training.	

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jan To 31 Jan 45.

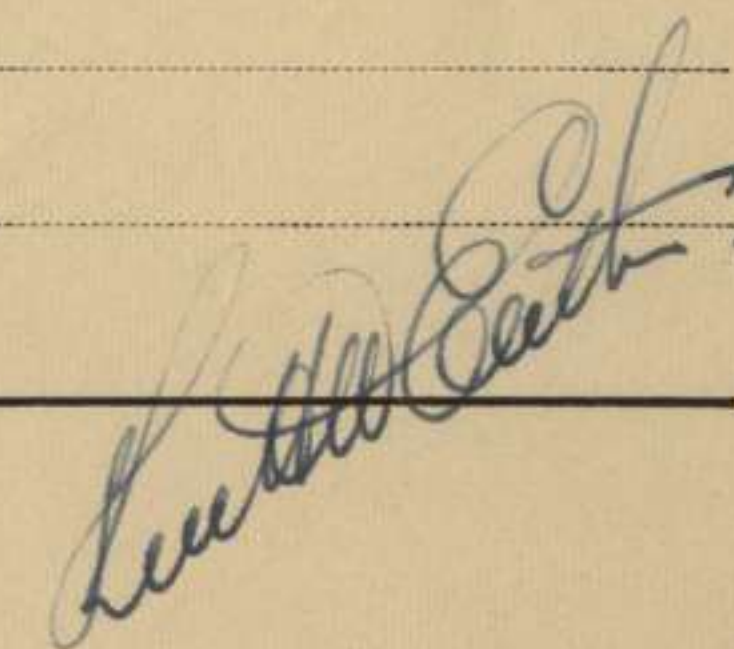
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	21 Jan		Church Parades & Adm. Weather mainly fine with few showers.	
	22 Jan		Maj P CLEASBY-THOMPSON marched out to take up appointment as G I Air SE ASIA Comd. Heavy rain night 21/22 Jan.	
	23 Jan		Normal training. Heavy rain.	
	24 Jan		Training in camp areas. Steady rain all day.	
	25 Jan		Steady rain throughout day. NIL report.	
	26 Jan	0830	Lt LOVELY marched out to rejoin Unit.	
		1245	Air recce exercise held for Officers of Bde HQ see--	Appendix "G"
	27 Jan		25 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr No.43 issued. See-- Weather strangely fine, with occasional light showers.	Appendix "H"
	28 Jan		Church Parades, rest day.	
	29 Jan		Bde Comd returned from leave. Weather cloudy with light rain.	

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jan To 31 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	30 Jan		Training Syllabus for week ending 4 Feb issued. See--	Appendix "J"
	31 Jan		Bde Comd visited Bde NCOs' Cadre during the morning and with BM(L) inspected 2/31 Bn training in SEVEN SISTERS area (4827 BARTLE FRERE 1") in the afternoon.  Weather overcast, light to medium showers throughout day.	
			For report of Education Service activities during month see--	Appendix "K"



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25 AUST INF BDE

ORIGINAL

APPX 'A'  
JAN 45

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 14 JANUARY 1945 .

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/35 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
Jan 8	Bn march to TANK ROCK Arty Range	Gas trg Fd Wks Wire crushing Close order drill Guards & Sentries	Lecture by Engr Offr Recapitulation Bren & 3" Mortar Semaphore	Route march
9	Exercises under bn DS. Coy in attack using supporting arms. Specialist Pl trg with ball amn	Discussion - composition of the sec. Exercise - Sec in approach Night exercise - Inter-pl patrols.	Lecture by Engr offr Pl drill Grenade trg Camouflage & concealment	Small arms trg Semaphore Lecture - Hygiene offr
10		Exercise - sec in defence sec patrols	Lecture by Engr offr Camouflage & concealment Coy sports & recreation	Compass march
11	Bn march back to camp area	Exercise - sec on contact Wiring Night exercise - inter-pl patrols	Pl drill PITA trg Maintenance all bn weapons	Miniature range practices rifle & LMG
12	Map reading & compass area "D". Lectures - Hyg & Gas	Rifle & LMG - unit miniature range	Exercises in bn trg area - Individual sec trg Recapitulation & practice - use of ground - concealment & camouflage - sec stalks - fortifications - scouts & patrols. Bivouac night 12/13	Gas lecture semaphore signalling
13	Recapitulation - small arms trg	Bn parade Bayonet trg Organised sport	First aid Coy adm	Route march
14	Bn rest day Church parades	Bn rest day Church parades	Bn rest day Church parades	Rest day Church parades



1. Sec.

TRAINING SYLLABUS PERIOD ENDING 19 JAN 45

App A.

DATE	SQUAD	PERIOD	TRAINING	DATE	SQUAD	PERIOD	TRAINING
8	1 - 3	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	8	7	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
	1 - 3	0900 - 1000	Lecture - Gas Officer			1400 - 1500	Lecture - Gas Officer
	1	1000 - 1200	Compass March			1500 - 1630	Semaphore
9	4 - 6	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	9	8	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
	4 - 6	0900 - 1000	Lecture - Gas Officer			1400 - 1500	Lecture - I and Fd Sec
	2	1000 - 1200	Compass March			1500 - 1630	Semaphore
10	1 - 3	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	10	9	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
	1 - 3	0900 - 1000	Lecture - Education Offr.			1400 - 1500	Lecture - I and Fd Sec
	3	1000 - 1200	Compass March			1500 - 1630	Semaphore
11	4 - 6	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	11	10	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
	4 - 6	0900 - 1000	Lecture - Education Offr			1400 - 1500	Lecture - I and Fd Sec
	4	1000 - 1200	Compass March			1500 - 1630	Semaphore
12	1 - 6	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	12	7 - 12	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
		0900 - 1200	Range 30x			1400 - 1630	Range - 30x
13	1 - 6	0830 - 0900	Ins and Pl Drill	13	11 - 12	1330 - 1400	Ins and Pl Drill
	1 - 6	0900 - 1000	Lecture - Hygiene Offr			1400 - 1500	Lecture - I and Fd Sec
	5 - 6	1000 - 1200	Compass March			1500 - 1630	Semaphore
14	REST DAY			14	REST DAY		

*In Davis Capt*  
 MAJOR.  
 BM 25 AUST INF BDE.

Subject : DRESS

Appendix B

HQ 1 Aust Corps  
1 Jan 45

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DISTRIBUTION : (As per Corps Routine Orders)

1. As from receipt of this instruction the following dress will be worn by all members of 1 Aust Corps :

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

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

3. In respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be fixed by Formation Commanders and published in Routine Orders) Formation Commanders may, in their discretion, empower COs to permit members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare.

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

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

4. Cooks may wear singlets whilst working in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen.

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

6. COs may authorise sunbaking in the vicinity of tents or quarters during specified hours.

7. Special provisions regarding officers.

- (a) Officers (and Warrant Officers) when not on parade with other ranks may wear, in lieu of hats, caps, officer pattern.
- (b) Safari jackets may be worn at the discretion of Formation Etc Commanders.
- (c) Anklets web or gaiters SD need not be worn by officers when wearing officers' pattern uniform.
- (d) Formation Etc Commanders may permit the wearing of Sam Browne belts with or without shoulder strap by officers (and Warrant Officers Class I) in lieu of belts web.

*[Signature]*  
Brig  
DA & MG 1 Aust Corps

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Jan 45

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APPX 'C'  
JAN 45

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 31 JAN 45

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
15 Jan	Bn march to LAKE BACHAN	Rifle & LMG practices - Unit miniature range Gas trg	Engr demonstration and practice with mines & booby traps. PT with rifles	Route march
16 Jan	Bn swimming carnival LAKE BACHAN	Pl exercises: Approach and first contact. HQ Coy & BRQ - Miniature range. Gas trg 1900-2100 Night wiring	IN TRAINING AREA; Section and platoon exercises: Formations, stalking, patrols, attack and defence Bn bivouac night 16/17 Jan	Small arms trg
17 Jan	Recapitulation all weapon trg	Pl exercises: Attack HQ Coy & BRQ Miniature Range. Gas trg		Map reading and compass
18 Jan	Gas trg Erection booby traps Section stalks	Pl exercise: Defence Miniature range practice 1900-2100 Night patrols and see infiltration	Pl drill Semaphore signalling Organised sports	Lecture: Hygiene Officer Semaphore signalling
19 Jan	Trg Area C - Sec and pl exercises	LMG trg Close order drill Cable laying & telephone instruction	Recapitulation: 3" & 2" mortar, LMG, SMC. Gas trg Miniature range practice	Route march
20 Jan	Miniature range: Rifle and LMG.	Bn parade Coy adm Organised Sport	Recapitulation: SA Trg Pl drill Maintenance all bn weapons	Gas lecture Small arms trg
21 Jan	Rest day - Church parades	Rest day - Church parades	Rest day - church parades	rest day - church parades

REMARKS - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - HQ Coy Exercises: 'Night Occupation' - Coy Comd's Lecture: 'Supporting Arms.'

25 AUST INF BDE NCO CADRE

Appx D

25 AUST INF BDE  
GT13/124/1.  
14 JAN 45.

LOCATION : Camp Area - 503401  
DURATION : 19 January - 7 February  
STUDENTS TO ATTEND : 24 Sec Comds per BN  
NOMINAL ROLLS : In duplicate 16 Jan 45.  
TIME OF REPORTING :  
2/25 Aust Inf Bn - 1500 hrs 18 Jan 45  
2/31 Aust Inf Bn - 1530 hrs 18 Jan 45  
2/33 Aust Inf Bn - 1600 hrs 18 Jan 45  
EQUIPMENT : Students; will bring to the course

- (a) Rifle & bayonet
- (b) Normal clothing & equip (incl 2 sets clothes)
- (c) Text Books ISL & Weapon Trg Pamphlets
- (d) Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile
- (e) Resperator, complete with eyeshields, ointment AG, cape AG, steel helmet.
- (f) Compass and protractor

STAFF

CI BM 25 Aust Inf Bde

ADJT LT McMAUGH - 25 Aust Inf Bde

INSTRUCTORS

Lt SWEETING - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - Rifle  
Lt CALCINO - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - OSMC  
Lt WELLS - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - Grenade  
Lt MacDOUGALL - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - Gas  
Lt CARROLL - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - Map Reading  
Lt LEWIS - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - Pita  
Lt PERKS - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - Bren  
Lt HOOK - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn - Bayonet  
Lt WEBSTER - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn - 2" mortar

Details of Camp Adm Staff, accommodation and training stores required from Units will be issued on 16 Jan 45.

DISTRIBUTION

2/25 BN - 2/31 Bn - 2/33 BN  
BM - SC - File  
War Diary. ✓

*Guyon*  
MAJOR.  
BM 25 AUST INF BDE.

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Appx 'E'

25 AUST INF BDE Q INSTR No 4

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HQ 25 AUST INF BDE  
15 January 45.

ACCOMMODATION NCOs CADRE COURSE

1. The following personnel and stores are required for establishing an NCO CADRE CAMP. Units as designated will supply the following:

<u>ADM PERSONNEL</u>	<u>2/25 Aust Inf Bn</u>	<u>2/31 Aust Inf Bn</u>	<u>2/33 Aust Inf Bn</u>
RSM		WOII BROWN	
CQMS			1 S/SGT COSPELLO
COOKS TGII		1	1
COOK CPL	1		
COOKS OFFSIDERS	1	1	1
HYGIENE DUTYMEN	1	1	1
GENERAL DUTYMEN	1	1	1
MESS STEWARDS	1	1	1
CLERKS	1(a typist)	1	1
STOREMAN			1

STORES FOR ADM PERSONNEL

TENTS	1	2	1
BUCKETS	1	2	1
WASH BASINS	1	2	1
TABLES	1	2	1
FORMS	2	4	2
LAMPS HURRICANE	2	2	2
BROOMS	1	1	1
SHOVELS GS	2	2	2

The above stores and personnel will report to SC HQ 25 AUST INF BDE 1400 hrs 17 Jan 45, for onward movement to CADRE HQ. Units to provide own transport.

2. Evening meal for night of 17 JAN for all above personnel will be delivered in hot boxes to Cadre Camp location by 2/31 AUST INF BN. Breakfast meal for morning 18 JAN for all above personnel will be delivered by 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. Lunch for 18 JAN will be delivered by 2/25 AUST INF BN. Camp to be established and working for evening meal 18 Jan.

2. The following stores will be delivered to Cadre HQ by 0900 hrs 18 Jan.

	<u>2/25 Bn</u>	<u>2/31 Bn</u>	<u>2/33 Bn</u>	<u>HQ Bde</u>
Tents	6	6	6	
Buckets	6	6	6	
Wash basins	6	6	6	1
Tables	8	8	8	
Forms	20	20	20	
Lamps hurricane	6	6	6	
Insulators containers cooking	1	1	1	
Soyers	1	1	1	
Pans Frying	2	2	2	
St nds Cooking	2	2	2	
Fowler Stoves	1	1	1	
Containers Cooking 3 gals	4	4	4	
Axes	1	1	1	
Ladles	1	1	1	
Kettles Camp Oval 12 quart	2	2	2	
Spoons gravy	2	2	2	

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	<u>2/25 Bn</u>	<u>2/31 Bn</u>	<u>2/33 Bn</u>	<u>HQ Bde</u>
Forks meat	2	2	2	
Tubs washing 8 gal	1	1	1	
Knives meat	2	2	2	
Picks 5lbs	1	1	1	

3. Officers and Sjts Mess

Each unit will supply - Plate, BB Plate, Knife, Spoon, Fork, teaspoon, cup and saucer for each officer and Sjt at the Cadre.

Each unit will also supply - 1 Sugar bowl, 1 set salt and pepper shakers, 1 butter dish, 1 jam dish, 1 table cloth.

ADMINISTRATION

4. Rations - CQMS is responsible for rationing and feeding arrangements at the school; also accounting for stores on loan from units; he is responsible for camp hygiene.

5. Water - TO 25 Aust Inf Bde will arrange supply of water to school cookhouses and showers.

6. Strength States - As school is within the brigade limits, units will NOT detach personnel but show them in column 'C' of daily state.

7. Canteen and Recreation Room - 7 Aust Div Signals canteen is available to all students and staff.

8. RAP - Will be established by 2/4 Aust Fd Amb

9. Transport - TO HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde will make available to school one utility truck to be located at the school. All POL etc., to be obtained and accounted for at HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.

10. Malaria Precautions - All malaria precautions will be taken. School Adjnt, Lt B B McMAUGH, responsible for checking that all personnel take atebirin daily.

11. Postal - All outward mail will be censored at the school and picked up at 0900 hrs daily by Postal Orderly HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde. Units will deliver to postal orderly at HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde all inward mail for the school. This will be delivered to the school. TO will arrange transport for the postal orderly.

12. Batmen - All officer instructors will take batmen.

13. Work Party - Each unit will supply a working party of 1 NCO and 10 ORs for erection of tents. TO HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde will arrange transport for working parties to be at school by 0900 hrs 18 Jan.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
SC 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

2/25 Aust Inf Bn  
2/31 Aust Inf Bn  
2/33 Aust Inf Bn  
EM  
School Adjnt  
RSM  
CQMS  
TO  
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25 AUST INF BDE

APPX F  
JAN 45

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 28 JAN 1945

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
22 Jan	Recapitulation all weapon trg Maintenance in weapons	Exercises Bn Trg Area: Coy in approach and first contact. Coy night exercise	Visual training films	Recapitulation Weapon training, Map Reading, compass. Specialist training under OSC detachments.
23 Jan	Bn route march	Miniature Range: Zeroing of LMGs & Rifles Weapon trg Coy night exercise	Recapitulation weapon trg PT Rifle exercises Semaphore Pl sports	
24 Jan	Individual sec trg Weapon revision	Pl exercises: House and village clearing. Camouflage & Fd craft PT Rifle exercises Coy night exercise	BLACK ROCK MORTAR RANGE: 2" & 3" Mortar, PETA	
25 Jan	Bn Trg Area: Pl and Sec exercises	Bn Trg Area: Coy in deliber- ate attack Coy night exercise	Bn Training Area:	
26 Jan	Miniature Range practices	Close order drill Coy Administration Organized sport	Pl exercises and sec trg	
27 Jan	Bn Horse Race Meeting: KULARA Race Course	Coy Fd Firing Exercises: DAMBULLA RANGE LMG night occupation and shoot.	PT Rifle exercises Recapitulation weapon trg Coy administration Maintenance bn weapons	
28 Jan	Bn Rest Day - Church Parades		Bn Rest Day - Church Parades	

Note - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn training for 23 and 24 Jan has been reversed.

AIR RECCO EXERCISE

APPX 'G'

25 Aust Inf Bde  
OTS/25/1  
25 Jan 45

Ref Maps: 1" to 1 ml - DIMBULAH, HERBERTON, DANTE FERRIS,  
CONDORVALE, CAIENS, BIRBOOHA,  
Air Photos - As available

GENERAL - An air recco exercise will be held on 26 Jan 45, for officers of HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde. Three ANSON A/C are available

OBJECT - To train and practise officers in making air recces, ground to air communications, etc.

ROUTE - HAHEEDA - TOIGA - HILIA HILIA - down GILLIES HIGHWAY (to INNISFAIL)  
- CONDORVALE - CAIENS - up BARRON Gorge (to KURANDA) - HAHEEDA.

SYNDICATES

Capt HOWIE	Capt SKYDOR	Capt PRIOL
Capt PEARCE	Lt HAIR	Lt HINDHAUGH
Lt THOMAS	Lt QUINAN	Lt BOWMAN

Air photos and maps will be studied under syndicate leaders prior to recces.

TASKS - Reports on the following will be submitted to HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde on morning 27 Jan.

1. What is the extent and types of army depots at TOIGA
2. Number of rds by types converging on HILIA HILIA, giving surface, width, condition of bridges.
3. HE traffic on PALMERSTON Highway; the state of water in any rivers crossed by this rd.
4. Is there a suitable area for development of landing strips for heavy planes in vicinity INNISFAIL.
5. Is bridge over HUGHAVE River now open to traffic or still covered by flood waters.
6. Amount of rail traffic between INNISFAIL - CAIENS
7. Number of ships and planes (by types) in CAIENS Harbour, i.e. troop, cargo, Catalina, etc.
8. Are bridges across BARRON RIVER trafficable between CAIENS - KURANDA or still covered by flood waters.
9. Give estimate of height of BARRON FALLS
10. Report on number of bridges and types on CAIENS - HAHEEDA rd.

ADMINISTRATION

On 26 Jan mid-day meal 1200 hrs.  
Depart HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde 1315 hrs  
Report ALO HAHEEDA 1345 hrs.

Capt.  
for HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX G  
JAN 45



Appx 'H'

CONFIDENTIAL

25 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR No 43

27 Jan 45.

Copy No 13.

1. GENERAL POLICY - Individual to coy trg
2. ROUTE MARCHES - One route march per week will be undertaken. The use of MT for tp carrying will be restricted and will be released by HQ 7 Aust Div only when dismounted movement is impracticable. It is suggested that route marches be combined with range practices.
3. RANGES - Will be utilised fully, consistent with allotment and availability of amn.
4. PIDGEONS - Sig Officer 25 Aust Inf Bde is available for lectures on pidgeons and will arrange use when available.
5. MT - Training will be undertaken to cover: -
  - (a) Convoy control
  - (b) Road and track discipline
  - (c) PAD
6. DIV REST CAMP - Instructions issued separately.  
Allotment of dates:
  - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn - 9/15 Feb
  - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - 27 Feb/5 Mar
  - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - 4 Apr/10 Apr
7. 1 AUST PARA BN - (a) Observers will be attached to units  
(b) Units will be prepared to supply instructors  
(c) It is expected that 1 Aust Para Bn will be available for coy and bn training after 26 Feb. Drops in conjunction with exercises are anticipated.
8. SWIMMING AND RIVER CROSSING - Will be included in training
9. SPORT - As much sport as possible will be arranged.
10. TRAINING AREAS - 7 Aust Div reports that tps are moving through prohibited areas and those outside Div Training Area without permission. It is directed that this practice cease.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
2/25 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	3
25 Aust Inf Bde Sigs	4
Comd	5
BM	6
BM(L)	7
SC	8
LOs	9/10
7 Aust Div	11
File	12/13 ✓
War Diary	14/15

Appx H  
Jan 45

WWD

APPX J  
JAN 45

25 AUST INF BDE  
TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 4 FEB 45

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jan	Fd firing exercise TANK ROCK Range	Guards and Sentries Gas trg Map reading and compass Rifle exercises - PT	Range practices - DANBULLIA RIFLE RANGE	RECAPITULATION SMALL ARMS AND GAS TRAINING  COMPASS AND MAP READING  SPECIALIST DETS TRAINING UNDER OSC.
30 Jan	Bn march back from TANK ROCK Range	Bn march to trg area; Exercises Camouflage & Fd Craft - Scouts Coy night exercise	Recapitulation; Small Arms Trg. Map reading and compass Rifle exercises - PT Semaphore signalling	
31 Jan	Miniature range practices	Bn trg area; Sec exercises Approach & first contact Defence Coy night exercises	Gas trg Pl drill Tactical crossing of rivers and obstacles	
1 Feb	Recapitulation Small arms trg.	Bn trg area; Sec exercises Sec in attack Bn march back to camp area	Sec Trg: Selection of lines of adv. Keeping direction and memorising routes	
2 Feb	Gas trg Weapon trg	Miniature range practices Organised sport	Gas trg River crossings with improvised eqpt Exercise: Observation of fire	
3 Feb	Kit inspection - Make & mend Recapitulation weapon cleaning	Range practices DANBULLIA Rifle range	Sec exercise: Clearing isolated cover and small woods Inter pl cricket matches	
4 Feb	BATTALION	REST DAY	CHURCH PARADES AND INTERIOR	

REMARKS Unit specialist training under pl comds  
25 Aust Inf Bde NCO cadre being held vicinity HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div - Syllabus attached.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

FORMATION OR AREA . . . . . 25 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE  
 REPORT FOR MONTH OF JAN., 45

PART I - STATISTICS OF ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1 - ARMY EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Offrs O/Rs Total

(a) Total full time staff on strength at end of month	1	1	2
(b) Total of UECs effective at end of month	3	4	7
Total of personnel	4	5	9

SECTION 2 - LECTURES, INCLUDING ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

Gen Hosp Total

No. of locations at which lectures given	6	-	6	
No. of lectures given during month of Jan, 45	59	-	59	
No. of illustrated lectures given	2	-	2	
CLASSIFICATION OF LECTURES DELIVERED	by Army Education Sta	34	-	34
	by Army personnel	25	-	25
	by members of other Services	-	-	-

SECTION 1 - ARMY EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Offrs O/Rs Total

Aggregate attendance at all lectures during month	6750	-	6750
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SECTION 3 - EDUCATIONAL FILM SCREENINGS

(a) Total of screenings given	2	-	2
(b) With lecture or discussion	-	-	-
(c) Without lecture or discussion	2	-	2
Aggregate attendance (approx)	2000	-	2000

CLASSIFICATION OF LECTURES DELIVERED	by Army Education Sta			
	by Army personnel			
	by members of other Services			

SECTION 1 - ARMY EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Offrs O/Rs Total

Aggregate attendance at all lectures during month			
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## SECTION 4 - CLASSES

	Gen	Hosp	Total	
NUMBER OF CLASSES	Active at end of previous month	3	-	3
	Begun during month	See Supplementary Report		
	Completed courses during month	-	-	-
	Lapsed during month	3	-	3
	Active at end of month	1	-	-
No. of camps and locations with active classes	1	-	1	
Total No. of personnel participating	8	-	8	

## SECTION 5 - DISCUSSION GROUPS

	Active at end of previous month	1	-	1
	Formed during month	1	-	1
	Lapsed during month	-	-	-
	Completed courses during month	1	-	1
	Active at end of month	1	-	1
No. of camps and locations with active groups	1	-	1	
Total no. of personnel participating	8	-	8	

## SECTION 6 - MUSIC

Locations at which music recitals given	5	-	5
Total No. of music recitals	12	-	12
Aggregate attendances	660	-	660
1. No. of recitals by musicians in person			
(a) With commentary	1	-	1
(b) Without commentary	-	-	-
Total	1	-	1
2. No. of recitals of recorded music			
(a) With commentary	11	-	11
(b) Without commentary	-	-	-
Total	11	-	11
3. No. of locations with music groups or clubs	5	-	5
Total membership of music groups or clubs	175	-	175

*J. H. Hair*  
Lt.  
EDUCATION OFFICER.  
25 Aust Inf Bde.

31 Jan 45.

AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

25 AUST INF BDE

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR MONTH JAN 45

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The UEO, 2/25 Bn marched out of his unit during the month, and a successor has not yet been appointed. In the meantime the full time Cpl is carrying on. Of the four O/Rs shown as UEOs three are full time representatives. It is pleasing to note that in all units increased interest is being taken in AAES activities.

2. LECTURES

Again this month, there was an increase in the number of lectures given to all units, due in some measure to the fact that the training programme was not so heavy, and that the demand for these talks is increasing.

Besides talks by full time AAES staff, 25 talks were given by Bn IOs and a visiting British Army Offr.

In addition 17 CAB Talks were given in two (2) Bns.

3. FILMS

A good film programme was obtained early in the month and shown throughout the Bde. It is hoped that further good programmes will become available in the near future. Many requests were being made for the showing of the "Why We Fight" series.

4. CLASSES

On 22 Jan 45, an Opportunity School for the teaching of illiterates and near illiterates was commenced at Bde HQ. Eight personnel are attending daily from Mon to Sat, and it is intended to continue the school for a month. Permission was obtained from Bde Comd and the COs of the three Bns to allow the students to attend. The instructor is OX.26764 Pte Hansen G.T. of "I" Section, HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde, who is a Q'ld State School Teacher, and has had previous experience with this type of class in the Army. A full report will be submitted at the conclusion of the school.

5. DISCUSSION COURSES

One Discussion Course was completed during the month, and another commenced in a different unit, the subject being current economic problems.

6. MUSIC

Regular recitals are being held in five units, and the attendance at these music groups is increasing. Now that the recordings of the four Gilbert & Sullivan Operas have been rendered at each group, light classical programmes are being used, the numbers being chosen from the requests received.

Theory of Music Classes are being conducted regularly by WO I Peter Cooper.

7. HOBBIES

Due to the announcement that an Arts and Crafts Exhibition is to be held, there is an increased interest in this activity, but owing to the small supply of material, the number of active participants is limited. Supplies of veneer and pearl shell have been issued, but most requests are for leather.

8. BOOKS

AAES libraries continue to be well patronised, but there is a continual demand for new books, and in larger quantities than previously distributed.

9. DEBATES

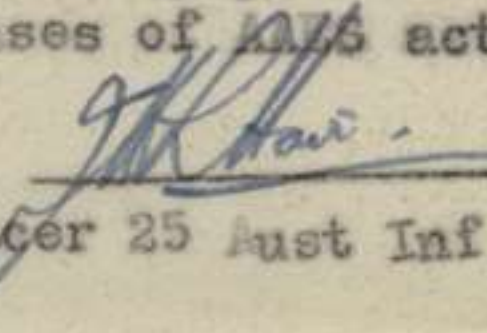
One debate was held during the month, the first of a series of Inter-Coy debates arranged in 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. Quiz sessions are still popular, but no supplies of questions have been received for some time.

10. GENERAL

During the month there were 38 applications for Correspondence Courses, and there is an aggregate of 150 personnel already studying courses in this Bde.

Good use is being made of Map Displays and Wall Newspapers in all units.

Generally there has been an increase in all phases of AAES activities during the month.

 Lt.  
Education Officer 25 Aust Inf Bde

31 JAN 1945

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER K.W. EATHER - CBE DSO ED

COMMANDING

25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

25 AUST INF BDE.  
4 JANUARY 1945.

(Nos 1- 7 )

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1. TRANSPORT

Units requiring additional transport will requisition for same from the Brigade Transport Officer NOT later than 1000 hrs on day preceding the requirement.

2. SPEED LIMITS

Vehicle speed limits as laid down in 25 Aust Inf Bde Standing Orders are not being observed. Units will ensure that all drivers are aware of and strictly adhere to these speed limits.

3. TIMBER

Timber is being felled in areas outside those laid down. Units may cut timber in prescribed area only- ref map Gordonvale 1" to 1 mile 508392. Road leads to area.

4. GROs - SPARE COPIES

Units will return any spare copies of any GROs to this HQ by 0900 hrs 6 January 45.

5. AMENITIES - PARTIES TO LAKE EACHAM

Units wishing to take parties of over 10 personnel to LAKE EACHAM, will make application to this HQ at least 7 days prior to day of excursion.

6. UNAUTHORISED USE OF EXPLOSIVES ETC

(a) Numerous explosions, not connected with training, have recently taken place throughout the Brigade Area, particularly during the hours of darkness. Serious injuries have resulted in some cases. Such explosions and/or discharge of firearms will cease forthwith and all officers will ensure that this instr. is strictly obeyed. Disciplinary will be taken against any offenders.

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Jan 45

7. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - USE OF OPERATIONAL VEHICLES

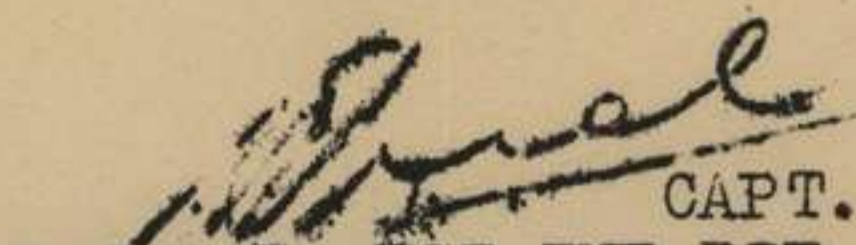
(a) Recent inspections of tyres on operational vehicles reveal a serious lack of tyre care and maintenance in some units.

(b) With rubber in short supply, it is essential that greater care of tyres is taken by all personnel who in any way handle transport.

(c) From the condition of most tyres inspected, it is also obvious that operational vehicles are being used for purposes other than those laid down.

(d) Operational vehicles will only be used for essential training, or if not used for training will be given maintenance running which must NOT exceed 20 miles per week.

Distribution

  
CAPT.  
S.C. 25 AUST INF BDE.

2/25 Aust Inf Bn (6)  
2/31 Aust Inf Bn (6)  
2/33 Aust Inf Bn (6)  
25 Bde Sigs Section  
8 Pl 2/I Aust Guard Regt  
315 Aust LAD  
FPO 54  
Brigade Commander  
Brigade Major  
Staff Captain  
Transport Officer  
Spares (6)  
War Diary (2)

NOTICES

(for Brigade Headquarters  
only)

AUDIT BOARD

All reference to a previously appointed Audit Board is cancelled. The following members are now appointed as the unit Audit Board:-

Capt A.S. GEE  
Lt B. LOW  
Lt B.B. McMAUGH

CANTEEN ACCOUNTS (separate appx)

NOTICES

CANTEEN COMMITTEE

1. The following personnel comprise the Canteen Committee:-
 

President	Cpl SNELLING
	Pte Sergeant
	Pte Reed
	Cfn Kelly
	Signn Gilbert
  
2. The committee will hold office for three months or to the completion of a unit movement outside Australia, whichever is the sooner and will then be eligible for re-election.
  
3. The committee may be dissolved by order of the Brigade Major who may order it if any soldier parades himself and states dissatisfaction with the conduct of the canteen
  
4. During its term of office, the committee has full control of the canteen, its stocks and purchasing and funds.

CANTEEN  
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS AS AT 31 DEC 44

Dec 1	To Stock	279.11. 2.	By sales
	Purchases £513. 6. 2.		for month £534.19.4.
	Less disc £ 24.17. 2.	£488. 9.	
	Gross profit	£ 20.16. 1.	Less disc £ 1.10.
			Stock 31 Dec
			55.6.11
		£588.16. 3.	£ 588.16.3

Table purchases

XMAS FARE	£ 13;19.6.	Balance C/D	£ 20.16. 1.
Milk	£ 7.12.	Nett loss	£ 8.12. 3.
Welfare A/C	£ 6.11.3.		
Dance	£ 1. 5.7.		
	£29. 8.4.		£ 29. 8. 4.

BALANCE SHEET (AS AT 31 DEC 44)

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>
Capital A/C £93. 8.4.	Cash on hand £79. 4. 4.
Nett loss £ 8.12.3. £84.16. 1.	Stock on hand 31 Dec £55. 6.11.
Regt fund £8. . 1.	Sundry Drs - . . .-
	Offrs Mess £3.9.-
	Tpt £1;13.4. £ 5. 2. 4.
	Keg A/C £ 3. 2. 7.
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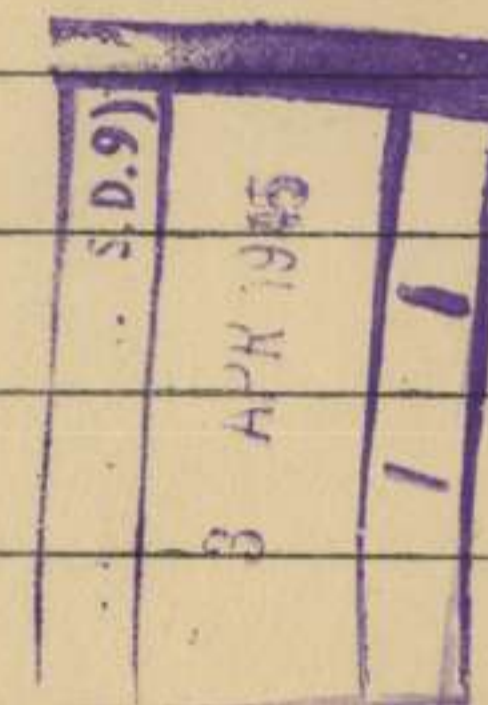
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(adapted)WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 28 Feb 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	1 Feb		Normal training all units.	
		1500	Maj Gen MILFORD, GOC 7 Aust Div, visited Bde Comd at Bde HQ.	
	2 Feb		Normal trg in camp areas. Steady rain throughout day.	
	3 Feb		Normal trg. For Trg Syllabus for week ending 11 Feb 45 see--	Appendix "A"
	4 Feb		Rest Day. Church Parades and Adm.	
	5 Feb		Bde Comd visited Bde NCOs' Cadre School to address students' parade and watch march past.	
			Lt P O M WOODHILL marched in from 2/33 Bn as IO III.	
			Cadre School finishes and BM returns to camp. Students report back to respective units.	
	6 Feb		Normal trg all units. Weather fine.	
		1030	Brig I N DOUGHERTY of 21 Bde visited Bde Comd.	
	7-8-9 Feb		Normal trg all units. Weather unsettled, frequent light showers.	
	9 Feb	1400	IO and Unit Gas Offrs attended demonstration at 21 Bde Gas Compound.	



# WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 28 Feb 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	10 Feb	0500	Further personnel departed on home leave.	
		1100	Bde Comd held conference of COs to discuss impending visit of Duke of Gloucester on 13 Feb.	
		1400	Bde Comd visited the three Bns during afternoon. Trg Syllabus for week ending 18 Feb issued see--	Appendix "B".
	11 Feb		Rest Day. Church Parades. Weather dull.	
	12 Feb	1400	Bde Comd held conference of COs to complete arrangements for Duke's visit.	
			Capt SEYMOUR, Bde TO, marched out to attend MT school. Weather fine and hot.	
			1900	Bde Comd attended Mess at Corps HQ to meet the Governor General HRH the Duke of Gloucester.
	13 Feb		Weather fine.	
		1135	The Duke of Gloucester at Bde HQ accompanied by the Corps Comd Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD, and was met by Bde Comd, <del>xxx</del> BM, and SC.	

# WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 28 Feb 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	13 Feb	contd	The Duke took the salute at a march past by 2/33 Aust Inf Bn, and then inspected trg by 2/31 Bn on miniature range; he left Bde area at 1150 hrs.	
	<del>14 Feb</del>		For full particulars of visit see 7 Div Adm Instr A5/45 -- SC departed on home leave.	Appendix "C"
	14 Feb		Capt HOWIE, IO I, and Lt BOWMAN, Amenities Offr, departed on home leave.	
	15 Feb		BM(L), Capt MILFORD, marched out on home leave. Normal trg all units, weather fine.	
	16-17 Feb		Normal trg. Weather fine.	
	17 Feb		Bde Comd and Legal Offr, Capt HARRISON, inspected Detention Compounds at Bns on account of recent escaping by prisoners. Trg Syllabus for week ending 25 Feb issued, see----	Appendix "D"
	18 Feb		Rest Day - weather fine.	

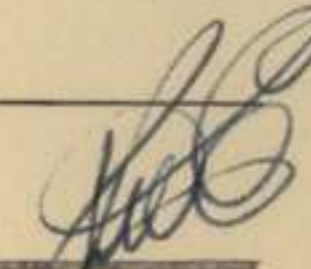
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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 28 Feb 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	19 Feb	1400	Lt-col SCHOFIELD, G I (Int) 1 Aust Corps, visited Bde HQ and met IOs of Bns and Bde IO.	
		1700	Capt HARRISON, LSO, marched out, medically reclassified. Lt WOODHILL marched out on home leave.	
	20 Feb	0800	Capt N H WALLMAN marched in to replace Capt HARRISON.	
	21 Feb	1415	Bde Comd and BM attended RAA Sports Meeting at Div Sports Ground. Normal trg all units.	
	22 Feb	1700	Bde Comd and BM visited WALSH RIVER Arty Range at 264176, where <sup>two</sup> Coys of 2/31 Bn co-operated <sup>with Arty in a</sup> Star Shell Demonstration.	
	23 Feb	1000	Bde Comd, BM, A/SC, and IO attended conference at 7 Aust Div to receive orders for Exercise "SEAGULL".	
		1500	Bde Comd visited 2/6 Aust Fd Amb.	
	24 Feb	1415	Bde Comd & BM attended 7 Aust Div Race Meeting. Weather very wet.	
			For Trg Syllabus for week ending 4 Mar 45 see---	Appendix "E" 

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 28 Feb 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	25 Feb		Rest Day - weather fine and hot.	
	26 Feb		Normal trg all units. Weather fine.	
			25 Bde Outline Plan for Exercise "SEAGULL" issued, see ---	Appendix "F"
	27 Feb		Normal trg all units.	
		1930	Bde Comd & BM attended flare demonstration at 2/31 Bn area.	
			CRA Brig O'BRIEN visited Mess afterwards.	
	28 Feb	1100	Brig EATHER and Maj LYON attended Corps RAA Sports Meeting.	
			Normal trg all units. Weather fine.	
			For AAES activities during month see --	Appendix "G"

*See [Signature]*

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*APPX A*

25 AUST INF BDE

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 11 FEB 45

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
5 Feb	Bn route march to LAKE EACHAM Trg with assault boats	Unit miniature range practices Weapon trg	BLACK ROCK MORTAR RANGE: Trg Pl exercises with PITA, 2 <sup>n</sup> Mortar and Rifle Grenades	Route marches Recapitulation Weapon Trg Specialist trg under detachment OSC.
6 Feb	Bn swimming carnival Trg with assault boats	Coy drill Bn route march Coy night exercise		
7 Feb	Bn marches back to camp from LAKE EACHAM	Battalion move to and return from TANK ROCK Range. Coy field firing exercises	Coy exercises: River crossing with assault boats (BARRON R area 4739) Exercise: Pl and sec in defence	
8 Feb	Gas trg PITA Firing Weapon trg		Coy exercises: River crossings with assault boats. Guards and sentries Maintenance all bn weapons Coy adm for move to Div Rest Camp	
9 Feb	Unit miniature range practice	Bn parade Trg with assault boats	Bn move to Div Rest Camp	
10 Feb	Sec and pl exercises Area 'B'	Coy trg with assault boats	Bn at 7 Aust Div Rest Camp	
11 Feb	Rest day - Church Parades	Rest day - Church Parades Two coys move to WALSH RIVER Arty Range for rehearsal Star Shell demonstration	Rest day Church Parades	

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APPX B  
FEB 45

25 AUST INF BDE  
TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 18 FEB

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
12 Feb	Coy exercises Area 'B' - Coy in defence - a/c co-operation checking camouflage of posns	Two coys exercise WALSH River Arty Range Unit miniature range practice	Grenade trg using 36M gren Map reading Gas trg	RECAPITULATION SMALL ARMS TRAINING MAP READING AND COMPASS SPECIALIST TRAINING UNDER DETACHMENT OSC
13 Feb	Elementary trg - Small arms	Two coys exercise WALSH River Arty Range Coy Drill Map reading & compass	Recapitulation PITA trg PITA range practice Lecture - Aerial Photo Interpretation	
14 Feb	Recapitulation all weapon trg. Gas trg	Two coys return from WALSH R Coy drill LMG & Rifle weapon trg Practical instr & Demo 25 pr gun	PT with rifle Lecture - Tropical hygiene Unit miniature range practice PITA range practice	
15 Feb	Bn route march	Coy drill Weapon trg - OSMB, PITA, Gren Practical instr & demo 6 pr gun	PT with rifle Weapon trg - TsOET all weapons Bayonet trg	
16 Feb	Unit miniature range practice	Bn route march	Coy route marches Camp improvements	
17 Feb	Gas trg Weapon trg	Bn parade Organized sport	Recapitulation gas trg Cleaning & inspection all weapons Organized sport	
18 Feb	Church Parades - Rest Day	Church Parades - Rest Day	Church Parades - Rest Day	

NOTES: (a) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn co-operating with a/c 0830-1000 hrs 12 Feb - area 'B' - coy defence posns  
 (b) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn co-operating with a/c 1030-1200 hrs 17 Feb - air recce  
 (c) 2/33 Aust Inf Bn (two coys) move to WALSH River Arty Range for demo with 2/9 Aust Pd Regt for 25 pr star shell on night 13 Feb 45.

Appx "C"

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 7 Aust Div  
12 Feb 45

7 AUST DIV ADM INSTR NO A5/45.

VISIT - HRH, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

1. The Governor-General, HRH The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, is to visit 7 Aust Div Area on 13 Feb 45.

2. Itinerary:

See Appendix "A" attached.

3. Route:

See Appendix "B" attached.

4. Traffic Control:

(a) Arrangements DAPM 7 Aust Div.

(b) Roads in Div Area:

1000 hrs - 1300 hrs : All roads will be closed to vehicular traffic.

1300 hrs - 1345 hrs : All roads open.

1345 hrs - 1500 hrs : All roads closed.

1500 hrs - 1600 hrs : Roads South of road junction 480353 closed - all other roads open.

1600 hrs : All roads open.

5. Dress:

(a) All ranks will wear :

Shirts.

Slacks.

Boots with gaiters.

Hats turned down, except as in sub para (b) below.

(b) Officers of the rank of Brigadier will wear caps.

(c) Separate instructions will be issued for Div Guard of Honour.

6. Guard of Honour:

7 Aust Div Guard of Honour comprises :

Comd : Maj N PEACH.

Offrs : Lt R GAMBLE

Lt McDONALD.

OR's : 120 : from 18, 21, 25 Aust Inf Bdes and RAA 7 Aust Div.

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*Wankine Maj.*  
Lt-Col  
AA & QMG 7 AUST DIV

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Appendix "A" to 7 Aust Div  
ADM INSTR A5/45.

ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL - HRH DUKE OF GLOUCESTER  
7 AUST DIV AREA 13 FEB 45.

Ref Map : GORDONVALE : 1 in to 1 mile.

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SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REFERENCE	TIME	REMARKS	SERIAL	EVENT	REFERENCE
1	464311	1015 hrs	GOC 7 Aust Div meets HRH Party. 7 Aust Div Pre escorts from this point.			GOC : Maj-Gen E J MILFORD DSO Staff : ADC : Lt R LYALL GSO : Lt-Col E R WILMOTH MC AA&QMG : Lt-Col K C C LAHEY			
			HRH views march past of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp, marching at ease and proceeding on five day exercise. Party thence proceeding slowly through remainder of column.			Comd : Brig. I N DOUGHERTY DSO Staff: BM Maj. L E WALCOTT SC Capt. H M HAMILTON Order of March 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp 2/5 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn 2/14 Aust Inf Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn. Tps marching at ease in file on each side of road. All Officers will salute; no other compliments will be paid.			
2	480364	1040 hrs	HRH arrives Guard area, and inspects 7 Aust Div Guard of Honour.			Officers of the Guard : Comd : Maj N PEACH Officers : Lt R A GAMBIE Lt G G McDONALD			
3		1050 hrs	Party moves on foot to DID and inspects issuing of rations to Units.			CAASC : Lt-Col H MURPHIE present at entrance at DID. rations to Units.			

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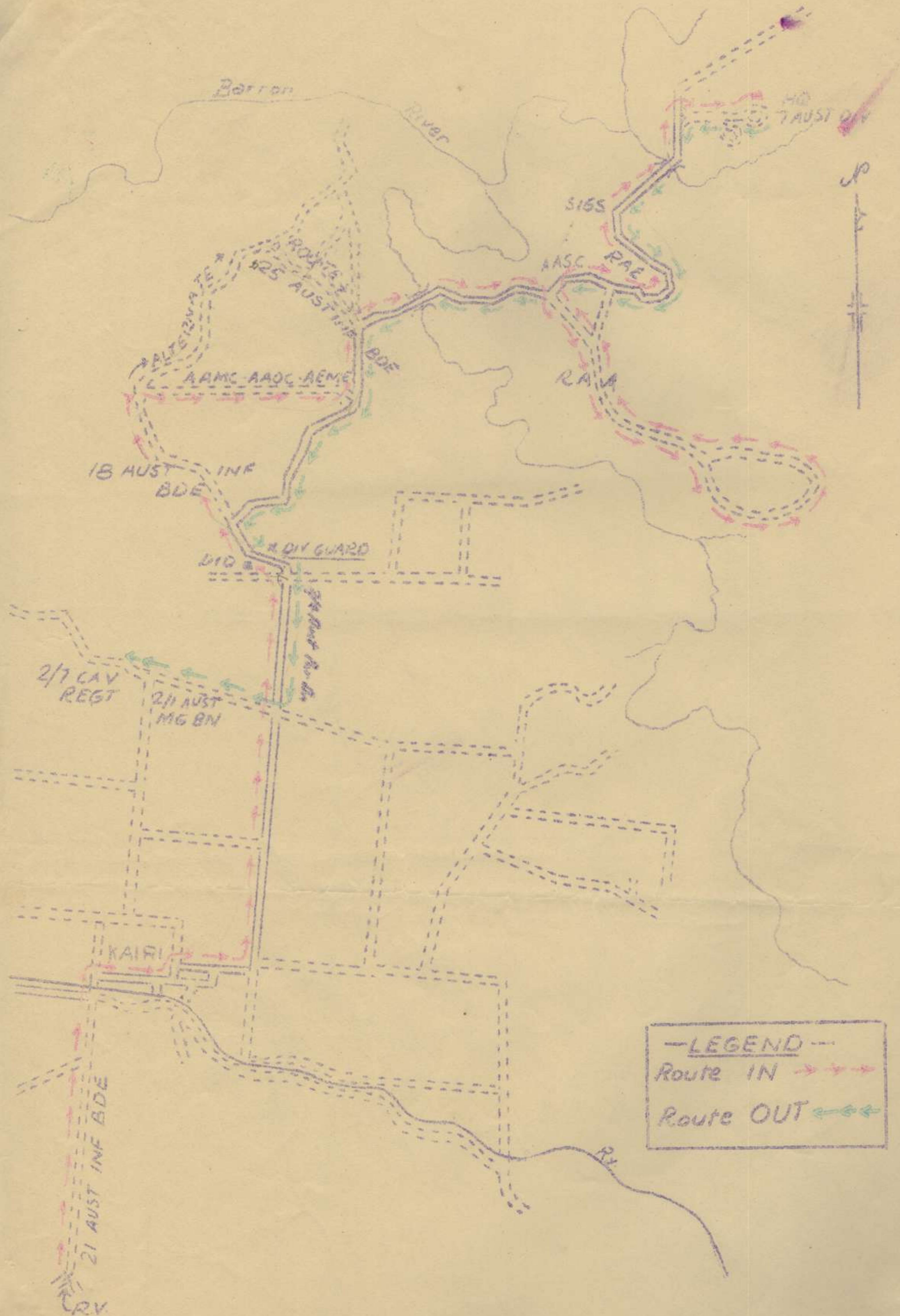
SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
4	478364	1054 hrs	HRH party met by Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde at exit DID area; moves on foot to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Training area; met by COs 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns; views Inf and specialist Pl training.	COs present at entrance to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Training area : CO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col T J DALY CO 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col C C F BOURNE
5		1105 hrs	Departs 2/10 Aust Inf Bn and moves slowly through 2/12 Aust Inf Bn personnel lining road, to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn area.	
6		1108 hrs	Arrives HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn; met by CO; views weapon training and gun drill. Lecture by Aust Army Education Service.	CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col A J LEE MC Visit may be curtailed if time does not permit.
7		1118 hrs	Departs 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and moves slowly along East-West road; through lines of AAMC, AAOC, AEME personnel on side of road. Alternative route from road junc 470375 to road junc 480388 to HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde may be used, if East-West road from road junc 470375 to road junc 485373 is impassable to wheeled vehicles. See Appx "B" attached.	Troops will stand to attention; officers only will salute. If alternative road is used, troops will take up new positions accordingly.
8	486382	1130 hrs	Arrives entrance 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - met by Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde and staff.	Comd : Brig K W WEATHER OBE DSO ED Staff : BM Maj G E LYON SC Capt R H PRIOL.
9		1135 hrs	2/33 Aust Inf Bn march past; CO falls cut at Saluting Base.	CO 2/33 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col T R W COTTON MC If the alternative route, as shown in Appx "B" attached, is used, 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will march along main road, turning left into branch road past HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
10		1140 hrs	Party moves on foot to 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Miniature range; met by CO; views Small Arms Practice.	CO 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col E M ROBSON
11		1155 hrs	Departs 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Training area; proceeds along main road to road junc 500383, thence to RAA area.	
12		1205 hrs	Arrives RAA area; met by CRA and COs 2/4, 2/5, 2/6 Aust Fd Regts and CO 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.  Views Fd Regt training : Maintenance Gun Drill Squad Drill Miniature layout.	CRA Brig G H O'BRIEN OBE CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt Lt-Col A J BLYTH ADM COMD 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Maj A J HUMBLEY CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt Lt-Col F M ST JOHN CO 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt : Lt-Col H W NELSON
13		1220 hrs	Proceeds by car to 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt area, completing circuit slowly, thence along artillery road to main road.	
14		1235 hrs	Party moves from road junc 500383 along main road to HQ 7 Aust Div, passing slowly through personnel of Sigs 7 Aust Div on side of road.	Troops will stand to attention; Officers only will salute.
15	511398	1245 hrs	Arrives HQ 7 Aust Div. Lunch in GOC's Mess.	
16		1400 hrs	Departs HQ 7 Aust Div; proceeds to RAE Training Area via main road.	
17	510383	1405 hrs	Arrives RAE Training Area; met by CRE	CRE : Lt-Col N R JELBART

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
			Views demonstration given to Fd Coys by NCOs of Bridging School, in the following : Bailey Bridge ARC Mesh Flying fox and field machines Mine laying.	
18		1415 hrs	Departs RAE Training area, moves along main road past 2/25 Aust Inf Bn carrying out infantry training (bull ring), in areas adjoining road; party then moves along main road to bend in road at 480367, thence through 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn marching at ease; thence to road, KAIRI - MAPEE	Head of marching column to reach road junc 480362 at approximately 1425 hrs.
19	474355	1440 hrs	Arrives 2/1 Aust M G Bn Training area; met by CO. Party moves on foot through area and views following training : Direct and indirect fire Stripping and assembling.	CO 2/1 Aust M G Bn Lt-Col A G HAUPT
20		1448 hrs	Departs 2/1 Aust MG Bn training area and proceeds to road junc 470356.	
21	470356	1450 hrs	Arrives 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt training area; met by CO. Proceeds training area; views following training : Ground-Air Code Training Unarmed Combat Booby Traps Lashings TsOET All Weapons Message Writing.	CO 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Lt-Col N L FLEAY DSO

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
22	468358  465333	1500 hrs	Departs 7 Aust Div Area. GOC leaves party. 7 Aust Div Pro escort remains with party until relieved at railway crossing KAIRI	

APPX 'B' to 7 AUST DIV  
ADM INSTN N°A5/45



Scale 2 Ins to 1 Mile

Appx "D"  
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25 AUST INF BDE  
TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25 FEB 1945

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
19 Feb	Weapon trg - Rifle and LMG	Weapon trg - Bayonet and OSME	Coy route marches	Recapitulation - Weapon Trg. Specialist Trg under det OSC
20 Feb	Weapon trg - Bayonet, OSME	Weapon trg - Rifle and LMG	Bn miniature range practice with PITA practice shot	
21 Feb	Bn route march	Weapon trg - Gren, 2" Mortar Application of fire	Weapon trg - Bren, bayonet Tactical crossing of river obstacle.	
22 Feb	Weapon trg - 2" mortar, Rifle and LMG.	Bn route march	Weapon trg - OSME and Rifle	
23 Feb	Weapon trg - recapitulation all arms	Weapon trg - Recapitulation	Weapon trg - Bayonet, LMG. Bn miniature range rifle practices	
24 Feb	7 AUST DIV RACE MEETING COY ADM and INTERIOR ECONOMY			
25 Feb, 4	Unit rest day - Church parades			

NOTES: (a) Two coys 2/31 Aust Inf Bn on 25 pr star shell demonstration WALSH River Arty Range with 2/9 Aust Fd Regt  
(b) General syllabus for week allows for weapon training in units under 'ball-ring' system.

Appx "E"

25 AUST INF BDE

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4 MAR 45

Date	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
26 Feb to 4 Mar	Weapon training	Weapon training NCO Cadre	Weapon training One sports afternoon One morning bn miniature range.	Weapon training Working parties



APPX "F"

"SEAGULL"

SECRET

25 Aust Inf Bde  
GT2/26/1  
16 Feb 45

1. Attached is OUTLINE PLAN for above exercise.
2. The plan is being submitted for divisional approval 1 Mar 45.
3. COs and OsC will attend a Bde Comd's Conference 1030 hrs 2 Mar 45 for issue of approved outline plan.
4. It will be appreciated if time and space bids in the form shown below could be supplied by all units except infantry battalions at or before this conference to enable preparation of Draft Distribution of Force to Ships.

Time to Land	Pers		Vehicles & Guns							Stores	Remarks	
	Pers on foot	Pers on vehs	1/2 ton	2 1/2 ton	3 ton	Miscellaneous Vehs	Mech eqpt	Trailers 1/2 ton	Trailers Various	Guns		Stores (tons weight)
H hr						(a)						(a) show details in this coln
H to H + 30							(b)					(b) show details in this coln
H + 30 to H + 60												
H + 60 to H + 120												
H + 120 to H + 240												

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

As for OUTLINE PLAN

26 Feb 45

25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN

Ref Maps No 1 PORT TUBAN one inch Series  
No 1 MORONES ISLAND 4 Miles to 1 inch

INFM

(See 7 Aust Div Int Summary No 1)

ADDITIONAL INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Estimated strength MORONES - 30-35,000
- (b) Principal concentration areas - (i) NUSU - 9400  
(ii) SIRAWAI - 8700
- (c) Tks (i) Total estimated on MORONES 24 Tks  
(ii) Types - Lt and Med  
(iii) Areas observed NUSU and SIRAWAI

2. Own Tps

- (a) 7 Aust Div less 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp with under comd X Aust Inf Bde is to seize a beachhead in the PORT TUBAN - GILLAMATONG area with a view to -
  - (i) Covering the landing of further tps of 1 Aust Corps
  - (ii) Eventual capture of EAST COAST MORONES ISLAND and NUSU
  - (iii) Covering the landing of X Aust Inf Bde and controlling its further ops against TOMAKINE until X Aust Inf Bde passes from comd
- (b) 1 Aust Para Bn Gp with naval and air sp is to drop in the KENAPAI area D + 1 to seize a beachhead covering ABLE and BAKER sec to enable an unopposed landing by 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp at D + 2
- (c) (i) 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt less one sqn is to commence adv D day along main PORT TUBAN - KENAPAI track west of LAKE MURDI from 883339 with a view to eventual linking up with tps at KENAPAI  
(ii) One sqn 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt is to commence adv D day along track PORT TUBAN - KENAPAI running EAST of LAKE MURDI

3. Additional tps und er comd

1 Aust Para Bn comes under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde on landing of HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde D + 2

4. Guerilla Forces

- (a) Approx strength MORONES ISLAND - 17000
- (b) Tasks prior to D day - Sabotage and raiding
- (c) Tasks night D - 1 / D onwards -
  - (i) Cut comms
  - (ii) Demolish brs
  - (iii) Harass enemy movs particularly BINBINNIE area
  - (iv) Furnish infm of enemy strengths and movs

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25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN5. Naval

Allied naval forces are co-operating in protective and sp bombardment roles

6. Air

- (a) Composition etc - See Appx '3' and annexures  
 (b) Tactical air sp -

(i) Force available to 7 Aust Div - 128 fighters  
 Carrier based D to D + 8 96 torpedo or  
 dive bombers

(ii) After D + 8 land based AC

(c) Tot AC

41 AC are available to convey paratps

(d) Auster AC

Six available to 7 Aust Div at PORT TUBAN area after construction of strip on D day

INTENTION

## 7. 25 Aust Inf Bde will -

- (a) Bde div floating res D to D + 1 days  
 (b) Land by sea at KENAPAI D + 2 and secure an area for the temporary maintenance of a bde gp  
 (c) Patrol beyond TAGANI with a view to subsequent adv of 7 Aust Div to NUSU  
 (d) Construct an AUSTER and fine weather C47 Strip KENAPAI area  
 (e) Patrol SOUTH to contact 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt

METHOD8. General

In view of the limitations imposed on paratps by weather etc, the planning of 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp operation will be based on an opposed landing unsupported by 1 Aust Para Bn

9. Order of Battle - Appx 'A'10. Summary

An attack in three phases with two Bns fwd. Phase III will be patrolling

11. Allotment of Shipping and Craft

Appx 'C'

12. Distribution of Force to Ships

Appx 'D' issued separately

13. Composition of Bn LTs

Appx 'E'

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Page 325 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN14. Division of coastline into beaches

Trace 'Y'

15. The landing will be on ABLE GREEN and ABLE RED.

PHASE I16. Fwd tps (a) Right - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn  
(b) Left - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn17. Inter bn boundary - Trace 'X' incl ~~2/31~~ 2/31 Aust Inf Bn18. Tasks

(a) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will land on ABLE GREEN BEACH and seize the area incl NORTH BRIDGE - excl SUGAWA RIVER between rd and beach - incl inter bn boundary - see Trace 'X'

(b) 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will land on ABLE RED BEACH and seize the area shown on trace 'X'

19. Junc pt

2/31 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for establishing junc with 2/33 Aust Inf Bn on rd where cut by inter bn boundary SOUTH of NORTH BRIDGE

20. Time to be completed

H + 60

PHASE II21. Tasks

(a) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn less one coy will -

(i) Cross SUGAWA RIVER to north

(ii) One coy will establish def area around NORTH BRIDGE King

(b) 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will move SOUTH, clear KENAPAI and secure - (i) track junc ref 231073  
(ii) SOUTH BRIDGE area22. Time to be completed

H + 180

PHASE III - PATROLLING23. Tasks(a) (i) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn less one coy will patrol in strength to TAGANI  
(ii) One coy will continue to hold NORTH BRIDGE area until released by orders from Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde(b) 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will patrol -  
(i) rd KENAPAI - PORT TUBAN WEST of LAKE MURDI  
(ii) track KENAPAI - PORT TUBAN EAST of LAKE MURDI  
(iii) WEST and SOUTH shores KENAPAI INLET  
(iv) High ground ref 230069

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25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN24. Starting time for Phase III

H + 200

25. Res

- (a) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) Area Trace 'Y'
- (c) Tasks - (i) patrol SUGAWA RIVER between NORTH BRIDGE and SOUTH BRIDGE  
(ii) establish patrol junc pt with 2/31 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns
- (d) Be prepared to supply labour for construction of air strips

GENERAL26. Armd Sqn

- (a) One tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt under comd each 2/31 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns. Will land in LCMs
- (b) C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less two tps comes into Bde res on landing
- (c) Conc area Trace 'Y'
- (d) One tp under comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn reverts comd C Sqn in conc/on completion Phase I area

27. Arty Fd

- (a) One bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt in sp each 2/31 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns. Will land in DUKWS
- (b) 2/6 Aust Fd Regt less two btys comes into Bde res on landing
- (c) Gun areas will be outside EMA shown on trace 'Y' by H + 90 mins
- (d) CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt will advise whether gun areas shown on trace 'Y' are suitable
- (e) One tp will be sited by 1600 hrs D + 2 with alternative role of beach def at SOUTH end EMA
- (f) Regt on call to all Bns when available
- (g) Two FOO parties with each 2/25, 2/31, 2/33 Aust Inf Bns

28. Arty AA

One bty 2/4 Aust LAA Regt will be responsible for protection of following VPs in order of priority

- (a) EMA
- (b) NORTH BRIDGE when BAILEY BRIDGE is erected

29. Engrs

- (a) 2/5 Aust Fd Coy less one pl with under comd -
  - (i) Pnr pls 2/25, 2/31, 2/33 Aust Inf Bns from landing
  - (ii) 1 Aust para tp RAE from landing
  - (iii) Dets 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
  - (iv) Det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec

25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN

- (b) Tasks in priority shown -
- (i) Bridge water gap
  - (ii) Construct beach exits
  - (iii) (1) Erect class 40 br over SUGAWA RIVER vicinity  
NORTH BRIDGE
  - (2) BMA rds etc
  - (iv) WP
- (c) OC 2/5 Aust Fd Coy is appointed DCRE area.
- (d) Pnr pls 2/25, 2/33 Aust Inf Bns will revert comd respective Bns 1800 hrs D + 2
- (e) Pnr pl 2/31 Aust Inf Bn reverts comd after completion of SUGAWA RIVER br

Para Tps

- (a) 1 Aust Para Bn comes under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde and into ~~unit~~ <sup>base</sup> res on landing of Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) Tasks before Bde landing -
- (i) Recce beaches and clear obstacles
  - (ii) Mark extremities of beaches in ABLE and BAKER sectors
  - (iii) Mark or buoy underwater obstacles close inshore
- (c) 1 Aust Para bn will relinquish posns held to cover landing of Bde on orders from Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde, and conc in area shown on trace 'Y'
- (d) Tasks after landing of Bde -
- (i) Seaward def of EMA
  - (ii) Be prepared to supply labour for Engr tasks EMA

31. Naval

- (a) Sp available D + 2 to D + 4 - (i) one hy cruiser  
(ii) one destroyer
- (b) Naval ships are prepared to lay smoke
- (c) 7 SFCP is under comd 1 Aust Para Bn reverts Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde on Bde Hq landing
- (ii) 8 SFCP is under comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
  - (iii) 9 SFCP is under comd 2/33 Aust Inf Bn
- (d) Bombardment plan  
The following proposals have been submitted -
- (i) NORTH HEADLAND of KENAPAI INLET  
H - 60 to H + 30
  - (ii) HEADLAND NORTH of ABLE GREEN  
H - 60 to H + 30
  - (iii) Codeword for start of this fire plan - TRIGGER

25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN32. Air

- (a) Sp plan - See Appx 'B' and annexures
- (b) One sp A/C party will be under comd HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
- (c) One ALP will be under comd each 2/31 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns
- (d) ALP with 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will be prepared to revert comd HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde when ordered after H + 180
- (e) Programme proposed -
  - (i) H - 10 to H + 5 bomb beach area to 1000 yds NORTH SUGAWA RIVER. Bomblines NOT SOUTH of SUGAWA RIVER.
  - (ii) Codeword for calling up this strike - TRIGGER
  - (iii) Tac R required by H + 180

rd NUSU - KENAPAI  
 " PORT TUBAN - KENAPAI (EAST of LAKE MURDI)  
 " " " - " (WEST of LAKE MURDI)  
 " DIDONG - "

33. Scales of Eqpt

Landing will take place on light scales

34. LOB

As per 1 Aust Corps G/6161/SD of 12 Jan 45

35. D day

- (a) 28 Mar 45
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bde landing 30 Mar 45 will be referred to as K day

36. H hr

To be notified - approx 0745 hrs

37. Security

Instruction attached as Appx 'F'

## 38. Bde Landing Table to be issued separately

ADMINISTRATION

39.  
To be issued separately

INTERCOMMUNICATION

40. Sig instr will be issued separately
41. One LO 25 Aust Inf Bde will drop with 1 Aust Para Bn
42. HQ (a) Afloat LST to be notified  
 (b) Ashore probable location trace Y opens ~~IO~~ before H + 60

43. Synchronization

- (a) Afloat - Ship's time ZONE HOW
- (b) Ashore - BBC

44. Code Word for Op

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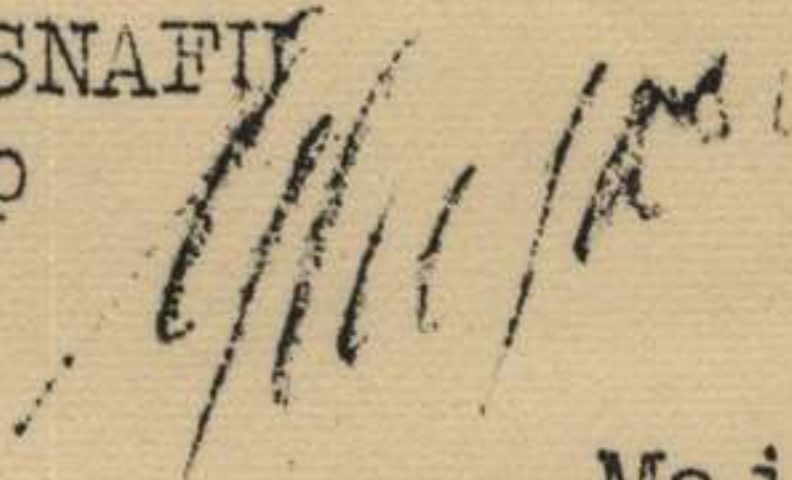
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45. Code word for postponement of para landing - SNAFU  
This does NOT affect ops of 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp



Maj

BM 25 Aust Inf Bde

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Signed at 20 1623 K

Issued *Wife hand*



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Exercise "SEAGULL"

DISTRIBUTION LIST

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
2/25 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	3
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	4 (NOT issued)
2/6 Aust Fd Regt	5
2/4 Aust LAA Regt	6 (NOT issued)
2/5 Aust Fd Coy	7
1 Aust Para Bn	8
2/9 Aust Tpt Pl	9
2/9 Aust Sup Depot Pl	10
2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl	11 (NOT issued)
2/21 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKW)	12 (NOT issued)
2/4 Aust Fd Amb	13
Lt Sec 2/117 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	14
Lt Sec 2/1 17 Aust Bde Wksp	15
Two ALP	16 (NOT issued)
One Sp A/C Party	17 (NOT issued)
Dets 1 Aust Beach Gp	18 (NOT issued)
Det ESB	19 (NOT issued)
25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	20
Det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	21
7 Aust Div	22-26
Comd	27
BM	28
SC	29
IO	30
MLO	31
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Appx 'A' to 25 Aust Inf  
Bde OUTLINE PLAN.

ORDER OF BATTLE - 25 AUST INF BDE GP.

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE

With under command

25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
Det 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec  
8 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt  
Det C Aust FS Sec  
Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)  
One Unit ATIS  
Det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp  
315 Aust LAD  
2/25 Aust Inf Bn  
2/31 Aust Inf Bn  
2/33 Aust Inf Bn  
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt  
Det 2/3 Aust Ind Fd Sqn  
Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp  
Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp  
Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk  
Det Pl 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC  
2/6 Aust Fd Regt  
2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec  
2/53 Aust LAD (Type D)  
One Bty 2/4 Aust LAA Regt  
Det 2/4 Aust LAA Regt Wksp  
Tp 2/7 Aust Svy Bty  
2/5 Aust Fd Coy less one Pl  
Dets 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy  
Det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec  
Op Det 3 Aust Pigeon Sec  
2/9 Aust Tpt Pl  
2/9 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
2/21 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKW) (incl increment)  
2/4 Aust Fd Amb (incl Surgical Team)  
Det 2/2 Aust Malaria Control Unit  
A Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit  
Lt Sec 2/117 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk  
Lt Sec 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp  
One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy  
Two ALP  
One Sp A/C Party  
7, 8 and 9 SFCP  
Dets 1 Aust Beach Gp  
Det ESB

1 AUST BEACH GP UNDER COMMAND 25 AUST INF BDE

Det H. 1 Aust Beach Gp  
Det 2/15 Aust Fd Coy  
Det 1 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl  
Det 1 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl  
Det 3 Aust Sig Sec  
Det 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn  
2/47 Aust Tpt Pl  
Det 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl  
Det 1 AAMC Coy (Beach Gp)  
Det 2 Aust Ord Beach Det  
Det 15 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl  
Det RAN Commando

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Appx 'C' to 25 Aust  
Inf B de OUTLINE PLAN

ALLOTMENT OF SHIPPING AND CRAFT

1. 8 LCIs
2. 4 LST (R) each with 4 LCVPs available on davits
3. 4 LST (E) each with 6 LCVPs available on davits  
NOTE (Only 24 LCVPs will be used)
4. 1 LSD
5. 35 DUKWs carried in LSD (One A frame with each 3 DUKWs)
6. 9 LCM carried in LSD.

COMPOSITION OF BN IIs

1. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (less pnr pl)  
with under command
  - (a) Two FOO party 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
  
2. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn (less pnr pl)  
with under command
  - (a) One tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
  - (b) Two FOO parties 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
  - (c) Det 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
  - (d) Det Bearer Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb
  - (e) One ALP
  - (f) 8 SFCPIn support - One bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt.
  
3. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn (less pnr pl)  
with under command
  - (a) One tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
  - (b) Two FOO parties 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
  - (c) Det 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
  - (d) Det Bearer Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb
  - (e) One ALP
  - (f) 9 SFCPIn support - One bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt

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Exercise "SEAGULL"  
Appx 'F' to 25 Aust  
Inf Bde OUTLINE PLAN

SECURITY MEASURES

PLANNING

1. Dissemination of information will be restricted to the minimum staff commensurate with efficiency and even then individuals will be told only sufficient detail to enable them to perform their particular tasks.
2. The timetable for disclosure of the plan to subordinate formations and troops is as follows:-

(a)	Brigade Commanders	Not before D minus 45
(b)	Battalion Commanders	Not before D minus 30
(c)	Company Commanders	Not before sailing date minus 7
(d)	Platoon Commanders	Not before sailing date minus 4
(e)	Troops	Not before sailing date minus 2

CENSORSHIP

3. Franking of Correspondence

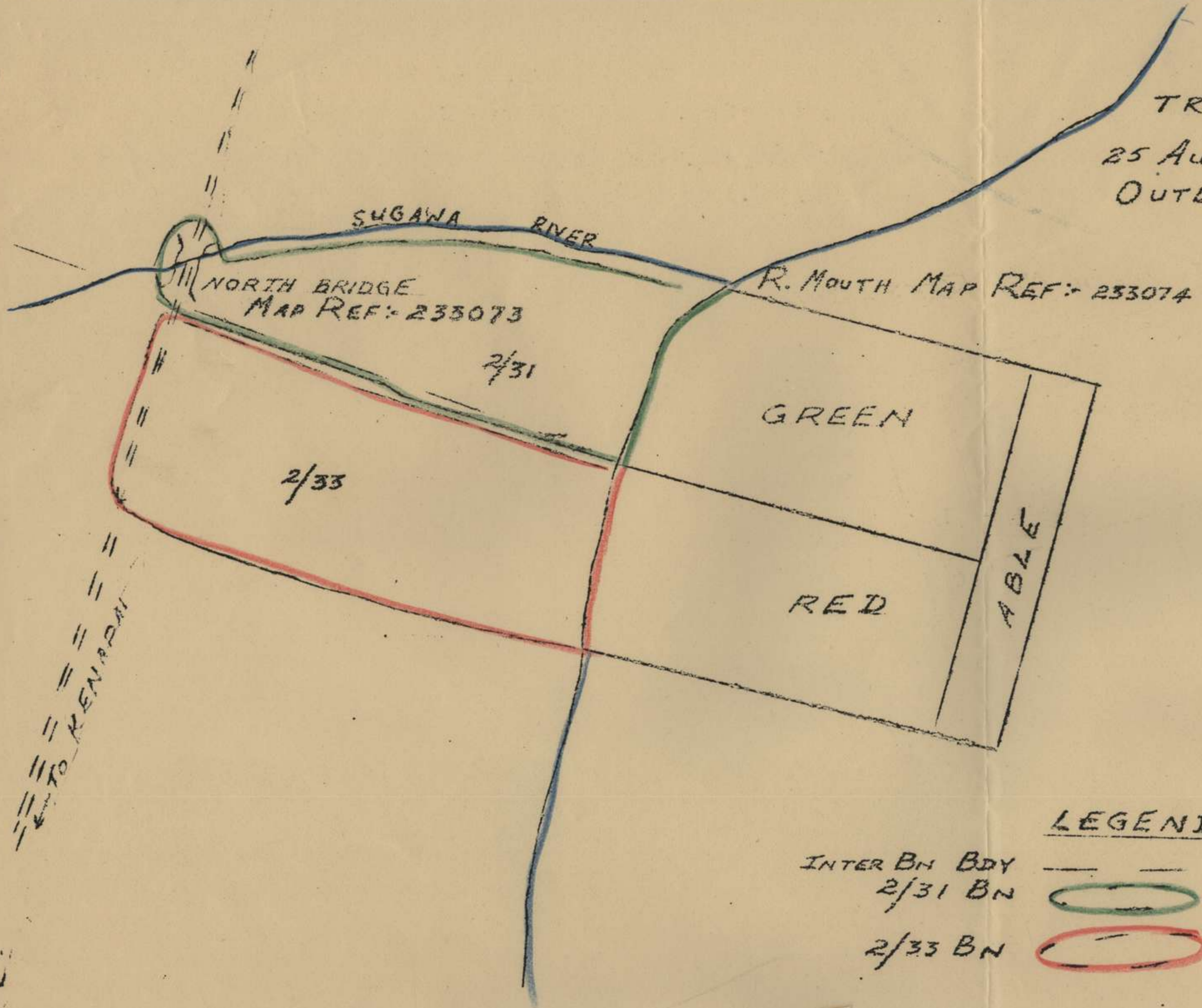
- (a) Special care will be taken by unit franking officers to ensure that the presence of units in the staging areas is not disclosed.
- (b) Prior to sailing date minus 7, field censorship personnel will conduct spot checks of outgoing mail of all units in staging areas. After sailing date minus 7, field censorship personnel will arrange for all outgoing mail to be recensored.

4. Censorship

From sailing date minus 7, cable and telegram facilities will be withdrawn from all ranks, except that cables and telegrams may be sent in special cases. All such telegrams or cables will be submitted to the field censorship company before despatch.

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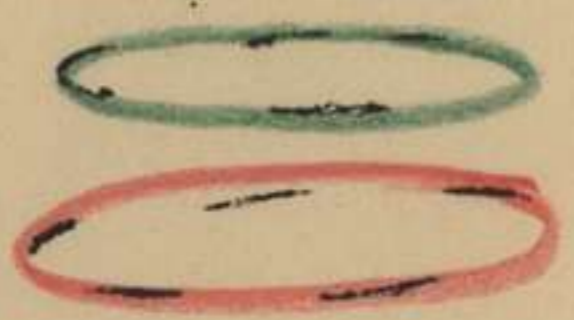
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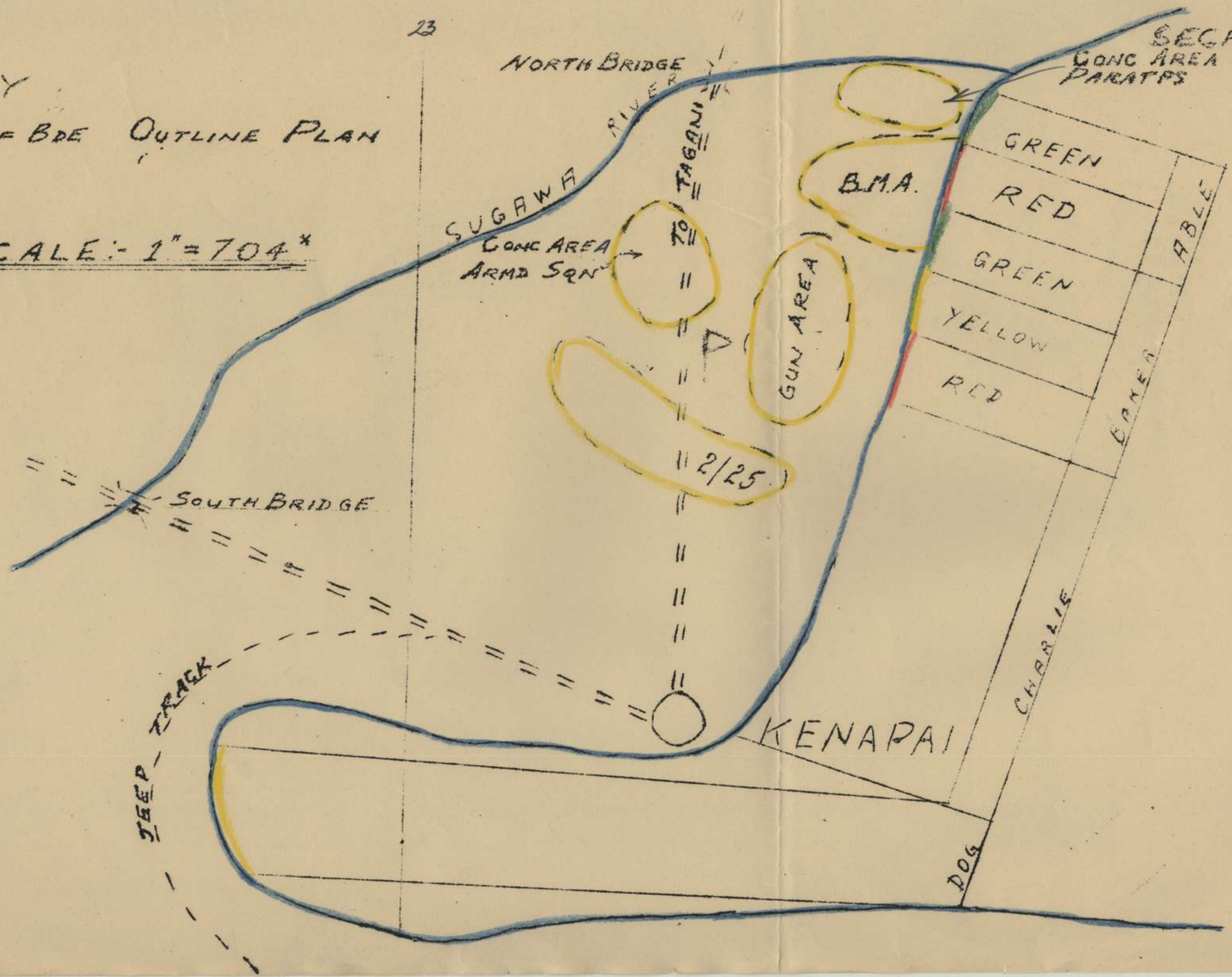
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2/31 BN  
2/33 BN



SCALE 1" = 250'

TRACE Y  
25 AUST INF BDE OUTLINE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 704'



Appx "G"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

FORMATION OR AREA . . . . .

25 AUST. INF. BDE.

REPORT FOR STATISTICS OF ACT ES

SECTION 1 - ARMY EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Offrs O/Rs Total

(a) Total full time staff on strength at end of month	1	1	2
(b) Total of JEOs effective at end of month			
Total of personnel	3	4	7
	4	5	9

SECTION 2 - LECTURES, INCLUDING ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

Gen Hosp Total

No. of locations at which lectures given			
No. of lectures given during month of	4	-	4
No. of illustrated lectures given <b>Feb.</b>	73	-	73
CLASSIFICATION OF LECTURES DELIVERED	by Army Education Staff	-	-
	by other Army person	25	-
	by members of other S. Locs	48	-
	by civilians	-	-
Aggregate attendances at all lectures during month	-	-	-
	5000	-	5000

SECTION 3 - EDUCATIONAL FILM SCREENINGS

No. of locations at which screenings given			
Total No. of screenings given			
(a) With lecture or discussion			
(b) Without lecture or discussion			
Aggregate attendances (approx)			



## SECTION 4 - CLASSES

Gen Hosp Total

		Gen	Hosp	Total
NUMBER OF CLASSES	Active at end of previous month			
	Begun during month	1	-	1
	Completed courses during month	-	-	-
	Lapsed during month	1	-	1
	Active at end of month	-	-	-
No. of camps and locations with active classes		-	-	-
Total No. of personnel participating		-	-	-
		8	-	8

## SECTION 5 - DISCUSSION GROUPS

	Active at end of previous month			
	Formed during month	1	-	1
	Lapsed during month	-	-	-
	Completed courses during month	-	-	-
	Active at end of month	1	-	1
No. of camps and locations with active groups		-	-	-
Total no. of personnel participating		-	-	-
		-	-	-

## SECTION 6 - MUSIC

Locations at which music recitals given		3	-	3
Total No. of music recitals		6	-	6
Aggregate attendances		200	-	200
1. No. of recitals by musicians in person	(a) With commentary	-	-	-
	(b) Without commentary	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-
		-	-	-
2. No. of recitals of recorded music	(a) With commentary	6	-	6
	(b) Without commentary	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-
		-	-	-
3. No. of locations with music groups or clubs		6	-	6
Total membership of music groups or clubs		3	-	3
		50	-	50

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEB. 45.

1. ESTABLISHMENT.

Education Sgt. E.J. Pearson proceeded on 24 days leave on 9 Feb., and Pte. J.M. Maddern was attached from 2/31 Aust. Inf. Bn. as Education Clerk for the period of the Bde. Education Sgt.'s absence. This arrangement has resulted in the Bde. A.A.E.S. activities being continued at the same tempo.

2. LECTURES.

Talks were given to most units of the Bde. by the A.A.E.S. staff, U.E.O.s, and in some cases I.O.s during the month. The tps. are showing a keen interest in these talks, and a discussion generally results at the conclusion of same.

3. FILMS.

There were no films shown during the month, owing to no suitable films being available.

4. CLASSES.

The Opportunity School commenced on 22 Jan. concluded on 17 Feb., and was a great success. A detailed report is attached. The success achieved is attributed to the instructor, QX26764, Pte. Hansen, G.T. of "I" Sec., H.Q. 25 Aust. Inf. Bde. He worked very hard and set up a very efficient organisation, which considerably assisted the students in progressing so rapidly.

5. DISCUSSION COURSES.

No discussion courses are functioning at present, but numerous requests are received from individuals, who read the various pamphlets.

6. MUSIC.

No piano recitals were given during the month, but regular recorded recitals have been given at two units, and occasional recitals at a third unit.

7. HOBBIES.

Despite the lack of materials, the number of exhibitors in the Arts & Crafts Exhibition was satisfactory, forty-eight entries being received from the Bde. A great deal of interest was shown in the work done, and 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. held their own exhibition before submitting the exhibits to the Div. Exhibition.

8. BOOKS.

Although few new books have been added to the libraries in recent months, a large number of books are still read, nearly six hundred being read at Bde. H.Q. during the month.

9. DEBATES.

A debating club is now functioning at 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. as well as at 2/33 Aust. Inf. Bn. Good attendances are being obtained at the debates. Besides the debates, three open forums and one quizz session have been conducted during the month.

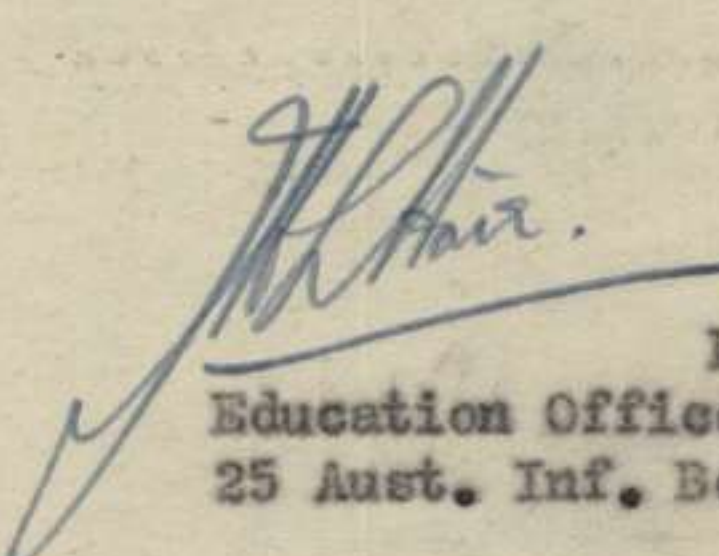
10. GENERAL.

The increasing interest in A.A.E.S. activities has been maintained during the month. Maps and other material supplied, are being well used in Map Displays, and Wall Newspapers, in all units.

Thirty-three applications for Correspondence Courses were received during the month, and acceptances of previous applications are being received regularly.

The A.A.E.S. centre at 2/25 Aust. Inf. Bn. has been enlarged and improved during the month, so that it now incorporates a study tent for the use of pers. studying courses.

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REPORT ON OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL CONDUCTED 20 JAN. to 17 FEB. 45.

With the approval of Bde. Comd., arrangements were made to conduct an Opportunity School at Bde. H.Q., for the purpose of teaching English and Arithmetic to illiterate and partly illiterate pers. of this Bde.

2. C.O.s of the three Bns. under comd. were contacted and two totally illiterate and six partly illiterate were induced to attend the month's course. For the duration of the course the students were exempt from all other duties.

3. The Head Teacher of the Kairi State School, Mr. Mitchell, was contacted and rendered valuable assistance in lending school books and equipment for the duration of the course.

4. At the outset, an entrance test was given and the pupils graded according to the Q'ld. Primary School system, as follows :-

<u>ENGLISH</u>	Preparatory I :-	2 pupils.
( Reading, Spelling, & Writing )	Grade I :-	3 pupils.
( Composition, Letter Writing, & Punctuation )	Grade IV :-	3 pupils.

<u>ARITHMETIC</u>	Preparatory I :-	2 pupils.
( Notation, Numeration, Tables )	Grade I :-	6 pupils.
Mental & Written Arithmetic )		

5. Pers. attended from 0830 hrs. to 1530 hrs. Mondays to Fridays, and from 0830 hrs. to 1145 hrs. on Saturdays. A time table was drawn up and the working day divided into 10 half hour periods, with two recess periods of 15 mins. and 1½ hrs. respectively.

6. Weekly work sheets were compiled for each grade, and a written and oral test prepared and given each Saturday morning on the work taught during the week. Work sheets, test papers, written tests, and result sheets were collated and kept, and a careful check maintained on each pupil's progress.

7. From the outset, the pupils exhibited a keen desire to learn and their continued industry and co-operation was conducive to the excellent progress made. At the end of the first week, the three pupils in Grade III and one in Grade I, all of whom started on Grade I Arithmetic, were promoted to Grade III work in this subject. In this first week they had revised and become proficient in Grades I and II Arithmetic. At the end of the four weeks' course the school progress is estimated as follows:-

Preparatory I. completed Preparatory I and II work in English and Arithmetic, and commenced on Preparatory III work, ( a progress equal to 13 school months.)

Grade I completed the Grade's work in English, having read half the lessons in Q'ld. Reader I, and in Arithmetic completed Grade III standard. ( This Grade had to be taught all multiplication tables, as well as money, long measure, avoirdupois weight, troy weight, and capacity measure tables.)

Grade IV completed the assignments of Grade IV standard in English, having read one third of the lessons in Q'ld. Reader IV ( no grammar was taught ). In Arithmetic, Grade IV standard was completed. ( In the case of two pupils of this Grade who showed remarkable aptitude for Arithmetic, elementary mechanical work in vulgar and decimal fractions was taught.)

8. The results were very gratifying and surpassed the most optimistic expectations. This can be attributed in the first place to the thorough organisation of the school itself; and in the second place, to the pupils' strong incentive to learn.

9. It is gratifying also to note that at the conclusion of the course, six out of the eight pupils decided to continue their studies, and to that end, have applied for Q'ld. Primary Correspondence School Courses through A.A.E.S. in English and Arithmetic.

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