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May 1942

FORT GALLE MAY 42

Recce of possible landing grounds on the coastal strip between MATARA and HAMBANTOTA, on behalf of the RAF, commenced. Following co-ordinates supplied by RAF investigation was made of several areas previously spotted from the air. In this land of green padi fields it was necessary to make close ground recce to determine wet or dry land. The areas recced in most cases were lagoon marginal land which may or may not be under water in the monsoon season.

A very successful social and dance organised by Bde HQ personnel was held in the evening in the Y.W.C.A. hall in FORT GALLE.

Three day leave parties to COLOMBO commenced.

The month opened quietly with a day of Sitnor reports.

FORT GALLE 2 MAY 42

Bde Comd inspected the progress of work around Bde HQ area at AKURESSA and interviewed Major BROCK regarding the commencement of his school the following day. Various aspects of the school were discussed and it was arranged that Capt NELSON 2/7 Bn and MAJOR DEWAR 2/2 Fd Regt attend as additional instructors.

In the evening Bde Comd attended a dinner given by 2/2 Fd Regt in the New Oriental Hotel, FORT GALLE.

" 3 MAY 42

Lieut R. Simpson O.C. HQ Gd Pl attached to Bde HQ left for A.I.F., HQ and was replaced by Lieut G. Boswell from 2/7 Bn.

2/5 Bn M/C patrol reported that a raiding party which followed them found all C.W. stations manned and alert.

" 4 MAY 42

In the morning Bde Comd attended the opening of the Bde Junior Tactical School at AKURESSA and addressed students on the object of the course. Later, he listened to some very well prepared lectures delivered by Major BROCK O.I. It was intended that the school be run on very sound and practical lines. Comd also saw Lt Col GUINN and discussed in detail the role of mobile reserve in the AKURESSA area.

Bde Comd held a conference of carrier pl comds at Bde HQ in the afternoon to find out what they had been able to devise as methods to be used in jungle warfare. A few useful ideas were submitted by Capt BENNETT 2/5 Bn. 2/7 Bn merely enlarged upon previous ideas propounded by Bde Comd. 2/6 Bn were completely devoid of any ideas at all. As a result of this Capt WARFE had been withdrawn as an instructor at the Senior Tactical School and Capt BENNETT 2/5 Bn substituted.

It was reported to Bde HQ that a member of 2/2 Aust Fd Amb while motor cycling between GALLE and AKURESSA was twice fired at by an unseen assailant in the jungle. F.S.S. personnel promptly investigated and once more suspicion fell upon the BUDDHIST sect. The inevitable BUDDHIST temple in the background of the picture being the most likely spot from which shots could have been fired. The result of the investigation was negative.

On the subject of possible air landing grounds, a patrol from 2/5 Bn contacted Police Stations along the coast North to BENTOTA, regarding clearings in the jungle. Little information was available from this source. BUSSA racecourse was considered to be unsuitable as a possible landing ground due to many obstructions in the form of buildings etc which had been placed there as military installations. On the Eastwards stretch from WELIGAMA to TANGALLA only one possible area was found by 2/6 Bn patrol, that being the sports ground, MATARA, which, later was considered unsuitable owing to its limited length.

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FORT GALLE 5 MAY 42

Brig ANGUS, B.G.S., CEYLON COMD called and interviewed Brig MOTEN and discussed the role of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp in S.W. CEYLON. He was conducted over the Bde area by Brig MOTEN and inspected the dispositions. A visit was also made to the Bde Junior Tactical School where Brig ANGUS stated that he was trying to obtain the services of some qualified instructors in jungle warfare. At the same time it was realised that, to obtain an instructor skilled in jungle warfare who had taken part in the disastrous campaigns in MALAYA, BURMA, or the N.E.I., would be difficult. Most officers who had served out in these campaigns would have a twisted vision of the happenings and be unable to correlate the various events in their true perspective.

" 6 MAY 42

The following tests were carried out by 2/6 Bn carriers on 4 May. (a) Approx 500 yards of paddy field was traversed in low gear at approx 4 mph, the vehicle was then turned about and driven back to the road. (b) a second carrier was then sent over the same tracks in second gear at approx 7 mph. (c) the depth of water in the paddy field was approx 3 inches and the bottom was muddy. A stick was pushed down about 1 foot into this mud. (d) during this practice some small earth retaining walls were climbed without any difficulty. It would appear from these experiments that paddy fields cannot be regarded as efficient A/Tk obstacles

" 7 MAY 42

Bde Comd proceeded to COLOMBO where he had lunch at the Colombo Club with Lt Gen FOWNELL G.O.C. in C., Maj Gen PLAYFORD Chief of Staff to the G in C, (Admiral LAYTON), and Brig ANGUS B.G.S. In the afternoon with the G.O.C. in C. and B.G.S., Bde Comd attended a demonstration given by 6 Aust Div Engrs. The demonstration with Fougasse apparatus was not altogether satisfactory although Limpet mines and depth charges proved most effective. Other devices used were, booby traps made from coconuts, and gun cotton as means of cratering roads.

A guard supplied by personnel of 17 I.T.B. was mounted on the Bde Amn dump at HULANDAWA.

" 9 MAY 42

Bde Comd in the morning made an inspection in the KOGGALA area and in the afternoon left to spend the week end on tea estate at ELPITIYA managed by Mr Fred NORTHWAY.

" 10 MAY 42

Lieut ELLIS in comd 2/7 Bn patrol investigating suspicious BUDDHIST temples at GODAWAYE and KALAMETIYA called at Bde HQ and stated that to date nothing of a suspicious nature had been observed in these areas. He was instructed to withdraw the patrol after two more nights if no further information could be obtained.

" 11 MAY 42

Bde Comd inspected and addressed students at the Bde Tactical School at AKURESSA and throughout the day inspected the rear installations on our L of C, including Fd Workshops, Sup Depots, Amn dumps, the M.D.S. of the Fd Amb, and the hospital of 4 A.G.H. at HULANDAWA.

C.R.E., A.I.F. called and discussed the engineering paras of HQ, AIF, (CEYLON) Operation Order.

Bde Comd had dinner with Lt Col SALTER 2/2 Fd Amb at BUSSA Camp.

" 12 MAY 42

A nil report received from 2/7 Bn patrol at GODAWAYE and KALAMETIYA ended another attempt to pin something definite on the BUDDHIST sect. It seemed that many of our suspicions of the BUDDHISTS were unfounded and the fact that unusual occurrences which had taken place in the vicinity of BUDDHIST temples need not indicate that these people were implicated. BUDDHIST temples are every where on the Island almost any event would take place within earshot of one of them. The detailed report from the patrol stated that a concrete shelter built in the lee of a huge rock on a headland at GODAWAYE could be used to signal out to sea. At present it was evidently in use for some religious purpose as it contained an incense bowl and a prayer mat. It was determined that this report would not be lost sight of.

M. J. Smith

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FORT GALLE 12 MAY 42

Comd interviewed applicants submitted by units for the appointment as A.G.(L). Capt C.V.E. BARNDEN was selected. Lieut McLean was recommended by C.O. 2/5 Bn for promotion to the rank of Capt and two N.C.O.s from 2/2 Fd Regt for first appointments.

Bde Comd finalised arrangements with Lt Col CREMOR for the Senior Tactical School to commence Mon 18 May in the KOGGALA area.

Pilot Officer HARDY R.A.F. called regarding the installation of a direction finding station in GALLE FORT area. He was responsible for the defence of that installation and required our assistance in training personnel in infantry work. It was arranged that two vacancies be allotted to his N.C.O.s at the next Bde weapon training school at BUSSA. In the event of his station being destroyed in action his men would be placed under comd of the senior infantry officer in the GALLE FORT area.

Lt Col GUINN 2/7 Bn was instructed to proceed along the road to MEDAMPE to carry out a recce of delaying positions in the area DENIYAYA, KOTAPOLA, and BULOTOTA PASS. Maj CRAWFORD to adm comd 2/7 Bn in his absence.

The fwd operating unit, det 4 A.G.H. at HULANDAWA was placed under comd 17 Bde for administration.

13 MAY 42

In the morning Bde Comd inspected the weapon training school under comd Capt SWEET at BUSSA, and found that it was being run on very sound lines. The instructors appeared to well qualified and altogether the school was efficiently organised. It was suggested that a demonstration be held on the last day of the school when the G.O.C. would be asked to attend.

In the afternoon Bde Comd and Lieut McBride made a recce of the road WANDURAMBA IMADUWA which would play an important part in the movement of our troops to the Northern Bde boundary. When two bridges have been strengthened this road should carry a force of all arms, providing the one way traffic rule is enforced. A call was made at the Junior Tactical School on jungle warfare at AKURESSA. The school appeared to have created a great amount of discussion amongst officers. In this respect alone it justified its existence.

Orders were issued to 2/5, 2/6, and 2/7 Bns to make a recce of the following lakes and rivers. 2/7 Bn to recce WALAWE GANGA and NILWALLA GANGA, 2/6 Bn POLWATTA GANGA and 2/5 Bn the GIN GANGA, these to be given priority. When completed rivers and lakes within Bn defensive areas to be recced.

Lists of personnel with railway experience were forwarded to HQ A.I.F. for the purpose of forming an emergency Railway Coy to operate the railway COLOMBO-MATARA in the event of an emergency. Personnel would return to units after training period and await call.

Official advice was received at Bde HQ with the arrival of A.I.F. Orders, Honours and Awards pamphlet, that the following members of Bde HQ had been mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service in the MIDDLE EAST during the period Feb 1941 to July 1941 --- Capt W.M. MAYBERRY B.M.(L), Cpl E.V. EATON K Sec Sigs, Cpl L. CARROLL Int Sec, L/Cpl A. ZIBELL Int Sec and Pte M. WEIR 46 L.A.D. Other names on the list of Bde HQ Staff and not now with HQ were Brig S.G. SAVIGE ex 17 Bde Comd, Maj J.A. BISHOP ex B.M., Maj G.H. BROOK ex B.M. and now 2/ic 2/7 Bn, Capt I.H. LOWEN ex L.O., Lieut V.J. SCHOFIELD ex B.I.O., Capt F. COX K Sec Sigs, and Sgt C.J. GLOVER K Sec Sigs. Congratulations are extended to all of the above mentioned by their associates in Bde HQ.

14 MAY 42

Bde Comd inspected the areas occupied by the two static Coys 2/6 Bn at KOGGALA and measured up the areas for anti-tank scaffolding. While in this area Comd visited Wing Comd BUTLER at the aerodrome and advised him that vacancies had been made available for members of the RAF at 17 Bde Weapon Training School commencing 21 May. The question was also raised regarding the employment of one Coy of 2/7 Bn at KOGGALA. It was desired to release this Coy as soon as possible to carry on normal training. It was estimated that they would be required on their present employment for ten more days

M.H. Hunt

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FORT GALLE 14 MAY 42

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Tng Instn No.8 was issued covering training for the two weeks ending 31 May. Training to be based upon lessons learned at 17 Bde Junior Tactical School.

During the day Lt Col STUART C.O. 1 Coast Regt R.M. called and interviewed B.M. at Bde Hq.

A second and most enjoyable Bde Staff social was held in the YWCA in GALLE FORT.

" 15 MAY 42

Bde Comd visited the KOGGALA area and inspected the a/tk positions and at 2/6 BnH met Lt Col WOOD to discuss the erection of wire and scaffolding on the ends of the KOGGALA strip. Comd also saw Lt Col GUINN and discussed his recce of delaying posns in the BULUTOTA PASS areas. From his report it appeared that KOTAPOLA PASS could not be effectively held and it would be better to hold a position at DENIYAYA.

" 16 MAY 42

Steps were taken to ensure that owners of rubber plantations were allowed access under a system of passes to their trees for the purpose of tapping.

The report of the analysis of water taken from pools in the KALAMETIYA area was received from the Govt analyst and stated that the discolouring was due to iron bacteria which formed a red film on the water.

" 17 MAY 42

Bde Comd proceeded to A.I.F. HQ at MATUGAMA and called upon the G.O.C. to discuss several matters. It was arranged that the present quota of leave personnel to KANDY area be increased to 25 and that they would leave every day instead of every three days as at present. Bde Comd discussed various matters in the C.O. with the G.O.C., including the responsibility for approach into the RATNAPURA area from the East and South East and G.O.C. ruled that although this at present had been given to 16 Aust Inf Bde to prepare, 17 Bde might be required to carry out operations along this approach. The next point discussed was the preparation of defensive positions at BULUTOTA PASS, KOTAPOLA, and in the AKURESSA area, which were to be designed to prevent enemy raiding from interfering with our communications with the sea. The G.O.C. was not disposed to define the term "when operations commence". In consequence, the times, at which certain actions will take place at the opening of hostilities, cannot be clearly foreseen. Provision would have to be made in Bde orders for a clear indication to be given to sub-units as to when, and where, they would take certain actions. The question of the destruction of boats was also raised. It was pointed out that the present arrangements were impracticable, and if an attack took place in this area it would be necessary for sub-units to destroy all boats in their area immediately. A request for a uniform method of marking minefields would be considered in the light of all units on the Island working on a similar system of marking. CEYLON COMD would be asked for a ruling on this matter.

The situation throughout Bde Gp remained normal. Bde HQ advance party left for AKURESSA and two Coy reliefs took place. B Coy 2/7 Bn relieved D Coy of their duties at WELIGAMA BAY and A Coy 2/5 Bn were to relieve B Coy in GALLE FORT on 18 May.

" 18 MAY 42

Bde HQ convoy left FORT GALLE at 0900 hrs and after a short trip in which everything moved very smoothly, arrived at the new HQ site at AKURESSA. Different sections of Bde HQ were dispersed throughout the high ground in a rubber plantation where huts had been prepared. All facilities were not ready for the reception of personnel but work was proceeding and it was expected that the area would be ship shape in a few days time. Judging by the lie of the land it appeared that the new quarters would be reasonably well drained.

17 Bde Gp Tactical School, Senior Wing, commenced to-day at KATUKURUNDA in the KOGGALA area.

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FORT GALLE 18 MAY 42

& AKURESSA Capt CHAPMAN, S.C., delivered a lecture to C.O.s of Bde Gp units on the maintenance of 17 Bde Gp, at the Senior Wing of the Tactical School.

An issue of 1000 yards of tubular steel scaffolding for the erection of the inner defences of KOGGALA LAKE and GALLE HARBOUR was now made available to 17 BDE.

AKURESSA 19 MAY 42

On our first morning in our new billets we were pleasantly surprised at having had a good night's sleep. The night was cool and although we were in a heavily wooded area we were not unduly worried by insects. Mosquito nets were once more on issue from the Q store therefore we refrain from passing further judgement on the area until we can see it in the grip of the monsoon. Office work was found to be rather difficult in the half light of the jungle due to our excellent natural overhead camouflage.

20 MAY 42

Bde Comd received a visit from Brig PALIA, Comd 99 Ind Inf Bde and his B.M. at 0800 hrs to discuss particulars of the Bde exercise which was to take place from 25 to 28 May. 17 Aust Inf Bde would supply the enemy to oppose the advance of 99 Ind Bde who would move South to the coast between TANGALLA and HAMBANTOTA. It was agreed to provide an enemy force comprising, HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less one Coy, one Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, one Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt, and skeleton HQs 2/5, and 2/6 Aust Inf Bns, with 2/2 Aust Fd Amb supplying medical services and 2 Coy A.A.S.C. attending to supplies. The general line of action was decided with complete freedom as to the manner in which the exercise was carried out being left to the opposing sides.

Bde Comd met G.O.C., A.I.F. (CEYLON) and Colonel Pollard G1, and an inspection was made of the Bde Weapon Training School and D and M School at BUSSA. In the afternoon they attended a demonstration put on by 6 Aust Div Engrs at BENTOTA. One of the highlights of the show was the burning of oil on water controlled by a pump hidden in the bank of the river. The whole of the river caught fire and blazed to a height of 50 feet, demonstrating a possible means of defending a river against an enemy crossing. The use of fougasse, demigasse, various types of coconut bombs, and bamboo bangalore torpedoes were illustrated.

Heavy showers in the AKURESSA area thoroughly tested the thatched roofs of the new huts which in spite of their apparently porous nature were found to be quite waterproof.

17 Aust Inf Bde O.O. was issued after much hard work and compilation of recce reports, (See War Diary Appendix No. 3) and B.M. left for a few days well earned rest in the mountains.

The news of the forthcoming stunt against 99 Ind Bde came as a welcome relief in the "paper war" that had been raging around Bde HQ for the past two months and personnel were looking forward to this diversion from normal routine, or rather, to the application of normal routine to a more serious task.

21 MAY 42

Bde Comd and Lt Col GUINN made a recce of the rd EKASSA - MEDAMPE to examine suitable positions for next week's exercise against 99 Ind Bde. The return trip was made via BULUTOTA PASS and DENIYAYA areas.

2/6 Bn were ordered to have an M/C patrol relieve 2/7 patrol operating on the run WELIGAMA to HAMBANTOTA. 2/6 patrol to accompany 2/7 from to-night with full relief to take place Sat 23 May.

22 MAY 42

Bde Comd with G.O.C. inspected an exercise by students attending 17 Bde Tactical School in which 2/6 Bn and 4 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt were used for the course. The exercise went off well, although at one stage it appeared that the preparations of "5th Columnists" would wreck the entire scheme. In the afternoon inspection was made of the KOGGALA defences.

23 MAY 42

G.O.C. and Bde Comd watched an exercise by 2/7 Bn at AKURESSA in the morning. After lunch at Bde HQ they proceeded North on the RATMAPURA rd and inspected 17 Bde installations and the establishment of 2/2 Fd Amb in the area North of AKURESSA.

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AKURESSA 24 MAY 42

B.M. called a conference of Bde Staff in preparation for the exercise about to commence. The duties of each man on the Staff were gone into in detail and tasks were defined.

" 25 MAY 42

Bde HQ convoy set out in pouring rain and travelled to the T.O.P. at TANGALLA where a stop was made for lunch. It seemed that the skies had been holding back a very special deluge for the opening of the exercise. Heavy rain continued all morning in spite of all the rules which said that Easterly travel would take us beyond the reach of the monsoon. Bde HQ was established on the veranda of the Govt circuit bungalow at EMBELLIPITIYA on the rd EKASSA - MEDAMPE AND Bde Comds conference was held at 1800 hrs when umpires received their final instructions. Unfortunately Capt MAYBERRY B.M. (B) had to be returned suffering from a touch of fever. His place was taken by Capt BENNETT O.C. 2/5 Bn carrier pl. Preparations were completed for the opening of our part in the exercise at 0600 hrs the following morning.

" 26 MAY 42

2/7 Bn troops crossed the Start Line at 0630 hrs. Contact was made with the enemy with the enemy at approx 0830 hrs and the game was On! Heavy casualties were suffered by 2/7 Bn forward elements. Umpires appeared to be operating with diametrically opposite ideas, resulting in the wholesale slaughter of 2/7 Bn troops. When the matter was ultimately straightened out and the exercise proceeded in a normal manner, 2/7 Bn had then lost the greatest part of their effective strength. The exercise ended, practically, in mid afternoon with a theoretical juggling of dispositions continuing until late in the evening. 17 Bde O.C. No. 6 covering the return movement of units to their own areas was issued in the evening. In the afternoon at a special parade of Adv Bde HQ personnel, Major MUIR B.M., talked to the men on the subject of quick movement of Bde HQ in an emergency. The aim being to have Bde HQ packed and on the move in 15 minutes time at any hour of the day or night. The necessity for quick packing and movement could not be overstressed in this jungle country where the life blood of an army flowed down a single arterial rd. The forward troops who took part in the exercise returned with a healthy respect for the ability of the Indian troops to whom they had been opposed, (8 PUNJAB 15 PUNJAB 16 PUNJAB) = 99 Ind Inf Bde. Particularly were they impressed with the manner in which they silently moved through dense jungle country and the determination with which their attacks were pushed home. A remarkably high state of physical fitness was shown by the PUNJABIS.

" 27 MAY 42

Bde HQ convoy left EMBELLIPITIYA at 0900 hrs and arrived back at AKURESSA at approx 1430 hrs after a smooth trip. After being reasonably dry overnight the weather once more broke down as the convoy travelled Westward and AKURESSA was reached in a sea of mud.

Bde Comd interviewed Mrs F. NORTHWAY of ELPITIYA who had offered to put her house at DEVITURAI at Bde Comds disposal as a convalescent hospital for men discharged from hospital and not yet fit for duty. It was arranged for her to call on Friday and interview Major Lee of det 4 A.G.H. when details of her offer could be finalised.

" 28 MAY 42

G.O.C. in C. CEYLON COMD, Lt Gen POWNELL called at Bde HQ and discussed with Bde Comd the general disposition of the Bde Gp and the effect that the S.W. monsoon would have on a possible enemy landing on this coast. It was considered that the monsoon would not affect a landing. Consequently there would be no alteration in the dispositions of 16 or 17 Aust Inf Bdes. Areas were outlined for exercises to be carried out in the early part of June which would place into operation the bulk of the forces on the Island, including Comd HQ, Div HQ, and Bde HQ. G.O.C. in C. required that Brig MOTEN be made available to assist on the directional Staff. The present strength and composition of the C.P.R.C. at HAMBANTOTA was also discussed as it appeared to be the weak link in our chain of defences. G.O.C. indicated that there appeared to be no chance of a change in the position at present. At present strength C.P.R.C. could not offer any resistance other than to give us a warning of an attempted invasion.

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AKURESSA 28 MAY 42

At a special parade called by Major MUIR B.M. a welcome innovation was put into practice at Bde HQ. That is, the putting of Bde HQ personnel "into the picture" regarding the exercise just completed. In future it is anticipated that much greater interest will be taken in Bde exercises when personnel realise that the story will be unfolded to them.

" 29 MAY 42

Mrs F.A.NORTHWAY paid a visit to Bde HQ and was taken to 4 A.G.H. at HULANDAWA where discussion took place with Major Lee C.O. of the hospital. It was decided to commence sending out convalescents on Mon 1st June, either for three or seven days at ELPITIYA. The parties would move out on Mons and Thurs and return parties would be collected at the same time. The men attending hospital would be discharged from the A.G.H. to 17 I.T.B. and leave would be granted as thought necessary by the Senior M.O. It was decided to supply the convalescent home with such commodities as were unobtainable elsewhere, fresh meat, potatoes, etc. Otherwise, the home was to be entirely supported by Mrs F.NORTHWAY.

Bde Comd attended a social evening given by the Staff of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. Besides extending their hospitality to the Brigadier, souvenir hunters went to some trouble to see that he left behind some tangible evidence of his visit, by appropriating his cap.

" 30 MAY 42

Bde Comd lectured to the students at the Tactical School in the morning and in the afternoon visited a shooting lodge near HAMBANTOTA where a very interesting time was spent in the bird and wild life sanctuary.

" 31 MAY 42

KENT BTY R.M. advised that they had received instructions to dismantle their guns and be prepared to move by 1400 hrs 1 June. An L.O. was despatched to their HQ to confirm this report which appeared to have originated from their Base Depot. No instructions had been received at this HQ to which the Bty is attached. HQ, A.I.F. were informed.

Due to the heavy monsoonal rains which were being experienced daily in the main South Western catchment areas floods were anticipated in the lowlands of Bde Gp sector with a consequent disruption of traffic.

Muir B.M.

Official War Diary

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Operation Log

Appendix No. 1

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
514	RC36		2/7 RC	20:00	2030	1030	743/326 Patrol left 1305 hrs returned 2000 hrs (1) one merchant ship seen from KUILA 1345 hrs and from DONDRA 1735 hrs (1) One aircraft seen from DONDRA 1720 hrs	
515	RC37		2/7 RC	0910	1130		742/410 Night patrol left 0020 hrs returned 0945 hrs (1) Nothing to report.	
516	2/250		2/7 RC	1133	1200		673/421 Setup as at 1130 hrs (1) SITNORM.	
			RAF		1012		Verbal. Cat expected to test test flight in half an hour - does our ops want to go up?	102/5 to go up. BR 10 contacted. Cond re author.
			RAF		1915		Message re duty practice shoot.	
517	CS1		EDIV SEC 1A13 FORD FQ PK		1455		location 388755 base centralized sheet	
518	R1	all units			1540		following movement notified to E D Sec 1A08 F did FQ PK at 388765 (1) all informed	
519	2/22		7/100		1730		121/518 Setup as at 1730 hrs sitnorm	
			7/100		1900		742/348 Setup @ sitnorm	
			2/100		1805		Setup @ Sitnorm	
520	R2	HQ AIF			1815		744/540 Setup @ sitnorm.	
521	RC38	2/7 Patrol	2/7 Patrol		1900	1845	742/298 afternoon patrol left 1315 hrs returned 1835 hrs (1) merchant ship seen from Dondra 0920	
522	2/253		2/7 RC	0630	0800		942/134 Setup as at 0630 hrs (2) Sitnorm.	


Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
523	T/111		2/5 Bw	0820	0840	2	917/825 M/c patrol report to 0655 hrs () Nothing unusual.	
524	2/254		2/7 Bw	0844	0905	2	742/446 Location Statement () A. Coy 397658, B. Coy 408651 C Coy 233537 D. Coy 365573, H.Q. Coy 406654 B.H.R. 391653 B. ech 401669	
524	R3. HQ AIF			0700		2	794/414 SITREP () SITVORNI.	
525	R3 2/2 Fd Regt			0920		2	required location of detached tp 52 Bty.	
526	RC 31 Res Phone		2/7 R.C.		0915	2	742/446 night patrol left 1330 hrs returned 0910. No () Nothing to report.	
527	RZ		2/9 Bw	1815	-	1	754/520 SITREP () SITNORM	
528	2/256		2/7 Bw	1146	1150	2	412/349 SITREP as at 1130 hrs () Sitnorm	
Phone			2/6 Bw		1200	2	Sitrep () Sitnorm.	
Phone			Frederick Studio Galle		1310	2	Received some raw films and negatives to develop and print from a civilian. Please come and inspect.	F.S.S. Attorney
529	2128		2/2 Fd Regt	1300	1350	2	In reply to R3 () Ref map GALLE (cont) 1/63380 () 357516	
530	JAL2		R.A.F. (cont) Galle	1745	1300	2	In reply to C51 () ANTI Personnel mines NOT yet NOT available	To BNI ()

Map Ref :- GALLE (CENT)

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
531	2/259		2/7 Bn	1445	1450	2	742/138 WELIGAMA BEACH PATROL (C) at 2320 hrs Plane with lights seen flying west (C) From 0100 has still dawned 30 lights visible 5 miles to sea presumably fishing craft	
532	2/358		2/4 Bn	1705	1730	2	742/378 SITREP @ SITNOR	
	Verbal		2/5 Bn		1735	2	SITREP @ SITNOR	
534	67		HQ AIF	1320	1555	2	Ref to CEYLON of that AIF troops have arrived in CEYLON will NOT if NOT be made in correspondence or cables (C) all informed	iftd to all units
	Verbal		2/6 Bn		1750	2	SITREP @ SITNOR	
	Phone		Police Str Ambakingoda		1910	2	Found on main road at SINIGAMIA one water-bottle one haversack one hand glove and some papers	Requested 3 but patrol to collect
535	R108	All Units Under Comd & HQ AIF			1855	2	Civilian sedan car Z 721 to be detained if seen (C) color previously believed red but unconfirmed report states blue sedan of this number seen on road BELIATHA-HAKMANA AIR 168063 28 Apr (C) has believed containing fifth columnist with wireless.	
536	T113		2/5 Bn	1805	1910	2	187/540 M/C patrol report to 1730 hrs (C) Nothing unusual	
537	R105	H.Q. AIF			1810	2	Sitrep (A) Sitnor	

Map Ref :-

GALLE (Cent)

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
558	CJS2		E'DIV SEC (Unit DRD F/PA)	0925	1600	2	At 0925 hrs to 388755 (C) GALLE (CENT)	
Phone		2/5 R.C.		2050	2	742/320	Afternoon patrol report left 1330 hrs returned 1945 hrs (C) Nothing to report.	
559	NWI	2/2	amb Fd Amb	2120	2		Ref pass and identity book Officers (C) WX 39186 Capt SMITH Herbert	
Phone		2/1	P.W.	0635	3		Sitrep (C) Sitnor	
Phone		2/5	bn	0645	3		Sitrep - Normal	
559	2/260	2/7	bn	0635	0701	3	121/712 Sitrep as at 0630 hrs (C) Sitnor	
560	R107	HQ	AIF	0705		3	917/999 Sitrep (C) Sitnor	
561	T114	2/5	bn	0635	0910	3	413/940 m/c patrol report to 0915 hrs (C) nothing unusual a midnight patrol followed m/c patrol at approx two hr intervals all stations manned and alert	
Verbal	R341	2/7	Ref Centre	0830	1000	3	Patrol report from 0040 hrs to 0825 hrs (C) Nothing to report	
562	2/261	2/7	bn	1135	1140	3	121/870 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs (C) SITNOR	
Verbal		2/6	bn		1730	3	SITREP (C) SITNOR	
Verbal		2/5	bn		1735	3	SITREP (C) SITNOR	
563	2/263	2/5	bn	1710	1715	3	242/444 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs (C) SITNOR	
2/64	R108	HQ	AIF	1800		3	SITREP (C) Sitnor no normal 964/107	

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SHEET No 85

Action Taken

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
PHONE			BRAC AIF (E)		2045	3/4	by Lee wants to know result of charges of feathering spoken to Capt Chapman today. To be completed early in morning.	
PHONE R342			2/7 Bv	2000	2045	3	afternoon patrol left 1230 hrs returned 2000 hrs nothing to report	
PHONE			2/1 Bv		1340	4	patrol @ situation normal	
565 2/26			2/7	0635	0650	4	patrol as at 0630 hrs @ sitnorm	
564 PHONE			2/5	0650	0635	4	patrol @ normal	
567 R109 HQ AIF				0656		4	patrol @ everything normal. 103/423	
568 T115			2/5 Bv	0915	1015	4	121/229 m/c patrol report to 0815 hrs nothing unusual	
567 RC43			2/9 Bv Capt Lee	0915	1105	4	74/4446 night patrol left 0130 hrs returned 0910 hrs @ nothing to report.	
568 Phone			Capt Lee		1145	4	no down 2/2 FD Amb reported 10/2/50 shots were fired at him, as was proceeding to RUC BASSA per h/c - place between cubans 13th 413/6, fire approx 1100 hrs.	FSS cpl + 6 men from 2/5 sent out to spot to investigate.
568 2/26			2/7 Bv	1130	1130	4	187/851 SITREP 20 at 1130 hrs @ SITNOR	
			VERBAL		1630		ref Serial 565 FSS cpl reported seeing suspicious figures in area. But that Temple was near scene of shooting	Sent to 740 in SITREP
			Phone 2/5		1630	4	air landing grounds. patrol 2/5 contacted F115 who was west to BARRON. NO information re open ground. BASSA well known NOT considered suitable to land c/c on.	check with DAF re BASSA.

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SECRET No 26

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
		Verbal	2/6/4	1835			7/42/390 Sitrep @ Sitnorm.	
570	2/26		2/7	1705	1715	4	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ SITNORM.	
571	T117		2/5	1705	1730	4	M/L patrol report to 1600 hrs @ nothing unusual.	
		Verbal	2/5		1855		SITREP @ SITNOR	
572		Verbal RND ARAIF		1840		4	142/298 SITREP @ Motor cyclist 3/2 7th Amb reported two shots fired at him 2nd Dallo-Akuressa 982583 between 12-13 mile posts 1030 hrs to day @ FSS searched area @ nothing suspicious found @ those in Buddhist temple searched.	Passed to units
		Phone	2/6		2120	4	Verbal report of patrol sent out to query Phas SE from WELIGAMA to TINGALIA re open ground suitable for C/C to land. One locality discovered - at MADIRA. Full report in morning.	
573	RCM		2/7	2100	2140	4	7/1/610 afternoon patrol left 1330 hrs returned 2055 hrs @ one ship sighted DONDRA 1515 hrs	
		Verbal	HQ AIF	0015		5	Re message sent by "friendly"	Message sent 1300
		Verbal	2/6 Bm		0630	5	SITREP @ SITNOR	
574			2/7	0045			SITREP @ SITNOR	
			2/7	0045			SITREP @ SITNOR	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
575	CH2	HQAIF		0725		5	12/1/712 SITREP ALL QUIET	
PHONE 576	R345		2/7BN	0945	1100	5	MC patrol left 0030 hrs returned 0940 hrs @ surface of nd between KUILA + HAMBANTOTA breaking with heavy patt transport	
577	2/270		2/7BN	0915	1040	5	Location statement @ 52 Bty at 39354775 as from 1200 hrs 6 MAY @ F. To 52 Bty at 39354775 as from 1200 hrs 5 MAY	
verbal			2/7BN		1100	5	SITREP @ SITNORM	
578	75		HQAIF	1030	1223	5	ref suspect cov 2721 @ matter fully investigated NO further action by units necessary	
579	2/271		2/7BN	1135	1255	5	Sitrep @ at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	
580	R113	HQAIF ALCO GP		1123		5	location changes @ REF map CEYLON one ml equal inch sheet 92A @ 52 Bty F TO at 393477 2/8 FO Coy 394677 7 see 088579 @ see 122510 SHEET 82 9 see 635999 detachment 9 see 639017 @ all informed 673/880	
581	2/272		2/7BN	1706	1725	5	Sitrep @ at 1700 hrs @ SITNORM	
verbal			2/7BN		1750	5	SITREP @ normal	
582		HQAIF		1800			571/934 SITREP @ nothing to report	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
583	T118		2/5 bn	1855	1710	5	0650/11 m/c patrol report to +165 hrs 0 nothing unusual	
584	R246		2/7 of the	1935	2040	5	afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 1930 hrs 0 nothing to report	
	PHONE		2/10 HQ	2000	2000	5	Phone message from Capt. Wilson - built C office on HQ. Ref this message encl. number 23. Requires S.C. to say then confirm by message in morning. (Admin) Action	
	Phone		2/5 bn		0640	6	SITREPO normal	
			2/8 bn		0710	6	SITREPO nothing to report	
585	2/73		2/7 bn	0635	0720	6	SITREP us at 0630 hrs 0 SITREP us	
586	RIS HQ AIF			0720		6	SITREPO nothing to report	
	PHONE		2/10 HQ	0800		6	R.S.M. - Detention barracks are being operating message to S.C.	
587	T119		2/5 bn	0815	0815	6	121/239 m/c patrol report to 0800 hrs 0 nothing unusual KEYSTONE cord advise that HQ and one section 20 hrs ago was left will move from AKURESSA to COUMBO one sec same unit from known to CO	
588	1521				0710	1005	part 2 of 1521 0 moves will be made by 1500 hrs 9 MAY 0 contact these units and advise transport for move 0 ack.	
589	HQ AIF			1020			103/1539 ref your 1521 0 ack	
590	RG 47		2/7 bn	0915	1035	6	night patrol left 0800 hrs returned 0930 hrs 0 nothing to report	

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			RAF			Nov 5	check as reported mid on TRM. Raid took place, - 6 Nov Nov 0 NO details	10119, 10120 45.26, 47 8th A/c Capes BUSA.
	PHONE		2/5		1155	6	litrep @ Sitnorm	
591	2/275		2/7 bn	1140	1310	6	301/660 sitrep as at 1130 hrs @ Sitnorm	
			RAF		1630	6	a raid at TRM @ two planes was approaching, & turned back owing to weather @ alarm was sounded as they were Nov at first recognized as friendly	Units Phil A/c
592	2/276		2/7 bn	1710	1820	6	673/806 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs. SITNORM	
			2/5	1800		6	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
			2/6	1815		6	Sitrep Sitnorm	
593	IRO		2/5 bn	1831	1900	6	942/294 M/C patrol to 1900 hrs @ nothing unusual	
		5.47 A.S.C. Fol Regt. Amst	B4(L)	2000			L.O.s will be seeing radar within 2 hrs in connection with some work, what must be done @ C.O., Ady, T.O. must be available	At ad speed by 2035
594	2/277		2/1 bn	1815	064	7	942/738 Sitrep Norm	
			2/1		0655	7	} sitrep @ sitnorm	
			2/1		064	7		

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
595	R121	HR AIF			0705	7	917/999 SITREP @ SITNOR	
596	T121		2/5 Bn		0815	0840 7	501/176 m/c patrol report to 0720 hrs @ Nothing unusual	
597	S1002		2/6 Bn		0845	0915 7	All subunits and attached tps checked @ No information available	vs A.
598	R22		17 ITB		0905	7	17 I.T.B. will mount guard at N.C.O. and six men on ann dump HULANDAWA 388767 as from 1600 hrs 7 May @ Guard to be changed weekly @ Mess with 2 Coy A.G.S.C.	
599	79 B	HR AIF			1100	1100 6 May	R.A.E. will demonstrate FOUCASSE and other engine appliances at 1100 hrs 7 May @ guide in vehicle with unit serial number 63 will be stationed on MAIN rd at SOUTH end VICTORIA bridge ref CBO centralized 676412 at 1345 hrs @ Bde may send small parties but proposed to split down. situation in Bde life areas @ All informed	
600	2/278		2/7 Bn		1530	7	Patrol report centre, sitnor	
			2/6 Bn		1149	1145 7	678/421 SITREP as at 1130 hrs SITNORM	
			2/5 Bn		1800	7	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
			2/6 Bn		1805	7	Situation Normal	
			2/7		1815	7	Verbal report from Lieut Ellis (patrol at KAMMETHIYA GODAWAYA) - Quiet night - HQ at HBT.	passed to HQ per LO.

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01	R23	HQ AIF	1800		7		SITREPO Nil report.	
02	3/27	2/7 Bw	1700	1730	7		673/806 Sijif as at 1700 hrs. SITNOR.	
03	RC 50	2/7 RC	2000	2045	7		742/326 Afternoon patrol left 1330 hrs returned 2000 hrs. Dondra reports unidentified warship sighted.	R.A.F. - R.M. - HQ AIF advised and further information requested from 3/27 and RCAF, RM 100
PHONE	2/1		2255	2255	7		Verbal message from 2/7 Welyama Bay O Warship seen 1036. Copy to 3/27 copy notify if further information can be obtained. Dondra being contacted.	Advise 2/7 HQ. Could find no information, but is investigating matter.
PHONE	2/1		1206	1206	8		Copy 2/7 verbal message. Does not know any more information concerning warship but is awaiting reply from N.E.O. who is investigating and will report back if any further information comes to light. Reason for delay in reporting appears to be that report never reached 2/7 report centre till 2000 hrs approx and a mess man on duty did not convey the lack of details on the report received.	HQ AIF advised. They require report in reason for delay.
PHONE	2/1		0100		8		Advising that warship was medium sized, low on stern travelling fast, 1 mast & funnel observed 3 miles off shore. Watcher had no glasses. Her details seen with naked eye.	R.A.F. - R.M. HQ AIF advised

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
604	185		2/5 bn		0620	8	Sitrep (-) Sitnor	
604	185		2/6 bn		0625	8	Sitrep (-) normal.	
604	185	HQ. AIF.		0026	0715	8	DONDRA report unidentified warship sighted 10 ³⁶ hrs 7 May proceeding west.	
605	R124	H.Q. AIF	2/2 bn		0740	8	Sitrep as at 0615 hrs (-) Sitnorm.	
605	R124	H.Q. AIF			0740	8	501/170 Sitrep as at 0615 hrs (-) sitnor	
606	T123		2/5 bn			8	187/270 M/C patrol reports to 0625 hrs nothing unusual	Photo
607	RC51		2/7 bn uplink	0900 1100	1005	8	742/446 night patrol left 0100 hrs returned 0900 hrs. @ everything normal.	Photo
607	2/281		2/7 bn	0900	1020	8	673/413 Location State (-) A Coy 397658 B Coy 408651 C Coy 233537 D Coy 365513 HQ Coy 406654 Bn HQ 391653 BECH 401669 52 Bty and F TP 394478 E TP 52 Bty 366513	Photo
608	Plans	HQ AIF			1545	8	From G II I, when that Jords names arrives they are to be destroyed.	
609	2/283		2/6 bn		1730	8	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
609	2/283		2/7 bn	1705	1730	8	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 0 SITNORM	

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
610	2/382		2/1	1150	1205	8	501/660 SITREP as at 1150 hrs @ SITNORM	
611	124		2/5	1745	1855	8	729/894 M/C patrol report to 1655 hrs @ nothing unusual	
612	R 126	HQ AIF		1851		8	103/879 SITREP @ GODAWAYA and KALAMETIYA mil report	
	PHONE E2		2/1 (2)	1130	2000	8	REF AMBALANTOTA 1" @ low glow as of light inside and door left open for approx 15 min periods at 0010 hrs and 0200 hrs night 7/8 MAY at 097682 @ no lights at sea @ mil report KALAMETIYA area	Planned to I.C. 2030 hrs
	Dhones		Kant Bay		2230	8	Brightest light vicinity Y.M.C.A. reported by Kant Bay	Reported to Comd Police by Kant Bay. Duty of report to I.C. 2130 hrs.
	PHONE 6	RC 52	2/7	1933	2000	8	742/326 AFTERNOON PATROL LEFT 1245 RETURNED 1933 EVERYTHING NORMAL	
							SATURDAY 9 MAY	
			2/6		0630	9	Atref @ Sitnorm	} SITREP TO HQ AIF
			2/5		0710	9	Atref @ Normal	
613	2/20		2/7	0635	0710	9	246/530 SITREP as at 0630 hrs @ SITNORM.	
614	R 127	HQ AIF		0717		9	964/427 Atref @ position is normal	
			by Bond		0820	9	Operations have been out of order. RAAF level phone should be OK	RAF HQ
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615	T125		2/5 bn	0840	0855	9	M/C patrol report to 0800 hrs nothing unusual	
616	R053		2/7 bn	1031	1035	9	night patrol left 0100 hrs returned 1031 hrs everything normal	
617	2/285		2/7 bn	1130	1200	9	SITREP to at 1130 hrs SITNORM	
Verbal			2/6 bn		1745	9	SITREP 0 Sitnot	
Verbal			2/5 bn		1745	9	SITREP 0 Sitnot	
Verbal			2/7 bn		1900	9	SITREP 0 Sitnot	
618	T126		2/5 bn	1845	1900	9	921/663 M/C patrol report to 1745 hrs nothing unusual	
			DAPM C80		1945		Please send email to RSM BOLLER, + 2 apts for 2/7, causing disturbance in C80. Email report Museum Wharf.	Rep 2/2 - ascent on any 15
619	R128	HGAIF		1905		9	121/210 Sitrep 0 all quiet	
Verbal	B39		Node 7 Lt Ellis			9	Left Hambantota 1 inch on night 8/9 May at 0100 hrs 0200 hrs for a spot 10 mins. A harassment lantern seen at day 200 yds N.W. of cape at 094680 0 at 0225 light was seen moving out to sea, my opinion fishing boat. This boat was on beach previous night. This type of light is the only one seen in this area at night 0	

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			<i>Nodus (contin)</i>			9	No light comes from small concrete shelter built in lee of rock on cape. No light seen at sea. CPRC inform me that this is permissible to launch fishing boats at night along that part of the coast. No patrol KALAMEIYA early last night and have missed m/c patrol last two mornings owing to m/c breakdown	
<i>Verbal</i>		<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>Report Centre</i>	<i>1850</i>	<i>2100</i>	9	<i>742/293</i> Afternoon patrol left 1400 hrs returned 1850 hrs Everything normal	
<i>620</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>NQAIF</i>		<i>1650</i>	<i>2135</i>	9	<i>ROAD WELIGATTA - BUNDALA</i> Breached to culvert 12 miles @ breach 30 feet 10 feet deep impassable 3 days @ breach about 8 miles from HAMBANTOTA	
<i>Verbal</i>		<i>2/5</i>			<i>0645</i>	10	<i>Sitnor</i>	
		<i>2/6</i>			<i>0645</i>	10		
<i>621</i>	<i>2/288</i>	<i>2/7 bn</i>		<i>0635</i>	<i>0655</i>	10	<i>454/235</i> SITREP 00 at 0630 hrs SITNOR	
<i>622</i>	<i>R129</i>	<i>NR AIF</i>		<i>0700</i>		10	<i>917/999</i> Normal situation	
<i>623</i>	<i>T127</i>	<i>2/5 bn</i>		<i>0805</i>	<i>0805</i>	10	<i>964/439</i> m/c patrol report to 0730 hrs @ nothing unusual	<i>old</i>
<i>624</i>	<i>R55</i>	<i>1/7 BN</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>1025</i>	10	<i>412/154</i> night patrol left 1231 returned 1000 everything normal	<i>old</i>

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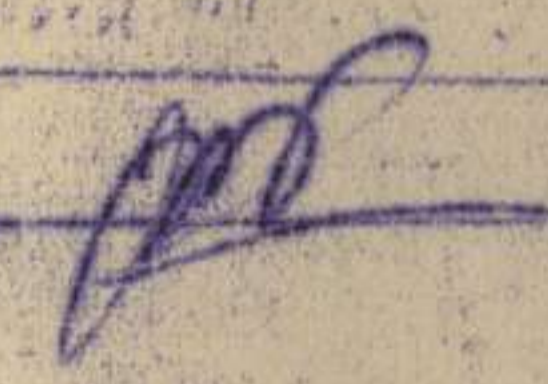
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UNIT 17 Bde HQ
SHEET No 76

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
625	K4		2/7 bn Cant.	054	1030	10.	Pat report @ will see 17 Bde HQ 17 Bde HQ. 1100 hrs to-day.	
626	2/289		2/7 bn	1130	1135	10	501/460 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs @ Sitnorm	
627	2/290		2/7 bn	1525	1540	10	742/138 Heligama beach patrol @ yellow vapor light seen 0110 hrs in northerly direction and 0230 hrs in southerly direction @ both areas patrolled after firing @ Nothing found	
628 Verbal			2/6 bn		1740	10	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
628	T127		2/5 bn	1710	1730	10.	121/317 M/C. patrol report. to 1630 hrs @ nothing unusual	
629	2/291		2/7 bn	1705	1710	10	121/307 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ Sitnorm	
630	R56		2/5 bn Cante.	2155	2230	10	414/342 afternoon patrol left 1915 returned 2155. Everything Normal	noted
631	2/292		2/7 bn	0633	0645	11	Sitrep as at 0630 hrs @ SITNORM	
	Phone		2/6 bn	0630	0650	11	nothing to report	
632					0535	11	COLOMBO @ BAR. 2971 0784 13216 1085 14219 2083 18225 3081 22232 SURFACE TEMP 82 DEGREE	noted to PLANT FC Regt ICANT REGT
	Phone		2/5 bn		0720	11	SITREPO normal	
633	R32 HQ AIF			0720		11	SITREPO nothing to report	

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634	T129		2/5 bn	0825	0830	11	102/736 m/c patrol report to 0730 hrs @ nothing unusual	
635	R130	HR AIF		1815		10 apt	917/335 Sitrep @ Patrols at Kalametiga AIR 197056 and Sodawaya AIR 209068 last 2 nights have reported nothing suspicious @ Patrols to remain out two more nights.	
PHONE RC 57			2/PRC	0946	1100	11	412/354 night patrol flt 2340 has returned 0946 hrs @ DONDRA reports one medium sized warship one mast one funnel 4 mls out travelling west 0645 hrs heavy smoke speed plane circ ship at 0709 hrs seen by naked eye. A.C. DWYER.	
Phone			2/5 bn	1220	1220	11	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
634	MET 11		HR Ceylon Comd	1150	1225	11	Colombo METEOR @ PAR 2978 0784 14232 1085 17235 2083 19236 3081 81245 1078 23241 SURF TEMP 87	Cleared to 2/2 Ft Regt at 1220
637	2/093		2/7 bn	1145	1235	11	ships as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	
638	2/093		2/7 bn	1710	1720	11	673/406 sitrep as at 170 hrs @ sitnorm	
Phone				1735	1735	11	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
Phone			2/6 bn		1800	11	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
639			HR Ceylon Comd	1557	1640	11	Bar 2970 0785 15224 1086 16227 2084 18236 3082 20248 Surf temp 87 degrees	

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640	T130		2/5 BN	1810	1830	11	917/335 1/2 patrol report to 700 hrs @ nothing unusual.	
641	R133	HQ AIF		1810		11	501/971. Sitrep all quiet	
PHONE	RCB		2/7 BN R.C.	1931	2105	11	103/950 afternoon patrol left 1245 hrs returned 1931 hrs everything normal.	
			Unit PAWSON		0030	12	There will be a carrier dump at AKURESSA L.A.O. tomorrow at 1000 hours, in building assembly & first deployment by Capt Stewart @ All carrier officers → 2100 Carrier Co + 2 sqs Carrier Co are to attend	Planned to 15 16 17 <i>[Signature]</i>
642	65	HQ AIF (CEYLON)		1107	1950	11	For intelligence ofr from after ofr @ Ref. your query @ METEOR messages are originated by HQ CEYLON ARMY COMD @ No originators number has been transmitted up to the present	
PHONE			2/5 BN	0655	0656	12	letref @ letrom	
PHONE			2/6 BN	0700	0701	12	letref @ letrom	
PHONE			2/7 BN	0705	0706	12	letref @ letrom	
643	R135	HQ AIF		0710		12	letref @ letrom	

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644	1131		2/5 bn	0845	0900	12	917/131 m/c patrol report to 0400 hrs @ nothing unusual	
Verbal	1057		2/1 bn	0935	1020	12	Night patrol left 0001 hrs returned 0535 everything normal	
Verbal	EG		Noda I St Ellis 2/7 bn patrol	0535	1020	12	Nil report both areas @ Withdrawing patrol to-day as ordered	To be included in evening Sitrep to AIF HQ
Verbal			2/6 bn		1145	12	Sitnorm	
645			2/7 bn	1140	1210	12	742/105 SITREP as at 1150 hrs SITNORM	
646	2/299		2/4 bn	1705	1740	12	742/372 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs sitnorm	
647	1132		2/5 bn	1720	1740	12	964/901 m/c patrol report to 1700 hrs @ nothing unusual	
	Phone		2/5	1800	1800	12	Sitnorm	
648	74		NR AIF	1745	2100	12	60 credits reply message 8 & 10 May	
649	1136	H.Q. HIF.		1815		12	12/400 Sitch KALAMATIYA - GODAWAYE patrol withdrawn @ nothing suspicious reported @ written report follows 13 May @ Otherwise Sitnorm	
450	1137	All units		2115		12	543/537 Security @ attention is drawn to rule that pending introduction of appointments code personnel in H.Q. will be referred to by name and not by rank	

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	F.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
651	Phone		2/5 P.C.	1950	2115	12	Afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 1950 hrs everything normal	
	Phone		RAF Koonua	0030	0020	13	Request from King Lamb Butler that line from Kogalla to Galle be checked. Report of being surprised with	Sgt Goodhead attached to send message to G.D.
	Phone		2/6 Lm		0650	13	Sitrep (1) Sitnow	
651	2/1		2/7 Lm	0632	0700	13	246/530 Sitrep as at 0630 hrs (1) Sitnow	
52	211	HQ AIF		0735		13	625/101 Sitrep (1) Sitnow	
653	T133		2/8 Lm	0755	0825	13	743/736 m/c report to 0745 hrs. O nothing unusual	
			2/7 R/U		1015	13	675/121 Mphs Patrol left 0030, returned 0930 O Sitnow	
654	C1	2/7 Lm		1655		12	Secret (1) ref map beyond lunch to 4 miles (1) to deny rd AKURESSA MADAMPE 154119 to enemy northward movement you will immediately receive and prepare def posns in following areas (1) KATAPOLA 148091 (1) BULUTOTA PASS 158112 (1) if KOTAPOLA unsuitable posn may be selected south of DENIYA YAI 50097 (1) plan for sure minimum def tps (IMMEDIATE)	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
655		Z21 17A.I.B.		0900		13	following staff will be detached to driving and maintenance school and shown as such on returns O Lieut Gullitt, A/CSM McLean 1 CQMS. 2 Cooks 2 mess orderlies 1 clerk 1 runner 1 batman () joining instructions following	
Phone			2/5 bn	1100		13	Situp () Sitnom	
656	2/2		2/7 BN	1030	1200	13	103/948 para lookout reported seaplane at 1040 hrs direction of flight SOUTH to NORTH 3 miles EAST OF the HQ O nothing suspicious	
657	2/3		2/7 BN	11400	1200	13	742/103 Situp as at 1130 hrs O sitnom	
658	Z22	140 AIF		1500		13	re message no 84 10 may names of 1st and H.C.O's are via 7159 Lieut KALBURGER via 904 WOI BURGESS SQ 2/2 TD REET	
659	C119		2/6	1130	1500	13	location report o ref map GALLE 92 A C Coy Ho now reestablished at 233 533	
660	2/4		2/7	1700	1730	13	742/372 SITREP at at 1700 hrs O SITNORM	
661	Z23	2/7bn		1745		13	Sgt JAYLOR, VX 5449 has been evacuated to hospital Appendicitis please supply instructions to replace O to rpt + D.F.M. School 1600 hrs 14 Aug 45	
Verbal			2/5				Situp o Sitnorm	
			2/6				Situp o Sitnorm	

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662	T 134		2/5	1810	1825	13	668/735 M/C patrol report to 1740 hrs @ nothing unusual	
663	Z 25	2/6		1745		13	1 instructor with M/C to report DVR & MAINTENANCE school 1400 hrs 14 MAY BUSSA @ will be attached to M/C wing	
644	Z 24	17AITB		1745		13	please advise whether following could be released as staff DVR & MAINTENANCE school Sgt HENDRICK WOTI WELLINGTON	
645	Z 62	HQ AIF		1835		13	673/416 Itref @ C Coy 2/6 bn now 233533 AIR 123063 KATALUWA @ rd S/G/1004 9 May corrected locations 2/2 TD REGT ad follows @ 52 BTY Leno rd 393477 AIR 140008 near 94 ML post rd WELIGAMA MATARA @ E rd 358516 AIR 136052 rd WELIGAMA MATARA @ 40 LAD 385614 AIR 139061 Factory	
PROVISE			2/5		0630	14	<u>THURSDAY 14</u> Itref @ Itnom	
PROVISE			2/6		0640	14	Itref @ Itnom	
646	2/1		2/7	0631	0645	14	SITREP as at 0630 hrs @ SIGNORA	
647	Z 63	HQ AIF		0700		14	964/437 Itref @ Itnom as at 0630 hrs everything normal	

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							(THURSDAY 14 CONT)	
648	T135		2/5	0820	0835	14	187/270 M/C patrol report to 0605 hrs @ nothing unusual	
Verbal			2/7 report centre		1105	14	Night patrol left 0015 hrs. Returned 0945 hrs Everything normal	
Verbal			2/5 bn	1150	1150	14	Sitrep Sitnor	
649	Z64	2 Coy A.G.S.C		1035		14	Go from 13 May location 2/3 least 7d Hygiene. Sec will be on Rd MATUCAMA BENTOTA 11 miles South MATUCAMA	
650	2/2		2/7 bn	1135	1145	14	742/105 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNOR	
651	Y181	2/2 2/7 2/7 2/7 2/2 2/7 2/7		1240		14	964/332 In future recce and patrol reports will be rendered in duplicate unless otherwise ordered @ all informed	JMP
652	2/3		2/7 bn	1715	1725	14	904/901 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ Sitnor	
Verbal			2/5 bn		1750	14	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
653	P139		2/6 bn	1750	1800	14	Sitrep @ Sitnor	
654	Y182	HR AIF		1815		14	917/335 Sitrep @ Sitnor	
		By Pilots from HQ					INSTRUCTIONS FROM HQ AIF - AS FROM 1800 HRS 14 MAY 42 NO FURTHER LINK CALLS ALLOWED - TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL RESCINDED BY HQ AIF	

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		Verbal RCLH	2/1 bn Report Centre	1915	1955	14	afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs hrs returned 1900 hrs - Dondra reports unidentified plane flying E to W at 0915 hrs	Q
655	701		2/5 bn	1803	1907	14	385/492 location statement O4Q Coy 119084	
656	702		2/5 bn	1806	1907	14	742/340 M/C patrol report to 1700 hrs @ nothing unusual	
		Verbal	2/5 bn		0600	15	Sitrep Sitnorm	
657	T120		2/6 bn	0625	0700	15	Sitrep Sitnorm	
		Verbal	2/7 bn		0710	15	Sitrep Sitnorm	
658	701		2/5 bn	0821	0830	15	675/101 M/C patrol report to 0730 hrs @ nothing unusual	OK
659	R65		2/1 bn	1030	1030	15	night patrol left 2000 hrs returned 1030 hrs report normal	OK
		Phas	2/5		1210	15	Normal	OK
660	X201	HQ AIF			0740	15	187/270 Sitrep Sitnorm	
661	2/1		2/7	0631	0820	15	246/550 PARA watchers report plane SOUTH of this HQ flying WEST at 2230 hrs @ SITREP as at 0630 hrs @ SITNORM	
662	702		2/5	0910	0930	15	742/446 location statement @ C Coy. Ref maps GALLE centralized message to HQ AIF	
663	X202	HQ AIF			0955	15	705/640 location change @ ref GALLE maps 1 mil square 1 mil sheet 92A @ C Coy 2/5 bn show at 131562 AIR 140056 near GANSABIMA	
664	701		2/7	1135	1150	15	103/837 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	

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665	502		HQ AIF CEYLON	1100	1610	15	please arrange for rail coach to proceed to GALLE to pick up cases from CRS @ as from 16 MAY 42, coach is to stop at GINTOTA on south bound journey to drop VD cases @ CRS is moving from BUSSA to MDS site vicinity HULANDAWA @ all informed @ ack	To SC office
666	501		HQ AIF CEYLON	1250	1730	15	patients who are VD cases from 17 Host INF Boe area will be evacuated to 4 AGH <u>NOT</u> until <u>NOT</u> 12/11/42 until further notice @ patients will be evacuated by motor ambulances @ all informed	To SC office
667	703		2/7	1701	1712	15	673/806 SITREP @ at 1700 hrs @ SITNORM	
			2/5 hr	1745	1745	15	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
"			2/6 hr	1750	1750	15	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
668	866		2/7 Bw	1920	1950	15	afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 1920 hrs @ convoy observed off MIRISSA PT at 1700 hrs approx 5 miles to sea travelling westerly convoy included 1 craft approx 20,000 tons & large tankers and one destroyer	M/C patrol checking up to see if and how stations reported this
669	703		HQ AIF	1800		15	SITREP @ sitnorm	
670	703		2/7 Bw	1830		15	M/C patrol report to 1700 hrs @ nothing unusual	
671	704		2/5 Bw	1915		15	CWS report 1830 hrs @ A Ships moving S SW @ 2 tankers 1 warship going towards CBO @ 1 merchant ship going other way	

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672	0701		2/7 bn	0631	0645	16	SITREP as at 0630 hrs 0 sitnorm	
	Phone		2/5 bn	0630	0630	16	SITREP 0 SITNORM	
	Phone		2/6 bn	0645	0645	16	SITREP 0 SITNORM	
673	701	HQ AIF		0700		16	SITREP 0 nothing to report.	
674	701		2/5 bn	0805	0825	16	187/270 M/C patrol report to 0700 hrs 0 nothing unusual	
675	RC67		2/7 bn	0845	1000	16	675/413 night patrol left 0130 hrs returned 0845 hrs reports normal	
676	702		2/6 bn	1450		16	LOCATION report 0 of GALLE 92a COMD post now est. 217548	
677	703		2/7 bn	1702	1710	16	SITREP as at 1700 hrs 0 SITNORM	
	Phone		2/6 bn	1800		16	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
	Phone		2/5 bn	1815		16	SITREP 0 NORMAL	
678	702	HQ AIF		1900		16	HR 2/2 Fd amb moved from Bussa to area M.D.S. on 16 May.	
679	703	Rpt, Bno ASS		1905		16	HR 2/2 Fd amb & C.R.S. now estab in area M.D.S.	
Verbal				1920	1920	16	2/8 Fd Coy Ring for information about funeral of Paul Beiers, Pacific War religion union gash Coffin, if more information required advise using 12 AGHQ or A.I.F.HQ.	

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680	72		2/10N	1750	1100	16	964/107 Hk patrol rpt 10720 hr @ nothing unusual	
681	702	A.I.F.		1120		16	Sitrep @ adv party @ 17 Aug 2/10N moving Akurasa 401668, or 30 to 17 May otherwise nothing nothing to rpt	
Verbal		Base P.O.		1930	1930	16	Base post office rang inquiring about trucks which hadn't arrived. Informed trucks left at 1630 hr, and should shortly arrive	
682	702		2/76N	1135	1212	16	742/105 Sitrep as at 1130 hr @ Sitnom	
683	RC68		2/76N	2050	2135	16	675/322 afternoon patrol left 1300 and returned 2000 rpt normal	
Verbal		2/56N	2000	2000		16	at 2145 CW. Stas (2) rpt while sky flare approx 5th, fairly well out to sea plane heard at same time RAF, rpt one of their planes coming in and will inform us if find plane	RAF at scheduled for ref. arrival landing lights accidentally switched on
Verbal		2/56N	0630	0630		17	Sitrep @ Sitnom	
684	701		2/72	0632	0711	"	246/530 Stas at 0630 hr @ Sitnom	
685	701	A.I.F.		0700		17	SITREP @ Sitnom	

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686	201		2/5 Bn		0755	0825	17	742/734 M/C report to 0700 hrs @ nothing unusual	
687	702	3/2 HQ 2/3 2/4 2 Coy 40SE			0900		17	3/2 Aust Fd Amb location statement @ ref GALL Cent O HQ PORAMBA School 398685 A Coy PORAMBA 398685 B Coy KOGGALA area 205546 HQ Coy MDS 388749	
688	703	HQ AIF Ceylon			0940		17	3/2 Aust Fd Amb location statement @ ref Gall Centralised sheet and Ceylon AIR sheet 3 O HQ 398685 AIR 139067 PORAMBA A Coy 398865 AIR 139067 B Coy less det 205546 AIR 121055 KOGGALA det B Coy 118581 AIR 112058 BONA VISTA HQ Coy 388749 AIR 138076 MDS	
689	RC69		3/7 Bn Report Centre		1030	1100	17	904/640 night patrol left 0100 hrs returned 1000 hrs reports normal	
	Phone		2/5 Bn			1147	17	Sitrep O Sitnet	
690	704	HQ AIF			1246		17	146/379 HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde and cash office will move AKURESSA 398682 AIR 145068 18 May HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde closes present location 0950 hrs 18 May opens new location same time	
691	705		2/7 Bn		1140	1350	17	673/421 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs @ Sitnet	
692	705	All Units			1445		17	454/376 Serial 690 repeated to All Units	
693	706	2/7 Bn			1540		17	ref recd Capt Dunkley water filter KALAMETIYA Samples analysed @ Konak of CRENOTHRIX and CRAPOTHRIX (kind of iron bacteria) @ these form red film on water.	

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			HR AIF		1920	17	RAE demonstration for both Bdees will be held at new Post House BENTOTA AIR 082107 at 1430 hrs 20 May. O strength of parties as detailed by ADeo.	
			2/6 bn		1740	17	Sitrep (C) Sitrov	
693	704		2/7 Bn	1705	1800	17	501/129 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs (C) Sitrov	
694	8		HR AIF	1105	1700	17	Ref your 262 of 13 May and your location. Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 14 May. Meanwhile still further location 52 Bty Aust Fed Regt.	
695	702		2/5 bn	1755	1835	17	385/492. M/C Patrol report to 1730 hrs (C) nothing unusual	
696	708	HR AIF		1835		17	187/561 Sitrep (C) Sitrov	
Verbal			2/7 bn report centre		2050	17	afternoon patrol left 1230 hrs returned 2015 hrs. Metal rd under repairs 6 miles Sully side HAMBAWOTA. M/C low gear - 1st 2nd gear. Otherwise normal.	To be included on Morning Sitrep
Verbal			2/7 Bn report centre			17	B Coy 2/7 bn relieving D Coy 2/7 bn WELIGAMA night 17-18 May	
697	2/7 Bn 1st Lt Bty R M	2/5 bn 1st Lt Bty R M		1845		17	relief B Coy by A Coy will be carried out 18 May. O Contact Staff Capt to day & change billets	
698		HR AIF		2030			Ref your 2 of 17 May O F. G. at 555516 NIK 136052 rd WELIGAMA - MATARA	

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		<i>Phone</i>	<i>2/5 bn</i>		<i>0630</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Subch Sitnor</i>	
<i>679</i>	<i>701</i>		<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>0631</i>	<i>0709</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>244/530 SITREP 00 at 0630 hrs @ SITNOR</i>	
<i>700</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>HR AIF</i>		<i>0715</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>SITREP @ SITNOR @ 17 Aust Inf Bde 9th Tactical school sensor arms opened at 198554 AIR 120055 KOBGAMA area to-day @ B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn relieved D Coy NERIGAMA @ A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn relieving B Coy to-day</i>	

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		GALLE 74		0945		18	to Maj Mura Settled in	
700	704	HQ AIF		0945		18	HQ 17 must stay Bde now at AKURESSA398682 ref GALLE central camp	
21	701		2/5	0810	0825	18	187/270 M/G patrol report to 0700 hrs @ nothing arrived.	
L	13		HQ AIF	1045	1240	18	desire to attach VX 1394 CPL ROBERTS. K to CIPHER SEC this HQ for two days. @ L.O well collect this afternoon	
3	702		2/7	1135	1400	18	742/105 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITREP advised immediately any effs from 1502 16P 9818	To B.M.
704	9	HQ AIF		1435	1700	18	attended G.R. school LATRUM	
705	702		2/5	1635	1705	18	668/523 Location statement @ A and B coys have exchanged forms as from 0900 hrs today @ HQ A Coy 1275750 original Bde HQ in NW corner FORT @ HQ B Coy 1275750 pl forms will be fwd when determined.	
Valid			7/9 2/5 2/6 2/7		1420 etc		Sitrep Sitnorm litref @ litnor litref @ litnor	

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706	1	2/5 2/6 2/7 2/2 Feb 1957		1240		18	ref map CEYLON 2 mbs to touch RAE demarcation FOUGAS etc 1430 hrs 20 may rear of REST HOUSE BENTOTA 082:020 hrs comds Coy Comds pioneer offrs will attend Fd regt may send small party act.	
707	RP 71		2/7 2/8 2/9	1625		18	NIGHT PATROL left 1230 hrs returned 0930 hrs report normal	
708	3	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		1655		18	conference G(R) Ang O offrs comd G(R) groups attend this HQ 1500 hrs 10/1 may act.	
709	4	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		1700		18	returns required by 1300 hrs 19 may showing total number bicycles taken and number brought to CEYLON act.	
710	5	2/5 2/6 2/7 bns		1735		18	advise immediately any offrs who attended G(R) school LATRUNK O all returns required act	
711	705	HQ AIF		1840		18	SITREP O subv.	
712	703		2/5 bn	1830		18	m/c patrol report to 1420 hrs O nothing unusual	
		Phons	2/7 RPT Centre			18	afternoon patrol 04-1300, returned 1830 O all quiet.	
713			HQ Comd	2000	2200	18	Colombo Meteor BAR 2980, 0783, 11201, 1084, 2203, 2082, 14200, surface Temp 83 degrees.	
713A	12		HQ AIF	1650	2050	18	locations required D Coy 2/7 bn B Coy 2/5 dist of bn.	
713B	707	HQ AIF		2105		18	Location Statement of GALLE Centralized O 2/5 bn A Coy 085586 AIR 109059 NW corner FORT GALLE B Coy. 127575 AIR 113058 near School O 2/7 bn D Coy 408651 AIR 141065 South 12 mile past rd AKURESSA WELICAMA	

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714	10	CRE ¹⁷ <u>17</u> ₁₇	HQ AIF	1450	2220	18	Issue 1000 yds tubular steel scaffolding 17 Aust Bde for erection inner defences KOGGALA LAKE and perimeter GALLE harbour @ con sign 800 yds TALPE RY STN for KOGGALA 200 yds GALLE RY STN for GALLE harbour	Copy to SC
715	851	17 Bde	AIF ¹⁷ <u>17</u> ₁₇	1815	2130	18	Ref AIF (Ceylon) R.O. 146 of 16 May @ disinfecting blankets @ contact first instance 2/3 Aust for hyg sec NOT 12 Aust gen Corp @ advise units under bond @ All informed	Copy to SC
		Home	2/6 Bde		0645	19	SIT NOR	} message to AIF HQ
716			2/7 Bde	0639	0700	19	SITREP SITNORM	
717			2/5 Bde	0637	0700	19	SITREP SITNORM	
718	701	HQ AIF		0707		19	964/427 Sitrep @ everything is normal	
719	701			0805	0830	19	patrol to 0715 hrs @ nothing unusual	
720	345		2/7 Bde	0745	0830	19	nil	
721			HQ AIF	0800	0830	19	Comd + BM 99 Bde visiting GALLE 19 May approx 1400 hrs @ was not possible to telephone ahead	
Thurs			2/7 RC	0920	0955	19	742/446 night patrol left 2400 hrs returned 0945 hrs @ report normal	

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722	2		HQ AIF	0915	1055	19	Total bicycles being allotted in bus is 90	
723	1	2/2 Aust Fd Regt		1135		19	detail movement guns from beach positions until discussion with our comd @ bty's KOGGALA & GALLE	
724	2	HQ AIF (Ceylon)		1145		19	Understand training team direct exercises @ request jungle exercises attack defence @ Coy @ also lon and supporting arms.	
725	702		2/7 bn	1140	1210	19	742/105 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs @ Sitnot.	
726	703		2/7 bn	1700	1730	19	sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ SITNORM	
Phone			2/6 bn	1745		19	SITREPO SITNORM	
Phone			2/5 bn	1750		19	SITREPO Sitnot	
727	3	HQ AIF		1750		19	Nil Return (In reply to 9/18)	
728	710	HQ AIF		1815		19	301/971 Sitrep @ Sitnot	
729	702		2/5 bn	1735	1835	19	103/380 m/c patrol report to 1700 hrs @ Nothing unusual	
730	711	2/6 bn		1925		19	131/210 The following code names will come into operation 0001 hrs 30 May to 2400 hrs 30 May (See Code list) Full list follows	
730 Verbal	RCYA		2/4 bn report centre	1930 1930	2030	19	Afternoon patrol left 1330 hrs returned 1915 hrs Reports normal 742/293	
731			HQ AIF	18	0533	20	May Wood FH will report this HQ for duty City S.O. @ for the week	

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			2/6 bn		0640	20	Sitrep 0 Sitnorm	
	732	701	2/7 bn	0631	0700	20	246/530 Sitrep as at 0630 hrs Sitnorm	
			2/5 bn		0735	20	Sitrep 0 Sitnorm	
	733	701 HQ AIF		0730			343/213 Sitrep 0 Sitnorm	White
	734	702	2/7 bn	0756	0755	20	673/101 Location Change 0 B Coy now at 365513 D Coy at 408651	
	735	702	2/7	0750	0755	20	673/101 location change 0 B Coy now at 365513 D Coy at 408651	
	735	RC 75	2/6 bn RC at	0910	0949	20	571/373 night patrol left 0030 hrs returned 0900 hrs.	th
	736	701	2/6 bn	0850	0913	20	742/446 M/C patrol report to 8-30 hrs nothing unusual	
	137	108	2/7 bn	1140	1155	20	742/105 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs Sitnorm	
			2/6 bn	1735		20	Sitrep 0 Sitnorm	16
	"	RC 76	2/7 bn at	1945	2020	20	571/814 afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 1930 hrs reports received.	
	738	109	2/7 bn	1710	1830	20	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs 0 Sitnorm	
	739	707 HQ AIF		2220		20	SITREPO SITnorm	
			2/6 bn	0630		21	sitrep 0 sitnorm.	

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740	701		2/7bn	0625	0700	21	SITREP as at 0630 hrs 0 subson	
741			2/5 bn		0700	21	sitrep 0 normal	
742	701	HQ AIF		0700		21	SITREP 0 nothing to report	
743	701		2/5 bn	0805	0900	21	108/897 M/C patrol report to 0655 hrs 0 nothing unusual	
744	702	all units		1126		21	Ref HQ A.I.F. document s/g/969 destruction certificate due this the today 0 allif	
745	R 672		2/7bn	1000		21	501/434 night patrol left 0300 hrs returned 0750 hrs report normal	
746			2/7bn	1000		21	Annus from CW station other than M/C patrol Dondra P.O. phone 3/4 miles Deakwella telephone NAWELLA travel by cycle or car 3 1/2 miles to phone KOILA nearest phone 5 miles Hambantota excise 1/2 mile to P.O. phone HAMBANTOTA next house. phone connected	
747	714		2/7bn	1700	1705	21	571/211 sitrep as at 1700 hrs subson	
748	701		2/5 bn	1800	1800	21	document 75/G/969 destroyed = 1	
749	703	HQ AIF		1745		21	383/727 sitrep 0 subson	

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750 751			Hq Comd	2000	2030	21		
752 Verbal	RS		2/7 All Cdr	2015	2045	21	561/259 afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 2000 hrs report normal.	
			2/5	0700	0700	22	"	
			2/7	1701	0701	22	"	
752	701 HQ A.I.F			0710		22	917/997 Sitrep 0 unknown	
753	703		2/5	1805		21	202/340 M/C patrol report to 1800 hrs nothing unusual	
754	705 HQ A.I.F			1800		21	ref your spec/1119 of 15 May oack.	
755	701		2/5	0755	0805	22	M/C patrol report to 0715 hrs nothing unusual	
756	701		2/7	0915	0920	22	Sight patrol left 0700 hrs returned 0900 hrs reports normal 434/847	
757	702		2/5	1125	1200	22	121/987 3 BTRY 2/2 Aust FOREST HQ 1215 R4 A TO 122563 B TO 115562 ref GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET	
758	702	KENT BT/ARM 14743LT/AA REGT					383/191 please advise at earliest names of offrs at your HQ likely to transmit intelligence message.	

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759	703		2/7	1135	1245	22	742/105 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	
760	3		2/6	1130	1245	22	ref warning order exercise para 5 (B) umpires party 2 officers 4 ORS skeleton HQ party 2 off 2 ORS	
761	3		2/2 Regt	1005	1245	22	ref warning order no 1 para 5 @ three in umpires @ no skeleton HQ's	W.P.H.
Phone			K" Sec Sigs		1810	22	Suspected Sabotage on 2/6 hrs telephone line at approx 1420 hrs 22 May 42. (1) On Galle - Akkum road near 13 mile post line appears to have been struck by a hatchet and consequently broken	HQ's W.H.
Phone	RC 80		2/7 RC	2100	2105	22	434/370 Afternoon patrol left 1200 hrs. returned 2045 hrs (1) reports normal.	
Phone			2/6 hrs		0645	23	Sitrep (1) Normal.	
762	701		2/7 hrs	0632	0700	23	246/530 Sitrep as at 0630 hrs @ Sitnorm	
763	707	HQAIF		1850		22	SITREP (1) SITNOR.	
764	701	HQAIF		0745		23	Sitrep. Sitnorm	
765	701		2/5 hrs	0811	0920	23	601/534 M/C patrol report to 0740 hrs @ nothing unusual.	

Ref :- *Call Cent*

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
766	RC 81		2/7 Repas	1100	1135	23	942/844. night patrol left 0020 h returned 1045 @ rept normal.	
Phone			2/5 bn		1240	23	Sitrep () Sitnor	
767	3	All Units		1100		23	EX bn 742/800 () amendment to opening narrative 4 miles to Pench () All informed	
768	703		2/7 bn	1700	1720	23	742/312 SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ SITNOR	
769	702		2/5 bn	1715	1730	23	742/312 M/C patrol report to 1600 hrs @ nothing unusual	
Verbal			2/5 bn		1755	23	Sitrep () Sitnor	
Verbal			2/6 bn		1805	23	Sitrep () Sitnor	
770	702	HQ AIF		1817		23	964/107 Sitrep () follow on No 3 2/6 bn M/C patrol relieved 2/7 bn patrol as from tonight @ attention sitnor	
771	RC 82		2/7	1820	1924	23	742/340 M/C afternoon patrol left 1215 hrs returned 1800 hrs reports normal	Last call by 47/2/6 take over
PHONE			2/5		0600	24	Sitrep () Sitnor	
PHONE			2/6		0655	24	Sitrep () Sitnor	
772	701		2/7		0710	24	Sitrep as at 0630 hrs @ Sitnor	
773	701	HQ AIF		0710		24	12/712 Sitrep () Sitnor	

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UNIT Bde. H. B.

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
774	70		2/5 bn	0805	0915	24	7/2/736 M/C patrol report to 0700 hrs (C) Nothing unusual.	<i>[Signature]</i>
775	2		2/6 bn	1050	1130	24	M/C patrol rpt 905/94 & MIRISSA post sub-station of Dondra report unidentified minus lights moving East to West. 2352 hrs. all others unit report.	
Phone			2/5 bn		1225	24	Sibef (1) Sitnor	
776	703		2/4 bn	1140	1150	24	121/870 Sibef as at 1130 hrs @ Sitnor	
777	1		HR A.I.F	1445	1715	24	During an exercise the word exercise will appear in clear at commencement and end of text of all messages sent as part of an exercise. This includes messages sent in field grade cipher. Does not apply to practice messages in cipher sent as normal routine for which separate instructions are being issued.	
778	1	HR A.I.F		1630		24	Please amend trace alt put 3/8/84 as follows: delete "guns on beach to be withdrawn at night to defensive positions inland". Trace is not part of cat D.V. No 11.	Also 16th.
779	703	2/4 and 2/1 bn		1045		24	105/948 ref relief of 2/1 bn M/C patrol by 2/6 bn M/C patrol. 2/6 bn will continue patrol until 5 pm. Ask	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/6</i>	<i>1745</i>	<i>1745</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Sitrep Sitron</i>	
<i>780</i>	<i>706</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>1745</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>ref Ceylon H mls to each @ this HQ closes present location 1000 hrs 20 May opens near rd junc 181094 1600 hrs @ 1000 AKURESSA KAMBURUP ITIYA 151065 KIRINPA 158062 HAKMANA 161065 BELIATTA 172061 TANGALLA 178058 EKKASSA 202068 @ halt 177059 NW TANGALLA 1200 to 1300 hrs @ a sig centre remains present location and will forward signals and dispatches 9/4/107</i>	<i>Rtd to all units.</i>
<i>781</i>	<i>707</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>1730</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>ref your message one of 24 May @ ack</i>	
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/5 bn</i>		<i>1830</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Sitrep @ Sitron</i>	<i>ack</i>
<i>782</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>			<i>1845</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>9DC in C Ceylon Command not prepared to apply for closure of rd but suggests army personnel be used to divert traffic</i>	
<i>783</i>	<i>704</i>		<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>1810</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Ex One 742/340 SITREP 1800 hrs cycle fld assessed 3L 0834 h20 Corros and mortar fld assessed 3L 0815</i>	<i>Doc HQ Sili</i>
<i>784</i>	<i>712</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>2000</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>Ex ONE 454/677 Sitrep (above info field) otherwise Sitron</i>	
<i>785</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2/5 + 2/6 bn</i>		<i>2045</i>		<i>24</i>	<i>CO will contact senior tactical staff of KOGGAMA and arrange to attend TFNT on bn in attack this week</i>	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/6 bn</i>		<i>0600</i>	<i>25 May</i>	<i>Sitrepo @ Sitno1</i>	
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/5 bn</i>		<i>0655</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Sitrepo @ Sitno1</i>	
<i>785</i>	<i>701</i>		<i>2/7 bn</i>		<i>0630</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Ex One 142/738 Sitreps @ Sitno1</i>	
<i>786</i>	<i>701 HQ AIF</i>			<i>0735</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>343/700 Sitreps Sitno1</i>	
<i>PHONE</i>			<i>2/5</i>			<i>25</i>	<i>M/C reports nothing unusual</i>	
<i>787</i>	<i>710 HQ AIF</i>			<i>1645</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>Exercise One 917/500 location statement @ 17 Aust Inf Bde of HQ now located circuit Bangalore ref map TIMBOLKRETIYA 1" one mile 857952</i>	
<i>788</i>	<i>702</i>		<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>0750</i>	<i>0835</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Exercise 673/101 ref map TIMBOLKRETIYA 1 inch 1 mile @ this HQ closes 394652 at 0830 hrs @ opens head of second coy in col moving ADDRESSA, TANGALLA area 4045 hrs @ see open area 3600 1500 hrs</i>	
<i>789</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>(2/6) 1/141</i>	<i>Inf Bn</i>	<i>1530</i>	<i>1700</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Ex One Location Statement @ HQ col AIR 121095</i>	
<i>790</i>	<i>G1</i>	<i>(2/6) 2/141</i>	<i>Inf Bn</i>	<i>1631</i>	<i>1700</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Exercise location report @ ref map TIMBOLKRETIYA 1/63360 @ HQ col at 3/6920 do from 1430 hrs exercise</i>	
<i>791</i>	<i>708</i>	<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>(cpln)</i>	<i>1640</i>	<i>1738</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Exercise 343/1444 ref map TIMB 1/63360 this HQ col ref 799031 00 reported 1400 hrs Exercise</i>	
<i>792</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>2/7 bn</i>	<i>(cpln)</i>	<i>1820</i>	<i>1900</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>EXERCISE @ SITREPO 1750 hrs. low in low locations Bn HQ 799031, HQ Coy 795042 B Coy 802028 D Coy 792044 HQ Coy 822900 @ AITP IAFK ref 796033 @ 5284 HQ 805025 ETP 797034 FTP 819002 EXERCISE</i>	
<i>793</i>	<i>6 Bn</i>			<i>1912</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>EX one @ 1912 following information passed sub verbally at conference @ Enemy 400 MT & guns at Madamp 1600 today</i>	

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793		all Bn	1912			24	<p>May try to head us to pass @ 2/7 to cross river hit enemy south of 88 mile post @ 2/6 bn ready to move not before 0700 hrs 26 May to area 99 mile post support 2/7 bn @ A ech MT 2/7 withdraw 0830 26 May + park on rd UDUGAMA turnoff 847958 @ by 0830 26 May all AASC M.T. to same location @ NO traffic after 0700 hrs except 2/7 @ 2/5 to watch left flank @ wireless silence until contact @ silence broken by 2/7 @ at this other may break silence @ P.O.W held by our hrs till action passes @ light fwd rd per 142958 @ password to 1800 hrs 26 May Butt</p>	
794	709	MOA.II		0755		24	<p>Exercise location statement 2/7 to the 814957 2/6 bn @ 876726 2/7 to HQ 799031 52 to 4 HQ 805025 exercise ADS. start 957 825</p>	
			1020				<p>Sgt Off stated to see 2 Indian trucks at 1800 near 130 mile post. one broken down with it. one Indian capt one English M. stated they were on road & wanted to know where nearest workshop was.</p>	<p>for J. Some may No action, as exercise not begin.</p>

Verbal report

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Rm (representative of Govt Agent RAINAPURA) states
 le Sans numerous Indian Hawks (Hawks) at Bangalore on 17/1/1945
 Nothing new -

795 705 3/171 2500 2500 25
 Lt Bde Inf Bn

MADAMPE this evening
 exercise Madampe that area intercepted 1905 hrs
 while travelling South reported 20 lorries loaded
 troops English officers at 75 mile post @ more
 moving in near Mysore area 1 at 75 mile
 post @ Information appears reliable exercise

796 2/17 0530 26

lieut Wiser called to take action (ref serial 795) to
 enforce at HQ 2/7. En.

Suggested this was
 not necessary. info
 let army use at
 MADAMPE was g
 out at end of

797 62 2/6 bn 0610 0648 26

Exercise Sitrep @ Sitra exercise

798 3/2 2/7 bn 0646 0708 26

Crossed St Line 0630 hrs.

units +
HQ

0753

EXERCISE Sitrep @ 2/7 crossed river AIR 119004 at
 0630 hrs @ (the unit) waiting to report

799 701 2/7 Bn 0730 0817 26

Exercise Forward type crossed Start-Line 0630 hrs
 (1) This H.Q. established ref 730 092 at 0700 hrs (1)
 ref JIMBOLKETIYA 1" to 1 mile

780 702 2/5 2/6 2/7 0820 26

1st Bde
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 FD AMB
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password from 1800 hrs 26 May to 1800 hrs 27 May in
 LAMBETH @ AER @ exercise

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801	52		2/7 bn 0653	0915	26		EXERCISE ONE @ Subref @ Normal @ location situated Ref map MK @ BHQ 180096 A Coy 181096 B Coy 182095 C Coy 179096 D Coy 179095 RAP 183096	
802			Bde Comd	0910	0930	26	for QUIST from CRAWFORD @ Enemy contacted 77 mile post halted @ Woods show push recd along ridge MIRISWELPOTA - WAULPANE to observe enemy movement if any and report	(IMMEDIATE) Passed to 2/6 bn 2/7 3/5 + 2/7 (MISTAKE 1)
803	703		2/7 bn	0851	0930	26	Exercise D Coy in position at 0810 has no report of liaison between 1st plat and B Coy 16 plat at 714100 17 plat at 716102 18 plat vicinity rd block near bridge 716106 C Coy HQ 714182. Exercise	
804	102		Bde Comd	0935	1000	26	Ex One @ For B.M. @ Grid 101 for ridge MIRISWELPOTA WAULPANE substitute ridge 801966-738982	2/6 bn party stop on way to instructions
805			2/7 bn	0930	1000	26	Ex @ Enemy have launched attack on - flank now B Coy @ Ex	
806	33		2/5 bn	1007	1008	26	Exercise to ref map TIMBON 463960 rd blk prepared at 726956 observed by C Coy @ timber blk to be built at 733967 covered by fire acc of carriers	
807	704		2/7 bn	0910	1012	26	Ex OP reports our troops moving fast and firing on enemy no enemy movement seen @ Ex	
808	705		2/7 bn	0918	1012	26	Bn B Coy reports one plat casualties 0915 has Ex	
809	706		2/6 bn	1012	1025	26	Exercise 26 May @ Aclat @ Party left 1010 hrs @ Ex in reply	
810	2	2/5 bn 2/7		1010		26	map was issued one @ for map MIRISWELPOTA WAULPANE substitute ridge 801966-738982 @ ref to through 2/5 bn + HQ 2/7	

811	708	2/7 bn	1007	1050	26	Exercise Situation at 1000 hrs A Coy one pl casualties one pl no contact since 0800. Remaining pl thought intact watching track area 719123. B Coy two pls casualties remaining pl falling back towards D Coy. D Coy loc unchanged. D Coy instructed at 0955 to open road block carriers moving North exercise.
812	706	2/7 bn	0940	1104	26	Ex B Coy reports loss of second pl. Ex.
813	707	2/7 bn	0945	1104	26	Ex A Coy report one pl casualty. Coy HQ has lost contact with 2 pls. Coy HQ now situated rear D Coy.
Verbal			1100		26	L.O. left for 2/5 bn with message that 2/5 take over 2/6 patrol.
814	704	2/7 bn	1113		26	for Cond from BMO ref gas measure 3 steps. show taking over search patrol front Woods Lot. will signal when change complete. EXERCISE.
Verbal		2/6 bn I Sgt		1120	26	2/6 bn search patrol reported on at Ridge HQ - unable to get through. L.O. still out arranging for 2/5 bn patrol to take over.
Verbal		1/ Bde B Ren		1135	26	Password act by 1/ Bde HQ BREN.
815	703	2/5-2/6 det 7th Amb HQ AIF.		1143	26	EXERCISE at ref as at 1050 hrs. Enemy attacked 2/7 vicinity 88 mile post rd MADAMPK TEKASSA 0900 hrs. A Coy HQ 719099 out of contact with all pls one known lost. B Coy lost two pls falling back through 710101. D Coy intact at ridge rd rear rd block 702101. Counter attack by carriers through rd block under way. RAP at 723099. Bn HQ remains 730092. 2/5 bn ordered to establish search patrol on ridge 001996 483982.

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SHEET 1257 *UNIT 1257*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
814	Y09		2/7 bn	1040	1145	26	Exercise at 1010 A Coy report Coy HQ road near D Coy 7 pl area overran enemy the 8 pl on track at 4112 no contact since 0630 @ 1130 B Coy report total strength 2 Secs Coy HQ Sections sited approx 300 yds from D Coy left road arty O.P. reports enemy movement towards rd blk Carriers concentrated at approx 709109 Engaged by arty fire 1055 hrs exercise	
817	SN		2/5 bn	1050	1209	26	EX ONE Ack (in reply to message 1)	
818	SD		2/5 bn	1200	1210	26	EX ONE Two patrols left at 1135 hrs @ Ref 714802 403300 one patrol to 758982 on track 757975 to 775974 @ Rd blk at 757966 covered by reserve see carriers	
819	710		2/7 bn	1132	1225	26	Exercise P112 established 1132 hrs at ref 755075 RAP 754075 exercise	
Message Out 704	2/5 2/6 det of Amb B ECH			1235	7	26	See L.O.s report on message 704	
820			2/6 bn	1055	1215	26	Motor cycle patrol 105500 all stations normal	
821	GS		2/6 bn	1220	1300	26	Exercise 303 0 303 0 0 0	
822	713		2/7 bn	1230	1300	26	Exercise ammunition expended 303 BLANK 500.0 Controlled stores Cont Bren gun 5 @ TSMG 3 @ Rifles 45 @ Exercise	
823	Q1		2/4 bn	1230	1300	26	EXERCISED bn well work as instructions @ 30 send main body cross by 275927 1250 hrs @ Order to Escort report Cont 775040	

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SECRET No 126

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
834	56		2/5 bn	1320	1407	26	EX ONE @ ref map TIMBOL 1/63360 patrol report @ track 757975 759777 passable by truck from 757975 to 500 yds NW where fallen tree blocks track thereafter becomes footpath through close country patrol to investigate ridge 801996 788982 could get NO further than 809966 owing to dense jungle @ further patrol leaving immediately	
835	714		2/7 bn	1342	1415	26	EXERCISE Enemy food tps close to D Coy HQ at 1300 hrs @ BHQ ref 765057 1342 hrs Exercise	
836	5		det Fd Amb	1200	1435	26	EX ONE @ ACK	
837	716		2/7 Bw	1430	1455	26	Exercise Sibief (C) At 1430 hrs (C) A Coy strength approx 2 plns collected and moved to position as indicated on sketch of 1330 hrs trace (C) No further reports of enemy movement (C) Exercise	
838	706	2/5 2/6 & 2/7 bn		1445		26	Exercise Sibief (C) Enemy food tps reported 738084 1300 hrs (C) Bw H.R. 2/7 on main rd 76086 (C) 2/6 bn occupying defensive post area 792043 holding crossing TIMBOLKETIVA GANGA Ex	
839	S. 8		2/5 bn	1450	1503	26	Exercise (C) Patrol on ridge 801986 - 788984 (C) Patrol reached post 801968 NO observation possible (C) tops of forest only visible	
840	S. 7		2/5 bn	1440	1503	26	Exercise food Cops carriers and M/C patrol informed of post as per sketch 704 1215 hrs	
841	817		2/5 bn	1430	1503	26	Please advise action necessary re non exercise messages and despatches addressed 2/5 bn received at Exercise H.R. 2/5 bn	
842	717		2/7 bn	1440	1503	26	Exercise D Coy reports began attack by strong force (C) Our tps inflicted casualties and captured three trucks one in plw captured 1400 hrs (C) Exercise	

Serial DNB	Orig FAS	Outward To	Inward From	T.C.O. 1432	Time 1509	Date 26	Information	Action Taken
							Exercise BHQ est 1455 hrs ref TIMBOL 1/63360 at 775054 exercise	
844	G8		2/6 bn	1515	1529	26	Exercise O enemy attacked 2/7 bn in strength forcing their FDLs back to 91 mile post O 2/6 bn will take up from astride EKKASSA - MEDAMPÉ at 95 1/2 mile post TIMBOLKETIYA GANCAO C Coy right area 793044 D Coy left area 792041 O Mortars two dets C two dets D Coys tanks EKKASSA - MEDAMPÉ rd two dets see task br over TIMBOLKETIYA GANCAO at 95 1/2 mile post Carriers one sec patrolling EKKASSA - MEDAMPÉ rd from 95 1/2 mile post to 93 mile post O one sec 793043 one sec 794039 O one sec patrolling from 796035 along rd to bn area O BHQ 795041 RAP 795036 O Inter comm scanner	
845	10		ADS	1543	1600	26	Exercise O Can motor ambulances use lights fwd of Bde HQ tonight O exercise	
846	14	ADS		1617		26	Motor ambulances may use lights to rd just 848958 O Consult HQ 2/7 bn for permission beyond this point	
847	3/5		2/7 bn	1604	1640	26	Please send A Ech vehicles to 101 mile post by 2030 hrs O Hot meal ready same point 2100 hrs O Ack	
848	718		2/7 bn	1612	1640	26	Exercise walking wounded case report D Coy casualties approx four sections of two files at approx 1500 hrs O Estimated enemy strength one Coy (see)	
849	3/A		2/7 bn	1604	1640	26	Ack (In reply to M18)	
850	719		2/7 bn	1640	1700	26	Exercise location as at 1640 hrs BHQ 745054 A Coy 756074 B Coy 765055 D Coy 757064 HQ Coy 771054 Pl fl 771060 exercise	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
851	9	2/7 bn		1653		26	Will send vehicles as requested @ exercise	
852	10	2/7 bn A Ech		1700		26	Please send all 2/7 bn A Ech vehicles to 101 mile post 2015 hrs to night @ Exercise @ Ack	
			2/5	1530.		26	Verbal report that 2/5 did not find suitable CP at 802966	
853	7	2/5 bn 2/2 Fd Amb B ech.		1725		26	exercise setup ref TIMBOLEKETIYA on mech @ ENEMY attacking 2/7 bn. set at 756070 1615 hrs also believe advancing track 7730780 2/7 will withdraw to new line 827986 start 1830 present position 101900 hrs @ army come under comd 2/6 1900 hrs @ 2/6 remain present from holding TIMOLKETIYA GANGA 793044	
854	710	HQ AIF		1400		26	Exercise Situh @ normal @ locations as at 1400 hrs ref CEYLON inch sheet 92 HQ 2/7 airst in ln 775094 moving 829986 1900 hrs @ HQ 17 airst in bar 954953 exercise	
855	G9		2/6 bn	1730	1850	26	Exercise @ Setref. @ situh exercise	
856	G10		2/6 bn	1745	1850	26	Ref G8 26 May @ 52 Fd Bty and A ltr 1 with Regt under comd from 1830 hrs 26 May @ 52 Bty area 835975 tasks concentrations EKKASSA MEDAMPPE rd and jano rd and track 766056 further tasks later @ one sec with 835975 on sec 795039 @ Rd blk prepared 794013 @ City concentration on bridge 95 1/2 mile post TIMBOLKETIYA GANGA	
857			17 Bde AKURESSA	1745	1955	26	Ref D message TH1 1727 dated 25 @ PAQMG requires you act and advise to night	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.C.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
858	120		2/7 bn	1906	2005	26	Exercise Bm HQ est 731977 at 1905 hrs exercise	
859	89		2/5 bn	1900	2100	26	Sitnor	
860	Y11	H& AIF Ceylon		2045		26	EXERCISE 1 of map CEYLON 4 miles to inch @ exercise concludes 2359 hrs 26 May @ 17 Bde closes present location 185095 0850 hrs 27 May @ Moved TANGALLA 178058 BELIATTA 171061 HAKMANA 160055 KIRINDA 159051 KAMBURUPITTA 151055 AKURESSA 1400680 will notify by signal arrival AKURESSA @	
861	RA07	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 bn 1 pl pl del 4 2 pl ant Bde TD					exercise SECRET 0 00N06 @ of map CEYLON 4 miles to inch @ exercise finishes 2359 hrs tonight @ 17 ant my lde will return to camp 27 may @ leads unit cols cross S.L. lde HQ 18509 at following times @ 2/5 bn 0730 @ 2/6 with ATP A-TK 0800 @ lde HQ 0900 @ 2/7 bn with under cmd 52 lty 3 pl pl and whilst see 10000 units collect their B'ech when passing present B'ech area @ 2/7 bn collects under cmd del 2/2 Fd Alb on route @ 52 lty events concl 2/7 bn 2359 hrs tonight @ 1 pl pl events concl 2/7 bn 0910 tomorrow but UDAGAMA rd junc @ same route as outward trip @ T.C.P'S rd junc 202068 and TANGALLA 178058 @ 20 VTM 15 M 11 H to TANGALLA @ carriers under own cmd move after 2/7 bn @ after TANGALLA 12 1/2 M 11 H @ halts the minutes to evening hrs lunch 1200 to 1300 hrs @ dispersal unit control @ PP closes B'ech 0800 hrs 27 may 4/2 pl 124 M P East TANGALLE 1000 @ lde HQ closes present location 0850 hrs then route TANGALLA HAKMANA 16065 AKURESSA @ ack @ exercise.	
262	703		2/5 bn	1720	2210	26	SITREP @ SITNOR	
263	721		2/7 bn	2035	2325	26	exercise location state at 2030 hrs @ Bm Hd 831977 A Coy 827988 B Coy 828986 D Coy 831902 140 Coy 833973 exercise	

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
264	26		2/6	2200	0800/27	27	(In reply to R 401) ack	
265	E126		17 Bde AKURESSA	2336	0800/27	27	DR report in to 2/6 just Bm from EXERCISE at 2330 hrs	
266	102	HQ AIF Ceylon		1430		27	ref map Galle Centralised Sheet 92A @ this HQ now open AKURESSA 139682 AIR 140048	
267	3/6		2/7 km	1620	1635	27	BHQ reopened normal position 1615 hrs @ Will report when all in.	
268	14	SITREP Dump	57 RAEC Dump	0800	1700	27	Stocks in dumps now include pickets Long wooden 300. Pickets Short show 2550. Pickets Long Iron 5100. Sandbags 12 bales; could these stores be used as soon as possible @ Sandbags are beginning to rot.	(No message sent to B.C.)
269			2/5 km (CWS)	0800	1600	26	Coast Watching Report - LITHOUSE Stn. 1825 batalina flying boat following coast @ 0620 Merchant vessel following coast @ HEADLAND Stn. Nothing to report.	
Phone			2/6 km		1730	27	SITREP 0 shown	
			2/5 2/7		1100	"	"	

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UNIT.

17/300 H

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Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION	Action Taken
271	703		2/7/40 1840	1835	27	27	all in contact bicycle pl 702/340 Situp as at 1730 hrs call lps returned to respective areas except on pt Don Coy + carrier pl PID Coy will not return till 2 May @ Will advise return of carrier pl return.	
272	30		HA AIF 1835	1930	27	27	Ry cipher personal @ desired to attach temporarily 1 x 4019 Lpt Hogan WA. to cipher section this HQ @ L.O will collect 21 May	
273	712 HA AIF		2635		27	27	675/622 Situp @ lps staking post in exercise now returned to form occupied before exercise except bicycle pl 2/7 hrs will return 24 May.	
274	705		2/7/40 0630	0700	28	28	107/414 situp as at 0630 hrs @ situm	
275			2/6 6645	0105	28	28	Situp @ Situm	
276	701 HA AIF		0945		28	28	844/326 Situp @ Situm	Atli
	Phone		2/6	1035	28	28	Inc Patrol. All posts normal.	
277	702 141/43 C.A.A. Coy		0940		28	28	742/410 ref you at 220/1 of 21 May map to GALOYA POLONNAROWA MALANPA PAMBULLA not yet arrived	

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Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION,	Action Taken
278	703	Det 4 AGH		0955		28	673/131 ref out S/G 2/3 23 31 May ask requested	
279	702	17 Bde Eng Unit		1130		28	ref out letter re obstruction by Buddhist Organisation @ Please send report immediately	
280	702		2/6 bn	1130	1140	28	Rd number 18 closed to all traffic for at least two days owing to bridge repairs	
281	102		2/7 bn	1135	1200	28	742/105 Supt as at 1130 hrs @ Supt	
282	701		2/5 bn	1140	1216	28	103/837 ref recee report river GINGANGA @ Ref 036 7583 Galle Centralised sheet which appears nine times should read 026755	
283	JU574		2/8 7th Coy	1215	1347	28	792/890 curves circle road between points 197574 and 204583 excluding rd junctions Galle central sheet closed for bridge repairs by PWD 29/30 May	<p>Info to HQ / MA. P-3 Apt. 45, 47 MSC Tel Amb by (703)</p>
284	855	HQ AIF Ceylon		1515	1615	28	Four three ton vehicles from each bde will report DDST at HQ Ceylon Comd 1400 hrs to-morrow 29 @ Two QRs each vehicle one NCO from each bde @ rations two days P.O. 150 miles blankets 50 rds SANO Thick temporary attachment for tpt duties All informed to Ask S.O.C. in C arrived at Bde HQ 1500 hrs left at 1520 hrs	To A.
			2/6 BN		1700	28	STREPO situ.	
			2/7				"	
			2/5				"	

Phone

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UNIT.

17 March 1944

Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
285 885	703	HQ AIF.		1832		28	Sitrep @ Sitnot	
286 886	857		HQ AIF.	1650	1732	28	Ref your A19/1201 of 24 (1) Please forward copy sketch perambler school signed by Major of above (2) Application is being sent committee of Intermediate education (3) Para 10 AIF Ceylon interim standing orders refer	<u>To be</u>
Phone			2/7 low		0645	29	Sitrep @ Sitnot	
Phone			2/6 low		0705	29	Sitrep @ Sitnot	
887		HQ AIF		0713		29	675/101 Sitrep @ Sitnot	
Telegram		3C 17 Bde	Mack			28	Please instruct officer concerned Galle to-day to make my house number as available to me from June first very urgent	(H.A.)
PHONE			2/5	0930	1010	29	M/c patrol nothing unusual	
888	26		2/6 Bn	1028	1105	29	840/970 M/c patrol @ All stations normal.	
889	702		2/7 Bn	1110	1200	29	501/660 Sitrep as at 1130 1750 Sitnot	

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UNIT.

17 Aust Inf Bde
SHEET No 134

Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
	PHONE		2/5		1358	710	29 M/c patrol nothing unusual	
	PHONE		2/5			1712	29 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
	Phone		2/6			1740	29 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
	890		2/4		1705	1805	29 743/812 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs Sitnorm	
SATURDAY 30 →	891	704	HQ AIF		1805		29 142/340 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
			2/5			0645	30 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
			2/6			0700	30 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
	892	201			0632	0725	30 236/530 Sitrep as at 0630 hrs SITNORM	
	893	703			1235	1247	30 187/488 raiding patrol visited CWS from GALLE to BENTOTA night 29/300. All posts were manned and alert. Numerous palm trees are falling across rd but are generally cleared quickly by natives.	
	894	5			1200	1443	30 M/c patrol 675/4210 All stations normal	
	Phone		CW Sta KASGODA			1520	30 Insptn rmy to say that 3 unidentified planes had flown over - 5 miles nr to us, very high, direction South to North. Time 1455.	RAK will check
	Phone		RAF KGA			1630	3 unidentified aircraft were 3 HURRICANES from CBO	

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17 Aust Light Bde
UNIT SHEET NO 13.....

	Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
Verbal			2/5 bn		1720	30	Sitrep @ Sitnas	CWS MA reports 3 A/C flying high and far out at sea N to S at 1555 hrs	
Verbal			2/6 bn		1825	30	Sitrep @ Sitnas		
Verbal			2/7 bn		1830	30	Sitrep @ Sitnas		
895	210	HQ AIF		1855		30	246/200 Sitrep B pl 2 Coy AAFC now at AIR 045165 CIN GARDENS RBO and E the 52 Bty 2/3 Aust Fed Regt at Galle Sheet 92A 394618 AIR 139042 @ otherwast Sitnas		
896	1	2/4 2/7		1315		30	reply immediately number grenades 68 held		
Verbal		2/4	2/5		0645	31	Sitrep @ Sitnas		
Verbal		2/4	2/7		0645	31	Sitrep @ Sitnas		
897	201	HQ AIF		0750		31	10/170 Sitrep @ Sitnas		
898	RC		2/5 bn	0805	0810	31	M/C patrol (-) nothing unusual	<i>J.P. (10/17)</i>	
Phone			Galle Police		0800	31	Have any troops lost any MP types Collety Police have traced 3 suspected descriptions of 14 - the descriptions are 3 Dunlops 1405/80 3 Good year 26/3-25 6 Olympic 13 25-19 2 Fireators 14 30 17		

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UNIT. 17 Bde HQ

Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken	
899	110		H.A. AIF	0955	1100	31	RATNAPURA reports by rain in KALLU GANGA catchment area river rising rapidly & expect floods about noon & ack		
900	53		2/6 BN	0935	1100	31	ref M/C patrol @ 12/030 all stars normal		
901	203		2/7 BN	1133	1155	31	SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM		
902	-		ATP A/TK	1145	1250	31	In reply to 1101 () Ack		
903	-		KENT BTY R.M.	1300	1620	31	KENT BTY is to dismount both guns and searchlight; carry out this forthwith orders just received () BTY has been put out of action as from 1600 hrs today () No particulars yet available re movement of personnel () Please Ack. — all	60 STRENGTH sent to 102 sent to investigate orders to Kenty BTY were from R.M. base report. Ch.O.	
		Phone.	2/6			1705	31	Author	
904	207		2/9 BN	1700	1715	31	742/372 Sitrep @ at 1700 hrs () Sitnor		
905	203	1 Kenty BTY R.M.			1740	31	Ref your signal of 31 May T.O.O. 1300 () Ack.		
906	1102		H.A. AIF CEYLON	1615	1834	31	Ref below 4 miles to 1 inch flood report RATNAPURA-MAMBAPAMA 109/144, AIR 2 miles rising impassable () COLOMBO-GINETHENA 19217 AIR Rd 27 and 42 mile 18 inches impassable 0900 hrs.		

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17 UNIT Inf. Bde. H.Q.

Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
907	204	H.Q. AIF	1823		31	203/879	Subref (C) Sdnov	
908	1103	H.Q. AIF	1920	2004	31		Flood reports (C) AGAKALUTARA reports heavy rain RATNAPURA (C) Possible flooding KALU GANGA within two days	
Perbat			2/7 hr		0700		Subref (C) Sdnov	
Perbat			2/6 hr		0645		Subref (C) Sdnov	
Perbat			2/5 hr		0725		Subref (C) Sdnov	
910	201	H.Q. AIF			0732		246/359 Subref (C) Sdnov	
911	302	H.Q. AIF			1710	31	311/21 Kent Coy reports ordered dismount guns searchlight as from 1400 hrs to day 0 No further particulars yet available re movement of personnel (C) Orders received from R.M. Base Depot/CED (C) Further details when available	
912	1104	2/6 Bm			0910	1	Arrange with RAF to take over all AA guns now manned by you. No 2 pl by Wed 3 Jun (C) No 2 pl to concentrate on log until further notice (C) (C)	
913	1106	RAF Koggala			1015	1	Desire troops now engaged in digging pens for aircraft to be returned to this unit for extensive training by Wed June 30 Can you arrange for this work to be taken over by natives or other labour (C) (C)	

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UNIT. *17 Aust Inf Bde*
SHEET No 138

Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
914	1105	2/5 bn A/pts 2/2 Fd Regt		1100		1	Arrange immediate receipt for one set of 25 ft guns to replace CP guns being removed from Fort Galle. Report when complete 5 guns not to be moved until further orders @ Aek	
915	26		2/6 bn	1015	1125	1	Aek (In reply to 1104)	
916	552		AIF Ceylon	1020	1125	1	ADOS reporting 1700 hrs	
917	2		2/5 bn	1030	1125	1	3Ry report: 1 ton Ford City staff van serial no 71. W.D no V18508 engine no. 2C7442 stolen from outside QUEENS THEATRE GALLE at approx 2030 hrs. 31 May @ Reported travelling south at excessive speed at DEWATTA village at 2030 hrs @ tactical mark G.B on red label @ Civil police informed	
918	1101		AIF Ceylon	0940	1125	1	flood report from RATNAPURA states that at BALANGODA map ref AIR 167134 rd is flooded and impassable @ traffic to DIYADALAWA should be diverted via KANDY and NUNARAEIYA	
919	54		2/6 bn	1017	1125	1	501/H24 ref M/C pattern @ all stars normal	
Valid			2/7 bn		1145	1	S. trepo S. trepo	

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Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Action Taken
920		2/6 bn		1225		1	FIRST O Comd requires confidential report on Lieuts BROUGHAN K L & BOURKE P B PRICE EW O age reference present appointment general Valable O SECONDO medical class Lieut ROBERTS W H A and when last boarded	
921		2/7 bn		1230		1	FIRST O Comd requires confidential reports Lieuts ARNOLD S DINSMORE B M JURATOWITCH A W O age present appointment general Valable O SECONDO medical class Capt MCCORRELL W H and when last boarded	
922			2/2 Fd Regt	1100	1134	1	ack (in reply to 1105)	
923			HQ AIF	1215	1500	1	flood report AVISAWALLA low level rd 19 miles 13 feet rising 0730 RATNAPURA NAMBAPANA rd first mile 5 ft subsiding impassable 0800 hrs COLOMBO RATNAPURA rd 55 miles one foot subsiding impassable YATIXANTOTA ARROSS miles rd 1st mile 2 ft rising 1600 hrs yesterday COLOMBO RATNAPURA BALANGODA road breached at temporary bridge at BALANGODA impassable COLOMBO AVISAWALLA GINIGATHENA rd 37 miles 10 feet 42 miles 2 ft subsiding RUANWELLA KEGALLE 11 miles 1 ft subsiding impassable at 0900 hrs.	

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Appendix No 2

Field Returns

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
DRIFADIERS			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
T1 Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3 (incl T1 CAPTS)		
Lieutenants ...	5		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	12	—	—

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
COL.	T/BRIG	MOTEN. M. J.	AIF	YES	
CAPT	T/MAJ.	MUIR. R. A. C.	"	"	
CAPT	MAJ.	MAYBERRY. W. M.	"	"	
CAPT		CHAPMAN. A. P.	"	"	
CAPT		DEAN. G. A.	"	"	
CAPT		SCOTT. G. E.	"	"	
LIEUT	T/CAPT	MENZIES. J. M.	"	"	
LIEUT		HUTCHISON. A. M. C.	"	"	
LIEUT		PAWSON. J. H.	"	"	
LIEUT		McBRIDE. J. A.	"	"	
LIEUT		GURNEY. J. A.	"	"	
LIEUT		HAY. J. O.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PARSONS. C. P.	6th SIG Bn	31-1-42	Sig. O.
LIEUT		GODFREY. E. J.	"	25-1-42	" "
LIEUT		SIMPSON. P. W. R.	HQ Gp. Bn	29-6-42	Gp.
LIEUT		ROBSON. N.	6th Div Fin	30-4-42	FRY

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
2 May 1942
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

See *Appointments*
6 Aust Bde.
(Signature of Commander)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

17 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 2 MAY 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	3		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	8	2	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	57	5	
TOTALS	73	9	1

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1. SGT. 9 CPLS	6 DIV PRO. COY.	3 CPLS. 35 ORS.	HQ Aust GDBN. 5 Pl.
1. SGT 2 CPLS	6 DIV Fin Sec	WO NANKIVELL.	2/5 AUST INF BN.
1 L/SGT. 1 CPL	6 DIV. POSTAL UNIT	L/SGT EAGAN	2/5 AUST WF BN.
2 ORS		2 CPLS. 1 OR	INTELLIGENCE. CORPS
1 Sgt 3 CPLS	6 DIV SIGS. K. SEC	1 CPL. 2 CPLS.	F.S.S.
28 ORS			

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
ARMOURER																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																				

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.
Date of Despatch 2 May 42.

apc harrison Capt
Signature of Commander.
6 Aust Div
Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

46 Quos L.A.D.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels
Majors
Captains
Lieutenants
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
District Officers
Totals

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.		Skinner J.L.	AAAC.	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

46 Aust LAD (Unit.)
4/5/42 (Date of Despatch.)

J.L. Skinner Col (Signature of Commander.)
HQ 170th Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

46 GWS L.A.D.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels
Majors
Captains
Lieutenants
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
District Officers
Totals

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.		Skinner + L.	AAOC	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

46 Quat LAD
4/5/42
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

J. L. Skinner
(Signature of Commander.)
46 Quat LAD
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

46 (LW LHD) (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lient.-Colonels
Majors
Captains
Lieutenants
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
District Officers
Totals

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.		Blinnert, L. RAC		Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

46 Dist LAD (Unit.)

11/5/42 (Date of Despatch.)

F. L. Bennett
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

46th LAD (Unit). 4/5/42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). Rows include W.Os. Class I, II, III; Staff Serjeants; Serjeants; Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.; Corporals; Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.; TOTALS.

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). Handwritten entry: VM10237, cpl., King A.H., AAOC, 12 A.G.H.

46 Aust LAD.

Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

46 Aust LAD

Unit.

Date of Despatch

4/5/42

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

[Signature]
49 17 Aust Coy Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

4th Huss. L.A.D. (Unit). 4/5/42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	12		
TOTALS	14		

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX10237	Cpl	King A.H.	AAOC	12 A.G.H.

46 Aust LAD Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

46 Aust LAD Unit.

J.P. ...
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 4/5/42

48 17 Aust Coy Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Abbots LAD (Unit). 4/5/42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	12		
TOTALS	14		

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
V110237	Cpl.	King A.H.	AAOC	12 A.C.H.

46 Aust LAD Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

46 Aust LAD Unit.

J. L. ...
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 4/5/42

48 17 ...
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

46 Aust LAD. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	1		
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	1		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
<i>BRIGADIERS</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
<i>1/</i> Majors ...	<i>1/5 (incl 1 T/CAPT)</i>		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>12.</i>		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>1/CAPT</i>	<i>MRENZIES</i>	<i>2/7 BN.</i>		<i>TEMP. Detached 17 BDE TACTICAL School.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
COL	T/BRIG	MOTEN. M. J.	AIF	YES	
CAPT	T/MAJOR	MUIR. R. A. C.	"	"	
CAPT		MAYBERRY. W. M.	"	"	
CAPT		CHAPMAN. A. P.	"	"	
LIEUT	T/CAPT.	MENZIES. J. M.	"	NO	DETACHED AS
CAPT		SCOTT. C. E.	"	YES	ADJT. 17 AUST
CAPT		DEAN. G. A.	"	YES	INF BDE GP
LIEUT		HAY. D. O.	"	YES	TACTICAL Schools
LIEUT		PAWSON. J. H.	"	YES	
LIEUT		MC BRIDE. D. A.	"	YES	
LIEUT		GURNEY. D. A.	"	YES	
LIEUT		HUTCHISON. A. M. C.	"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PARSONS. C. P.	6 DIV SIGS	31-1-42	Sig O.
LIEUT		GODFREY. E. J.	" "	25-1-42	"
LIEUT		BOSWELL.		2-5-42	GD OFFR.
LIEUT		TOONE. J. R.	2/3 BN	-	RTO GALLE

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
9 MAY 42.
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
6 Aust Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit)..... 19..... (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	+ 1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	3		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	8		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	57		
TOTALS	73.	.	.

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT 9 Cpls	6 DIV PRO Coy	3 Cpls 35 ORs	HQ Aust HQ Gd Bn.
1 SGT 2 Cpls	6 DIV FIN Sec	WO NANKIVELL	2/5 Bn
(1/4 SGT) 1 Cpl. 1 OR	6 DIV POST UNIT.	1 Cpl 2 ORs	FSS
1 SGT 3 Cpls 26 ORs	6 DIV SIGS "K" Sec.	2 1 Cpl 1 OR	INT CORPS.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

17 Aust Inf Bde.

Unit

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

17 Aust Inf Bde.
9 MAY 42

Date of Despatch

John Chapman
6 Aust Div

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

46 QUINT LAD (Unit). 9/5/42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		
Drummers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	11		
TOTALS	14		

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX/10237	Cpl	King A.H.	A.A.O.C.	No 12 A.C.H.

46 Aust LAD

Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
„ „ (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

46 Aust LAD

Unit.

Date of Despatch

J.L. Spence Capt.
Signature of Commander.

HQ 17 Aust Inf. Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
T/ Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	5 (incl 1 T/Capt)		
Lieutenants ...	6		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	13		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

War Di

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.
Brigadier		MOTEN, M. J.	AIF
Capt	T/Major	MUIR, R. A. C.	"
Capt		MATTHEW, W. M.	"
Capt		CHAPMAN, A. P.	"
Capt		SCOTT, C. E.	"
Capt		DEAN, G. A.	"
Lieut	T/Capt.	MANZIES, J. M.	"
Lieut		HUNTERSON, A. M. C.	"
Lieut		PARSON, J. H.	"
Lieut		MCBRIDE, D. A.	"
Lieut		HAY, D. O.	"
Lieut.		GURNEY, D. A.	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PARSONS C. P.	6 Div Sigs	31/1/42	Sig O
Lieut		GODFREY, S. J.	"	25/1/42	"
Lieut		BOSWELL.	2/7 BN	2/5/42	at PLOFF
Lieut		TOOME, J. R.	2/5 BN		RT O CALL

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp
 16 May 42.
 (Unit.)
 (Date of Despatch.)

Amel. Hutchings
 S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE
 6 AUST DIV
 (Signature of Commander.)
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Unit) 16 May 42 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	23		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.		g 1 Cpl 3 ORs Det HQ AIF (CEYLON)	
Corporals	9	1 OR Det 2/6 Bn	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	64	1 OR " 2/7 Bn.	
TOTALS	81 g		

*These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX52862 Pte LEVI M	2/5 Bn	NX5857 Sgt R.J. DAVIES	6 Div Fin Sec
WO 11 NANKIVELL, J.	2/5 Bn	NX4969 Cpl C.E.W. SCHROEDER	" "
Cpl ROBERTS, K.R.	Int Corps	NX28399 Cpl G.S. NICHALLS	" "
A/Cpl HOGAN, W.A.	" "	VX53581 Pte K.O. FORSS. (att)	" "
A/Cpl BROCKLEHURST, F.	FSB	VX 9842 Sgt BUTLER, R.H.	6 Div PRO Coy
Pte CAUSAN, F.E.	" "	OX4515 Cpl ROSE /a/b/	" " "
Pte JOHNSTON, N.	" "	VX57661 " KENNEDY W	" " "
VX67067 L/Sgt POLLARD	6 Div Postal Unit	VX11368 " O'GRADY, J.M.	" " "
VX 4005 Cpl URQUHART	" "	VX44762 " BROWN, E.A.	" " "
VX32683 Pte SANDERSON	" "	WX13825 " ELPHICK, W.H.	" " "
VX29931 Pte DODD, H.W.	" "	WX15445 " KENNARD, R.L.	" " "
		NX23320 " LEONARD, J.	" " "
		NX1082 " HONEYSETT A	" " "
		NX9720 " BRADSHAW J R	" " "
		VX42265 " PARKER R	" " "
		VX1919 " MADDOCK N W	" " "

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
1	Sgt	31/UK	Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	
4	ORs	"A" " " " " "	" " " " " "	
1	Sgt	32	Ors Aust HQ Cd Bn.	

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL
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Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
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" " (Wheeled) ...																				
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Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

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Unit.

Date of Despatch 16 May 42

Aus Hutchins
Signature of Commander. CAPT
87 17 AUST INF BDE
6 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Issued with Appxs. A to J

REF MAP CEYLON 1 in - 4 miles.

I N F O R M A T I O N.

1. ENEMY

(a) The enemy may land anywhere on the coast of CEYLON, but during the West Monsoon conditions will be difficult between TANGALLA (178057) and COLOMBO, except at BURUWALA (081114). Difficult conditions will NOT prevent the Japanese from attempting a landing at points of strategical and tactical importance.

(b) The most likely enemy objectives in CEYLON are COLOMBO and TRINCOMALEE. The Japanese are unlikely to make a direct attack on these fortified areas, but will probably attempt to establish one or more beachheads as a base for land operations. Other probable immediate objectives will be aerodromes in the vicinity of landing areas.

(c) Details of possible landing places in BDE GP SECTOR are contained in Appx B. It is considered that danger spots on coast (i.e. points most suitable for beachheads) are GALLE, VELLIGAMA (134052) TANGALLA (178057) and pts on beach between GURUPOKUNA (195066) and WELIPETANWILA (204067).

(d) The only aerodrome in Bde Gp SECTOR is at KOGGALA LAKE. This is only suitable for flying boats and seaplanes. It would be possible to land aircraft at 197068, 198066, 198068, 202067, 210069. These areas will not be greatly affected by S.W. Monsoon but much labour would be necessary before above could be considered safe landing grounds

(e) A JAPANESE landing may be assisted by paratps dropped for the purpose of neutralising vital centres, such as aerodromes and amn dumps or of seizing vulnerable points with the object of cutting L of C.

2. OWN TROOPS.

(a) For defensive purposes CEYLON is divided into 4 areas of responsibility.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORMATION RESPONSIBLE</u>
i. CBO BASE AREA	BASE AREA TPs
ii. TRN FORTRESS	TRN FORTRESS TPs
iii. S.W. SECTOR	A.I.F. CEYLON
iv. REMINDER OF ISLAND	34 IND DIV

(b) Role of A.I.F. (CEYLON)

To defend S.W. SECTOR of CEYLON and repel any enemy landing in that sector.

(c) S.W. SECTOR of CEYLON is divided as follows:-

<u>AREA</u>	<u>BDE GP RISP.</u>
i. NORTHERN	16 AUST INF BDE GP
ii. SOUTHERN	17 AUST INF BDE GP.

(d) BOUNDARIES (See also Appx A)

AIF.

i. All incl from sea to MORATUWA (0614) lines of MAHA OYA - PALANNORUWA (084147) - KOTIGALA (100151) - KURUWITA (127148) - THALAMURUJATTA (145143) - UDAGAMA (165142) - AJUTHUWARA (173138) - KALTOTA (189135) - line WALAWE GANGA - AMBALANTOTA (205069) to the sea.

ii. Inter-Bde Gp. (b)

All incl to 16 AUST INF BDE GP, from sea to BENTOTA (083107) line of BENTOTA GANGA - UHINOWITA (112098) - HABARAKADA (122098) - DENIYAYA (150097) - SYMBALAGODA (196083)

(e) Operational dispositions of both BDE GPs and prepared res posns are set out diagrammatically in trace. Appx A. Limited distribution.

(f) An armoured train under cond of AIF (CEYLON) may be sent SOUTH as far as R.H. MATARA (148049) to oppose an enemy landing.

(g) Order of Battle, 17 AUST INF BDE Gp. incl additional tps under cmd. See Appx C.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) ROADS.

i. BDE L of C for operations will be on the rd CBO - RATNAPURA (132138) MEDAMPE (154119) - AKURESSA. The section HAYLS (162099) - LAUDERDALE (158106) is at present C 2, but is being improved to B 1. Completion is anticipated by the commencement of the S.W. Monsoon.

ii. The coast route CBO - GALLE is A 1 but most vulnerable to seaward attack.

iii. Within the BDE GP rd AKURESSA - IMMADUWA (129059) - GALLE forms the only link between Bde Gp H.Q. and units other than via the vulnerable coast rd. It is essential that this rd be kept open.

iv. All of the above rds contain many defiles and strict traffic control will be necessary.

v. Main laterals within the SOUTHERN AREA suitable for M.T. are set out in Appx A.

4. INTENTION.

17 AUST INF BDE will defend the SOUTHERN AREA of A.I.F. SECTOR.

5. PRINCIPLE.

The basis of BDE GP defensive plan is that after allotting the minimum force for static defence of KOGGALA AERODROME and GALLE HARBOUR, remainder will be held in mob res, in readiness to move with the utmost despatch to attack the enemy before he can establish a beachhead or consolidate and exploit an air-borne attack.

6. GROUPING AND TASKS.

(a) 2/5 AUST INF BN GP.

Comd. Lt col. P. D. STARR 2/5 AUST INF BN
Tps

- i. Mobile Res.
2/5 Aust Inf Bn less one Coy.
with under comd .v
3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
one Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy (when sub allotted
by this H.Q.)
det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb.
- ii. Static - FORT GALLE.
One Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
with under comd for close def of FORT.
KENT BTY 1 Coast Regt R. M.
All military and R.A.F. personnel in FORT.

TASKS.

- i. Primary. To defend G. LLE HARBOUR.
- ii. Secondary To be prepared to operate mob res for a more extensive task if ordered by this H.Q.

DIRECTIVE.

Probable role of mob res will be to strike at any enemy force attempting to land or landed in the area between G. LLE and BENTOTA.

(b) 2/6 AUST INF BN GP.

Comd. Lt col F. G. WOOD 2/6 AUST INF BN
Tps 2/6 AUST INF BN

- 147/43 Lt AA Bty R.A.
- 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.
- A Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt
- One Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy (when sub-allotted by this H.Q.)
- det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb.

TASK

To defend KOGGALA AERO. ROME.

DIRECTIVE.

- i. Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp in consultation with R.A.F. station Comd will originate the plan for both static and mob def KOGGALA AERODROME.
- ii. 147/43 Lt AA Bty R.A., not more than two Coys inf plus proportion of ancilliary tps will be allotted as "Static aerodrome def tps"
- iii. On notification of first state of readiness Static aerodrome Defence Tps will come under operational comd of the R.A.F station Comd.
- iv. Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will appoint a senior offr to act as adviser to R.A.F station Comd and to comd static aerodrome def tps in his absence on a mob role.

(c) 2/7 AUST INF BN GP.

Comd. Lt col. H. G. GUINN 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
Tps 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

- 52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
- One Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy (when sub allotted by this H.Q.)

TASKS.

- i. Brigade Reserve.
- ii. To prepare defensive posns upon likely lines of enemy advance, and in particular on Rd MADAMPE (155119) - AKURESSA (139067) to prevent enemy movement on to the rd MADAMPE - AKURESSA by approaches leading in from EAST and S.E. in the following areas:-

AKURESSA.
KOTAPOLA (148091)
BULUTOTA PASS (158112)

7. B.N. BOUNDARIES. (a) i. Incl to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, from coast to Rd junct. 117055, rd through juncs 116057-117057-116060-118066-114063 - UDUGALL FERRY 122082 - line of GIN GINGA to Ferry 121092
- ii. Incl to 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. Coast at 133050 - bend in ry 133051, ry line to rd-ry junc 134052, rd to br 135054 - line POLWATT - GINGA to river junc 126066 - line of river to 131067, line NORTH through trig pt 131070 to trig pt 131084 thence line to ferry 121092 and line of GINGINGA to inter-bde gp boundary.

- (b) Within limits of unit boundaries, Bn Gps will be responsible for:-
- i. Patrols
 - ii. Recce
 - iii. Security
 - iv. Constn Rd Blocks
 - v. Constn Def posns and other fd wks.
 - vi. Coast watching supervision.
- As ordered
by this
H.Q.

(c) These boundaries will NOT be taken to limit the possible movement of mob res as ordered by this H.Q.

8. MOVEMENT of MOB RES.

- (a) 2/5 and 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gps will NOT move their mob elements without prior authority from this H.Q. unless such step becomes immediately necessary to implement their primary tasks.
- (b) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp will move only on orders from this H.Q.
- (c) Tpt for tp carrying will be provided by No. 2 Coy MASC under orders from this H.Q.

9. F.D. ARTY

<u>TPS</u>	<u>UNDER COMMAND</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less three btys)	Lt. col. W. E. CREMOR	AKURESSA
3 Fd Bty	2/5 Aust Inf Bn Gp	GALLE
4 Fd Bty	2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp	KOGGALA
52 Fd Bty	2/7 Aust Inf Bn Gp	AKURESSA

10. C. D. ARTY

(a) TPS	UNDER COMMAND	LOCATION.
KENT BTY R.M.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn Gp	GALLE

(b) TASKS.

- i. Primary:- Coast Def
- ii. Secondary:- Landward targets which can be engaged by direct fire.

11. A. A.

(a) Tps	Under Command	Location
147/43 Lt AA Bty R.A.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp	KOGGALA

(b) TASKS

- i. Primary:- A.A. protection KOGGALA aerodrome
- ii. Secondary:- A/Tk and beach def where siting of guns permits.

12. DIRECTIVE ON ARTY DISPOSED FOR DEF GALLE FORT, KOGGALA AERODROME and BEACHES.

- (a) Lt. col CREMOR will act as Arty adviser to Bde comd, and will co-ordinate fire plans of all Arty under Bde Comd.
- (b) Btys will keep Fd gun pits and alternative posns on coast already prepared, in a suitable condition for occupation.
- (c) Trace showing arcs of fire for each gun is att. as Appx D
- (d) Fd guns sited on beach will NOT open fire before target approaches within 2.500 yds of beach. For C.D. guns this distance will be 5.000 yds.
- (e) Guns will NOT fire on any other sector than their own excepting on order of Bn comd through Bty comd concerned.
- (f) A.A. gun posns will NOT be moved except by authority of this HQ.

13. E N G I N E E R S.

- (a) GENERAL. All units will be prepared to undertake Fd Engineering tasks within the scope of their capabilities. e.g. Rd blocks, A/Tk mine laying Bn etc shelters.
- (b) Units will continue direct liaison with fd sections in their area.
- (c) Demands for controlled Engineer stores will be made to this HQ.
- (d) Normal Engineer stores will be indented for through the nearest engineer unit.
- (e) On notification by HQ AIF that 2/8 Aust Fd Coy has been placed under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/8 Aust Fd Coy will immediately detach fd secs to join unit gps as per para 6. Fd sec areas will be reced in adv by comd 2/8 Aust Fd Coy and unit comds concerned.

14. D E M O L I T I O N S.

- (a) Authorised demolitions SOUTHERN AREA:- See appx E.
- (b) 2/8 Aust Fd Coy will hold in res completely prepared charges serially numbered for each demolition. As each sec comes under comd of a bn gp, it will take with it the charges for all demolitions in that Bn Gp area.
- (c) Orders by Code Word (if allotted) to place and authorise firing of charges may be broadcast by BEETLE system or will be issued by this HQ to offrs delegated.
- (d) On receipt of code word (or order) charges will be placed and firing and covering parties will remain in posn. This code word (or order) will delegate authority to the offr responsible for ordering firing of demolitions as necessary.
- (e) First State of Readiness On announcement of 1st State Readiness, if orders have NOT already been issued, Offrs delegated will order all charges to be laid and make all preparation to fire. The code word or order when subsequently issued will delegate authority to order firing as in para **d**
- (f) Authorities delegated to order firing will be responsible for finding covering parties **for** engineer demolition parties where necessary.

15. M I N E F I E L D S.

- (a) i. Minefields around static defs will be **planned immediately**. Outline plans will be submitted to this HQ and when approved posn of each mine will be prepared or pegged. **These** minefields will be laid on notification of first state of readiness.
- ii: Other mine fields may be laid on order of Bn comds when immediately tactically necessary. This HQ and adjoining tps will be notified by "Immediate" Message.

iii. Subject to the foregoing, mines will be held in unit res until further orders from this H.Q.

(b) Mines, whether laid as adjuncts to rd blocks or in minefields will be accurately plotted in relation to some local feature or benchmark, and plans will show full details, type, bearings and length of boundaries and distance, and bearings of corners of boundaries from selected datum, clearly enough for tps with no first hand knowledge of the area to be able to locate each individual mine.

(c) Immediately a minefield is completed, plans as above in duplicate will be forwarded to this H.Q.

(d) All minefields will be clearly marked and adequate safety precautions taken to protect both civilians and our own tps. A uniform system of marking of mine fields is to be laid down for all forces in CLYDON and will be advised to units later.

16. R O A D B L O C K S.

Schedule of Rd blocks and units responsible for constructing is set as Appx F.

17. F D WKS

(a) All section and Pl def posns will be completed immediately for all round def, wired and camouflaged to enable tps to fight in any direction and live behind cover for at least fourteen days, if cut off.

(b) Wire obstacles will be covered by fire, and be sited outside grenade throwing range of def posns.

18. V U L N E R A B L E P t s.

(a) List of vulnerable pts and parties responsible for guarding is att as Appx G.

(b) Responsibilities will commence upon notification of first state of readiness. Units will then also contact the senior police officer in their area and check operation of police responsibilities.

19. A N T I - P A R A T P S

(a) Each Bn will maintain at least one anti-p ratp lookout in its area. Strength:- One sec with L.M.G. or T.S.M.G.

(b) 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bns, will each maintain a motorised patrol of one pl at 15 minutes notice to move on orders from this H.Q. This patrol will hold three days requirements in vehicles.

20. C O S T W A T C H I N G

17 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No 3 stands subject to amendment para 16 delete "remains N.W. Corner FORT GALLE" substitute "AKURESSA"

21. S T A T E O F R E A D I N E S S

State of readiness which applies until further orders :-
See Appx H.

22. B I C Y C L E S.

(a) Inf Bn Comds will obtain from civilian authorities list of bicycles registered in their area.

(b) On notification of first state of readiness, Bns will commandeer all civilian bicycles within close proximity

of their positions. Coys will hold "Bicycle Receipt Forms" which will be given to the persons from whom the bicycles are taken and a register will be kept at Coy H.Q.

23. ANTI - GAS.

On notification of second state of readiness, respirators will be carried on the man, unless otherwise ordered by this H.Q.

ADM

24. A separate order will be issued.

INTERCOMN

25. Sig diagram see Appx I

26. BEETLE System of warning :- see appx J

27. BDE H. Q. AKURESSA (397683)

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Mansfield

Maj.
B. M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.

Signed at 1500 hrs

Issued through Sigs
at hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:- See over.

APPX D will be issued later.

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4. A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J.

Kent Bty R.M.	1.			1.	1.				1.	1.	1.
147/43 Lt A.A. Bty R.A.	2.			2.					2.	2.	2.
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	3.	1.	1.	3.	2.	1.	1.	1.	3.	3.	3.
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	4.	2.	2.	4.		2.	2.	2.	4.	4.	4.
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	5.	3.	3.	5.	3.	3.	3.	3.	5.	5.	5.
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	6.	4.	4.	6.	4.	4.	4.	4.	6.	6.	6.
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	7.	5.	5.	7.	5.	5.	5.	5.	7.	7.	7.
2 Coy A.A.S.C.	8.			8.					6.	8.	8.
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	9.			9.					9.	9.	9.
6 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust Army Fd Work-Shops	10.			10.					7.	10.	10.
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Park	11.			11.					8.	11.	11.
Det 4 A.G.H.	12.			12.					12.	12.	12.
H.Q. AIF (CEYLON)	13.	6.	6.	13.	6.	6.	6.	9.	13.	13.	
16 Aust Inf Bde	14.	7.	7.	14.		7.	7.	10.	14.	14.	
99 Ind Inf Bde	15.	8.	8.	15.		8.	8.	11.	15.	15.	
R.A.F. KOGGALA	16.		9.	16.					16.	16.	13.
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B.M.	18.	10.	11.	18.	8.	10.	10.	13.	18.	18.	15.
S.C.	19.	11.		19.				11.	14.	19.	16.
Handing Overfile	20.	12.	12.	20.	9.	11.	12.	15.	20.	20.	17.
File	21.			21.		12.	13.	16.	21.	21.	18.
War Diary	22.	13.		22.	10.	13.	14.	17.	22.	22.	19.
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	26.		26.		15.	16.	19.	24.	24.	21.	

APPX C to 17 AUST INF BDE O No 4.

ORDER OF BATTLE -- 17 AUST INF BDE GROUPas at 1800 hrs 20 MAY 42.

Ref Map - CEYLON 4" - 1 Mile

<u>FORMATION OR UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
H Q 17 Aust Inf Bde	AKURESSA	139068	
K Sec Sigs - 6 Aust Div.	"	"	
46 Aust L A D	"	"	
5 Pl Aust H Q Gd Bn.	"	"	
<u>ARTY</u>			
Kent Bty, R.M.	GALLE FORT	108059	
147/43 Lt AA Bty R.A.	Rd GALLE - WELIGAMA (73 Mile Post)	109060	
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (Less 3 Btys)	AKURESSA	139067	
F Sec Sigs - 6 Aust Div	"	"	
40 Aust II A D	"	139061	
3 Bty	Watering Pt	112053	Under Comd 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
4 Bty	KOGGALA	125057	" " 2/6 " " "
52 Bty	Rd WELIGAMA - MATARA (96 Mile Post).	139048	" " 2/7 " " "
A Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A/Tk Regt	KOGGALA	121055	" " 2/6 " " "
<u>R.A.E.</u>			
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	AKURESSA	139067	To be placed under Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp H.Q. by A.I.F. CEYLON.
<u>INFANTRY</u>			
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	WATERINGPT.	112058	
2/6 " " "	KOGGALA	125057	
2/7 " " "	AKURESSA	138065	
17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Bn.	HULANDAWA	137075	
<u>A.A.S.C.</u>			
2 Coy A A S C	Rd AKURESSA HULANDAWA	140072	
<u>MED.</u>			
2/2 Aust Fd Amb.	AKURESSA	139068	
2 Aust Dental Unit	FORT GALLE	108058	
<u>MISC.</u>			
Det Postal Unit - 6 Aust Div	AKURESSA	139068	
Det Finance Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"	
Det Pro Coy 6 Aust Div	FORT GALLE	108058	

APPX C to 17 AUST INF BDE 0 0 No 4 (CONT).

FORMATION OR UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	REMARKS
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IN SUPPORT

Det 4 A.G.H.

DEGALA AREA

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6 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust Fd Workshops

AKURESSA HULANDAWA

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Ord Fd Park

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AUTHORISED DEMOLITIONS SIF SOUTHERN AREA.

Ref Map:- CEYLON 1" - 1 Mile Sheets 80, 82, 86, 94.

- NOTES:-
1. Code words will be issued later.
 2. Additional demolitions will be entered below when notified.

Serial	Nature Demolition	Map Ref:-	Place	Code Word	OFFER Delegated to Order Placing of Charges	Firing of Charges	Remarks.
D1	Steel R Br	026755	H.L.P.TOTA		Comd 2/8 Fd Coy or Comd 2/5 Just Inf Bn if has Fd Sec under Comd.	Comd 2/5 Just Inf Bn	
D2	Do	037715	DODANGODA		Do	Do.	
D3	Installations Plant GALLE harbour	108158	GALLE		Do		To be nominated.
D4	Steel Truss Rd.Br.	318600	KANANKE		Comd 2/8 Fd Coy or Comd 2/7 Just Inf Bn if has Fd sec under comd.	Comd 2/7 J U T INF BN	
D5	Wooden Rd Br	352539	N.E. WEL.IG.M.		Do	Do	
D6	Concrete Rd Br	369528	DENIPITIYA		Do	Do	
D 8	Weir	966835	SIY.MBAL.GODA		Do	Do	
D7	Steel Truss Rd Br	403671	KURESS.		Do	Do	
D9	Rd Br	059697	M.B.L.NTOTA		Do	Do	

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- ROAD BLOCKS -

<u>SERIAL</u> <u>No</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>UNIT RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>FOR CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>SERIAL</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>UNIT RESPONSIBLE</u> <u>FOR CONSTRUCTION</u>
1.	483934	2/7 Bn.	44a.	293508	2/6 Bn.
2.	515907	"	45.	286556	"
2a.	"	"	46.	282571	"
2b.	559836	"	47.	297594	"
2c.	551810	"	47a.	267592	"
3.	537746	"	48.	254566	"
4.	514647	"	49.	246524	"
5.	508615	"	50.	230529	"
5a.	505614	"	50a.	232530	"
6.	448607	"	56.	195543	"
6a.	453612	"	57.	183543	"
6b.	452547	"	58.	173576	"
7.	446618	"	59.	176493.	"
8.	444614	"	60.	139553	2/5 Bn.
9.	424638	"	61.	133557	"
12.	407668	"	62.	133564	"
13.	427667	"	63.	128572	"
14.	406690	"	64.	135575	"
15.	442708	"	66.	125577	"
16.	390651	"	67.	119583	"
17.	390630	"	67a.	119582	"
17a.	393630	"	68.	114589	"
18.	383613	"	69.	108593	"
18a.	383613	"	69a.	108592	"
19.	409647	"	71.	099611	"
20.	412637	"	72.	086621	"
20a.	414634	"	73.	103593	"
21.	412617	"	73a.	087587	"
22.	431599	"	74.	085621	"
23.	504592	"	75.	074616	"
24.	526573	"	76.	065600	"
25.	510567	"	76a.	085587	"
26.	487516	"	78.	033629	"
27.	488488	"	79.	025713	"
28.	476486	"	80.	995686	"
29.	475488	"	81.	976677	"
30.	425577	"	82.	945719	"
31.	424578	"	83.	944730	"
32.	416576	"	84.	921778	"
33.	409571	"	85.	901788	"
34.	384554	"			
35.	373495	"			
36.	381482	"			
37.	359554	"			
39.	348575	"			
40.	343572	"			
41.	323559	2/6 Bn.			
42.	328540	"			
43.	307541	"			
44.	277540	"			

PRIORITY	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DEFENCE	RESPONSIBILITY OF.	REMARKS.
1.	(316600) Rd GALLE-AKURESSA	Br	Standing Patrol	2/7 AUST INF BN	
2.	Rd AKURESSA-DENIYAYA (388771)	Br	Standing Patrol	17 BDE TNG UNIT	
3.	COAST RD-KOGGALA (230530)	Br & Spill	Standing Patrol	2/6 AUST INF BN	Necessary to guard both Br and outlet of spill
4.	Rd GALLE-AKURESSA		Regular Patrol	2/6 AUST INF BN GALLE to excl Br (316600) 2/7 AUST INF BN incl Br (316600) to AKURESSA.	Rd easily blocked by minor obstruction. Patrol to be equipped to deal with these.
5.	Rd AKURESSA-DENIY.Y.		Regular Patrol	2/7 AUST INF BN	Do.
6.	COAST RD at 034727	Br	Standing Patrol	2/5 AUST INF BN	These are only Brs over GIN GANG.
7.	BADDEG.M. (026755)	Br	Standing Patrol	2/5 AUST INF BN	
8.	F M C area on Rd AKURESSA-DENIY.Y.	Dumps	Standing Patrol	2 COY ...SC	17 Bde Tng Unit to assist if instructed by H.Q. 17 AUST INF BDE.
9.	AKURESSA (403671)	Br	Patrol	2/7 AUST INF BN	Key pt in movement East from AKURESSA.
10.	GALLE FORT & WATERING R D F Stas PT. PENINSULA			R. A. F.	
11.	COAST RD & Ry. (388771) GALLE	From BENTOT. to GALLE	Regular Patrol	2/5 AUST INF BN	Police stas on rd will assist in their respective districts.
12.	GALLE	Ry Sta	Patrol	Civil Police	
13.	COAST RD 372508	Br	Patrol	Civil Police	

PRIORITY	LOC. TION	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DEFENCE	RESPONSIBILITY OF	REMARKS.
14.	M.A.T.R. (487484)	Br.	Patrol	Civil Police	
15.	Rd. M.A.T.R. - TIHOGODA (494531)	Do	Do	Do	
16.	T.A.N.G.A.L.L.A. (786584)	Do	Do	Do	
17.	M.B.B.A.N.T.O.T.A. (059698)	Do	Do	Do	
18.	G.A.L.L.E	Installations to Harbour.		Do	

Note:- ALL ref to CEYLON 1 inch to 1 mile.

LOC. TION DESCRIPTION METHOD OF DEFENCE RESPONSIBILITY OF REMARKS

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APPX. H to 17 AUST INF BDE O. O. No. 4. STATES OF READINESS.

The defences of CEYLON will be brought to States of Readiness to meet varying liability to enemy attack by the issue of certain "Action Code Words". Details of these with action to be taken on each are set out below.

From date of receipt of this order it may be assumed that defences are at the "3rd State of Readiness" (WELLINGTON).

3rd State of Readiness.

1. CODE WORD. ... WELLINGTON
2. MEANING. ... No attack by enemy forces is expected within 12 hours.
3. ACTION. ...
 - (a) Leave may be granted up to a maximum of 5% of unit strengths provided they are within 12 hrs recall.
 - (b) A.A. 50% of all AA guns and of LMG's employed in an AA role will be permanently manned day. 50% of all AA guns will be permanently manned by night. The remainder of all AA guns and LMG's employed in an AA role will be at 30 minutes notice.
 - (c) Aerodrome Defence Tps. All tps employed in aerodrome defence other than LMG's dealt with above will be at three hrs notice. Para 3 (a) applies also to these tps, of whom 5% may be on leave within 12 hrs recall.
 - (d) Coast Defence Guns. Examination Btys- instant readiness day and night. 6" Close Defence & A.M.T.B. Btys 3 hrs notice by day - instant readiness by night. 9.2" and 6" C.B. - 3 hrs day and night.
 - (e) Beach Defence Tps - Tps in beach defence will stand to on their deployment posns from 0400 hrs to 0630 hrs daily and thereafter will be at 3 hrs notice.
 - (f) Remaining Tps - 12 hrs notice

2nd State of Readiness.

1. CODE WORD. ... CLIVE
2. MEANING. ... An enemy air attack of CEYLON is considered imminent.
3. ACTION. ...
 - (a) All leave will be cancelled and personnel on leave recalled.

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(b) AA - all AA guns will be manned throughout the 24 hrs. All LMG's employed in an AA role will be manned throughout the hrs of daylight and during all periods of moonlight, when the moon is more than half full.

(c) Aerodrome Defence Tps - Tps actually deployed in defensive posns will be at instant readiness day and night. Tps employed as mobile reserves for aerodrome defence will be at 30 minutes notice.

(d) Coast Defence Guns .
Examination Btys - Instant readiness by day and night.
6" Close Defence - 30 minutes notice
Bty by day. Instant readiness by night.
A.M.T.B. Bty 15 minutes notice by day. Instant readiness by night.
9.2" and C.B. Btys by day - stand to from 0400 hrs to 0730 hrs and then at 10 minutes notice - by night - one hrs notice.

(e) Beach Defence Tps - all beach defence tps will stand to on their deployment posns from 0400 hrs to 0630 hrs. At other times tps will be at 1/2 hrs notice but the beaches for which they are responsible will be kept under observation.

(f) Remaining Tps. - 3 hrs notice

(g) Cancellation of Exercises - Any exercise larger than a bn exercise and all exercises involving the co-operation of any other service will be cancelled.

1st State of Readiness.

1. CODE WORD. ... PLASSEY

2. MEANING ... Enemy invasion may be expected shortly.

3. ACTION ...
(a) AA. All AA guns will be manned throughout the 24 hrs. All LMG's employed on an AA role will be manned throughout the 24 hrs.

(b) Aerodrome and Beach Defence Tps. All defences will be manned throughout the 24 hrs.

(c) Local reserve for Aerodrome and Beach defences. - At Instant readiness

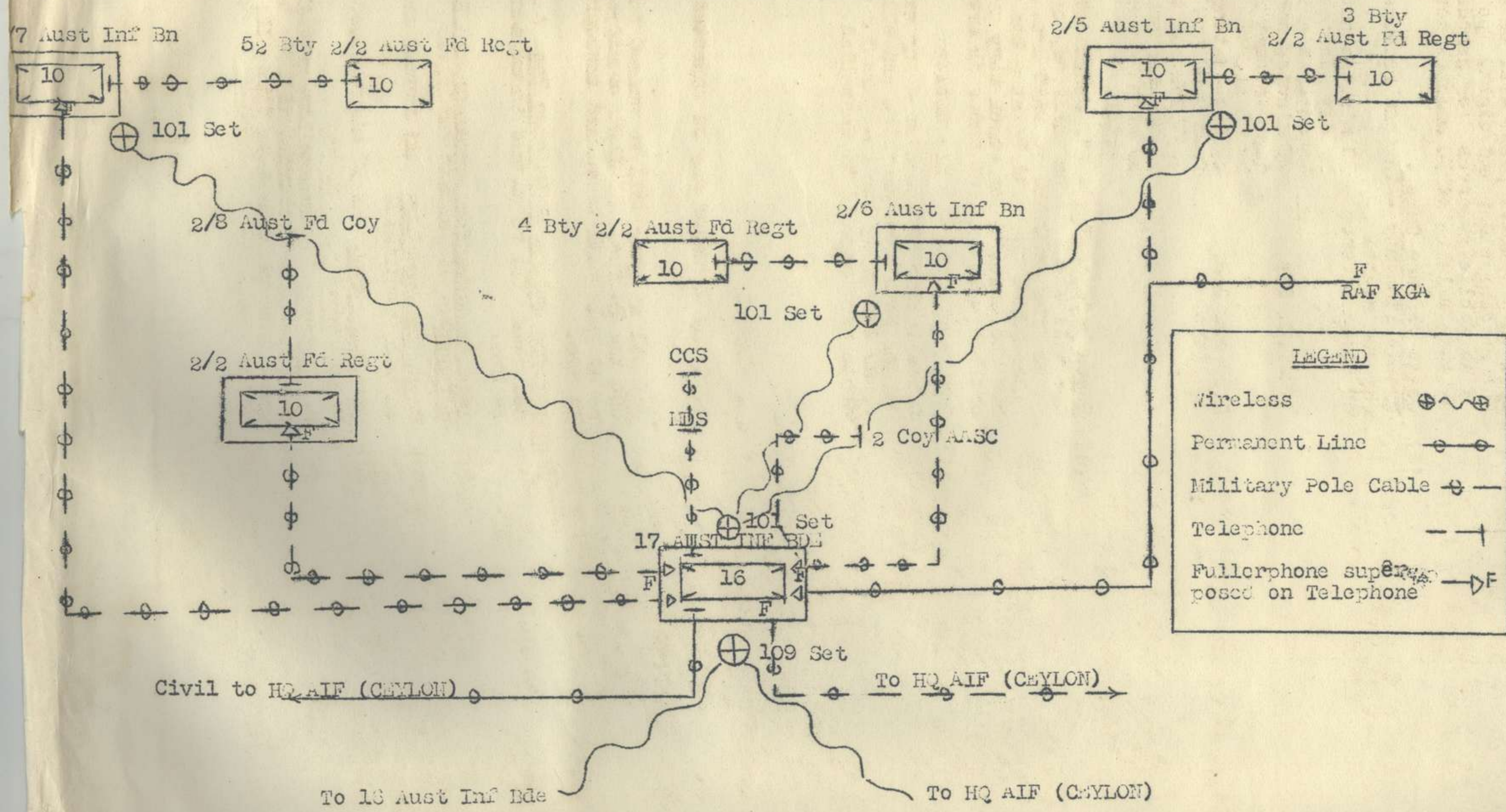
(d) Coast Defence Guns. All manned and at instant readiness.

(e) Remaining Tps. At 30 minutes notice to move.

(f) Demolitions. If orders have not already been issued all charges will be laid and all preparations to fire will be made.

COPY No. 22.

DIAGRAM OF 17 AUST INF BDE SIG COMNS



LEGEND

- Wireless
- Permanent Line
- Military Pole Cable
- Telephone
- Fullerphone superposed on Telephone

BEEBLE ORGANISATION.

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OBJECT.

1. The object of this organisation is to ensure that all Service authorities are able to continue to receive reports and that the lowest formation and the remote outlying stas are kept in touch with the situation in the event of failure of normal line comms.

ORGANISATION - R/T

The R/T broadcast which will be used to keep lower formation H.Q. and outlying stas in touch will be made from the Broadcasting station, CBO on the existing Long Wave Transmitter and at the same time on a short wave transmitter.

WATCH TO BE KEPT.

- (a) At the order "Stand By BEEBLE" all R/T stas will keep watch forthwith for the first five minutes of every hour.
- (b) At the order "LAY ON BEEBLE" or on receipt of an air raid warning, all R/T stas will keep constant watch.
- (c) At the order "LAY OFF THE BEEBLE" or on receipt of the all clear, R/T watch will cease.

NOTE.

Should line comm fail before the issue of the above orders, constant R/T watch should be kept without further orders.

The following AIF Units of 17 AUST Inf Bde GP have been equipped with wireless receiving sets.

SERIAL	UNIT	No.	REMARKS.
1.	H. Q. 17 AUST INF BDE GP) "K" Sec Sigs)	1	
2	H.Q. 2/5 AUST INF BN	2	(One for det GALLE FORT)
3	H.Q. 2/6 AUST INF BN	2	(One for static Coys)
4.	H.Q. 2/7 AUST INF BN	1	
5	No. 2 COY AASC	1	

- Notes.
- 1 Code word for firing demolition may be given over this system
 - 2 Authenticity check issued to units will apply in all cases.

Official War Diary

Miscellaneous
Documents

May 1942

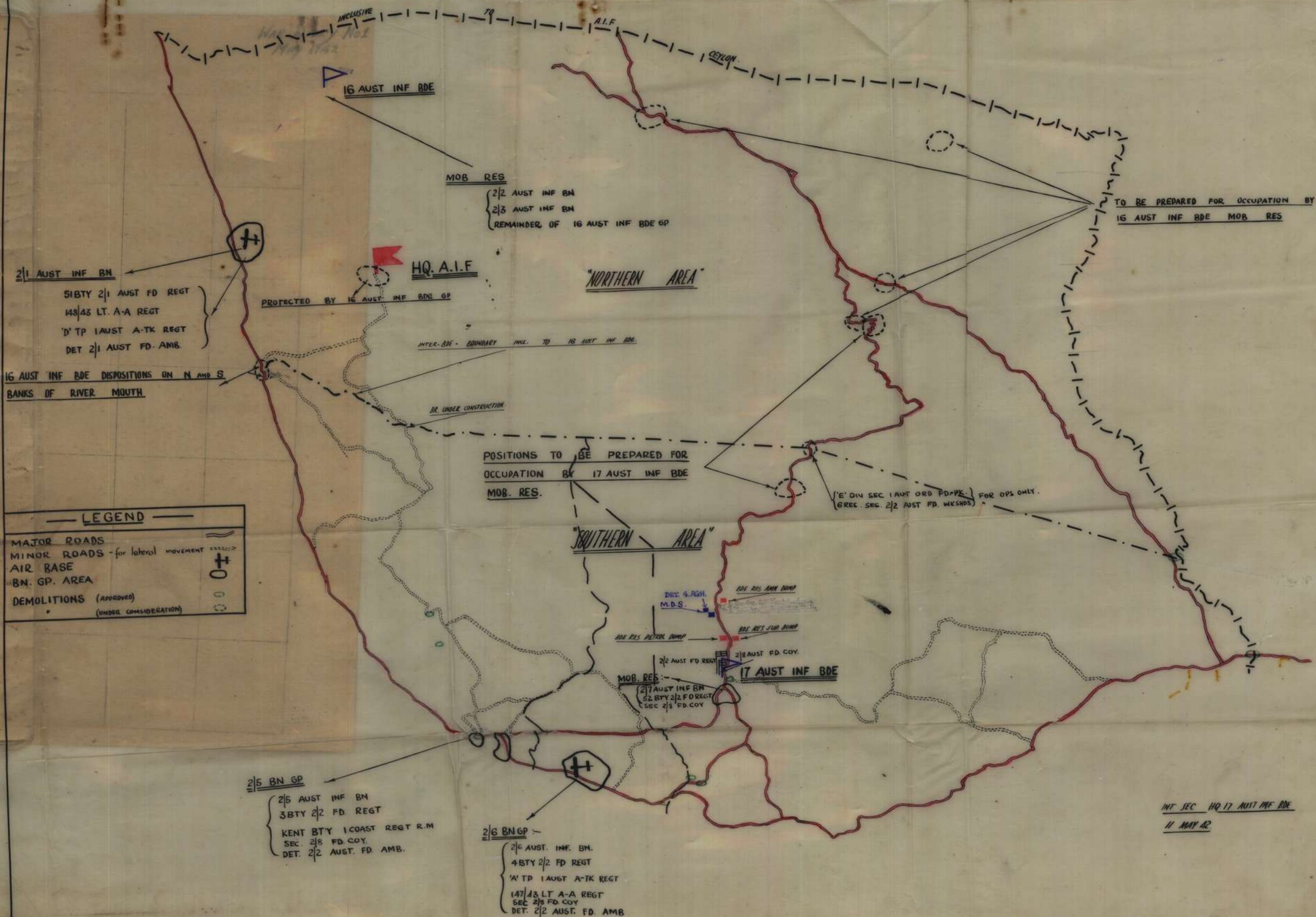
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Trace of S. W. CEYLON showing.

- (a) Boundaries, groupings and res posns to be prepared
- (b) Major Rds, laterals and demolitions in 17 BDE area

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TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER CEYLON P=4 MILES SHEETS 344



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13 May 42

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE WARNING ORDER NO 1

Ref Map : GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET 1 inch to 1 mile

1. Adv HQ 17 AUST INF BDE will move from present location to AKURESSA (401668) on SUNDAY 17 MAY 42.
2. Adv Party comprising the following will move to new location SATURDAY 16 MAY 42. Depart this HQ 0830 hrs.
 - AMEN O (OC Party)
 - 1 HQ Clerk
 - 'I' Party (as detailed by IO)
 - Adv Sig Party (as detailed by OC K Sec Sigs)
 - 1 Rep Cash Office
 - 2 Reps Officers' Mess
3. Main body will be packed ready to move by 0900 hrs 17 May.
4. Transport arrangements will be coordinated by Bde T.O.
5. All billets and occupied areas will be in inspection order by 0830 hrs 17 May.
6. Bde T.O. will arrange to take readings of all electricity meters in billets at 0830 hrs 17 May and forward result to this HQ as soon as possible.
7. Order of March, SP etc, will be issued later.
8. Upon receipt of signal that Bde HQ have opened in new location present Bde HQ will close. OC K Sec Sigs to arrange signal Plan.

Signed at.....

[Signature]
Capt
S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

Issued By.....

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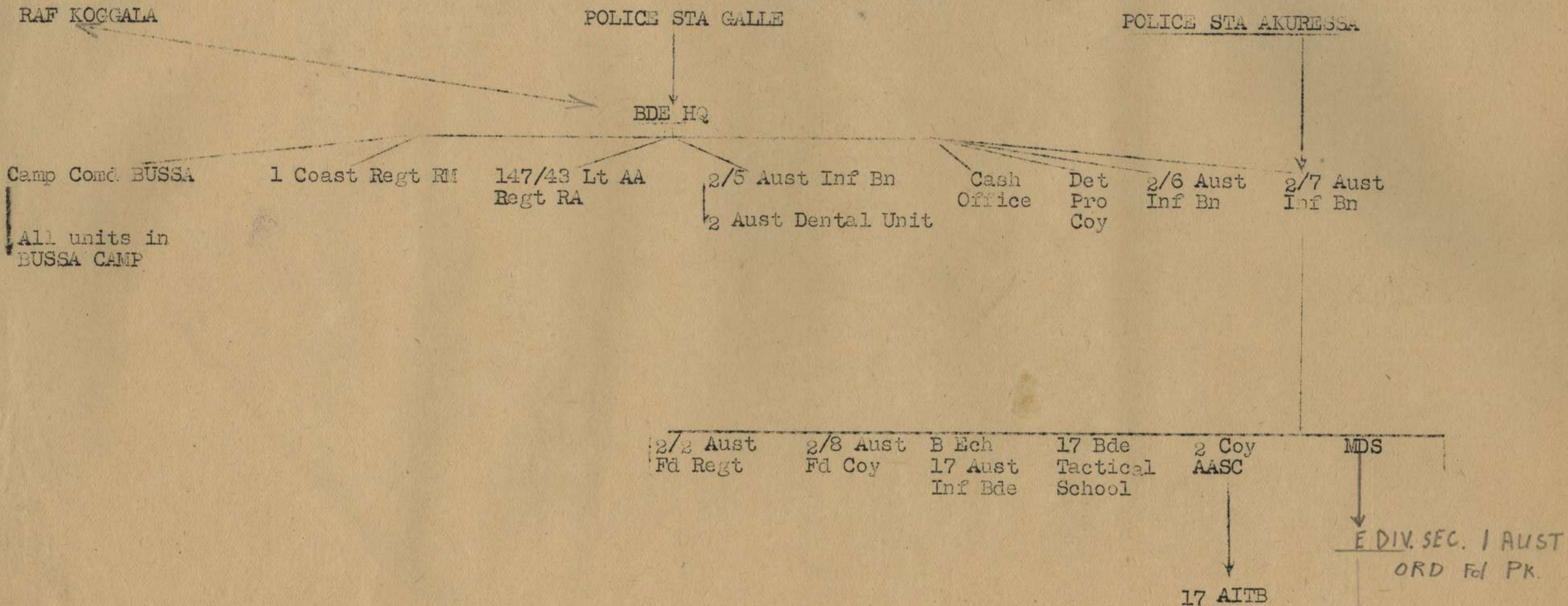
K Sec Sigs	1	Sup O.	12
5 Pl HQ Gd Bn	2	Amen O	13
Cash Office	3	B.S.M.	14
Bde Comd	4	File	15
B.M.	5	War Diary	16,17,18
SC (L)	6		
Bde T.O.	7		
I.O.	8		
LO.1	9		
LO. 2	10		
L.O. 3	11		

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Appx 1 to (G4/379)

Diagram showing system of transmitting Air Raid Warning Signals in 17 AUST INF BDE GP area.

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W. M. Tunney
to Rec Sec

1. Object : To increase knowledge and instructional ability in weapon training of NCOs in the Bde.
2. Staff : C.I. Capt H.G. SWEET, 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
 Instructor Lieut F. BARR, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
 NCO " 6 NCOs 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
 3 NCOs 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 3 NCOs 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
3. Duration: The course will last 14 days.
4. Vacancies: Allocation of vacancies for each course is as follows:-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6 NCOs
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	10 "
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	15 "
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	15 "
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	10 "
5. Records: NCOs attending courses will be shown on AFW 3011 as detached 17 Aust Inf Bde Weapon Tng School.
6. Location : Map Ref 028638 (GALLE Centralised Sheet) BOUSSA CAMP B (Racecourse).
7. Nominal Rolls: Nominal rolls for first course will be submitted Bde Hq NOT later than 1200 hrs 5 May 42. A copy of nominal roll will be handed to Lieut BARR, on arrival of students at School.
8. Courses: Two courses will be held as under :
 - 8 - 21 May (incl)
 - 22 - 4 June (incl)
9. Assembly: Students will report to Lieut F BARR at School Hq 1700 hrs on day prior to commencement of each course.
10. Pamphlets: All students will bring notebooks, and following pamphlets:

SAT Vol 1 Pam No 4	Bren
" " " " 5	A/Tk rifle
" " " " 13	Grenade
" " " " 15	2" Mortar
" " " "	T.S.M.G.
11. Dispersal: Each course terminates at 1700 hrs on last day of course.
12. Transport: Tpt will be by unit arrangement. At the commencement of second course same tpt will be used for conveying students to and from School.
13. Dress & Equipment : (i) Students will report in marching order with blankets. All students will bring rifles.
14. School duties: 2/5 Aust Inf Bn will supply one cook and 4 orderlies to act as School Messing Staff. Personnel will report Capt H.G. SWEET 2/5 Aust Inf Bn Weapon Tng School, Redear St FORT GALLE, 1200 hrs 5 May 42.
15. Accommodation : Students will live and mess at the School.
16. Weapons : For instructional purposes :

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	will supply	1 T.S.M.G.	1 2" Mortar.
2/6 " " " "	"	1 A/Tk rifle	1 Bren
2/7 " " " "	"	1 Bren.	

Weapons will be delivered to School Adjutant by senior NCO from each Bn on day of assembly, and will be returned on COMPLETION of School.

Lt. BARR

W. H. ... Major

B.M. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

DISTRIBUTION

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	1
17 Aust Inf Bde Weapon Tng School	1
Comd	1
WarDiary	1
File	1
Handing Over File	1

For Information

HQ AIF (CEYLON)	1
16 Aust Inf Bde	1

Subject : AMENDMENT TO JOINING INSTRUCTIONS
17 Aust Inf Bde WEAPON TNG SCHOOL

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Tel : GALLE 84
Ref No G6/586

1. Para 16 Weapons : delete and insert

For Instructional Purposes,

2/5 Aust Inf Bn will supply 2 T.S.M.G. & Mags
2 2" Mortars

2/6 Aust Inf Bn will supply 2 A/Tk Rifles & Mags
2 L.M.C. Bren & Mags & Mountings

2/7 Aust Inf Bn will supply 2 L.M.C. Bren & Mags & Mountings

Weapons will be delivered to Lieut F. BARR by senior NCO from each Bn on day of assembly and will be returned on completion of School.

W. H. Tracy ^{Capt}
Major
B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

Distribution

2/2 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
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HQ AIF (CEYLON)
16 Aust Inf Bde .

Subject : BEDS

WD 1

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Tel : GALLE 84
Ref No A/672
6 May 42

2/2 Aust Fd Regt
A Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt
2/5b Aust Inf Bn
2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Inf Bn
2 Coy A.A.S.C.
2/2 Aust Fd Amb
2 Aust Dental Unit
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn
BUSSA CAMP
Cash Office
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
6 Rec Sec 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
E Echelon
BOWO

ADOS HQ AIF CEYLON

1. General

The entitlement of accommodation stores for CEYDON includes BEDS on a scale of ONE for each O.R.

2. The usual sources of supply are inadequate to cope with the demand and approval has been given for local purchase in an endeavour to ensure the issue of these beds before the wet season.

3. Type

The beds are of the folding type known as BEDS CAMP FOLDING X PATTERN and consist of two sets of crossed legs (wood) supporting a hessian covered frame (wood).

4. Specifications

Specifications will be supplied on application to the Bde Ord WO.

5. Price

The price must NOT exceed Rupees 3½.

6. Purchase

After securing the specifications, units will arrange for one or any number of local manufacturers to supply a sample bed or beds. The Bde Ord WO will inspect the samples and if approved as being in accordance with Ordnance Specifications, Unit Comds may then order sufficient to cover unit entitlements.

7. Payment

Payment will be made on submission to this HQ of AF TS4.

8. No single AF TS4 will claim for an amount exceeding £A24, but any number of AFs TS4 necessary to cover the total cost may be submitted.

9. AF's TS4 will be ~~at~~ the Unit Comd's Certificate to the effect that
- (a) The beds conform to the sample supplied and inspected by the Bde Ord WO.
 - (b) The amount claimed has been expended on the purchase of beds.

It is understood that a number of beds of this type have been purchased and paid for by individual members of units. If the beds so purchased conform generally to Ordnance specifications the purchase money may be recovered by submitting to this HQ completed AF 'B4 bearing the Unit Comd's certificate to the effect that:

- (a) The beds conform generally to Ordnance specifications.
- (b) The amount claimed has been expended on the purchase of beds and was the actual cost of the beds.

10. The beds referred to in para 9 then become part of unit entitlement.

11. Records

Beds are barrack stores and are on charge to units.

12. In the event of a move away from this area the beds will be handed over to either a Barracks Officer or an incoming unit.

13. Deficiencies will be a charge on the unit concerned.

14. This instruction may be implemented forthwith.

(Signature)
Capt
S.O. 12 Aust Inf Bde Gp

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HQ 17 AUST INF BDE GP.
Ref :- G/1158
21 May 42.

SUBJECT:- G.O.C's VISIT.

H.Q. AIF(CEYLON)

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF G.O.C AIF (CEYLON) TO
17 AUST INF BDE ON 22 and 23 MAY 42.

Friday 22 May 42.

1030 hrs - Meet Bde Comd at KOGGALA at 80 mile post on main coast road.

Inspect Exercise conducted by students attending 17 AUST INF BDE SENIOR TACTICAL COURSE, with 2/6 Aust Inf Bn and 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Exercise is a Bn in attack and will conclude approx 1500 hrs.

Lunch with school in the field.

Late Afternoon.

Inspect part of KOGGALA Defences.

Saturday 23 May 42.

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Inspect Tng 2/5 Aust Inf Bn - Sec and Pl Exercises
or Inspect Supply Installations in AKURESSA area
or Inspect Defences in GALLE area
or Inspect Tng 2/7 Aust Inf Bn - Sec and Pl Exercises

Lunch with Bde Comd in GALLE.

B. M. Mayberry Capt
for Maj.
B. M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.

1. TACTICS :

- (a) Training will commence with simple section exercises based upon lessons learnt at 17 Aust Inf Bde Junior Tactical School. When Comds are satisfied that secs have a firm grounding the exercises will be developed to pl stage.
- (b) With shortage of tng arm, realism is difficult to achieve. Comds will therefore use every means possible to promote interest and concentration. The stage must be carefully rigged even for a short sec exercise.
- (c) Men possessing bushcraft, lightly equipped, should operate as enemy stalkers and snipers - concealed in trees or undergrowth. They should carry and use some form of harmless "bomb". In almost every exercise enemy will be used.
- (d) Sections should be pitted against each other and fieldcraft games introduced to bring out lessons desired.
- (e) At least 1/6th of this tng will be done at night, and exercises should NOT be interrupted for the purpose of "coming home to tea".

2. ANTI-GAS :

Refer HQ AIF C.W. Instn No 3.

- (a) All units will check the equipment of each man, and furnish a certificate of deficiencies to this Hq, by 20 MAY 42. Men must be taught to look after their respirators and report any loss or damage immediately.
- (b) The problem of a rapid issue of respirators from pl trucks will be introduced in some pl exercises, which will require men to wear them while continuing the fight. Personal decontamination will also be included.

3. WEAPONS :

refer HQ AIF Adm Instn No 4.

4. SPECIALIST PLS :

These men should be given training in bushcraft and in the tactics of rifle secs. Particular reference will be paid to :-

- (i) ^{Sig Pl.} Cross country movement by day and night. If given map ref of pl exercises should be able to move from pl to pl throughout the Bn. Visual signalling during this move as opportunity occurs.
- (ii) A.A. PL : Ground protection Bn Hq, stationary and on move.
- (iii) MORTARS : Selection and protection fire positions, O.P.'s. Control in jungle. Keeping contact with Hqs of sub-units under whose cmd they may be.
- (iv) PIONEERS : Mine laying and plotting. Construction of pillboxes (pattern will be issued). Improvement harbour areas.

- 5. Units will forward tng syllabus for fortnight ending 31 MAY 42, to reach this Hq by 1500 hrs Sunday 17 MAY 42.

14 MAY 42.

Alm
Major
B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

DISTRIBUTION:-

2/5 AUST INF BN

2/6 AUST INF BN

2/7 AUST INF BN

WAR DIARY

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HQ // AIF (CEYLON) for information

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Subject : SCHOOLS

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Op
Tel : GALLE 84
Ref No 66/931
16 May 42

- 2/2 Aust Pd Regt
- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 17 Aust Inf Tng Bn
- 17 Aust Inf Bde D & M School

1. Ref para 3 of 17 Aust Inf Bde D & M School Joining Instructions;
It is now advised that the duration of the M/C wing will
be 14 days.

[Handwritten Signature]
Major
B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE OP

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2/2 Aust Fd Regt
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HQ AIF (CEYLON)
 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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17 APRIL 1947 THE DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

STAFF

1. Object - To improve the standard of driving and maintenance in the Bde.

2. Staff - C.I. Capt F.L. SKINNER 43 Aust LAD
 Sgt. Ident H.B. GILBERT 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
Driving Wing Lieut J.W. PARK 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Wash Engine Wing Capt A.W.B. HENDERSON 2/2 Aust Fd Regt

Capt J.W. JENNER 3 Coy AA90

Carrier Wing Capt G.R. WAITE 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

H/C Wing Lieut H.W. DONOVAN 2/2 Aust Fd Regt

Assistant Instructors

<u>Driving Wing</u>	<u>Wing (Wash Wing)</u>	<u>Carrier Wing</u>	<u>H/C Wing</u>
A/CSM HOLMAN 2/6 Bn	Sgt JEWEL 2/2 Regt	Sgt HENDON 2/6	Cpl HENDON Bde
Cpl MITCHELL "	" DENN "	" THOMPSON 2/7	WARRIOR 2/7
" WATTS 2/6 Bn	Sgt CLARKE "	" KELLY 2/6	Pte HENNING 2/6
" THORNTON 2/7 Bn	" HICKMAN "	" BARKLEY "	" THORNTON 2/7 Bn
" LINDSAY 2/5 Bn	Cpl GIBSON 2/6 Bn	" HURTH 2/7	Sgt HARRISON 2/7 Bn
	" FISK "	" TAYLOR "	
	Sgt CLARKE 2/2 Regt	Cpl HURTH 2/6 Bn	

3 Duration - Each course will last 14 days with the exception of H/C Wing which will last 7 days. This also to take 14 days if combinations available.

4 Vacancies -

	<u>H.I.</u>	<u>Carriers</u>	<u>H/C</u>
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	10 students	3 students	3 students
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	18 "	6 "	4 "
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	18 "	6 "	4 "
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	18 "	6 "	4 "
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	5 "	-	-
17 Aust Inf Bde 2 atts.	3 "	-	3
Total	77	21	18

5. Location -

Map "of O,8638 (GALLIE CENTRALISED STREET) DUSSEA CAMP
 RAUC COUNCIL.

6 Nominal Rolls - Nominal for first course will be submitted to HQ Bde NOT later than 1400 hrs 14 May 49. A copy of Nominal Rolls will be handed to Lieut GILBERT on arrival of STAFFS at SCHOOL.

7 Courses - First course will hold as under :-

Sat 16 May - Sat 30 May (incl)
 " 16 May " " 23 May (incl)

- 8. Agenda Day - Students will report to Lieut. [illegible] at school [illegible] HQ 1400 hrs on day prior to commencement of course.
- 9. Materials - All students will bring note books and pencils and all available pamphlets re driving and maintenance.
- 10. Demerol - Each Course terminates at 1700 hrs on last day of course.
- 11. Transport - Tpt will be by unit arrangements. At commencement of second course Tpt will be used to convey students to and from school. Students for H/C Wing will ride their H/C to the school.
- 12. Personal Kit - Students will report in marching order with blankets. All students will bring weapons with which they are issued.
- 13. School Staff - 17 Aust Inf Bn will supply one [illegible], 2 cooks, 2 mess orderlies one clerk and one runner. Duties to report 1800 hrs 1st day.
- 14. Accommodation - Students will live and mess at the school.
- 15. Unit Carriers & H/C - for instructional purposes :-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn	will supply	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	" "	Vehicles as notified later.
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"

- 16. Unit Tpt Officers and Tpt Apts -
 - (a) - unit tpt officers or tpt apts will be included as students on first and second courses.
 - (b) - Unit Carrier officers or 2 i/c's will be included as students on first and second courses.
 - (c) -

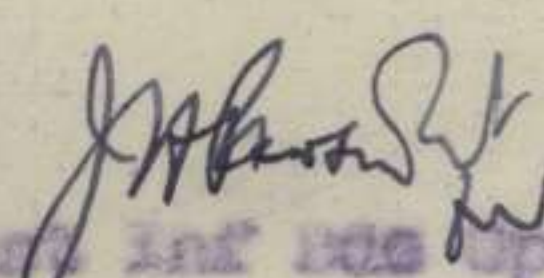
17. Selection of Students - Students should represent a fair cross section (ability) of unit drivers and will be selected on the following basis :-

- Regular Drivers 2/3ths
- Reserve Drivers from Rifle Coy's

- (i) Prospective casualty replacements 1/3)
- (ii) Relief drivers and inefficiency replacements 1/3)

A brief comment on the strong and weak points of drivers will be made beside the name of each on the nominal roll. The school will do its utmost to produce efficiency in students. However, where a man is returned to unit as "inefficient" and not prepared to learn, CO's will give serious thought as to whether men returned from the course as such will continue as unit drivers.

18. Replacements :- All men returned to units under conditions stated in para 17 will be replaced immediately by new students.


 Major
 B. 17 Aust Inf Bn

WARNING ORDER NO 1 - BDE EXERCISE

1. The following will be under 6 hrs notice to move, by MT, as from 1200 hrs 23 May 42:
 - HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
 - 52 BTY 2/2 AUST FD REGT
 - A TP 1 AUST A/TK REGT
 - 2/7 AUST INF BN (less one Coy)
 - MOBILE A.D.S. PORAMBA 2/2 AUST FD AMB
 - SKELETON H.Q. 2/5 AUST INF BN)
 - " H.Q. 2/6 AUST INF BN) see para 4.
 - UMPIRES PARTIES 2/2 AUST FD REGT)
 - " " 2/5 AUST INF BN) see para 3.
 - " " 2/6 AUST INF BN)
2. "A" TP 1 AUST A/TK REGT will be under command 2/7 AUST INF BN as from 1200 hrs 23 May 42. (For duration of exercise).
3. UMPIRES
 - (a) 2/2 AUST FD REGT will provide one senior officer, 2/5 and 2/6 AUST INF BNS each two senior officers to act as umpires.
 - (b) Umpires parties will consist of umpire, batman, vehicle and driver.
4. SKELETON H.Q.

Skeleton HQ will consist of one senior officer, Intelligence Sec, sufficient signals to operate communications from Bn to Bde ONLY and two bicycles and M/C orderly.
5. (a) 2/7 AUST INF BN will submit numbers of marching personnel to be tpted, other than by unit MT, to this HQ by 1200 hrs 22 May 42.
 (b) 2/2 AUST FD REGT
 2/5 AUST INF BN
 2/6 AUST INF BN
 will submit :- i. Nos in each umpires party
 ii. Nos in skeleton HQs
 to this HQ by 1200 hrs 22 May 42.
6. Skeleton HQs will be self contained (incl. cooking and messing gear).
7. (a) Until further orders 2/6 AUST INF BN will relieve 2/7 AUST INF BN M/C patrol (ref 17 AUST INF BDE O.O. No 3. para 7 - 14). as from 0900 hrs 23 May 42.
 (b) Until further orders day run will be discontinued.
 (c) 2/6 AUST INF BN patrol will accompany 2/7 AUST INF BN patrol on night runs 21 - 22 May 42 and 22 - 23 May 42.
8. Directions to Umpires and Narrative will be issued later.

B. M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.
 MAJOR.
 B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.

24y AASC.

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LOCATION STATEMENT OF AIF (CEYLON) AND TPS UNDER COMD

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as at 2359 hrs 29 Apr 42

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Ref Map CEYLON - 1 Mile to 1 inch

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP SHEET	REMARKS
1 HQ HQ AIF (CEYLON)	⁰⁹⁷¹¹⁶ MATUGAMA Musaenus College Barnes Place, CBO	CBO	Tel : CBO 9583
2 ARTY			
2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	920431	HORANA	
E Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	920431	"	
43 Aust LAD	920431	"	
51 Bty	828238	"	Under Comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less three-btys)	393675	GALLE(Cent'd)	
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	393675	"	
40 Aust LAD	393675	"	
3 Bty	118584	"	With 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
4 Bty	245525	"	With 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
52 Bty	399658	"	With 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less three-btys)	Military Hospital Thurston Road, CBO	CBO) Under Comd HQ) Ceylon Command
H Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	"	") Tel : CBO 9335
49 Aust LAD	"	") 9597
1 Bty (less two tps)	HOROWALA	HORANA	
A Tp	208540	GALLE(Cent'd)	Under Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
D Tp	809253	HORANA	Under Comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2 Bty	Richmond Castle KLA SOUTH	"	Under Comd HQ Ceylon Command
4 Bty	TRN	TRN	"
<u>UNDER COMD</u>			
11 Coast Regt RM			Under Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Tel : GALLE 125
RHQ	087580	GALLE(Cent'd)	
Kent Bty	089582	"	Tel : GALLE 83
147/43 Lt AA Regt RA	097596	"	Under Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde
148/43 Lt AA Regt RA	795220	ALUTGAMA	Under Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde
3 ENG			
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	MATUGAMA	ALUTGAMA	
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less two secs)	920423	HORANA	
1 Sec	808232	"	
3 Sec	936271	"	
2/8 Aust Fd Coy (less three secs)	085583 395675	GALLE(Cent'd)	
7 Sec	087582	"	
8 Sec	233529	"	
9 Sec (less two sub-secs)	401669	"	Two Sub-Secs AIR 161098

UNIT

LOCATION

MAP SHEET

REMARKS

22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
80 Aust LAD

907174
907174

ALUTGAMA
"

4 SIGS

HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div

Musaeus College,
Barnes Place, CBO

CBO

Tel : CBO 9583

1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div

MATUGAMA

ALUTGAMA

HQ 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div

Musaeus College,
Barnes Place, CBO

CBO

42 Aust LAD

MATUGAMA

ALUTGAMA

5 INF

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

919423

HORANA

Tel : HORANA 2

J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div

919423

"

45 Aust LAD

919423

"

7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn

919423

"

HQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

806232

"

Tel : KTR 11

A Coy

800225

"

B Coy

799214

ALUTGAMA

C Coy

809230

HORANA

Three pls at
HORANA 782226

(Beach Position)

D Coy

783224

"

Beach position 784216

HQ Coy

805231

"

B Echelon Area

808233

"

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

830234

"

A Coy

920419

"

B Coy

920419

"

C Coy

772263

"

D Coy

819063

ALUTGAMA

HORANA

(less two pls)

Pl

923323

"

Pl

046425

"

HQ Coy

946383

"

HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

920415

"

A Coy

458315

RNP

Plus two det
Mortars

B Coy

920415

HORANA

C Coy

291406

RNP

Plus two det
Mortars

D Coy

920415

HORANA

HQ Coy

920415

"

(less four det
Mortars)

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

085586

GALLE(Cent'd)

Tel : GALLE 84

K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div

085586

"

(less one det)

One det

397683

"

46 Aust LAD

397683

"

5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn

397683

"

(less one det)

One det

025640

"

HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

117579

"

A Coy

123574

"

B Coy

086584

"

C Coy

125563

"

D Coy

108589

"

HQ Coy

117587

"

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1 HQ HQ AIF (CEYLON)	Miseric College Barrow Place, CBO 097114 MATUGAMA	CBO	For: CBO 9583
2 ARTY			
2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	920431	HORANA	
E Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	920431	"	
43 Aust LAD	920431	"	
51 Bty	828238	"	Under Comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less three-btys)	393675	GALLE(Cent'd)	
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	393675	"	
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1 Aust A Tk Regt (less three-btys)	Military Hospital Thurston Road, CBO	CBO)Under Comd HQ)Ceylon Command
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2 Bty	Richmond Castle KLA SOUTH	"	Under Comd HQ Ceylon Command
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2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less two secs)	920423	HORANA	
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22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	907174	ALUTGAMA	
80 Aust LAD	907174	"	
4 SIGS	MATUGAMA		
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	Museus College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO	Tel : CBO 9583
1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	MATUGAMA	ALUTGAMA	
HQ 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	Museus College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO	
42 Aust LAD	MATUGAMA	ALUTGAMA	
5 INF			
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	919423	HORANA	Tel : HORANA 2
J Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	919423	"	
45 Aust LAD	919423	"	
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HQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	806232	"	Tel : KTR 11
A Coy	800225	"	
B Coy	799214	ALUTGAMA	
C Coy	809230	HORANA	Three pls at
(Beach Position)	783224	"	HORANA 782226
D Coy	805231	"	Beach position 784216
HQ Coy	808233	"	
B Echelon Area	830234	"	
HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	920419	"	
A Coy	920419	"	
B Coy	772263	"	
C Coy	819063	ALUTGAMA	
D Coy	923323	HORANA	
(less two pls)			
Pl	046425	"	
Pl	946383	"	
HQ Coy	920419	"	
HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	920415	"	
A Coy	458315	RNP	Plus two det Mortars
B Coy	920415	HORANA	
C Coy	291406	RNP	Plus two det Mortars
D Coy	920415	HORANA	
HQ Coy	920415	"	
(less four det Mortars)			
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	085586	GALLE(Cent'd)	Tel : GALLE 84
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	085586	"	
(less one det)			
One det	397683	"	
46 Aust LAD	397683	"	
5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	397683	"	
(less one det)			
One det	025640	"	
HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	117579	"	
A Coy	123574	"	
B Coy	086584	"	
C Coy	125563	"	
D Coy	103539	"	
HQ Coy	117587	"	

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP SHEET	REMARKS
HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	253567	GALLE(Cent'd)	
A Coy	204582	"	
B Coy	248566	"	
C Coy	239527	"	
D Coy	235557	"	
HQ Coy	252547	"	
HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	391653	"	
A Coy	365513 397658	"	
B Coy	408651	"	
C Coy	233537	"	
D Coy	397658 365513	"	
HQ Coy	406654	"	
(less one pl)			
Mortar Pl	319600	"	
17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Bn	395779	MOR	
6 AASC			
No.1 Coy AASC	920440	HORANA	
1 DID	903417	"	One det 646671 CBO
2 DID	784247	"	
No.2 Coy AASC	925640 406722	GALLE(Cent'd)	One det 769 025640
7 MEDICAL			
4 Aust Gen Hosp (less Det)	St. Peter's College, CBO	CBO	Tel : CBO 8281
12 Aust Gen Hosp	RAGAMA	CBO	Tel : RAGAMA 801
2/1 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)	930432	HORANA	
A Coy	812255	"	ADS
2/2 Aust Fd Amb (less two secs)	025640	GALLE(Cent'd)	
One sec	205546	"	ADS
One sec	118581	"	
Det 4 A.G.H.	370756		
2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit	025640	"	
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	025640	"	4 miles Sth. MATUGAMA
2 Aust Dental Unit	086584	"	
6 Aust Dental Unit	920415	HORANA	
4 Aust Gen Hosp Dental Unit	920415	"	
8 ORD			
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less two rec secs)	932148	ALUTCAMA	
4 Rec Sec	Victoria Park, CBO	CBO	
5 Rec Sec	920443	HORANA	
D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	Victoria Park, CBO	CBO	
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	" " "	"	
F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	" " "	"	
9 MISC			
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less two dets)	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO	Tel : CBO 9583
One det	923430	HORANA	With 16 Aust Inf Bde
One det	086583	GALLE(Cent'd)	With 17 Aust Inf Bde

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP SHEET	REMARKS
6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less one sec) One Sec	Musaeus College, CBO 397683	CBO GALLE (Cent'd)	
No. 3 Aust Base P.O.	Musaeus College, CBO	CBO	
Det AIF Kit Store	Musaeus College, CBO	CBO	
Det AIF Finance and Audit Sec Fd Cash Office	Musaeus College, CBO 086583	CBO GALLE (Cent'd)	
Adv 2 Ech AIF	Musaeus College, CBO	CBO	
Aust Military Liaison Offr	Musaeus College, CBO	CBO	
AACS (Maj. E.W. Hayward)	209 Union Place, CBO	CBO	

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A Coy	204582	"	
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7 MEDICAL			
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4 Aust Gen Hosp Dental Unit	920415	"	
8 CRD			
2/2 Aust A Fd Tkshop	932148	ALUTGAMA	
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4 Rec Sec	Victoria Park, CBO	CBO	
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9 MISC			
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO	CBO	Tel : CBO 9583
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