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63 Infantry Battalion

August - September 1945

63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

25 Aug 45

MOROTAI

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	1600	Move completed.
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4	-	Unit trg commenced with route marches, section drill etc.
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63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

7 Sep 45

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63 AUST INF BN

17 Sep 45

Morotai

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- 19 0800-1700 B Coy conducted musketry practice . Results considered good. During the day all members of the Bn were issued with the ribbons of the Pacific Star and the 1939/45 Star where eligible.
- 20 0800-1700 Bn HQ conducted musketry practice, and fired with SMGs and pistols. Results were fair, but experience is needed in many cases.
- 21 0800-1700 D Coy conducted musketry practice with satisfactory results. During the day the Bn Int Officer interviewed Capt Eilhart and Lt Van Este of the Dutch Permanent Army. Both had been held prisoner by the Japanese at Ambon, where Capt Van Este was Medical Officer to the Australians at Tancoei prison camp. Both gave information of the utmost value concerning Japanese methods. This will be of great assistance to the Unit in it's occupational duties on this Island. These Officers were at present under medical observation at the 2/5 Aust Gen Hosp.
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details
- 23 - Church parades and Bn rest day.

63 Aust Inf Bn

24 Sep 45

Morotai

24 Sep 45	0800-1700	Musketry practice on Bn rifle range by A Coy. Results good.
	1100	Lt Col E B Ellison returned from 2/5 Aust Gen Hosp and resumed command.
25	0800	33 Bde less 63 Bn and rear details embarked for Ambon on HMAS WESTRALIA.
26 - 27	-	Normal training.
28.	0800-1000	Musketry practice by D Coy
	1000-1230	Musketry practice by C Coy
29	0800-1700	Musketry practice by B Coy
30	0800-1230	Pistol practice by HQ Coy
		Normal rest day for remainder of Bn. Church parades.

WAR DIARY

63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

AUG/SEP 45

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

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	23	-	Church parades and Bn rest day.	

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

War Diary 25 Aug 45 - 30 Sep 45

63 Aust Inf Bn, together with 64 Aust Inf Bn, was formed from elements of 1 AARD during 25 - 30 Aug 1945 on jungle warfare establishment. The reason for formation was to have Bns available for disarmament of Japanese in NEI, disposal of their weapons and apprehension of war criminals.

It was originally intended that 63 Bn would form part of TIMFORCE and proceed to KOEPANG and DILLI but subsequently TIMFORCE was formed in N T and 63 Bn became portion of a force to proceed to AMBON and known as AMFORCE. The Bn was really portion of 33 Aust Inf Bde.

As the unit was formed from 1 AARD the average age of the men in the Bn is considerably lower than in most units, and junior NCOs had to be promoted from the better types and more experienced of the Reinforcement.

The junior officers are generally of a good standard but, as insufficient officers were available for full establishment, most Coys had only three officers, the other Pl Comds being Sjts; there was a scarcity of Majors and Capts, 2 I/c being a Major and Adjutant a Capt. The remaining officers (excluding attached) are all Subalterns.

A number of the Senior NCOs had previous war experience and some had been instructing for some time at 1 AARD.

No difficulty was experienced in forming the Bn. 1 AARD supplied a good proportion of unit stores, the remainder being made up by Ordnance. The unit can be considered well equipped with arms, ammunition and general stores.

The unit moved to its concentration area at SABATAI on 30 Aug and, after settling down, training commenced on 4 Sep.

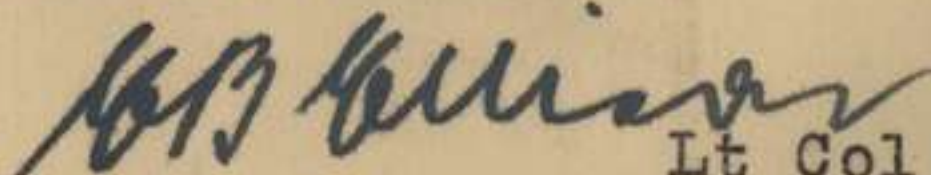
Training consisted in the main of route marches to harden the tps, musketry and lectures on tropical diseases and details concerning AMBON collated by the Bn IO.

Sports were organized and a swimming parade held daily.

The health and spirit of the tps during the remainder of Sep were excellent. Discipline was good and a keen spirit was evident at the thought of doing a job and being with a unit.

During the last two weeks of Sep the Bn IO did valuable work in keeping the tps in touch with the history, climate, characteristics, nature of Jap occupation and units which remained in occupation. He gleaned much valuable information from PWs in 2/5 Aust Gen Hospital, particularly from Capt Eilhart who was Dutch MO on the Island during the occupation, also Lt Van Este, a Dutch regular officer. Officers of 2/21 Bn who were interned at AMBON during the Japanese occupation also gave a good deal of information.

All ranks, before leaving MOROTAI, had a good general knowledge of AMBON, CERAM and surrounding Islands.


Lt Col
Comd 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Oct 45

H Coys

1 ~~1st~~ ~~But~~ Lt. McCloy
appx 2
1 Coy

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO M/3

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMD 1 AUST ADV RFT DEP (AIF)

24 AUG 1945

1 A A R D RE-ORGANIZATION;

FORMATION OF 1 AND 2 AUST INF RFT BNS:

1 As from 250900, Rfts and Staff of 1 AARD will be re-organized into three groups as shown hereunder:

- (A) 1 AUST ADV RFT DEP
- (B) 1 AUST INF RFT BN
- (C) 2 AUST INF RFT BN

2 The areas to be occupied by the above groups, are as hereunder:

- GROUP (A) - HQ & QM at present sites.
1 Coy at present 6 Coy site.
2 Coy at present 7 Coy site.
- GROUP (B) - HQ & QM at present HQ 1 Coy site.
HQ Coy at present 1 Coy area.
A & B Coys at present 5 Coy area.
C & D Coys at present 4 Coy area.
- GROUP (C) - HQ & QM at present HQ 2 Coy site
HQ Coy at present 2 Coy site.
A & B Coys at present 3 Coy site.
C & D Coys at present 8 Coy site.

3 METHOD OF CHANGE OVER:-

- (a) At 250800, present coys will organize their personnel into three parties for disposal as in para 1, in accordance with rolls supplied by Depot HQ. Depot HQ personnel to go to the new Bns will be organised by the RSM at the same time as coys.
- (b) Excepting those personnel remaining with Nos 6 & 7 coys, all personnel will move completely equipped - i.e beds, etc. In the cases of the coy named, all personnel remaining with AARD, will parade without equipment.
- (c) By 250900I, all parties, each under an officer, will be at group assembly areas as hereunder:
 - GROUP(A) Main Parade ground.
 - (B) Rear of 4 and 5 coy present areas.
 - (C) 2 Coy area.
- (d) On arrival at the parade grounds, the RSMs of Bns and Depot HQ will arrange that CSMs of Coys collect the personnel of their coys and move them off to the coy lines.

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(2)

The Bn sequence of gathering and movement will be:-

- i Bn HQ
- ii Coy Cooks (to move under guide to their tent lines,)
(then to go on with mid-day meal preparation)
- iii HQ Coy followed by A,C,B and D Coys.

4 CHECKING OF PERSONNEL:

- (a) complete nominal rolls, as for normal draft movement, have been prepared and issued to present coys, and Depot HQ.
- (b) The new Bn HQs have arranged rolls, by coys and pls, in complete detail, to assist CSMs and pl sjts.
- (c) On completion of take over of personnel, the draft rolls, amended as necessary, will be signed and a copy returned to Depot HQ.
- (d) Based on check of the rolls, supplied by the pl sjts, coys will insert the particulars of personnel in the pl and coy roll books prepared in detail, but without No, Rank, and Name.

5 MESSING:

Present coys will ration as usual for the breakfast meal. Cooks will carry out immediate necessary duties to leave the kitchen safe. They will move with the rest of personnel - incoming cooks and personnel will carry on the after-meal cleaning up.

All personnel will dine in their new coy areas for the midday meal, 251230.

6 RATIONS:

Depot Ration store will continue to ration coys until 280600I, when Bns Caterers will take over own rationing details.

7 AMENITIES:

Present amenities equipment will be divided into three parts and issued one to each of the groups listed in para 1.

8 CANTEEN:

The Depot Canteen will continue to function for all these groups. On details of movement being received, the Canteen assets will be divided into three portions and the result placed in Bn Trust Funds to allow of independent Bn canteen organisation in any new area.

9 POSTAL:

The postal address for personnel of each of the groups, will be as follows, and will be used by all personnel as soon as they have their new unit and coy designation.

EXAMPLES:-

GROUP (A) - 1 AARD NX12345 Pte JONES T T
No 1 coy.,
1 Aust Adv Rft Dep.
AUSTRALIA.

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GROUP (B) - 1 AUST INF RFT BN

QX98756 Pte SMITH A B
HQ Coy
1 Aust Inf Rft Bn
AUSTRALIA

GROUP (C) - 2 AUST INF RFT BN

TX2934 Pte HAY S W
B Coy
2 Aust Inf Rft Bn
AUSTRALIA

E. H. Brown
(CAPT)
(E H BROWN)

ADJT 1 AUST ADV RFT DEPOT(AIF)

/AMW

DISTRIBUTION:

1 Aust Inf Rft Bn	- 4	Amenities	- 1
2 " " " "	- 4	RAP	- 1
1 Aust ARD	- 6	Dental	- 1
Each Depot Coy	- 5	Pay	- 1
QM	- 2	Postal	- 1
Transport	- 1	CO	- 1
Caterer	- 1	2 i/c	- 1
Canteen	- 1	GII	- 1

H.T.		Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total	Overall Length	Width	Height	Number	If empty, weight empty each type				If loaded weight loaded each type			
Make	Type									T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
GMC	2 1/2 ton 6x6		1		1	81' 4"	7' 4"	8'	1	4	16	0	0	6	16	0	0
Ford	3 1/2 ton		14		14	11' 2"	6' 0"	3' 6"	14	1	2	0	0	-	-	-	-
"	Trailers, Jeep 3 cwt		12		12	9' 0"	5' 0"	3' 6"	12	0	4	3	0	13	1	0	

Arty pieces and trailers		Adv party	Main body	Rear party	Total	Overall length	Width	Height	Weight each type				
Make	Type								Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs	
Ordnance	Q.F. 2pr		4		4	134"	51"	66"	3	6	0	0	

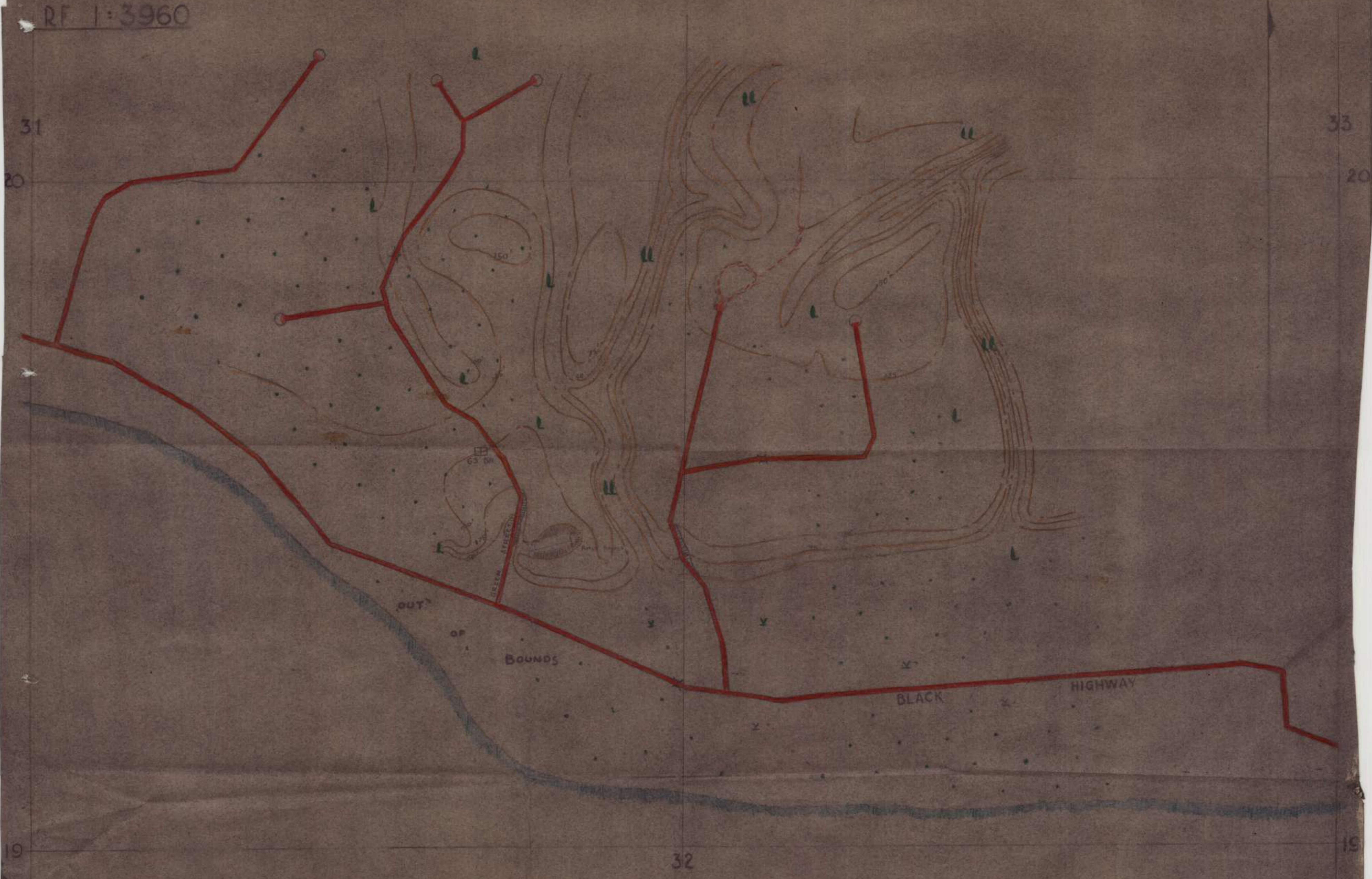
E. J. Brown Capt
 Maj.
 Adm. Comd. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 AOD

83 BN TRG AREA

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REF MAP MOROTAI 4 in TO 1 ml BASE SHEET 2

RF 1:3960



SCALE 16 in to 1 ml

FORM LINE CONTOUR INTERVAL 25 ft approx



Legend

- x GAPS
- COCONUTS

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ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO 1

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMD 1 AUST RPT INF BN

29 AUG 1945

1 AUST RPT INF BN

MOVEMENT OF UNIT TO SABATAI.

HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy

1. Move to SABATAI Area will be effected on 30 Aug.
2. Vehicles of 2/28 Tpt Pl AASC will report to sub-units at 300745I hrs, in accordance with the following schedule:

Serial	Departure time	Bn HQ		HQ Coy		A Coy		B Coy		C Coy		D Coy	
		Pers	Strs	Pers	Strs	Pers	Strs	Pers	Strs	Pers	Strs	Pers	Strs
1	0815	2x	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	1010	3	-	7	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-
3	1205	-	-	9	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-

x Figures represent the number of trucks 3 ton which will report

3. Personnel load for each truck will be 12 pers., 2 tents and side poles.
4. Coy Comds will be responsible that truck loads are waiting near road when trucks report, and that store loading parties are ready to load stores trucks.
5. Trucks will be under command of NCOs of 2/28 Tpt Pl AASC, who will report to CSMS 30 minutes before the stipulated departure times.
6. On arrival at SABATAI, trucks will move to respective Coy areas and unload. Coy Comds. will arrange for all personnel moving in the convoy to unload the stores trucks immediately on arrival, so that maximum saving in time may be effected.
7. Trucks will then reform convoy, which will return to Bn. area.
8. On arrival at Bn Area, AASC NCOs in charge of transport will apportion transport to Coys in accordance with Serial 2 of Para 2, and trucks will move to pick-up areas and reload.
9. This procedure will be repeated for Serial 3 of Para 2, the 5 surplus trucks being kept in hand for emergency employment if required. If not required they will return to 2/28 Tpt Pl.
10. Meals will be retained in Coy kitchens in the serving to Serial 3 convoy including drivers, or

11. Coy Comds will ensure that all tents are folded and stacked near the roadside, with poles, by 1100 hrs, and that Coy Areas are thoroughly cleaned by that hour. All bottles, tins, boxes etc. must be cleared away, and all trash burnt. C O will inspect each area between 1100 and 1115 hrs.

12. Sjt. i/c Tpt will arrange for allocation of jeeps as follows:-
1 with trailer to each Coy, to report 0730 hrs.
1 each to Sjt./c, Adj. Lt.
3 reserve for tpt use.

13. Bn HQ will close at 1 AM at 1200hrs, and will reopen at SABATAI at the same hour.

W.L. Christie Maj

(W.L. CHRISTIE)
ADM. COMD 1 ARMY HQT INF BN.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ 1 ARMY HQT INF BN OP.
S.O. S/ES TPT PL ASSO.
2 i/c.
ADJ. Lt.
R.S.M.
TPT SGT.
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION
NO 1

11 Sep 45.

MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

1. All ranks will consume one atebtrin tablet daily.
2. Each OR will be issued with an Atebrin Card, issued conjointly with this instruction and shown as an appendix hereto. This card will be carried at all times in the soldiers A.A.B.83.
3. System of issuing atebtrin will be as follows:-
 - (a) An atebtrin muster parade will be held daily - an officer will be present. Each man as his name is called will file past and receive an atebtrin tablet, which he will place in his mouth and swallow in the presence of that Offr. His name will then be marked in the roll book and he will deliver to the officer his atebtrin Card. At the end of the parade, all Atebrin Cards for personnel on parade will be dated, signed by the Officer and returned to the man.
 - (b) Personnel absent from the parade, on duty will be paraded as soon as possible to an officer and will then consume the atebtrin in the manner described above. The atebtrin Card will be returned to the man forthwith on signature.
 - (c) It will be the personal responsibility of every man to ensure that his card is signed by an officer daily.
4. All personnel will carry a reserve issue of 24 atebtrin tablets in a water tight container. Periodical snap checks of reserve issues will be carried out from time to time. Loss or deterioration of bulk or individual stocks of atebtrin will be reported and deficiencies will be replaced.
5. Mosquito nets, shirts and trousers will be kept in a proper state of repair and, if beyond repair, application will be made immediately for replacement.
6. Bathing and showering after 1800 hrs is prohibited. This amends previous instruction reading "1830 hrs daily".
7. Mosquito repellent will be carried at all times and applied at two hourly intervals after sunset until retiring. Mosquito repellent will also be applied on leaving the shelter of a mosquito net at any time after retiring.
8. All tents will be sprayed before retiring when anti-mosquito spray is available.
9. Tents will be inspected at 1800 hrs each day to ensure that all nets are properly erected.
10. A Malarial squad will be detailed daily, by coys, to inspect and treat daily all stagnant pools in the vicinity of Coy Lines.
11. All camp areas will be kept free of rubbish, tins, bottles and coconut husks. Vegetation will be cleared in the immediate vicinity of tents.
12. When small parties will probably be absent from units for a longer period than one day, the senior NCO, or Private, will be fully instructed before his departure as to his responsibility for ensuring the observance of malarial precautions by members of his party, and will be issued with sufficient atebtrin for individual daily issues during the probable period of absence. On the parties return, the NCO or Private in charge party will return surplus supplies of atebtrin and report that malarial precautions were carried out. All personnel on detached duties will carry their atebtrin cards and ensure that the card is signed by an officer witnessing the taking of the atebtrin.
13. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel guilty of any breach of these orders.

J. Brown
Admt. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Capt.

APPENDIX "A"

DAILY ATEBRIN CARD

No Rank Name Unit

Date	Officers Sig	Date	Officers Sig	Date	Officers Sig
Sep 13		Sep 22		Oct 1	
14		23		2	
15		24		3	
16		25		4	
17		26		5	
18		27		6	
19		28		7	
20		29		8	
21		30		9	

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Sept 5

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19 SEP 45.

RESTRICTED
Headquarters, 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 2/45

PREVENTION OF SCRUB TYPHUS

1. SCRUB TYPHUS: Is caused by the bites of infected mites (Mokkas or Ticks) and is normally conveyed from rat to man. It has produced casualties far in excess of anything dreamed possible before the war. To date only two measures of protection are available, and the effective use of both rests upon the combatant - the individual soldier and the Officer:-

(a) Treatment of all clothing with anti-mite fluid, smeared on by hand. Treatment is carried out fortnightly and its effectiveness rests upon the efficient distribution of the fluid. Spraying and other apparently easy methods have proved less safe and more wasteful than hand application.

(b) Localisation of "Typhus Areas". Often these may be quite small and defined and avoided, may not preclude a unit from holding a position. Localisation depends on early information from the unit, on the movements of the soldier during the period from 7 to 21 days before reporting sick. Such information would normally be sought by the DADH formation and correlation of the movement of a number of cases of Typhus may establish a common bivouac site or similar area which can be incriminated. To date, areas definitely incriminated have had evidence of old occupation and have been near jungle edged streams.

TREATMENT OF CLOTHES WITH ANTI-MITE FLUID.

1. SUPPLY. Anti-Mite fluid is an AASC supply and is not available in large quantities. Its issue will therefore be decided by SMO when information about the incidence of typhus in an area is known.

The individual issue is small (6 ozs per man per 28 days) but is effective in preventing Typhus when properly applied. The fluid is harmless to the skin and clothes, but poisonous to Mokka, and it resists washing much better than Mosquito Repellent.

It is essential that the instructions following are understood, and that the application of fluid to clothing is done as a drill under supervision.

2. FREQUENCY OF APPLICATION- One treatment protects until the clothes have been washed cold with soap (including Persil) 7 times or boiled (10 minutes) with soap 3 times, (sweat and rain do not effect this time). Generally therefore treatment should be done every fortnight. Treated clothing put away and not washed will remain protective for at least two months.

3. AMOUNT USED. 1 Fluid ounce (two tablespoons) for one set of clothes - shirt, trousers and socks.

4. Method of application- is by rubbing the fluid in to the cloth (all cloth in contact with the body) by hand. Dipping is out of the question and spraying must be avoided as it gives erratic results.

DETAILS Each man receives his issue (enough to treat all his clothes worn and unworn) in a tin. He dips the finger tips of one hand in the fluid taking out enough to give a light smear over the inner surface of the two hands. With the smeared hands he drumples and rubs the fluid into the material with an action like that of washing, or he may spread the clothes on a flat surface and wipe the hands firmly over them. Socks and trousers being worn may be stretched and rubbed against the skin but a shirt must be taken off and it should be turned inside out to avoid the pockets. From the point of view of protection it does not matter which side of the cloth is done.

There are at least 70 light smears in a fluid ounce. Heavier smears would give a patchy cover. Success depends on thoroughness. The full quantity must be used thus:-

Socks - 6 smears to each. If no socks are worn 6 smears insided each boot, but treated boots will not protect if worn with untreated socks.

Trousers - 2 smears to each leg, 14 about the waist and fly,
Shirt - 6 smears to each sleeve, 6 about the neck and front,
and twelve on the body.

If the underpants and singlet are worn extra fluid should be issued to allow 10 smears garment.

The reason for requiring a full cover is as follows:

The fluid acts by poisoning mites. This poisoning takes time. Treated cloth that has been washed may take half an hour to kill a mite in which time the mite can travel a foot or more and could therefore cross a treated band and bite untreated patches. Double dosage is no more effective than single (one oz is liberal). Therefore heavy treatment of stripes or patches will not protect. Complete cover is essential.

To treat a set of clothes takes 15 minutes.

5. DISTRIBUTION. The fluid is in 5 gallon drums. The scale of issue is 6 ozs per man per month. Units should draw three ounces per man per fortnight.

Within the unit the fluid should be issued to companies or platoons in billies (some tins which make convenient measures are listed below.)

The men parade with all their clothes and each man with a tin. Small tobacco tins are too small and cause waste. They should be forbidden. The men file past the issuing point and receive one ounce per set of clothes. The fluid should be ladled out with a measure. A 2 oz Capstan tobacco tin, or a 4 oz cream tin, cut half way down and fitted with a handle makes a good 2 fluid ounce ladle. Clothes should be treated on the spot and under supervision. The clothes may be dry, damp or wet, but preferably dry as the fluid then "shows up better. New clothes fresh from the store take and hold the fluid as well as those that have been worn and washed. Treatment of all articles at one time is necessary to avoid confusion later as to which are done and which are not.

Men should live and sleep in treated clothes.

Measures:

Kia-ora fruit tin	-	30 ozs
Jam tin	-	20 ozs
Milk tin	-	12 ozs
Bully tin	-	8 ozs
2 oz tobacco tin	-	4 ozs

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PARAS 1 - 4

1 AUST RFT INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS PT 1

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 1 AUST RFT INF BN

27 AUG 45

Headquarters,
1 Aust Rft Inf Bn

1. ORDERLY DUTIES:-

The following personnel will mount from retreat on the date shown to Retreat on the following day for the duties listed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SGT</u>
25 AUG	LT K M COOPER	SGT BALMER
26 AUG	LT I M CARTER	SGT TAYLOR
27 AUG	LT R E HEARLE	SGT TIMMS
28 AUG	LT R C RAMSAY	SGT CARLSON
29 AUG	LT C O GREGSON	SGT RANKIN
30 AUG	LT L F BRICE	SGT WHITELY
31 AUG	LT C E BEDDOME	SGT JONES

2. POSTAL ADDRESS:-

All personnel will adopt the unit address for correspondence. Inserting the appropriate Coy. etc. sub-heading i.e.:-

NX12345 Pte Jones E L
A Coy
1 Aust Rft Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA

3. MAIL:-

(a) Outgoing:-

All outgoing mail, letters for each State tied in a bundle, will be censored by Coys and sent to Bn HQ at 0830 and 1400 hrs daily.

(b) Incoming :-

Incoming mail (and "Table Tops") will be distributed to Coys by Bn HQ runners. On no account will mail be collected by individuals from Bn. HQ.

(c) Registered:-

All mail to be registered will be brought to Bn HQ by person despatching same. Registered mail for personnel will be indicated by a pro-forma slip sent out with the ordinary mail. The person indicated thereon will collect the article from Bn HQ Postal.

(d) **Parcels:-**

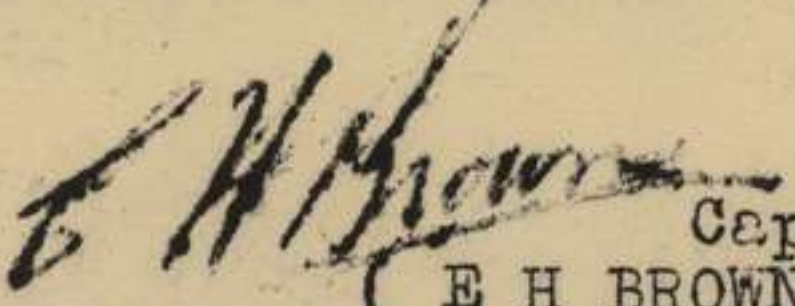
Incoming will be distributed to Coys by Bn HQ. Outwards will be as for registered articles.

(e) **Hours:-**

Details of hours of delivery to Coys and for receipt by Bn HQ of parcels and registered mail will be detailed later.

4. **OUT OF BOUNDS:-**

The American camp at rear of old 3, 4 and 5 Coys is out of bounds to all personnel. American Unit HQ will take names, etc., of personnel infringing this order for necessary disciplinary action.


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SERIAL NO 2

ROUTINE ORDERS PT 1

PARAS 5 - 14

by

LT-COL E B ELLISON

COMMANDING 1 AUST RFT INF BN

1 SEP 45

Headquarters,
1 Aust Rft Inf Bn

5. ORDERLY DUTIES:-

The following personnel will mount from Retreat on the date shown to Retreat on the following day for the duties listed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SGT</u>
1 SEP	LT J BROWN	SGT PARKER
2 SEP	LT R I PHILLIPS	SGT FOALE
3 SEP	LT T Y EDMUNDS	SGT SCRUTTON
4 SEP	LT C J COULSON	SGT SYMONS
5 SEP	LT G R ARNDT	SGT FAIRLIE
6 SEP	LT I McCLOY	SGT GRAY
7 SEP	LT K M COOPER	SGT MAYES

6. DRESS:-

Regulation regarding correct wearing of dress will be strictly policed. Shirts will not be worn with tails out - they may be removed during training and by working parties.

7. MALARIA CONTROL:-

Coy Comds will ensure that Atebrin parades are supervised by Pl Comds. Between the hours of 1830 and 0630: sleeves will be rolled down, - there will be no swimming or showering - Mosquito nets down and tucked in. Coy Orderly Officer and NCO will check mosquito nets each night.

8. CAMP ROUTINE:-

Reveille -	0630 hrs.	Coy Pde -	1400 hrs.
Adm. Pde -	0700 "	Dismiss -	1630 "
Breakfast -	0730 "	Evening meal	1730 "
Coy Pde -	0815 "	Retreat -	1800 "
Dismiss -	1200 "	Last Post -	2200 "
Mid.Meal -	1230 "	Lights Out	2230 "

9. R.A.P HOURS

The following times are to be strictly observed - only in cases of emergency will treatment be given outside these hours.

First Treatment Pde	- 0645 hrs.	(for cases requiring daily treatment)
Daily Sick Pde.	- 0800 "	
Med Officers	- 0815 "	
Second Treatment Pde	- 1400 "	(for cases requiring daily treatment)

Third Treatment Pde - 1800 hrs. (for cases requiring treatment)
Dental Pde (Mon. only) - 0815 "

10. CANTEEN HOURS.

The canteen will open each day (exclusive Sundays) from 1200 to 1330 hrs. and from 1700 hrs. to 1830 hrs.

11. CAMP INSPECTION:-

All Coys will be in inspection order by 0830 hrs. daily. Orderly officer will report to and accompany the C.O. on inspection at that time. Except when raining tents will be rolled front and rear.

12. TRANSPORT:-

Requisitions for all types of transport will be submitted to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs. daily for co-ordination. The exception being Coy's Jeeps and Trailer which will report to Coys daily, but if it is required that they leave the area Bn HQ will authorise the movement. All transport will check out at Bn HQ.

13. EMPTY BOTTLES:-

All empty bottles will be collected and sorted by Coys into "branded" and "unbranded" categories - such category to be clearly marked on outside of case. Canteen will collect from CQMS's.

14. BATHING:-

When moving to and from the Beach personnel will not move through other Units lines - particularly Bde HQ.


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NOTICES:-

CHURCH SERVICES.

RC Mass, 1000 hrs. at road Junction near 2 Bn.
Protestant service, 1030 hrs, at area across road from 1 Bn HQ.

PICTURES.

Pictures are screened on Wed and Friday nights at the ABC area, on Route 5, west of Green Street.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 3

ROUTINE ORDERS PT I

PARAs 15 -17

by

MAJOR W L CHRISTIE

ADM. COMD. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

7 SEP 45.

Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

15. ORDERLY DUTIES:-

The following personnel will mount from Retreat on the date shown to Retreat on the following day for the duties listed.

DATE	ORDERLY OFFICER	ORDERLY SGT 1	GUARD NCO 13 OR's
8 SEP	LT I M CARTER	(or CPL)	A COY
9 SEP	LT R G RAMSAY	By Coy	HQ COY
10 SEP	LT C D GREGSON	supplying	B. COY
11 SEP	LT L F BRICE	guard.	C COY
12 SEP	LT G E BEDDOME		H. COY
13 SEP	LT J BROWN		D. COY
14 SEP	LT R E C HEARLE		A COY

16. BOUNDARIES:-

(a) SWIMMING:-

Personnel will not move through Bde HQ or 2/28 Tpt lines to the beach or use the beaches immediately in front of those lines; The water point near Green Street will not be used as showers for personnel returning from the beach.

(b) OFFICERS LINES:-

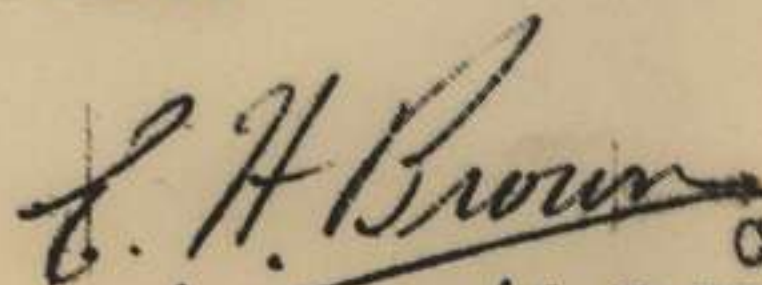
Personnel when moving to the main road (Black Highway) will move via the road (Green Street) and not through the Officers lines.

(c) COY LINES:-

Individual Coy lines are out of bounds, unless on duty or by invitation, to other Coy personnel.

17. CENSORSHIP.

The censorship of mail has now been cancelled, but parcels may be censored at Base Postal Unit. All letters and parcels etc. will be franked with unit censor stamps to enable concession postal rates to be used.


Capt.
(E H BROWN)
ADJT 63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NOTICES:-

CHURCH SERVICES.

R.C. Mass 1000 hrs at area across road from
63 Aust Inf Bn

Protestant service 0830 hrs. Red 63 1000 hrs

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65 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 5

ROUTINE ORDERS PT I

PARAS 24 - 28

BY

MAJOR W I CHRISTIE

AD. COMD. 65 AUST INF BN (A I F)

21 SEP 45

Headquarters,
65 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

24. ORDERLY DUTIES.

The following personnel will mount from Retreat on the date shown to Retreat on the following day for the duties listed.

DATE	ORDERLY OFFICER	ORD/SGT	GUARD	CANTINEN PARTY & O/R
22 SEP	LT RAMSAY	Supplied	B Coy	Supplied
23 SEP	LT GREGSON	by duty	C "	by duty
24 SEP	LT BADDOM	Coy	HQ "	Coy
25 SEP	LT BROWN		D "	
26 SEP	LT HARRIS		A "	
27 SEP	LT PHILLIPS		HQ "	
28 SEP	LT EDMUNDS		B "	

25. DUTY BOARDS.

A complete set of the following duty boards have been issued to the appropriate places. A complete file is available for perusal of officers and other executive personnel:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Orderly Officers. | (e) Bn Amn store |
| (b) " Sgt. | (f) Canteen |
| (c) Guard Comd. | (g) QM and Ration Store. |
| (d) Sentry - MT lines. | |

26. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Sufficient attention is NOT being paid to Malarial Precautions as contained in adms. Instruction No 1. The following points are listed as a warning against severe disciplinary action.

- (a) Mosquito nets down and tucked in all round between blanket and stretcher.
- (b) Shirts will be worn, buttoned (except top button only) with sleeves down and tails tucked in trousers.
- (c) Gaiters will be worn at all times, with trousers tucked in.
- (d) Showers will NOT be taken after 1800 hrs.
- (e) When preparing for turning-in personnel will take absolute minimum of time to prevent exposure of flesh.
- (f) Mosquito repellent will be used on exposed flesh and will be carried during the hours prescribed.
- (g) Natives are suspected malarial carriers and will not be allowed in close proximity to troops or equipment and clothing.

It is emphasised that at 1800 hrs daily the details listed must be observed and, with no exception, must continue to be observed until Reveille the next day.

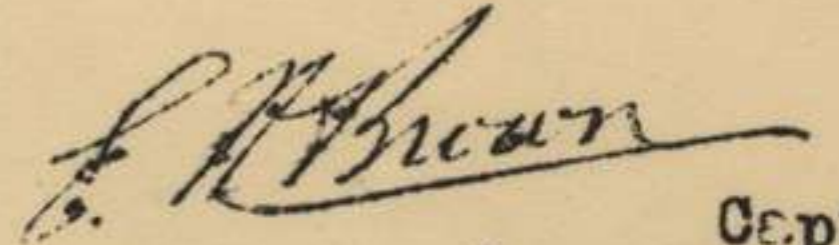
27. NATIVES:-

All unit lines, stores, kitchens, etc are definitely out of Bounds to all natives. All personnel will direct natives from the places shown.

28. POSTAL:-

The location AMBON or MOROTAI (in the case of any rear party until movement to AMBON) will be used instead of AUSTRALIA.

Example:- SX23795 Pte JONES K.
B Coy
63 Aust Inf Bn
AMBON.



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ADJT. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

NOTICES:-

CHURCH PARADE:-

General Protestant Service	- 0930 hrs	- Salvation Army Hut
Holy Communion	- 0915 "	- " "
RC Mass	- 1000 "	- opp. 63 Bn HQ.

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63 AUST INF BN (A I F)

SERIAL NO 4

ROUTINE ORDERS PT I

PARAS 18 - 23

by

MAJOR W L CHRISTIEADM. COMD. 63 AUST INF BN (A I F)Headquarters,
63 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

15 SEP 45

18. ORDERLY DUTIES:-

The following personnel will mount from Retreat on the date shown to Retreat on the following day for the duties listed.

DATE	ORDERLY OFFICER	ORDERLY SGT	GUARD
15 SEP	LT T Y EDMUNDS	By Coy	HQ COY
16 SEP	LT R I PHILLIPS	supplying	B COY
17 SEP	LT C J COULSON	guard,	C COY
18 SEP	LT C R ARNDT		HQ COY
19 SEP	LT I McCLOY		D COY
20 SEP	LT K M COOPER		A COY
21 SEP	LT I M CARTER		HQ COY

19. STORES AND AMMUNITION:-

Picquets will be on duty at all times at Coy ammunition and Q store dumps when official representatives are not in attendance. Such Picquets will not allow any entrance to, or removal of stores from, unless by direct order from Coy Officer or CQMS.

20. GUARD DUTIES:-

The period of duty of the Bn Guard has been extended to include a 24 hrs sentry post at the Bn Ammunition dump.

21. POSTAL:-

Supplementary to RO 3/45, the times for receipt by Postal, BHQ, for outward despatch matter, will be as follows:-

0800 hrs to 0900 hrs	1300 to 1400 hrs.
1130 to 1230 "	1630 to 1715 " .

22. WASHING OF CLOTHES:-

The practice of washing and drying clothes within Coy lines is to cease forthwith. Coys will establish clothes lines and washing facilities in area of Coy lines. To prevent theft clothes lines areas will be picqueted and all clothes will normally be taken in at 1800 hrs. If it is necessary that clothes be left out later than 1800 hrs picquets will be detailed.

23. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:-

The following publications have been received and those marked (x) are available for perusal at BHQ.

General Routine Orders: (paras 230/232) (x)

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Notices.

Surrender

Application.

Vacancies.

MGO Equipment Memorandum No 17 (x)

ATM No 40 - Supplement.



Capt.

(E H BROWN)

ADJT 63 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NOTICES:-

CHURCH SERVICES : 16 Sep 45.

Protestant Service - 0830 hrs - Red Sheild Hut.

R.C. Mass - 1000 " - opposite BHQ

C of E Service - 0845 " - 64 Bn Area

C of E Holy Communion - 0930 hrs - 64 Bn Area.

FOUND:

Sum of money found near "A" Coy. Enquiries at "A" Coy.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. DURATION THREE WEEKS.

INF. UNITS OF 1 AUST RPT INF BDE. GP.

24 Aug

TIMETABLE.

Fall in, Coy parade, March Out.....	0815 Hrs.	
First period.....	0830-0915	Hrs.
Second period.....	0920-1005	"
Lecturette.....	1005-1020	"
Third period.....	1020-1105	"
Fourth period.....	1110-1155	"
Dismiss.....	1200	Hrs.
Fifth period.....	1330-1415	"
Sixth period.....	1420-1505	"
Seventh period.....	1510-1555	"
Company parade, dismiss.....	1615	Hrs.

ALLOCATION OF PERIODS.

Drill	17	periods.
Training common to all duties	13	"
Specialist training	12	"
Camp Works	23	"
Compulsory sport	45	"
Range practices	9	"
Patrols	7	"
Total	126	"

ALLOCATION OF TRAINING PERIODS.

Subject	Training Common to all duties.	Rfn.	Mortar Nos.		MMG Nos.	Specialist training		
			2 in.	3in.		LMG Nos.	Tk.A. Nos.	OSMG Nos.
Rifle	1	2	2					2
L.M.G.	1					4		
Bayonet	1	2	1			1		1
Mortar 2in.	1		2					
O.S.M.G.	1							2
Mortar 3in.	1			5				
Grenade	2							
Tk. A. gun	1						6	
M.M.G.	1				6			
Hygiene	2							
Application of fire	1	4	3	3	2	3	2	3
Map reading		4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Total	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

TRAINING SYLLABUS - Week 1

Commenced 3rd Sept

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Period 1	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 12 - 37 Elementary foot drill	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 38 - 73 Squad drill with arms	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 74-79 on guard, ground arms	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 80 - 84 armed sentry drill	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 85 - 89 Inspection of Arms	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 90 - 98 S.M.G. drill	
2	Rifle-general Revision	LMG-general Revision	Bayonet-gen. Revision	Mortar 2in gen. Revision	Range	OSMG- general Revision	
Lecturette							
3	Specialist training	Camp	Specialist training	Camp	Practice	Camp	Rest
4		Works		Works		Works	Day
5	Camp, works	Compulsory	Camp, Works	Sports	Camp, Works		
6	Sports		Sports		Sports	Sports	
7							

TRAINING SYLLABUS - Week 2

Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
Period 1	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 102 - 106 Saluting, guards & duties	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 107 - 113 Quarterguards procedure	Drill Patrol	Drill-MTP 18 Sec 114 - 118 Platoon drill		Drill-MTP 18 Sec 114 - 118 Platoon drill
2	Mortar 3in. general Revision	Grenade general Revision	Jungle	Grenade general Revision	Range	Tk.A gun 2 pndr. demonstration of gun.
Lecturette						
3	Specialist training	Camp	Patrol	Map	Practice	Camp
4		Works		Reading		Works
5	Camp Works	Sports	Camp Works	Sports	Camp Works	Sports
6	Sports		Sports		Sports	
7						

TRAINING SYLLABUS - week 3

Day	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Period 1	Drill MTP 18 Sec 119 - 121 Coy drill	Drill MTP 18 Sec 119 - 121 Coy drill	Jungle	Drill MTP 18 Sec 122 - 124 Battalion drill		Drill MTP 18 Sec 122 - 124 Battalion drill	
2	MMG .. demonstration of gun	Hygiene .. Camp hygiene		Hygiene- Sanitation and water hygiene	Range	Application of fire-general Revision	
Lecturette							
3	Specialist training	Camp	Patrol	Map	Practice	Camp	
4		Works	Exercise	Reading		Works	
5	Camp Works	Sports	Camp Works	Sports	Camp Works	Sports	
6	Sports		Sports		Sports		
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Subject: JAP WARNING SIGNS AND INSIGNIA.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.
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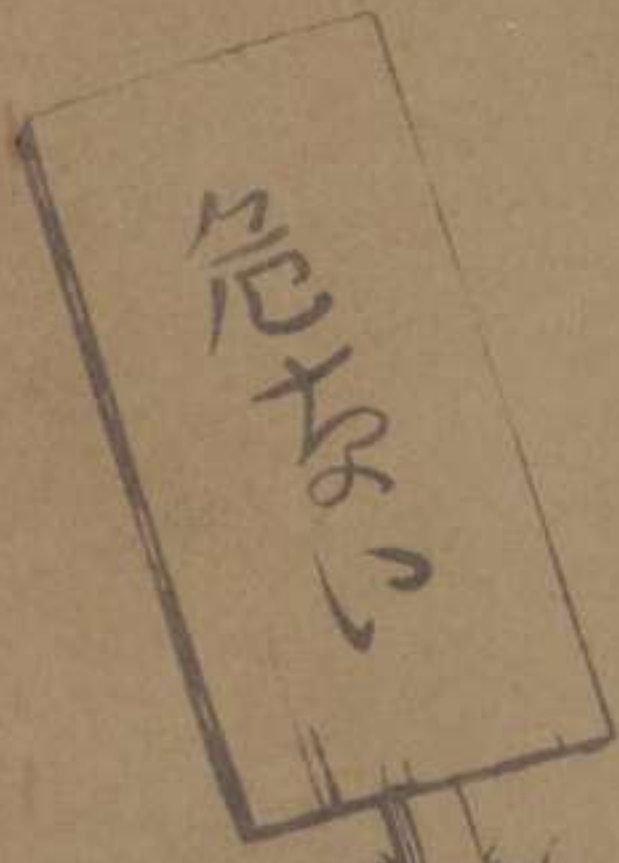
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L. M. Brown Capt. *Ma J.*
Adm Comd 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
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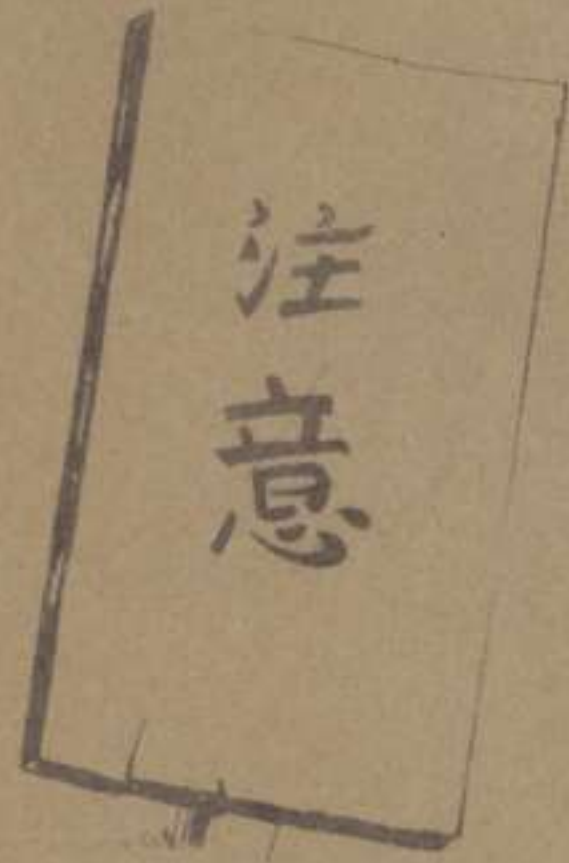
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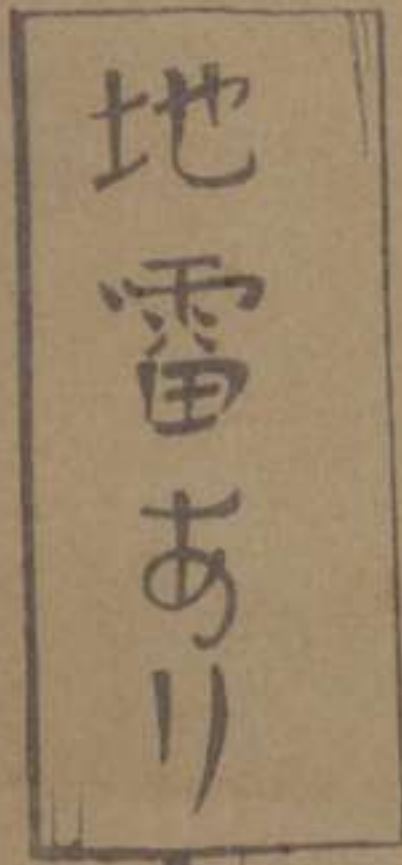
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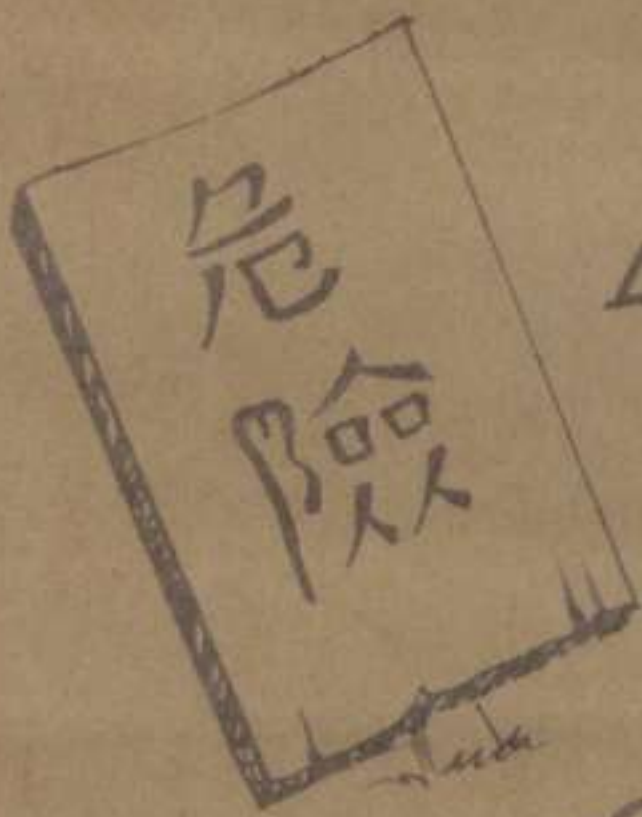
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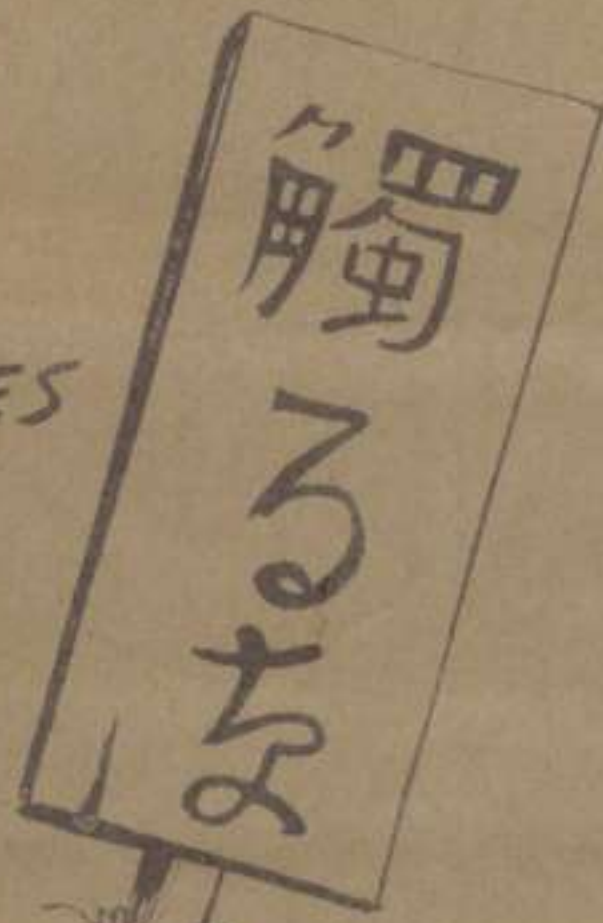
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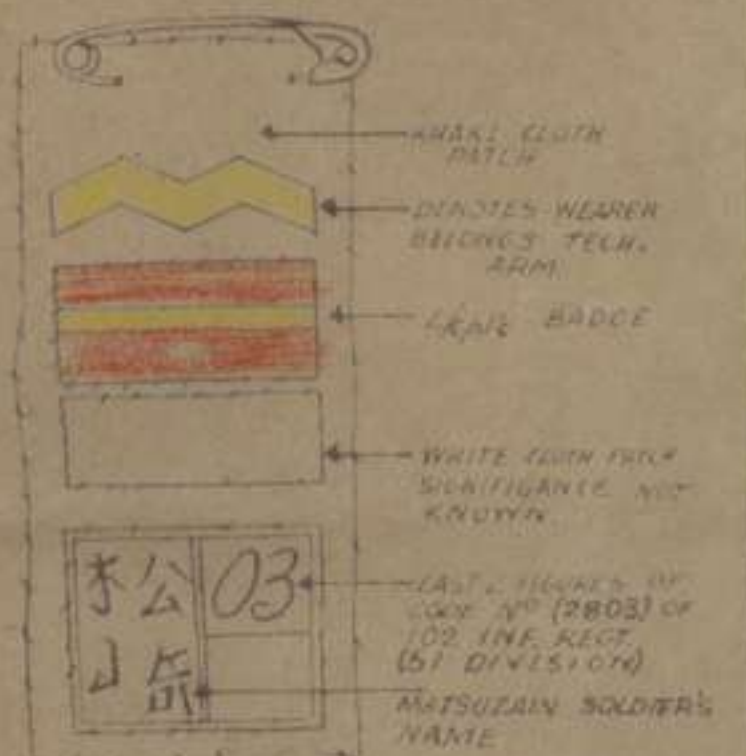


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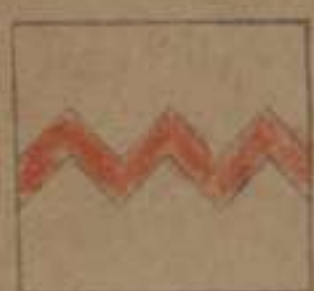


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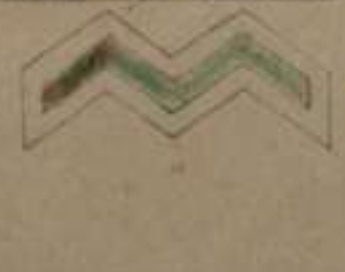


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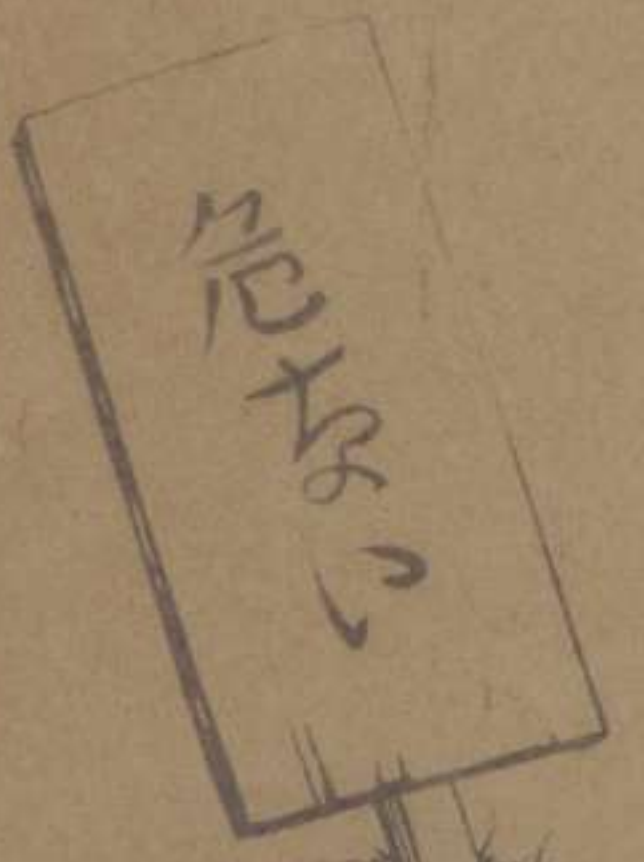
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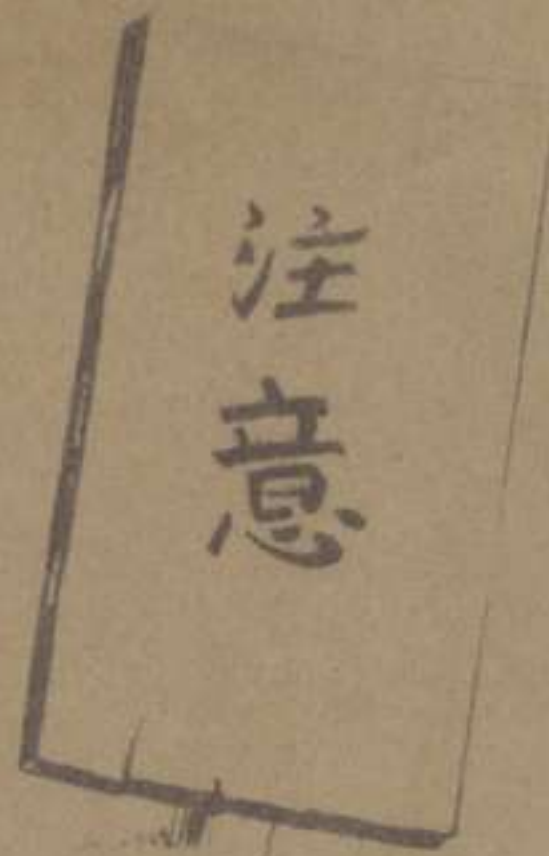
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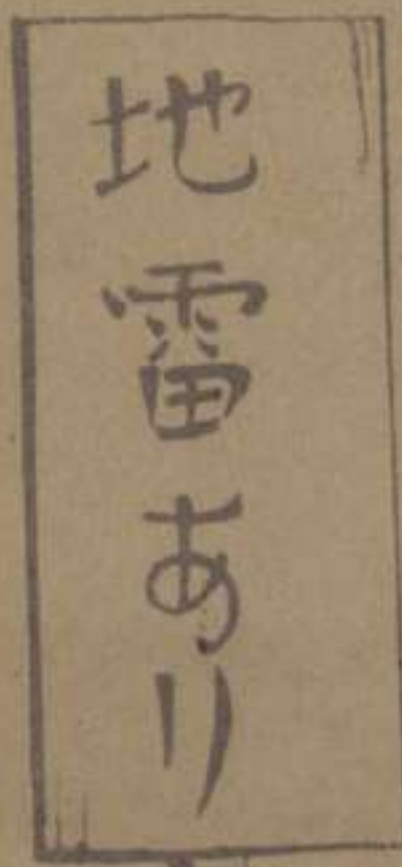
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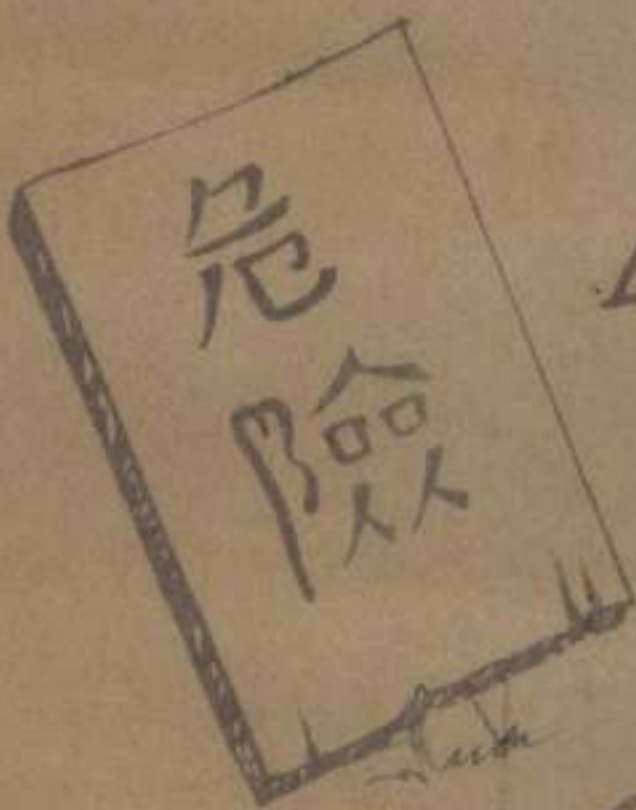
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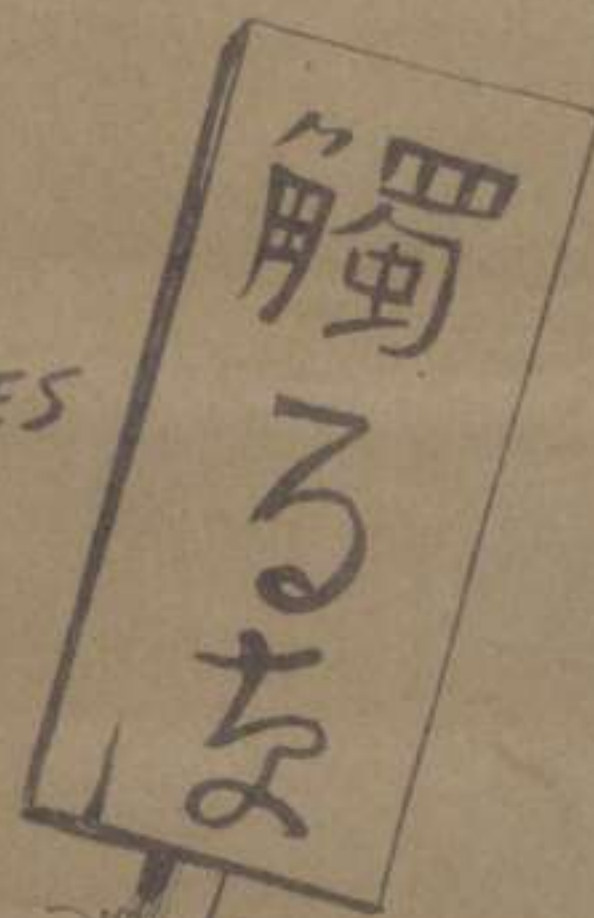
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IDENTIFICATION METHODS

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- BLACK: MILITARY POLICE
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- PINK: INTELLIGENCE
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- PURPLE: VETERINARY

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War Diary *appx 9*

Subject: JAP TREATMENT OF AUSTRALIAN P W -- AMBON ISLAND.

65 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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1. The following are details relative to treatment meted out by Japanese to Aust P W on Ambon Island:-
 - (a) Of 600 P W originally held in 1942 only 149 remain alive. A few have died as the result of Allied bombing, but the balance have succumbed through cruelty and gross ill treatment.
 - (b) Survivors in the main are extremely emaciated, have suffered up to 50% loss of weight, and are suffering from Malaria, tuberculosis, malnutrition and tropical ulcers.
 - (c) Jap guards took delight in deliberately torturing their captives by beating their sores and keeping them on a starvation diet of 4 oz of rice daily.
 - (d) No hospital accommodation or medicines were made available to the Prisoners until 3 weeks prior to their release.
2. One survivor aged 15 yrs on enlistment now weighs 4 stone. He is in hospital on MOROTAI but is not expected to recover.
3. The Commandant of one of the prison camps has been apprehended and brought to MOROTAI to stand trial for numerous atrocities perpetrated at his directions. He personally delighted in striking the prisoners with his swagger cane.
4. Additional atrocities against Allied P W have been reported from the CELEBES.


 Maj.
 Adm Comd 65 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).
 14 Sep 45.

WIG/ANT

ADDENDUM.

1. MOROTAI.

It is now estimated that there are 2400 - 2600 Japs on this Island.

2. TIMOR.

Jap ration states for Timor show strength of garrison to be 3770

Appx 10

Subject: COMPANY INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVE.

83 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.
45/56
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1. Each Rifle Coy will appoint from its own resources one permanent representative for General Intelligence duties within the Coy.
2. Nominations for the positions will be forwarded to reach Bn HQ NOT later than 1800 hrs 18 Sep 45.
3. It should be understood that representatives appointed will not be relieved of normal Coy duties, but in addition to these will be responsible under Coy Commanders for collection and transmission to Bn HQ of all intelligence matters.
4. Coy representatives should be used for liaison with Bn Intelligence Section and for verbal presentation of relevant information down to troops.

E. W. Brown
Capt.
Adj. 83 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Subject:- NOTES ON THE JAPANESE ARMY.

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1. The following is the first of a series of notes relevant to the Japanese Army inasmuch as it is likely to concern this Bn.

J. Brown Capt. Maj.
 Adm Comd 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

INTRODUCTION

The Japanese Army is the modern counterpart of the ancient Samurai, a body of professional fanatical soldiers. From 1931 onwards it gained increasing power and territories, but its subsequent decline commenced with the defeats suffered in the Owen Stanley Ranges of N.G.

CHARACTERISTICS

- (a) Indoctrination and Morale: The children work hard weekly at the shrines of their National Religion. The Japanese attitude towards the crushing defeat of their Army is scarcely comprehensible to the Western mind. They still believe that they are not beaten.
- (b) Ruthlessness:- Treatment of Allied PW and natives.
- (c) Inefficiency of mass troops:- Bereft of command or faced with unusual situations the Japs are liable to be stupid.
- (d) Lack of Security:- Jap security is very bad. He makes no attempt to destroy documents, equipment etc before capture (capture impossible to his mind), Much information, documents, equipment etc should be found. Although the war is over many details of the Jap Army organisation remain to be completed.
- (e) Obsolete methods:- Feudal ideas, swords colours, and ceremony.

GENERAL

From reliable information received to date, it is believed that the Jap Formation which 63 Bn is likely to encounter, was raised in Hiroshima (of Atomic Bomb fame), played a major part in the bestial "rape of Nanking", landed at Singora in December 1941, and met the 8th Aust Div at Kuala Lumpur. It left Kuala Lumpur in the latter part of 1942, and seized portions of N.G. Seran, and Ambon Is.

The story of the shocking treatment meted out to Allied PW in their hands need not be repeated.

To assist all ranks in the handling and control of Japanese PW, there are attached appendices giving elementary phrases, relevant information, and useful facts.

APPENDIX 1

JAPANESE VOCABULARY

Army:- RIKUGUN
Navy KAIGUN
Airforce KUUGUN
Mil. Police KEMPEI

Rations:- RYOUSHOKU
Soldier HEITAI
Thank you AARIGATOU
Where from DOKO KARA

Ranks
Pte NITOUHEI
Cpl GOUCHOU
Sjt GUNSOU
Lt SHOUJ
Capt TAI
Maj SHOUSA
Lt Col CHUUSA
Col TAISA

Weapons
Rifle SHOUJUU
Bayonet JUUKEN
Pistol TANJUU
LMG KIJUU
MMG CHUUKIKANJUU
HMG JUUKI
Grenade TERYODAN
Amm. DAN YAKU

Commands and questions
Attention!! - KI WO TSUKE
Come here!! KOCHI KOI
Fall in! ATSUMARE
Go on! MASSUGI NI
Hands up!! TE WO AGERO
Hurry! HAYAKU-HAYAKU
Lie down! YOKI NI NARE
March! MAE-E-SUSUME

Silence;- DAMARE
Throw down your arms! BUKI WO SUTETE
Stop! TOMARE
Keep close! CHIKAKU NI
Do you understand English? EIGO GA WAKARIMASU KA
Where is it? DOKO DESU KA

General
Alarm;- KEIHOU
To command SHIKI SURU
Hospital BYOU

Officer SHOUKOU
Identity disc-NIN SHIKI HYOU
Name NAMAE
Map CHIZUU

APPENDIX 11

JAPANESE IDENTITY DISCS

These are of brass, oval in shape, and tied around the waist by a piece of tape.

(1) Other ranks. Reading from the top, the following details are shown,

- (a) Arm of service
- (b) Number indicating Regiment
- (c) Dash (end of word)
- (d) Serial No of the man in the Regt



INF
56 (REGT)
147 (Serial No)

(2) Officers. Reading from the top.

- (a) Arm of service
- (b) Rank
- (c) Surname (will be in character and therefore indecipherable)



INF
1st LT.
YAMAMOTO

APPENDIX 2 cont

(3) Interpretation of discs.

- (a) Read downwards
- (b) Only the first two characters for airm of service may appear.
- (c) The group indicating the Regt may be:-
 - i. The proper name of the Regt. eg. 159 (Regt)
 - ii. The code name of the Regt. eg. 4564
 - iii. Portion of the code numbers. eg. 64.

APPENDIX 3

JAPANESE NUMERALS

There are two sets of numerals in Japanese, the native, and those introduced from China. Japanese numerals only go as far as ten. From eleven onwards, the numerals are compound words using Chinese forms.

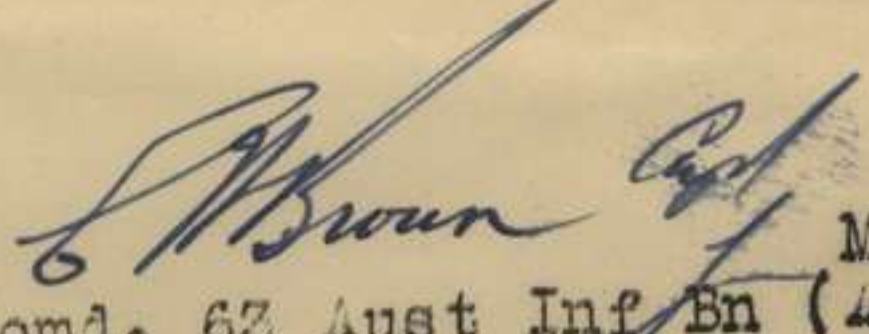
<u>Number</u>	<u>Chinese</u>	<u>Japanese</u>	<u>Character</u>
1.	ICHI	HITOTSU	一
2.	NI	FUTATSU	二
3.	SAN	MITTSU	三
4.	SHI or YON	YOTTSU	四
5.	GO	ITSUTSU	五
6.	ROKU	MUTSU	六
7.	SHICHI or NANA	NANATSU	七
8.	HACHI	YATTSU	八
9.	KU or KYU	KOKONOTSU	九
10.	JU	TO	十
11.	JU ICHI		十一
12.	JU NI		十二
13.	JU SAN		十三
20.	NI JU		二十
44.	YON JU YON		四十四
77.	NANA JU NANA		七十七
100.	IPPYAKU		百
200.	NIHYAKU		二百
1000.	ISSEN		千

Subject: NOTES ON SERAN (CERAM) AND ADJACENT ISLANDS.

63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.
45/59
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1. These notes will be issued for ease of references as a series of paragraphs dealing with important Features of Seran (Ceram) and adjacent islands. They are based on information collated by Allied Geographical Section South-west Pacific Area, and will be supplemented from time to time.
2. Paras 1 - 10 follow.


 Maj.
 Adm. Comd. 63 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Para 1 INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The islands to be dealt with are the large islands SERAN and adjacent islands of Boano Kelang and Manipa. These and adjacent groups lie off the NW end of New Guinea between 2° 45' S and 3° 33' S and between 127° 32' E and 130° 53' E. To the south lies the BANDA Sea.

~~The attached map~~

Para 2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Seran is 190 miles long and of maximum width 38 miles. It is rugged and broken country for the most part and has a mountain range running east and west which rise to 3,053 metres. There are coastal plains especially in the north east sector, but the mountainous parts are covered in heavy almost unpenetrable jungle. Consequently the island is little developed and the few tracks are confined to coastal regions. The most important economic feature of the island at present is the small Oilfield at BOOLA in the north east, but timber will probably be of greater importance in the future. Otherwise, industries are confined to the production of copra, rubber, coffee, copal, and sago. The European population is negligible (200 in 1930), but natives Chinese and Asiatics comprise almost 100,000. Surrounding islands to the west and South east of Seran, are smaller editions of the main island, of coral formation surrounded by extensive reefs, and rising steeply from the sea. Larger islands are mountainous. The island of Ambon will be dealt with separately.

Para 3. HISTORY.

In 1651 the Dutch East India Coy (V.O.C.) took over the island from the ruling chieftans who came from TERNATE in the Halmaheras, with the object of exploiting the spice trade. The system of monopolies employed by the Dutch Company was disliked by the natives, and considerable unrest was caused until the Netherlands Crown took over the administration in 1825. It is interesting to note that the Japanese have revived memories of the old monopoly system of propaganda against the Dutch. In 1829 a military garrison was stationed on the north coast for the purpose of controlling unrest and local revolts. Its influence was practically limited to coastal regions, but reasonably peaceful conditions obtained during the 19th century. From 1904 to 1908/9 and from 1915 to 1916 there were local revolts mainly in west Seran, and a small garrison was established at PIROE. These revolts arose out of the natural independence of the natives and supervision of head hunting practice.

With regard to the attitude of the people towards their rulers it is important to bear in mind the fact that a local Militia Company formed in Aug/Sep 1941 at Ambon became a fine native unit with high morale and good discipline. Its soldiers were recruited entirely in West and South Seran, and it was considered a great honour by the Seranese to serve under the Dutch flag. The garrisons at Wahai Geser and Boela were small and at the outbreak of war with Japan these were withdrawn to Ambon (Jan 1942) after destruction of the oilworks at Boela. The Japanese landed at Boela on 31 Mar 42, and have subsequently partially re-instated the oilfield and constructed certain airfields. Elements of the 5th and 48th Japanese Divs are known to be on Ambon and Seran, but the total number is at present indeterminate.

Para 4 SPELLING

The Dutch System is in general use throughout these islands. Notes on pronunciation of vowel and consonant sounds are given at Appx B. A

Para 5 STANDARD TIME.

On Seran ~~is~~ corresponds to 8.30 hrs fast on Greenwich. It is known as "Moluccas time".

Para 6 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The metric System is used for measurements of Distances (except nautical miles) heights volumes and weights.

Para 7 CURRENCY.

The monetary unit is the Dutch Guilder.

Para 8 MAGNETIC VARIATION

Mag variation is from 3 degrees to 3 degrees 30 mins.

Para 9 WATER

The islands are cut by innumerable streams, and water is plentiful in the wet monsoon (Jan - Apr). Many coastal villages have wells, and BOELA oilfield has a plentiful water supply. While water-borne diseases are less prevalent in this area than others of SWPA, it still remains essential to sterilise all water supplies for human use.

Para 10 MAPS AND CHARTS.

Seran is well mapped as far as physical features are concerned. These maps to a scale of 1:100,000 were prepared by the Dutch more than 20 years ago, and are consequently out of date in many respects - particularly with regard to roads and tracks. However the 1:500,000 map of Seran which has been issued to Coys has been brought up to date as regards roads and tracks. (inform to 1943).

Subject:- NOTES ON SERAN AND ADJACENT ISLANDS PART II

War Diary
Appx 13

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1. These notes are a further series of paragraphs dealing with important features of SERAN(CERAM) and adjacent islands.
2. Paras 11 - 17 follow.

L. H. Brown
Capt.
Adj. 63 Aust Inf Bn (A I F)

Para 11. STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE.

Geographically, Seran occupies a position of great strategical importance as the centre point in the MOLUCCAS but also WESTERN NEW GUINEA, CELEBES and the LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS.

The island of SERAN itself is so little developed, having few roads, that its present value is small in comparison with AMBON which lies close on the SOUTH WEST. The SOUTH WEST end of SERAN with fleet anchorage and airfield sites at PIROE and ELPAPOTIH BAYS when regarded as part of AMBON, is the most important feature at the present stage.

The groups of islands off the SOUTH EAST extremity of SERAN considered stepping stones to the KAI, ARDE and TANIMBAR groups are so rugged, lack anchorages and miss value their position warrants. Development of the oilfields at BOELA by the JAPANESE shows that considerable importance is attached to this place.

Present areas of greatest military significance are:-

- (i) Oilfield at BOELA on the EAST coast of SERAN.
- (ii) Airfields at BOELA, one just SOUTH of the oilfield, the other 5½ miles SOUTH.
- (iia) Airfield at AMAHHAI reported serviceable as at 1 Dec 43.

Possible airfield sites.

- (i) PIROE BAY area - at KAMARIAN; KAIRATOE - WAISAMOE on the EASTERN side, TANAH GOJANG on the WESTERN side.
- (iv) ELPAPOTIH BAY area at WAI TALA on the WESTERN side.
- (v) WAHAI central NORTH coast emergency landing ground.
- (vi) NORTH-WEST coast between TANDJONG, TAPI & KAWA.
- (vii) POELOE TOEDJOEH plantation NORTH coast.

Anchorage including Seaplane Bases:

(viii) BOAND island off NORTH WEST end of SERAN - hidden and anchorage for destroyers, submarines and seaplanes, ~~anchorage~~ ^{sheltered}
(ix) SELEM N BAY central NORTH coast - ~~sheltered~~ anchorage for limited no. large warships, also hidden.

(x) WA HAI and HATLING BAYS central NORTH coast - sheltered anchorages.

(xi) AMAHAI at eastern entrance to ELPAPOTIH BAY SOUTH coast; hidden anchorage.

(xii) PIROE BAY western extremity, sheltered anchorage.

Para 12. TABLE OF DISTANCES.

Direct distances in sea miles :-

BOELA to DARWIN	--- 560
PERDE to DARWIN	--- 590
BOELA to AMBON	--- 135
BOELA to DILLI	--- 480

Para 13. REEFS AND DEPTHS

SERAN with its adjacent islands and the outlying groups are clear of offshore obstructions. Shore reef extends in various parts but approached are easy in deep water. In general vessels can navigate close inshore.

Para 14 PREVALENCE WINDS AND STORMS.

(a) SOUTH of SERAN in NORTH EASTERN BANDA SEA SOUTH EAST MONSOONS SET in April become stronger in July until August decrease in Sep and Oct. NORTH WEST monsoon is at it's height in Jan and Feb but is not as regular as the SOUTH EAST monsoon. The wind is WEST to NORTH WEST and frequently changeable. The spring period is considered March April Oct and Nov. The greatest winds are in the BANDA SEA.

(b) NORTH OF SERAN IN THE SERAN SEA.
Monsoons less regular than in NORTH -- EAST part of BANDA SEA. The SOUTH EAST monsoon begins later than in BANDA SEA usually well into May. During this period force of the wind is smallest and many variable winds occur. During June the monsoon is not settled with its ~~max~~ ^{max} during July August Sep but variable winds are frequent. During June the monsoon is not settled with its ~~max~~ ^{max} during July August Sep to weaken although prevailing winds are from SOUTH EAST. The spring period is Nov, and winds from all quarters are experienced, though easterly winds are rare. The WEST monsoon blows from Dec to March with NORTH EAST winds prevailing. The monsoon is not regular and variable winds occur more than elsewhere in the area. WEST winds prevail in April although they are of little force and there is practically no monsoon. The winds decrease going NORTH with the greatest strengths occurring in July and Jan. Land breezes will be experienced on both NORTH and SOUTH coast.

Para 15 CURRENTS:

In general, during the SOUTH EAST monsoons the current sets the NORTH WEST along the Western coast of NEW GUINEA between KAI and AROE islands then westward along the SOUTH coast of SERAN at the rate of 1 or 1½ knots according to strength of wind velocity being greatest along the coast of NEW GUINEA.

At the same period an easterly current prevails on the NORTH side of the SERMATA islands between TUMOR and the TANIMBARRgroup, setting to windward so that a moderately fast sailing vessel would experience no difficulty there in beating up against the monsoons. In the NORTH WEST monsoons the current in these seas usually sets with the wind.

Para 16. TIDES

The tide range is small with a max rise and fall of 4ft.

Para 17. STATE OF SEA:

In the north east BANDA SEA is aswell during the whole year, the least being in Sep Oct and Nov. In the Southern part of the SERAN SEA favorable conditions prevail from Jul to Nov but a rather heavy swell can be expected. During continuous winds which cause a high sea in STRAIT MANIPA small vessels usually travel via KELANG straits.

Appx 14

Subject: NOTES ON AMBON ISLAND -- PART 1
Jap treatment of Aust. Prisoners of War
Native Customs .

H.Q. Coy
A. Coy.
B. Coy.
C. Coy.
D. Coy.
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1. The following is a series of answers to questions concerning Allied P.Ws., the Japanese and natives on Ambon and forms the first part of further information concerning the island.
2. Sources of information were Capt. Eilhart, Dutch M/O who was given responsibility of medical care for Aust. P.W., and Lt. Van Est, Dutch Permanent Force officer captured at Jap initial landing in Jan. 1942. Both are at present in 2/5 Aust. Gen. Hosp.

Jan Welby (Capt.)
Adjt. 63 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)
AWD

- Q. Were medical necessities forthcoming for welfare of our P.W. at Ambon?
- A. Initially our monthly requisitions were almost completely filled. Later, supplies became fewer and fewer, until during 1944 and 1945 practically nothing of any value was received. No quinine was given after 15. Feb. 1943. There was no hospital accommodation for the sick, no medical utensils, no bandages or gauze, no mattresses or sheets and extremely little soap. The men's clothing had to be torn up for bandages and towards the end only 15% of the PWS had boots even remotely serviceable.
- Q. Who was the senior Jap Medical Officer at the PW. Camp?
- A. I do not know. My only normal contact was with a very poor type pf R.M.O. whose name I cannot remember either. The only medical officer with whom I had dealings I consider to be a gentleman and a good doctor. His name was Maj. Nakamura. He speaks both English and German. I do not know where he could be located.
- Q. What diseases must the Forces of Occupation guard against particularly?

A. In order of priority I would say:-

- (i). Dysentery - both amoebic and bacillary. Fly control will be essential.
- (ii). Malaria - Normal precautions will be essential at all times. Extraordinary precautions, I believe, will be necessary in certain parts of the Island. LAHA, across the bay, I know to be a bad place. Incidentally, there is a native doctor at Ambon who is an authority on Malaria and other diseases on the island. His name is Taihitu (previously in Dutch Govt. Service employment) and I believe he is loyal, trustworthy and capable.
- (iii). Venereal Disease - Up to 100% of the natives - by areas are infected. It cannot be overstressed that the soldiers must NOT have dealings with the native women.
- (iv). Infected Sores. - Even the most trivial cut or abrasion will become infected if not given immediate and careful subsequent attention.
- (v). Hookworm - Boots must be worn at all times when moving about if risk of infection is to be avoided.

The other diseases suffered by the PW. were largely contracted due to malnutrition and ill treatment. They will not constitute a menace to your troops who will be in good health on arrival. They are:-

- i. Tropical Ulcers.
- ii. Tuberculosis.
- iii. Beri Beri.

Cholera I have not heard of on Ambon, but I know that a percentage of the natives is infected with Leprosy.

Q. What was the food ration of our P.Ws?

A. Initially 18 oz. of rice daily. Gradually this was reduced until, in the last year, we only received 4 oz. of inferior rice and 2 oz. of vegetables daily. Tea was normally available 3 times daily.

The rice ration was nothing more than the sweepings from the Jap grain store, and contained grit and dirt of all sorts. The vegetables were normally sweet potatoes (often rotten), the green leaves of the potato vine and a variety of grass or wild spinach.

In the early years we occasionally had fish or meat - the fish being either shark or porpoise, and then only the head or the tail. Of fruit there was none. The PWs. planted gardens but became too weak to cultivate them.

Q. Was the Jap food ration reduced in proportion to that of the P.W?

A. No. Until recently they were each receiving 18 oz. of rice daily, and a small reduction immediately prior to the end of the war made no appreciable difference. They consumed the best of whatever food was available and to the best of my knowledge are all relatively well fed and healthy.

Q. How were the Dutch PW. treated?

A. Even worse than the Australians. The Japs hoped by doing this to create dissension between the two peoples.

Q. Was there a good water supply at the P.W. Camp?

- A. Yes. The camp was at the site of the original 2nd Aust Inf. Bn. barracks at Tantoe, a well laid-out establishment with hutments, showers, latrines etc. The water comes from a spring SSE. of Ambon township through a 4 inch pipeline which discharges approximately 50 feet below the camp site. Water has normally to be carried up the hill from this point. Occasionally we were without water for 2/3 days while Jap naval vessels were supplied. The water did not cause any sickness that I could ever discover.
- Q. Do you think that, in view of the present state of debility of the recovered PWS., that they will ever become normal again?
- A. Yes. Their mental condition has remained extraordinarily good and I am hopeful that they will be well on the way to physical rehabilitation within a year. I believe that it will be best for them to get home as quickly as possible, and to be treated by their families as a normal returned soldier would be. Exaggerated sympathy is as bad as lack of understanding in other directions. They should be encouraged to talk of their experiences and later on will forget all about them automatically.
- Q. Were many of our PWS. killed by Allied bombings?
- A. Yes. I do not know how many, but a considerable number were.
- Q. Do you know anything of the island of Seran?
- A. Pre-war, a little - now, nothing. It is much more primitive than Ambon, however, and disease rates are known to be higher.

The following information concerning the Japanese and the natives was supplied by Lt. Van Est:-

- Q. Are the Ambonese friendly towards Australians?
- A. Yes - in the main. The christians are friendly and trustworthy. The Mohammedans, on the other hand, are reasonably friendly but cannot be trusted. Those who come from the island of Binengko are regarded as the worst.
- Q. Are there any native customs or taboos that we should know about?
- A. The Ambonese way of life centres about his religious beliefs, but he is not particularly touchy. With regard to women, it is possible for a comparative stranger to have intimate relations with a girl, provided that her family gives its consent. If a child should be born, however, failure to marry the girl is punishable by death. The Christian natives are of the Dutch Calvinistic faith and have known the religion since the seventeenth century. They are not therefore new and untried converts. All the natives live in villages; they are by no means a nomadic people. They are lazy and relatively indifferent. The Ambonese and Seranese resent being treated as servants, but a person may adopt a child for his own, provided that he makes provision for its education and welfare.

Transcribed:

Van Est Lt.
I.O.63 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
22 Sep 1945

WAR DIARY
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Subject: COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE BY INF PATROLS.

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1. The attached is a resumé of Intelligence Functions of the unit incorporating a series of suggestions as to how these may be dealt with economically.
2. No dogmatic principles are enunciated, and any suggestions for the improvement of the systems proposed will be welcomed by the Int Sec.

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INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS

1. Tasks which will be allotted to this unit are likely to deal extensively with the collection and collation of intelligence concerning the enemy, ourselves, the native races, and the area of our operations. In order that the task may be quickly completed from the outset no information of importance must be overlooked by members of the unit whose duty it is to collect it.
2. For the guidance of all Ranks as attachments hereto, there are given four appendices, in which are set out some of the major principles for adoption by reconnaissance and other patrols, charged with the responsibility of collecting intelligence. These principles should be treated as a guide only and may be adjusted to meet any particular set of circumstances.
3. Broadly speaking, it is necessary that all intelligence be logically collected by Pls. Coys etc, and passed up rapidly to Bn Hq for collation with that from other source prior to transmission to Bde HQ. Thus it is imperative that Intelligence reports should be brief, correctly set out in a consistent manner, and completely devoid of ambiguity. Without the assistance of all members of the unit in this respect, the Int Sec will be seriously hampered in its effort, and the ultimate conclusion of our task will be so much the more delayed.
4. It is very definitely an urgent obligation for every officer and soldier to realise the importance of the foregoing.

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AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PART I

Conclusions drawn from evidence collected set out in concise terms on such matters as have been given as the objects of the task;

- e.g. (i) Enemy tps.
(ii) Own tps (incl P.W.)
(iii) Natives . . .
(iv) Topography . . . s.
(v) Roads and tracks.
(vi) Water ways.
(vii) Water supplies.
(viii) Installations facilities etc.
(ix) Other important matters not specifically required by orders.

PART II

Method plus full and detailed evidence in support of the matters summarised in part I.

PART III

Marked maps, sketches, track going information, photographs, captured documents etc.

APPENDIX II

COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE:

1. Commanders must ensure that all members of task force or patrol have clearly defined instructions concerning the task in hand, prior to movement from base, that on return relevant information is passed back quickly with all supporting evidence.

2. Reports will be fully detailed to cover among other things the following:-

- (i) Strengths, dispositions, recent movements etc. of enemy HQ and other forces.
- (ii) Types of equipment taken into custody and where found.
- (iii) Documents found and collected and where located.
- (iv) Names of Japanese commanders and their arms or services.
- (v) Names of perpetrators of atrocities, collaborators and spies.
- (vi) Health of Japanese, natives and own troops.
- (vii) Natives:- numbers, language spoken, friendly or otherwise, racial idiosyncrasies.
- (viii) Topographical and geographical information; - ground features, waterways, vegetation, waste, rainfall etc.
- (ix) Roads and tracks - estimating classifications for wet and dry conditions and remembering that bridges culverts defiles etc. usually limit road capacities. Materials available for repairs if any.
- (x) Water - samples to be sent back for examination before being accepted as fit for washing or drinking.
- (xi) General relevant remarks concerning , say:-
 - (a) Japanese or civil governments, resources employed by Japanese and work accomplished during occupation etc.
 - (b) Effect of Jap occupation on native races as a whole.

Suggested Standard Routine for track going Maps and Recording of Int.

The example given hereunder related to an Inf Pl patrol sent out with the specific task of collecting PW, documents, equipment, and topo information. Patrol consists of 1 Offr 1 Pl Sgt 3 Sec Cpls and 32 OR's.

1. Each man in the patrol will have a specific task, and in turn be able to assume the task of any other member.
2. Order of the patrol in tactical formation will be as follows:-
 - (a) 2 forward scouts (Nos 1 & 2) preceded if possible by one or more Jap envoys.
 - (b) No 3 - compass operator, responsible for maintenance of direction.
 - (c) No 4 - track map maker who will note and number in sequence items of controlling interest.
 - (d) No 5 - Scribe who will make notes corresponding to serial numbers allotted by 4.
 - (e) No 6 - Time keeper who will instruct 4 to notestamps on map at important intervals.
 - (f) No 7 - Sec Cpl of point sec.
 - (g) Remainder of patrol to be responsible for collecting numbering bagging and carrying all documents and small items of equipment etc., to guard PW and deal with detailed investigations.
3. In amplification of para 2 the following is proposed:-
 - (a) That Pl Comds pick suitable men for positions of No 4. (Probably Sec Cpls or Sec 2 i/cs)
 - (b) That key personnel be relieved at frequent intervals to avoid loss of concentration.
 - (c) That scribes selected must be capable of neat fast and legible writing during movements.
 - (d) That Pl Comds change point sections in rotation.
 - (e) That the importance of numbering articles in sequence, and placing corresponding numbers on track map cannot be overstressed.
 - (f) That all men besides those in key positions must realise they have equal responsibility in collecting intelligence, and having it recorded and passed back.
4. The track going map when completed should:-
 - (i) agree approximately with route laid down on master map
 - (ii) rear rotations as to intervals of time between important points so that distances travelled may be computed roughly as check on accuracy of work.
 - (iii) show villages, plantations, HQ, where personnel documents equipment etc were taken, native wells or water supplies, and so on, and be numbered in sequence on track map and all correspondingly entered in detail and numbered in scribe's notes.
5. Sample track going map would be as shown at appx iv. Fine ruled foolscap paper will be most suitable for recording of observations.

