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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
ILOLO	1	Weather dull and cloudy. 1000 hrs Church Parade held in Salvation Army tent, Padre DOYLE officiating. R.C.Church Parade at 14 Aust Fld Amb Lines. Sgts AVERY A.R. and CHRISP D. selected for L.H.Q. Potential Offrs School. Lieut W.B.LAING to be attached to Bde as I.O. Maj. A.E.R.MOORE, Salvation Army and Salvation Army Chief visited the area in afternoon.
	2	Weather fine and warm in the morning with heavy rain in the afternoon. Reveille 0500 hrs. Troops out on all day route march. Maj. P.E.RHODEN visited Bde to interview Brig I.DOUGHERTY. Sgt LYNN W.T. interviewed by Brig 1030 hrs. Lieut W.B.LAING commenced duties as I.O. at Bde. Lt-col H.B.CHALLEN arrived back to lines from CHAFORCE having been recalled because of original role of CHAFORCE being cancelled. Maj RHODEN handed over to the C.O.
	3	Weather dull and warm with heavy rain in afternoon. OMARITANA standing patrol relieved by "A" Coy. G(R) squad selected and recce made of demonstration area by Adjut, Lieuts G.L.KOLB and N.H.YOUNG and R.S.M. 130 men sent to pictures at night under Lieut H.E.R.MC.DONALD. C.O. visited Bde Comd.
	4	Weather fine and cool. Lt-col H.B.CHALLEN accompanied by Capt I.W.HAMILTON, Lieut R.M.McILROY and Sgt DREDGE reported to Bde, the latter three had interviews with the Brig. Personnel from unit visited hospitals. Unit cricket team played 2/16 Aust Inf Bn team at KOITAKI, the match resulting in a win for 2/14 Aust Inf Bn by 2 runs. G(R) School commenced in unit lines.
	5	Weather fine and warm, heavy rain in afternoon. Coys on all day route march, including two hours spent swimming. C.O. held orderly room at 1500 hrs and at 1530 hrs Adjut gave a talk on the action of the unit during the period from 16 Aug to 30 Aug, disposns of coys being shown on sand table. Night training carried on.

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ILOLO	6	Weather fine and warm, rain in afternoon. C.O. accompanied the Bde Cōmd on a visit to MORESEBY. Defensive area. G(R) squad with Vickers and Mortars rehearsed for demonstration of fire power. Lieut R.M. McILROY reported to Bde as L.O. Beer at the rate of 1 bottle per man was obtained at Canteen. Concert held in Salvation Army tent at night.
	7	Weather warm and muggy with occasional showers. 0900 hrs Bn parade. Demonstration of fire power by G(R) squad using Vickers and 3" Mortars at 1000 yds. Attended by Brig. I. DOUGHERTY and B.M. The demonstration was very successful and the Brig congratulated the tps on the very fine show. Cpl McEWAN D.L. and Pte ELY S.C. left with Bde party to take snaps of graves along the IORIBAIWA - KOKODA track. 1430 hrs Offrs held cricket practice. Word received that Capt W.B. RUSSELL to go to Bde 8 Nov as B.M. learner.
	8	Weather fine and warm. R.C. Church Parade 1800 hrs. Padre DOYLE held C. of E. service in Salvation Army tent at 1015 hrs. Lieut M.L. MOTT, A/Sgt BUTCHER F.W. and Cpl CURR H.H. left to attend G(R) course N.G.F. Sgt LACEY W.H. attended Bde for interview with Brig. Lt-col ANDERSON A.D.O.S 6 Div. visited unit in afternoon. Warning order re C in C's parade received. Party to pictures at night.
	9	Weather fine and warm. Tng in morning. Inspection and C in C's parade at KOITAKI at 1545 hrs. 40 tps transported to pictures at night.
	10	Weather fine and warm. Word received that digging to commence tomorrow. 200 tps to move to defensive area for purpose of preparing area. 2000 hrs word received that party moving on 11 Nov would be advance party for Bn - balance of unit to move on 12 Nov to complete move. C.O. and party of offrs went to pictures.

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ILOLO	11	0800 hrs recce party left for Bde R.V. near 7 mile defensive area arriving 1000 hrs. 1100 hrs main party of 200 arrived in area.
7 MILE AREA	12	Unit move complete at 0900 hrs; changed transport at base area, arriving new area at approx 1200 hrs. Camp established and tents, including mess, erected. Work on emplaning tables commenced on word being received that Bde would be flown to KOKODA area to relieve 16 Bde in following order; 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn. Emplaning to commence at 0630 hrs 13 Nov 42. 1600 hrs movement put back 24 hrs. Adjt and Q.M's conference at Bde HQ. In preparation for move clothing was handed in to be dyed green.
	13	1930 hrs Bn parade at which Bde Comd addressed Bn. Emplaning charts submitted to Bde. Unit on 2 hrs notice to move. Loads and nominal rolls for each plane prepared. 1745 hrs rehearsal parade for emplaning. Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY returned to unit from O.T.S. BONEGILLA.
	14	Tps spent morning in preparation for move. 1445 hrs Bn attended Bde parade. Inspected and addressed by Lt-gen HERRING.
	15	Reveille 0600 hrs First plane load left area 0815 hrs arriving at WARD'S DROME 0845 hrs, remainder of plane loads 2-9 arriving later. 1400 plane loads returned to unit lines, trip being postponed. Mobile Picture Unit visited area. Heavy rain during late afternoon and evening.
	16	Reveille 0600 hrs. Movement to KOKODA postponed. Bn route march to BOOTLESS INLET, midday meal at beach. Heavy rain during evening.
	17	Lectures to whole unit by R.M.O and C.O on personal hygiene, and the situation on all fronts respectively.
	18	Weather warm and close. Bn parade. Bn then marched to def area and exercise conducted, down to secs. The occupying of a defensive posn, sec posns were spit-locked, and tps put on ground in their posns. "I" Sgt reccenoitred O.P posn on STOKES RANGE area. Preparations made for sports meeting 19 Nov 42.

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7 MILE AREA	19	Weather heavy rain in morning. Weapon tng in morning. Coys marched to area approx 2 miles S.E. of camp for inter-coy sports. Meeting a pronounced success. Results as follows- "B" Coy 27 pts, "D" Coy 17 pts, HQ Coy 16 pts, "A" Coy 16 pts, "C" Coy 9 pts, Bn HQ 8 pts. Tea and sandwiches were provided by "Q" Staff for afternoon tea.
	20	Bde assembled on 700' feature overlooking def posn, where ^{re} Bde Comd explained the topography of area and his scheme of defence. Bns moved to defensive area to continue digging and siting of posns. Brigadier's lecture to Bde offrs in 2/14 Bn's mess on tactics during evening.
	21	"I" sec reps lecture to all coys on situation at BUNA. Afternoon Bde Sports Meeting held in Bde Area. Results 2/14 Aust Inf Bn 51 pts, 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 38 pts, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn 35 pts, Bde HQ 13 pts. Outstanding performers for 2/14 Bn were Pte NODRUM (1 mile) Pte MOORE (880 yds) Lieut H.E.R.McDONALD (High Jump) Afternoon refreshments of soft drink, sandwiches, cake and biscuits.
	22	Church Parade 1015 hrs. Brig. I.DOUGHERTY and Staff Captain attended. Quiet day. Word received that unit was again on 4 hrs notice to move. Plane loads were again constructed and preparations made for move. Combined inter-service sports meeting held at MORESBY GOLF LINKS. Padre DOWDING marched into unit. Lieut K.A.EVANS returned.
	23	Weather dry and warm. Unit standing by for move. Quiet day.
	24	Weather dry and warm. Word received that Bn would commence to emplane at 0630 hrs on 25 Nov 42.
POPONDETTA	25	Reveille 0330 hrs. Immediately after breakfast troops commenced embussing in their detailed plane loads and by 0600 hrs the first ten plane loads had arrived at WARD'S DROME. No time was lost in the emplaning and the first plane carrying C.O and B.H.Q Staff left at approx 0630 hrs. Subsequent plane loads leaving at short intervals. By 1500 hrs the entire Bn had arrived safely at POPONDETTA landing strip.

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POPON- DETTA	25 (contd)	As the troops were landed they were moved to a bivouac area approx one mile from landing strip. The Bn at this stage was organized into 3 coys, A, B and C Coys under comd of Lieut J.C.SCHWIND, Capt A.J.S.D.McGAVIN and Capt C.BUTLER respectively, a defence pl under Lieut D.RAINEY and HQ elements under Capt W.B.RUSSELL. Lt-col H.B.CHALLEN C.O, Capt S.Y.BISSET Adjt, Maj. P.E.RHODEN 2 i/c, and Sgt LYNN W.T. acting as "I"O. Portions of "D" Coy were attached to each of A, B and C Coys. Hot tea was served in this area with the evening meal. At 1800 hrs Capt T.J.McGLINCHEY and party moved to SOPUTA to establish Bn rear area, moving all heavy stores by Jeep. Brig I.DOUGHERTY passed through the area on his way to 7 Aust Div HQ at SOPUTA.
	26	Reveille 0600 hrs. Breakfast 0700 hrs. 0800 hrs Bn in marching order together with one Coy of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn moved along the track to SOPUTA arriving there after a very exhausting march at 1400 hrs. Lt-col H.B.CHALLEN visited Div HQ to receive the latest infm on the situation. Approx 1700 hrs a coy comds conference was held and the C.O informed all comds that we would be relieving 25 Bde in the GONA sector. At approx 2030 hrs further instns were received and Coy Comds infmd that Bn would move off at 0800 hrs the following morning.
SOPUTA	27	Reveille 0545 hrs Breakfast 0645 hrs The packs were dumped and Bn moved off at 0800 hrs in battle order on a very muddy track for GONA area. The track was in a shocking condition for most of the distance and it was not until the last hour that the going became easier. During this final stage ZEROs and enemy dive bombers flew over the colm and bombed and strafed JIMBURO and SOPUTA areas. Bn arrived in 25 Bde B Ech area approx 1800 hrs where they bivouaced in Kunai grass for the night.
GONA AREA	28	The C.O and Int Sgt visited 25 Bde HQ where all available infm was obtained. Bde and Bn Intelligence secs recd the latest infm re GONA area. The C.O recd his orders from Bde then moved back to Bn, arriving approx 1130 hrs. A coy comd conference was held immediately and the plan of action for our unit outlined, Maj. P.E.RHODEN was to be left out of battle and he, with Capt T.J.McGLINCHEY, was to supervise and organize the rear echelon. Capt M.A.TREACY was appointed O.C of "A" Coy, in place of Lieut J.C.SCHWIND who was to control and comd the mortars. Briefly the plan was for 2/14 Aust Inf Bn to move fwd to a posn known as Point "Y" to EAST of GONA and approx 600 yds SOUTH of the beach. Lieut G.KOLB took out a patrol leaving at 0700 hrs to recce the area approx $\frac{1}{2}$ mile EAST of GONA. As the Bn were moving off, elements of Lieut KOLB's patrol reported in with infm that the beach had been gained and no enemy sighted. Lieut G.KOLB was given instns to follow on behind the main body when his patrol had fed and rested. The Bn arrived in the vicinity of 25 Bde HQ at 1345 hrs and were there halted whilst C.O and Adjt reported to Bde Comd for final orders.

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GONA
AREA

28 (contd) Final orders were 2/14 Aust Inf Bn would attack and capture GONA on 29 Nov 42. The following support would be provided.—

(a) A heavy aerial bombardment commencing approx 0930 hrs, with arty and mortar concentration.

(b) A demonstration on the Southern front by 25 Bde, with supporting M.M.G. fire from the WEST bank of the GONA CREEK.

The C.O.'s plan was as follows. A lying-up position at Point "Y" was selected. From there a patrol would be sent forward to recon the creek area (Point "X") and dependent on the report of that patrol would be the assembly position for the attack on the 29th. This plan was approved by Bde Comd. The rear Ech under Maj. P.E. RHODEN, now joined by C.Q.M.S. LANE from CHAFORCE, was left in this area and Bn moved off approx 1415 hrs through the Kunai in N.E. direction. A halt was made at 1500 hrs in the shade of a belt of scrub, SOUTH of Point "Y". A pl under Lieut R.H. DOUGHERTY, was sent forward with a member of "I" sec to recon the creek mouth area and on establishing his posn there send back guide to bring the main body up. At approx 1600 hrs, it was decided to move fwd to Point "Y", which was a posn at the extreme WESTERN end of a long kunai patch approx 600 yds S.E. of Point "X" (See sketch at APPENDIX 9a) Bn remained in this posn until 1730 hrs . No word had been received from Lieut DOUGHERTY. Infm was then recd from Bde to the effect that Point "X" and area some distance EAST of Point "X" had been reported clear of enemy by the 25 Bde. Acting on this infm the C.O. decided to push fwd in a N.W. direction to the beach. The Bn moved off in order, adv guard, "B" Coy (Capt McGAVIN), "C" Coy, Comd Gp, B.H.Q., Defensive Pl, and "A" Coy. Just towards dusk the fwd elements of "B" Coy gained the beach approx 200 yds EAST of Pt "X" and immediately came under heavy fire from the enemy, who were in entrenched posns, in fair strength, occupying approx 200 yds of the beach. Enemy posns had overhead covers and as a result were impossible to pick up in the failing light. Remainder of "B" Coy and one pl of "C" Coy took up posn in kunai facing the enemy posns with "C" Coy on right of "B" Coy. The last 300 yds of this approach to the beach was a swamp area and the Bn as a result had to move fwd in single file through extremely difficult going; in some places they had to wade through slimy mud and water waist deep. The first indication of the trouble ahead was recd at B.H.Q. when shots were heard, then in the next few minutes a good deal of firing was heard in the front and very confused reports came back along the line. The columns had halted and weredispersed in tentative posns. At this stage word came back for Sgt PHEFLEY, H.A. pl ("C" Coy) to move fwd. Capt S.Y. BISSET went fwd with the pl to find out what was happening, at the same time ordering the telephone line fwd. On reaching the fwd posns it was discovered that a number of our troops under Capt A.J.S.D. McGAVIN had walked right amongst the enemy posn, suffering some casualties, including Capt McGAVIN killed. Capt C. BUTLER had moved round on right flank with two pls of his coy in an attempt to find his EASTERN flank, but had experienced also considerable fire from the enemy, who apparently had enfilade fire covering his posns. Casualties were also suffered in this area. It was dark by this time and some confusion existed owing, mainly, to officer casualties.

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GONA AREA 28 (contd) Our casualties were increasing. The C.O. had moved up by this time and decided not to attempt to advance any further. It was impossible to ascertain the strength of the enemy, or to locate his posn, therefore the only alternative was to establish a strong holding line from behind which our wounded could be collected, dressed and evacuated. Pte BROWN J.A. did sterling work here dressing a considerable number of wounded under fire. This holding line was organized with "C" Coy on right under Lieut E.R.CLARKE, "B" Coy in the centre under Lieut K.A.EVANS, Lieut D.W.RAINEY and defence pl on the left. Lieut J. CLEMENTS and Capt C.BUTLER were brought in at this stage, Capt C.BUTLER walking but badly hit and Lieut J. CLEMENTS badly hit, a stretcher case. While the wounded were being brought in and dressed, stretcher bearers were called up. Owing to the thick overhead scrub and palm trees it was impossible to see a yard ahead and, as a result, the only way in which direction could be maintained was by holding on to and following the sig wire. Sig. BOYES F.R. directed all walking wounded on to the wire. Capt C.BUTLER was successfully evacuated, but Lieut J.CLEMENTS died before he was moved. Sgt COY J.W. ("B" Coy) assisted Capt S.Y.BISSET in organizing the defence line and in the collection of the wounded. He was badly wounded whilst searching for wounded on his way back from contacting Lieut K.A.EVANS. Lieut H.E.R.McDONALD was missing believed killed, whilst Lieut E.R.CLARKE was wounded in the arm, but carried on. By 2230 hrs all wounded had been successfully evacuated and surplus gear sent back. A withdrawal was then carried out successfully to Point "Y", being completed by 0200 hrs. Capt W.B.RUSSELL with elements of HQ Coy established an intermediate block through which the fwd troops withdrew, Capt M.A.TREACY in "Y" area organized the troops into a perimeter defence as they arrived. Our total casualties for this action were 3 Offrs and 5 ORs killed, 2 Offrs and 18 ORs wounded. The "I" Section representative and runner from Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY's pl arrived at the unit at 2200 hrs, reporting that Lieut DOUGHERTY's pl instead of reaching the creek at Point "X" had swung further to the EAST and had come out onto the beach near the village of BASABOA, nearly $\frac{5}{4}$ of a mile EAST of Point "X". They had surprised a small party of JAPS and had killed approx 20. C.O. reported posn to Bde Comd. It was decided that the Bn would move EAST and strike into the beach and attack the enemy's left flank. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn would be moved fwd the next morning through 25 Bde to WEST of creek point "X" and they would take over our original role, the attack on GONA itself. Our task now was to clean up the strong position we had found to exist EAST of Point "X".

29 0900 hrs the advance guard, "B" Coy under Lieut K.A.EVANS, moved off, the main body in 15 mins in order "A" Coy Comd Group, B.H.Q. "C" Coy and HQ Coy (See sketch att as Appx 9a) At approx 1130 hrs the Bn gained the beach without contacting the enemy. A block was established in this area to prevent any penetration from SOUTH of EAST. "B" Coy continued the advance along the beach to the WEST, the enemy being contacted approx 400 yds along from the block. After advancing a short distance they were pinned down by enemy fire estimated to be from 3 L.M.Gs and numerous snipers. The C.O. then decided to attack through "B" Coy with "A" Coy, with support from our 3" Mortars. This attack went in at approx 1400 hrs but although an advance

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GONA AREA	29 (contd)	of 100 yds was made and the attack led and put in with great determination by Capt M.A.TREACY and his men the attack failed to clear the main enemy posns. Our casualties were heavy in this attack, Capt TREACY being killed, and Lieut N.H.YOUNG wounded in the arm. Our HQ had been established in a posn WEST of the block and our L of C between that area and the rear echelon. Elements of HQ Coy and "A" Coy put in a further attack later on in the afternoon but the enemy, who were in extremely well dug in and camouflaged posns continued to resist and we again suffered casualties, Lieut G. KOLB being badly wounded. Capt S.Y.BISSET supervised the clearing of our wounded from the battle area and when this was done the C.O. decided to withdraw to the block area and establish a perimeter defence there for the night. A hot meal was received in this area together with the necessary ammunition replenishments. Our casualties for this day were Capt M.A.TREACY killed, Lieut G.KOLB badly wounded (later died of wounds) and 7 ORs killed, 1 offr and 28 ORs wounded. Some casualties were inflicted on the enemy but these were not counted until a few days later.
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30	At approx 0330 hrs a JAP patrol moving along the beach in a WESTERLY direction were seen and engaged by our beach post, 5 being killed and 1 wounded. The latter being sent back for interrogation at approx 1130 hrs. At 0500 hrs an old wreck approx 1½ miles N.E. of our posn was bombed and strafed by our A/C. Orders recd from Bde Comd that we were to continually harass the enemy throughout the day and we must clear up the area. Maj HANSEN of 2/1 Aust Fd Rgt arrived in area and the arty support requested by the C.O. ^{arranged} Excellent obs. was obtained from our fwd O.P. and all was made in readiness for the use of arty when thought advisable. Amm ^y however, was limited. A patrol under Cpl PARKER L.G.L was sent fwd at approx 0900 hrs to harass the enemy, followed an hour later by another patrol of 15 ORs under C.S.M TAAKE E.J.M, the object of these patrols was to endeavour to inflict casualties and to pin point his posn. At 1000 hrs Sgt JEFFREY J.N. led a patrol of 6 ORs to endeavour to contact Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY's pl and also to contact the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn who had moved up to "X" area, and obtain infm as to the whereabouts of the enemy's WESTERN flanks. This patrol included Cpl WATSON R.R. of the "I" Section. Bn strength at this stage, of those forward was 7 offr and 152 ORs. At 1045 hrs a report was recd that Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY had reported in to Bde HQ and had been instructed to move up to fwd area. 1700 hrs a small JAP patrol coming in from the EAST ran into our ambush resulting in 4 Japs killed, 2 RABAUL natives captured. Capt S.Y.BISSET moved along the track to the EAST and placed a standing patrol to cover the track and the beach. 1730 hrs Sgt JEFFREY J.N. patrol reported in having contacted 2/27 Bn also a coy of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn who were at a posn WEST of creek or Point "X". An arty registration shoot was directed by the F.O.O. Reces made by C.S.M. TAAFE E.J.M. Cpl TRUSCOTT J.H. and Capt S.Y.BISSET enabled several of the enemy posns to be pinpointed and continuous harassing attacks by our patrols throughout the day had resulted in enemy casualties. During the afternoon it was decided to attempt a further attack on enemy posns supported by arty concentration for 5 mins. It was decided to use a pl only and Cpl TRUSCOTT was selected to lead the attack. The Adjt went fwd with Cpl TRUSCOTT and his pl and gave the complete picture to all members of the pl. Cpl TRUSCOTT then explained to his three section leaders their tasks and the sections
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GONA AREA	30	<p>(contd) moved into posn for the attack. Capt S.Y.BISSET and the F.O.O. went fwd to direct the arty shoot. Cpl PARKER L.G.L. and his section who were in the fwd area were instructed to follow up the attack directing their fire into the trees to deal with snipers and also to mop up as the attack went fwd. From the fwd O.P. the C.O. rang Capt W.B.RUSSELL to send up a further two secs which he held in readiness to assist in mopping up. The arty concentration of five minutes was timed to commence at 1755 hrs and the attack at 1800 hrs. The arty shoot went according to plan and the section in the centre under Cpl DOUGLAS T.A. and the section on right under Cpl TRUSCOTT H.J. managed to get well fwd towards the enemy posns. The enemy could not be shifted with grenades so the 2" mortar and discharger cup were called for by Cpl TRUSCOTT and placed in posn by him, he directing the fire. In the meantime two sections on the left were moved fwd by the Adj. Result of mortars and discharger cup fire forced a number of the enemy to evacuate their posns and run. Cpl TRUSCOTT immediately stood up and urged his section fwd, at the same time Capt S.Y.BISSET and Cpl DOUGLAS' section moved fwd on the left, leaving the remaining two sections to mop up. A number of enemy were killed in this advance and the entire area through to the creek mouth was cleared. Several JAPS took to the sea and others moved across the creek but all were sought out and killed. The Adj. continued across the creek and contacted the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and Adj. of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn while the C.O. rang the Bde Comd of our success. It was now approx 1915 hrs and darkness was approaching. The C.O. issued instns for remainder of Bn to move fwd to captured posn, reorganised the Bn, and organised perimeter defence with patrols covering the track to the EAST, one at the block area and the other at an intermediate posn, the carrying out of these orders being completed in the dark. Our casualties in this attack were 2 ORs slightly wounded.</p>

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HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
5 Nov 42
Ref L.O.

DEMONSTRATION OF FIRE POWER

SATURDAY NOV 7 42

To Commence 0945 hrs

OBJECTS OF DEMONSTRATION

- (a.) To familiarise all tps with the capabilities of 3" Mortar and Vickers M.M.G.
- (b.) To give all tps opportunity of observing fire power and effect of Pl weapons individually and conjointly.
- (c.) To familiarise tps with sound of each weapon individually so that sound can be recognised for identification purposes.
- (d.) To accustom tps to noise of battle and use of live am.
- (e.) To show clearly the tremendous fire power that exists in the Pl.
- (f.) To bring out the full capabilities of each particular weapon used in the role for which it was designed.

PHASE 1.

- (a.) 3" Mortar - Dismounted action from Carriers
- (b.) Vickers M.M.G.

PHASE 2.

- All Pl weapons demonstrated individually.
- (a.) Pistol " .38 and .450 calibre
 - (b.) Rifle Sec " normal and rapid fire.
 - (c.) A/Tk Rifle - use against tank and pillbox
 - (d.) T.S.M.G. " repetition and automatic
 - (e.) Owen S.M.G. " " "
 - (f.) Bren " " normal and rapid
 - (g.) EY Rifle - Discharger Cup H.E.36
 - (h.) 2" Mortar " H.E. and Smoke.

PHASE 3.

All the weapons used in Phases 1 and 2 excepting the Pistol will be demonstrated together on given target showing the combined fire power of these weapons.


(Note - Commentary on Phases 1. to 3 will be made by RSM TIPTON).

PHASE 4.

Demonstration of the Pl in attack by the G.R. Pl under Lieut KOLB.
(Commentary by Lieut N H YOUNG)

PHASE 5.

Farce.
Comparison between ancient and modern warfare.


Lieut
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Adj
DEMONSTRATION - SATURDAY 7 Nov 42.

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No 1. (a) 3" Mortar.
(b) Vickers MMG. *8 20'*

No 2. Each weapon demonstrated individually.

20'

(a)	Pistol - .38 and .450 calibre.	Sjt DEWAR	J C
(b)	Rifle Section.		
(c)	A/T Rifle.	Sjt FITZPATRICK	C H
(d)	TSMG (Firing single & auto)		
(e)	Owen " " " "	L/Cpl WEEKS	S
(f)	Bren " " " & bursts)	Sjt DEWAR	J C
(g)	E Y Rifle-Discharger Cup-HE 36.	Pte BAIRD	R
(h)	2" Mortar.	" ELPHINSTONE	L C
		" LINDSAY	BR

15'

No 3. All the above weapons will be demonstrated together -
showing combined fire power of these weapons.

95'

DEMONSTRATION OF PLN AND SUPPORT WEAPONS IN AN INF BN

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|----|--|---|-----------------------|
| | (1) Pistol .38 & .450 | - | Two target |
| | (2) Rifle Section 60 Rs (Normal & Rapid) | - | target |
| | (3) A/T Rifle | - | 1. Tank 2. pillbox |
| 2. | (4) T.S.M.G. (Firing Single & Auto) | - | Two target |
| | (5) Owen S.M.G. (Firing Single & Auto) | - | " " |
| | (6) Bren M.G. (" " " Normal | - | target - 3 |
| | (7) E.Y. Rifle & Discharger cup firing H E 36 | - | Smoke Heat target 63. |
| | (8) 2" Mortar firing smoke & HE 36 | - | " " |
| | 1. (9) 3" " " " " " | ⊕ | no. 1 |
| | | | " 2. |
| 1. | (10) Vickers (+ Barrett (demonstrated) active) | | |
| | (11) Bayonet | | the assault charge |

(a) The above weapons will be demonstrated singly, then ~~the~~ combined fire power of these weapons shown.

(b) Lt Young will demonstrate with Pltn weapons: The Pltn in Attack.

Word
Smoke 3" H.E.

R. J. M.
L. G. 1

C-in-C's PARADE

2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
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War Diary
HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
9 Nov 42

ALL COYS, HQ

1. A pde will be held at KOITAKI Cricket ground for the C-in-C on 9 NOV 42.
2. A Bn pde will be held in HQ Coy lines at 1245 hrs today.
3. DRESS -
 - (a) Drill Order, puttees, standard sock tops, - hats down, Shorts & Shirts.
 - (b) Offrs - Waist belt, web. Pistol on left - pouch on right. Offrs not in possession of pistol - waist belt only.
 - (c) TSMGs to be carried. NO BREMS.
 - (d) Ground sheets will be carried and left in vehs.
4. FORMATION
 - (a) The Unit will be formed up into two coys of equal strength.
Capt W.B. RUSSELL, OC No 1 Coy.
Capt I.W. HAMILTON, OC No 2 Coy.
 - (b) Offrs will be posted to coys on the Bn Pde.
 - (c) WOs and Sgts supernumary rank in rear.
5. CSM TAPPE will form up the two coys. Each coy to be correctly sized - tallest on the flanks and shortest in the centre - and will also post the WOs and Sgts to the coys.
6. TPT
 - (a) Embussing - Personnel will be allotted for vehs and will embus in tpt lines - No 1 Coy leading.
 - (b) Debussing - On arrival KOITAKI tps will debus on order & form up in coys in the same order as before.

S. Bisset
Lieut,
Adj. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

21 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN No 3Rep Map - PORT MORESBY (Special) 1" to 1 mile.

1. This instn supersedes 21 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 2.

2. INFM

(a) If an attack on PORT MORESBY takes place it will be by:-

- i an airborne force;
- ii a seaborne force; or
- iii a combination of (i) and (ii).

(b) To defeat any attack a defence scheme has been prepared by 6 Aust Div, based on four or five bdes, depending on tps available.

(c) Disposns of the bdes and details of the scheme have already been advised to all concerned.

3. INTENTION

(a) 21 Aust Inf Bde will undertake responsibility for the preparation and occupation of the 7 mile bde area and will be prepared to fight in that area or move to attack the enemy as res bde as laid down in the 6 Aust Div Defence Scheme.

(b) The Bde or part may be motorised for ops at more distant points.

(c) The primary role of the bde is attack.

4. METHOD

(a) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will be disposed in the general area KNOLL 927368 and will construct an OP on the NW slopes of the STOKES RANGE to maintain observation over the 3 mile valley to the North.

- (b)
- i 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will be disposed, less two coys, in the general area KNOLL 943364.
 - ii One Coy 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will be disposed for protracted defence on TRIG 700 ref 939350.
 - iii One Coy 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will be disposed on high ground 938358.
 - iv An alternative pl posn will be prepared by 2/16 Aust Inf Bn on the KNOLL immediately NW of TRIG 700 to be used as a base for counter attack purposes should any enemy penetration occur around TRIG 700. This posn will NOT be occupied until it becomes necessary.

(c) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be disposed in the general area KNOLL 934381.

(d) General :-

- i TRIG 700 in the 2/16 Aust Inf Bn area and the feature commanding the most observation in the other two bn areas will be prepared for protracted defence. The coys occupying these posns will NOT move except when expressly ordered by the Bde Comd. These posns ONLY will be completely wired and booby-trapped.
- ii Preparations will be made for booby-trapping approaches to all posns.
- iii Placing of explosive content of booby traps only to take place in case of emergency. Plan for booby traps to be prepared and necessary preparations made.

/ (a) As the..

(e) AS the particular role of the bde is res to the whole of the MORESBY defences no major move off the features allotted will be made unless ordered by higher comd. Most probable directions of move are :-

- i DOKUNA 9734.
- ii 7 MILE and WARDS Drome against paratps.
- iii STOKES RANGE.
- iv FARRELLS PEAT 8839 - Mt PULLEN 9738.
- v BOREBADA 7441
- vi 12 Mile Valley

- (f) Patrols by day and night must be energetic and continuous to obtain early infm and observation of enemy movements.
- (g) A trace of the minefields in the MORESBY area has been supplied to units and all offrs must be familiar with these locations.
- (h) Arty support will be available in any task allotted.
- (i) Air support may be available in any task allotted and a contact will be att to 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
- (j) Recce of all areas set out in sub-para (e) will be made by all offrs under unit arrangements.
- (k) A trace showing lettering applied by 6 Aust Div to beaches is att at Appx "A".
- (l) Demolition of facilities, installations, eqpt, tpt, POL, and sups will NOT be carried out. Denial of armaments, etc, to the enemy will be based on 6 Aust Div 3346 of 21 Oct 42.
- (m) Digging in the 7 Mile Bde area will be limited to camouflaged weapon pits, dug in HQs and dumps.

5. INTERCOMM

- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde Battle EQ will be located at 929366.
- (b) K Sec Sigs will prepare sig diagrams and route plans and submit to 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
- (c) All permanent line comms will be installed at height NOT below 20' in areas where tanks can move.
- (d) V/T to each Bn HQ and TRIG 700 ref 959350 will be established and practised.
- (e) Frequencies and call signs will be allotted when the plan is put into operation.

6. ADM

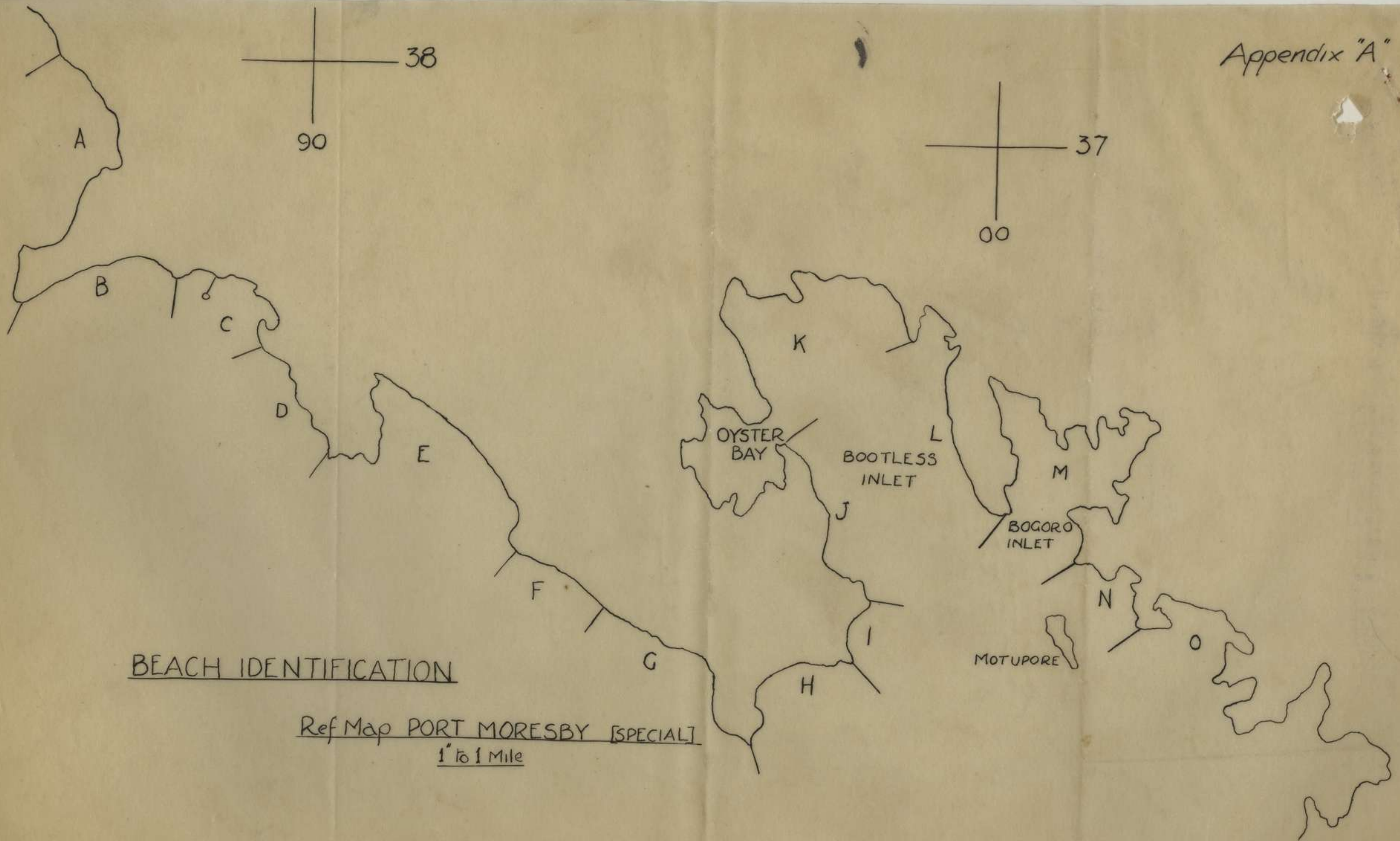
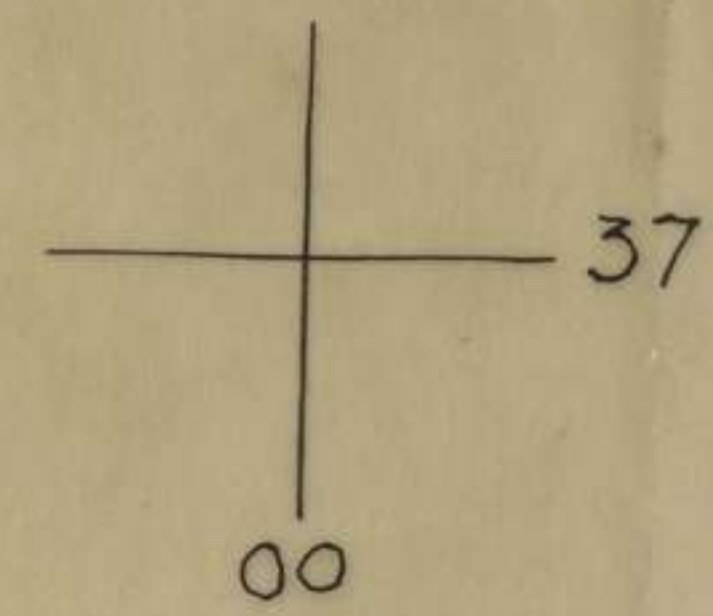
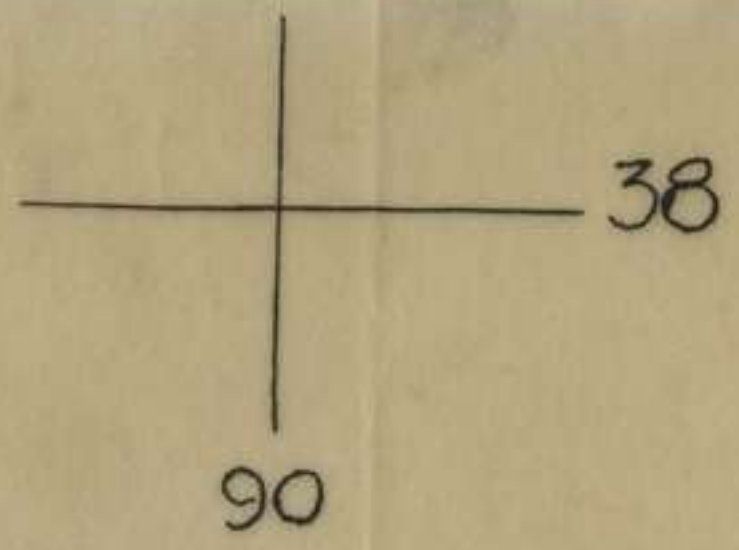
- (a) B Ech Tpt will be brigaded in the area 9540 and will arrange its own defence.
- (b) A seperate adm order will be issued later.

7. ACK

Signed at.....hrs. ¹¹¹⁵ ₂₂ Nov 42

[Signature]
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EM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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BEACH IDENTIFICATION

Ref Map PORT MORESBY [SPECIAL]
1" to 1 Mile

Adj't

1. MOVEMENT - The following personnel will move to 7 MILE DROME area to complete Bn defensive posns, at 0845 hrs 11 Nov 42.

	OFFRS	ORs	In Camp
BHQ	1	15	26
HQ Coy	2	70	90
A Coy	2	34	31
B Coy	2	25	35
C Coy	2	25	15
D Coy	1	26	
	<u>10</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>227</u>

2. TRANSPORT - Tpt Offr will arrange embussing of tps, to commence at 0835 hrs in tpt lines -

- VEHS
- (a) Advance party consisting of "Q" reps, one offr and orderly from A, B, C & HQ Coys, NCO and Orderly from D Coy, and rep from BHQ - 1 3-ton to leave tpt lines at 0800 hrs.
 - (b) Main body of personnel - 10 3-ton - 1 1-ton
 - (c) Stores, Kitchens, Tools etc - 1 3-ton
 - (d) CO's veh - 1 15-cwt
 - (e) TO, Reserve Stores - 1 1-ton
- To leave 0845 hrs.

3. P.O.L. - All vehs will move with full tank. Vehs remaining att will carry normal reserve and will draw requirements from nearest BIPCD.

4. WATER - Water truck will be att to 2/14 Bn and will supply water daily. Coys will provide and carry own 2-gal water tins.

5. SUPPLIES -

- (a) Unconsumed portion of days ration will be carried.
- (b) QM will arrange to draw rations from 4 mil DID.
- (c) "Q" reps in advance party will site kitchens and will arrange meal routine.

6. POSTAL - Postal Sjt to make necessary arrangements ref delivery of mail.

7. CANTEEN - HQ Coy to detail one NCO to attend to Canteen requirements. One veh att for duties may be used for this purpose.

8. TOOLS - All picks and shovels except for skeleton supply needed for camp routine to be packed on store truck under "Q" arrangements, also crow-bars and sandbags. These tools to be drawn under Coy arrangement on arrival in defensive area.

9. MEDICAL - One Medical orderly will be att to BHQ with necessary medical supplies.
10. HYGIENE - Coys to dig own Latrines and HQ Coy to supply two hygiene personnel.
11. A.A.PROTECTION -
- (a) One A/A (Bren) mounting will be manned in each rifle coy area during hours of daylight.
 - (b) One box of mags per gun.
12. INTER-COMMUNICATION - Sigs will establish R/T and V/T between Coy areas, BHQ and "I" OP on STOKES RANGE.
13. CAMFLG - Strict attention is to be paid to camflg of weapon pits and disposal of soil.
14. AMMUNITION - Personnel will carry 50 rds per rifle, 200 rds per T.S.M.G.
15. ADMN -
- (a) Full marching order - wear Fur Felt hats, carry Steel Helmets
 - (b) Blanket and mosquito net per man.
 - (c) Accommodation stores, sufficient cooking gear for 200 men. Tent flys, except those required for kitchens, will be carried by coys on basis HQ Coy 4, A,B,C,D Coys and BHQ 2 each.
16. DIGGING TASKS AND DAILY ROUTINE -

Reveille	-	0600 hrs
Breakfast	-	0630 "
Commence Digging	-	0730 "
Cease	-	1130 "
Lunch	-	1200 "
Commence Digging	-	1600 "
Cease	-	1800 "
Evening meal	-	1850 "

- (a) Coys will commence digging as soon after arrival in defensive area as possible, and will NOT wait for inspection by the Brig
- (b) All digging tasks must be completed by 1800 hrs Sat 14 Nov 42.

Revised
Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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WAR DIARY

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SECRET

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn
ADM INSTN No 4

Ref Map - MORESBY SHEET J:93560

1. MOVEMENT

The remainder of the unit will move to 7 MILE DROME AREA.

2. TIME TABLE

Details of move is att as "Appx A" - times will be strictly adhered to.

3. TPT.

(a) Tpt. Offr will arrange embussing of tps, to commence at 0800 hrs in HQ Coy lines.

Vehs for coy stores, Q stores and all other stores will report to loading areas at 1815 hrs 11 Nov 42 and all stores not required for night and morning meals will be loaded.

One 3-ton veh will report to Wireless Gd by 1900 hrs 11 Nov - this veh will join convoy at Sign 67 approx 0820 hrs 12 Nov.

(b) Unit T.O. will be responsible for return journey of convoy and handing over of vehs to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.

4. ROUTE

Main Rd - KOITAKI - MORESBY to rd junc 941406.

Left to junc 942364 - 943580 - 935368 - left to bivouac area.

5. RECOVERY

(a) Unit fitters will travel in unit veh at rear of column and effect any 1st line repairs necessary.

(b) All other repairs will be evacuated to 17 Mile L of C W/shop.

6. CARRIER GP

Will move separately on Sat 14 Nov and will bivouac night 14/15 Nov at Base Area - Map ref 149411.

7. P.O.L.

Vehs will move with full tanks.

8. SUPPLIES.

(a) Unconsumed portion of days ration will be carried.

(b) Bde Sup Offr will arrange drawing of supplies from 4 Mile DID. Unit will pick up with own vehs.

9. AMM.

(a) 50 rds SAA per rifleman; 200 rds per TSMG.

(b) All present holdings will be taken.

10. WATER.

(a) OM to make necessary arrangements re Water Tank.

(b) This unit will supply water to Bde HQ.

11. EQPT & ACCOMMODATION STORES.

(a) All authorised stores will be taken.

(b) NO bed frames or surplus gear will be carried. These will be stacked in coy dumps.

(c) Tents to be struck and rolled compactly by 0700 hrs 12 Nov.

(d) All store vehs will be loaded by 0800 hrs.

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Bde Aust Inf Bn
A. 9th Recpt Coy

12. HYGIENE & CLEANLINESS OF AREA.

- (a) All rubbish, tins etc to be burnt and buried.
- (b) All drains and slit trenches to be filled in.
- (c) Certificate to effect that Coy areas are clean and tidy to be rendered to this HQ by 0730 hrs 12 Nov.
- (d) OC Carrier Gp will render Certificate to Bde HQ that entire camp area is clean and tidy on completion of move.

(Sgd) S.Y. BISSET, Lieut
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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| 7 | -- | 2 i/c | |
| 8 | -- | Adjt | (c) |
| 9 | -- | RMO | |
| 10 | -- | QM | |
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| 18 | -- | OC Carrier Gp | |
| 19 | -- | File | |

MOVEMENT TABLE

APPX "A"
2/14 Aust Inf Bn Adm Order No 4

DATE	SP	ST	VENS				PERS	MTHX	VTM	Time Arrive TCP ROUNA FALLS
			To Carriers	Stores	Carriers	Att Bn				
Thu 12 Nov	ILOLO	0815	10	20	-	5	180	12	20	0925
Sat 14 Nov	ILOLO	1400	-	1	19	-	31	10	20	Arrive Base Area 143411 - 1445
---			.			.	.			
Sun 15 Nov	BASE AREA	0600	-	1	19	-	31	10	20	0650

NOTE x. MTH will not commence until convoy has passed Pro TCP at ROUNA FALLS - speed will be regulated accordingly.

21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No 5

H.Q. 2/14 BN. A.I.F.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

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11 Nov 42MOVEMENT 21 AUST INF BDE2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
WAR DIARY

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Ref Map - MORESBY SHEET 1 : 63,360

MOVEMENT

1. (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde will move to 7 Mile Drome Area.
- (b) Unit recon parties will move morning 11 Nov and will be available to act as Unit guides at Bivouac Area.

TIME TABLE

2. Detail of move is att as Appx "A". Times will be strictly adhered to.

TRANSPORT

3. (a) Vehs will report to Unit HQ by 1800 hrs on day prior to move. Units will ensure that first gp of vehs to report are used to load stores.
- (b) Unit TOs will be responsible for the return journey of convoy and the handing over of vehs to the next Unit

ROUTE

4. Main Rd - KOTAKI - MORESBY to rd junc 941406 - left to junc 942384 - 943380 - 935368 - left to bivouac area.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

5. (a) Convoys will move under unit orders.
- (b) TCPs will be established by Bde TO.
- (c) Each unit will supply one Regtl Pro to report to Bde TO at Tpt Pool by 1400 hrs 11 Nov. He will remain det until completion of move.

RECOVERY

6. (a) Unit fitters will travel in unit veh at rear of coln and effect any 1st line repairs necessary.
- (b) All other repairs will be evacuated to 17 Mile L of C Wkshops.

CARRIER GP

7. Will move separately on Sat 14 Nov and will bivouac night 14/15 Nov at Base Area. Map Ref 149411.

POL

8. (a) Vehs will move with full tanks.
- (b) Tp carriers and store vehs will refuel at PP established at Bde Tpt Pool on return journey.

RAPE

9. (a) 7 day reserve ration now held will be collected by AASC on day prior to move and will NOT be taken.
- (b) Unconsumed portion of the days ration will be carried.
- (c) Bde Sup Off

(c) Bde Sup Offr will arrange drawing of Sups from 4 units DID. Units will pick up with unit vech.

AMN

10. All present holdings will be taken.

WATER

- 11. (a) One water truck will be available new area on 11 Nov. This vch will report 2/27 Aust Inf Bn on their arrival.
- (b) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will arrange to water Bde HQ.
- (c) WP is situated at MURRAY BARRACKS.

EQPT and ACCOMODATION STORES

- 12. (a) Units will move complete with all authorised stores.
- (b) No bed frames or surplus gear to be carried.

CAMP SITES

- 13. (a) Inspection of Camp sites will be made by Unit representatives to ensure that they are left clean and tidy.
- (b) A certificate to this effect will be rendered to this HQ on completion of move.

14. ACK

Boff/Hanish

J. M. Hudock Capt
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

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APPX "A"
21 Bde Adm Order No 5

2/14 Bde Adm Order No 5

MOVEMENT TABLE

UNIT	DATE	SP	ST	VEHS				PERS	MIHs	VTM	Time Arrive TCP ROUND FALLS
				Tp Carriers	Stores	Carriers	Att Bns				
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	Wed 11 Nov	ILOLO	0845	11	1	-	3	200	12	20	0940
HQ 21 Bde	Thu 12 Nov	SOGERI	0815	4	4	-	9	70	12	20	0845
x 1 2/14 Aust Inf Bn	Thu 12 Nov	ILOLO	0815 0930	10	20	-	3	180	12	20	0825 0925
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	Fri 15 Nov	TIKI	0815	19	20	-	5	332	12	20	0925
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	Sat 14 Nov	KOTAKI	0815	21	19	-	4	382	12	20	0900
x 2 2/14 Aust Inf Bn	Sat 14 Nov	ILOLO	1400	-	1	19	-	73	10	20	Arrive Base Area 149411 - 1445
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	Sat 14 Nov	TIKI	1500	-	1	21	-	75	10	20	Arrive Base Area 149411 - 1600
x 3 2/14 Aust Inf Bn	Sun 15 Nov	BASE AREA	0600	-	1	19	-	73	10	20	0830
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	Sun 15 Nov	BASE AREA	0645	-	1	21	-	75	10	20	0715

x 4 NOTE = MIH will not commence until convoy has passed Pro TCP at ROUND FALLS - Units will regulate speed accordingly.

*Slow Vel = 1800
T.P.C. Trl. = 0830*

14 BN. A.I.F.

2/14 AUST INF BN

2/14 Bn. A.I.F. No. 16

WAR DIAR 13 Nov 42.

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13 Nov 42
 1. DRESS - Marching order - Steel helmets to be strapped on back of

2. PACKS - To incl the following -

- (a) Spare pair of boots.
- (b) Towel.
- (c) Shirt, Shorts, Trousers KD.
- (d) Extra socks, U/wear, Housewife.
- (e) Extra soap, Boot polish, Comforts etc.

3. AMN - Scale of amm is as follows -

100 rds per Rifle
 250 " (10 Mags) per BREN L.M.G.
 120 " (6 Mags) per T.S.M.G.
 18 " per pistol
 40 " per A/Tk Rifle.
 2 HE 36 Grens per Man
 12 2" Mtr HE bombs per Mortar.

4. DRESS REHEARSAL - Coys, incl AAMC, "Q" staff, and Salvation Army, will parade HQ Coy area at 1430 hrs today 13 Nov 42. This incl all personnel who are moving fwd, and all gear, weapons and amm will be carried on parade.

Print

Lieut:
 Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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Serial (A)	ITEM (B)	Weight of INDIVIDUAL ITEM (C)	A coy (D)	B coy (E)	C coy (F)	D coy (G)	N.P coy (H)	BN N.P (I)	TOTAL BN (J)	TOTAL Weight (K)	REMARKS (L)
1.	Personnel										
2.	Rations 3 days rations Seals in shoes										
3.	Brens										
4.	Bren Tripods										
5.	Bren Mags loaders (25)										
6.	T.S.M.G.										
7.	" (6 per gun)										
8.	A/TK rifle										
9.	" " Mags										
10.	"2" Mortar										
11.	"3" "										
12.	Pistols Sig										
13.	Purs Stes. A. Shovels. B. Picks C. Axes. Fell D. Explosives 13' trail.										
14.	Armourer										
15.	Crypt Reps										
16.	Bootmaker										
17.	Postal & Pay										
18.	Bn Off & I. Sec										

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|----|--|
| 19 | A. Cooking Gas - Cont. 8.
B. " " Hydro 13.5 |
| 20 | R. A. P. |
| 21 | Sig STORES |
| 22 | - |
| 23 | Reserve Amm. Rifle |
| 24 | " " Bren |
| 25 | " " T.S.M.G. |
| 26 | " " 73 Grenades |
| 27 | " " 36 " |
| 28 | Tent flaps (4) |
| 29 | 2. men Tent (6) |
| 30 | "2" Mor H.E. |
| 31 | "2" " Smoke |
| 32 | "3" " H.E. |
| 33 | "3" " Smoke |
| 34 | P. Store - weight |
| 35 | Water Carriers |

LOADING VALUES

Complete Load
BHQ

	lbs
Plane 1. D.C.3	
14 Personnel --	3500
Rations --	154
TSMGs --	18
Tools -Axes 1 -	6
Picks 2	9
Shovels 4	18
Water Containers (2)	4
Intelligence Gear	100
Sig Gear (2. Sig)	500
Res Amn	500
1 Bren complete	56
	<u>4665</u>

Complete Load
HQ COY

	lbs
Plane 4 D.C.3	
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
TSMGs (2)	36
Tools - Axes -	
Picks 5	23
Shovels 7	24
Water Containers (2)	4
Tent fly	160
2-men tents	120
Res Amn	400
	<u>4943</u>

Complete Load
BHQ

	lbs
Plane 2. D.C.3	
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
TSMG	18
Tools-Axes 1	6
Picks 4	18
Shovels 4	14
Water Containers 2	4
Office Gear	100
RAP	200
Res Amn	400
	<u>4936</u>

Complete Load
HQ COY

	lbs
Plane 5 D.C.3	
14 Personnel	3500
Rations	154
TSMGs (2)	36
Tools - Axes 1	6
Picks 5	23
Shovels 7	24
Water Containers (2)	4
Cooking Gear	680
" " "	
" Hydro Bruner	425
A/Tk Rifle	36
" Mags	20
Res Amn	50
	<u>4958</u>

Complete Load

HQ COY
Plane 3. D.C.3.

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	154
TSMG (2)	36
Tools-Axes -	
Picks 5	23
Shovels 7	24
Water Container (1)	2
Sig stores	500
Res Amn	250
	<u>4989</u>

Complete Load
HQ COY

Plane 6 - D.C.3

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
Tools - Axes 1	6
Picks 5	23
Shovels 7	24
Water Containers (2)	4
Q Store gear	200
Armourer	40
Eqpt Repairer	40
Bootmaker	40
Postal & Pay	60
Brens (complete) 4	224
Res Amn	120
	<u>4957</u>

2nd FLIGHT

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SECRET

HQ COY

(7)

<u>Plane 1 - D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
TSMGs (2)		36
Tools - Picks	5	25
Shovels	7	24
Axes	1	6
Mortar 3" (3)		420
Res Amn		300
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4985</u>

"B" COY

(10)

<u>Plane 4 - D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Bren - complete (1)		56
Res Amn		500
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
A/Tk Rifle		36
" Mags		20
TSMGs (4)		72
Bren Tripod		26
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4945</u>

HQ COY

(8)

<u>Plane 2 - D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Mortar 3" (3)		420
Brens (complete)	2	112
4 Pistols Sig		12
Res Amn		200
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4973</u>

"B" COY

(11)

<u>Plane 5 - D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete (4)		224
Res Amn		450
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
Pistols - signal	4	12
TSMGs	4	72
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4991</u>

HQ COY

(Plane 9)

<u>Plane 3. D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
Mortar 2" (12)		264
Bren - Complete		56
Bren - Tripod		26
4 Pistols - signal		12
Res Amn		400
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4983</u>

"B" COY

(12)

<u>Plane 6. D.C.3</u>		
		lbs
16 Personnel (inc 3 C Coy)		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete	5	280
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	3	6
TSMG	4	72
2" Mortar Amn		400
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4987</u>

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EXPLANING TABLES

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"C" COYPlane 1. D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
TSMGs	4	72
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	3	6
Brens - complete	4	224
Res Amn		200
Mortar 2" Amn		200
Sig Pistols	4	12
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4938</u>

"D" COYPlane 4. D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete	4	224
Res Amn		400
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
A/Tk Rifle		36
" " Mags		20
TSMGs	4	72
Sig Pistols	4	12
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>3992</u>

"C" COYPlane 2. D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
TSMGs	4	72
Brens - complete	3	168
A/Tk Rifle		36
" " Amn		20
Res Amn		200
2" Mortar Amn		250
Water Containers	2	4
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4974</u>

"D" COYPlane No 5 D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete	3	168
Res Amn		500
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axes	2	12
Water Containers	2	4
TSMGs	4	72
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4974</u>

"C" COYPlane 3. D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
TSMGs	4	72
Brens - complete	3	168
Res Amn		250
2" Mortar Amn		200
Water Containers	2	4
Bren Tripod		26
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4974</u>

"D" COYPlane No 6 D.C.3

		lbs
16 personnel		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete	3	168
Bren Tripod		26
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	3	6
TSMGs	4	72
Res Amn		500
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4996</u>

Complete Load 19
A Coy.

Plane 1, D.C.3

	<u>lbs</u>	
14 personnel	3500	
Rations	154	
T.S.M.G. (3)	54	
Bren (Complete) 3	168	
Tools - Picks	18	
Shovels	24	
Axes	6	
Water container	2	
2" Mortar Amn		
Bombs Smok & HE	950	
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Complete Load 22
A Coy.

Plane 4, D.C.3.

16 personnel	4000	
Rations	154	
T.S.M.G. (3)	54	
Bren - Complete (2)	112	
Tools - 4 Picks	18	
7 Shovels	24	
1 Axe	6	
Water containers (2)	4	
Mortar Amn	550	
Bren Tripod	26	
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Complete Load 20
A Coy.

Plane 2, D.C.3.

16 personnel	4000	
Rations	154	
T.S.M.G. (3)	54	
Bren Complete (3)	168	
Tools - 4 picks	18	
7 Shovels	24	
1 Axe.	6	
Water Containers (2)	4	
A/Tk Rifle	36	
" " Magsg	20	
3" Mortar Res Amn	400	
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Complete Load 21
A Coy.

Plane 3, D.C.3.

16 personnel	4000	
Rations	154	
T.S.M.G. (3)	54	
Bren - Complete (2)	112	
Tools - 4 Picks	18	
7 Shovels	24	
1 Axe.	6	
Reserve Amn	100	
3" Mortar Amn	500	
Water Containers (2)	4	
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Complete Load
BHQ

Complete Load
HQ COY

Plane 1. D.C.3

Plane 4 D.C.3

	lbs	
14 Personnel	3500	
Rations	154	
TSMGs	18	
Tools - Axes 1	6	
Picks 2	9	
Shovels 4	18	
Water Containers		
(2)	4	
Intelligence Gear	100	
Sig Gear (2 Sigs)	500	
Res Amn	500	
1 Bren complete	56	
	<u>4865</u>	

	lbs	
16 Personnel	4000	
Rations	176	
TSMGs (2)	36	
Tools - Axes		
Picks 5	23	
Shovels 7	24	
Water Containers (2)		
Tent fly	160	
2-men tents	120	
Res Amn	400	
	<u>4945</u>	

Complete Load
BHQ

Complete Load
HQ COY

Plane 2. D.C.3

Plane 5 D.C.3

	lbs	
16 Personnel	4000	
Rations	176	
TSMG	18	
Tools-Axes 1	6	
Picks 4	18	
Shovels 4	14	
Water Containers		
2	4	
Office Gear	100	
RAP	200	
Res Amn	400	
	<u>4936</u>	

	lbs	
14 Personnel	3500	
Rations	154	
TSMGs (2)	36	
Tools - Axes 1	6	
Picks 5	23	
Shovels 7	24	
Water Containers (2)	4	
Cooking Gear	680	
" "		
" Hydro Bruner	425	
A/Tk Rifle	36	
" Mags	20	
Res Amn	50	
	<u>4958</u>	

Complete Load

Complete Load
HQ COY

HQ COY
Plane 3. D.C.3.

Plane 6 - D.C.3

	lbs	
16 Personnel	4000	
Rations	154	
TSMG (2)	36	
Tools-Axes		
Picks 5	23	
Shovels 7	24	
Water Container (1)	2	
Sig stores	500	
Res Amn	250	
	<u>4959</u>	

	lbs	
16 Personnel	4000	
Rations	176	
Tools - Axes 1	6	
Picks 5	23	
Shovels 7	24	
Water Containers (2)	4	
Q Store gear	200	
Armourer	40	
Eqpt Repairer	40	
Bootmaker	40	
Postal & Pay	60	
Brens (complete)	224	
Res Amn	120	
	<u>4957</u>	

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HQ COY

Plane 1 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
TSMGs (2)		36
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axes	1	6
Mortar 3" (3)		420
Res Amn		300
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4985</u>

"B" COY

Plane 4 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Bren - complete (1)		56
Res Amn		500
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
A/Tk Rifle		36
" Mags		20
TSMGs (4)		72
Bren Tripod		26
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4943</u>

HQ COY

Plane 2 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Mortar 3" (3)		420
Brens (complete)	2	112
4 Pistols Sig		12
Res Amn		300
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4973</u>

"B" COY

Plane 5 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete (4)		224
Res Amn		450
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
Pistols - signal	4	12
TSMGs	4	72
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4991</u>

HQ COY

Plane 3 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel		4000
Rations		176
Tools - Picks	4	18
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	2	4
Mortar 2" (12)		264
Bren - Complete		56
Bren - Tripod		26
4 Pistols - signal		12
Res Amn		400
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4986</u>

"B" COY

Plane 6 - D.C.3

		lbs
16 Personnel (inc 43 C Coy)		4000
Rations		176
Brens - complete	5	280
Tools - Picks	5	23
Shovels	7	24
Axe	1	6
Water Containers	3	6
TSMG	4	72
2" Mortar Amn		400
<u>Complete Load</u>		<u>4987</u>

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EXPLANING TABLES"C" COYPlane 1. D.C.3

13

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
TSMGs	72
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axe	1 6
Water Containers	3 6
Brens - complete	4 224
Res Amn	200
Mortar 2" Amn	200
Sig Pistols	4 12
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4958</u>

"C" COYPlane 2. D.C.3

14

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
TSMGs	72
Brens-complete	3 168
A/Tk Rifle	36
" Amn	20
Res Amn	200
2" Mortar Amn	250
Water Containers	2 4
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axe	1 6
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4974</u>

"C" COYPlane 3. D.C.3

15

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
TSMGs	72
Brens - complete	3 168
Res Amn	250
2" Mortar Amn	200
Water Containers	2 4
Bren Tripod	26
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axe	1 6
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4974</u>

"D" COYPlane 4. D.C.3

16

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
Brens - complete	4 224
Res Amn	400
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axe	1 6
Water Containers	2 4
A/Tk Rifle	36
" Mags	20
TSMGs	4 72
Sig Pistols	4 12
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4992</u>

"D" COYPlane No 5 D.C.3

17

	lbs
16 Personnel	4000
Rations	176
Brens - complete	3 168
Res Amn	500
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axes	2 12
Water Containers	2 4
TSMGs	4 72
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4974</u>

"D" COYPlane No 6 D.C.3

18

	lbs
16 personnel	4000
Rations	176
Brens - complete	5 168
Bren Tripod	26
Tools - Picks	4 18
Shovels	7 24
Axe	1 6
Water Containers	3 6
TSMGs	4 72
Res Amn	500
<u>Complete Load</u>	<u>4996</u>

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<u>Complete Load</u> A Coy.		<u>Complete Load</u> A Coy.	
<u>Plane 1, D.C.3</u>		<u>Plane 4, D.C.3.</u>	
	lbs		
14 personnel	3500	16 personnel	4000
Rations	154	Rations	154
T.S.M.G. (3)	54	T.S.M.G. (3)	54
Bren (Complete) 3	168	Bren - Complete (2)	112
Tools - Picks	18	Tools - 4 Picks	18
Shovels	24	7 Shovels	24
Axes	6	1 Axe	6
Water container	2	Water containers (2)	4
2" Mortar Amn		Mortar Amn	550
Bombs Smok & HE	950	Bren Tripod	26
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<u>Complete Load</u> A Coy.	
<u>Plane 2, D.C.3.</u>	
16 personnel	4000
Rations	154
T.S.M.G. (3)	54
Bren Complete (3)	168
Tools - 4 Picks	18
7 Shovels	24
1 Axe.	6
Water Containers (2)	4
1/2" Rifle	36
" " Magsg	20
3" Mortar Res Amn	400
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<u>Complete Load</u> A Coy.	
<u>Plane 3, D.C.3.</u>	
16 personnel	4000
Rations	154
T.S.M.G. (3)	54
Bren - Complete (2)	112
Tools - 4 Picks	18
7 Shovels	24
1 Axe.	6
Reserve Amn	100
3" Mortar Amn	500
Water Containers (2)	4

Мирозъ компьютерна (8)	9
2а Копият. Мир	200
Копият. Мир	100
1 Мир	9
1 Мир	50
Бюро - 4 Бюро	18
Мир - компьютер (8)	175
Мир (2)	25
Мир	120
10 Мир	4000

Бюро 2-й Д.С.С.

У СС
Компьютер 1000

4000

2а Копият. Мир	200
1 Мир	30
1 Мир	30
Мирозъ компьютерна (8)	9
1 Мир	9
1 Мир	50
Бюро - 4 Бюро	18
Мир - компьютер (2)	100
Мир (2)	25
Мир	120
10 Мир	4000

Бюро 3-й Д.С.С.

У СС
Компьютер 1000

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Мирозъ компьютерна (8)	9
2а Копият. Мир	200
Мирозъ компьютерна	9
1 Мир	9
1 Мир	50
Бюро - 4 Бюро	18
Мир (компьютер) 2	100
Мир (2)	25
Мир	120
10 Мир	4000

Бюро 4-й Д.С.С.

У СС
Компьютер 1000

Мирозъ компьютерна (8)	9
2а Копият. Мир	200
Мирозъ компьютерна	9
1 Мир	9
1 Мир	50
Бюро - 4 Бюро	18
Мир - компьютер (2)	100
Мир (2)	25
Мир	120
10 Мир	4000

Бюро 5-й Д.С.С.

У СС
Компьютер 1000

Мирозъ компьютерна (8) 9
2а Копият. Мир 200
Мирозъ компьютерна 9
1 Мир 9
1 Мир 50
Бюро - 4 Бюро 18
Мир - компьютер (2) 100
Мир (2) 25
Мир 120
10 Мир 4000

PERSONNEL PER PLANE

Appendix "C"

Coy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
BHQ	14	14							5												2	2	2	38
HQ Coy		2	16	16	14	16	16	16	8															104
B										16	16	13												45
C												3	16	16	16	3								54
D									1							13	16	16						46
A																				14	14	14	14	56
Personnel per plane	14	16	16	16	14	16	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	14	16	16	16	16	343

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Bols O.C. File

1	8	1	3
2	8	1	3
3	8	1	3
4	8	1	3
5	8	1	3
6	8	1	3
7	8	1	3
8	8	1	3
9	8	1	3
10	8	1	3
11	8	1	3
12	8	1	3
13	8	1	3
14	8	1	3
15	8	1	3
16	8	1	3
17	8	1	3
18	8	1	3
19	8	1	3
20	8	1	3
21	8	1	3
22	8	1	3

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21 AUST INF BDE

NOTES ON SOME TACTICAL INSTN BY BDE COMD

LECTURE 1

XXX/ APPX 7

1. Main points in deciding on a plan of attack are:-
 - (a) Consider cover afforded by ground in approaches to enemy posn - (Right, Centre, Left).
 - (b) Consider posns from which supporting fire, (cover by fire during adv), can be given.
 - (c) Take best combination of (a) and (b) above.
2. Principle of concentration should be followed, in order to obtain local superiority at point where attack is to go in. This applies to advancing tps and to fire support.
3. In attack the optimum angle between the line of adv of advancing tps and the line along which supporting fire is coming is the right angle. Thus:-



4. Let us examine the adv of a bn along a rd or track in wooded country, where rising ground has little, if any, tactical value, or in flat grassed country. Under these circumstances lack of visibility is one of the predominant factors. Take the case where the bn contacts enemy tps moving along the rd in the opposite direction.
5. The enemy will move early to attack us, THEREFORE SPEED IS ESSENTIAL IN THE CARRYING OUT OF OUR PLANS. We must get the initiative. We cannot wait long for infm - must make our plan with speed.
6. How much of our action on making contact should be automatic? The leading sub-unit should hold say a third of itself on the rd, so as not to open the rd to the enemy, but should immediately send dets to right and left to neutralize similar moves by enemy. (With a bn action would be automatic only within the leading coy - with an isolated coy, only within the leading pl).
7. Bn Comds main decisions will be on which flank to attack, what to keep on the rd, and what to send on the other flank.
8. Let us consider :-
 - (a) Covered approaches - The amount of cover afforded by the country is uniform everywhere, except perhaps down the rd.
 - (b) How can we give supporting fire? Can we not consider that our leading coy, which is fixing, and pressing the enemy on the rd, is giving supporting fire? Mortars may be used and also arty.
 - (c) In conjunction with the supporting fire just mentioned it would appear that it would be consistent with getting the best optimum angle mentioned in para 3 above if the attacking tps came in at the enemy from the flank, and at a right angle to his axis of adv. By doing this we would be using a covered approach as good as any to be had.
9. It is better to concentrate attack (by two or three coys) on one flank. It will at the same time be necessary to send something to the other flank wider than the leading coy can go, in order to meet any enemy wider movements on that flank. Carriers with a pl of inf, or inf alone, may be used. It will seldom be possible to use more than two coys in a concentrated attack from one side.

10. Explanation of plan of attack as illustrated by diagram (2 x A) under following heads:-

- (a) Action of leading coy. How far can it extend on either side of rd?
- (b) What is enemy's likely action to be?
- (c) If we decide to put main attack in from left flank we will have to send something farther to the right than the leading coy.
- (d) How far along the rd should the attacking coys on the left be ordered to come in? (800 or 1000 yds from the leading coy?)
- (e) How will coys attacking on the left move?
- (f) What do we see happening when they meet enemy coming on the same flank?
- (g) How will moves of these coys be co-ordinated? There must be someone to control them all - Who will it be?
- (h) What will take place when these coys reach the rd & the enemy's axis of adv?
- (i) Rd block established - patrols fwd - main strength turns and destroys enemy from rear. In some circumstances main strength may have to continue adv, leaving party to contain enemy out off. Orders must be definite.
- (j) This attack may cause enemy to weaken his front on the rd and leave the way open for a drive along the rd. Therefore the leading coy must press all the time. We must not be caught the same way.

11. There is nothing new in all this. It is merely the application of the principles governing the sound planning of an attack to attack in country where visibility is limited very much.

12. When a plan is decided upon speed in carrying it out is essential. Conferences are often dangerous for more than one reason. Orders will in future mostly have to be given verbally by one comd to another by means of an LO (who may be a WO or NCO in Bns).

13. Let us now consider how the plan as indicated in Appx "A" can be put into operation with maximum speed.

14. We will consider first action by CO Bn.

15. CO will be in vicinity A Coy, on the rd and with A Coy Comd. He will know the situation and he quickly decides on his plan. Somewhere close to him (a little to the rear) will be LOs from each coy, and arty comd (Fd guns placed under comd by Bde).

16. CO sends for OC C Coy to report to B Coy Comd at head of B Coy and await orders.

17. CO tells OC A Coy the following :- (this will largely become a drill with tng).

Your coy will remain here on the rd, sending dets to right and left (this will be automatic and in accordance with our tng) and fix the enemy on the rd. You will ensure that you prevent the enemy from moving straight down the rd in this direction. You will keep contact with the enemy and ascertain whether or not he withdraws.

I will attack on the left with B and C Coys. They will strike in at the rd 1000 yds from here, moving from their present posns as early as possible.

My carriers, (or other type of fighting patrol), will work on the right flank, up to approximately 500 yds out and to your right rear.

The mortars and arty will harass the enemy by firing down the rd, and on the enemy in front of you.

My HQ will be 300 yds back along the rd with the remaining elements of the bn gp.

Is there anything else that you (as OC A Coy) must know for the present?

18. CO then gives necessary instns to Arty Comd.

/19. He sends.....

19. He sends LO back to OC HQ Coy or OC D Coy (or both) with his intentions and orders concerning the fighting patrol that is to go out to the right.

20. CO then meets OC B Coy and OC C Coy at head of B Coy.

21. He gives orders to OC B and C Coys and the next senior offr of B Coy, (having previously told OC B Coy he will take cmd of tps attacking via left flank).

- (a) The enemy is at.....
- (b) A Coy is at.....
- (c) Fighting patrol (Carriers?) will.....
- (d) B and C Coys will carry out an attack on left flank and destroy the enemy on the rd up to 1100 yds from foremost elements of A Coy.
- (e) Action on striking rd 1100 yds ahead. Part of force to consolidate for all round defence on the rd and patrol fwd. Remainder of force to destroy enemy between the rd block and A Coy (see diagram).
- (f) The arty and mortars will give harassing fire along the rd up to 1500 yds from here, from.....hrs to.....hrs (time worked out in relation to move).
- (g) B and C Coys will now come under cmd OC B Coy till objective captured.
- (h) Bn HQ will be at.....
- (i) I want you to get going at once.

22. What does OC B Coy do?

Makes sure OC C Coy and his next senior offr of B Coy understand plan. Then orders coys to be moved in accordance with plan (this will with practice become a drill).

23. What action will coy comds take to get their coys moving?

Move should be done by fd sigs. Can give necessary infn when on the move if everyone is well trained and "in the picture". Coys should be moving in one minute, slowly till places are taken up, and pl comds should automatically come fwd for instrns.

24. Any further details can then be arranged by CO.

25. The following points, among others, may be brought up at discussion afterwards :-

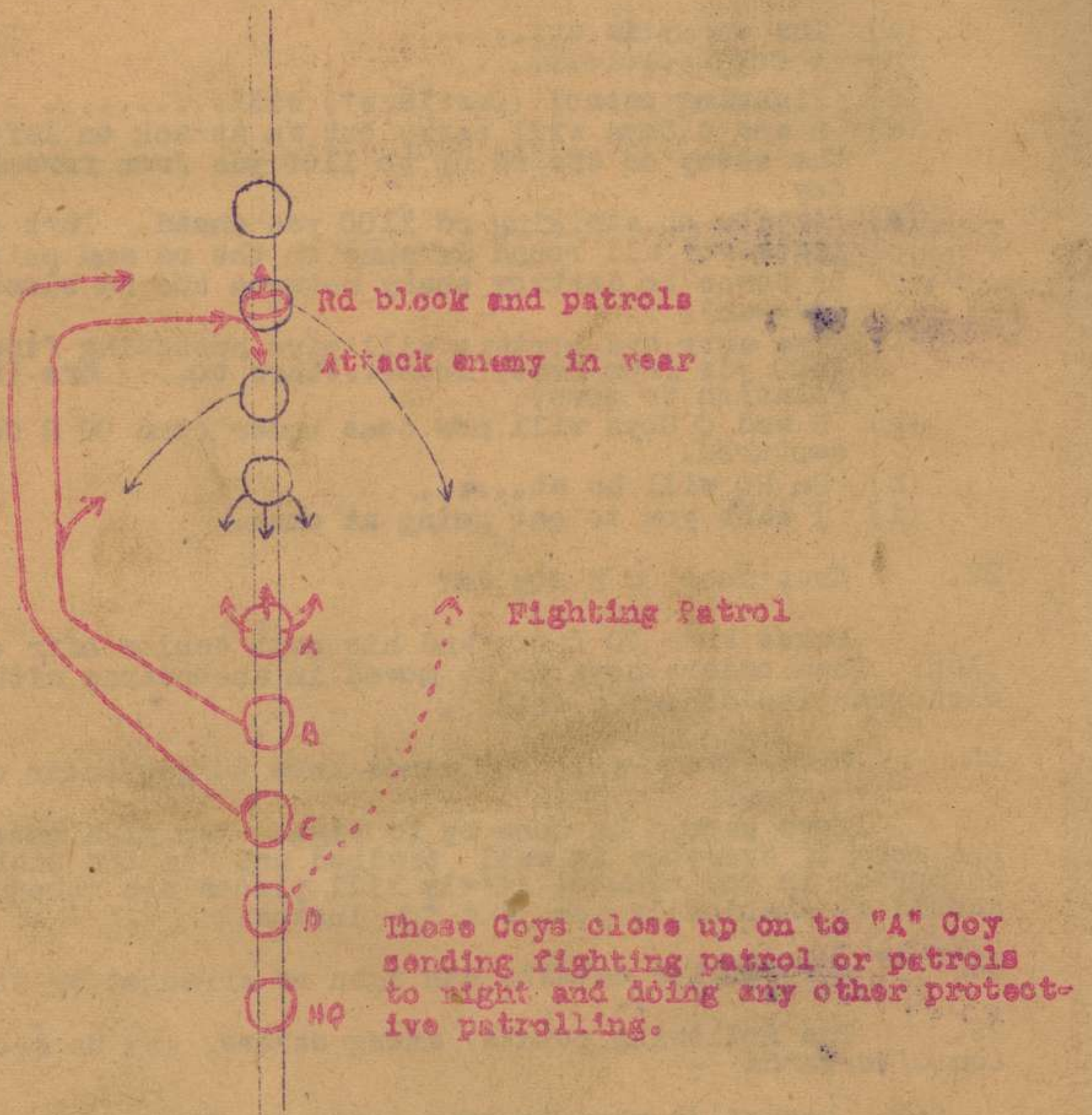
- (a) Method of co-ordination of move of B and C Coys.
- (b) Advisable to have senior Coy cmd, second coy from front.
- (c) Can we send three coys to the left flank in the attack? Would leave less on the rd to prevent break through. The risk has to be weighed. Something has to be sent out to right flank and this will effect size of force sent to attack on left.
- (d) Make up your mind and then stick to your plan.

26. Much that is contained in paragraphs 13 to 25 can be made automatic with practice. For example the action of the leading coy can become a drill. The action outlined in this lecture applies to a bn alone. When a bn is the leading bn of a bde it will act automatically and send a coy to each side of the rd, fixing the enemy so that an attack can be launched by the Bde Cmd. See para 6 above, and also the diagram appended to the notes for my first conference on tactics (conducted with COs on 11 Nov 42).

27. The Bn exercises to be conducted next week will be based on the above notes.

20 Nov 42.

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NOTES

1. ENEMY - PURPLE ; OWN TPS - RED
2. ENEMY commences outflanking move when contact is gained.
3. Our plan of attack envisages :-
 - (a) "A" Coy to fix and press.
 - (b) Flanking attack by "B" and "C" Coys
 - (c) Fighting patrol on right
 - (d) Support by mortars and arty

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NOTES FOR BN EXERCISE

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1. OBJECT OF EXERCISE

To practise the bn in the rapid development of the encircling attack.

2. TPS TO BE EXERCISED

- (a) One bn without vehs, less carrier and mortar pers.
- (b) Carrier and mortar pers to be dismounted and act as enemy.

3. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 0915 - Unit and enemy assembles at track junc 956336. Explanation and opening narrative given to bn and enemy by Bde Comd.
- 0950 - Enemy moves off.
- 0945 - Bn in adv gd formation moves off. Route - North to track junc 963353 thence along track NW to wire obstacle astride track at about 959359. During movement two points of enemy resistance will be contacted. The first will be dealt with as if the bn were adv gd to a bde. The second as if the bn were advancing alone.
- 1200 - Bn arrives at wire obstacle, discussion by Bde Comd and lunch.
- 1330 - Exercise will be repeated by bn comd on march home at least twice, on ground selected by him.

4. ADM

- (a) Lunch under bn arrangements, tea, etc, may be tpted to lunch halt.
- (b) Representation of fire will be by blank amm, if available, flags and trench rattles, supplied by units.
- (c) OC enemy will be instructed by BM on the day prior to the exercise.

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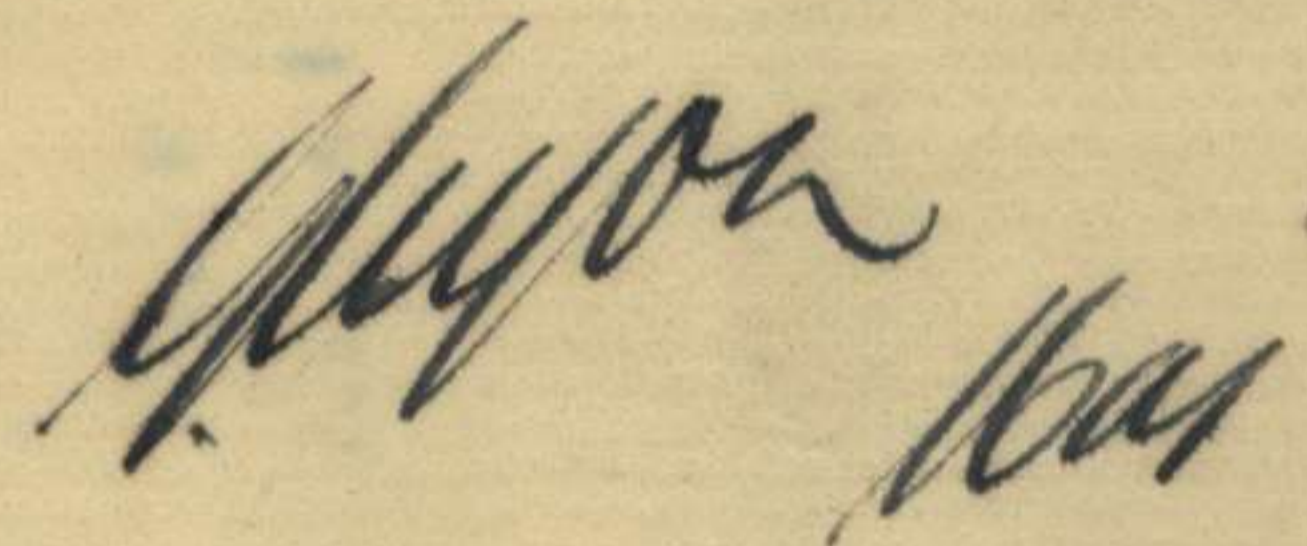
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(1). Herewith diagrammatic report on tactics used in OIVI-GORARI area 12 Nov 42.

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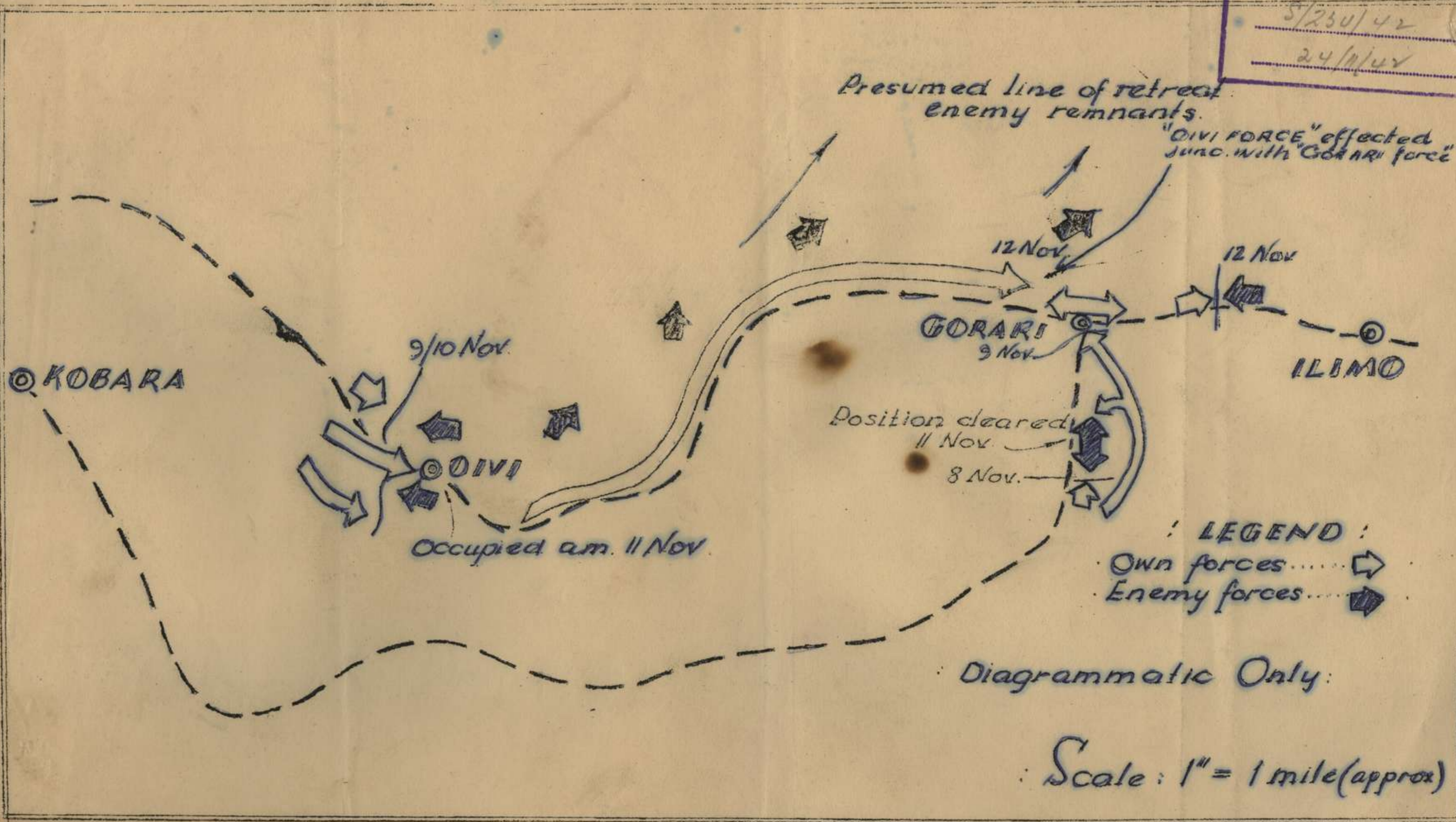


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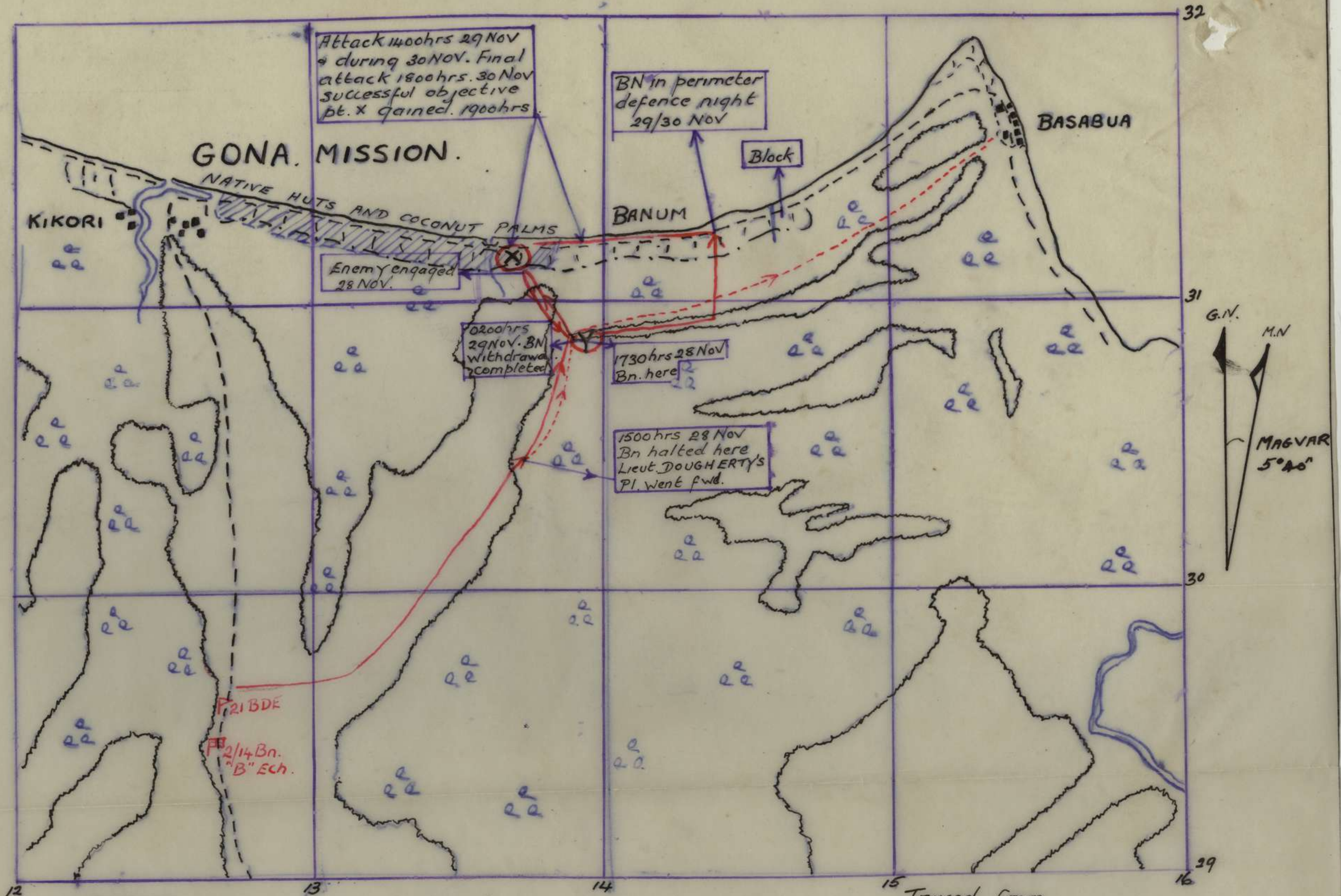
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Sketch of Operations. GONA. area Nov'42



LEGEND

- Kunai Patch.
- Timbered Area
- Enemy Posns
- Bn. Route.
- Lt Dougherty's Route

Scale. 4 inches to 1 mile.

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NOTES ON MAIN LESSONS OF RECENT OPERATIONS
IN THE WESTERN DESERT

1. The basic principles of war must always be applied

Concentration at the decisive point and co-operation of all arms were again shown to be of vital importance. In fact these operations have again made it amply clear that all the basic principles of war still held good. They must be known to all officers and must be applied to the solution of all tactical problems. To help officers to keep them always in mind the following doggerel written some years before the present war by an officer now serving in the Middle East is published:-

"Always maintain your objective,
Offensive your action should be;
Surprise 'gainst the foe is effective;
And concentrate on him, he'll flee.
Economise always your forces;
Security seek from alarms
Make mobile your columns - like horses,
And co-operate with all arms".

2. Appreciations

Any commander of any rank must have a definite aim which he must maintain on a definite plan based on a logical appreciation. Appreciations may be mental, in note form or written in full according to the time available. To ensure that appreciations are logical and complete they must follow the correct sequence. Commanders of all ranks must cultivate the habit of making quick, logical and complete appreciations. In no other way can sound decisions be reached.

3. Time is vital

The more mobile the forces employed on each side the more important it is to save time and to develop the highest possible speed in thought, decision and action.

Time can be saved by:-

- (a) Basing decisions on quick but complete and logical appreciations which ensures that all the relevant factors are considered in framing the plan and so obviates changes after decisions have been made and issued.
- (b) Broadcasting the commander's intention and general plan, having due regard to the need for secrecy.
- (c) Battle Drill.
- (d) Forethought.
- (e) Anticipatory orders
- (f) Memorising the map, place-names and tactical features.
- (g) Memorising the order of battle and locations of units and formations.
- (h) Cutting out lengthy discussions, gossip and unnecessary questions.
- (i) Passing back information regularly, frequently and promptly.
- (j) Making use of all available resources to collect information from subordinate headquarters and troops, e.g. listening sets on their forward frequencies, liaison officers, and patrols.

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If a commander is to exercise quick control he must be in a position to dispense with constant discussion with or reference to his subordinates. He must be able to decide what he is going to do and issue orders on the information immediately available. He cannot do this satisfactorily unless his information is accurate and up-to-date. What he requires is something in the nature of a running commentary. Detailed reports that are out-of-date long before they arrive are valueless. Frequent and regular information on the following points is required by all commanders:-

- Where the enemy is.
- What he consists of.
- What he is doing.
- Where our own troops are.
- What they intend to do.
- What troops are on the flanks and what they are doing.
- What losses have been inflicted on the enemy - rough estimates only.
- What losses have been suffered - personnel and material - rough estimate only.

The drill for passing back and collecting information regularly and quickly must be made perfect. It is a vital factor in connection with speed of control and action.

4. Co-operation between armoured and motor brigade groups of armoured divisions

The armoured division is designed to operate as a whole. The armoured and motor brigade groups are complementary. They must be used in co-operation to support each other. If employed in separate tasks neither can give their full value.

The motor brigade group must remain mobile. If it is permanently allotted to the defence of one particular area the armoured brigade group will be tied to it with the result that the division as a whole will lose its freedom to manoeuvre and be unable to make full use of its mobility. This does NOT mean that the motor brigade group should not dig in or lay mines when forming a pivot for the armoured brigade group. It does, however, mean that a motor brigade group of an armoured division must at all times be able to move to fit in with the action of the rest of the division, and that it must not be allotted a task that necessitates its remaining permanently in the same position.

5. Armoured action

- (a) The principle of fire and movement must be applied to armoured action.
- (b) When the enemy is attacking he must be brought to a halt by the fire of our anti-tank guns while the artillery concentrates upon the unarmoured portion of his force. A plan must then be made to attack him in flank or rear using the largest number of tanks possible.

supported by all available weapons. Artillery will be used either to provide concentrations of fire against the enemy supporting weapons, or to blind them by using smoke - M.M.Gs. and all available small arms must be used to neutralise enemy anti-tank guns, to force his tanks to remain closed down, and to prevent any movement of unarmoured troops with the tanks.

- (c) When we attack, the enemy must first be found and then engaged by the fully concentrated fire power of our artillery and anti-tank guns, while our tanks attack in full force against his flanks or rear. Grant Squadrons should not be allotted tasks in the pre-arranged fire plan. They should reserve their ammunition to support each other with fire against targets not destroyed by the artillery which open fire when the pre-arranged supporting fire or smoke has lifted. Squadrons and troops must then cover each other's advance to decisive range, one squadron or troop engaging the enemy while others take advantage of the effect of such fire on the enemy to advance, and so on until the enemy tanks can be engaged at decisive range or his position over-run.

*Grant held.
Tanks attack flank or rear*

A long drawn out fire fight with enemy tanks will never give decisive results and must be avoided. It is contrary to the principle of mobility which must be applied to all armoured action. Moreover it is an operation for which the Grant tank is particularly unsuited owing to the fact that the 75 mm gun cannot be used from a proper hull down position.

When it becomes necessary to hold the enemy by fire, tanks must be replaced by anti-tank guns and M.M.Gs., the tanks themselves being withdrawn under cover, but held in readiness to counter-attack if necessary. As early as possible the tanks must be withdrawn to reorganise for further offensive action.

If a situation arises in which our armoured forces are so reduced by losses and fatigue as to be incapable of offensive action it is essential to break off the engagement, and to resort to manoeuvre until the armoured forces can be got fit to resume offensive operations. Any other course will only lead to the final disintegration of armoured formations and units with no compensating advantages.

Definite rules are required for the reorganisation of armoured units that have become much reduced in strength as a result of battle casualties. Their preparation is in hand. Pending their publication units and formations must ensure that all personnel becoming surplus to fighting requirements are sent back at once to the T.D. regiment where they can be reorganised and re-equipped, priority being given to unit commanders and their headquarters, squadron and troop leaders, tank crews and specialists. It is criminally wasteful to retain such personnel unnecessarily in the battle zone where they are liable to become casualties when they are urgently required to be reorganised and re-equipped in the rear. In this connection see also paragraph 6 below.

6. Importance of the initiative.

The great advantages that accrue to the side that has the initiative have again been obvious. In a defensive battle the power of a commander to regain the initiative depends on :-

- (a) Use of his armoured and mobile forces as a whole immediately a favourable opportunity occurs for counter-attack on a large scale, or a counter-offensive, with a definite object the achievement of which will force the enemy to abandon his own plan and conform to our action.

- (b) Concentration of all available resources and efforts on the counter-attack or counter-offensive decided upon, and maintenance of the chosen objective irrespective of events elsewhere.
- (c) The strength and fighting capacity of fresh troops available, and the rate at which they can be moved forward and employed.
- (d) The rate at which troops that have been heavily engaged can be reorganised, re-equipped and brought back into the battle.

As long as a commander is forced to use his reserves defensively to hold ground or plug holes he cannot hope to wrest the initiative from the enemy.

To make (a) and (b) possible the organisation of all armoured and mobile reserves under one commander with no purely defensive responsibilities seems to be essential.

The deployment of fresh troops, and the reorganisation and re-equipment of those that have been engaged depends on the efficiency of the administrative machine and the load that it can carry, and on the speed with which personnel, equipment and transport no longer required in the battle zone can be recovered. Rapid recovery and reorganisation of personnel, equipment and transport is therefore a governing factor in the struggle to regain the initiative, and in consequence is of the very greatest importance.

7. Siting of defences.

(a) Battalion defended localities.

para 12(a)
Neither motor nor infantry battalions with a proportionate allotment of supporting weapons on the present scale of provision, are strong enough to provide themselves with all round defence against an attack in force by tanks. Moreover there is not enough room inside a battalion locality for a proportion of the artillery to be sited to carry out a normal artillery role which is an essential feature of the defensive arrangement - see also paragraph 11 (a) below. Battalion defended localities must therefore be sited in groups sufficiently close to each other to ensure that the ground between them can be effectively covered by anti-tank, small arms and mortar fire. In addition each group must be so arranged that the artillery is protected from direct attack from any direction.

(b) Brigade defended areas must be sited so that from whatever direction attacks may come, each area can be supported by the artillery fire of neighbouring areas. If brigades have to be placed in isolated positions the general plan of defence must provide for their withdrawal in the event of the enemy obtaining liberty of action in the area in which they are sited. Otherwise the enemy will be able to concentrate against such brigades in turn and so destroy the troops allotted to the defensive system in detail.

(c) The artillery and anti-tank guns must form the framework of all defended localities and areas. The siting and organisation of defences is therefore primarily an artillery and anti-tank problem and must be treated as such. No defended area can hope to stop a tank attack if the anti-tank defence is not in depth. The 25-pr troops do not constitute the depth but only add to it. As far as resources permit there must be depth in the lay-out of the anti-tank guns in front of the 25-pr troop positions.

- (d) The whole of the artillery of a group of mutually supporting defended localities or areas of a division MUST be under command of one artillery commander. The duty of this commander will be :-
- (i) To co-ordinate the observation available so that the maximum concentration of fire can be brought down in support of any one of the localities or areas.
 - (ii) To control ammunition expenditure.
 - (iii) In the case of a group of battalion areas, to co-ordinate the whole anti-tank defence.
- (e) All defended localities and areas must be covered by mobile outposts to give warning of approach, to deny close observation of the position to the enemy and to harass and delay his advance.
- (f) Every defended post, locality or area must be prepared to deal with attack from any direction. ALL ROUND DEFENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

8. Organisation of fire in defence.

All infantry sections and platoons, anti-tank gun sub-units, M.M.Gs. and mortars must know the arcs they are to cover, the ranges at which they are to open fire and the types of targets they are to engage. They must also know where, for how long and in what circumstances artillery defensive fire will be brought down, and how it is proposed to make use of smoke. Distances to tactical features must be paced out, NOT guessed. Range marks must be put up. The maximum ranges at which fire is to be opened by each different type of weapon must also be paced out and marked on the ground with cairns, tins or some other means.

The artillery must know the infantry, M.M.G., mortar and anti-tank fire plan. The fire power of a defended locality or area must be organised and co-ordinated like that of a Man of War. The commander of the garrison must control the fire and adapt it to the type of targets to be dealt with in much the same way as the captain of a fighting ship controls and directs the fire of his different weapons to destroy the enemy.

9. Action by infantry when attacked by tanks.

- (a) Infantry attacked by tanks must stand their ground.
- (b) Enemy tanks that have not been forced to close down have a considerable advantage over anti-tank guns, and do not necessarily have to close down on account of anti-tank gun fire. It is only effective small arms fire that can force them to do so. The heaviest possible concentration of small arms fire must therefore be directed against all attacking tanks from the moment they come within range.
- (c) When the attacking tanks close with infantry in position they must be attacked and destroyed with S.T. Grenades and molotov cocktails, with which every infantry post must be stocked. The following account of a recent engagement shows what can be done in this way by well trained and determined infantry -

"The armament of the section consisted of a Bren Gun, a Spandau, a Tommy Gun, a 2" Italian mortar, an A.Tk. grenade rifle, 25 sticky bombs, 50 grenades.

In the evening of 28 May, 28 German tanks advanced on Pt. 209 of 'W' formation. One came straight at the Section positions. The section waited until the tank was ten paces away and pelted it with sticky bombs.

The tank jerked to a standstill spanning the trench. The heat of the burning bombs drove out the crew. All were killed.

Five mins. later another tank attacked the section, then a third and then a fourth. All were dealt with in the same way, and all the crews were killed.

Half an hour later, three more tanks came up. The section had all taken cover under the first tank that had stopped over the trench. They were not observed by the Germans, who got out and examined their dead. One of them was a doctor. The section took them by surprise with grenades. The doctor, who shot at a member of the section with a pistol, was killed. Many of the other Germans were killed before they could reach their tanks.

The section then withdrew, as its amm. was exhausted, and reached TOBRUK next morning.

The total loss inflicted in the enemy was 4 tanks knocked out and 28 Germans killed.

10. Digging and concealment.

- (a) Troops must be made to dig in at once on taking up a position, however tired they may be. This applies to M.M.Gs. mortars, anti-tank guns and field artillery as well as to infantry platoons.
- (b) Posts must be kept concealed. Trucks must not be allowed to drive round stopping at posts in turn to deliver rations, etc., except during mirage hours or in darkness. The enemy will spend hours watching for such clues of the location of our posts.

11. Use of small arms fire.

It has been reported that the enemy has on occasion moved tanks to the edge of a minefield, and then used them to cover, by their fire, the lifting of mines by men on foot. The obvious answer to such a method is well directed small arms fire. L.M.Gs. might be pushed forward on the flanks, and a pair of well trained snipers should make a very good bag if given such an opportunity.

12. Employment of artillery.

- (a) However small the allotment of artillery may be it is absolutely essential to allot a proportion to normal artillery tasks and site it where it cannot be overlooked. If this is not done the defenders will have no means of neutralising the enemy's supporting weapons without disclosing the position of their own.
- (b) Whatever the task allotted 25-prs must be sited in troop positions so that the guns can support each other against enemy tanks. The rate of fire of the 25-pr is not high enough to admit of their being used in single gun positions, even when allotted for anti-tank defence as a primary role. The 25-prs are not good anti-tank weapons and their use in primary role as such should as far as possible be avoided.
- (c) 25-pr troop positions should be organised for all round defence with small arms weapons against the possibility of attack by infantry at night, in smoke or a duststorm.
- (d) In an attack arrangements must be made beforehand to ensure that artillery support will be available throughout all stages of the attack.

13. Employment of anti-tank guns.

(a) With armoured formations.

- (i) The anti-tank gun is not merely a defensive weapon. The use of anti-tank guns in close support of attacks by armoured formations must be developed.
- (ii) Protection of the flanks of armoured formations by anti-tank guns is essential. The object to be aimed at is to ensure that from whatever direction enemy tanks appear they will at once be met with a powerful force of anti-tank guns.

(b) With infantry formations.

- (i) Reports indicate a great tendency to use anti-tank guns from their portees. The rule is that anti-tank guns will never be fired from their portees except when there is literally no time to bring them into action on the ground.
- (ii) Anti-tank guns will always be dug in even if a position is only to be occupied temporarily.
- (iii) Not only must each anti-tank gun hold its fire until tanks are well within its own effective range, they must wait until tanks are within range of other guns of the defended locality. If guns open fire in turn they reduce the effect of surprise and run the risk of having the whole of the attackers fire concentrated on each in turn. It is of course useless for a gun to remain silent when it has obviously been located by the enemy tanks or supporting weapons.
- (iv) The Bren gun with each anti-tank gun must be used to force the enemy tanks to close down.

14. Local protection.

Every formation and unit is always responsible for its own local protection. No matter what armoured cars or artillery O.Ps. are operating in front every unit and formation commander must provide for his own local protection in all directions. Infantry battalions must use carrier or truck patrols for this purpose. If none of those are available the task must be carried out by men on foot.

15. Employment of infantry formations in a mobile role.

- (a) The proportion of infantry to supporting arms in infantry formations as at present organised is too high for mobile operations in open country. In such cases the proportion of infantry should be reduced to the strength required to protect the artillery by day or by night, and to take advantage of any opportunities for night attacks on enemy harbours. Infantry not required should be held right back and only brought forward when needed as reliefs or for some specific operation.
- (b) An infantry brigade group with the present complement of field artillery and anti-tank guns is too weak to carry out an independent task in mobile operations in open country. Divisions should therefore fight as such on

a reduced infantry scale as mentioned in (a) above keeping forward brigade groups within supporting distance of each other with a reserve directly under divisional control, all troops being fully mobile. An alternative arrangement is to employ two infantry brigades supported by the whole of the divisional artillery. This was done successfully by one division. No rule of thumb can possibly produce the correct balance between infantry and supporting arms for every occasion. The correct solution can only be arrived at by means of an appreciation.

- (c) Care must be taken that infantry not immediately required for fighting are kept in full training, or are usefully employed without being dispersed, so that they will be available and fit to fight when required. They must also be under properly organised control so that they can be moved as necessary to suit the tactical situation.

16. Minefields.

- (a) Minefields that are not covered by fire and properly patrolled will only cause the enemy slight inconvenience and delay.
- (b) Troops that have been allotted the task of holding a mined locality must prevent the enemy from breaking the minefield by every means in their power and whatever the cost. Fire plans must be prepared and action taken accordingly.
- (c) The anti-personnel mine is a nuisance to the enemy and a warning device for our own troops. An anti-personnel minefield does not constitute an impenetrable obstacle. The enemy will always be prepared to accept casualties to get through it.
- (d) All possible steps must always be taken to avoid disclosing the location of lanes through minefields. Special steps must be taken to cover those that cannot be concealed. Absolutely fool proof arrangements for closing all lanes in the event of attack are essential. Dummy lanes can be used to deceive and ambush the enemy.
- (e) There must be enough lanes to enable our own troops to move out without undue difficulty. One foot exit on each company front and one vehicle exit on each battalion front is the minimum.
- (f) The existence of minefields must never be allowed to induce a false sense of security. Commanders must take frequent action to make certain this does not happen. The deeper the minefield the greater the need for forward patrolling. Minefields can be used to economise in anti-tank weapons but not in infantry.
- (g) The principle of concentration at the decisive point applies to the allotment of mines and laying of minefields as much as to every other aspect of war. Small dispersed minefields are useless.
- (h) The use of dummy minefields offers considerable scope for deceiving the enemy. The enemy would probably have still made his long initial detour south of BIR HACHEIM if much of the minefield between BIR HARMAT and BIR HACHEIM had been dummy.

17. Discipline.

- (a) The very highest standard of individual and unit discipline is required to stand up to the strain and speed of mobile operations. Strict compliance with the rules for the destruction of vehicles and equipment that have to be abandoned in a withdrawal is essentially a matter of discipline. These rules have not always been carried out, with the result that the enemy has been able to make use of much of our abandoned transport and equipment. Much unauthorised baggage is carried with the result that vehicles are overloaded and break down. These matters must be put right. It can only be done by discipline.
- (b) March discipline requires constant attention particularly when troops used to freedom of movement in the desert are confined to roads. Overtaking on blind parts of the road, cutting in, double banking and closing up are the worst faults. Officers must make themselves responsible for the march discipline of their units and sub-units. When a vehicle breaks down it must be cleared off the road at once. When a traffic block does occur, the senior officer in the vicinity must take charge at once and get the block cleared and the traffic moving, using personnel from his own unit for temporary traffic control duty if necessary. It is only by individual discipline of all ranks, and initiative and energetic action by all officers that march discipline can be maintained and traffic blocks avoided. This is a matter to which all officers must give their close personal attention. Rules governing march discipline must be observed and officers are responsible for seeing that they are.

18. Artillery lessons in recent fighting.

Eighth Army Training Instruction No.1 is republished as Appendix 'A'.

C. in C. directs that the instructions contained in it are to be observed by all formations and units in the Middle East.

EIGHTH ARMY TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.1/1942.ARTILLERY LESSONS IN RECENT FIGHTING.

1. The superiority of 8 to 5 in artillery with which the Eighth Army accepted battle on 27 May has failed to produce the results expected, though almost without exception guns have been fought with the utmost gallantry and determination.

The principal reasons have been ;--

- (a) Defeat in detail, owing to employment in small bodies not under command of the highest Artillery Commander who can exercise collective control.
- (b) Failure to make a fire plan based on adequate reconnaissance, or in some cases to make a fire plan at all.
- (c) Confusion in the minds of many officers as to the two roles of the 25-pr as a Field Gun and as an Anti-Tank weapon.
- (d) Failure to use the Anti-Tank Artillery in accordance with the principles laid down in MIDDLE EAST TRAINING PAMPHLET NO.15 INSTRUCTION NO.2. (TACTICAL HANDLING OF ANTI-TANK UNITS.)
- (e) The great difficulty experienced by the Infantry under desert conditions in fulfilling their unchanging task of protecting their guns from close range small arms fire.

2. The lately introduced "Battle Groups" are based on gun power. If they are to achieve the results hoped for it is essential that these mistakes are not repeated. Particular emphasis is laid on the following points.

3. Just as command of two or three Battle Groups is exercised by the Brigade Commander, command of the Artillery in these Groups must be exercised through the Regimental Commander. If the Divisional Commander takes control of his Divisional Battle Groups, the CRA must take control of the Artillery, and signal facilities must be provided for him to do so.

4. Though it takes time to make a fire plan, this time must be allotted and can be reduced by training and practice. But no fire plan can be made until the Gunner is shown on the ground where his fire is required.

5. The primary role of the 25-pr is to engage all types of target, other than armour, with HE or smoke, in support of its own Infantry or armour. Its secondary role is to add to the depth of the anti-tank defence of any position, and to engage with AP shot any hostile AFVs which have broken through.

6. As M.E.T.P. No. 15 on the tactical handling of A.Tk. Units may not have reached all units, its main points are repeated below:-

- (a) Except when skirmishing, guns will always be fought on the ground and not on the "portee",
- (b) Fire will be held to the closest range possible.

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- (c) Guns must be sited to give each other mutual support, to give depth, and in defiladed positions wherever possible.
- (d) Concealment and digging are vital essentials.
- (e) Vehicles should be moved some distance from the guns.

7. Infantry, by their dispositions or action, must ensure the protection of their Field and A.T. guns from close range small arms fire. Without shrapnel Artillery can no longer protect its own front against this form of attack.

(signed) J.M. Whitely.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

7 Jul 42.
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TNG FOR WEEK ENDING 29th NOV 42

War Diary

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Syllabus for week ending 29 Nov is as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>8</u>
23 Nov	Preparation of 7 Mile Bde Locality. Digging and caouflaging of weapon pits etc. Arranging supplies of water.	
24 "	Exercises directed by Bde Comd- rapid developement of the encircling movement.	
25 "	Contiue preparation of 7 Mile Bde Locality.	
26 "	Contiue preparation of 7 Mile Bde Locality.	
27 "	Contiue preparation of 7 Mile Bde Locality.	
28 "	Bde Exercises- Contacting enemy and developing quick encircling movement.	

Day of Relaxation.

in all Officers of Bde, on 27 Nov at 1900 hrs - to be fixed

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Lieut
Adj. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

SYLLABUS OF TNG - PERIOD 9 - 14 Nov 42

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

DAY	0845-0900	0900-1000	1000-1100	1100-1200	1345-1430	1430-1530	1530-1630	1915-2100	
1	All day movement across country - practice in cutting tracks - maintaining direction and individual practice - Direction finding with compass - active enemy operations against Coy columns. (Lunch in the field)								
2	Coy parade	Zeroing of all rifles, TSMGs and BREN Guns - 30 yds Range.						Night attacks and harrasing tactics.	
3	Coy parade	Stage 1.- Coys taking up defensive posns Lunch in in close country - digging in and camf. the field			Stage 2.- Coys to work in pairs - "A" v "B" - "C" v "D" - each Coy to deliver attack on opposite number - practice in method of attack and defence.				
4	Coy parade	Practice in construction of stretchers & evacs of wounded from fwd areas - jungle area.	CW tng as per instns CW Offr	Lecturette on new orgzn of Inf Bn & Sit maps	Weapon tng Bren	Practice in verbal & written messages			
5	Coy parade	All day exercise - practice - tps locating prearranged RV after being cut off & dispersed in small parties							
6	Bn parade 0900	Guards-sentries pay compliments	Bayonet tng	Lectures 20 min Current affairs	Kit inspection	Make & mend			
7	CHURCH PARADE								

Note 1. BR squad will commence tng as laid down on syllabus already submitted.

Note 2. "I" Sec to liase with Coys and give short lecturettes the situation on the various fronts.

Note 3. Order in which Coys will carry out syllabus :-

Syllabus Day	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	HQ Coy
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	4	4	4	Spec
3	3	3	3	3	2
4	4	2	5	5	Spec
5	5	5	2	6	5
6	6	6	6	2	Spec

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Army Education Service,
FLEET STREET.NEWS BULLETIN. 1 NOVEMBER .. SUNDAY,
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LOCAL: Our advance north of ALOLA is proceeding.

AIR OPERATIONS: Flying Fortresses again hit shipping in Rabaul Harbour and the Buin/Faisi area on Saturday morning. At Rabaul, our 'planes severely damaged two large merchant vessels and probably sank a naval monitor. A light cruiser in Tonolai Harbour, in the Faisi area adjacent to Buin, was damaged. Rabaul was pounded with 1,000, 500 and 250 incendiary bombs, dropped from heights ranging between 2,000 to 13,000 feet. All our 'planes returned safely, one being damaged by anti-aircraft fire. Allied air units carried out two attacks on Dilli, in Timor, on Friday, but results were not observed.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS: Replying to Mr. E.M. Hanlon, Queensland's Health Minister, who urged that Australia's northern areas be populated, the Federal Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) said: "We must look to the purity of our population as well as to its quantity."

Prices for tea pegged by the Prices Commissioner (Professor J. D. Copland) yesterday are -- First grade, 3/5 per lb; second grade, 3/1.

Because of recent heavy rains it is expected that the acute potato shortage in Australia will be greatly relieved.

Moonee Valley Cup: Dark Felt 1; Gusher 2; Kooreenbeen 3.
W.S. Cox Plate: Tranquil Star.

SOLOMONS: Newspapers all over America are giving prominence to the sustained attacks by General MacArthur's bombers on enemy shipping. The latest US Navy Department's communique reported that the Japanese fleet, including transports, had retired from the scene of the Solomons battle, and that the Americans on Guadalcanal still occupied every inch of ground which they held prior to the first Japanese attack on the island. According to Colonel Knox, US Navy Secretary, some of the Japanese warships have returned to their bases, but he does not reveal where the remainder went. Fighting on land on Friday was restricted to patrol activity only.

EGYPT: London is awaiting a new bulletin from Cairo, but some time is expected to elapse before any fresh news of importance is received. The 8th Army's pressure against Axis lines is as great as ever. US Air HQ claim to have shot down 32 Axis aircraft for the loss of two of their own during the first three days of the battle. Latest operations by US aircraft have been against enemy supply lines and troop concentrations, while they heavily raided an enemy aerodrome in Crete. The German Newsagency says that the British Army attacked at dawn yesterday along the coastal area west of El Alamein, joining forces with units from the central and southern areas.

The ABC London correspondent says that packs of German U-boats attacked an Allied convoy off the Canary Islands on Friday. Fourteen ships are said to have been destroyed.

RUSSIA: The Germans are fighting desperately to exploit gains made in the factory areas of Stalingrad during the past few days. The Russians are resisting as stubbornly as ever, with the knowledge that Marshal Timoshenko's relief armies to the north and south of the city are making some progress. South of Stalingrad, Red Army forces have pierced another German defence line. The temporary lull in the Mozdok area of the Caucasus has been broken, and the Russians have been forced to withdraw slightly. Along the Black Sea coast north-east of Tuapse, the Russians have again advanced.

BRITAIN: About 50 German aircraft were over England yesterday afternoon. Little damage was done by their bombs which fell in coastal areas. Anti-aircraft fire and British fighters broke up the formations. American fighter pilots flew over the Channel yesterday to attack targets in Holland.

AMERICA. In an interview at Boston, the US shipping and aircraft producer (Mr. Henry Kaiser) said that the new experimental transport plane which he was building for the US Government was twice the size of the 70 ton Glenn Martin Mars transport aircraft. The 'plane, he said, would probably be coming off the lines before the factory was completed.

LOCAL. Our troops on Saturday and Sunday pushed on rapidly against the retreating enemy down the northern slopes of the range. ISURAVA was occupied on Saturday and DENIKI yesterday. By dusk on Sunday our advance elements were overlooking KOKODA.

AIR ACTIVITY. Allied air operations on Sunday included a raid by Flying Fortresses on the Buin/Faisi area, during which it is believed one destroyer may have been sunk and one direct^{ly} scored on a transport at Faisi. Bombs were dropped extremely close to other vessels.

A-20 attack bombers raided Lae and Salamaua on Sunday morning. They were intercepted by 15 to 20 Zeros which prevented the bombers from reaching their targets. A-20s, with P-40 fighter escort, engaged the interceptors. During the subsequent fights, two enemy fighters were shot down and others probably damaged. One of our 'planes failed to return.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS. Nine Japanese bombers which attacked Darwin one night last week got the shock of their lives. The following story is told by Merton Woods, "Sydney Morning Herald" reporter: "Raiding by moonlight at 12,000 feet, the bombers flew into the strongest barrage of anti-aircraft fire put up in Australia. All ack-ack batteries in the area went into concentrated action, completely un-nerving the pilots, whose formations were broken. The bombers changed direction, desperately seeking height, at the same time jettisoning their bombs. The raiders fled in ragged remnants of formations."

The Army Minister (Mr. F. L. Forde) announced that single women would be called up for the fighting forces, women's land army and war industries. He said South Australian and Victorian labour shortages were so acute that single women, divorcees, and widows without children would be required to show why they should not be called up. This review would later be extended to other States. The call up would first-ly apply to women in selected groups living in selected areas.

EGYPT. Although there have been no fresh reports of fighting in Egypt, Allied forces are keeping up a relentless pressure against enemy defences. Our artillery barrage is described as the greatest in history. British war correspondents report that our forces hold recently won positions and have beaten back several enemy counter-attacks. The number of prisoners taken has been doubled. In attacks over a wide area during the week-end much damage was done to Axis troop concentrations, encampments, and supply dumps. Five of our 'planes were destroyed. Thirteen Axis aircraft were shot down. Malta had a raid-free Saturday.

SOLOMONS. The US Navy Department announces that American warships bombed Japanese positions on Guadalcanal for two hours on Thursday and destroyed artillery, buildings and other enemy installations. During minor activities on the ground on Friday US troops claim to have destroyed two Japanese 75 guns. American dive bombers attacked two destroyers which approached the island on Friday. One of the bombers is missing. Results have not yet been released of US dive bombing attacks against enemy targets in the vicinity of Russell Island. US Navy Grumman Wild-cats attacked the Rekata Bay area, setting fires to buildings and shoot-ing down three Zero float 'planes and two bi-planes.

RUSSIA. Russian resistance in the Stalingrad factory area is stiffen-ing. Marshal Timoshenko's relief armies -- from the north and south -- are still making headway. In the Caucasus, the Red Army has been forced to withdraw under strong pressure from German troops attacking towards the Grozny oilfields.

CANTERBURY "BLITZED!" The heaviest daylight raid since the 'blitz' days of London was made by the Luftwaffe on Saturday. Fifty German raiders, including the crack Focke Wulf 190 fighters, bombed the Cathedral city of Canterbury. The streets of the town were thronged with Saturday morning 'shoppers,' who were later machine gunned. Casualties and damage are reported to have been heavy. Nine enemy 'planes were shot down.

AMERICA. Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican leader, attacked President Roosevelt's administration for lack of courageous leadership, at the same time criticising the U.S.A. for her continued recognition of Vichy's

LOCAL. Our troops advancing from Kokoda were in the vicinity of Oivi yesterday.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS. Words and phrases used in retail advertisements to induce the sale of goods have been banned from 12 November, when advertising will be limited to the listing of goods stocked and prices rather than an incentive to buy. Adjectives banned include: "Exclusive, exciting, beautiful, glamorous, lovely." Terms specifically banned are: "Only 29/6 per pair. Irresistible value, You won't find any cheaper." Retailers are prohibited from saying that their prices are the lowest, from advertising bargain sales, stating that goods are available on certain days, or suggesting that their prices have been reduced. Reference to latest or seasonal fashions or new stocks is also prohibited.

A £1,000,000 scheme to subsidise University study is being discussed by Federal Cabinet. A student is likely to be paid for studying medical science, dentistry, engineering and veterinary science. The scheme provides for the admission of only promising students to a University for free courses with enough payment to cover living and text-book costs.

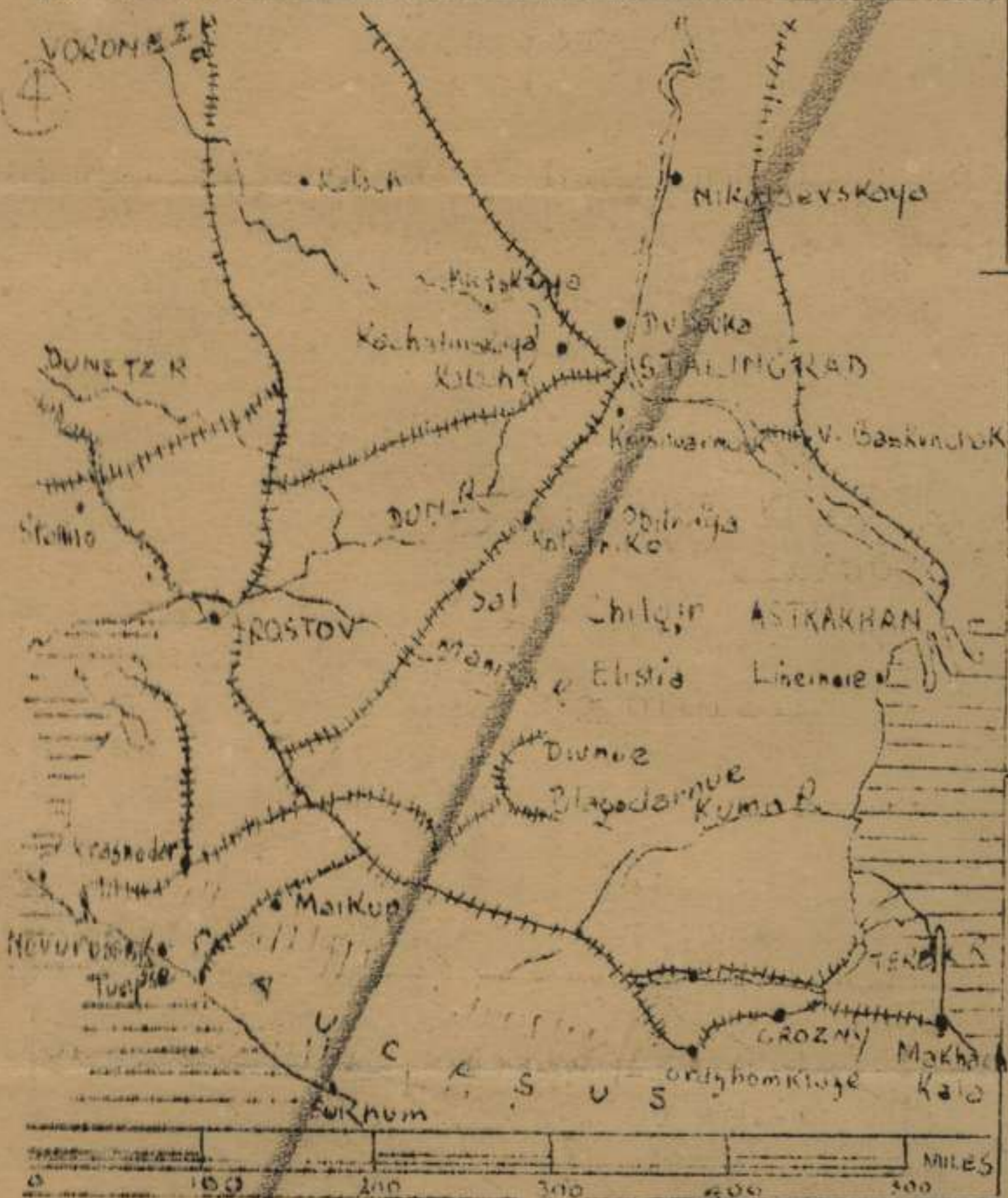
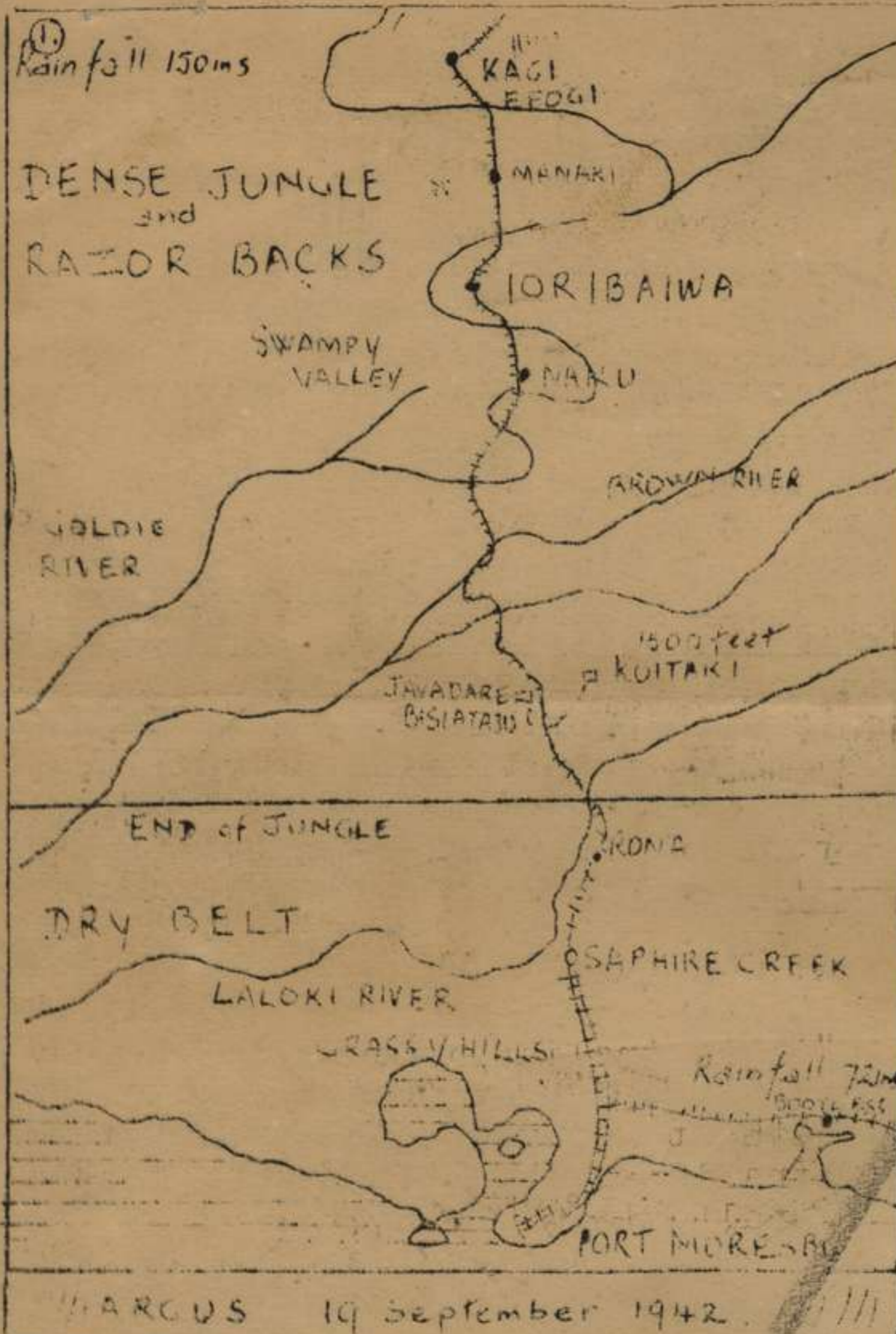
A Sunday "Telegraph" war correspondent cables the following from AIF HQ in Egypt: "An Australian colonel directed an action against the Germans with soap from an interrupted bath, drying on his body. The colonel was taking a bath at midnight when the Germans counter-attacked, nearly reaching the Australian wire. The counter-attack was thrown back without affecting Australian forward forces."

Opening the Federal Government's £100,000,000 War and Austerity Loan in Perth yesterday, the Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) said that the fate of every Australian was bound up in the fate of the fighting men. Civilians must pay for their protection. Following Mr. Curtin's appeal £500,000 was subscribed to the loan by residents of Perth.

EGYPT. All reports from Cairo speak of combined British sea, land and air operations. During the 8th Army's recent advance a battalion of Australian became trapped in a narrow sector. They withstood heavy Axis artillery barrages and dive bomber attacks and were rescued when 16 Allied Crusader tanks appeared to engage 14 heavier German Mk. IV tanks. No news of any fresh developments has been received, but both the Rome and Berlin Radios speak of heavy tank battles and land fighting generally, about which Cairo has said nothing. A week ago British naval forces bombarded Axis positions along the coast. Our fighters and bombers continue to attack enemy positions, Axis shipping especially receiving attention.

SOLOMONS. Latest news from the Solomons reveals that enemy land forces are retreating south-west of the US airfield at Guadalcanal. A US Navy announcement said American marines, supported by Flying Fortresses, attacked Japanese positions west of Guadalcanal on Sunday. One wave of marines crossed the river in the vicinity and advanced two miles. US fighters and dive-bombers attacked enemy positions the same day and silenced Japanese artillery. Five enemy aircraft on the beach at Rekata Bay were destroyed. The ABC correspondent in Washington says official circles there believe the withdrawal of the Japanese fleet was due to the heavy losses of naval aircraft. A naval battle is expected later on and the decision will go to the side able to repair damaged warships first. It is now disclosed by Colonel Knox, US Navy Chief, that in the naval engagement off Savo Island on October 11, the enemy lost three cruisers and five destroyers.

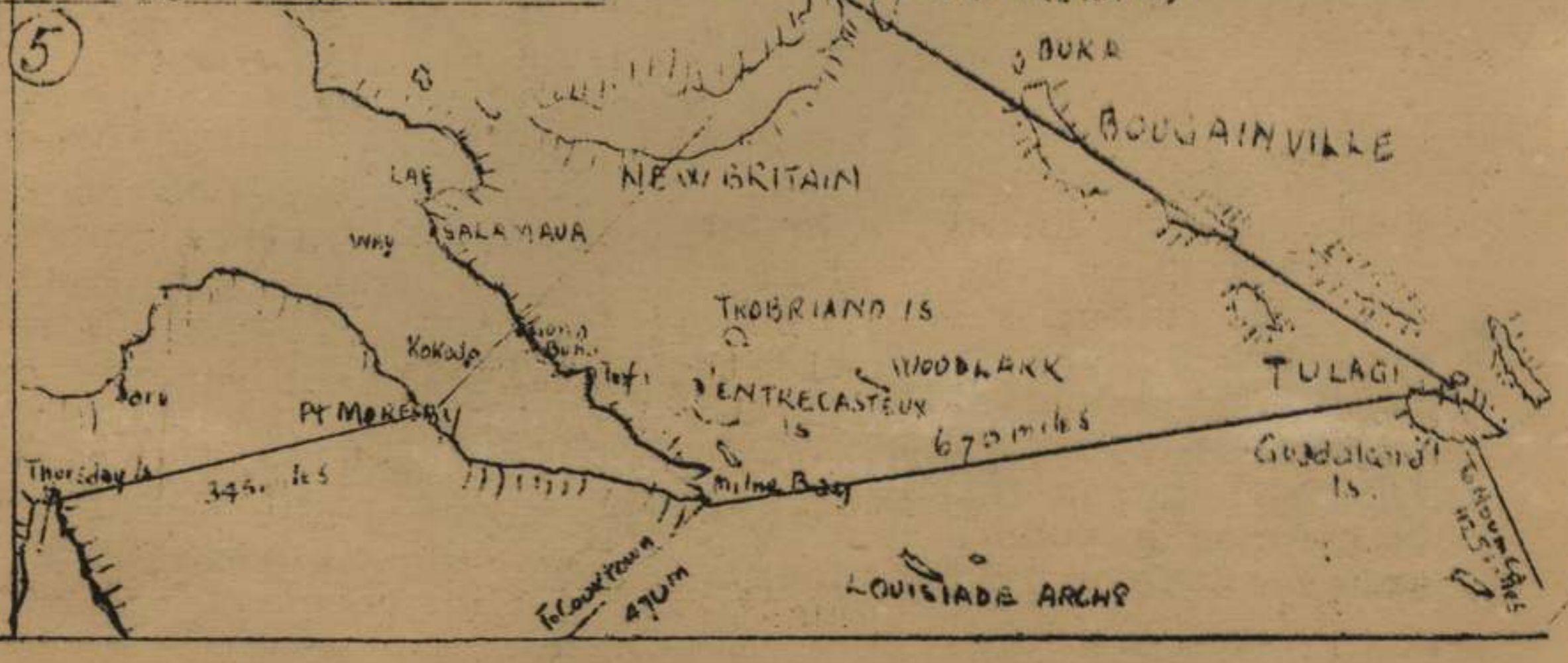
RUSSIA. With a stalemate at Stalingrad, world attention is focussed on the Grozny oilfields area of the Caucasus, where, in the face of superior numbers, the Russians have been forced to make three withdrawals in the past two days. The Red Army has made no attempt to offer resistance to the enemy, but are harassing him with guerilla tactics. Around Tuapse the Russians hold the initiative. At the other important Black Sea port of Novorossisk the Germans' hold is precarious. Enemy positions are under constant fire from Soviet artillery, while factory areas are still in Russian hands. On the Stalingrad front, local successes have been scored by the Red Army. The Germans are still claiming fresh counter-attacks by the Russians, but Moscow remains silent.



MAPS

1. Port Moresby and hinterland.
2. Solomon Islands.
(British Protectorate and Bougainville (T.M.G))
3. Owen Stanley.
(Moresby - Kokoda - Buna Area)
4. South U.S.S.R. War zone.
5. South-west Pacific.

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LOCAL. Fighting continues on the slopes of the Oivi Ridge, where the Japanese are offering stronger resistance.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS. The Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin) said that the Governments from six countries were sponsoring a conference in Australia about communications. The Governments are: Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Southern Rhodesia.

Opening the £100,000,000 War and Austerity Loan in Sydney yesterday, the Federal Treasurer (Mr. J. B. Chifley) gave the people a new slogan: "Live Simply -- Give Generously."

When an RAAF training 'plane crashed "somewhere in Victoria" yesterday, three members of its crew were killed. The victims were: Sgt. R. B. Cassidy, New South Wales; Sgt. R. A. Luskin, Queensland and Sgt. J. H. Storey, Victoria.

In commenting on the retreat of Axis forces in Egypt, the Army Minister (Mr. F.M. Forde) said: "This is the second piece of encouraging news this week." The first, he said, was the Australians reconquest of the Owen Stanley Range.

EGYPT. AXIS FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT ARE NOW IN FULL RETREAT. MORE THAN 9,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, INCLUDING THE COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN AFRIKA KORPS. THE ENEMY LOSSES IN KILLED AND WOUNDED HAVE BEEN HEAVY. GENERAL VON STUMER, SECOND-IN-COMMAND TO GENERAL ROMMEL, IS ADMITTED BY BERLIN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION.

Over 260 German and Italian tanks have been destroyed, in addition to at least 270 guns. Allied Air Forces have shot down or badly damaged 300 Axis aircraft. In the 12 days since the Allied offensive began, our naval forces have sunk 50,000 tons of enemy shipping, and have damaged as much again. The 8th Army continues to advance.-- These were the facts given in a special bulletin issued from Cairo. The actual position of the opposing forces is not disclosed. It was announced earlier that Axis forces were being driven in a westerly direction 20 miles from El Alamein. The small pocket of Axis troops trapped in the coastal area was wiped out by Australian forces. The Commander of Australian troops, Lt-Gen. Morshead, has been congratulated on the magnificent work done by Australians on the right flank of the 8th Army. General Montgomery, C-in-C Allied forces in Egypt, said: "The Australians were absolutely splendid. The part played by them in this battle is beyond all praise." It is reported that the Italians in one sector asked for an armistice to bury their dead. The Allied Air Force for nine hours incessantly hammered the retreating enemy. Since last Friday week, Allied bombers, fighters and fighter-bombers made more than 8,000 sorties over enemy occupied territory.

This morning's ABC news reports that the 8th Army is still pursuing the retreating enemy columns and is preventing the enemy from consolidating rearguard defences. German spokesmen comment that it was not altogether unexpected that the British should achieve what they refer to as "local successes." The German campaign in Russia, comment continues, is at present overshadowed by events in Egypt. The Italian High Command admits that the whole of the Italian forces in Egypt have withdrawn to new lines.

RUSSIA: Heavy fighting is reported from the Caucasus, where the Germans are making a double-pronged thrust on Grozny oilfields. No further Soviet withdrawals have been reported from this area. In the region of Tuapse, on the Black Sea coast, the Russians have had some local successes. The Germans have not made any progress around Stalingrad.

AMERICA. The results of the US elections to date show that although Republican candidates have improved their position, the Democrats retain control of both Houses.

BURMA. Increased activity by both sides is reported along the Burmese border. The Japanese are endeavouring to probe Allied defences to test their strength. Believing that they were being attacked, one sector of Japanese defences opened up on a few Allied troops with 2 in. and 3 in. mortars. The Japanese Air Force is inactive on this front.

LOCAL. Latest reports from New Guinea, broadcast over this morning's ABC, says Australian troops are now half-way between Kokoda and Wyrobi bridge. Japanese forces driven out of their trenches near Oivi hurriedly attempted to construct defences farther back. Our troops could see the enemy hastily erecting barricades for protection. Air support for our ground troops has been continuous and effective. Enemy supply bases have been constantly hammered.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS. Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique reported two Allied air raids on Japanese positions in Timor the previous day. Two enemy occupied native villages south of Dilli were practically wiped out.

"The troops don't moan, neither must you. Give every shilling you can spare for the Government to spend on guns, torpedoes and ships rather than waste it on buying unnecessary food, clothes and other things you can reasonably go without. The Government makes no apology for imposing what is called austerity on Australians."--The Prime Minister at a recent War Loan speech.

The following tribute was paid by the Army Minister (Mr. F.M. Forde) to those responsible for the defeat of the Japanese at Kokoda: "I must pay a special tribute to our gallant men, their officers and commanders, for their great achievement in the face of tremendous odds. It called for great stamina, determination and heroism as can only be supplied by spartan men such as our troops proved themselves to be. The capture of Kokoda is the most important step in the defence of Australia."

EGYPT. Latest official reports from Cairo say that our armoured forces have caught up with the enemy rearguard west of El Daba, 30 miles beyond El Alamein where the present battle begun. While both Berlin and Rome speak of fighting near Mersa Matruh, only Allied comment is from a Cairo correspondent who confirms clashes as claimed by the Axis. Official GHQ reports cover operations up to last Thursday. Since that day, 13,000 Axis prisoners have been taken, including the Commander of the 30 Italian Division and his 2 i/c. On the southern front, large numbers of Italians who had been deserted by German armoured forces, were taken prisoner. In the last 12 days over 330 Axis tanks have been captured or destroyed. The road along which the Axis troops are retreating, and incidentally the only road, is being pounded by RAF bombers, fighters and fighter-bombers. Axis supply vehicles are moving four abreast along the highway.

In the Mediterranean the Axis have lost six more supply ships -- victims of British submarines.

JAPS IN INDIA? The German-controlled Oslo radio persists in broadcasting reports, alleged to have originated in Ankara, that Japanese forces have crossed the frontier into India. One of the points mentioned is to the north of the Japanese occupied port of Akyab. This information is not confirmed from any other source, although Chungking reports that Japanese units are moving in a westerly direction from an important railhead in Burma.

SOLOMONS. There has been no fresh news from the Solomons since it was broadcast on Thursday night that American troops were attacking the enemy successfully on two fronts -- six miles west of the Hednerson airfield and the same distance to the east, where enemy reinforcements were recently landed.

RUSSIA. Moscow newspapers and radio broadcasts give prominence to the news of Allied successes in Egypt. On Thursday night the Moscow Radio broadcast the following: "Germany is getting it hot and cold -- hot in the Western Desert -- cold in Russia." The Germans have made little progress in Russia. At Stalingrad, Russian counter-attacks were successful south of the city. Local advances have been made by the Red Army in fighting for Tuapse, on the Black Sea coast.

NOTICE,

The distribution of daily news-sheets will have to be drastically cut until more paper is available for its publication. Unfortunately, paper supplies on hand will not allow of any unit receiving more than one copy per day. Sorry!

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

ALGIERS. US troops occupied ALGIERS at dawn yesterday. Armistice arrangements include the relief of all duties except that of policing for French Armed forces. Vichy gave the reason for surrender as the inability of the authorities to clear the civil population from the city. Our warships and air forces bombarded the city and made surrender necessary.

ORAN. French resistance continues at ORAN, small naval craft and coastal batteries actively defending the port. 2 small British craft have been lost during operations at this port. A Vichy communique says that 70 transports are lying off the coast unloading tanks and guns in such numbers as to make resistance futile.

CASABLANCA. US forces are moving inland from the port, and meeting with no resistance. A naval engagement is said to be taking place off the coast.

Other reports state that TUNISIA has been bombarded, and that Vichy French warships have suffered heavy losses.

Rome radio announced the movement of the Italian fleet west. Berlin states that TUNISIA and ITALY are to be completely blacked out. Admiral Darlan is believed to have been captured at ALGIERS. General Weygand is to return to France to take over the Fleet. From America comes the report that Vichy France is to be regarded as enemy territory, and that the French Consul has been handed his passport. Vichy ships have been taken into protective custody.

TOKYO radio has described the American landing as "most ungentlemanly".

EGYPT. Our forces are continuing to make progress towards LIBYA. Small pockets of enemy resistance have been left in the rear and have yet to be cleaned out. The bulk of Rommel's remaining force is now out of Egypt but what remains will find it difficult to pass over the escarpment, as our bombers have successfully destroyed HALFAYA PASS. Further information on the 6 Italian Divs which have been captured indicates that all their equipment was intact. Heavy rain is hampering movement in the Desert.

Rome radio broadcasting to Italy declares "the horizon is black" and "the Italian war effort is very bad".

ITALY. Photographs of the raids on GENOA tell a tale of tremendous destruction. In one area of 77 acres in the centre of the city, half of the buildings have been completely demolished. The rest of the area is roofless. The main railway station has been demolished, the telegraph and government offices completely destroyed, and warehouses on the waterfront also destroyed.

RUSSIA. STALINGRAD - no further progress by the Germans.

CAUCASUS - Attempts by Panzer units to break through to the GROZNY oilfields have met with no success.

Berlin weather reports state that the Russian front is covered with ice and frost. Keen interest is being taken by Russian papers in the North African campaign.

SOLOMONS. US forces advanced 4 miles east of the airfield at GUADALCANAL. Although Jap reinforcements were landed in the area a week ago, no opposition was encountered. US a/c attacked Jap Naval craft north of the SOLOMONS. One cruiser was hit and 12 float planes shot down.

NEW GUINEA. Our forces continue to press the Japs. Portion of our troops have moved around to a position behind the Jap lines and are attacking the enemy rear.

BURMA An Allied move against BURMA is predicted.

NORTH AFRICA. ALGIERS. On Sunday the city was occupied by American troops. It is reported that British troops are also disembarking here. At ORAN our forces penetrated to a considerable depth east and west of the city before Vichy asked for an Armistice. With the fall of ORAN all French resistance along the southern Mediterranean coast has virtually ended. Cooperation between occupying US troops and the civil population is splendid. The landing at ORAN was covered by the RN and RAF for whom General Eisenhower has the highest praise. US HQ was set up in the city immediately after the Armistice was signed. A late report states that British troops are also landing at ORAN. The 35,000 ton battleship Jean Bart which was damaged in a naval action with British forces, is burning in the port of ORAN. Admiral Darlan is guest of an American General at a field HQ. At CASABLANCA Vichy air activity has been most pronounced and American dive-bombers were ordered into action.

The Prime Minister, Mr Churchill, in a statement concerning the new front said that strict respect would be paid to the rights of Spain and Portugal. Speaking of France he declared he was prepared to stake his place that France would rise again in all the glory of a nation.

References made to the Battle of Egypt showed that the Battle became one of troops of British blood versus German troops whilst Italians were left to perish in the Desert. The campaign in the west was one which we have laboured long to bring to fruition.

EGYPT. Our forces are now in the area SIDI BARRANI - SOLUM, the distance covered being 250 miles during the past six days. German garrisons and suicide squads still remain in the rear, but opinion is that these only remain as escape was impossible. The Luftwaffe is now based on GALBUT, but is taking very little part in the action. All remaining Panzers are out of Egyptian territory but no news is available of them preparing to make a stand. Prisoners continue to pour in and tremendous dumps of material are being revealed as our forces move west. One dump consisted of brass band instruments the assumption being that they were to be used for the triumphant entry into Alexandria.

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LONDON. Boston Bombers with a large fighter escort attacked the shipbuilding centre at HAMBURG yesterday afternoon.

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EGYPT. Our forces are pushing on West of TOBRUK. When our forces entered TOBRUK large numbers of South Africans, Poles and Greeks were liberated. They had been taken prisoner when TOBRUK was captured by the Axis, and had worked as dock labourers. SIWA which was evacuated by the enemy six days ago has now been occupied by our forces. General Montgomery, in an Order of the Day, on 12 Nov said "the task was not yet finished; hit them for six and good luck to you all". He also said that the following no longer exist as fighting formations:- 15 and 21 Panzer Divs, 90 Lt Inf Div (Motorised) and 164 Inf Div. In addition 9 Italian Divs have ceased to exist.

RUSSIA. Heavy fighting continues at STALINGRAD where the enemy, despite strong attacks, are unable to make further progress. At TUAPSE on the BLACK SEA front Russian attacks have forced the enemy back a distance of two miles. Mr Stalin replying in writing to questions put to him by newspaper correspondents has shown considerable pleasure at the new offensive. Of the NORTH AFRICAN front he said he considered it to be an outstanding campaign of great importance, and that the organizers of the landing must have been first class to carry out the operation so skilfully, at the same time effectively routing the German and Italian forces in EGYPT. The effect on fighting on the Russian front would be great and would also provide FRANCE with good cause to throw off her lethargy. He thought that ITALY could be dispatched thus resulting in isolating GERMANY, after which he forecast the disintegration of German armed forces. This offensive provided the pre-requisite conditions of a second front and now the initiative had passed to the Allied Nations. Answering the question of whether Russian forces would attack to the West he said that the Red Army had carried out its obligations in the past and he had no doubt that future obligations would be carried out honourably.

SOLOMONS. US sea and air forces attacked Jap positions in the SOLOMONS. During one attack by units of the American Fleet 31 Jap planes attacked. US air units engaged them and shot down 30, consisting of 22 torpedo bombers and 8 Zeros. 1 bomber escaped. One plane crashed into the US cruiser SAN FRANCISCO, killing 30 men. Naval units silenced the Jap shore batteries and destroyed other enemy installations.

NEW GUINEA. Aust troops continue to press the retreating Jap and have now reached WAIROPE.

LONDON A new and bigger Spitfire is now in operation. It has a bigger motor and construction has been modified.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA - First Army tps have arrived in ALGIERS as reinforcements to the occupying forces. Intense Axis air activity is reported from the TUNISIA frontier. German raids are being carried out frequently on our advancing columns. On Sat 11 enemy a/c were shot down during these raids. An air ferry service from SICILY to TUNIS is working at full pressure, large tp carrying planes being escorted by Messerschmitts. Fighters based on MALTA frequently intercept these aerial convoys and numbers of tp carriers have been shot down. Allied HQ in ALGIERS state the city is now normal and that at night a strict blackout is being enforced. Our tps are forbidden to buy in the shops, local purchase being restricted to French forces and civil population. On Sat the city had 11 air raid alerts. Gen ANDERSON, who is in charge of the force moving East through TUNISIA, is reported to be receiving help from the French. Progress is being made through the mountain passes. 7 enemy a/c were shot down in the vicinity of SICILY on Sun, making a total of 20 a/c down in three days. Admiral DARLAN has appointed Gen GIRAUD to command French forces in NORTH AFRICA. It is reported from Vichy that Gen WEYGAND is to be arrested. He is believed to have returned from NORTH AFRICA by air. 13 U Boats have been sunk off the NORTH AFRICAN coast during the landing ops. 5 have been sunk in the past two days.

LIBYA - Our forces have now reached TMMI 40 miles East of DERRA. Dumps in the DERRA area are being hurriedly destroyed by the supple retreating enemy. BENGHASI, which has been used as the main base by ROMMEL, is being raided day and night. Estimates of enemy losses during the battle of EGYPT are 75,000 killed and prisoners. Mr R. Casey has just visited Gen Montgomery and on his arrival back at CAIRO said that along a one hundred mile stretch of road he had never been out of sight of abandoned enemy guns or tpt. A South African who had been held prisoner at TOBRUK said that when the enemy passed through, the trucks could not be seen for men. He said the Germans appeared terrified and were even clinging to the sides, and mudguards. He stated the supplies landed at TOBRUK had been systematically pounded by the R.A.F. Very little had been of use to the enemy.

RUSSIA. Soviet newspapers are featuring the NORTH AFRICAN campaign devoting one quarter of their space to the action. STALIN'S statement sets the seal on a big change round of the SOVIET attitude to BRITAIN. The latest action at STALINERAD is described as bitter mass hand-to-hand fighting, wave after wave of German infantry being pushed forward with no success. Ice is reported to be floating down the VOLGA, whilst bitter winds are blowing across the Steppes. PRAVDA considers the Germans are attempting to gain winter quarters. In the CAUCASUS some progress has been made by Russian forces.

SOLOMONS. No news of the naval action has been published as yet. Each side is reported to have suffered losses, but both navies are still in the area.

LONDON. Fortresses attacked the submarine base at LA PALICE in daylight on Saturday. During the raid on GENOA one Lancaster was lost. One other plane returned home after two motors failed, compelling the pilot to drop his bombs before reaching the city. The US Under Secretary for State yesterday urged the Italian people to drive out the Fascist criminals, and cleanse ITALY of Fascism's influence.

NEW GUINEA. Our forces have now reached the KUMUSI RIVER and are only 35 miles from BUNA. American troops on the right flank are to co-operate with Australian troops in the next attack on Jap forces. Jap casualties are stated to have been very heavy during the past week.

AUSTRALIA. Mr Evatt declared a single nation wide policy of social re-construction was the only possible method to place soldiers on a firm basis after the war. He said the money had been found for war and would have to be found for this policy.

FRONT NORTH AFRICA. RABAT radio announced contact had been made between British and German troops near TIZORRA on Sunday night. On the other hand, LONDON says there has been no official confirmation of any clash.

General EISENHOWER moved east on Sunday, in order to direct operations personally. General A. DE LACROIX is in charge of British First Army said our forces are moving as rapidly as possible through mountain passes into TUNISIA. Already our recon patrols have penetrated well into TUNISIA and are sending valuable information back by wireless. Estimates of Axis troops now in TUNISIA show 10,000 as being there now, but ROME and BERLIN raidos claim further reinforcement is proceeding.

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Another large convoy has arrived at ALGIERS. This convoy which was said to be "well into the 6 figure class" did not see any sign of the enemy during the trip.

Marshal PETAIN broadcasting from the German controlled VICHY station, repudiated Admiral DARLAN's statement that he (PETAIN) could not reveal his innermost thoughts to the people. He deprived DARLAN of all public office and refused to recognize General GIRAUD as leader of FRENCH forces in NORTH AFRICA.

BERLIN radio reports a naval battle off NORTH AFRICA between a combined BRITISH and US fleet and an ITALO-GERMAN squadron.

General GIRAUD commenting on the new administration said - "We have but one enemy, we shall have to first drive him out of AFRICA and then out of FRANCE".

LIBYA. Allied airforces are continuing to strafe enemy transport dumps between BENI HASSEN and AL AGHEILA. It is believed that ROUHEL has received reinforcements and will make a stand at AL AGHEILA. LONDON commentators believe the Eighth Army may have sufficient strength both to contain and move around Axis positions at AL AGHEILA. Our fighter a/c are now operating from MARTUDA thus providing fighter cover to our shipping in EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN waters.

ITALY. RAF Lancasters attacked GENOVA for the sixth time. Large fires were started and a number of searchlights extinguished. All planes returned safely.

RUSSIA. No further progress has been made by GERMAN forces at STALINGRAD. During the past week enemy attacks have been on a reduced scale and are now of a more local nature. In the CAUCASUS Soviet communiques state the enemy are attempting to improvise winter quarters.

CHUNGKING. CHINESE communiques claim 5000 Jap casualties in a heavy battle in SOUTHERN SHAN-TUNG province. The main Jap army retreated four days ago.

SOLOMONS. No results have been given of the naval battle raging in the SOLOMONS. At BUIN 8 a/c were destroyed on the ground. There is no news of land fighting.

NEW GUINEA. General MacARTHUR's communique says AUSTRALIAN and USA troops have now advanced and are closing in on Buna. Allied a/c are now maintaining attacks on the enemy in the BUNA area.

AMERICA. Value of Lease-Lend during Oct amounted to 229 million pounds. 2/3rds of this amount was military equipment.

TUNISIA. Allied HQ in NORTH AFRICA reports British paratps landed deep in the heart of TUNISIA on Monday. Meanwhile French tps continue to offer stout resistance to German forces at BIZERTA.

The American Consul at TUNIS has arrived at ALGIERS and has given much valuable information. He described how the French removed petrol and oil from the city area, and even scuttled some ships on the inner harbour when they learned of the German arrival. At ORAN French troops have now joined US forces at their stations.

LONDON General de Gaulle said no part would be taken by him in negotiations with Vichy French. Mr Atlee when asked in the House of Commons if he could make any statement concerning Darlan said Darlan was accepted for strictly military reasons and all negotiations were conducted by the Commander in Chief Allied Forces. Speaking of the landing by British First Army a LONDON spokesman declared the landing was made despite terrific aerial bombardment by hundreds of Axis planes. Some ships were sunk during these operations. Berlin Radio announced German troops in TUNISIA were to defend themselves to the last.

LIBYA Our forces now occupy DERNA and MECHILI and are moving forward daily. Axis troops are keeping clear of our troops who are moving forward at the rate of 20/30 miles daily. TOBRUK has been reported to be so badly damaged by our bombers as to be of no use to us for some time to come. Axis air forces are now in considerable strength in SARDINIA and SICILY, while the shuttle service between TUNISIA, SARDINIA and SICILY is working at full pressure. Germans are expected to fight hard to retain air superiority across this sector. Mr Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, warned against undue optimism declaring the main battle in the Mediterranean was yet to come.

SOLOMONS US Naval forces scored a smashing victory off GUADALCANAL when 23 ships were sunk or destroyed for the loss of 2 cruisers and six destroyers. Included among the Jap losses was a battleship, 3 heavy and 2 light cruisers, five destroyers and twelve transports. Between 20,000 and 30,000 Japs are believed to have gone down with the transports. Admiral NIMITZ said the engagement took the form of two heavy night actions during which the Jap became so confused that they were firing on each other. Colonel Knox, Secretary for the Navy, warned against optimism saying it was mere speculation to suggest the American Navy had achieved supremacy in the PACIFIC. He did not consider the action decisive enough to warrant this idea.

NEW GUINEA. Our forces are now 35 miles from BUNA and are closing in slowly. Allied air forces are maintaining offensive operations throughout the area of operations.

RUSSIA. Operations are almost at a standstill. NW of STALINGRAD Russian positions are being strengthened.

GENERAL. Japs are taking all measures to prevent a possible French uprising in INDO-CHINA.

CANADA. 5,000 war aircraft are being produced annually.

LONDON. Terms of armistice in MADAGASCAR will not be made public.

It is known that Vichy French troops have been interned.

ITALY. Persons writing to prisoners of war in ITALY must address mail to camp number and NOT camp situation. Failure to comply with this rule will result in non-delivery of mail.

Aust Labour Party conference has decided to ask Federal Govt to introduce Bills on Social Insurance, Health and Marriage Loans. Also ask for taxation on profits by ratio of profit to investment.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA - British and US paratps have captured an airfield in TUNISIA. No indication has yet been given of the locality of the airfield. These tps are also moving eastward to strike at Axis forces near TUNIS airfield. BIZERTA is known to be in enemy hands, French tps now withdrawing West to join our forces. ROMMEL is believed to have arrived in TUNIS from LIBYA. LONDON commentators are now discussing our gains from NORTH AFRICA: 200,000/3,00,000 tons of shipping fell into our hands while the Axis has now lost quantities of coffee, wheat and barley. In addition iron ore production totalling 450,000 tons annually will now be shipped to Great Britain. Axis efforts raised this production from 50,000 tons annually in the first year of the war.

LIBYA - Our land forces are now 70 miles from BENGHASI, the adv continuing by two rds, one along the coast and the other straight across the Cyrenaica Plateau. Main enemy forces are now South of BENGHASI and are being attacked continuously by Allied aircraft. Barges in BENGHASI Harbour were attacked on Tuesday night and at an airfield East of BENGHASI 6 troop carriers were shot down. A further 6 troop carriers were destroyed on the ground.

In CAIRO yesterday, General Alexander told a Press Conference the enemy was rocking but not knocked out. He considered the German a good fighter and unlikely to give up while there was any chance of reinforcement. It was revealed that in the tank battle at EL ALAMEIN the enemy escaped with 15 tanks left out of 500.

LONDON reports a large Allied force is advancing Northward from LAKE CHAD.

SPAIN. General Franco has ordered partial mobilization of the army, navy and air force. The reason given is the war situation which has now become of immediate interest to SPAIN. War Office comments say these precautions are purely in accordance with FRANCO's declaration in his note. It is pointed out that German troops now occupy all the FRANCO-SPANISH frontier as well as the FRENCH Coast.

BURMA. RAF attacks in Northern BURMA are becoming more frequent. Our patrols are also very active across the border, inflicting casualties on the enemy.

LONDON. LA PALICE and ST NAZAIRE were again attacked in daylight by Fortresses on Tuesday. This is the third raid in a week, and considerable damage has been done to both submarine bases. 6 enemy aircraft were shot down during the raid. Channel guns near DOVER were inaction for a short time last night.

RUSSIA. Germans attacks appear to have the object of gaining some protection from bitter winter winds and snow in the ruins of ST LINGRAD. Fighting has proved extremely costly to the enemy. NW of STALINGRAD Russian artillery have inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy. At LUACHIK in the CAUCASUS Russian attacks have pushed the Germans back a short distance.

US. President Roosevelt has made some comment on Darlan's position. He declares the arrangement is not a permanent political one, but has been proved justified as it saved many lives. As it stands it applies to the current situation only. Describing the SOLOMONS action Mr Roosevelt said the cruiser SAN FRANCISCO lead the attack. She sailed right through the enemy, silencing a battleship and sinking another ship. Admiral Callahan was killed during this action. The SAN FRANCISCO was damaged but made port.

NEW GUINEA. Our forces continue to push forward. Allied aircraft are cooperating with the advance.

AUSTRALIA. At the annual conference of the A.L.P. a motion was put to Caucus on the extension of field of service for the Militia. After some argument it was decided to take the vote early next month. If the motion is carried this will become a plank in the Labour platform.

LOCAL: American troops are advancing on Buna from the south and south-west. Australian troops are still advancing along the main track from Wairopi. Eight enemy destroyers were sighted yesterday off the north coast of New Guinea. Advancing Australian units are now at Murui and Sangara missions. They met with no enemy opposition.

The official communique, released this morning, says that the enemy destroyers are split into two groups, and are manoeuvring into position. Our heavy bombers are endeavouring to engage."

Air activity yesterday included Allied raids on aerodromes and buildings at Lae, Salamaua, Gasmata and Rabaul.

EXTENSION OF MILITIA OPERATIONS: The executive of the Australian Labour Party has not yet reached a decision on the proposal to extend the operation of Militia forces outside Australia and mandated territories. Delegates have refused to vote on the measure until they receive instructions from the branches they represent.

N.A. PROGRESS: Radio Morocco has announced that an Allied force is moving towards Tunisia from Lake Chad, in French Equatorial Africa, but no further details are available. French Equatorial Africa was the first of the French colonial possessions to declare for General de Gaulle. Radio Morocco reports also that Allied parachutists, landed in the interior of Tunisia, have captured an important aerodrome. Reuters says that French troops resisting the Germans are now making a fighting withdrawal with the object of linking up with the main Allied forces. Allied airmen have made further attacks on Bizerta, which the Germans claim to have captured. Petrol and munitions dumps were blown up and aircraft on the ground destroyed.

It is now known that at least 50 Axis submarines were operating in the Mediterranean when the Allied troops were first landed in North Africa. Of this number, 13 were destroyed. In spite of the prevalence of enemy U-boats, only one Allied transport received any damage at all during landing operations.

The British Minister for Economic Warfare said that with the fall of French North African ports, the Allies have gained an additional 300,000 tons of shipping. Besides huge wheat and barley crops, Allied occupation of French North Africa would mean control of coffee, oil and rubber supplies.

70 MILES FROM BENGHAZI: The victorious 8th Army is still pursuing Rommel's forces and is now within 70 miles of Benghazi, which our bombers have been pounding for several days. The B.B.C. says there is no official news of progress of the Army moving along the coast, since it was announced that Darna was occupied a few days ago. Despite adverse weather conditions, our fighters and bombers have been operating east of Benghazi, and yesterday they shot down 6 enemy transport planes and destroyed another 6 on the ground. We had no losses. During the past three days, the Axis have lost 130 transport vehicles as the result of R.A.F. attacks, in addition to 10 aircraft on the ground.

Commenting on the Battle of Egypt, the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. A.V. Alexander) said that the Germans were most likely to make a stand at El Aghila, where there were good defensive positions. This stand would be in the form of a rearguard action to enable Rommel to evacuate the main portion of remnants of the Afrika Korps. He revealed that the Axis used 500 tanks in the battle, 15 of which escaped.

SPAIN MOBILISING: A British Official Wireless message says that Spain is partially mobilising. This move was not unexpected in London, despite British and American assurances regarding the safeguarding of Spain's policy of independence and neutrality. German occupation of French territory bordering Spain may have forced the latest Spanish move.

JAP. TARGETS IN BURMA BOMBED: Units of the Royal Air Force yesterday attacked Japanese positions in Burma, following U.S. fighter sweeps during the week. On land, British patrols have inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese forces in minor clashes.

RUSSIA: Only minor activity is reported from Stalingrad, while in the Caucasus the Russians have made local advances. Moscow admits German progress in the Leningrad area.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA - Allied tps are advancing slowly into TUNISIA. Fwd tps clashed with German patrols on Wednesday, driving them in an easterly direction. Gen GIRAUD has visited the front and as a result many French garrisons have joined our forces in their advance. However, there remains an element of uncertainty as to the attitude of the many French garrisons and authorities yet to be met in villages on the routes being taken.

The Axis is pouring all available tps into TUNISIA and occupying all vital strategical points, such as airfields and railway junctions. RAF Spitfires continue to create havoc among enemy bombers off the ALGERIAN coast. One formation of 6 Italian torpedo bombers was just preparing to attack one of our convoys when Spitfires dived into their formation, destroying five. No further information is yet to hand of the force advancing North from LAKE CHAD.

LIBYA. Advance elements made contact with the German screen 50 miles South of BENGHAZI. This screen is presumed to have been well wide of the road in order to protect German columns still in the BENGHAZI area. There is a possibility of some German forces being entrapped North of BENGHAZI. In the same area considerable air activity has been reported, twelve enemy aircraft being destroyed at BENINA and a further twenty troop carriers damaged on the ground. An enemy tanker of 8000 tons was attacked by our torpedo carrying aircraft near TRIPOLI. Two direct hits were obtained and the ship was left burning fiercely. In another encounter a heavily escorted supply ship was continuously attacked by one of our submarines for 12 hours. 3 torpedoes succeeded in sinking it, just before dawn. No damage was done to the submarine. BBC correspondents are now giving details of Axis losses in CYRENAICA. They say over 100 wrecked aircraft have been left on DERNA drome. All along the roads are signs of gear hastily thrown away, the countryside resembling a gigantic dust bin or junk heap.

RUSSIA. A slight Russian advance at STALINGRAD is reported in the MOSCOW communique. NW of the city a large enemy column of infantry was routed by Soviet artillery. In the CAUCASUS rain is interfering with operations. At MOZDOK a German advance with tanks proved disastrous, 17 tanks being destroyed.

FRANCE. Marshal Petain has invested Laval with complete dictatorial powers, and has also named him as his successor. Laval is now reorganizing the Cabinet. General VIGORIE, former French Air Force leader has escaped from FRANCE to ENGLAND. He was accompanied by a prominent trade unionist leader. He stated all people opposed to the regime were being rounded up by Gestapo agents.

ITALY. Heavy bombers based on BRITAIN attacked the Fiat works at TURIN on Wednesday night. Many 4000 lb bombs were dropped on the works, bright moonlight helping the bombers considerably. No planes are missing. The works employ 50,000 people and turn out aircraft and trucks.

NEW GUINEA. 8 Jap destroyers have been seen in the vicinity of BUNA. General MacArthur's communique suggests these may be present to provide artillery support for the Jap forces. Our columns are closing in on the BUNA beachhead.

AUSTRALIA. The A.L.P. Conference has decided to call a Special Meeting on Jan 4, 1943, to take the vote on proposed changes in service terms of Militia. Members expressed a wish to meet their State executives before voting. If on the other hand, it becomes clear 4 States approve of the motion a vote will not be necessary. In the event of a vote of assent the Defence Act will be changed by Proclamation. Mr Curtin introduced the motion to conference.

GENERAL.

Jap dromes at MYCHILA and RANGOON, in BURMA, have been attacked by RAF Wellingtons and Blenheims.

Mr L.S. Amery speaking in the House of Commons said it was still their aim to grant BURMA self-government after the war.

SPAIN. Spanish army will number 700,000 after mobilisation. The mobilisation is closely allied with the German desire for refuelling ports for their 400 ton U Boats now being concentrated in Mediterranean waters.

US. Selective service for 18-19 years of age group will be introduced early in 1943.

6 AUST DIV HEADLINE NEWS - 21 NOV 42

LIBYA. Axis forces are continuing to move South and West towards EL AGHEILA. Enemy defensive positions were encountered 20 miles inland from the coast between BENGHASI and AGEDABIA. These positions are located on an escarpment and our own light forces have engaged these positions. Unconfirmed reports state the enemy has evacuated BENGHASI. BBC correspondents stated over 550 damaged or destroyed aircraft were found on CYRENAICA dromes after the Axis withdrawal. Rommel is considered to have lost 75,000 men and terrific quantities of equipment since the battle began at EL ALAMEIN. Describing the advance made by Eighth Army LONDON commentators describe it as a triumph of military organisation. The forces encountered the exact opposites in weather; great heat in EGYPT and cold wet weather in the passes between CIRENE and BARCE.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. A mechanised force of British, US and French forces encountered a Panzer column 40 miles West of BIZERTA. One third of the enemy strength was destroyed and the remainder withdrew towards BIZERTA. Considerable air support was given to the enemy force but the US and British air forces succeeded in breaking it up. German Air Forces are launching non-stop attacks all along the NORTH AFRICAN COAST. According to BE LIN a vital battle in the air will soon decide mastery in NORTH AFRICA. German forces are digging in on a semicircular line 30 miles around BIZERTA and TUNIS. Admiral Darlan is now High Commissioner French North Africa.

ITALY. ROIE radio continues to voice a very nervous opinion of British attacks in Northern ITALY. A general exodus is taking place from GENOA, and extra trains are being run to cope with the confusion on the stations. The movement of troops through ITALY is being considerably hampered by this use of rolling stock for other than military purposes.

SOLOMONS. A further report of Jap losses in the SOLOMONS has been released by the Navy Dept, WASHINGTON. It states that the Jap losses are now greater by 1 battleship or heavy cruiser, 3 cruisers and 1 destroyer. These ships were sunk in an action on Saturday night and are additional to previous sinkings. Another battleship, a cruiser and destroyer were damaged.

LONDON. The Portuguese reply to the British note on territorial rights has been received. It is described as highly satisfactory.

RUSSIA. Soviet communiques report a crushing defeat inflicted on the Germans near GROZNY oilfields. 20,000 men were either killed or wounded and a large amount of equipment was captured. The Germans retired to the hills. At STALINGRAD no further progress has been made by the enemy.

Mr. Roosevelt has announced that RUSSIA is to have first preference in supplies.

NEW GUINEA. Allied forces are now within a few miles of BUNA and are in contact with the enemy. Bad weather has interfered with air operations during the past two days.

FIJI. American troops of all arms have landed in FIJI.

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To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, and K sec.Sigs.

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From 21 Bde.

Sitrep No130 to 0700 hrs (.) 16Bde (.) HQ 16 Bde opened ABUARI village 1545L/31 (.) 2/1 bn located ABUARI (.) adv elements 2/2 bn working fwd to MISIMA (.) no contact (.) track shows no sign recent use (.) 2/3 bn following 2/2 bn (.) coy 2/2 bn which moved right of waterfall passed enemy dug posn and recovered Bren in good order (.) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div opened ALOLA 1700L/31 (.) 25Bde no report (.) BUNA area (.) infm states OROKAIWA natives endeavoured spear friendly natives guiding our recce patrol (.) native reports Japs in LOWER DOBODURA (.) LAE OP reports 18 Zeros landed drome 1445L/31 and were parked in blast bays (.) inclement weather prevented strike force reaching target afternoon 31 Oct.

T00 0830

SECRET

To ~~2/5~~ 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 and K Sec Sigs.

From 21 Bde.

Sitrep No 131 to 1600 hrs (.) 16Bde (.) on right flank 2/2 bn entered MISIMA early this morning without having made contact with enemy (.) fwd elements pushing fwd to KAILE (.) 25 Bde (.) on left flank fwd elements were 2½ hrs fwd of ISURAVA moving to DENIKI at 1800L/31 (.) no contact on either flank (.) adv being continued with all vigour first light 1 Nov (.) 3 bn arrived ALOLA 2000/31 and passed to comd 25 Bde (.) CHAFORCE (.) CHAFORCE moving ALOLA area on completion present task of moving casualties from MDS MYOLA 1 to MYOLA 2 (.) AIR OPS (.) 1 B17 reced RABAUL (.) 11 ZEKES (zeros) intercepted 2 of which shot down (.) 2 definitely hit with A/P bullets and pieces seen falling off engines (.) one hit with incendiaries and motor seen smoking badly (.) no damage to B17 (.) MORESBY AREA (.) raid 89 by possibly three enemy bombers 0445L/1 (.) bombs reported falling in harbour NW 7 Mile drome (.) no report casualties or damage (.) LAE (.) 16 P40s attacked LAE drome (.) 16 ZEKES reported on drome 31 Oct air borne (.) 2 shot down 2 probably shot down (.) one P40 missing (.)

T00 1629

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To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 and K Sec. Sigs.

From 21 Bde.

Sitrep No 132 to 0700 hrs (.) MAROUBRA (.) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div closes ALOLA
0900 hrs reopens ISURAVA 1300L/2 (.) our adv continued throughout 1 Nov (.)
by 1800hrs fwd elements had reached FILA on the right and fwd DENIKI
overlooking KOKODA in the centre (.) no report troops left flank (.)
occupation of KOKODA is anticipated at 0900L/2

Ron Tucker

T00 0810

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S E C R E T

TO; 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns K Sec Sigs.

FROM: 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Sitrep No. 133 to 1600 hrs 2 Nov (.) Our tps occupied KOKODA morning of 2 Nov.

Sitrep No 134 to 0800 hrs 3 Nov (.) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div opened DENEKI 1700L/2 (.) 2/31 bn and Adv HQ 25 Bde moved into KOKODA 1600L/2 (.) 2/25 and 2/33 Bns moved in 1900L/2 (.) Exploitation proceeding (.) patrols picked up RABAUL boys who stated Japs left KOKODA area two days ago for beach (.) Engr and ALO estimate 2 days work by bn necessary before planes can land KOKODA drome (.) on completion present task CHAFORCE returning base

T00 1500

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To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 and K. Sec. Sigs. Sit. Map.

From 21 Bde.

Sitrep No 135 to 1600 hrs (.) MAROUBRA (.) nothing to report (.)
extracts from documents captured 20 oct at TEMPLETON'S CROSSING
state force this area consisted 144 and 41 regts each 3 bns (.)
41 regt left only one bn KOKODA (.) others withdrew to BUNA (.)
NGF comment:- consider force now consists approx 4 half strength
bns plus two complete bns possibly BUNA area (.)

BUNA (.) natives report JAP patrol 1 sgt 9 men with 2 MMGs and
rifles ANDEMBA QD0602 (.) small number JAPS NATUNGA 8 miles south
BOFA (.) DRAKE FORCE (.) 200 natives commenced work on VIVIGANI
strip 2 nov. (.) HAT FORCE KANGA NOTHING to report (.) AIROPS (.)
an enemy convoy 2 destroyers 2 tpts covered by 9 ZEKES (zeros)
was attacked by B17s 2 and 3 nov 50 miles SW GASMATA (.) one
direct hit one tpt and 8 very near misses second tpt (.) one
vessel a fire (.) 4 zeros shot down

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TOO 1620

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. Sit. Map.

From 21 Bde.

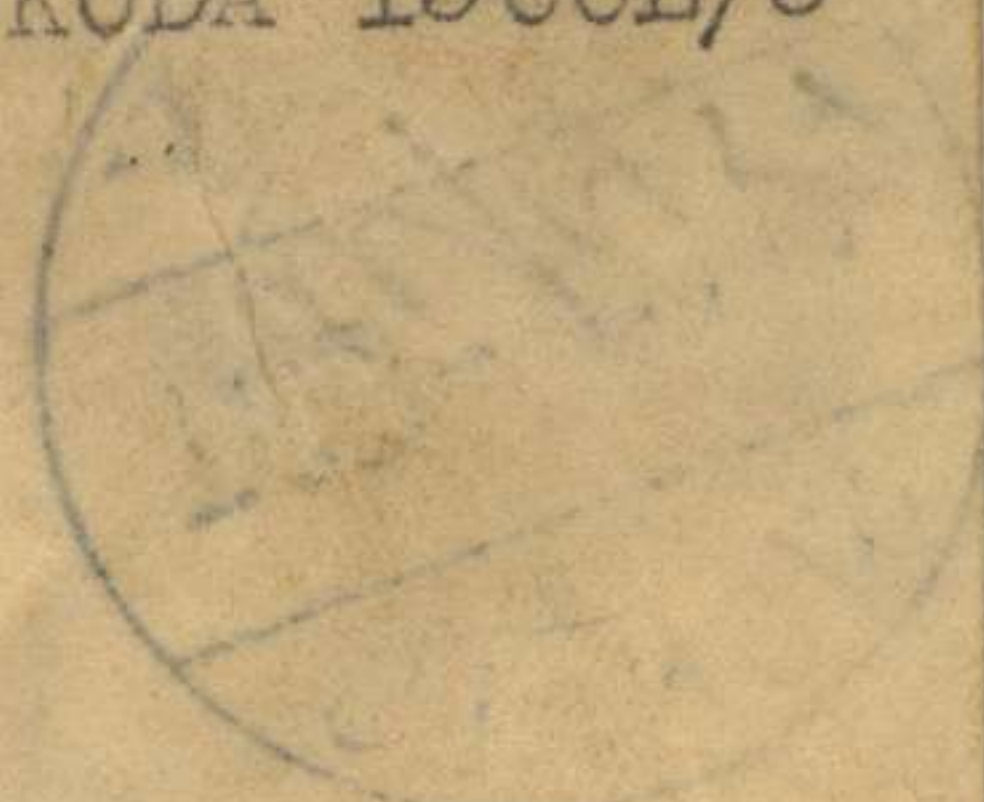
Sitrep No 136 to 0800 hrs (.) 25 Bde (.) all units 25 Bde now in
posn KOKODA area (.) throughout 3 Nov work proceeded on landing
strip and by 1000L/4 1000 yds hard smooth surface ready for
landing a/c (.) patrol towards YODDA reports no recent sign enemy
(.) natives still working rubber plantations AMADA (.) HQ 25 Bde
Govt House KOKODA (.) 16 Bde (.) 16 Bde moving OIVI made contact
with enemy approx 1500 yds east of track junc PIRIVI main KOKODA-
OIVI track (.) our tps attacked enemy posn which appeared to cont-
ain at least 4 LMGs (.) fighting continues first light 4 Nov (.)
br across EORA CREEK on KOKODA OIVI trail destroyed by Japs (.)
natives friendly and assisting our tps (.) CHAFORCE (.) expected
to arrive KOKODA 4 Nov (.) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div opened KOKODA 1300L/3

Rowland Taylor

H. L. B.

M. R. J.

T00 0830.



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TO : 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 K SEC SIGS SIT Map

FROM: 21 Aust Ing Bde

SITREP NO 137 to 1600 hrs 4 Nov. MAROUERA(.) 16 Bde(.) 3 Bn under comd
16 Bde and located KUMAI patch KOBARA(.) ref sitrep 136(.) 2 pls 2/2 bn
astride track in contact with enemy 0000L(.) outflanking movement taking
place prior to putting in attacks(.) enemy strength estimated locy with
3 light Bde and grenade dischargers(.) 25 Bde(.) all units in posn
KOKODA area(.) patrol 2/31 Bn equipped with W/T set investigating tracks
beyond YODDA(.) patrol investigating tracks SE YODDA(.) 2/25 Bn plus 1 Coy
2/31 and 2/35 working on landing strip(.) unconfirmed native report states
all enemy YODDA area(.) many Japs left KOKODA area 23 Oct(.) native gardens
looted and animals stolen(.) MILNE KANDA nothing to report(.) patrol 126 US REGT
ASISI(.) patrol 2 Bn 126 US Regt contacted 126 US Regt 1600L/3(.) AIR OPS(.)
Allied tpt a/c landed KOKODA strip this morning(.) 0915L/4 3 A 20s dropped
112 x 20 frag bombs from 3000 feet west of OIVI(.) 2 strafing runs made 2400
x .5 and 4000 x .3 expended

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. SIGS. and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Sitrep No 140 to 0800 hrs of 6 Nov (.) MAROUBRA (.) no further report (.)
MILNE FORCE (.) TAUPOTA patrol killed 2 Japs 4 Nov (.) DRAKE FORCE (.)
VIVIGANI strip 4000 x 100 yds not suitable DC3 and low landing speed a/c
(.) IND PATROL (.) sig operating D patrols W/T attacked by JAPS 4 Nov (.)
patrol leader 2 days overdue on recce OIVI area (.) A patrol concentrating
KOKODA (.) during morning 4 Nov party US army offr from W patrol vicinity
WAIROPE visited HQ 25 Bde (.) AIR OPS (.) night 4/5 CATALINAS attacked
shipping off SHORTLANDS AND KAHILI DROME (.) results not observed (.)
RABAU (.) recce reveals 39 large u/i ships in harbour

Harry Hunt

T00 1430

S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 141 to 1600 hrs of 6 Nov (.) MAROUBRA (.) 16 Bde (.) opposition being met is greater than at first anticipated (.) Jap estimated strength is one bn holding well dug in posns on high ground at OIVI and is using numerous LMGs in addition to Mtn gun and mortars (.) our outflanking movement round this feature still in progress (.) sounds of firing this AM indicate that 2/1 Bn is in contact with Japs in the vicinity of the track between ILIMA and GORARI (.) pressure is being maintained by our tps (.) 3 BN situated KOBARA (.) 25 Bde (.) 2/31 Bn patrol to YODDA reports no signs of recent occupation by Japs although they had been in occupation some time ago (.) patrols 2 hrs beyond YODDA found no new tracks (.) CHAFORCE in posn SE KOKODA 753901 (ref map BUNA SE) (.) MILNE FORCE (.) nothing to report (.) KANGA (.) LAE OP reports one landing barge left 0745L/5 heading north (.) returned 1200L/5 (.) much activity MT carrying stores in drome area

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 142 to 0700 hrs & of 7 Nov (.) MAROUBRA (.) 16 Bde (.) increased enemy opposition is being encountered by 16 Bde on high ground near OIVI (.) Jap posn astride track extend for approx 3 miles to high ground south of OIVI (.) enemy strength estimated at 2 bns (.) heavy fighting continued throughout 6 Nov (.) 2/1 bn on right flank in contact with enemy patrols vicinity GORARI (.) 25 Bde (.) 25 Bde moves morning 7 Nov in outflanking movement on 16 Bde's right along KOBARA-ILIMA track to Jap lines of Communication (.) HAT FORCE (.) 2 bn 128 US Regt NATUNGA QJ 1689 ref map BUNA Strat patrolling all tracks that area (.) reports Japs at HORANDA 2 miles NE INONDE (.) KUMUSI VALLEY (.) 126 US Regt patrolling all tracks KOVIQ to 6 hrs north BARUMBILA (.) AIR OPS (.) P40 crashed afternoon 6 Nov 1 1/2 miles north KOKODA drome (.) pilot killed

TOO 1530

S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs, and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 143 to 1600 hrs of 7 Nov (.) MAROUBRA (.) ref map BUNA $\frac{1}{2}$ in (.)
16 Bde (.) attack launched 0900L/7 with 2 coys 2/3 Bn supplemented by one
coy 3 Bn against enemy posn on highest feature on right of track in
vicinity of posn attacked 6 Nov (.) estimated this enemy posn held by one
coy (.) close contact maintained with enemy on whole front (.) MILNE FORCE
(.) no report (.) HATFORCE (.) no report (.) BUNA OIVI Lof C (.) reported
secret sources Japs have moved from HAGENAHAMBO C9207 and AMBOGA to
KAKANDETTA near POPONDETTA (.) native reports indicate some Jap movement
direction BUNA (.) AIROPS (.) 3 A20s bombed and strafed SOPUTA
KAKANDETTA (.) pamphlet raid on SOROPUTA (.) heavy but inaccurate AA from a
approx 5 guns in known posns (.) WAIROPE brs still unserviceable

See 9/1/41

T00 1050

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 144 to 0700 hrs of 8 Nov (.) MAROUBRA (.) 16 Bde (.) enemy still offering stubborn resistance in OIVI area (.) successful mortar shoot carried out on Jap posns afternoon 7 Nov. (.) elements 2/1 Bn on right flank still in contact with enemy SE GORARI (.) 25 Bde continuing outflanking movement (.) 32 US Div (.) HQ 128 US Regt opened MENDAROPU (.) AIR OPS (.) 2 med tpts vicinity St GEORGES CHANNEL (.) off MAKLO IS near ARAWE grounded schooner apparently burnt out observed and strafed (.) KAVIENG (.) 1 battleship 1 Cruiser 3 destroyers 1235L/7 (.) BUKA PASSAGE (.) convoy at least 12 large vessels course 180° at 1300L/7 (.) BUIN FAISI (.) normal concentration shipping observed

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To 2/14, 2/16 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 145 to 1600 hrs of 8-nov (.) MARCOUBRA (.) ref map WAIROPE ONE inch (.) 16 Bde continues to harass Jap posns with 2 inch and 3in. m mortar fire OIVI area (.) 2/1 Bn at track junc 6794 (.) HQ 25 Bde located at track junc 6794 2/31 Bn in contact one mile south GORARI (.) 2/25 and 2/33 Bns in posn vicinity track junc 6794 (.) CHAFORCE (.) patrol sent to SANGAI area with following tasks (a) locate personnel 2/14 Bn left there by Capt Buckler (b) track recce (c) obtain all possible infm ref Jap movements locations and treatment of natives (.) BASE AREA (.) Rear Details RAE 7 Aust Div closes base area 1800L/8 and personnel move fwd to rejoin units (.) AIR OPS (.) 3 A20s bombed and strafed enemy posns within an area 500 yds OIVI 0850L to 0900L/8 (.) posn identified and bomb runs made on target at 1000ft (.) 83 x 20lb frag bombs all dropped in target area (.) results not observed (.) 3 strafing runs made and 4300 rds expended (.) nil activity observed (.) 32 US Div (.) no contact with enemy (.) message from 128 US Regt quote ANGAU runners report 200 Japs arrived WARISOTA plantation (.) small gps withdrew SINEMI (.) further native report states Japs assembling POPONDETTA SANANANDA and SOPUTA unquote (.) W patrol located vicinity WAIROPE

TOO 1130

S E C R E T

TO: 2/14,2/16,2/27 Bns K SEC SIGS Sit Map

FROM: 21 Aust Inf Bde

SITREP No 146 to 0700 hsr 9 ~~Oct~~ Nov(.) 25 Bde (.) fwd elements 25 Bde still in contact with the Japs on track leading South from GORARI(.) enemy holding posns in depth(.) outflanking movement now in progress to cut in behind enemy rear vicinity GORARI(.) 16 Bde(.) 16 Bde continues to harass Jap posns in OIVI area (.) enemy appears to be holding OIVI-GORARI area in greater strength than at first anticipated(.) 21 Bde (.) 21 Bde comes under comd 6 Aust Div 1800L/9 (CHAFORCE now located 750902 ref BUNA SE(.) MILNE FORCE(.) DRAKE FORCE(.) activity confined to recce BELI BELI area(.) enemy L of C BUNA -OIVI(.) unconfirmed native reports indicate Japs assembling POPONDETTA SANANANDA SOPUTA (.) 8 Nov Beaufighters strafed tin huts POPONDETTA huts ANDEMBA and W/T sta SANANANDA(.) no movement on main SANANANDA WAIROPE track(.) BUNA strip apparently flooded(.) moderate AA encountered from known posns(.) AIR OPS(.) BUIN FAISI area 2 hy cruisers 9 destroyers 20 cargo vessels anchored vicinity ERVENTA IS.

TOO 1410

S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 138 to 0700 Hrs (.) MAROUBRA (.) adv of 16 Bde continued throughout 4 Nov (.) fwd elements now in posn due west OIVI village and in contact with small enemy dets (.) occupation WAIROPE anticipated 6 Nov (.) outflanking movement on right with object of cutting enemy L of C vicinity GORARI ILIMO continues (.) HAT FORCE (.) 2 bn 128 US Regt now complete MENDAROPU (.) elements patrol 126 US Regt vicinity WAIROPE have received native reports that Japs aware their presence and expecting US tps attack WAIROPE and have moved tps incl horsedrawn arty to WAIROPE in anticipation of an attack (.) AIROPS (.) SALAMAUA (.) ISTHMUS bombed and strafed causing large explosion several small fires (.) RABAU, harbour approx 32 large vessels (.) BUIN FAISI 29 vessels incl 3 cruisers 8 sup ships (.) BUNA area (.) barges and buildings SANANANDA strafed (.) 3 heavy MT probably used for rd repairs strafed SANANANDA PT considered destroyed (.) BUNA strip wet but considered serviceable

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To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. and Sit. Map.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 139 to 1600 hrs of 5 Nov. (.) MAROUBRA (.) the adv of the 16 Bde in the OIVI area is continuing in the face of increasing enemy resistance (.) outflanking movement on the Jap posns (ref sitrep 138) is progressing (.) CHAFORCE now located in KOKODA area (.) documents captured EORA CREEK (.) 1 medical reports by TATE 8413 KURIDA unit (.) HATFORCE (.) native reports indicate party Japs approx strength 200 at WARISOTA plantation 1 Nov (.) AIR OPS (.) air recce sighted 12 vessels 120 miles east MILNE BAY morning 5 Nov (.) course not stated

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TOO 1045

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, K Sec. Sigs. and Sit. Map.
From 21 Aust, Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 62 to 2400L/9 (.) MILNE FORCE (.) PW captured by DRAKE FORCE
30 oct interrogated 9 nov at NGF HQ stated he belonged No 5 SASEBO (.)
250 this unit originally landed GOODENOUGH and 200 escaped FERGUSON IS (.)
PW denied presence any No 5 SASEBO BUNA area (.) PW sick when captured (.)
32 US DIV (.) 9 nov remaining portion 128 regt who landed WANIGELA 8 nov
moving by sea PONGANI (.) 1 bn 126 regt completed air move from MORESBY (.)
bn less 1½ coys deplaned SAPIA 1½ coys deplaned PONGANI where strip reported
good condition (.) MAROUBRA FORCE (.) 16 bde composed 2/2 2/3 and 3 bns are
continuing harassing enemy forces estimated strength two reduced bns in
CIVI area (.) 25 bde with 2/1 bn under comd on track south of GORARI (.)
enemy in GORARI area strength unknown is opposing 1 bn at a point approx
2 miles south of GORARI (.) 1 bn has moved around enemy east flank to a
posn just south of GORARI and is engaging enemy rear (.) 2 bns proceeding
GORARI via east flank (.) jap casualties by (.) in one action jap lost 100
men (.) one PW and documents captured (.) KANGA FORCE (.) no report (.)
AIR OPS (.) BUIN FAISI area (.) usual concentrations observed 8 and 9 nov
(.) interpretation photos taken 8 nov now disclose 2 landing craft
carriers (.) NEW IRELAND (.) B25 on recce sighted and bombed medium tpt
ST GEORGES CHANNEL course 160° (.) tpt hit stopped dead later observed
beached (.) BUNA WAIROPE AREA (.) 9 Beaufighters strafed BUNA SANANANDA
SANGARA KAKANDETTA POPONDETTA ISIVITA (.) 3 barges seen SANANANDA one left
smoking (.) camflgd object like armd car observed half mile inland (.) jap
W/T installations at POPONDETTA structure resembling RDF sta extensively
damaged (.)

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T O O 0945

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FORCE	○	SITNOR	○	MARKOV BDA	10
FORCE	○	16 Bde	continues	to	15
harass	enemy	poons	OIVI	area	20
○	25 Bde	in	contact	with	25
enemy	on	main	tracks	east	30
and	west	GORARI	○	enemy	35
L of C	OIVI	BUNA	○	in	40
secured	source	indicates	no	JAPS	45
on	coastal	route	between	ORO	50
BAY	and	JIROPA	majority	of	55
enemy	having	withdrown	from	SINEMI	60
Towards	BUNIA	○	Japs	still	65
believe	to	be	in	vicinity	70
INONDA	○	Infer	from	native	75
indicates	in	regt	KOKODA	area	80
relieved	early	and	outgoing	regt	85
incl	many	Cas	returned	to	90
Coast	○	Tps	of	relieving	95
regt	reported	to	be	of	100
very	small	status	○	Japs	105
using	6	MT	Carrying	stores	110
BUNA	HAGENHAMBO	via	PORONETIA	○	115
Japs	Tps	Carrying	food	HAGENHAMBO	120
○	Stores	incl	ammo	LMG's	125
rations	picks	and	shovels	○	130

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def	works	lighting	this	area	20
0	Natural	paths	report	one	25
neg	disposed	astute	back	between	30
ISUGAHAMA	and	WASIDA	0	KANBA	35
FORCE	0	Wentless	set	and	40
operations	left	OSOO	for	SALAMAUA	45
OP	0	AIR	OPS	0	50
S	B-6	bombard	AA	posns	55
BUNA	dumps	SANANANDA	SEPOTA	Tracks	60
0	Explosion	presumed	area	observed	65
near	AA	posns	0	2	70
A-20	followers	strapping	same	area	75
0	Recco	reports	Nil	Shipping	80
lightings	LAE	SALAMAUA	VTIAZ	sta	85
0	RABAU	NOT	observed	0	90
KIETA	NR	Sightings	0	BUIN	95
FAISI	SS	vessels	incl	4	100
portable	by	Cruisers	0	Considerable	105
an	activity	LAE	and	Some	110
work	in	progress	BUNA	to LG	115
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FROM 21 Aust Inf Bde

(WRITE HORIZONTALLY)				
SITREP	No 65	to	2400 hrs	12 Nov. 5
B	MILNE	FORCE	○	TAUPOTA 10
reports	one	Jap	killed	○ 15
22	U.S. DIV	W	patrol	ho 20
repool	○	Part	128	Regt 25
moving	MENDARIOPU	BIAMU	head	of 30
coln	reached	BIAMU	○	3 Bn 35
126	Regt.	Completed	arr	move 40
to	PONGANI	○	Enemy	L 45
of	C	WAIROPE	BUNA	○ 50
Infan	from	secret	sources	indicate 55
enemy	Car	detach.	vicinity	WAIROPE 60
patrolling	all	approaches	to	Jap 65
L	of	C	○	Possible 70
dropping	area	of	field	of 75
fire	being	Cut	at	WAIROPE 80
○	Numerous	tps	hiv	both 85
Sides	of	rd	AWALA	WAIROPE 90
○	Japo	infan	native	Carriers 95
that	reinforcements	are	And	Ample 100
food	AA	guns	and	MG 105
are	at	WAIROPE	○	MARVOUBRA 110
FORCE	○	25	Bde	have 115
drawn	enemy	from	GORARI	area 120
○	2/1 Bn	pushing	EAST	in 125
Contact	with	JAP	approx	one 130

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mile	along	main	tracks	65	5
ILIMA	0		NOV	2/1 Km	10
attacked	enemy	this	vicinity	killing	15
20	Capturing	3	P.O.W.	0	20
Total	enemy	losses	COVTH	of	25
GORARI	killed	187	Captured	6	30
P.O.W.	20	horses	2	field	35
Guns	quantity	small	arms	and	40
amm.	0	16 Bde	moving	EAST	45
from	DIVI	have	Contacted	elements	50
25	Bde	just	west	GORARI	55
0	12	NOV	Adv.	HQ	60
7	AUST	DIV	moved	65	65
0101	0	KANGA	FORCE	nothing	70
6	report	0			75
					80
					85
					90
					95
					100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
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Subrep	N° 66	to	2400L/13	0	5
MILNE	FORCE	0	native	reports	10
from	MISINA	state	3	submarine	15
surfaced	1/2 mile	off	shore	for	20
5'	minutes	at	1700L/12	0	25
32	U.S.	Div	0	nothing	30
to	report	0	enemy	L of C	35
WAIROPE	BUNA	0	infor	from	40
secret	sources	indicates	enemy	det's	45
from	INONDE	and	SINEMI	now	50
withdrawn	from	BUNA	and	SANANANDA	55
0	WAROUBRA	FORCE	to	0700L/13	60
0	elements	25	Bde	surrounded	65
enemy	position	just	west	of	70
WIMB	and	were	attacking	at	75
first	light	13 Nov	0	remained	80
25	Bde	advancing	east	0	85
no	further	report	0	Jap	90
PW	interrogated	in	food	area	95
had	five	days	rice	when	100
captured	stated	rice	Japs	only	105
ration	but	plentiful	0	another	110
P.W.	stated	casualties	amounted	to	115
half	strength	in	some	Jap	120
units	0	Beaufighters	strafed	2	125
round	barges	vicinity	SANANANDA	7	130

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collapsible	boats	mouth	of	AMBOGA	5
river	with	others	observed	nearby	10
0	ref	map	BUNA	it	15
mile	0	native	canoes	observed	20
along	KUMUSI	and	signs	of	25
canoe	building	EVEDA	ODGUTS	0	30
road	WASIDA	SANGARA	appears	good	35
condition	and	graded	0	track	40
WAIROPE	WASIDA	appears	good	condition	45
0	KANGA	FORCE	0	nothing	50
to	report	- 0	AIROPS	0	55
BUN	FAISI	area	0	decrease	60
in	merchant ^{shipping}	evidence	0	24	65
vessels	sighted	incl	3	destroyers	70
10	used	1/2	100	used	75
U/I	vessels	0	1	used	80
1/2	on	fire	TOKOLEI	harbour	85
and	large	oil	patch	observed	90
0	photos	taken	0	due	95
weather	nil	sightings	by	recess	100
BUNA	LAE	GASMATA	VITIAZ	STRS	105
0	all	informed	0	NGF	110
					115
					120
					125
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SITREP	67	2400L/14	0	MILNE	5
FORCE	0	MISIMA	radars	reports	10
in	pass	have	heard	engines	15
and	seen	boats	lights	vicinity	20
LAGIRA	and	BUGOYA (MISIMA)	0	0	25
possibly	subs	recharging	batteries	in	30
sheltered	waters	0	MAROUBRA	0	35
passage	Apr	across	KUMOSI	at	40
WAIROPE	retarded	by	shortage	of	45
egpt	0	air	dropping	necessary	50
egps	commenced	AM	14 NOV	0	55
later	figures	enemy	casualties	2	60
and	3 BNS	144 REGT	to	2 NOV	65
total	losses	killed	wounded	ret	70
missing	1185	all	ranks	remaining	75
effectives	356	0	KANGA	FORCE	80
110	landing	barge	approached	SALAMATA	85
from	SW	landed	0800	hrs	90
to	AIR	DPS	0	BUNA	95
MAMBA	area	0	large	sea	100
going	canoe	loaded	with	bales	105
skipped	and	sunk	near	mouth	110
MUMBSI	0	other	bales	filed	115
on	sand	bank	nearby	and	120
two	canoes	similarly	loaded	approx	125
5	miles	upstream	also	skipped	130

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0	nine	sea	going	causes	5
evenly	dispersed	observed	on	GONA	10
beach	0	nil	sightings	KUMUSI	15
incl	EVEDA	0	SOLOMONS	AREA	20
0	shipping	concentrations		BUIN	25
FAISI	dispersed	moving	14 Nov	0	30
enemy	convoys	consisting	two	A/c	35
carriers	at	least	ten	A/c	40
13	unidentified		vessel	reports	45
moving	direction	GUADALCANAL		0	50
KAVIENG	0	18	A/c	sighted	55
on	drome	convoys	four	unseen	60
medium	vessels	moving	least		65
					70
					75
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Sitrep	Nº 68	to	2400/15	5
MILITARY	FORCE	to	SITNOR	10
32	US	DIV	to	1800/15
0	no	enemy	contact	20
128	Regt	main	body	25
BAY	EMBROGU	EMBI	area	30
patrol	CAPE	SUDEST	area	35
report	0	126	regt	less
2	coys	BOFU	NATUNGA	45
2	coys	with	Div	50
PONGANI	0	W	Patrol	55
report	0	MAROURRA	0	60
Bde	continues	Xing	KUMUSI	65
improvised	br.	0	2/31	70
moving	to	intercept	party	75
Japs	located	retreating	N.E.	80
WAIROPI	0	16	Bde	85
area	has	sent	fwd	90
to	take	over	pursuit	95
party	from	2/31 Bu	0	100
Bde	expect	complete	Xing	105
15 Nov.	preparatory	advance	16 Nov.	110
resce	for	landing	strips	115
WAIROPI	area	0	KANGA	120
0800/15	LAE	OP	reports	125
returned	LAE	night	14/15	130

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1/ JH Summit
Pool ⊕

A x B

C = D

B.H.Q. x H.Q.

2) Testing Weapon
range

3) Boat

4) Dyeing Equip
(own shirts) ⊕

Camply ⊕

5) Weapon

Maps

G.O. - Talk

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sent	preparing to	depart again	5
0	work on	blast bays	10
continuing	0	AIR OPS	15
WAIROPI	BUNA	0	20
AA	posns	heavily bombed	25
by	B26s.	Beaufighters with	30
results	0	2 GONA barges	35
sunken	off	DATA now	40
2	loaded	cases moving	45
from	GONA	0	50
sup	dropping	parachutes observed	55
SANGARA	area	and fires	60
mission	0	SANGARA area	65
0	no	movement seen	70
SANGARA	WAIROPE	0	75
B17s	attack	shipping and	80
strip	night	14/15	85
on	direct	hit	90
0/1	vessel	one	95
another	vessel	0	100
and	fires	started	105
miles	0	BUIN FAISI	110
0	42	vessels	115
at	least	4	120
9	destroyers	all	125
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Sitrep No 69 to 2400L/16 (.) MILNE FORCE (.) no report (.) 32 US DIV (.) 128
Regt (.) CAPE SUDEST patrol no contact (.) patrol EMBOGU no contact but
evidence of recent occupation (.) 1 bn less A coy at EMBOGU moving on CAPE
SUDEST (.) A coy PONGANI (.) 2 bn at ORO moving on EMBOGU (.) 3 bn at EMBI
moving DOBODURA (.) 126 Regt (.) 1 bn at PONGANI moving EMBOGU (.) 2 bn less
E coy patrols at BOFU moving to INONDA (.) E coy patrols at ADJORA HORANDA
and on track to POPONDETTA report no Japs (.) 3 bn NATUNGA moving BOFU (.)
W patrol WAIROPE area no report (.) MAROUBRA (.) 25 bde have crossed
KUMUSI and fwd elements in AWALA 1200L/16 (.) 16 bde (.) one bn crossed
KUMUSI and and moving toward ISIVITA (.) balance bde crossing KUMUSI during
day (.) landing strip 600 yds long ready for use MOTH situated 775985
ref map WAIROPE 1" to 1 mile (.) reported will be ready for use all planes
from 1000L/17 (.) KANGA FORCE (.) no report (.) AIR OPS (.) beaufighters
straffed KUMUSI R valley and med bombers heavily attacked SOPUTA AA and
suspected enemy dumps throughout day (.) RABAU (.) at least 42 large
vessels incl 7/8 warships (.) BUIN ~~FAISI~~ TONOLEI (.) 15 vessels sighted
(.) 6 vessels off BUKA PASSAGE

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SITREP	No 70	to	2400 L/17	⊙	5
MILNE FORCE	⊙	sidnor	⊙	32 US DIV	10
⊙	disposens	to	1800 L/16	⊙	15
128 regt	⊙	1 BN	less	A coy	20
at	CAPE	SUDEST	moving	BUNA	25
area	A	coy	at	PONGANI	30
moving	CAPE	SUDEST	⊙	2 BN	35
at	WARISOTA	plantation	moving	DOBOJURA	40
⊙	3 BN	at	DOBOJURA	moving	45
SINEMI	⊙	126 regt	⊙	1 BN	50
at	EMBOGO	less	acts	at	55
PONGANI	and	BOFU	⊙	BN	60
less	det	at	BOFU	moving	65
to	WARISOTA	plantation	⊙	2 BN	70
less	E coy	at	ASTORA	moving	75
to	INONDE	where	E coy	at	80
present	⊙	3 BN	between	BOFU	85
and	GORA	following	2 BN	⊙	90
engns	⊙	A coy	PONGANI	E coy	95
EMBOGO	⊙	sec	man	arty	100
(2 guns)	and	lty	25 ps	(4 guns)	105
at	CAPE	SUDEST	⊙	1300 L/17	110
approx	300	aps	observed	from	115
an	moving	north	on	tracks	120
direction	BUNA	approx	4 miles	south	125
BUNA	⊙	no	enemy	contacted	130

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⊙	ufi	A/C	over	MENDAROP	5
EMBOGO	area	1900L/16	to	0300 4/17	10
⊙	enemy	A/C	attached	PONGANI	15
area	resulted	loss	3	small	20
boats	one	captured	MLC	used	25
apt	stores	⊙	MAROUBRA	⊙	30
1900L	fuel	elements	16 BDE	haul	35
reached	MUMUNI	approx	9	miles	40
from	WAIROPE	⊙	advance	to	45
SANGARA	MISSION	continues	⊙	25 BDE	50
cut	of	W/T	comm	⊙	55
no	further	report	3 BN	⊙	60
advanced	HR	7	AUST	DIV	65
close	WAIROPE	re opens	SASAMBATA	area	70
ref	map	WAIROPE	one	inch	75
8602	⊙	KANGA	⊙	launch	80
previously	reported	departing	LAE	sails	85
0700	hrs	daily	to	SINGORA	90
(10 miles	east	LAE)	returns	midday	95
⊙	no	loading	or	unloading	100
observed	only	4	persons	on	105
board	⊙	our	patrols	contacted	110
strong	TAP	patrols	MUBO	area	115
⊙	our	scouts	in	MUBO	120
forced	to	withdraw	⊙	TAPS	125
reported	more	active	and	nervously	130

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patrolling	throughout	MUBo	area	⊙	5
sightings	LAE	drome	⊙	11454/17	
4	fighters	2	bombers	11454/17	15
1330 L/17	8	fighters	1	bomber	20
⊙	AIR OPS	⊙	BUNA	area	25
⊙	GONA	MISSION	bombed	and	30
strapped	by	medium	bombers	⊙	35
4	camflgd	barges	sighted	in	40
inlet	SE	SANANANDA	pt	⊙	45
3	native	huts.	seen	burning	50
along	rd	midway	BUNA -	POPONSETTA	55
⊙	no	movement	seen	on	60
rd	ov	at	SANANANDA	when	65
recce	from	50 ft	⊙	mi	70
AA	encountered	⊙	interpretation		75
an	photos	taken	16 NOV	reveal	80
emplacement	for	one	by	and	85
15	ld	AA	guns	NW	90
BUNA	strip	⊙	LAE	⊙	95
24	ZEKES	and	2	bombers	100
reported	using	drome	⊙	by	105
attacks	by	medium	bombers	scored	110
hits	beside	runway	and	in dispersal area	115
⊙ BEAUFIGHTERS	effected	surprise	raid	observed	120
considerable	activity	strapped	3 A/c	left	125
2	burning				130

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 and K Sec Sigs.

From 21 Aust Inf Bde.

no report @

Sitrep No 71 to 2400L/18 (.) MILNE FORCE (.) 32 US Div (.) to 0800L/18
no enemy contact (.) 128 US REGT (.) 1 bn on coast vicinity BUNA (.)
2 bn DOBODURA AS div res (.) one coy 3bn 128 regt with engr working
on strip DOBODURA (.) remainder bn advancing on ANGO (.) 126 US REGT (.)
1 bn main party closing on EMBOGU remainder moving to BOFU (.) 2 bn at
INONDA (.) 3bn 8 miles south INONDA moving to INONDA (.) 7AUST DIV (.)
nothing further owing to move of div HQ (.) KANGA FORCE (.) no infm
concerning ground tps (.) AIR OPS (.) 17 Nov sightings enemy vessels
throughout day indicated likelihood that five destroyers put into
coast between mouth MAMBARE river and BUNA night 17/18 Nov and that
several enemy vessels comprising destroyers and light cruisers may
arrive same area or at LAE or SALAMAUA night 18/19 Nov (.) bad weather
prevented successful attack on these vessels (.) 1830L/18 two destroyers
one light cruiser sighted 12 miles north SANANANDA course 180 degrees
(.) unsuccessfully attacked by Bl7s (.) attempted interception by 7 ZEKES
2 probably destroyed (.) 1715L/15 one u/i warship reported off CAPE NELSON
heading SE (.) LAE (.) 3 attacks on drome by med bombers and beaufighters
result not yet known (.) continued activity observed on drome (.) 6 enemy
fighters left LAE heading SE at 1625L (.) SALAMAUA (.) drome bombed by B25s
hits scored on runway and between buildings (.) NEW BRITAIN (.) nil sighting
CAPE GLOUSTER VITIAZ STRS and RIEBECK BAY

Ron [unclear]

SECRET

TO :- 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns K Sec Sigs

FROM :- 21 Aust Inf Bde

Sitrep No 72 to 2400L hrs 19 Nov. MILNE FORCE (./) SITNOR (./) 52 US Div. Engrs moving to recon and prepare SOPUTA Crossing (./) 128 Regt (./) Ref Sitrep 70 Coy 3 Bn moving from DOBODURA to rejoin BN 4 (./) Regt planned attack CAPE ENDAIARERE area starting 0600L (./) 0930L/19 intercept message enemy HQ captured 2 enemy killed (./) No further details received (./) 126 Regt no further infm (./) MAROUBRA FORCE (./) 25 Bde (./) 2/31 Bn in contact 1 mile South BUNA (./) Adv HQ 25 Bde with 2/25 Bn 3 miles North JIMBURA and 2/33 BN at JIMBURA moving GONA 20 Nov (./) 16 Bde moving to SOPUTA to secure River Crossing contacted enemy stragglers captured serviceable 15 cwt truck 80 gals petrol on track SW of SOPUTA (./) one Bn continuing fwd to close track SANANANDA to BUNA (./) elements 3 Bn 126 Regt contacted POPONDETTA 1200 hrs (./) Adv HQ 7 Aust Div opened POPONDETTA 1200L and moving SOPUTA 20 Nov (./) KANGA (./) 1320L/17 barge containing 50 men landed LABUNIA INLET apparently searching for our OP later returning LAE (./) 1520L/17 second barge left LAE heading East (./) one .5 AA gun installed MUBO (./) Native carrier lines moved with by gd (./) Last three mornings Japs have used mortar and MG fire on surrounding bush and before dusk on br and track on top of hill (./) Jap patrols increased to 70 or more personnel covering MUBO to LABABIA (./) Feverish activity HEATH'S PIN (./) increased nervous state of enemy noticeable (./) Hy floods washed out brs limit extent of our patrols (./) AIR OPS (./) FINSCHAVEN area (./) 1030L/19 one destroyer observed approx 35 miles North FINSCHAVEN course due North speed 25 knots (./) Approx 1200L 4 destroyers sighted off FINSCHAVEN course 330 deg (./) 1710L one by cruiser one destroyers observed hoveto off HELDSBACH (./) 1915 L both these vessels observed moving NE in VITIAZ STRAIT (./) BUNA area (./) med bombers encountered intense AA from SOPUTA posn also AA from BUNA strip 0845L (./) Coast from incl CAPE ENDIADERE to incl BUNA bombed results unobserved (./) LAE-SALAMAUA (./) Bad weather limited visibility nil sightings (./) Interpretation photos taken 18 Nov BUNA shows new shelters North of landing strip and much activity on drome.

T00 1430L/20

Langford

SECRET

TO:- 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns K Sec Sigs

FROM:- 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTE ALTERATION Sitrep No 72 "2/31 Bn in contact 1 mile South BUNA"
should read "31 Bn in contact 1 mile South GONA"

Sitrep No 73 to 2400 hrs 20 Nov. MILNE FORCE (.) No report (.) 32 US DIV (.) 128 Regt (.) At 1000L/20 1 and 2 Bns moving SANANANDA via POPONDETTA 3 Bn moving SOPUEA via JUMBORA (.) 128 Regt (.) At 1500L 1 Bn held up by MG fire 700yds South CAPE ENDAIRDERE (.) at 1600L 2 Bn on SOPUEA rd with patrol 1 mile from BUNA and in contact with enemy (.) 3 Bn 500 yds SE of small strip at SE end of main BUNA runway and held up by MG fire from small strip 1600L (.) 7 ZEKES bombed strafed tps approaching BUNA time and result attack not reported (.) 7 Aust Div to 1000L/20 (.) 25 Bde no report (.) 16 Bde (.) fwd elements cleared 1 1/2 enemy opposition and captured SOPUEA (.) Bde pushed on direction SANANANDA leaving one Bn holding river crossing South SOPUEA (.) suitable landing ground located ref map POPONDETTA Provisional 1 inch 045074 approx 2 miles from POPONDETTA on main track to SANBARA MISSION (.) Strip 500 yds by 1000 yds expected prepared by 22 Nov (.) Infm from secret source indicates parties enemy with crew from WAIROPE via DIVINIKOARI to KUNESI (.) Native police patrol annihilated party 24 Japs dispersed party of 30 on KUNESI R. (.) 19 Nov another Jap party reported escaping down KUNESI on raft (.) KANGA FORCE (.) No report (.) AIR OPS (.) BUNA area (.) Bad weather prevented observation attack by our A/C (.) BUIN FAISI area 11 vessels incl 7 possible warships sighted 15 a/c at KAHILI and several F/Ps nearby (.) ARANE (.) 5 lt AA guns firing single ZEKES attempted interception but was destroyed (.) RABAUL Harbour (.) from 3000 ft 2 party eight vessels observed 15 ZEKES attempted intervention.

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S E C R E T.

To 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 and K Sec Sigs.

From 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Sitrep No 74 of 2400L/21 (.) MILNE FORCE (.) 1300L/21 (.) all quiet (.) 32 US DIV (.) 1800L/21 enemy holding line CAPE ENDAIADERE to southern tip new BUNA strip with estimated three or four 90mm mortars in support (.) u unconfirmed air sightings five possible field guns 200 yds north of runway firing SW (.) 128 US Regt less bn attacking in vicinity new strip BUNA (.) front from 500 yds south of CAPE ENDAIADERE to DOBODURA BUNA track west of new strip (.) One bn attacking towards BUNA along SOPUTA BUNA track location probably vicinity GIRUA (.) 7 AUST DIV (.) 126 Regt less bn expected assemble SOPUTA by p.m. 21 Nov. (.) 2000L/21 indications fighting nearing beaches (.) 1800L/20 16 Bde advance held up $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles ~~south~~ north SOPUTA from a.m. 20 Nov (.) enemy in strong positions estimated using two bns fwd (.) attack continued first light 21 Nov (.) Tac/R 1000L/21 sighted 150 tps $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from and moving to GONA (.) 1200L/21 600tps sighted 3 miles south of CAPE KILLERTON (.) 3 bn moving to SOPUTA from POPONDETTA 22 Nov (.) Adv HQ 7 Div SOPUTA (.) KANGA (.) 11 fighters on LAE drome 0730L/21 (.) AIR OPS (.) BUNA drome and vicinity attacked by 24 med bombers with fighter escort 0745L/21 (.) hits both sides runway and approach tracks (.) AA hy and intense (.) 1600L/21 six med bombers attacked BUNA drome and br linking two strips (.) fires black and white smoke east side of runway (.) AA one gun only (.) SANANANDA bombed and strafed six med bombers 1100 to 1200L/21 along tracks and beaches (.) Debris flew about after bomb bursts possibly stores (.) Two barges on beach SANANANDA four at CAPE KILLERTON appeared good condition (.) recee reports AA from three guns GASMATA and strip appears repaired (.) four enemy destroyer sighted 90 miles north GONA 1830L/21 (.) previously sighted on course from GASMATA

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn
1 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 29

by

MAJOR P.E. RHODEN - ADMIN COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

121. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 1 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr - Lieut H.H. YOUNG
N F D - Lieut M.L. MOTT
Bn Ord NCO - A/Cpl YATES J.V.
N F D - Cpl CROSSLEY W.C.

Duty Coy - A Coy
N F D - HQ Coy

122. DAILY ROUTINE - CHANGE OF - For troops going on Route March tomorrow. Reveille 0500 hrs, Breakfast 0545 hrs; sjts will mess with troops. Personnel remaining in camp, usual routine.

123. DRESS - HATS FUR FEET - It has come to notice that troops are wearing Chin Straps over the brim of the hat. Chin Straps must either be tucked inside of hat or removed.

P. E. Rhoden
Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

VX44163	A/Cpl	BURNETT	J.T.	Promoted A/Sjt	15.10.42.
VX27396	Pto	LOCKYER	J.K.	" A/Cpl	15.10.42
VX42115	"	LAINE	A.J.	" A/Cpl	15.10.42
VX14462	A/Sjt	McLENNAN	D.A.	Rank of Sjt confirmed	25.9.42
VX15189	A/Cpl	WATSON	C.H.	" " Cpl	25.9.42
VX52014	Pto	BUTCHER	F.W.	Promoted A/Cpl	17.10.42

TRADE GROUPINGS

VX11440	pto	MILLS	J.F.	Regraded Gp II (Sig)	26.10.42
VX52014	"	BUTCHER	F.W.	Graded Gp III (Dr-mech)	1.2.42.

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J.O.

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2 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No. 50
by

MAJOR P.E. RHODEN ADMIN COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

124. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 2 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	-	Lieut M.L. MOTT
N F D	-	Lieut E.R. CLARKE
Bn Ord NCO	-	Cpl CROSSLEY W.C.
N F D	-	A/Cpl BOLITHO M.W.
Duty Coy	-	HQ Coy
N F D	-	B Coy

125. BOOTS - Company weekly boot issue will be carried out on Mondays at the following times:-

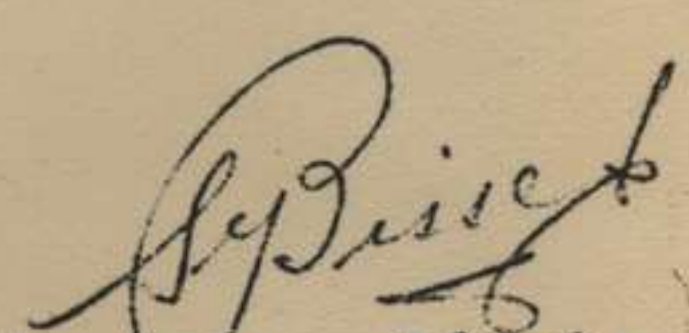
A Coy	0900 hrs
B "	1000 "
C "	1100 "
D "	1400 "
HQ "	1500 "
BHQ	1600 "

All boot consultations with Chiropodist will be done at the RQ Store, during above hours only.

126. REGIMENTAL TAILORS - Two tailors are now available for clothing repairs, and the following arrangements will prevail:-

- (a) All clothing for repairs, to be washed and handed in to CQMS of Coy, by 0800 hrs on day allotted to that Coy, as below.
- (b) Clothing to be clearly marked with Army Number, Name and Coy.
- (c) Register of articles to be kept by Coys.
- (d) Articles of clothing to be brought to QM Store by 0900 hrs on the following days:-

Monday	-	HQ Coy
Tuesday	-	BHQ
Wednesday	-	A Coy
Thursday	-	B "
Friday	-	C "
Saturday	-	D "


Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CRICKET - Result of Cricket Match 2/14 v 2/27, played Saturday 31 Oct 42. 2/14 Bn won by 3 runs. Best scores were made by S/Sjt MORRIS R.S. 44 runs, pte RUTHERFORD F.W. 26 runs. With regard to bowling, Sjt MILLAR A.G. bowled 3 wickets for 15 runs.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
3 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No. 31

by
LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MB2. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

127. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 3 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr - Lieut E.R. CLARKE
N F D - Lieut J.G. CLEMENTS
Bn Ord NCO - A/Cpl BOLITHO H.W.
N F D - Cpl ELDER W.L.

Duty Coy - B Coy
N F D - C Coy

Print
Lieut.
Adj't 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

VX17772	A/sjt	AVERY	A.R.	Rank of Sjt confirmed	1.11.42
VX15348	pte	SMITH	C.H.	Promoted A/Cpl	23.10.42
VX45780	L/Cpl	WILD	R.G.	" "	30.10.42
VX15533	A/WOII	BARTLETT	J.H.L.	Rank of WOII confirmed	25.10.42
VX50985	A/WOII	GLAVIN	J.	" " " "	25.10.42
VX40693	pte	STEPHENSON	I.R.	Promoted A/Cpl	24.8.42

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
5 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 32

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, IBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

128. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 5 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	-	Lieut D.W. RAINNEY
N F D	-	Lieut R.N. THOMPSON
Bn Ord NCO	-	Cpl PARKER L.G.L.
N F D	-	A/Cpl ROGERS E.R.
Duty Coy	-	D Coy
N F D	-	HQ Coy

129. DRESS - Coys are to attend to the following matters -

- Leather belts are not to be worn outside the trousers by personnel other than members of the Sig Pl.
- It has been noticed that Hats Fur Felt have in many cases incorrect denting. A check is to be made immediately to correct the shape of hats, and troops to be advised that action will be taken against any offenders in the future.
- Slacks must be worn after sundown.

130. EQUIPMENT - An immediate check is to be made to see that equipment is fitted correctly. It has been noticed that Web Belts are worn too high.

131. RATION COUPONS - PROCEDURE WHEN UNABLE TO BUY RATIONED ARTICLES OF CLOTHING IN PERSON -

Army personnel who cannot themselves make purchases at a Canteen or retail store are permitted to use their coupons under the following conditions:-

- The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of ration book in the presence of the C.O., Adjt, Coy OC or Paymaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.
- Coupons will then be pasted on A.C.C.F. 12. The form will be signed by the owner of the Ration Book and counter-signed by the C.O. or Adjt.
- Form A.C.C. 12 with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a Canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

(Sgd) S.Y. BISSET, Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CRICKET - Result of Cricket Match 2/14 v 2/16, played Wednesday 4 Nov 42. 2/14 Bn won by 2 runs. Total scores were 2/14 Bn 83 runs; 2/16 Bn 81 runs. Best scores were made by Sjt MILLAR A.G. 18 runs, S/Sjt NORRIS R.S. 10 runs. With regard to bowling, Sjt Coy J.W. bowled 4 wickets for 33 runs.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK -

VX48168	pte	HAYES	R.	Promoted	A/Cpl	1.9.42
VX17982	L/Cpl	COY	J.W.	"	A/Sjt	30.8.42
VX14945	pte	CALLAGHAN	J.P.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX29422	"	BRAY	W.	Appointed	L/Cpl	30.8.42
VX15252	L/Cpl	DUNLOP	C.D.	Promoted	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX28392	pte	BOLITHO	M.W.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX17273	"	ADAMS	J.H.	Appointed	L/Cpl	2.9.42
VX17389	L/Cpl	POWER	R.	Promoted	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX7531	pte	MOLTONI	P.Q.	"	A/Cpl	1.9.42
VX22813	"	CRUMP	E.C.	Appointed	L/Cpl	1.9.42
VX16202	"	KELTON	R.S.	Promoted	A/Cpl	29.8.42
VX15241	"	MCCALLUM	C.E.	"	A/Cpl	1.9.42
VX42732	"	MCDONALD	H.S.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX54009	L/Cpl	LEASK	I.G.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
TX4665	"	ANDERSON	B.B.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX16821	pte	SCULLION	J.E.	"	A/Cpl	1.9.42
VX26258	"	SILVER	E.P.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX15175	L/Cpl	JORGENSEN	S.G.	"	A/Cpl	31.8.42
VX18150	"	RETTALLACK	J.	"	A/Cpl	31.8.42
VX15291	Cpl	FITZPATRICK	C.E.	"	A/Sjt	31.8.42
VX15602	pte	COATES	C.M.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX50922	"	WAKEFIELD	H.C.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX67561	"	SATORI	J.D.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX17497	"	HAYWOOD	J.W.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX38087	L/Cpl	PARKER	L.G.L.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX18174	pte	GELDART	R.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX24485	"	FYFE	H.B.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX8266	Cpl	CLARKSON	C.W.	"	A/Sjt	30.8.42
VX19453	"	IRVINE	C.C.	"	A/Sjt	31.8.42
VX42435	L/Cpl	TRUSCOTT	J.E.	"	A/Cpl	30.8.42
VX15186	"	WILLS	C.E.	"	A/Cpl	31.8.42
VX16378	"	RUMPF	A.G.	"	A/Cpl	6.9.42
QX29767	pte	McQUEEN	A.S.	"	A/Cpl	30.9.42

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
6 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No. 32
by

LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

132. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 6 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	*	Lieut R.N. THOMPSON
N F D	*	Lieut H.E.R. MACDONALD
Bn Ord NCO	-	A/Cpl ROGERS E.R.
N F D	-	L/Cpl STRINGER N.L.

Duty Coy	=	HQ Coy
N F D	=	A Coy

133. HYGIENE & SANITATION - It has come to notice that persons have been Urinating etc in the vicinity of Salvation Army Tent, without using conveniences provided.

Any persons disregarding sanitation rules and fouling the ground in Camp Area will be severely dealt with.

134. ISSUE OF DUPLICATE RATION BOOKS - In cases where ration books are lost, the procedure to be adopted regarding replacement will be as under -

- (a) The member losing his book will complete a statutory declaration giving the date of loss and the number of coupons which had been used at the time of the loss.
- (b) The C.O. of the unit may authorise the issue of a new ration book if the inquiry shows that the case is genuine, but coupons to the number that he is satisfied has been used will be cancelled and removed therefrom.

Personnel should take special care to ensure that ration books are not lost, as replacement will only be made where the C.O. is satisfied the circumstances justify it. If a soldier is found to have wilfully made a false statement in his statutory declaration regarding loss, he is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour.

S. Bisset
Lieut
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CRICKET - It is proposed to play Inter-coy cricket matches. Each Coy will enter one team, with the exception of HQ Coy which will combine with BHQ and enter two teams.

Coy sport representatives have been appointed. These representatives will make arrangements for the selection of Coy teams. Matches will commence next Tuesday and will be played on the KOITAKI ground. Draw is as follows -

No. 2 HQ Coy & BHQ	v	B Coy (Tuesday)
No. 1 HQ Coy & BHQ	v	C Coy
D Coy	v	A Coy

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
7 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No. 33

by
LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

135. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 7 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:

Bn Ord Offr - Lieut H.E.R. MACDONALD
N F D " - Lieut N.H. YOUNG
Bn Ord NCO - L/Cpl STRINGER N.L.
N F D " - A/Cpl FRASER W.L.

Duty Coy - A Coy
N F D " - B Coy

136. CHURCH PARADES - 8.11.42 -

Church Parade 1000 hrs - Will be held in Salvation Army tent. Coys move to tent independently.

R.C. Mass - Mass will be celebrated in Salvation Army tent at 0830 hrs.

Dress - Shirts, Trousers K.D., Boots, Gaiters, Hats turned down, and Waist Belts.

J. J. Desjard
Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, & CONFIRMATION OF RANK

VX15533	Sjt	BARTLETT	J.H.L.	Promoted	A/WOII	14.9.42
VX50985	"	GLAVIN	J.	"	"	5.10.42
VX35793	pte	ROSS	R.R.	"	A/Cpl	3.10.42
VX15522	L/Cpl	WATSON	R.R.	"	A/Cpl	7.10.42
VX60387	pte	YOUNG	R.A.C.	"	A/Cpl	26.9.42
VX31608	A/Cpl	DAVY	K.H.	"	A/Sjt	3.10.42
VX16218	pte	PERKINS	B.E.	"	A/Cpl	3.10.42
VX22178	A/Sjt	CAMPBELL	P.	Rank of Sjt Confirmed		12.10.42

REVERSIONS

VX16489 A/Cpl FRASER W.J. Reverted to rank of pte 5.10.42

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PART B (Contd)

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

VX23509	pte	RITCHIE	R.O.	Promoted A/Cpl	7.11.42
VX15655	A/WOII	OSBORNE	W.J.	Rank of WOII confirmed	30.8.42
VX52014	A/Cpl	BUTCHER	F.W.	Promoted A/Sjt	1.11.42
VX61384	pte	RUSSELL	R.C.	" A/Cpl	1.11.42
VX16822	"	SHELDON	E.F.	" A/Cpl	1.11.42
VX18391	"	PASCOE	R.E.	Appointed L/Cpl	3.11.42
VX15481	L/Cpl	CAHILL	J.M.	Promoted A/Cpl	3.11.42
VX15242	A/Cpl	WATES	J.V.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	3.11.42
VX59059	"	WOOLHOUSE	R.M.	" " " "	3.11.42
VX17389	"	POWER	R.	" " " "	3.11.42
VX42732	"	McDONALD	H.S.	" " " "	3.11.42
VX33238	A/Sjt	DEBUS	G.McL.	" " Sjt "	3.11.42
VX22729	"	FORMAN	P.E.	" " " "	3.11.42
VX14945	A/Cpl	CALLAGHAN	J.P.	Promoted A/Sjt	6.11.42
VX17500	A/Cpl	DOUGLAS	T.A.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	6.11.42

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136. CHURCH PARADES - 8.11.42

Church parade 1000 hrs - Will be held in Salvation Army tent. Coy's move to tent independently.

R.O. Mass - Mass will be celebrated in Salvation Army tent at 0800 hrs.

Dress - Shirts, Trousers K.D., Boots, Gaiters, Hats turned down, and Waist Belts.

W. Fraser
Adjt S/M Adjt In Br.

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

VX5523	Sjt	BARRITT	J.H.L.	Promoted A/WOII	14.9.42
VX5085	"	GLAVIN	J.	"	2.10.42
VX52793	pte	ROSS	R.R.	A/Cpl	2.10.42
VX5222	L/Cpl	WATSON	R.R.	A/Cpl	7.10.42
VX5037	pte	YOUNG	R.A.G.	A/Cpl	28.9.42
VX51609	A/Cpl	DAVY	R.H.	A/Sjt	2.10.42
VX50219	pte	PERKINS	R.E.	A/Cpl	2.10.42
VX5258	A/Sjt	CARRILL	P.	Rank of Sjt Confirmed	12.10.42

REVERSIONS

VX5289 A/Cpl FRASER W.L. Reverted to rank of pte 2.10.42

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8 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 34

by

LT.-COL. H.B. CHALLIN, MBE. " COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

135. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 8 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr = Lieut N.H. YOUNG
N F D = Lieut E.R. CLARKE
Bn Ord NCO = A/Cpl FRASER W.L.
N F D = A/Cpl RUMPF A.G.

Duty Coy = B Coy
N F D = C Coy

136. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES - Ankieta Web will be worn after sunset by all personnel, as from 8 Oct 42.

137. GREEN ENVELOPES - The following is brought to the notice of all ranks:-

- (a) Green Envelopes will NOT be used by offrs.
- (b) They are a privilege granted only to other ranks and will NOT be used at any time, either to evade censorship within the unit or to relieve offrs from franking duties.
- (c) They are intended as a medium of privacy within the unit only and will NOT be used for any purpose other than transmission of personal and family matters.
- (d) Correspondence will either be enclosed in the Green Envelope using it as a cover, or up to three unsealed, unfranked, uncensored letters, stamped and clearly addressed may be enclosed.
- (e) The Green Envelope or its contents will not be franked or censored within the unit but will bear the imprint of the unit censor stamp on the cover.
- (f) The declaration on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope, certifying contents as personal or family matters only, will be clearly and legibly signed, and is as binding as a legal oath.

Once green envelopes leave the unit, they are as liable to censorship by the Base Censor as any other mail.

Severe penalties will be enforced where Green Envelopes are found to violate any instruction contained in A.F.C.I. 22. Already quite a number have been referred back to writer's unit for disciplinary actions.

138. DAILY ROUTINE - CHANGE OF - For troops going on Route March tomorrow. Reveille 0500 hrs, Breakfast 0545 hrs. Sjts will mess with tps. Personnel remaining in camp, usual routine.

NOTICES

[Signature]
Lieut
Adj't 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

REGTL CANTEEN - As from this date, the hours of opening are:-

0800 - 0830 hrs.
1230 - 1330 "
1630 - 2000 "

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9 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTING ORDERS PART I
No. 35

by
..... LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

139. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 9 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	*	Lieut E.R. CLARKE
N F D	*	Lieut D.W. RAINY
Bn Ord NCO	-	A/Cpl RUMPF A.G.
N F D	-	A/Cpl COATES C.H.

Duty Coy	*	C Coy
N F D	-	D Coy

W.H.H.
Adj 2/14 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut.

NOTICES

SALVATION ARMY RECREATION TENT -

This tent will not be available for use Tuesday evening. It is to be taken down for repairs, and will be re-erected in vicinity of transport lines, Wednesday.

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10 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 36

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALIEN, MBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

140. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 10 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr - Lieut L.W. HOWARD
Bn Ord NCO - A/Cpl COATES C.M.
N F D - L/Cpl RUTHERFORD F.W.

Duty Coy - D Coy
N F D - HQ Coy

As from 1800 hrs 11 Nov 42, the appointing of a Duty Offr will be discontinued till further notice. A duty offr will be appointed when required.

141. ORDERLY DUTIES - While troops are in the MORESBY area carrying out tasks, the Duty Coy will supply the amended list of Duties:-

Bn Guard - 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
Bn Ord NCO.
Bn Runner (1).

Guard posts will be:-

No. 1 Post - BHQ.
No. 2 Post - Sentry will patrol a beat between Water Tank and QM Store.

142. DAILY ROUTINE - CHANGE OF - For tomorrow, 11 Nov 42, the following changes in Daily Routine will prevail:-

Reveille - 0600 hrs
Breakfast - ORs - 0700 hrs
" - Offrs - 0730 hrs
" - Sjts - 0730 hrs

Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

PART B.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIALS

VX44776 pte CAMPBELL K.L. -

Was tried by DCM and sentenced to One Hundred and Twenty (120) days Detention, on the charge:-

"While on active service, absents himself without leave, in that he was absent without leave from 2359 hrs 17 May 42 till 1120 hrs 1 Sept 42"

Sentenced at BRISBANE - 1 Oct 42.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 20 days

Automatic forfeiture 127 days pay. Total forfeiture 247 days pay.

PART B (contd)

DISTRICT COURT MARTIALS (contd)

VX60723 pte HAWKINS R.H. -

Was tried by DCM and sentenced to One Hundred and Fifty (150) days Detention, on the charge:-

"While on active service, absents himself without leave, in that he was absent without leave from 1430 hrs on 26 May 42 till 2300 hrs on 8 Sept 42".

Sentenced at BRISBANE - 2 Oct 42.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 16 days

Automatic forfeiture - 122 days pay. Total forfeiture - 278 days pay.

VX33145 pte RUSSELL C.T. -

Was tried by DCM and sentenced to Six (6) months detention, on the charge:-

"While on active service, absents himself without leave, in that he was absent without leave from 2359 hrs on 2 May 42 till 0950 hrs on 9 Sept 42".

Sentenced at BRISBANE - 16 Oct 42.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 32 days.

Automatic forfeiture - 162 days pay. Total forfeiture - 343 days pay.

VX21940 pte CLIMAS F.J. -

Was tried by DCM and sentenced to a fine of £10, on the charge:-

"While on active service absents himself without leave, in that he was absent without leave from 2359 hrs on 12 July 42 till 1325 hrs on 14 Sept 42".

Sentenced at BRISBANE - 19 Oct 42.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 27 days

Automatic forfeiture 91 days pay. Total forfeiture 91 days pay.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No 37

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALIEN, MBE. - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

143. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 11 Nov 42 for tour of duty:-

orderly NCO - L/Cpl RUTHERFORD F.W.

Duty Coy - HQ Coy.

Guard will dismount at Reveille 12 Nov 42, and will strike Guard tent.

144. ROUTINE - CHANGE OF - For tomorrow, 12 Nov 42, the following changes in Daily Routine will prevail:-

Reveille	-	0500 hrs
Breakfast, ORs	-	0545 hrs
"	Offrs	- 0615 hrs
"	Sjts	- 0615 hrs

145. SECURITY - Attention is drawn to NGF Censorship Instn No.1, para 3 :-

"POSTAL ADDRESS - Where personnel have been allowed to state that they are in NEW GUINEA, they will continue to use the "AUSTRALIA" address. All units with a numerical designation (i.e. 14 Fd Regt, 9 Coy AASC etc) will use the "AUSTRALIA" address. Only units whose identification would not be possible without "NEW GUINEA" will use that address (i.e. "HQ NG FORCE", "DRO NEW GUINEA FORCE", "NG L of C ORD WKSHOPS" etc)".

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for my*

Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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17 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 38

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALIEN, MBE " COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

146. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 17 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty

Bn Ord Offr " Lieut D W RAINNEY
N F D " Lieut R N THOMPSON
Bn Ord NCO " A/Cpl GRAHAM J.K.W.
N F D " Cpl DOUGLAS T.A.

Duty Coy " C Coy
N F D " D Coy

Bn Guard - To consist of 1 NCO & 3 ORs. Guard post - BHQ

Duty Coy to supply 1 Runner at BHQ.

147. DAILY ROUTINE - Will be as follows -

Reveille	0630 hrs
Coy Parade	0635 "
Breakfast ORs	0730 "
" Sjts	0745 "
" OFFRS	0745 "
Sick parade	0800 "
Lunch ORs	1215 "
" Sjts	1230 "
" Offrs	1230 "
Evening Meal ORs	1715 "
" Sjts	1745 "
" Offrs	1800 "
Retreat	1800 "
Tattoo	2200 "
Lights Out	2215 "

148. PICQUETS - Coys are responsible for picqueting their Coy lines. HQ Coy, in addition, are responsible for "Q" store area. Coys will arrange picquets on a 24 hr tour of duty basis, changing 1800 hrs daily.

149. READINESS TO MOVE - OC in charge of each plane party to ensure that his party plus stores can be loaded and embussed within half an hour.

150. TROOPS will not leave the Bn Lines without permission of Coy CO

151. CLEANLINESS OF COY LINES - Lines to be cleaned for inspection, by 0830 hrs daily.

A. B. Bisset
Adj 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

AMENITIES - The following items have been distributed to members of the unit -

FROM BN. FEEDING FUND - 14 Nov 42 -

Matches, boxes	= 87	Doz TUPKS	= 7	Cartons
Boat Polish, tins	= 288	Fruit Cake	= 90	lbs.
Soap, cakes	= 344			
Cigarettes, pkts, lgo,	= 688			

FROM A.C.F. - 17 Nov 42 -

Cigarettes, pkts of 10	= 645	Cigarette papers	= 645	pkts
Tobacco, oz pkts	= 1290	Biscuits.	= 315	"

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

VX22405	PTE	CARLLE	B.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	8.11.42
VX26621	"	WILKINSON	W.W.	"	"
VX15237	A/Sjt	ISKOV	R.F.	Rank of Sjt confirmed	8.11.42
VX52014	"	BUTCHER	F.W.	" " " "	8.11.42
VX15239	A/Cpl	ROGERS	E.	" " Cpl	8.11.42
VX16933	Cpl	CROSSLEY	W.C.	Promoted A/Sjt	8.11.42
VX14988	Pte	BOYS	F.R.	Appointed L/Cpl	8.11.42
VX15234	"	RUMBERFORD	F.W.	"	8.11.42
VX15236	"	LOWE	R.F.	Promoted A/Cpl	8.11.42
VX15083	Sjt	LACEY	W.H.	" WOII	5.11.42
VX23552	Pte	FIEEDING	H.W.	" A/Cpl	8.11.42
VX59059	Cpl	WOOLHOUSE	R.M.	" A/Sjt	12.11.42
TX4582	A/Sjt	SIMS	W.F.M.	Rank of Sjt confirmed	12.11.42
VX15291	"	FITZPATRICK	C.H.	" " " "	12.11.42
VX15469	Sjt	LOCHHEAD	J.A.	Promoted A/WOII	12.11.42
VX15252	A/Cpl	DUNLOP	C.D.	" A/Sjt	13.11.42
QX29767	"	MCQUEEN	A.S.	" " "	13.11.42
VX15480	Pte	FRASER	W.J.	" A/Cpl	13.11.42
VX15521	"	FYFE	W.J.	" " "	13.11.42
TX5334	"	O'HALLORAN	K.J.	" " "	13.11.42
TX5331	"	ELPHINSTONE	L.C.	" " "	13.11.42
VX61539	"	LINDSAY	B.R.	" " "	13.11.42
VX15538	A/Sjt	JEFFREY	J.N.	Rank of Sjt confirmed	13.11.42
VX17892	"	COY	J.W.	" " " "	13.11.42
VX15349	A/Cpl	SMITH	C.H.	" " Cpl	13.11.42
VX15486	Cpl	LUSK	W.J.	Promoted A/Sjt	3.11.42

CORRIGENDA

VX13905	S/Sjt	FIRTH	A.J.	Reverts to Sjt, DELETED	19.1.42
VX13907	"	DOGARIS	A.C.G.	" " " "	19.1.42

TRADE GROUPINGS

VX41392	Pte	FLITCHER	A.	Graded Gp III	Dr Mech	1.12.42
VX44858	"	YOUL	H.J.	" Gp III	R/Taker	1.12.42
VX52015	"	BUTCHER	J.E.	" Gp III	Dr Mech	1.12.42
VX36915	"	GIBB	L.D.	" Gp III	Dr Mech	1.12.42
VX41217	"	BARBER	G.	" Gp III	Dr Mech	1.12.42
VX51397	"	FERGUSON	W.A.	" Gp III	Dr Mech	1.12.42
VX18213	"	TEMPLETON	R.W.	" Gp II	Sig	11.11.42
VX68629	"	JONES	P.	" Gp II	Sig	11.11.42
QX32834	"	MURPHY	R.P.	" Gp II	Sig	11.11.42
QX32830	"	HEGERTY	J.W.	" Gp II	Sig	11.11.42
QX32095	"	ALLENDER	E.E.	" Gp II	Int Duties	8.11.42
VX15350	"	FERRARI	T.A.	" Gp I	Fitter	

MV (AACC) 5.6.42

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18 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 39

by

LT-COL. H.B. CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

152. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 18 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	+	Lieut R.N. THOMPSON
N F D	+	Lieut L.W. HOWARD
Bn Ord NCO	+	Cpl DOUGLAS T.A.
N F D	+	Cpl TOLLAND E.H.

Duty Coy	+	D Coy
N F D	+	HQ Coy

153. DAILY ROUTINE - CHANGE OF - As from tomorrow 19 Nov 42, Sick Parade will be at 0700 hrs. For tomorrow only - Lunch 9Rs 1145 hrs Offrs and Sjts 1200 hrs.

154. FAULTY AMN .450 - It has come to notice that some amn being used in T.S.M.Gs. is faulty. Coys will render a report to RSM immediately, should any trouble with faulty amn occur; report to show 'Make of amn' and 'Lot No.' if possible. Separated or split cases will be kept for inspection by I.O.O.

154. FRONT LINE AMN - Front Line is NOT to be used for tng. Coys will requisition to Adjt for amn required for tng.

Rep Bisset
Lieut:
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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J.S.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn
19 Nov 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 20
BY

LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE " COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

155. BN DUTIES " To mount at 1800 hrs 19 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:

Bn Ord Offr	"	Lieut L.W. HOWARD
N F D	"	Lieut H.E.R. McDONALD
Bn Ord NCO	"	Cpl TOLLAND E.H.
N F D	"	L/Cpl WEEKS S.

Duty Coy	"	HQ Coy
N F D	"	A COX

156. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS " Trousers KD, long sleeved shirts and gaiters must be worn after sunset. Personnel not obeying this order will be charged.
Coys will ensure that all troops take their daily dose of quinine, i.e. in this area, one tablet.

157. HYGIENE " Coys are again directed to see that all troops have their hair cut regularly.

Atkinson
for Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Lieut.

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

VX44163	A/Cpl	BURNETT	J.T.	Promoted	A/Sjt	15.10.42
OX27396	Pte	LOCKYER	J.K.	"	A/Cpl	15.10.42
VX42115	Pte	LANE	A.J.	"	A/Cpl	15.10.42
V/14462	A/Sjt	McLENNAN	D.A.	Rank of Sjt confirmed		25.9.42
V/15189	A/Cpl	WATSON	C.H.	Rank of Cpl confirmed		25.9.42
VX52014	Pte	BUTCHER	F.W.	Promoted	A/Cpl	17.10.42

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TRADE GROUPINGS

WX11440	pte	MILLS	J.F.	Graded	Op II Sig	26.10.42
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21 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 42

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

161. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 21 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Bn Ord Offr	=	Lieut N.H. YOUNG
N F D	=	Lieut E.R. CLARKIE
Bn Ord NCO	=	A/Cpl O'HALLORAN K.
N F D	=	A/Cpl WILLS C.H.

Duty Coy	=	B Coy
N F D	=	C Coy

162. CHURCH PARADE - ALTERATION TO -

R.C. Mass - To be celebrated at 1030 hrs, in 2/27 Bn lines. Personnel attending will parade at BHQ at 1000 hrs, and move to 2/27 Bn lines, under comd of Capt McGAVIN.

163. SECURITY -

Rumours circulating recently on this HQ do not reflect any credit on personnel repeating them. They are increasing in number and decreasing in truthful content.

The Army has many weapons of war among which are Rifles, Bren guns and Security. The first two we have learnt to use and use well. Security however, a weapon with no magazines to fill, no care and cleaning, no weight to carry and no training necessary, seems to be the hardest for us to handle.

25,000 Japanese soldiers and 23 Jap ships were knocked out of the war this week when the Allied Navy and Air Force met and dealt with them in mid-ocean. Our forces did not just happen to be there, they were sent there because Jap security was bad and we got the information and acted on it.

Dont let us suffer a similar loss for the same reason. If you have information that is correct pass it to those who can use it against the enemy NOT to the enemy for use against us by needless repetition.

Any rumour might be true, by repeating it we make it easier for the enemy to hear. If untrue we may be called liars and certainly should be called fools.

(21 BDE RO NO.33, PARA 117)

164. DRESS -

(a) The dress for all ranks by day in the office and Officers' lines areas will be:-

Shirt and shorts
Sock tops
puttees
Boots

(b) Shirts need not be worn when doing heavy manual work in coddhouses, store, transport lines or when off duty in rest areas other than those in (a).

(c) Dress by night will be:-

Trousers KD and long sleeved shirt
Gaiters
Boots

(d) Hats will be worn when leaving the Camp Area and the dress will be as in (a) by day, and (c) by night.

(Sgd) S.V. BISSET, Lieut.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES (see Page Two)

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NOTICES

LOST - One Prismatic Compass No. 17168 with pouch and Waist Belt left in C Coy latrine. Finder please hand it in to BHC.

It is pointed out that Prismatic Compasses are "Controlled Stores", and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any person holding "Controlled Stores" without authority.

104. PRESS -

- (a) The dress for all ranks by day in the office and outdoors:
Shirts and shorts
Socks
Puttees
Boots
- (b) Shirts need not be worn when doing heavy manual work in cookhouses, stores, transport lines or when off duty in rest areas other than those in (a).
- (c) Dress by night will be:
Trousers XI and long sleeve shirt
Gaiters
Boots
- (d) Hats will be worn when leaving the camp area and the road will be as in (a) by day, and (c) by night.

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24 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No. 43

by

LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

165. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 24 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty:

Bn Ord Offr - Lieut R.H. DOUGHERTY
N F D - Lieut D.W. RAINEY
Bn Ord NCO - L/Cpl RAY S.A.
N F D - A/Cpl BOLITHO M.W.

Duty Coy - A Coy
N F D - B Coy

166. MALARIAL CONTROL MEASURES - Each Coy OC will be responsible for all anti-malaria work in his Coy lines and Coy area. He will ensure that:-

- (a) Mosquito or sandfly nets are used throughout the night by all ranks not on duty.
- (b) Anti-mosquito cream (when available) will be applied to exposed portions of the body after dusk.
- (c) Measures are taken to prevent mosquitos breeding within Coy area.
- (d) Action is taken for cases and suspected cases of malarial fever to be kept under mosquito nets as long as they remain in the Coy area. The same action will be taken in respect of febrile cases of all kinds, unless diagnosis of malaria can be definitely excluded.
- (e) From dusk to sunrise all ranks will wear slacks, boots and anklets web, gaiters S.D. or puttees, sleeved shirts buttoned at wrist and neck. prohibition of wearing shorts or shirts not buttoned at the wrist and neck will be rigidly enforced.
- (f) The pamphlet "prevention of Malaria" is read to all ranks.

167. OUT OF BOUNDS - SUPPLY DEPOTS - All Supply Depots, incl. between stacks and huts, are out of bounds to all unauthorised personnel and vehicles. Any such personnel found will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

168. TRADING WITH NATIVES - There appears hereunder a list of the maximum prices to be paid for produce and curios ordinarily sold by natives:-

Bananas	1/6 to 2/6 per bunch according to size
Eggs	2/- doz
Fowls	2/6 each
Mandarins	9d doz
Mangoes	1/6 doz
Oranges	1/- doz
Paw Paws	3 or 4 per 1/- according to size
Pineapples	3 or 4 per 1/- according to size

158.	potatoes (Sweet)	1/2d lb.
(Contd)	Pumpkins	6d each
	Sipora (Lines)	3d per doz
	Baskets	3/- to 8/-
	Beads (Strings)	1/- to 2/-
	Bows	3/- to 4/-
	Arrows	2 for 1/-
	Canoes (Models)	2/- to 3/-
	Combs (Wooden)	2/- to 3/-
	Ganas (Arm bands - Wide)	1/- to 1/6
	Ramies (Grass Skirts) Coarse	3/-
	Ramies " " Fine, Coloured	5/-
	Speons	6d each
	Sticks (Malila Walking)	5/- to 15/-

50/11
 Lieut:
 1st Lt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

GREETINGS

Extract of letter written by Maj-Gen J.E.S. STEWART
 to Major MOORE -

"Good luck to you and my best wishes to the
 fellows I served with in the old Brigade".

Part B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK

VX45007	Pte	INGLIS	W.	Promoted A/Cpl	17.10.42
VX45780	"	WILD	R.G.	Appointed L/Cpl	19.10.42
VX22379	Cpl	SCOTT	W.W.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	20.10.42
VX16002	"	FERGUSON	L.M.	Promoted A/Sjt	13.10.42

TRADE GROUPINGS

VX32688	Pte	BARNES	A.E.	Graded Gp II - Mason	8.8.42
TX 5324	"	RUTHERFORD	P.W.	" " III Dr Mch	1.2.42
VX48699	"	COOKNELL	A.E.	" " III " "	1.7.42
VX44226	"	HOSKINS	R.J.	" " III " "	1.7.42
WX11440	"	MILLS	J.F.	" " III " "	1.2.42
				Relinquished Gp III Dr Mch	25.10.42

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War Diary

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
25 Nov 42.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No. 44.

by
LT-COL H.B. CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

169. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 25 Nov 42 for 24 hr tour of duty --

Bn Ord NCO	-	L/Cpl PASCOE	R.E.	-	A Coy
N F D 26.11.42	-	Cpl JOHNSTONE	R.A.	-	B Coy
N F D 27.11.42	-	" McLEAN	H.V.	-	HQ Coy
N F D 28.11.42	-	L/Cpl RAY	S.A.	-	A Coy
N F D 29.11.42	-	" BRAY	W.	-	B Coy
N F D 30.11.42	-	Cpl LIVINGSTON	A.P.	-	HQ Coy

Guard - A Guard of 1 NCO & 3 ORs will be mounted by HQ Coy, at 1800 hrs daily till further notice;

Guard post - BHQ

BHQ Runner - 1 Runner to be detailed by Coy supplying orderly NCO.

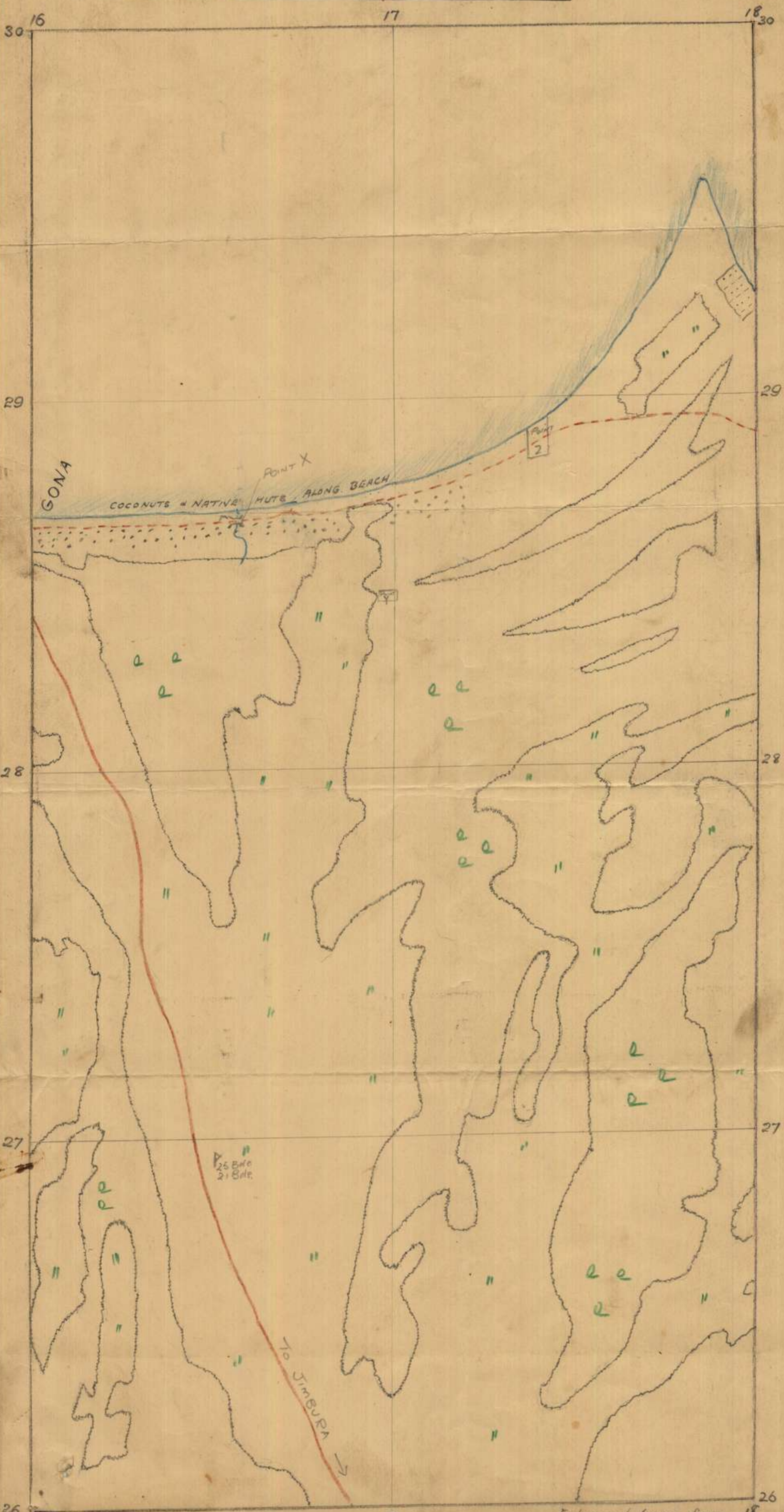
170. PICQUETING OF COY LINES - Coys are responsible for picqueting of Coy lines. A Picquet is to be mounted, and changed at 1800 hrs daily.

171. SICK PARADE - Time of Sick parade is changed to 0800 hrs daily. Personnel parading sick MUST be accompanied by a Sick Report, and must observe Sick Parade hours.

172. CLEANLINESS OF AREA - Coys are to pay special attention to the cleanliness of Coy area. All refuse and tins to be collected and burnt or buried.

(Sgd) L.W. HOWARD, Lieut.
For, Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

—CEMETERY—VILLAGE—AREA—



Scale 8" to 1 mile

Enlarged twice from 18
GONA LOCALITY 4" to 1 mile. AD Survey
Cpl. H. W. Dunning Int. Sec. 22 Nov 42

12/2/35

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/14 Dn. A.I.F.
WAR DIARY

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

W.B. 11/12/3

34 Offrs

(Unit)

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2		3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	* With Bn	* Cha Force		
Lieut.-Colonels	1			
Majors	1			2
Captains	2	2		5
Lieutenants	17	4	1	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters	1 (Capt)			
Totals	22	6 (28)	1	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Does not include 1st Reliefs

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	HOWARD L W	2/14 Bn	4 11 42	REL Hosp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	LEVITT P H I	2/14 Bn	31 10 42	Evac Hosp

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).
Lieut.	O'DAY G O	2/14 Bn	See 21 Aust Inf Eng Bn (not returned to Australia)
Lieut.	CHRISTOPHERSON P A	"	See 1 Aust Convalescent Depot (not in Australia)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt-col.	VX138	CHARLTON H B	2/14 Bn	Yes	C.O.
T/Major	VX14250	HUDSON P E	"	Yes	2 1/c
Capt	VX14052	HAMILTON I W	"	Yes	OC Carrier Pl
Capt	VX14055	RUSSELL W B	"	Yes	OC HQ Coy
Capt	VX14030	CAMERON R W C	"	Yes	OC D Coy
Lieut	VX14106	MCCAVIN A S D J	"	Yes	OC B Coy
Lieut	VX15386	THURGOOD J G	"	Yes	OC G Coy
Lieut	VX14092	EVANS K A	"	No	Det 7 Aust Div
Lieut	VX21199	BISSET S Y	"	Yes	2 1/c A Coy
Lieut	VX14500	BULLER C G D	"	Yes	2 1/c G Coy
Lieut	VX14502	ERRACY W A	"	Yes	2 1/c B Coy
Lieut	VX17303	LAINO W B	"	Yes	Det 21 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	VX20210	STEINMAN A H	"	Yes	OC 17 Pl
Lieut	VX15009	SCOTT L C J	"	Yes	OC 10 Pl
T/Capt	VX29900	CAIRNS H H	"	Yes	Adjt
Lieut	VX30047	GREENWOOD J R	"	Yes	OC 19 Pl
Lieut	VX14272	RAINEY D H	"	Yes	S.O.
Lieut	VX30050	CLIMENTS J G	"	Yes	OC 14 Pl
T/Capt	VX28379	MCCLIMBERT T J	"	Yes	Q.M.
Lieut	VX28340	HOWARD L W	"	Yes	OC 13 Pl
Lieut	VX39721	MILLROY R M	"	No	Det 21 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	VX28319	PEARCE G E	"	Yes	2 1/c Carrier Pl
A/Lieut	VX30030	CLARK H R	"	Yes	OC 11 Pl
A/Lieut	VX15274	MOFF H L	"	Yes	OC Fur Pl
A/Lieut	VX17354	THOMPSON R N	"	Yes	Sig Ofcr
A/Lieut	VX22200	MACDONALD H B R	"	Yes	OC 15 Pl
A/Lieut	VX16167	YOUNG H H	"	Yes	OC 8 Pl
A/Lieut	VX24010	KOHL G L	"	Yes	OC 9 Pl
x with Gun Force					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

or Units

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX14067	DUFFY D G	A.A.B.C.	29 6 40	E.S.O.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

12/4/36

WB - 11/12/3
Unit 34 x 858
Att 1 x 14
35 x 872

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
	* The Force	* With Unit	
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1	
Majors	3	1	2
Captains	9	3	6
Lieutenants	20	17	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	1 (Capt)	
Totals	34	23	5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		2/14 Bn	11 11	rejoins unit from School (Lieut Appt)

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)
Lieut	O'DAY	2/14 Bn	See 21 Aust Inf Bn (now in Australia)
Lieut	CHRISTOPHERSEN	F A	See 1 Aust Caval Depot (now in Australia)
Capt			

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-col	VX133	CHAILLEN H B	2/14 Bn	Yes	C.O.
T/Major	VX14250	RHODES P E	"	Yes	2 i/c
Capt	VX14032	HAMILTON I W	"	Yes	OC Carrier Pl
Capt	VX14035	FUSSELL W B	"	Yes	OC HQ Coy
Capt	VX14030	CAMERON R W C	"	Yes	OC D Coy
T/Capt	VX14106	MCCAVIE A S D J	"	Yes	OC B Coy
T/Capt	VX15896	THURGOOD J G	"	Yes	OC C Coy
Lieut	VX14028	EVANS E A	"	No	Det 7 Aust Div
Lieut	VX21189	BISSEPP S Y	"	Yes	2 i/c A Coy
Lieut	VX14508	HUTCHESON C G D	"	Yes	2 i/c C Coy
Lieut	VX14589	TRACY H A	"	Yes	2 i/c B Coy
Lieut	VX17903	LAINC W B	"	No	Det 21 Bde
Lieut	VX20213	SPEDMAG A W	"	Yes	OC 17 Pl
Lieut	VX15289	SCHMIDT L C J	"	Yes	OC 10 Pl
R/Capt	VX22018	CAHILL H J	"	Yes	Adjt
Lieut	VX32047	GREENWOOD J R	"	Yes	OC 15 Pl
Lieut	VX14072	RAINEY D W	"	Yes	T.O.
Lieut	VX52950	CLIMES J G	"	Yes	OC 14 Pl
Lieut	VX50070	MCINTOSH T J	"	Yes	C.M.
A/Capt	VX52040	HOWARD T W	"	Yes	OC 13 Pl
Lieut	VX50701	WATSON R M	"	No	Det 21 Bde
Lieut	VX52013	FRANCE G E	"	Yes	2 i/c Carrier Pl
Lieut	VX14647	DOUGHERTY R H	"	Yes	OC 12 Pl
A/Lieut	VX50953	CLARKE R R	"	Yes	OC 11 Pl
A/Lieut	VX15074	MOSE H L	"	Yes	OC Eng Pl
A/Lieut	VX17904	THOMPSON R H	"	Yes	Sig Offr
A/Lieut	VX50000	MACDONALD H B R	"	Yes	OC 15 Pl
A/Lieut	VX51187	YOUNG H H	"	Yes	OC 8 Pl
A/Lieut	VX50010	HOLD G L	"	Yes	OC 9 Pl
X with Ch Force					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	VX60929	McLENNAN		13 11 42	R.M.O.

2/14 Aust Inf (Unit)

1 (Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)

21 Aust Inf Bde

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

Serial No 12/4/37 **FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

WB - 11/12/3

Unit 34 x 858 2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

Att 1 x 14
35 x 872

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
	with Remote Forces <i>in Unit strength</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1	
Majors	5	1	2
Captains	9	5	3
Lieutenants	20	15	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	(Capt) 1	
Totals	34	21	7

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
A/Lieut V14623	DRUDGE	R A 2/14 Bn	15 11	First Appt.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut V139721	WELBY	R A 2/14 Bn	14 11	See 21 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut V17303	WING	" "	14 11	do
A/Lieut V14623	DRUDGE	R A	15 11	Atty Gen of Arty - No 3 Refresher Course X List

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)
Lieut V14097	O'DAY	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut V14029	CHRISTOPHERSON	" "	2 Aust Caval Coy
Capt V14032	LANE	" "	21 Aust Inf Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-col	VX138	CHALLINOR H.R.	2/14 Bn	YES	C.O.
T/Major	VX14250	RHODAN P.R.	"	YES	2 1/c
Capt	VX14032	HAMILTON I.W.	"	YES	OC Carrier Pl
Capt	VX14035	RUSSELL W.R.	"	YES	OC 20 Coy
T/Capt	VX14106	MORAVIN A.S.D.J.	"	YES	OC 5 COY
Lieut	VX14029	EVANS T.A.	"	NO	Bat 7 Aust Div
Lieut	VX21199	BISSOP S.Y.	"	YES	2 1/c A Coy
Lieut	VX14593	BUTLER C.G.D.	"	YES	2 1/c C Coy
Lieut	VX14589	STREACY H.A.	"	YES	2 1/c B Coy
Lieut	VX15209	SCHUBERT L.C.J.	"	YES	OC 10 Pl
Lieut	VX14272	BALDREY D.W.	"	YES	T.O.
Lieut	VX30050	CLARKE J.C.	"	YES	OC 14 Pl
A/Capt	VX50070	MCCARTHY T.J.	"	YES	C.O.
Lieut	VX50040	HOWARD L.H.	"	YES	OC 13 Pl
A/Lieut	VX14047	DOUGHERTY R.H.	"	YES	OC 12 Pl
A/Lieut	VX30050	CLARKE R.R.	"	YES	OC 11 Pl
A/Lieut	VX15074	MORRIS H.L.	"	NO	Attc War Trng Centre
A/Lieut	VX17054	THOMPSON R.W.	"	YES	Sig Offr
A/Lieut	VX30050	ROBERTSON H.H.	"	YES	OC 15 Pl
A/Lieut	VX30107	EVANS H.H.	"	YES	OC 8 Pl
A/Lieut	VX41010	EVANS G.L.	"	YES	OC 9 Pl

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	VX60329	MCCARTHY	R.R. R.A.M.C.	13 11 42	R.M.O.

2/14 Aust Inf B (Unit)

21 NOV (Date of Despatch)

M. J. Moran Lt-col
(Signature of Commander)

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

12/3/35 (Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 7 Nov 1942 (Date)

W.E. 11/12/3
358 ORs

2/14 Bn A.I.F.
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(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
	Bn	Cha Force		
W.Os. Class I.	1			
W.Os. Class II.	4			3
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
Staff Serjeants	5	1		5
Serjeants	27	3		
Corporals	59	7		10
Troopers, Privates, &c.	344	92		297
TOTALS	440	103	*	* 315

*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. or Units
Does NOT include 1st Reinfts

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>Att under W.E.</u>		<u>Att NOT under W.E.</u>	
A.A.M.C.	2 Sgt 1 OR (Pte)	A.A.M.C.	1 Cpl (Chiropodist)
A.A.O.C.	1 Cpl (Armourer) 3 Ptes	A.A.O.C.	1 Cpl (Fitter M.T.)
A.A.P.C.	1 L/Sgt		
A.A.Post C	1 Sgt		

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 22826	Sgt	LUCAS W A	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX 15269	Sgt	THOMPSON R V	"	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX 16376	Sgt	RISELEY E O	"	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX 15282	Sgt	ARNOLD J L	"	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn

2/14 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

Table with 9 columns: Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.; Surplus (a); Reinfmts. Required (a); Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.; Surplus (a); Reinfmts. Required (a); Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.; Surplus (a); Reinfmts. Required (a). Rows include various military trades like Ammunition Examiners, Fitters, Gunners, etc.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Signature of Commander Lt-col

Date of Despatch 7 Nov 42

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

Serial 12/3/36

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE 11/12/3

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

14 Nov 42

19 (Date).

34 x 858
att 1 x 14
35 x 872

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	-	2	
Serjeants	36	32	1
Corporals	76	60	9
Troopers, Privates, &c.	734	349	293
TOTALS	858	452	305

*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.

Under WE		NOT under WE	
WE	Detail.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
	1 Sgt		
2	2 Sgts 1 Sgt (Hys)		AAMC
2	2 ORs 2 Orderlies	1 Cpl (Chiroprapist)	AAMC
1	1 Sgt 1 Cpl (Armourer)		
5	5 ORs 4 Fitters MV	1 Cpl Fitter Mt	AAOC
1	1 ORs 1 Bootmaker		
1	1 Sgt 1 L/Sgt		AAPC
1	1 Cpl		
1	1 Sgt 1 Sgt		AA Post C

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 22826	Sgt	LUCAS W A	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX15269	Sgt	THOMPSON R V	"	"
VX16376	Sgt	RISELEY E O	"	"
VX15282	Sgt	ARNOLD J L	"	"

2/14 Aust Inf Bn 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		2
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		4
Concretors			Joiners		2	Signallers		
Cooks		8	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		2
Farriers			Painters					12
								10
								273
								2
								205
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

[Signature] Lt-col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14 Nov 42

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

Ser-12/3/37

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

21 NOV 42

19

(Date)

WE 11/12/37

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Unit 34 x 858
att 1 x 12

Part A. Strength Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2		3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
	WE	Remote Forces		
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	1		
Staff Serjeants	-		2	
Serjeants	36	3		
Corporals	76	10		7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	734	88		296
TOTALS	858	103	* 2	* 303

*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.
Under W.E.		NOT under W.E.	
2 Sgts 1 Sgt (Ryc)	} AAAC		
2 ORs 2 Orderlies		1 Cpl (Chiropract)	AAAC
1 Sgt 1 Cpl Armourer	} AAOC		
3 ORs 4 Fitters M V		1 Cpl (Fitter M.T.)	AAOC
1 OR 1 Bootmaker	} AAPC		
Sgt 1 L/Sgt			
Cpl			
Sgt 1 Sgt	AA Post C		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX22326	Sgt	LUCAS W A	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX15269	Sgt	THOMPSON R V	"	"
VX16376	Sgt	RISLEY E O	"	"
VX15292	Sgt	ARNOLD J L	"	"

2/14 AUST INF BN

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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		2
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	2	2	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		2
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		6	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		6
Farriers			Painters					12
								7
								274
								2 303
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	12						

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(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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[Signature] Lt-col
Signature of Commander.
21 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch 21 Nov 42

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Rank	Serial	Surplus to W.E.	Rank	Serial	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.
Armament Examiners						
Armament Artificers						
Armourers						
Artificers, Armament						
Assemen						
Bakers						
Battery Surveyors						
Battery Courier, Asst						
Blacksmiths						
Boltsmakers						
Bricklayers						
Butchers						
Camouflage Modeler						
Carpenter and Joiner						
Clerks						
Clerks, Engineering						
Clerks, Supply						
Clerks, Technical						
Coachmakers						
Computers						
Concretors						
Cooks						
Cook, Hospital						
Coppersmiths						
Dental Clerk, Orthotics						
Despatch Riders						
Dispensers						
Draftsmen						
Draftsmen, Architectural						
Draftsmen, Mechanical						
Draftsmen, Signal						
Draftsmen, Topographical						
Driver, Mechanics						
Driver, Operators						
Drivers, Transportation Plant						
Electrical Fitters						
Electricians						
Electricians, Exp. Units						
Electricians, Signal						
Engine Artificers						
Engine Hands, V.C.						
Equipment Repairers						
Farmers						
Fitters, Drivers						
Fitters, Males						
Fitters, M.V.						
Fitters, Railway Signal						
Fitters, Signal						
Grinders						
Gun Layers						
G.P.O. Assistants						
Gun Operators						
Hammermen						
Height Takers						
Helm Operators						
Instrument Mechanics						
Instrument Mechanics, Surgical						
Instrument Operators						
Intelligence Duties						
Joiners						
Leather Stitchers						
Linemen						
Linemen, Signal						
Lithographers						
Machinists						
Masons						
Messengers						
Mechanics, Dental						
Mechanics, M.T.						
Mechanics, Typewriter						
Mechanics, Wireless						
Millwrights						
Miners						
Moulders						
Nursing Orderlies						
Nursing Orderlies (Mental)						
Nurses, Trained						
Operation Post Assistants						
Operating Room Assistants						
Operators, Signal						
Opticians						
Painters						
Plumbers						
Photo-Writers						
Photographers, Dry Plate						
Photographers, Wet Plate						
Plate Layers						
Predictor Numbers						
Printers						
Radialor Mechanics						
Radio-grammers						
Range Takers						
Riggers						
Riveters						
Saddlers						
Saddle Tree Makers						
Saw Doctors						
Sawyers						
Shoemakers						
Signalers						
Signwriters						
Stokers, Stationary Engine						
Storemen, Technical						
Surveyors						
Surveyors, Engineering						
Tailors						
Telescope Identifiers						
Textile Melters						
Tinsmiths						
Toolmakers						
Turners						
Valvegrinders						
Wagon Erectors						
Watchmakers						
Watermen						
Welders						
Well Borers						
Whealers						
Whitesmiths						
Widmen						
Woodturners						

Gen. Order
No. 1
No. 2
No. 3
No. 4
No. 5

Tests (to agree with Columns 2 and 4 of Part A.)

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PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF CEMETERY VILLAGE BATTLE 28-30 NOV 42.

2/14 Bn. A.I.F. By Lieut K.A.EVANS, "B" Coy., 2/14 AUST INF BN.

WAR DIARY

Ref. Attached Cemetery Village Area Map

28 Nov 42

A.M.

0830 hrs After Coy Comd's conference at approx. 0830 hrs. Capt McGAVIN, O.C. "B" Coy passed on information to Pl. Comds. It was intended that Bn. should remain in bivouac area (168260) cleaning weapons and gear and resting after 2 days approach march. Here we were to await the rest of the Bde. as it was the Bde. Comd's intention not to commit any of his force until all had arrived in the area.

1215 hrs Orders were issued by O.C. Coy after Coy. Comd's conference, 2/14 Bn was to move towards GONA village. "B" Coy was to take up positions astride coast road at 174288 (point "Z") and prevent any movement of enemy westwards towards GONA. The remainder of the Bn. were to move to creek at 166287 (point "X") and take up positions there preparatory to attacking GONA when remainder of Bde. came up in support.

1300 hrs Bn. moved NORTH along JIMBURA-GONA track with "B" Coy (4 offrs. 60 ORs) as advance guard. On reaching Bde. H.Q. at 164269 the orders were varied slightly. Bn. was to move into the scrub on the EAST edge of Kuni patch at 168279. Arrived there, Lieut E.R.CLARKE, "B" Coy was sent with 2 or 3 men to locate kuni patches shown on map to N.W. of Bn's location. Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY with 11 Pl. in fighting order moved off with orders to move to Point "X" and report if any enemy in the creek area.

Approx. 1530 hrs. Bn. waited in location until Lieut CLARKE returned and then moved in a northerly direction up the WEST edge of the scrub to 169285

Approx. Point "Y".

1730 hrs. The role of the Bn. now clarified, Capt McGAVIN returned from Coy. Comd's conference with information that Bn. role was to follow behind Lieut DOUGHERTY's patrol and occupy posns. along creek and attempt to move westward into GONA with 2/27 Bn (location unknown) moving up in general support. Information re enemy dispositions was conflicting. We had a sketch map showing strong enemy defensive posns., machine gun posts and amm. dump in this area, but there was also a report that a patrol had penetrated to the beach - exact point of emergence not stated and had reported the area clear of enemy.

No news had come back from Lieut DOUGHERTY, and it was decided to move without awaiting his return. "B" Coy, (less 11 Pl) were to be Advance Guard followed by "C" and "A" Coys. in that order. 12 Pl. (Lieut K.A.EVANS) to be vanguard followed by 13 Pl. (Lieut E.R.CLARKE)

Approx 1815 hrs. Moved from point "Y" in general WNW. direction across kuni patch and entered scrub at 167286. It was swampy here, and after entering the scrub, we turned in a general northerly direction. 4 Sec were point section and at approx 1845 hrs. Pte BURR J.H., fwd scout reported that he had reached a village area on the sea shore and investigated one hut opposite his point of emergence from the scrub(167287). He had seen two Japs on the beach and had located creek about 300 yds. WEST of point of emergence.

Capt McGAVIN and Lieut CLARKE came fwd. to join me at the edge of the scrub and orders were issued for 12 Pl. to sweep out from scrub in a general N.W. direction - collect the two Japs on the beach and move west-wards and take up a position on the EAST bank of the creek.

12 Pl. emerged, 5 sec. centre fwd., 4 sec. right rear and 6 sec. left rear. 5 sec. were 30 or 40 yds. out of the scrub with 4 and 6 secs. about 10 yds. out when enemy opened automatic and rifle fire from posns. to the EAST under huts not previously located. The fire was heavy and I attempted to swing the direction of attack to meet this new threat from the flank by bringing 6 sec. up between 4 and 5 secs. with a result that the Pl. was stretched in a line across the village in a general N.W. direction from our point of emergence. At this stage Sgt JEFFREY J.N., Pl. Sgt. was on the left, almost on the beach with 4 sec. and he witnessed an interesting piece of Jap. subterfuge. He wounded a Jap. on the beach and the wounded man crawled towards an enemy post several yards away. When he was in the post, a dummy was hoisted to attract fire. Sgt JEFFREY and 4 sec. were near enough in the fading light to see that it was a dummy and held their fire.

I took command of "B" Coy, when Capt. McGAVIN was killed, and instructed 12 Pl. to remain in their positions.

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Approx.

1900 hrs I sent a message to Bn H.Q. giving roughly the position of "B" Coy and asking that "C" Coy should be diverted in their approach march and should come out onto the foreshore at the WEST edge of the kuni patch and move westerly on to the positions which were holding us.

Approx

1910 hrs I pulled the left flank of 12 Pl to the edge of the scrub so that they would be clear of the line of fire from the "C" Coy advance. I also instructed Lieut CLARKE to wait for the "C" Coy attack to open before he moved in. During this period 12 Pl. had been engaging the enemy by fire although it was impossible to pinpoint the exact posns, which were well camouflaged, in the poor light. Cpl LINDSAY and Ptes McCALLUM and ELLIOTT were wounded at about this time.

Approx

1920 hrs Sgt COY reported back with orders from Capt BISSET to hold our fire. Also, he was sending Lieut RAINEY with the defensive pl. further around to our left. As he was passing these orders in an ordinary conversational tone, a Jap, evidently firing at the sound of our voices, wounded him.

Some little time later, the "C" Coy attack went in. From where we were, the only infm. we could obtain of their progress was by sound of firing which was very heavy from both sides. 13 Pl attempted to move forward in the dark but were cut about and Lieut CLARKE wounded. Later, infm. came that "C" Coy had suffered heavy casualties, and that as the posn. was so confused the C.O. had decided to withdraw. After the wounded had been evacuated, "B" Coy was to withdraw on the left with the Defensive Pls., but were to await orders to move.

After some time, during which there was light firing from both sides, the order for withdrawal came. "B" Coy and Defensive Pl. moved out with Capt BISSET, Lieut RAINEY and myself.

Back through the swamp and scrub about 200 yds the R.A.P. was still evacuating stretcher cases, and Capt RUSSELL was there to post "B" Coy personnel in a general defensive line in the scrub, connecting with "A" Coy on the right. It took some time to get the stretcher cases away, and during this period, and in fact, up until 0100 hrs. 29 Nov, the Jap kept up sporadic harassing, unaimed small arms fire. They, however made no attempt to follow up our withdrawal.

Approx

2400 hrs. When the stretcher cases had eventually been cleared, "A" Coy. withdrew, followed by "B" Coy, and we reached Point "Y" at approx. 2400 hrs. Here, a rough perimeter defence was organised, sentries posted and troops rested.

There was still no news of Lieut DOUGHERTY's pl. and the remainder of "B" Coy was 1 officer and 20 ORs approx.

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0700 hrs

C.O. issued orders. "B" Coy to go out to cut beach road at Point "Z", hold up any communication along the coast road between Japs in GONA and Japs to the EAST. Having done this we were to work WEST along the beach road and maintain observation on enemy in the CEMETERY VILLAGE AREA. Remainder of Bn. were to go to point "X" and there form a base for an attack which the 2/27 Bn were scheduled to put in at 1100 hrs preceded by strafing from the air.

0820 hrs

"B" Coy moved off on task assigned. Moved in 3 patrol groups eastwards along kuni patch extending to EAST of Point "Y". When I judged that we were SOUTH of point "Z", I turned the direction of advance and we broke into the scrub in a northerly direction.

1000 hrs.

We had just got into position astride the track when the remainder of the Bn. came up to us. The original plan had been changed. The new role for the Bn. to advance from point "Z" in a westerly direction, endeavour to break through the enemy in CEMETERY VILLAGE, and link up with the 2/27 Bn. at point "X". They were to attack GONA at 1100 hrs. as previously arranged. "B" Coys role was to move forward as advance guard and make contact with the enemy, if possible to get observation on to him and direct mortar fire on to his positions.

Approx

1100 hrs. "B" Coy moved from point "Z" along the beach road. In about 200 yds we came to a village of about 20 huts which was deserted and this village was separated from the next by a small patch of scrub. The next village proved to be CEMETERY VILLAGE and was about 400 yds long. The huts in the EAST end of the village were deserted and we

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Approx

1100 hrs. (contd) had only gone about 50 yds into the village when Japs were observed moving about, approx. 150 yds further along the village. This was reported to Bn. H.Q. and orders came for the Coy to advance and draw their fire. We advanced to within about 75 yds of the Japs and they opened fire. We were able to locate two posts within about 50 yards, but it was impossible to pinpoint them exactly, as they were very well concealed.

Reported this to Bn., and asked for the Mortar O.P. to come up. Sgt SARGEANT arrived and established an O.P. about 150 yds from Jap positions. It was necessary to withdraw the "B" Coy personnel before he could open fire. A large number of mortar rounds landed in the area, and "B" Coy was then ordered to attack, "A" Coy was to follow on behind. Advancing up the centre of the village, the enemy fire soon became heavy and half of "B" Coy moved to the left in an attempt to get forward through the scrub, while the remainder moved over to the right to try and get along the beach. Neither party could get very far and "A" Coy moved up along the centre of the village. Forward elements of "A" Coy were able to get within 30 yds of the enemy posts, which were so sited as to give mutually supporting cross fire. At this juncture Pte VALLI M., a Bren gunner from "A" Coy, without regard for personal danger, dashed out into the open patch of grass on the right, knelt down and opened fire on the enemy post at a range of about 20 yds. He managed to fire about a magazine-full into the post and was effectively keeping their heads down, but he was killed by cross-fire from another post to the left of him. He was a gallant lad.

At about this time too, Capt TREACY, who had been very conspicuous and cool advancing up the centre of the village encouraging the "A" Coy troops in their advance was killed just as he reached the shelter of a tree. At this time too, a lucky shot put me out of the scrap for about half-an-hour. "A" and "B" Coy men were keeping up a rattle of small arms fire from positions behind cover. Lieut YOUNG had been wounded and Lieut RAINEY, who had brought his defensive Platoon along on the left flank in an endeavour to get forward through the scrub was also pinned down by their cross fire.

Then Lieut KOLB, with about 16 men from "C" Coy, moved further around the left flank and attempted to bayonet charge the enemy post on the left. They had only advanced about 5 yds when half of their number were casualties. The remnants again attempted to charge but the fire was too heavy and they suffered more casualties, including Lieut KOLB, who was badly wounded.

About this time, in the centre of the village Pte A. FYFE was calling out words of encouragement (not printable) to his mates and for a short period stepped out from behind his cover. He was wounded in the groin. L/Cpl WEEKS near him attempted to stem the flow of blood. This was about 1500 hrs. and I decided to move back to Bn. H.Q. to get orders. Just as I reached the Bn H.Q. I saw L/Cpl WEEKS carry Pte FYFE out to a place of safety under heavy fire.

Lieut RAINEY had moved back also to Bn H.Q. where the C.O. held a conference. It was decided that the men should be withdrawn about 50 yards and that a heavy 3" and 2" mortar barrage was to be put down. Sgt FITZPATRICK was then to lead about 30 men from all Coys in an attempt to take the enemy posns. The signal for the cessation of mortar fire and commencement of the advance was to be 2" smoke bombs (2)

The mortar barrage was effective, a direct hit was obtained on one post, and several Japs were shot as they ran from another. The attack commenced at 1700 hrs and although it made considerable progress, enemy posts further ahead finally pinned our men down.

The C.O. decided to withdraw to point "Z", after the wounded had been evacuated.

Arriving there a perimeter was formed on the foreshore and outposts were posted on the beach track to the EAST and WEST and also on the L. of C. track.

A hot meal arrived just before dark and was much appreciated by the troops who were worn out.

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During the night a party of about 10 Japs moving along the edge of the water managed to get past our sentries on the Eastern flank of the perimeter, but an alert sentry, Cpl SHELDON, on the Western flank opened fire on them as they passed him, killing 5, including the officer, and wounding one, a W.O. who was captured.

In the morning, shortly after a hot meal had arrived and been consumed with much appreciation, movement of a small party of Japs and native carriers was observed on the small cape to the EAST of us, and patrols were sent out to investigate, but could find nothing. Later a booby trap, which had been set on the track EAST of our posns, was set off and later still a small party of Japs, preceded by natives came down the track. The natives were permitted to enter our lines and the Japs fired on. They made off into the scrub on each side of the track and nothing more was seen of them.

During the morning W.O.II TAAFE had taken a patrol of about 15 men into the CEMETERY VILLAGE area and they were effectively engaging the Japs attention.

An arty observation officer came up in the morning and was able to range on to the village from an O.P. in the point "Z" area Lieut YOUNG and Lieut CLARKE, both with arm wounds, returned to Bn.

In the afternoon a patrol under Sgt. JEFFREY was sent out around the left flank to contact elements of the 2/16 Bn, who were in position on the WEST bank of the creek at point "X".

At 1700 hrs it was decided to put down a heavy artillery and mortar barrage to be followed by an attack of a fighting patrol of 30 men under Cpl. TRUSCOTT of "C" Coy, who had been conspicuous for his gallantry and leadership throughout the action.

This patrol, aided by the arty. barrage and by small arms fire from W.O.II TAAFE's men were able to make considerable progress. They were held up slightly but W.O.I TIPTON was ordered to take 2" mortars in for close support. The fire from the 2" mortars was so effective that the Japs broke and ran. Many of them were shot while swimming out to sea, while a few made off into the scrub.

Sgt JEFFREY was sent in with another patrol of about 10 men to assist in the consolidation but the village area right up to the creek was clear of Japs.

During the course of the action welcome reinforcements arrived. Lieut DOUGHERTY returned with 12 of his men. These men with the remainder of the Bn. then moved up into the CEMETERY VILLAGE area where a perimeter defence was taken up with special provision for defence against an attempted landing.

By this time it was dark, and once the posns. had been satisfactorily occupied the troops were able to rest.

Japanese dead buried in the area on 1 Dec numbered _____

Our casualties were:-

Killed	5	Officers	21	O.Rs.
(Inc. D.O.W)				
Wounded	4	Officers	54	O.Rs.

Lieut.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

7 Jan 43.

Note:- This was completed from notes made on 1 Dec 42, and I do not remember accurately timings of the various events.

GONA CAMPAIGN

REPORT ON "A" COY ACTIVITIES NOV 28 to DEC

BY LIEUT N.H.YOUNG A/OC "A" COY

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

- Nov 28 Bn came under fire at approx 1900 hrs. "A" Coy was moving at the rear of the Bn. "B" and "C" Coys who were in contact with the enemy, called for an E.Y. rifle (Pte DWYER T.J.) and 2" Mortar (Pte COLLINS R.) to be sent forward. "A" Coy was ordered forward to the vicinity of B.H.Q. when Capt M.A.TREACY was given the task of guarding the Bn's rear; 9 Pl on the left of the track, 10 Pl astride the track and 8 Pl on the right of the track, "A" Coy's position was situated in dense jungle and swamp. At approx 1945 hrs the walking wounded started to come through and had great difficulty finding the main track for approx an hour, there were groups of wounded wandering around trying to find the main track, the conduct of the wounded was magnificent, it was not until Sig. MILLANE A.V. attached to "A" Coy, found the sig wire that the wounded could be quickly cleared of the area. "A" Coy troops astride the track helped the wounded and other members of the Bn withdrawing along the track. "A" Coy withdrew to a position on the track that it had occupied earlier in the evening, forming a perimeter defence for the remainder of the night.
- Nov 29 Bn moved down track which had previously been discovered towards the sea, coming out onto the BUNA-GONA track approx 1 mile EAST of GONA, and then moved WEST towards GONA, "B" Coy leading, followed by "A" Coy and B.H.Q., HQ Coy. "B" Coy contacted the enemy approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from GONA, the enemy was dug in, in the position. It was decided that "A" Coy would attack through the coconut grove and Capt M.A.TREACY called Pl Comds together and outlined the plan, 10 Pl forward, Coy HQ, 8 Pl and 9 Pl on the left in the swamp country. Capt TREACY asked for a concentration of 3" Mortar fire 10 minutes before the attack was due to start. The mortar barrage was not as effective as was expected. The attack started at 1150 hrs. After proceeding 50 to 60 yds Capt TREACY called upon 8 Pl to go through 10 Pl. Cpl SCOTT W.W. lead his section down the centre with Cpl STRINGER N.L. section on the left and Cpl CAHILL J.M.J. section on the right. (Cpl WEEKS section with 2 Brens had moved forward on the right, along the beach to give as much covering fire as possible. Cpl WEEKS S. moved to his position before the attack started.) 8 Pl HQ moved immediately behind Cpl SCOTT's section; by this time the fire from the enemy had become very heavy. The advance was carried out in wonderful order. Cpl SCOTT W.W. was wounded approx 60 yds from the enemy position. About 50 yds from the enemy F.D.Ls the fire became so heavy that the Coy was forced to go to ground. Pte VALLI M. (Bren) and Pte THOMPSON G. (Bren) rushed up on the right flank and endeavoured to give sufficient covering fire for the Coy to move forward but both were killed in carrying out this operation. By this time, the whole attack had dwindled and heavy firing continued on both sides. "A" Coy was considerably dispersed and communication was very difficult. Capt M.A.TREACY had been killed at approx time 1210 hrs. Most of the wounded on the flanks were evacuated, Cpl WEEKS S. AND Pte GASKELL N.H. doing an excellent job in getting the wounded out. Another attack was launched on the left flank to try and relieve the pressure on "A" Coy but it also failed to dislodge the enemy. At approx 1600 hrs it was decided to withdraw the forward elements of "A" Coy, which were pinned down by fire in the open, covering fire being provided by Pte BRABENDER J.J. (Bren). Cpl STRINGER N.L., Cpl SILVER E.P., Pte SCHIMMIN J.J., Pte CLIFFORD C.E. and myself made a dash across the open and succeeded in getting out without casualties. Later in the afternoon another attack was put in "A", "B", and "C" Coys under Sgt FITZPATRICK C.H. on the right flank, HQ Coy under C.S.M. TAAFE E.J.M. on the left, the coconut grove this time being avoided. The attack failed to dislodge the enemy, although it advanced a further 20 yds. The 2" Mortar lent good support to this attack. The Bn withdrew to a point along the BUNA-GONA track, and there established a perimeter defence for the night. Nov 29 proved a hard and costly day for "A" Coy
- Nov 30 Active patrolling all day in which "A" Coy did it's share in supplying

- Dec 11 Sgt FITZPATRICK C.H. took out recce patrol to find out if Japanese still occupied position. Sgt FITZPATRICK discovered position raiding party attacked on Dec 9. Position contained 3 machine gun pits and 13 rifle pits and was not occupied. Sgt FITZPATRICK reported no sign of movement in area, also that 3" Mortar scored 2 hits on position. Lieut R.H.DOUGHERTY took out a section to try and get onto the beach from the left flank. Japanese still in occupation on beach. Lieut DOUGHERTY was killed and Cpl O'HALLORAN K.J. wounded.
- Dec 12 No activity. "A" Coy 1 section Cpl CAHILL J.M.J. on standing patrol 1 section in forward position Cpl WEEKS S.
- Dec 13 Cpl PARKER L.G.L. Cpl STRINGER N.L. and 3 ORs on recce patrol. "A" Coy casualties occurring on Dec 7: Sgt WOOLHOUSE R.M. died of wounds, 3 ORs wounded. Cpl PARKER's recce successful up to a point. Cpl PARKER reached the beach well up the coast, no sign of the enemy. Cpl PARKER brought back quite a few Japanese note books and maps collected in the area where Lieut DOUGHERTY's patrol had first contacted the enemy.
- Dec 14 "A" Coy and "C" Coy were given the task of attacking the Japanese position. "A" Coy's task was to move well round to the WEST, come in to the beach and continue along to the EAST, attacking the Japanese position in the rear. The Coy succeeded in getting to the creek WEST of occupied village without striking any opposition, observed movement in village, which turned out to be elements of "C" Coy. "A" Coy then pushed on in a WESTERLY direction along the coast to within 100 yds of a village, which was being mortared by the 39 Bn. The time was approx 1800 hrs and it was decided to take up a position in this vicinity and endeavour to link up with 39 Bn. "A" Coy was withdrawn back to the old Bn area for the night.
- Dec 15 "A" Coy moved up to forward position with the remainder of the Bn. Cpl STRINGER N.L. and 3 men went out on recce of two tracks SOUTH of position; information brought back by Cpl STRINGER was very satisfactory. Approx 1400 hrs Coy was ordered to move forward and form a block at the creek also link up with the 39 Bn. Cpl WEEKS S. and section moved up cautiously and surprised 3 Japanese on the opposite bank of the creek the 3 Japanese were killed. Cpl WEEKS' section continued to fire at movement in the kunai grass with effect. Cpl CAHILL's section moved up on the left, Cpl PARKER's section in reserve. "A" Coy spent the night in the forward position. Night was uneventful except for 3 Japanese walking out onto the beach; at first light two Japanese walked out onto the beach and were accounted for by Cpl PARKER'S Bren.