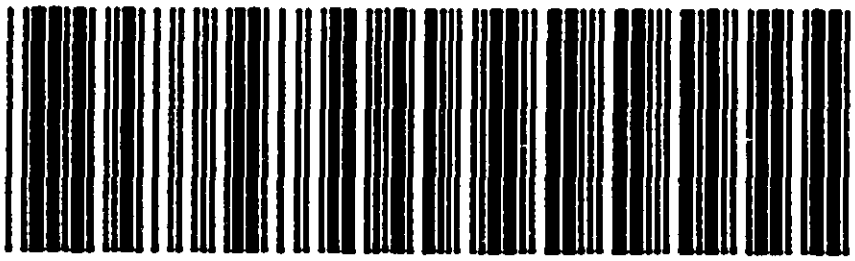
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MILITARY DISTRICTS, COMMANDS AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION AREAS

Western Australia Line of Communication Area General Staff Branch (WA L of C Area GS Branch)

August 1942



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

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Unit G Branch W Aust L of C Area *Date and Time—From* 1 Aug.42 *To* 31 Aug.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices. Diaries. &c
	1 Aug.42	QM.5033	Telegram Milbase to Landforces Melbourne	
	" "	W.5039	" " " " " Ref.S.55/1/1 12/6	
	" "	W.5038	" " " " " Ref.SM.738 12/6	
	3 "	W.5112	" " " " " " SM.12559 7/7	
	" "		Extracts from two MRO reports on Enemy raid on Pt.Hedland	
	" "		Authority for raising of W Aust L of C Area Canteens (W.E.IV/150/1)	
	" "		" " " " 38 L of C Area Salvage Sec.(W.E.IV/134/1)	
	6 "		W Aust L of C Area Tng Depots - Alteration of officer postings	
	7 "		Relief of guards supplied by R.T.Bn.	
	8 "		W Aust L of C Area Adm Order No A.17	
	10 "		Withdrawal of Naval Base Camp Staff	
	" "		A.A.S.C. Reorganisation - W Aust L of C Area	
	11 "		Authority for raising of 5 Aust Blood & Serum Unit	
	" "		Ref. W Aust L of C Area Adm Order A.17	

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Unit G Branch W Aust L of C Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Aug.42 *To* 31 Aug.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	11 Aug.42		W Aust L of C Area Fd.Security Sec. Alteration of designation	
	" " "		Organisation of Bomb Disposal Units R.A.E.	
	" " "		Ordnance Units. Raising and disbanding of	
	12 " "		W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction No 9	
	13 " "		Issue of stores etc. to Allied Forces in Australia	
	" " "		Signals Operation Instructions No.2	
	14 " "		W Aust L of C Area Q Instructions No.18.Census Mechanical Vehicles	
	15 " "		Amendments to W Aust L of C Location statement	
	16 " "		W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction No 11	
			W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction No 10 (Geraldton)	
			W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction (Fremantle Covering Force Sector)	
	17 " "	G.5395	Telegram Milbase to Landforces Melbourne Ref. SD.39507 12/8	
	18 " "	W.5401	" " " " " " PA.5/87 19/6/41	
	22 " "	A5247	" " " " " " A.41617	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	22 Aug.42		Notification of disbandment of LHQ Survey Coy.No 1 Geodetic Sec.	
	24 " "	W.5497	Telegram Milbase to Landforces Melbourne	
			W Aust L of C Area Operation Instructions No 12	
	25 " "		Amendment No 1 to Operation Instructions No. 11	
	" " "	G.5077	Telegram Milbase to Landforces Melbourne Ref.A42261 22/8	
	26 " "		W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction No.13	
	" " "		Extract from RAAF Intelligence Summary No 87 Air Raid on Broome	
	27 " "		" " " " " No 10 Amend.1 Operational requirements VDC	
	" " "		W Aust L of C Area Tng. Depots: Change in Command	
	29 " "		W Aust L of C Area Inyelligence Report No 112 App. A.B.C & D.	
	31 " "		Authority for raising 29 Aust AA Wkshop (Hy)	
	" " "		W Aust L of C Area Adm Order A23 - Working parties for North-West	
	" " "	A.5534	Telegram Milbase to Landforces Melbourne Ref. Memo SM.15615	
	" " "	W.5657	" " " " " " E.S. 40939	
	" " "		W Aust L of C Area Operation Instruction No 14	

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V.D.C. - CHANGE IN COMMAND.

Consequent on the retirement of Brig. General A.J. Bessell-Browne C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., Col. W.B. Robinson D.C.M., E.D. (W.242801) is appointed to Command V.D.C. W. Aust. L. of C. Area to date 9 Sep. 42. Col. Robinson will remain seconded in 10 Grn. Bn. as from that date.

Handing over will be completed by 19 Sep. 42, on which date Brig. General A.J. Bessell-Browne C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. will cease Full Time duty.

Lt Col Robinson Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

Distribution:

1-2. 3 Aust. Corps.

15.. Sep. 42.

3. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
4. Col. i/c Adm.
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11. H.Q. 12 L.ofC.Sub-Area.
12. A.D.O.S.
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17. S.R.
18-20. Spares.

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" Kal.-Esp. C.F.S.	4
" Albany Area.	5

W.A. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 14

DENIAL OF RESOURCES TO THE ENEMY

1. POLICY

Denial policy will be implemented under one of two categories according to circumstances:-

(i) Total Denial

In cities, towns and localities from which the evacuation of the civil population has been ordered and from which the military forces are about to withdraw, a TOTAL denial policy will be implemented, i.e., the complete and total removal or destruction of everything likely to maintain or assist the enemy in his operations.

(ii) Partial Denial

In cities, towns and localities in which the civil population is instructed to remain during enemy attack or occupation, a PARTIAL denial policy will be implemented, i.e., certain essential services to enable the population to live will be left intact, together with food supplies. All other services, utilities, vehicles, materials and everything likely to be of assistance to the enemy in his operations will be removed to a safe area or totally destroyed. A reasonable proportion of bulk supplies of foodstuffs and clothing, blankets, etc., will be distributed to the inhabitants for concealment and future use, any remaining being removed from the area or destroyed "in situ."

2. AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION

The authority for ordering the execution of the Denial Policy will be exercised as under:-

(a) OPERATIONAL AREAS - By the Divisional Commander concerned.

(b) Areas South of 26 parallel of South Latitude not included in Operational Areas - by the Comd. W.A. L. of C. Area.

(c) Area North of 25 parallel of South Latitude - by the Comd. 13 L. of C. Sub-Area or, in cases of extreme emergency, by the local Comd.

3. PLANS

Plans will be completed for a total denial policy in all coastal towns, including DERBY, BROOME, PORT HEDLAND, ROEBOURNE, ONSLOW, CARNARVON, GERALDTON, BUNBURY, BUSSELTON, ALBANY and ESPERANCE.

Plans will be kept strictly secret and Comds. responsible for their preparation will ensure that the civil population is in no way alarmed by such preparations.

4. PLANS will provide for:-

(a) Total removal where possible.

(b) Removal of component parts, so that no interchange of parts can be effected.

(c) Sinking in rivers or sea.

(d) Demolitions by fire.

(e) Demolitions by explosives. This is the most expensive in material and preparation time and will only be employed when other methods are not possible.

(f) Denial plans should aim at total destruction for an indefinite period and should not be compromised by any desire to recover resources intact when the enemy withdraws. He will almost certainly himself destroy anything of value in his retreat.

(g) In emergency, personnel responsible for the actual denial must take individual action to prevent resources falling into enemy hands.

5. Denial plans have already been completed for most coastal towns, but it is desired to ensure that the plans comply with the policy as stated in this Operational Instruction.

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICES AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Comds., when drawing up their Plans, will ensure that they observe the following division of responsibilities:-

(A) ARMY

(a) The general policy for denial of both civil and Army resources.

(b) Preparations for denial of Army facilities.

(c) Selection of civil facilities to be denied to the enemy and supervision and approval of plans for denial of these facilities.

(d) Assistance to other Services as regards skilled personnel and explosives.

(e) Co-operation with the R.A.A.F. in the denial of R.A.A.F. and Civil Aviation establishments as set out below.

(f) Preparation for demolition of wireless and broadcasting stations.

(g) Orders regarding the execution of each phase or portion of all denial plans both Service and Civil.

(h) Actual denial (destruction or demolition) of Army and Civil facilities.

(B) NAVY

(i) Naval authorities are responsible for denial of:-

(a) All Naval and shipping facilities, equipment, etc.

(b) All moored shipping, whether at wharves or in the stream.

(c) All small craft in conjunction with the Army authorities, particularly in inland waterways.

(ii) In all cases actual demolition or destruction will not be carried out without orders from the Army authority, except in extreme emergency to prevent material falling into enemy hands.

(C) AIR FORCES

The division of responsibility between the Army and the Air Force for the denial of R.A.A.F. and Civil Aviation facilities, equipment, etc., remains as already laid down and set out hereunder. This division of responsibility is subject to variation where mutual arrangements are made to meet local requirements.

Army Responsibilities

(i) The preparation of demolitions of landing grounds. These may be undertaken by the civil administration or by the Department of the Interior under the direction of the Department of the Army.

(ii) The execution of demolitions of landing grounds on advice by the R.A.A.F. that they are no longer required for operations and on R.A.A.F. request to carry out the demolition. In any emergency in which it appears that enemy occupation of an aerodrome will take place, and in the absence of R.A.A.F. advice, the local Army Commander will be responsible for ensuring that demolition is carried out.

R.A.A.F. Responsibilities

(i) The demolition of installations and equipment such as Air Radio stations, R.D.F. and W/T. installations, aircraft, fuel, ammunition, repair facilities, etc.

R.A.A.F. Responsibilities (contd.)

(ii) The provision, maintenance and control of obstacles on the aerodromes, except at isolated localities where mutual arrangements will be made with the Army.

(D) UNITED STATES FORCES

The United States Forces are responsible for the denial of their own facilities, equipment, etc.

(E) CIVIL

The Civil Authorities, including managers of munition factories, are responsible for:-

(a) Provision of information regarding installations which must be denied to the enemy.

(b) Plans and preparations for removal or destruction of civil facilities. These plans are to be submitted to the Army authorities for approval (vide para. 6 (A) (c)).

(c) Actual removal of civil facilities, particularly machine tools and munitions manufacturing plant, to a safer area in so far as this is possible. The Army authorities are responsible for the destruction of facilities which cannot be removed (vide para. 6 (A) (g)).

(d) Co-operation with the Army authorities in every way to ensure the success of the general plan.

7. EXECUTION OF TOTAL DENIAL PLAN

The time when total denial plans will be executed is indicated in Stages of Readiness (W.A. L. of C. Area Operation Instruction No. 11 of 14 Aug. 42, para. 7 (ii) (j)).

8. INSTALLATIONS, FACILITIES, ETC., which are to be denied to the enemy are shown in Appendix "A."

9. PLANS FOR METROPOLITAN AREA

Comd. 12 L. of C. Sub-Area will obtain from H.Q. W.A. L. of C. Area a priority list of installations, facilities, etc., which are to be denied to the enemy in the Metropolitan Area in case of necessity.

10. Comds. will be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate personnel receive the necessary instruction in execution of denial plans.

Acknowledge.

Maj.,
G.S., W.A. L. of C. Area.
31 Aug. 42.

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APPENDIX "A"

INSTALLATIONS, FACILITIES, ETC., WHICH SHOULD BE DENIED TO THE ENEMY

1. Naval, Army and Air Force installations, aerodromes, facilities and equipment.

2. Wireless, cable, telegraph stations and telephone exchanges.

3. Petrol and Oil stocks, installation and pumping equipment, as well as Wells and Refineries.

4. Stocks of coal, raw materials, gunny bags, drums, clothing materials, boots, leather, food stocks and alcoholic liquors. Water supplies and minimum stocks of essential foodstuffs should be left for local inhabitants but latter should, as far as possible, be distributed to the population before withdrawal to avoid bulk supplies falling into the enemy's hands.

5. Harbour facilities, especially bunkering equipment and ship repairing facilities, sources of power to work them and fresh water.

6. Transport facilities, especially road and rail bridges, locomotive repair shops, and all engines and rolling stock, sea and river vessels which cannot be removed.

7. Mine workings and machinery for getting, transporting and refining ores required by the enemy, especially wolfram, lead, zinc, nickel, cobalt, copper, manganese, bauxite, chrome, silver, gold, iron ore and engineering stores therewith.

8. Special attention should be paid to the denial of bicycles, motor vehicles, petrol, oil and producer gas units.

9. In dry areas, particularly North-West Australia, Northern Territory and Central Australia, the denial of water will provide a most powerful weapon. Most complete plans are necessary to ensure demolition of pumping machinery and bores or the contamination of stocks of water before final withdrawal of local personnel.

10. Wireless installed in motor cars should be removed and when cars are parked, key and distribution point should also be removed.

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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA ADM. ORDER A 23

WORKING PARTIES FOR NORTH WEST

PERSONNEL

S.O. Labour will detail working parties from 26 Labour Coy. to proceed to North West, as follows:-

For	Port Hedland	2 N.C.Os and 20 O.Rs.
"	Marble Bar	2 N.C.Os and 20 O.Rs.
"	Broome	2 N.C.Os and 20 O.Rs.

Dets will be attached to 29 Grn. Bn. (N.W. Det.) for local adm. rations and quarters.

Movement by sea will be arranged by A.Q.M.G. (M).

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Gen. Staff will make the necessary arrangements with A.Q.M.G. for the provision of arms and equipment for the above personnel.

P. D. Phillipps Lt.-Col.
A/Colonel i/c. Administration
W. Aust. L. of C. Area

31..Aug. 42

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7. D.A.A.G. (O)
8. A.Q.M.G.
9. A.Q.M.G. (M)
10. S.O. Labour
11. 26 Labour Coy.
12. 29 Grn. Bn. (N.W. Det.)
13. H.Q. 12 L. of C. Sub-Area
14. H.Q. 13 L. of C. Sub-Area
15. D.F.O.
16. D.R.O.
17. D.A.D. Posts
18. W.D. Diary 1 SEP 1942
19. S.R.
20-
24. Spares

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29 AUST. A.A. WKSHOP (HY.) - RAISING OF.

In accordance with SM.14667 authority is given to raise forthwith the above unit vide W.E. VI/31/1 (2 Offrs. 36 O/Rs.)

2. C.O.M.E. will take immediate executive action to raise and will submit to the undersigned as soon as possible the names of officers selected.

3. Nucleus of trained personnel will be transferred from formed units and W. Aust. L. of C. Area Records Office will issue orders for the release of the required personnel, notifying L.H.Q. 2nd Echelon when this is done.

4. Location of unit, accommodation and quartering will be finalised by C.O.M.E. in collaboration with A.Q.M.G. and Comd. A.A. Gp. H.Q., Fremantle.

5. Progress report (in duplicate) will be submitted to the undersigned on 15 Sep. 42 and thereafter fortnightly until action is complete.

[signature] Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

31. Aug. 42.

Distribution:

1. 3 Aust. Corps (For inf.)
2. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
3. Col. i/c Adm.
4. General Staff.
5. G.II (T.T.)
6. A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G. (PS)
8. D.A.A.G. (O)
9. D.A.A.G. (R)
10. A.Q.M.G.
11. D.A.Q.M.G.
12-13. A.D.O.S.
14. A.D.S. & T.
15. C.R.E.
16. A.D.E. Servs.
17. C.O.M.E.
18. D.D.M.S.
19. C.F.D.
20. Comd. A.A. Gp. H.Q. Fremantle.
21. H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots.
22. Stationery Depot.
23. D.A.D. Posts.
24. D.F.O.
25. D.R.O.
26. S.C.R.
27. War Diary. 1 SEP 1942
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W AUST L OF C AREA
INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 112
Information received up to 1000 hrs 29 Aug 42

NOTE: a NO receipt is required for this report but recipients are asked to note the serial number and bring under notice immediately non-receipt of any issue
b Paras sidelined NOT to be communicated to lower formations

1 OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE:
i Enemy: 11 bombs (incl 2 UXB) varying from 25Kg to 60 Kg were dropped on BROOME during an air raid on 26 Aug. It is believed the raid was made by 2 seaplanes flying at 6000' - 10000'. A line of bomb-craters, approx ½ ml SOUTH of and parallel to Aerodrome boundary, was visible after the raid (COIC 27 Aug)
ii Own Troops: Nil

2 TOPOGRAPHICAL
i Survey Details (DAD Svy 28 Aug)
1" Military Svy Maps progress report appended :

STANDARD MAP		% COMPLETED		STRAT MAP REF		
NAME	No	FIELD	DRAFTING	No	1st ed	2nd ed
HILL RIVER	357	20	2	H50/9	-	-
BUNBURY	434	100	70	I50/6	A3	363883
FREMANTLE	404	100	55	I50/2	B1	372034
PERTH	398	99	60	H50/14	E9	385049
ROCKINGHAM	410	100	60	I50/2	B3	372009
MUNDARING	399	65	20	H50/14	G8	416055
GERALDTON	309	25	-	H50/1	I7	251433
a KELMSCOTT	405	100	46	I50/2	D1	401028
TOODYAY	393	60	10	H50/14	J5	448096
b CHITTERING	387	100	12	H50/14	G5	411106
DONNYBROOK	441	15	15	I50/6	C6	382352
LEDGE POINT	378	90	55	H50/13	B1	334151
BOKARA	317	50	10	H50/5	G1	278401
MINDARRA	379	100	82	H50/14	D1	391153
MANSON	301	30	-	H50/1	J5	266459
WEDGE IS	371	20	-	H50/9	I8	315185
WAINAMAL	380	20	-	H50/14	G2	405146
YANCHEP	392	70	60	H50/14	D5	366097
a CHITT RING	387	30	-	H50/14	G5	411106
GINGIN	386	70	50	H50/14	E3	389122
TEMPORARY ED:						
HILL RIVER	357	30	-	H50/9	-	-
FREMANTLE	404	100	90	I50/2	B1	372034
PERTH	398	99	97	H50/14	E9	385049
MUNDARING	399	65	20	H50/14	G8	415055
COLLIE	435	100	90	I50/6	E4	415878
MANSON	301	32	5	H50/1	J5	266459
a CHITT RING	387	40	-	H50/14	G5	411106
b CHITTERING	387	100	35	H50/14	G5	411106
a KELMSCOTT	405	100	93	I50/2	D1	401028
BOKARA	317	100	20	H50/5	G1	278401
WEDGE IS	371	30	-	H50/9	I8	315185
WAINAMAL	380	25	5	H50/14	G2	405146
GERALDTON	309	28	-	H50/1	I7	251433

a WESTern half ONLY
b EASTern half ONLY

ii Maps: Cases occur where material suitable for inclusion in STRAT MAPS comes into the possession of field formations. This may be in the form of topographical maps or sketches of special areas privately produced by grazing or prospecting

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coys etc or it may be in the form of a recce report. The original or copies of ANL such maps and/or mapping information should be handed to GSI of the formation for forwarding to DAD Svy of the I or C Area concerned for assessment and inclusion in the later edition of STRAT MAPS (LHQ Intelligence Instruction No 24)

iii Roads:
ROUTE FILE: Route 1b - CARNARVON-ONSLOW alter 'Distance 252 ml to read 'Distance 298 ml' and insert pp 2,3,4 attached as Appendix A

Rd ROSA BROOK-BRAMLEY: R MARGARET has risen to roadway at br (I50/5 ref 319809) (VDC Intrep No 18 21 Aug)

iv Railways:
PERTH-NORTHAM 14ml-16ml: Re-railing high leg of curve; Speed restricted 5 mph
TOODYAY-BOLGART 66ml: Br renewals and resleepering : Speed restricted 15 mph
EAST NORTHAM- GOOMALLING G 97 ml 64c: Br renewals; Speed restricted 15 mph
EAST NORTHAM-GOOMALLING 95ml 58c: Br renewals completed; Normal speed resumed

v Signal comns:
TELEGRAPHIC: Comn all pts (PMG Dept 28 Aug)

3 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:
i Rough weather has again severed ROTTNEST from the mainland. For 6 days during the last week projected trips by "Zephyr" and barges have been cancelled (CFD FREMLE 21 Aug)

A severe electrical storm on 14 Aug damaged electrical installations and telephonic comns throughout ALBANY FD Barracks and buildings. 3 PMG exchange lines connecting forts with ALBANY were useless necessitating a field line being laid between forts and town to restore comns. Repairs are well in hand (CFD ALBANY 20 Aug)

Showery weather and winds which at times exceeded gale force were experienced in the SW quarter of the State. In the agricultural district registrations were mostly moderate and a good season is indicated. Heavy falls occurred at JARRAHDALE (285 pts), MURDARING (267 pts), PEMBERTON (313 pts), COLLIE (250 pts). In the SW Divisions temperatures were generally above normal at night and below normal in the day. A large sec of the KIMBERLEY Divisions exceeded 90° (CWB week ending 26 Aug)

ii Water Storage: Metropolitan and country reservoirs have all registered increases or are full. BROCKTON reservoir increased .4 mil gals to total 3.5 mil gals (PWD 26 Aug)

4 MILITARY SECURITY: Documents left behind by an ambulance unit in a recently vacated camp site included copies of the unit "Movement Order," "Order of March", "Loading Tables," and "Route Map". In addition a copy of Standing Orders (Duties of Line Picquet etc)was found. The necessity for gathering up old paper should be stressed even in non-combatant units, since their moves are associated with moves of fighting units

ii Civil Security: The ARP census of women, children and invalides in the Metropolitan area has given rise to considerable public discussion and speculation. Rumour insists that the USA Navy directed an urgent census. Gossip along these lines and the presence of JAPANESE tps in TIMOR has increased the "pack your bags and be ready" complex (CFD FREMLE Intrep 21 Aug)

The following incident shows that too much care can NOT be taken in disposing of scrap paper containing information of a security nature. Typewritten scrap paper giving details relating to military beach watching posts was recently found on the floor of a city warehouse. Investigation revealed that the confidential typist of a Telephone Branch official, having made a mistake while typing from a draft, had thrown these sheets into the wastepaper basket. With numerous other scrap papers, the sheets containing this strategic information were dumped into bins and then conveyed away in bags from the G.P.O. by truck, the intention being to re-pulp the paper. In transit the papers relating to the beach watching posts apparently dropped out of one of the bags. Arrangements have now been made for such confidential papers to be burnt at the end of each day (Security Service 28 Aug)

Need for at least the elements of security to be impressed on civilian personnel enrolling in auxiliary services such as Air Observation Posts is indicated by the large number of references to the details and organisation of this work made by newly enrolled members in recent letters overseas. In 1 particularly bad case, a young woman indicated on an illustrated postcard the location in a main city thoroughfare of various offices occupied by Service H.. including the building where, she stated, "I do voluntary Air Force work." The postcard, enclosed in an envelope, was intended for an addressee overseas. Suitable action is being taken against this individual (Security Service 28 Aug)

The Attorney-General's Department does NOT at present inform Security Service as to the result of applications made by aliens and naturalised BRITISH subjects under the National Security (Land Transfer) Regulations. Security Service is, of course, consulted on the security aspect before a decision is made. If a list of such decisions could be made available by the Attorney-General's Department periodically (say, every 3 months) it would prove of value in the supervision of aliens from the national security point of view, besides completing Security Service records. A much more complete picture would also be gained of the scale of alien land acquisitions in this State.

A glimpse of the Communist Party's claws has been obtained from an intercepted letter written to a soldier in the Eastern States: "You and I have signed up in an army fighting the most difficult of all wars especially as it cuts across the ideas held by many people we have hitherto looked on as friends. We have not only to fight the enemy but lead the blind in spite of themselves. In my opinion the change will come with violence and we have got to be ready to leap into the breach as a comparative handful of Bolsheviks did after the collapse of Menshevik Govt. In Russia to do that we have got to take every opportunity for mass work now. Your job is crystal clear, to see that the army becomes the peoples army and in inevitable show down knows how to act. You may be an isolated unit, I do not know, but remember there are hundreds more like you all over the country and great oaks from little acorns grow.... I know that existence in the A.M.F. and A.I.F. must be just a bastard but you could and should be able to make yourself a rallying point to which all the best and progressive types would flock to in a crisis and believe me the crisis must come. We have got a hard row to hoe, if we hoe it properly, but it will bear good fruit..... I am in a part time unit now Fifth Line of communication (signals). It is part of the army, we actually get paid for parades, but the most important thing about it is that in the event of an emergency we are mobilised to take over all P.M.G. communications (Security Service 28 Aug)

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Seven active Jehova's Witnesses in the HUNTER RIVER district were interviewed separately by officers of the Special Bureau and were asked certain specific questions. Asked whether they considered we were fighting a just war 4 replied "No". 1 said that was a question each individual must decide for himself, another said he was not in the least interested in the war, and another declined to answer. All stated emphatically that they would NOT assist in the war by defending Australia with arms, engaging in war industries, contributing to war loans, or joining civil defence organisations. All agreed also that they would defend their own families and property if attacked but would NOT otherwise help to repel an invader. 4 said that they would go to gaol rather than assist in the war effort.

5 ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE: Nil

6 MISCELLANEOUS:

i Appendix B: JAPANESE Tactics in the SOUTH Seas

ii Appendices C & D: JAPANESE bombs

iii The following extract is from "NEW YORK TIMES" of 3 May,42:
"Soldiers guarding restricted areas and big gun emplacements of Fort HANCOCK are accompanied by dogs that have been trained specially for sentry duty. They have been trained not to attack or fight, but growl at the presence of approaching persons so that the sentry may have advance warning. The dogs are expected to increase the efficiency of sentry patrols, on stormy nights, when their keener sense will pick up sounds above the noise of storms"

iv The barges recently sighted by allied recce planes at LOEAL (KEI ISLANDS) resemble closely the JAPANESE Military Craft "G" Class large type. These have a length of 50'-55' and a capacity of 100 men each. The barges were observed from 300' but no guns or gun mountings were noticed. The barges at BALETING were of similar design but smaller and appeared to correspond with photographs of JAPANESE MLC of a type with a capacity of 50 to 60 men.

v A JAPANESE dummy periscope has been recovered from the sea off the NSW Coast. It consisted of a bamboo pole 8' long and 3" wide, tapering to 2" at the top to which a mirror was att. Weights (consisting of oil bottles) were adjusted to the pole so that 2'6" was visible above the water (Allied Airforces Intsum No 23)

vi The following infm concerning enemy tactics has been recently received from N G GUINEA:- JAPANESE scouts are reported to work in grps of three men who are capable of standing motionless for periods of an hour. A green tunic or sweater worn in conjunction with a veil or net over the helmet combine in merging the observer with his surroundings (Adv LHQ Intsum No 1 7 Aug)

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APPENDIX A
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Ref Maps: Strat 8ml = 1"
G49/4; G50/1; I49/16; I50/5,9,13

West & Cen Area
Route File. ROUTE 1b

Mls		ROUTE 1b : CARNARVON - GERALDTON (Contd)
88	3	Rd junc (173002) LEFT to 172002 RIGHT to MANBERRY (169017) 12ml - Route 1b/1
80	12	Well (177022) Tr RIGHT to ROUTE 1b/1 at 204029 - 16ml Tr RIGHT to ROUTE 1b/1 at 186016 - 7ml
84	4	MINILYA HS (175029) EL/G (174025)
85.25	1.25	CROSSING (175031 - R MINILYA)
91	5.75	'WELL' (176041)
92	1	Telegraph line leaves Route 1b at 176042
94	2	'WELL' (Salt) at 178045
102	8	'126 MILE' (179059) EL/G Tr LEFT to Route 1b/11 at WAROORA HS (154072) 16ml
127	25	Rd junc (202028) Tr LEFT to Route 1b/11 at 155120 (39ml)
142	15	Rd junc (223103) Tr RIGHT to KIA KIA HS (227088) 10ml; tr LEFT to Route 1b/1 at BYNDOM (227058) 55ml; RIGHT to Route 1b/1 at MANGACER HS (238039) 31ml
151	9	Rd junc (236113) Tr LEFT to Route 1b/11 at 155120 (46ml) Tr RIGHT to MINNING POOL HS (237112) 1ml; EL/G; Telegraph facilities; tr EAST to Route 1b/1 at WOOG WOOG HS (193128) 34ml
255	4	Rd junc (237119) Tr RIGHT follows telegraph line to RABBIT PROOF FENCE at 244130 (7ml); follows RABBIT PROOF FENCE to rd junc (276075) 44ml; tr LEFT to Route 1b/1 at BYNDOM - 27ml; Tr RIGHT via KIA KIA HS to Route 1b at 227103 (26ml)

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West Coast of C Area Route File. ROUTE 1b

Mls		Route 1b : GIRALIA - ONSLOW (Contd)
164	9	MARILL HS (232132)
170	6	RABBIT PROOF FENCE joins Route 1b at 231142
186	16	Rd junc (219168) Route 1b RIGHT from RABBIT PROOF FENCE LEFT to EXMOUTH GULF HS (187207) 36mls - Route 1b/ii Tr LEFT follows RABBIT PROOF FENCE to Coast at GIRALIA LANDING (16ml)
227	41	'WELL (Approx)' 250193 Tr LEFT to Tr junc (257198) 5mls; Tr LEFT to WELL HILL and TROUGHING (255199) 2mls; Tr LEFT rejoins Route 1b at 235ml (274205) 10mls; Tr RIGHT rejoins Route 1b at YARREY HS (264191) 6ml.
226	9	YARREY HS (264191) Fd/G (268193) Tr LEFT to Tr junc (257198) 6mls; Track LEFT to Route 1b at 'Well (Approx)' 250193 - 5ml; Tr LEFT to WELL HILL and TROUGHING (255199) 2ml; Tr RIGHT rejoins 1b at 235ml (274205) 10ml
227.5	1.5	Rd junc (266193) Tr RIGHT to Route 1b/i at 280174 - 14ml
235	7.5	Rd junc (274205) Tr LEFT to Tr junc (257198) 10mls; Tr LEFT rejoins Route 1b at YARREY HS - 6ml; Tr LEFT rejoins Route 1b at 'WELL (Approx)' - 5ml; Tr RIGHT to WELL HILL and TROUGHING - 2ml
239	4	Rd junc (278211) Tr RIGHT to Route 1b/i at 282199 - 7ml
241	2	'WELL' (280214) Tr RIGHT to Route 1b/i at KOODARRIE HS (290218) - 6ml
252	11	Rd junc (292258) RIGHT to KOODARRIE HS (290218) 6ml - Route 1b/i
266	14	Rd junc (269254) Tr LEFT to Route 2a/i at 277285

Ref Maps: Strat 2ml = 1"
G49/4; G50/1; F49/16; F50/5,9,13

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Route File. ROUTE 1b

Mls		Route 1b : CARNARVON - ONSLOW (Contd)
268	2	Crossing (291257 - R.ASBURTON)
268.25	.25	Rd junc (291257) Tr LEFT to Route 1b/iii at 292256 - 1ml
287	13.75	Rd junc (297278) LEFT to POINT LOOKER HS (254276) 26mls - Route 2a/i RIGHT to ROEBOURNE (530401) 177mls - Route 2a
290	3	To 293mls - Marsh impassable after heavy rain
297	10	Rd junc (299295) RIGHT to Route 2a at 313283 (11mls)
298	1	ONSLOW (299297) Pop 245 Anchorage from May to Nov (4-5 fathoms), wharf accommodation. Telegraph and telephone facilities Water supply poor (when rainwater stocks depleted must be carted 30mls from rivers) A/D (300293)

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JAPANESE TACTICS IN THE SOUTH SEAS

(INDIAN HQ MAR INTN CIRCULAR NO S 7)

1. TASK FORCES. The JAPANESE advance in the SOUTH Seas has been remarkable for the dexterous manner in which they have used combined task forces for the occupation of successive strategic points. From an examination of the brief particulars at present available, it would appear that they have employed 2 standard types of task force in these operations. These forces have been used to move by bounds from point to point and have given each other mutual air support. The bounds have been approx 400ml in extent and the period which has elapsed between consolidation and the next forward move have averaged between 1 to 3 weeks in each locality. Not only does this performance demand a well balanced strategic plan, but it also requires a very careful apportionment of administrative means to each task force.

2. PREPARATION. The preliminary indication of a JAPANESE move to a particular locality has been regular submarine recce of inward shipping approx 14 days to a month previous to the anticipated date of the final assault. The next phase has been an increasing scale of air attack by the air component of the task force. The first stage has been recce by F/Bs, followed by F/B attack by day. After a few sorties, the attack has been taken up by Type 96 H/Bs from a shore base from 400 to 600ml away. This attack has been continued intermittently, usually without F protection. The object has been to damage runways and to use anti-personnel bombs for the disruption of aerodrome installations. Towards the end of this H/B attack, a meteorological ship has been detected and considerable traffic on weather reports in the vicinity of the target has been observed. In the third stage of the air attack F support is provided, either from a shore base or from an aircraft carrier. The object is then the destruction of aircraft on the ground by low flying attack. The final stage of the air attack has been a large scale assault using from 50 to 150 A/C, the objectives of which have been dive bombing of anti-aircraft and coast defence guns, and destruction of communications. This attack has normally been delivered about 2 days ahead of the combined assault upon the objective. The total number of sorties required for preparation is between 150 and 300 per locality.

3. THE ASSAULT. As the minimum bound has been about 400ml, it has been necessary for the JAPANESE to protect the approach of the convoy during the hours of daylight preceding the night of the final assault. In order to do this any bases from which air support may be given to the locality under attack or from which an attack may be launched on the convoy during the day of the assault, have to be neutralised. Consequently the JAPANESE usually attack the adjoining air bases one day ahead of their intended day of assault. This attack may be delivered from carrier borne A/C but is more usually a combination of shore based H/Bs with F and dive bombing A/C from an A/C carrier. In the early hrs of the morning an overwhelming force, consisting of a naval landing party and army formations in motor landing craft, is launched at 1 or more localities in the vicinity of their objective. This attack is protected by the guns of light air attack directed against the ground defences and probably controlled by radio telephone communication from the landing ground tps. The major part of the air forces are held in reserve to counter attack any base which has not been sufficiently disrupted by the air attack delivered on the preceding day. In all cases the objective is to seize 1 aerodrome for the use of Fs. Where this aerodrome is not close

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to the point of attack as at MENADO and BALIKPAPAN, use is made of paratroops, to disrupt the defence in the vicinity of the aerodrome, so that its early occupation is ensured.

4. CONSOLIDATION. As soon as the aerodrome has been occupied, Fs are installed at once, and if necessary, additional cover is given by use of FF/Ps from a suitable alighting area until Type "0" Fs are available. The A/C carrier is usually retained in the area until the "F"s are operative, when it is withdrawn. As a rule F cover has been available from F/Ps on the first day of the attack and from Type "0" F on the 2nd or 3rd day. The next task is the extention of the aerodrome occupied to receive the H/B section of the Air component of the task force this involves the use of working parties, which at KEMA and VUNAKANAU have put up what appear to be a large number of small pre fabricated huts within 14 days of the occupation. Immediate steps are taken for the rapid extention of the runways. As soon as the damage to the surface has been repaired, at least one sqn of H/Bs is moved in . The period of delay before the seized aerodrome is used by H/Bs has been from 2 to 5 days. In the case of KUCHING the aerodrome was out of action for a period of 7 days. Whilst the consolidation of the aerodrome is proceeding a wireless intercept is installed to report on our signals traffic. Small parties, probably equipped with R/T are placed at suitable points or on small boats over a 60 to 100ml range in order to give warning of the approach of our A/C. Our aircraft have been constantly intercepted. Whilst the JAPANESE may maintain some F control, the manner in which our Aircraft have been intercepted strongly suggests that the JAPANESE have been aware of our impending approach. There have been indications that an effective sound locator unit is established, for searchlights have been directed accurately upon our night flying A/C over RABAUL. The interval between bounds has run from 2 to 3 weeks. In this period, works services and supplies are built up for the next bound. 1 or more tankers have been observed discharging at the nearest port. It is clear that the supply side of the air component has been carefully planned in order that the requisite material can be moved into posn during this period consolidation.

5. COMPOSITION OF JAPANESE TASK FORCES The general details of JAPANESE task forces employed against a number of localities in the SOUTH Seas are set out in the following table. It appears that the JAPANESE are using 2 standard types of task forces. The first or larger force appears to be a Div Gp and the second a Bde Gp.

DIV GP TASK FORCE

Military	...	1 Div (15000 men)
		1 Bn Paratroops
Naval	...	1 to 2 A/C Carriers
		6 Cruisers
		10 to 14 Destroyers
		12 to 20 Transports
		2 to 4 Submarines
Air	...	Shore Base Gp
		F/B - 2 Sqns
		Fs - 2 to 3 Sqns
		H/Bs 3 to 4 Sqns
		Total 75 to 100 A/C
		Carrier borne - 40 to 80 A/C
		Total - 115 to 180 A/C

The standard composition of the convoy of transports appears to allow 2 or 3 large ships to carry 2/3 of the inf. The stores and remainder of the inf are usually carried in ten to twelve small transports. The allowance of space would appear to be on the basis of 4 to 5 tons per man.

RDE GP TASK FORCE.

Military	.....	1 Bde Gp (5000men)	
Naval	.....	1 A/C carrier.	
		3 to 4 cruisers.	
		6 to 8 destroyers.	
		8 to 10 Tpts.	
		1 to 2 Submarines.	
Air	.....	Shore Base Gp.	
		Flying Boats	- 2 Sqns
		H/Bs	- 2 to 3 Sqns.
		Fs	- 1 to 2 Sqns.
		Total	-45 to 60 A/C
		Carrier borne	-40 A/C
		Total.	-85 to 100 A/C

Bde Gp task forces appear to have been used at KUCHING, KENDARI, TARAKAN, BALIKPAPAN, and KOMPANG. Whilst there is NO complete uniformity in the naval escort to these smaller forces, the general trend of their use is sufficiently clear.

JAPANESE BOMBS
(LHQ Intsum No 18[illegible] - 12 Jun)

1 GENERAL: In general appearance, JAPANESE bombs differ from those of other nations. They are relatively clumsy, having the nose and tail rivetted, screwed, or welded to the body, the body itself is generally cylindrical and not streamlined, and little attempt appears to have been made to clear off minor irregularities in finish. It is to be noted however that a 63 Kg. bomb recently recovered at Moresby had the nose and body incorporated as a single casting, more streamlined, and with a considerably better finish than that of other types. It closely resembles the BRITISH, and appears to represent an advance on original JAPANESE designs. A screwed base plate is fitted, and the tail unit, unlike that of other types, is of sheet iron lightly screwed to the body, and does not contain explosive

2 FUZES: JAPANESE bombs encountered to date have been fitted with mechanical fuzes of the impact type, and most have been designed for either instantaneous action or slight delay. However, long delay types are known to have been used, and it may be anticipated that such types would be directed against targets where their use would cause dislocation of vital industries and communications

3 TYPES OF BOMBS: The following and Appendix D summarise available information :-

BOMB CLASSIFICATION

a Anti-personnel: 1 Kg, 15 Kg and 30 Kg. These are fuzed to explode near ground level, giving a maximum blast and fragmentation effect. Few details are available regarding the 15 Kg nor are any of the 30 Kg., but from craters and blast effects, it is thought that 30 Kg. bombs of this type were amongst those used in recent bombings at Moresby

b High Explosive, General Purpose (H.E., G.P.): 50 Kg, 60 KG (2 types) 63 KG (2 types) - 100 KG, 250 Kg and 500 Kg. These combine demolition and anti-personnel effects.

c Incendiary: 50 Kg. and 60 K . The primary purpose of these is incendiary, and consequently the explosive charge, compared with that of H.E. Bombs, is relatively small. Known incendiary agents are thermite (a mixture of iron oxide and aluminium) and phosphorus

d Dual Purpose, H.E. and Incendiary: 60 Kg. These combine demolition and incendiary effects, the explosive content being higher than that in the incendiary types.

e Parachute Incendiary Bombs: Reports from abroad indicate that the Japanese have dropped incendiaries fitted with parachutes, in order to reduce penetration. The only information available to date is that the particular bombs were 3'6" long 6" diameter, were painted black, with a red band 6" from the nose; and that fuzes had a delay action of up to 12 hrs. It is possible that other types could be fitted with parachutes.

f Gas Bombs: 50 Kg. The most likely use of these would be against large troop concentrations and thickly populated areas. As in the case of the incendiary bomb, the explosive charge is relatively small.

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4 EXPLOSIVE FILLINGS: Recently recovered 60 Kg. Type 97 H.E. Bombs have been found to contain a mixture of hexanitrodiphenylamine and trinitroanisole (hexanite and anisol) in the proportion 40 : 60. Similar filling is known to have been used in the 50 KG and 250 Kg. bombs. Fbric is generally used as a primer or booster. The body of the bomb and the conical tail unit are filled in separate operations. and later screwed together, a felt or paper disc sometimes being used to fill the gap between the 2 surfaces. As regards handling, NO reference has been found concerning anisol, but hexanite, in addition to being poisonous, causes lesions and blisters, and is harmful to the mucous membrane of the throat and nose. Dermatitis is easily contracted if precautions are neglected. Should the mixture come into contact with the skin, wash as soon as possible with soap and water (preferably warm). Should handling extend over a period, such washing must be repeated at frequent intervals during the handling, and several times afterwards. Rubber gloves should be worn where possible and afterwards thoroughly washed and dried.

5 EXPLOSION EFFECTS: The effects of explosion of Japanese H.E. Bombs are very similar to those of German bombs of corresponding weight, and sizes of craters, penetration, safety distances etc. are comparable with those laid down in M.T.P. 45 for German Bombs.

6 UNEXPLODED BOMBS: The failure of a bomb to explode on impact with the target would generally be due either to the fuse failing to function, or to the incorporation of a delay device in the fuze. It is possible that fuzes may be fitted with anti-withdrawal devices, although such devices have NOT yet been found. Any movement may cause the fuze to function, and adequate precautions should be taken against disturbances of unexploded bombs. The disposal of UXBs is the function of Bomb Disposal Units.

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SUMMARY OF JAPANESE BOMBS

Type	Dimensions: Bomb body Lgth.	Bomb body Diam.	O/A Lgth	Tail Th'ness	Main Filling	Fusing	Colour	Markings	Remarks
1 Kg. Anti-Personnel	-	3"	10½"		Red phosphorous powder	Nose	Black body Tail piece white	Nil	Has spherical rubber Nose. Bomb is in dangerous condition as U.X.B.
15 Kg. Anti-Personnel	-	4"	2'1"	7/32"	Picric	Nose	Black	Red band on nose, yellow & white bands on body.	Information incomplete. Require verification.
50 Kg. H.E. G.P.	2'11"	7"	3'4"	5/32"	Hexanite & Anisol.	Nose & Tail	Black	White & yellow band on body Green band on tail fin.	Has been used extensively. Require verification.
30 Kg. H.E. (Type 97) G.P.		7⅞"	3'4"	3/16"	Hexanite & Anisol.	Nose	Light Grey	Blue band on body. Thin red line along body, green band on tail fin.	Has been used extensively.
60 Kg. H.E. (Type 98)	2'11"	9"	3'6"	-	-	Nose	-	-	Details incomplete though bomb has been used extensively.
65 Kg. H.E.	2'8⅜"	7⅞"	3'3⅞"	¼"	Lyddite	Nose	Admiralty grey.	Thin red line along body green band around tail.	Has been used extensively
63 Kg. H.E. (Type 99)	2'1½"	9"	3'7½"	¼"	Picric	Nose	Green body. Admiralty grey tail.	Two thin red lines diametrically opposite on tail unit. Green band round tail fins.	

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Type	Dimensions Bomb body Lgth.	Dimensions Bomb body Diam.	O/A Lgth	Wall Thickness	Main Filling	Fuzing	Colour	Markings	Remarks
100 Kg.H.E. G.P.	3'10"	9"	4'4½"	-	-	Nose & Tail	Black	White & yellow band on body.	Details incomplete Require verification
250 Kg.H.E. G.P.	4'10"	13½"	6'0"		Hexanite & Anisol	Nose & Tail	-	Nose painted green. Blue band on body. Green band on tail.	Has been used extensively.
250 Kg.H.E. G.P.	3'3½"	12"	6'	½"	Hexanite & Anisol	Nose & Tail	Grey body	Broad green band on Nose. Two thin red lines diametrically opposite full length of bomb. Green tail supports	
50 Kg. Incendiary	-	7½"	3'4"	3/16"	Thermite in containers	Nose	Light Grey	Red tail fin supports	Has been used extensively
60 Kg. Incendiary	2'11"	9"	3'6½"	⅜"	Paraffin wax & Kerosene	Nose	Grey	Red band on tail fins.	Has been used extensively
60 Kg.H.E. Incendiary	2'8"	7"	3'4½"	⅜"	Phos. bungs & Picric	Nose	Grey	White band on body	Dual purpose bomb. Has been used extensively
50 Kg.Gas	2'8"	7½"	3'8"	-	Mustard & Lewisite	Nose	Greyish green	Red & blue on Nose. Two yellow & a white band on body.	Thin casing

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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA TNG. DEPOTS -

CHANGE IN COMMAND.

Consequent on the changes of appointments notified in A.Gs. List No.1 of 21 Aug. 42, appointing Brig. A.R.B. Cox E.D. (W.1573) to Comd. Queensland L. of C. Tng. Depots to date 11 Aug. 42, and T/Col. A.R. Allen E.D. (S.3064) to Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots to date 11 Aug. 42, handing over of command of W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots to Col. Allen will be completed by 31 Aug. 42.

D/t Pharaun Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

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1 & 2. 3 Aust. Corps (2)
3. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
4. Col. i/c Adm.
5. Brig. A.R.B. Cox, E.D.
6. Col. A.R. Allen, E.D.
7. Gen. Staff.
8. A.A.G.
9. D.A.A.G. (Pers.)
10. A.Q.M.G.
11. 12 L. of C. Sub-Area.
12. A.D.O.S.
13. D.F.O.
14. D.R.O.
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20. Spares (3)

No. 5 BUSSELTON Bn. "C" & "D" Coys. BRIDGETOWN AND BOYUP BROOK

			Map		Ref.
(2)	DEMOLITIONS	Bridge	I.50/6	2nd	434826
			"	"	439819
			"	"	413803
			"	"	376803
			"	"	441811
			I.50/10	"	422749
			"	"	462681
			"	"	471682
			"	"	410750
			"	"	437760
			"	"	455751
(4)	ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. DENMARK-MANJIMUP	I.50/6	2nd	412809
		BRIDGETOWN-BOYUP BROOK	"	"	421814
		CRANBROOK-BOYUP BROOK	"	"	444806
		MAYANUP-KOJONUP	"	"	446808
		BRIDGETOWN-MANJIMUP	"	"	413804
		BOYUP BROOK-MUMBALLUP	"	"	434826
(5)	ACTION AGAINST PARATROOPS	BLACKBOY HILL	I.50/6	2nd	459914
		LOOKOUT TOWER	"	"	400836
		HESTER HILL	"	"	412810

No. 6 ALBANY Bn.

(3)	COAST OBSERVATION	ROCKY HEAD	I.50/10	2nd	474674
		POINT IRWIN	"	"	492671

No. 7 GERALDTON Bn.

(4)	ROAD BLOCKS	Substitute "Northern Rd" for "Northam Rd."	H.50/1	2nd	252438

No. 7 GERALDTON Bn. "B" Coy. PLUS MURCHISON DET.

(1)	VULNERABLE POINTS	Res. Supply Dump MULLEWA	H.50/2	2nd	347462
		" Petrol Dump "	"	"	349462
		Telephone Exchange, "	"	"	347462
		Res. Supply Dump, MORAWA	H.50/6	"	401381
		" Petrol Dump, "	"	"	401383
		"A" Class Depot (Shell) MORAWA	"	"	401381
		do. (Vacuum) "	"	"	401381
		Railway Junction, MULLEWA	H.50/2	"	347462
		Bridge, MORAWA	H.50/6	"	401376
(2)	DEMOLITIONS	Bridge or Causeway	H.50/6	2nd	401376
(4)	ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. GERALDTON-MULLEWA	H.50/1	"	331451
		" MULLEWA-MINGENEW	H.50/2	"	349443
		" MULLEWA-YALGOO	"	"	356464
		" MULLEWA-GASCOYNE	"	"	350471

No. 8 KALGOORLIE Bn.

(1)	VULNERABLE POINTS		All map refs. are to Lands Dept. Lithos.		
(2)	DEMOLITIONS	Flour stocks at Bakery	423/80		896162

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OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS - V.D.C.
AMENDMENT No. 1

With reference to the above Operation Instruction the following alternative 2nd Edition Strat. map references and corrections to other maps should be noted:-

		Map		Ref.
No. 2 FREMANTLE Bn.				
(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. PERTH - BUNBURY Junc. Rds ALBANY-KALAMUNDA (at CANNINGTON)	I.50/2	2nd	398036
		FITTLE.	M.S.	391044
	ARMADALE	I.50/2	2nd	401024
No. 3 SWAN Bn.				
DEMOLITIONS	Blackadder Ck. Bridge	HINDNG.	M.S.	017572
(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. MARNEROO	H.50/14	2nd	382056
	" UPPER SWAN	"	"	402069
	(Delete "or Mundaring Strat. 1" to 1 M. 693023")			
No. 4 BUNBURY Bn.				
(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. HARVEY-MYALUP	I.50/6	2nd	385913 to 367908
	" BUNBURY-COLLIE (at ROWLANDS)	"	"	382886
No. 4 BUNBURY Bn. ("A" Coy. COLLIE)				
(1) VULNERABLE POINTS.	Bridge, Williams R.	I.50/6	2nd	489917
	Bridge, Arthur River	"	"	495876
(2) DEMOLITIONS	- do. -	- do.	-	- do.-
(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Rd. WILLIAMS-KOJONUP	I.50/6	2nd	489917
	do.	"	"	490916
	" COLLIE-LEURALLUP	"	"	415876
	" COLLIE-MUJA	"	"	419877
	" COLLIE-ROWLANDS	"	"	414878
	" COLLIE-BOWELLING	"	"	446871
No. 5 BUSSELTON Bn. "C" & "D" Coys. BRIDGETOWN AND BOYUP BROOK				
(1) VULNERABLE POINTS	Bridge	I.50/6	2nd	434826
	"	"	"	439819
	"	"	"	413803
	"	"	"	376803
	"	"	"	441811
	"	I.50/10	"	422749
	"	"	"	462681
	"	"	"	471682
	"	"	"	410750
	"	"	"	437760
	"	"	"	455751

No. 9 NORTHAM Bn.

			Map		Ref.
(1)	VULNERABLE POINTS	Bridge, Traffic, CLACKLINE	H.50/14	2nd	454077
		Bridge, Railway, CLACKLINE	"	"	454077
	Substitute -	Bridge (WUNDABINIRING BROOK)	"	"	453057
	in lieu of -	Bridge over Helena.			
		Res. Petrol Dump, IRISHTOWN	"	"	466094
		YORK	"	"	474054
		BURLONG	"	"	467082
		Aust. Amn. Dump, SPRING HILL	"	"	468078
		Base Supply Dump, SPENCER'S BROOK	"	"	467075
		Res. Pet. Dump, KOOJEDDA	"	"	445071
		EAST NORTHAM	"	"	472085
		Res. Supply Depot, HECKERING	"	"	504088
		No.3 Pump Station, CUNDERDIN	H.50/15	1st	528084
(2)	DEMOLITIONS	All	H 50/14	2nd	
	Amend to read -	Bridge, HELENA R.			
		Bridge, WUNDABIN-IRING BROOK.			
(4)	ROAD BLOCKS	Amend "H.50/13/14" to read -	H.50/14	2nd	
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(5)	ACTION AGAINST PARATROOPS	SPRING HILL	H.50/14	2nd	468077
		DOCTORS HILL	"	"	470086
		YORK	"	"	479055
		CUNDERDIN	H.50/15	1st	528084

No.13 MOORA Bn. ("B" & "C" Coys.)

(1)	VULNERABLE POINTS	Res. Pet. Dump, BALLIDU.	H.50/10	2nd	481213
(4)	ROAD BLOCKS	PINJARA-MILLING Rd	H.50/10	2nd	468234
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		LUBIN JUNCTION	"	"	466272
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Acknowledge.

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W. AUST. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 13

DEFENCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INFORMATION

1. Information received from a most secret source indicates enemy activity in the BANDA SEA.

2. In these circumstances, it is considered that a Japanese attack against WESTERN AUSTRALIA is not unlikely.

3. Enemy operations against WESTERN AUSTRALIA will probably take the form of a landing in the NORTH-WEST of the State with a subsequent movement Southwards.

4. This Southward movement will probably be in the nature of combined operations similar to those undertaken against MALAYA where landings were made from the sea at places in rear of the forces opposing the land attack.

5. Places at which landings may be attempted are:-

DERBY
BROOME
PORT HEDLAND

6. In each of these areas, landings will probably be with the object of establishing land and air bases.

7. The next development will probably be air attacks on localities further South.

8. The air attacks will probably be followed by combined sea, land and air operations.

9. The operations referred to above will probably be developed until a base such as CARNARVON is established. From such a base air operations would be practicable against our main bases in the South

10. The denial of the PERTH-FREMANTLE area is to be the main task of 3 Aust. Corps and all operations are being planned with that object in view.

11. In addition, instructions have been issued by 3 Aust. Corps that any enemy forces which may land within the Corps area are to be destroyed.

INTENTION

12. In the event of a landing taking place:-

(1) The operational boundaries of Formations under 3 Aust. Corps are to be as follows:-

12. contd.

4 AUST. DIV.

North: Incl. MURCHISON RIVER - incl. SANDFORD RIVER - incl. MEEKATHARRA - incl. WILUNA.

East: Incl. WILUNA - incl. PAYNES FIND - incl. GOOMALLING.

South: Incl. GOOMALLING - excl. DEMARS POOL - excl. GINGIN - excl. LANCELIN IS.

Until operations are imminent, the responsibility of 4 Aust. Div. will not extend beyond the area as defined for 4 Aust. Div. in W. Aust. L. of C. Area Adm. Instn. No. A. 17 of 8 Aug. 42.

2 AUST. DIV.

North: All incl LANCELIN IS. - GINGIN - DEMARS POOL.

East: All incl. DEMARS POOL - CLACKLINE - Junc. PERTH-NORTHAM and PERTH-YORK roads at MANARING LAKE - HOLYOAKE.

South: All incl. HOLYOAKE - PINJARRA - MANDURAH.

(ii.) The forces allotted to the above formations are to be as follows:-

4 AUST. DIV.

4 Aust. Div.
19 Aust. Grn. Bn. (less one Coy.)
4-in. Coast Defence Bty. (GERALDTON)
7 (GERALDTON) Bn. V.D.C.
13 (MOORA) Bn. V.D.C.

2 AUST. DIV.

2 Aust. Div.
10 Aust. L.H. Regt.
Fixed Defences, FREMANTLE.
Fixed A.A. Defences, PERTH-FREMANTLE Area.
5 Aust. Grn. Bn.
10 Aust. Grn. Bn.
1 (PERTH) Bn. V.D.C.
2 (FREMANTLE) Bn. V.D.C.
3 (SWAN) Bn. V.D.C.

(iii) H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area, in accordance with procedure laid down in Stages of Readiness, will be split up into Rear and Advanced H.Q. Advanced H.Q. will be located in Yorkshire House and Rear H.Q. in SOUTHERN CROSS.

(iv) H.Qs. 12 and 13 L. of C. Sub-Areas will be located as at present.

(v) Advanced H.Q., W. Aust. L. of C. Area, will co-ordinate the operational functions of L. of C. Sub-Areas, F.C.F.S. and L. of C. units.

(vi) Rear H.Q., W. Aust. L. of C. Area, will carry out all the administrative functions required for conduct of operations.

(vii) H. Qs. 12 and 13 L. of C. Sub-Areas will carry out all those duties as listed in W. Comd. Op. Instn. No. 16 of 3 Mar. 42 necessary for conduct of operations.

(viii) Administrative control of the PERTH-FREMANTLE area will be exercised by 2 Aust. Div.

Acknowledge.

Lennard F. Barker Maj.,
G.S., W.Aust. L. of C. Area.

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W.AUST. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 11

STAGES OF READINESS

AMENDMENT No. 1

The Schedule attached to W. Aust. L. of C. Area Operation Instruction No. 11 is cancelled and the attached Schedule is substituted therefor.

Encl.

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Maj.,
G.S., W.Aust. L. of C. Area.

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OPERATIONAL AREAS

The areas to which a stage of readiness will apply will be:-

NORTH-WEST AREA - All that part of W.A. North of 26 parallel but excluding that area of W.A. North of a line drawn from CAPE LEVEQUE to a point where the 20th degree of South latitude cuts the boundary between Western Australia and South Australia.

SOUTH-WEST AREA - All that part of W.A. within 150 miles of the coast South of 26 parallel of latitude to incl. AUGUSTA on the South coast.

The SOUTH-WEST Area is further divided into the following Sub-Areas:-

(i) GERALDTON Sub-Area

All that part of the SOUTH-WEST Area between the 26 parallel of South latitude and a line drawn due East from the mouth of the MOORE RIVER to a point 150 miles inland.

(ii) PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area

All that part of the SOUTH-WEST Area between a line drawn due East from the mouth of the MOORE RIVER to 150 miles inland and a line drawn due East from the MURRAY RIVER to a point 150 miles inland.

(iii) BUNBURY-COLLIE Sub-Area

The remainder of the SOUTH-WEST Area.

SOUTHERN AREA - All that part of W.A. within 150 miles of the coast from (excl.) AUGUSTA to SOUTH AUSTRALIA border.

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W. AUST. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 12

STAGES OF READINESS

With reference to W. Aust. L. of C. Area Operation Instruction No. 11 of 14 Aug. 42 and No. 1 Amendment thereto, the following additional instructions are issued in regard to the proclamation of the various Stages of Readiness in the areas described in the new Schedule just issued.

2. In the NORTH-WEST AREA

The First Stage will be ordered when an appreciation of the information available indicates that an enemy force is concentrated for an attack on Western Australia.

The Second Stage will be ordered on receipt of information that a convoy is moving towards Western Australia. This Stage may be simultaneous with 1st Stage.

The Third Stage will come into operation on the receipt of information that an enemy force has been sighted off the coast of Western Australia, and that a hostile landing may reasonably be anticipated. This Stage may be ordered concurrently with the First or Second Stage.

3. In the SOUTH-WEST AREA

(a) GERALDTON Sub-Area

(i) The First Stage will come into force simultaneously with the ordering of the Second Stage of Readiness in the North-West Area.

(ii) The Second Stage will come into force on the ordering of the Third Stage in the North-West Area.

(iii) The Third Stage will be ordered on the receipt of information that the enemy is likely to occupy CARNARVON or on the appearance of a hostile convoy South of EXMOUTH GULF.

(b) PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area

(i) The First Stage of Readiness will come into force on the ordering of the Second Stage in the GERALDTON Sub-Area or on information that an enemy convoy if moving South of the latitude of EXMOUTH GULF. In the latter contingency the First Stage will immediately be followed by the Second Stage.

(ii) The Second Stage of Readiness will be ordered immediately the Third Stage is ordered for the GERALDTON Sub-Area, or, as indicated in sub-para. (i) above, when a hostile convoy is known to be moving South from the latitude of EXMOUTH GULF.

(b) contd.

(iii) The Third Stage will be ordered when enemy forces are located in the CARNARVON Area or when it is evident that a hostile convoy is approaching Southwards from the latitude of CARNARVON.

(c) BUNBURY-COLLIE Sub-Area

(i) The First Stage will come into force when the Second Stage is ordered for the PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area or on indications that an enemy force is approaching the coast-line South of FREMANTLE. This last factor will entail the Second Stage being ordered concurrently with the First Stage.

(ii) The Second Stage will be ordered when the Third Stage comes into force in the PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area, or as shown in sub-para. (i) above.

(iii) The Third Stage will be ordered when it is considered that enemy forces have reached GERALDTON or the immediate vicinity, or when hostile action against the coast line South of FREMANTLE is considered imminent.

4. In the SOUTHERN AREA

(i) The First Stage will come into operation when the Third Stage has been ordered in the PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area or when a hostile convoy is believed to be moving towards the South coast of Western Australia.

(ii) The Second Stage will become operative when it is obvious that an attack on the PERTH-FREMANTLE Sub-Area is imminent.

(iii) The Third Stage will be ordered when the approach of an enemy convoy to the South coast of Western Australia indicates that a landing on the South coast is imminent, or when it is evident that operations by the enemy from the North of GERALDTON will include a flanking movement towards the East-West Railway Line East of the Eastern boundary of South-West Area.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding paragraphs either or all of the Stages of Readiness may be ordered in any particular area if circumstances outside those outlined above demand such action.

6. On the declaration of the First Stage in the NORTH-WEST Area, each Sub-Area of the SOUTH-WEST Area in succession from the North, will take such preparatory action as is necessary to ensure that the Stages of Readiness will be capable of being implemented when ordered without any delay. The preparatory steps to be taken will be at the discretion of the responsible comd., but it is most desirable that nothing should be done to prematurely disrupt the civil life of the country.

Acknowledge.

Maj.,

Issued at 1400 hrs. on 25 Aug. 42. G.S., H. Aust. L. of C. Area.

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In compliance with L.H.Q. SM14199 of 29 Jul. 42, the undermentioned personnel of No. 1 Geodetic Section will move to Vic. L. of C. Area by troop train ex Perth 1515 hours Tuesday, 25 Aug. 42. Personal mess gear will be carried.

[illegible] - Capt. T.M. Connolly
[illegible] - Lieut. G.H. Campbell-Kennedy

W.9236 - W.O.II, Hogan, B.
W.34719 - S/Sgt. Bell, E.J.

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2. Stores on issue will be transferred and/or returned to Ordnance under instructions to be issued by D.A.D. Survey in consultation with A.Q.M.G.

3. Rifles and Equipment.

(a) Personnel transferred to 4 Fd. Survey Coy. will take with them Rifles and equipment and transfer Form A.A.F. C.1033 passed between units.

(b) Personnel transferred to Vic. L. of C. Area - Rifles and equipment to be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance.

4. Blankets - 1 Blanket to be taken by personnel proceeding to Vic. L. of C. Area and balance returned to Camp Staff Officer, Karrakatta.

5. Groundsheets - to be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance or Camp S.O. in accordance with source of supply.

6. On conclusion of above action Unit Store a/c. No. 78 will be closed in consultation with D.C.S., W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

[signature]
Major
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area

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W.A. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.10

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The order of priority for calling up V.D.C. personnel to perform their operational tasks from the time when an invasion is imminent is laid down in W.A. L. of C. Area Operation Instruction No. 11.

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PERIMETER COVERING FORCE GUARD — GUARDING CABLE (FREMANTLE, SWAN and PERTH BNS.)

(2) VULNERABLE POINTS	No. required in case of attack	Strength of present Guard	No. required to complete	Type of Arms
Ford Motor Works	10	7 29 Grn. Bn.	10	Infantry
Cottesloe Telephone Exchange	10	4 V.D.C.	10	"
Fremantle Telephone Exchange	10	4 "	10	"
Railway Bridge Cable	10	7 "	10	"
Cable Station	13	13 29 Grn. Bn.	13	"
Wharves (Guard work)	135	60 Peace Offrs	75	"
Buckland Hill Reservoir	4	-	4	"
Mon Repos Water Supply	4	-	4	"
Scarborough Tanks	7	-	7	"
Fremantle Traffic Bridge	10	-	10	"
Fremantle Electric Sub-Station	4	-	4	"
Fremantle Gas Works	4	-	4	"
Melville Water Supply Tank	4	-	4	"
Reservoir Hill, Fremantle	10	-	10	"
Vacuum Oil, Fremantle	16	16 29 Grn. Bn.	175	
Cable Station, Cottesloe	8	8 "		
Shell-Tex. Fremantle	30	30 "		
C.O.R., Fremantle	22	22 "		
U.S. Garage (Stirling Highway) Cottesloe	1	1 "		
U.S. Seaview, Cottesloe	2	2 "		
Booster Pump, Fremantle	7	7 "		
Detention Barracks, Fremantle	12	12 "		
Anglo-Iranian, Fremantle	15	15 "		
U.S. Fisherman's Hole, Fremantle	2	2 "		
U.S. Fremantle Oval	2	2 "		
U.S. Garage, Canning Highway	2	2 "		
U.S. Geo. Wills, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Harpers, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Scotts, Fremantle	4	4 "		
U.S. Cadds, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Meat Coy., Robbs Jetty	13	13 "		
U.S. Lysaghts, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Elders, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Dalgetys, Fremantle	8	8 "		
U.S. Woolstores No. 7, Fremantle	9	9 "		

FREMANTLE C.F.S. — DEMOLITIONS BASIS (FREMANTLE, SWAN and PERTH ENS.)

(2)	DEMOLITIONS	Time	No. men required	
A.	Fremantle Harbour Works.		-	(To be done by 7 A. Tps. Coy.)
B.	Boats in hand of Navy		-	
C.	Ford Motor Works (Spare Parts)	1 hour	12	
D.	General Motors-Holdens Ltd.	"	16	

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FREMANTLE COVERING FORCE
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(FREMANTLE, SOUTH and NORTH BDS.)

(3) COAST OBSERVATION	No. required in case of attack	Strength of present O.Ps.	No. required to complete	Type of Arms
Incl. TRIGG ISLAND to excl. WOODMAN'S POINT.			180	Infantry

(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Road	Location	No. men required	Type of Arms
Established at wiring areas - now being extended (Handled by Bn. areas).	All roads do. Six roads Eleven roads	North Beach City Beach Swanbourne Coastal South Fremantle	Nos. contained under (1)	A.Tk. Grenades A.P. ammn.

FREMANTLE C.F.S. OPERATIONAL TASKS (FREMANTLE, PERTH and SWAN Bns.)

(5) ACTION AGAINST PARATROOPS	Area	No. men required	Total	Type of Arms
Proposed to allocate in six bodies each 30 men. 2 South of River and 4 North of River.	90% of area.	180	180	Auto. weapons

(6) CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER POSTS IN VICINITY			Area	No. men required		Type of Arms
Mole Areas		F.D.	Fremantle	200		Infantry
South Beach	A.A.	and probably F.D.	"	150		"
Scotsmans Hill	A.A.		"	60		"
Buckland Hill	A.A.	and F.D.	"	150		"
Park	A.A.		"	60		"
Port Swanbourne	F.D.		Swanbourne	500		"
East Fremantle	A.A.		East Fremantle	60		"
North Fremantle	A.A.		North Fremantle	100	1280	"

SUMMARY

1	175
2	28
3	180
4	-
5	180
6	1280
Total	1843
V.D.C. available	1647
From Coast 12 L. of C. Sub-Area.	

OPERATIONAL TASKS

No. 12 JARRAH Bn. V.D.C.

8 Offs. 625 O.R. Tasks being prepared.

No. 13 INCORA PT. V.D.F.
("War & Org" Card.)

STRATEGICAL POINTS

"A" Cat. Tasks are being prepared.

VULNERABLE POINTS	Map Ref.	No. required in case of attack	Strength of present Guard	No. required to complete	Type of Arms
Ammn. Sub. Depot, Dellidu	N 50/10 076028	5	-	5	Rifles
"A" Class Depot (Main) Dellidu		5	-	5	"
" (Reserve) Dellidu		5	-	5	"
				15	
DEFENCE POSTS		Time		No. of men required	

OPERATIONAL PLANS

No. 13 HOORA Bn. V.D.C.
("B" & "C" Coys.)

(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Location (Map Ref.)	No. of men required		
Pithara-Milling Rd.	H.50/10 063040	15		
Pithara-Dalliidu	" 072032	15		
Dubin Junction	" 067062	15		
Kondut-Mongan Hills	" 072009	15		
		60		

(5) ROAD MOBILE PATROLS	No. of men required		Type of Arms
Mongan Hills	20		
Dalliidu	20		
Dalvallinu	20		
	60		

(6) CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER UNITS IN VICINITY	No. of men available		Type of Arms
	65		

SUMMARY

1	15
2	-
3	-
4	60
5	60
6	65
Total	200
Strength Bn. V.D.C.	392

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No. 11 KARRI Bn. V.D.C. (less "C" Coy. Jarrahwood)

(1) VULNERABLE POINTS	Map Ref.	No. required in case of attack	Strength of present Guard	No. required to complete	Type of Arms
Bridge	I.50/10 409748	4	-	4	Rifles
" Weld River	" 450707	4	-	4	
" " "	" 449711	4	-	4	
" " "	" 452716	4	-	4	
" " "	" 448722	4	-	4	
" Warrabernup Gully	" 442753	4	-	4	
" Fly Brook	" 391746	4	-	4	
				28	

No. 14 KARRI Bn. V.D.C. –
(less "C" Coy. Jarrahwood)

OPERATIONAL ORDERS

(2) DEMOLITIONS *	Location (Map Ref.)	Time	No. of men required	
Bridge	I 50/10 409748	When ordered by Fd. Comd.	21	
"	" 450707	"		
"	" 449711	"		
"	" 452716	"		
"	" 448722	"		
"	" 442755	"		
"	" 391746	"		

* No preparation for demolition will be made.

No. 2 (W.A.) Bn. V.D.C.
(less "C" Coy., Jarrahwood).

(3) COAST OBSERVATION	Map Ref.	No. of men required	
Feature 488	I 50/10 367743	8	
Feature 530	I 50/10 382738	8	
Toompup	I 50/10 413698	8	
Feature 647	I 50/10 463673	8	
		32	

(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Location (Map Ref.)	No. of men required	
Nanjiup - Denmark	I 50/10 432713	10	
do.	" 461691	10	
do.	" 416759	10	
Hamup - Pemberton	" 401745	10	
Augusta - Hamup	" 360790	10	
Nanjiup - Mt. Barker	" 421767	10	
Nanjiup - Bridgetown	" 415772	10	
		70	

No. 14 KARRI Bn. V.D.C. (Area "C" Coy., Jarrahwood - Tasks being prepared)

(5) ACTION AGAINST PARATROOPS	Location (Map Ref.)	No. of men required	Remarks
Lookout Tower	I 50/10 392740	20	These figures include "spotters" on Lookout Towers.
do.	" 396772	20	
do.	" 384797	20	
do.	" 413768	20	Except for scattered clearings the country is heavily timbered and the landing of paratroops will present a difficu problem. For the same reason, spotting by the defenders is also difficult. Full use of the Forestry Dept.'s Lookout Towers will be made and Tasks hold nearby in readiness to deal with attempted paratroop landings.
do.	" 432790	20	
		100	
(6) CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER FORCES IN VICINITY		No. of men available	
		180	

SUMMARY

1	28
2	21
3	32
4	70
5	100
6	180
Total	431
Strength Bn. V.D.C.	558

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No. 15 MERREDIN Bn. W.D.C.

OPERATIONAL TASKS

(1) VULNERABLE POINT	Map Ref.	No. required in case of attack	Strength of present Guard	No. required to complete	Type of Arms
Res. Pet. Dump, Tarrin	H 50/15 558082	5	-	5	Rifles
do. Doodlakine	" 591038	5	-	5	"
do. Mines Hill	" 614097	9	-	9	"
do. Merredin	" 636099	8	-	8	"
do. Wyalkatchem	" 538144	5	-	5	"
do. Koorda	" 556185	5	-	5	"
do. Ulva	" 627089	10	-	10	"
Class "A" Depot - Shell - Kellerberrin		4	-	4	"
do. Vacuum "		4	-	4	"
do. Shell - Merredin		4	-	4	"
do. Vacuum "		4	-	4	"
do. C.O.R. "		4	-	4	"
do. Caltex "		4	-	4	"
do. Shell - Bencubbin		4	-	4	"
F.I.D. Booran	H 50/15 645106	14	-	14	"
Telephone Exchange, Merredin		5	-	5	"
No. 4 Pumping Station	H 50/15 635102	6	-	6	"
Railway Yards, Merredin		12	-	12	"
Railway Yards, Bruce Rock		3	-	3	"
Railway Yards, Wyalkatchem		3	-	3	"
Wireless Station GID	H 50/15 625102	15	-	15	"
Class "A" Depot, Vacuum - Bencubbin		4	-	4	"
				145	

OPERATIONAL ORDER

No. 15 NEERLEDIN Bn V.D.C.

(2) DEMOLITIONS	Time	No. of men required	

CHARTWELL RANKS

No. 14 [illegible] Bn. V.D.C.

(4) ROAD BLOCKS	Location (Map Ref.)	No. of men required	
Roads -			
Cunderdin - Tammin	H 50/15 546085	15	
Tammin - Kellerberrin	H 50/15 574086	15	
Baandee - Merredin	H 50/15 605092	15	
Baandee - Merredin	H 50/15 635103	15	
		60	

(5) ACTION AGAINST PARACHUTISTS	No. of men required	Type of Arms
Cunderdin	20	
Kellerberrin	20	
Merredin	20	
Doodlakine	20	
Bruce Rock	20	
Nyalkatchem	20	
	120	

(6) CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER FORCES IN VICINITY	No. of men available	Type of Arms
	417	

SUMMARY

1	145
2	-
3	-
4	60
5	120
6	417
Total	742
Strength Bn. V.D.C.	753 31 Jul. 42.

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W.A. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.10

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W. AUST. L. of C. AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.11

STAGES OF READINESS

1. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Op. Instn. No. 8 is cancelled and the following issued in lieu thereof.

2. In the event of an attack, or the possibility of an attack, being made on Western Australia, certain preliminary and precautionary measures are to be undertaken to meet the situation. These measures are to be termed "Stages of Readiness." The stages of readiness as laid down hereunder are subject to review and amendment from time to time.

3. NUMBER OF STAGES

There will be three "Stages of Readiness," as stated hereunder, and each stage will be adopted on receipt of a code word.

It is possible that more than one "Stage of Readiness" will be ordered in one message, in which case the relevant code words will be sent.

4. OPERATIONAL AREAS

As Western Australia has such a long coastline it may not be necessary to have to adopt the same stage of readiness all along the coast. Therefore, the State has been divided into "operational areas" as described in schedule attached, and the "stages of readiness" will be applied to the appropriate operational area as the situation demands.

5. 1st STAGE OF READINESS (Code word "SKYLARK")

(i) This will be adopted when an enemy force, including a landing party, is within striking distance, i.e. when it has reached a point from which an attack could possibly be launched within 36, but not within 24 hours. The time measure is not rigid, as in actual practice the G.O.C. 3 Aust. Corps will be the judge of the situation throughout.

(ii) ACTION TO BE TAKEN

All precautionary measures should be made ready to be brought into operation at short notice, as far as possible, without causing public uneasiness.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

(a) All Comds. will ensure that their Sig. Comms. are functioning efficiently and are manned sufficiently to ensure the rapid handling of signal traffic. Telephone operators, orderlies and D.Rs., as required above will be on duty continuously at all H.Qs

C.S.O. will take steps to ensure that Sig. installations are fully manned 24 hours per diem.

5. contd.

RECALL OF LEAVE PERSONNEL.

(b) All personnel of W. Aust. L. of C. Area on leave will be recalled under arrangements made by Formation and Unit Comds., Heads of Branches and Services.

A.A.G. will have prepared new press advertisements and slides for picture theatres.

A.A.G. will liaise with D.A.A.G., 3 Aust. Corps, in making arrangements with Civil Police for the apprehension of personnel who fail to return to their units. This will include instructions to Civil Police that personnel not actually en route to their units will at once be apprehended and handed over to the nearest Military Police post.

24-HOUR MANNING

(c) Skeleton staffs will remain on duty during the hours of darkness.

Rosters will be prepared by office staffs of all Branches, Services and Units to ensure that a proportion of the staff will operate.

BLACKOUT

(d) Blackout conditions will be introduced where not already in force. P.A.D. officers will be responsible for checking blackout conditions at their H.Q.

V.D.C.

(e) V.D.C. will be issued with equipment, blankets, ground sheets and arm., but personnel will not be called up on F.T.D. except to perform tasks as stated in next para. A.Q.M.G. to prepare plans and co-ordinate implementation.

All V.D.C. necessary for coast watching duties will be called up in the Operational area or areas in which the 1st Stage is introduced and sent to their previously allotted posts.

Precautions against sabotage of aerodromes and all vulnerable points and for the security of arms, equipment, amn., etc., will be taken.

Comds. L. of C. Sub-Areas and Comds. Covering Force Sector, will arrange, if necessary, to call up on F.T.D. V.D.C. personnel to augment guards and to guard any other vulnerable points considered necessary. G.2 (O) will co-ordinate.

ORDER OF DRESS

(f) Troops will move in battle dress with arms and amn. at all times.

Comds. and C.Cs. will make certain now that their men will be able to adopt battle dress and receive necessary arms and amn. immediately on the 1st Stage of Readiness being declared. A.Q.M.G. will co-ordinate.

CAMOUFLAGE

(g) Comds., C.Cs. and C.Cs. will check camouflage and dispersal of vehicles, tents, etc., in order to prevent information being obtained by enemy aerial recce.

PREPAREDNESS TO MOVE

(h) Heads of Branches and Services, and Comds. of units which

5. contd.

are likely to have to move will ensure that they will be able to do so within 12 hours.

COAST LIGHTS

(i) G.2 (O) will check with Navy that all coast lights are doused and will maintain liaison.

REMOVAL OF SEA CRAFT

(j) The Navy is primarily responsible for the removal or demolition of boats, but local Comds. controlling craft other than those for which the Navy is responsible, will take action to remove them to a place of safety or, if likely to fall into enemy hands, collect them in preparation for destruction.

ENEMY ALIENS

(k) G.2 (I) will implement the collection of all naturalised and unnaturalised enemy aliens and suspected persons for internment.

EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(l) G.2 (O) will instruct Civil Defence Council to issue evacuation warning to all women and children in threatened areas for them to be prepared to move at 12 hours' notice, in accordance with previously prepared evacuation plan.

Constant liaison with Civil Defence Council will be maintained.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

(m) A.D.S. & T. will check the personnel and transport necessary for supply of ammunition, supplies, including P.O.L., and will ensure that there is sufficient.

6. 2nd STAGE OF READINESS (Code word "EMU").

(i) This will be adopted when a concentration of enemy tps. is in a position to launch an attack within 24 hours, but not within 12 hours.

(ii) ACTION TO BE TAKEN

PREPAREDNESS TO MOVE

(a) Troops will be ready to move at one hour's notice from receipt of orders from 3 Aust. Corps or H. Aust. L. of C. Area.

COAST AND FIXED DEFENCES

(b) Coast and Fixed Defences will be fully manned and all personnel at Action Stations. C.F.D. will report to G.2 (O) when this is done.

EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(c) G.2 (O) will instruct Civil Defence Council to have all women and children in the prescribed threatened areas standing by to evacuate within one hour.

A.R.P.

(d) A.R.P. wardens and other Civil Defence officials will go on continuous duty.

G.2 (O) will check with Civil Defence Council.

6. contd.

IMPRESSMENT OF VEHICLES

(e) Impressment scheme for vehicles is to be brought into force under arrangements by A.D.S. & T.

Vehicles held by Dealers not required under the impressment scheme will be moved to rendezvous in accordance with pre-arranged plans.

V.D.C.

(f) V.D.C. on coast watching duties will report hourly through normal channels to H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps. These reports will be submitted "in clear." If land line communication is not possible, wireless will be employed, if available.

ENEMY ALIENS

(g) G.2 (I) will complete the removal from all threatened areas of enemy aliens and suspected persons. Action complete or progress reports will be submitted to H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps.

DIVISION OF H.Q. W. AUST. L OF C. AREA

(h) Rear H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area, W.A. L. of C. Area Accounts Office and W.A. L. of C. Area Records Office will be prepared to move to SOUTHERN CROSS.

A.Q.M.G. (M) will have transport facilities available.

LABOUR COYS.

(i) Deputy Director of Labour, in conjunction with C.E.E., A.D.O.S. and A.D.S. & T., will prepare plan for movement of Labour Coys. to allotted tasks at Depots, Dumps and E.Hs.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT

(j) A.D.S. & T. will ensure that all Supply and Petrol installations are fully manned and that necessary transport for them to function is standing by.

COVERING FORCE SECTORS

(k) Comd. Covering Force Sector will ensure that Grn. tps. in the Covering Force Sector are under arms, in position, or assembled with transport to move as required.

AMMUNITION

(l) Comds. will ensure that amn. stocks are in accordance with possible requirements.

MAINTENANCE OF PERSONNEL

(m) A.Q.M.G. will ensure that arrangements have been made to maintain all personnel at their Action posts.

PERSONNEL IN DETENTION

(n) Army personnel, other than those listed as not to be released, will be marched out to rejoin their units or A.R.D. A.A.G. to arrange.

Internees held at Detention Barracks will be moved to Internment Camp, Parkeston. D.A.P.M. to arrange.

7. 3rd STAGE OF READINESS (Code word "MAGPIE")

(i) This will be adopted when an attack in an area is imminent.

(ii) ACTION TO BE TAKEN

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

(a) All Comds. will ensure that defensive positions are fully manned and ready for action.

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(b) Rear H.Q. W. Aust L. of C. Area, W.A. L. of C. Area Accounts Office and W.A. L. of C. Area Records Office, will move to SOUTHERN CROSS.

Adv. H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area will open at Yorkshire House.

All H.Qs. will be fully manned for 24 hours per diem.

FILING AWAY OF NON-OPERATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

(c) All work not directly associated with Operations will cease. Correspondence not being dealt with will be filed for later attention.

V.D.C.

(d) Further V.D.C. in threatened areas will be called up to fulfil remainder of Operational tasks as listed in W. Aust. L. of C. Area Operation Instruction No. 9.

EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

(e) G.2 (O) will instruct Civil Defence Council to carry out the evacuation of all women and children from threatened areas forthwith. All members of Women's Army organisations will be included in this evacuation, except cases for which approval has been given by the G.O.C., 3 Aust. Corps.

INFORMATION

(f) Continuous active recce. will be carried out by units responsible for giving warning of enemy approach. Information from air recce. patrols will be passed speedily by those handling the messages.

ROLLING STOCK

(g) A.Q.M.G.(M) will ensure that all rolling stock not required for operational purposes is removed from threatened areas.

CIVILIANS

(h) All civilians not detailed for special duty will be removed under orders of local Military Comd. from area within which operations are anticipated.

UNALLOTTED REINFORCEMENTS

(i) Personnel of A.T.T.D. and M.V.T.T.C. will be moved to NORTHAM Camp. G.2 (T.T.) will prepare plan.

DEMOLITIONS

(j) Local Comds. will be responsible for ordering the demolition of Piers and all other plant which, in their opinion, are in imminent danger of being captured by the enemy.

(j) contd.

Local Comds. will be responsible for ordering destruction of all boats and sea-going craft which are in imminent danger of being captured by the enemy and which cannot be destroyed by the Navy.

NO LEAVE

(k) No personnel will leave their posts without explicit orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Conrad Chadd Maj.,
G.S., W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

Issued at 1100 hrs. 14 Aug. 42.

Distribution:

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" Albany
Comd. Kal.-Esp. C.F.S.
" 12 L. of C. Sub-Area
" 13 " "
" N.W. " "
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SCHEDULE

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OPERATIONAL AREAS

The areas to which a stage of readiness will apply will be:-

"KIMBERLEY AREA"	-	All that part of W.A. North of 20 parallel excluding WYNDHAM area.
"CENTRAL AREA"	-	All that part of W.A. within 150 miles of the coast between 26 and 20 parallel.
"SOUTH-WEST AREA" "GERALDTON SUB-AREA"	-	All that part of W.A. within 150 miles of the coast South of 26 parallel to (excl.) MOORE R.
"PERTH-FREMANTLE SUB-AREA"	-	(Incl.) MOORE R. to (Incl.) MURRAY R.
"BUNBURY-COLLIE SUB-AREA"	-	(Excl.) MURRAY R. to (Incl.) AUGUSTA.
"SOUTHERN AREA"	-	All that part of W.A. within 150 miles of the coast from (excl.) AUGUSTA to SOUTH AUSTRALIA border.

As an example, messages may be sent reading:-

(i) "SKYLARK South-West Area ack."

This means that within the area referred to a No. 1 Stage of Readiness will be adopted forthwith.

(ii) "SKYLARK Central Area stop BMG South-West Area stop ack."

This means that in the Central Area No. 1 Stage of Readiness will be adopted and in the South-West Area No. 2 Stage of Readiness will be adopted.

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W.AUST. L. OF C.AREA "Q" INSTRUCTION No. 18.

CENSUS OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES.

The following advance information is promulgated to Ca.C., all Units to enable preparatory action to be taken to complete the Census of all mechanical vehicles held as at 1400 hrs on 20 Aug.42.

Commanding Officers will take such action that will ensure the completion of schedule and statements as shown in paras. 4 and 5.

" Anticipating the publication of a G.R.O. on the above subject, the following advance information is furnished to ensure a complete census of mechanical vehicles for the month of August.

2. Mechanical Transport has been included within the Census of Warlike Stores as a new Schedule "H". Forms A.A.F. E5-9 (Master Card consisting of three sheets) and A.A.F. E5-9(a) (unit returns slip - one sheet) have been distributed to all Formations.

3. The census will apply to all mechanical vehicles held by units, including A.A.S.C. It will operate concurrently with the existing Census of Warlike Stores on 20th of each month beginning on 20 Aug. 42, and will take the place of Forms A.A.F.G.32 now being rendered at the end of each month. In future A.A.F. G.32 will only be returned when specially called for.

4. Every unit within the Formation will prepare unit return slips (A.A.F. E5-9(a)) and dispose of them as follows:-

Prepared by	No. of copies	Disposal.
(i) Units holding A.A.S.C.Vehicles	4	2 copies to A.D.O.S. etc. Formation. 2 copies to D.D.S.T.or his representative on Formation H.Q.
(ii) All other units	2	2 copies to A.D.O.S. etc. Formation.

5. With each unit return slip (A.A.F. E5-9(a)) forwarded to A.D.O.S etc.Formation, units will attach information in accordance with the following pro-forma in respect to vehicles held:-

Unit ..... No. of W.E. Applicable to Unit .....

Army No.	Make	Type	Makers Model; Series; or Serial No.(as applicable) & Year of Manufacture.	If received since last Return - from whom received.

Continued on back.

6. It has been found impossible to ascertain from many returns so far received, the exact models of vehicles held by Formations and this information is absolutely essential for provision action on M.T. spare parts. If difficulty of model identification exists, reference should be made to G.R.O. 0.70 as the instructions promulgated therein were intended to remove such difficulties. When this information has been collated by M.T. Census in respect of vehicles now operating it is proposed to reduce the information called for in the above pro-forma to Army Nos. only. "

Lt.-col.
A/Colonel i/c Administration,
W.Aust. L. of C. Area.
14 Aug. 42.

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SIGNALS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 2

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF H.Q. SIGNAL UNITS W.A. L. OF C. AREA.

1. Additional accommodation for W.A. L. of C. Area Signals is necessary. The arrangements will provide for:-

(a) Expansion of unit.
(b) Dispersal.

2. W.A. L. of C. Area Signals will move to LEEDERVILLE DRILL HALL. 5 L. of C. Sigs will move to VICTORIA PARK DRILL HALL. Close liaison will be effected between 5 L. of C. Sigs and Area Sigs. for training, housing of stores and personnel and best use of accommodation at both places.

3. MOVEMENT.
Move will commence 0900 hrs. 13 Aug. and be completed by 1800 hrs. 17 Aug.

4. TRANSPORT.
Unit transport will be utilised for the move.

5. 4 H.Q. Sec. (CARRIER PIGEONS)
This Unit will remain at 102 Beaufort St. Adm. will be taken over by 5 L. of C. Sigs from 1200 hrs. 24 Aug.

6. ACCOMMODATION 16A AREA STAFF.
Arrangements have been made with "Q" Branch to make other accommodation available for 16A Area Staff as from 0900 hrs. 13 Aug.

7. ACCOMMODATION A.W.A.S.
O.C. Area Signals will arrange immediately, direct with "Q" Branch, for improvement of A.W.A.S. accommodation at LEEDERVILLE.

8. ACK.

Capt for Lt-Col.
C.S.O. W.A. L. of C. Area.

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W. AUST. L. of C. OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 9

H.Q. ALBANY COVERING FORCE

H.Q. ALBANY Covering Force (W.E. II/1H/1) will be deleted from the Order of Battle.

2. COMD.

Maj. S. S. Davis (W.2:3191) will remain in his present posting of 2 i/c. 19 Aust. Grn. Bn., but will be posted to ALBANY and comd. all Tps. in the Area other than Fortress Tps. All plans and documents dealing with the Sector will be handed over to Maj. Davis.

3. DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL

Maj. R. Mitchell (W.237425) and Capt. L. E. Carey (W.237518) will return to H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots, NORTHAM, after handing over is completed with Maj. Davis.

Lieut. J. L. Gorn (W.31403) will be transferred to 5 Aust. Grn. Bn., SWANBOURNE.

O.Rs. personnel will be transferred to 19 Aust. Grn. Bn. N.C.Os. to be carried supernumerary to establishment pending absorption, if necessary.

4. DISPOSAL OF ARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT AND STORES

The Rifles and personal equipment will be transferred with the men to their new unit.

T.S.M.Gs., ammunition and any other equipment or stores will be transferred to ALBANY Fixed Defences.

Action will be completed by 19 Aug. 42.

Acknowledge.

Maj.,
G.S., W.A. L. of C. Area.

12 Aug. 42.

Distribution:

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5 Aust. Grn. Bn.
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Maj. S. S. Davis
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H.Q. 12 L. of C. Sub-Area
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ISSUE OF STORES, ETC. - TO ALLIED FORCES IN AUSTRALIA

Attention is drawn to this H.Q. circular S.104/5/1 of 27 Feb 42.

2. This required a special return, in duplicate, to be submitted to D.F.O. on 4th day of each month, setting out therein, all issues to, or expenditure incurred on behalf of Allied Forces in Australia, showing the value thereof.

3. It has come to notice that the returns have not been submitted, and this is viewed most seriously.

4. All Requisitions, Transfers, Issue and Receipt Vouchers, Official Orders, Contract Demands and Treasury Forms, used on behalf of Allied Forces, will be endorsed "Allied Forces in Australia---Army" (as the case may be).

5. It is imperative that the returns be submitted on due date, and the return due on 4th Sept 42 will, if necessary, include all expenditure to that date.

6. 'Nil' Returns marked - Attention D.F.O. - will be forwarded.

Lt.-Col.
A/Col 1/c Adm. W.Aust L of C Area

13 Aug 42.

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D.A.Q.M.G.	STAT OFFICER	S.O.M.E.	WAR DIARY	
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(Raising of)
ORDNANCE UNITS - (Disbanding of).

Consequent on amendments to the Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Aust., and in accordance with instructions contained in MI.13623 of 22 Jul. 42, action will be taken by A.D.O.S. forthwith as follows:-

	W.E. Strength Off.	O/Rs.	Total
(a) Disband the following units -			
16 Ord. Amn. Sec. - W.E. IV/101B/1	-	-	-
21 Ord. Amn. Sec. - W.E. IV/101B/1	-	-	-
(b) Raise the following units -			
H.Q. 9 Aust. Adv. Amn. Depot - W.E. IV/100/3	5	35	40
13 Aust. Ord. Amn. Coy. - W.E. IV/56/1	3	104	107

2. Personnel from units disbanded vide 1 (a) above will be absorbed in new units raised vide 1 (b). Balance of personnel will be drafted from A.A.O.C. Tng. Depot as available.

3. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Records Office will issue instructions for the release of additional personnel required and will advise L.H.Q., 2nd Echelon when these instructions have been implemented.

4. A.D.O.S. will submit report on above reorganisation on 17 Aug. 42 together with details of posting of all officers concerned, so that completed list can be forwarded to L.H.Q. (M.S.)

G. H. Gilmour Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

11. Aug. 42.

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6. A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G.
8. D.A.A.G. (PS)
9. D.A.A.G. (R)
10. A.Q.M.G.
11. D.A.Q.M.G.
12-13 A.D.O.S. (2)
14. A.D.S. & T.
15. C.R.E.
16. A.D.E. Servs.
17. C.O.M.E.
18. A.C.M.G. (M)
19. H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots.
20. Stationery Depot.
21. D.A.D. Posts.
22. D.F.O.
23. D.R.O.
24. S.C.R.
25. War Diary. 12 AUG 1942
26. A.T.T.D.
27. W.Aust. L.ofC. Area Gen. Det. Depot.
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BOMB DISPOSAL UNITS R.A.E. - ORGANISATION OF.

3 AUST. BOMB DISPOSAL COY. (L.E.) (3 SECS.) - RAISING OF.

Consequent on amendment to Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Australia and in accordance with instructions contained in S .13935 of 29 Jul. 42, 7 Bomb Disposal Coy., 8 sections, (on Order of Battle, 3 Aust. Corps) is to be disbanded forthwith and 3 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy. (L.E.) and 3 sections are to be raised forthwith as follows.

Unit.	W.E. Ref.	W.E. Strength Off.	O/Rs.	Total.
H.Q. (L.E.)	IV/16A/1	4	18	22
Nos. 17, 18 & 19 Secs. (each)	IV/16B/1	1	31	32
Total H.Q. (L.E.) & 3 secs.		7	111	118

2. Total personnel for the raising of these units will be made available from personnel from 7 Bomb Disposal Coy. L.H.Q. signal A.36137 of 30 Jul. 42 provided for balance of strength to be transferred to 62 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E. Any personnel not so absorbed will be transferred to the W. Aust. L. of C. Area Eng. Tng. Depot.

3. C.R.E., in collaboration with 3 Aust. Corps will take immediate action to carry out the above instructions. Action complete report will be submitted to the undersigned not later than 15 Aug. 42, together with details of officers included in 3 Aust. Bomb Disposal Coy.

G. A. Symmons Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

11 Aug. 42.

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7. D.A.A.G. (PS)
8. D.A.A.G. (R)
9. A.Q.M.G.
10. D.A.Q.M.G.
11-12. A.D.O.S. (2)
13. A.D.S. & T.
14. D.D.M.S.
15-16. C.R.E. (2)
17. A.D.S. Serv.
18. D.A.D. Posts.
19. Stationery Depot.
20. D.F.O.
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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA FD. SECURITY SECTION -

ALTERATION DESIGNATION.

Authority to raise the above unit was given in 856/6/11 of 8 Jun. 42. Amendment to the Order of Battle now designates this section:-

33 Fd. Security section.

Relative W.E. is III/[illegible]/4 - 1 x 14 - Total 15.

Action will be taken by all concerned to make the necessary alteration in nomenclature.

[signature]
Major
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area

11 Aug. 42

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4. G.S.O. II T.T.
5. A.A.G.
6. D.A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G. (R)
8. A.Q.M.G.
9. A.D.S.T.
10. A.D.O.S.
11. D.A.D.M.S.
12. D.A.D. Posts
13. Stationery Depot
14. D.F.O.
15. D.R.O.
16. S.C.R.
17. War Diary
18, 19. Spares (2)

11 AUG 1942

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REF. W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA ADM. ORDER A.17.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA IN FD. FORMATION AREAS.

W. Aust. L. of C. Area will be responsible within Fd. Formation Areas for:-

(a) Co-operation with the R.A.N., R.A.A.F. And Allied Forces regarding maintenance and servicing of any units and installations of those forces located therein.

(b) Establishment and maintenance of such depots, dumps and installations as may be directed by 3 Aust. Corps.

(c) Comd. and Adm. of V.D.C. tps. in area, except those allotted operational roles.

(d) Adm. of V.D.C. tps. allotted to operational roles.

(e) Arrangements for such hirings and Engineer Services as may be directed or approved by 3 Aust. Corps.

(f) Arrangements for contracts for sanitary or refuse disposal etc. as may be necessary with local authorities or civil populace.

(g) Finalisation of claims for damages, compensation etc. by local authorities or civil populace.

(h) Appointment of Town Majors to such towns as may be directed by 3 Aust. Corps. Duties of Town Majors will be as set out in F.S.R. Vol. 1 Sec. 143 where applicable.

O.C. DETAILS.

2. C.O. 29 Grn. Bn. is appointed O.C. Details Metropolitan Area and will have comd. for the purpose of discipline (incl. investigation and punishment) of all members of A.M.F. and A.I.F. present in the Metropolitan Area whose parent units are located outside such area.

3. Metropolitan Area includes all that portion of W. Aust. L. of C. Area from and incl. MIDLAND JUNCTION to and incl. FREMANTLE which is shaded pink on sheets H50/13 and 14 and 150/1 and 2 excl. all standing camps therein.

4. Detailed instructions for O.C. Details will issue separately.

5. Comd. 10 Aust. L.H. and Local Comds. will act as O.C. Details for their respective areas with like powers.

Distribution as for W. Aust. L.ofC. Area Adm. Order No. A.17 of 8 Aug. 42.

Lt.-Col.
A/Colonel i/c Administration
W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

..8. Aug. 42.

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5 AUST BLOOD AND SERUM UNIT.- RAISING OF.
(Less Serum drying Sec.)

Consequent on the inclusion in the Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Aust., W. Aust. L. of C. Area, of the above unit, action will be taken forthwith to raise the unit less serum drying section, as follows:-

(a) Strength of Unit.

Strength of unit to be raised is as follows -

2 Offrs. 1 O/R. - Total 3.

V.A.Ds. - 22

Relative W.E. is W.E. IV/73D/1 but the strength shown above will not be exceeded.

(b) The officers required for this unit will be nominated by D.G.M.S.

(c) V.A.Ds. and other ranks will be raised immediately by D.D.M.S. who will submit report to the undersigned on the raising of the unit not later than 31 Aug. 42.

[signature] Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

11... Aug. 42.

DISTRIBUTION:

1. 3 Aust. Corps (for inf.)
2. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
3. Col. i/c Adm.
4. Gen. Staff.
5. A.A.G.
6. D.A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G. (PS)
8. D.A.A.G. (R)
9. A.Q.M.G.
10. D.A.Q.M.G.
11-12. A.D.O.S. (2)
13. A.D.S. & T.
14-15. D.D.M.S. (2)
16. C.R.E.
17. A.D.E. Serv.
18. D.A.D. Posts.
19. Stationery Depot.
20. D.F.O.
21. D.R.O.
22. War Diary. 12 AUG 1942
23-24 Spares (2)

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A.A.S.C. REORGANIZATION - W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA

Consequent on amendments to the Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Aust., and in accordance with instructions contained in SM.13919 of 29 Jul. 42, the following reorganization of A.A.S.C. units in W. Aust. L. of C. Area will be undertaken forthwith:-

(a) 121 Reserve M.T. Coy.
122 Reserve M.T. Coy. } Will be disbanded forthwith.

(b) 124 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy.
125 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. } Each 4 platoons, will be raised forthwith from personnel from units disbanded in (a) (vide W.E.s IV/39A/1, IV/39B/1, IV/39F/1, IV/39G/1).

(c) As 121 Reserve M.T. Coy., although on the Order of Battle W. Aust. L. of C. Area, has been trained with field units, A.D.S.T., in collaboration with D.D.S.T., 3 Aust. Corps, will arrange for a suitable allocation of personnel of this unit between Corps and L. of C. units.

(d) Action required in para. 9 of SM.13919 calling for statement of surplus or deficiencies by ranks and trades will be prepared in collaboration with D.D.S.T., 3 Aust. Corps. This will be forwarded by H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps and a copy supplied to this H.Q. It will, therefore, not be necessary to submit to L.H.Q. a separate statement for this L. of C.

(e) Transfers of personnel will be completed so that unit records will be adjusted before 15 Aug. 42. Units will ensure that all records are finalised to the satisfaction of D.R.O. by that date.

(f) Action on the re-organization will be completed not later than 14 Aug. 42 by which date a full report will be submitted to the undersigned for forwarding to L.H.Q. in accordance with para. 12 of SM.13919. Attached to the report will be a complete list of officer postings (in duplicate) for forwarding to L.H.Q. (M.S.)

Major
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area

10 Aug. 42

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1 & 2 3 Aust. Corps (2) For inf.
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4 Col. i/c. Adm.
5 Gen. Staff
6 A.A.G.
7 D.A.A.G.
8 D.A.A.G. (PS)
9 D.A.A.G. (R)
10 A.Q.M.G.
11 D.A.Q.M.G.
12 A.D.O.S.
13 C.O.M.E.
14,15 A.D.S. & T. (2)
16 D.D.M.S.
17 D.A.D. POSTS
18 Stationery Depot
19 D.F.O.
20 D.R.O.
21 War Diary
22 S.R.
23, 24, 25 Spares (3)

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NAVAL BASE CAMP.

On Friday, 14 Aug.42, Camp Staff will be withdrawn.

2. PERSONNEL.

Lieut. V.R.KIDD (W.14091) Q.M. ceases to be seconded to Camp Staff NAVAL BASE and is again seconded to Camp Staff WERRIBEE to date 14 Aug.42, vice Lieut. E.S.HARPER (W.29364). Movement of Lieut.HARPER is the subject of separate instruction.

W.O.(II) J.L.JOHNS (W.14666) R.Q.M.S. will be attached for duty to Camp Staff MELVILLE pending absorption, to date 14 Aug. 42.

W 30577 Pte. A.H.LEVETT will be transferred to Camp Staff MELVILLE to date 14 Aug.42.

3. TRANSPORT.

1 Van 15 cwt. will be transferred to 5 A.A.Bty (A/c 69).

4. EQPT.

All stores, incl Camp eqpt, at present on issue to 116 Lt A A Regt on A A F Fl(a) to be transferred to 116 Lt A A Bty on AF G 1033.

Surplus camp eqpt held by Camp Q.M. to be transferred to Camp S.O.MELVILLE.

Major.
A/A.A.G. W.Aust. L. of C. Area.
(G.V.ABJORMSON).
10... Aug.42.

DISTRIBUTION:

Col 1/c Adm
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A.Q.M.G.
A.D.M.S.
A.D.E.Serv.
A.D.O.S.
D.A.A.G.
D.A.A.G.(PS)
D.A.A.G.(R)
D.A.Q.M.G.
G.II (T.T.)
Camp Staff NAVAL BASE.
" " WERRIBEE.
" " MELVILLE.
HQ 12 L of C Sub Area
D.A.D.Posts.
D.P.O.
D.R.O.
3 Aust Corps.
General Staff
116 Lt.AA Bty
HQ AA Gp (2)
War Diary (2)
Spares (2)
S.C.R.

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Major.
A/A.A.G. W.Aust. L. of C. Area.
(G.V.ABJORNSON).
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DISTRIBUTION:

Col i/c Adm
A.A.G.
A.Q.M.G.
A.D.M.S.
A.D.E.Serv.
A.D.O.S.
D.A.A.G.
D.A.A.G.(PS)
D.A.A.G.(R)
D.A.Q.M.G.
G.II (T.T.)
Camp Staff NAVAL BASE.
" " WERRIBEE.
" " MELVILLE.
HQ 12 L of C Sub Area
D.A.D.Posts.
D.P.O.
D.R.O.
3 Aust Corps.
General Staff
116 Lt.A.A. Bty
HQ AA Gp (2)
War Diary (2)
Spares (2)
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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA. ADM. ORDER NO.A.17.

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS.

Ref. 3 Aust. Corps Adm. Order AQ.3, 3 Aug. 42.

1. W. Aust. L. of C. Area comprises all the State of Western Australia with the exception of -

(a) that portion north and east of a line drawn from KAMPI SOUND to the intersection of the 20th parallel of south latitude and the western boundary of the Northern Territory.

(b) Fd. Formation Areas.

2. For general administrative purposes, W. Aust. L. of C. Area will be divided into 2 sub areas, Nos. 12 and 13 respectively, w.e.f. 2359 hrs. 8 Aug. 42. N.W. L. of C. Sub Area will be abolished

No. 12 L. OF C. SUB AREA.

All of W. Aust. L. of C. Area south of 26th parallel of latitude excl. areas bounded by -

(i) All incl. BLUFF POINT - AJANA - PINDAR
TARDUN - rd and rly. TARDUN
WONGAN HILLS - WONGAN HILLS=
GOOMALLING - GOOMALLING -
NORTHAM rd. to MOGGOJERRING.
LAWNSWOOD - NORTHAM-PERTH rly. to
MIDLAND JUNCTION - CAVERSHAM -
TRIGG IS.

(ii) All incl. WOODMAN POINT - ARMADALE
SERPENTINE - NORTH DANDALUP
PINJARRA - CAPE BOUVARD (WHITE HILLS).

No. 13 L. OF C. SUB AREA.

All of W. Aust. L. of C. Area north of 26th parallel of south latitude.

3. LOCATION OF H.Qs.

12 L. of C. Sub Area -

Drill Hall - Lord Street, PERTH.

13 L. of C. Sub Area -

Adv. H.Q. BROOME.
Rear H.Q. MARBLE BAR.

4. HANDING OVER.

12 L. of C. Sub Area will immediately take over all duties

at present being performed by 13 L. of C. Sub Area.

5. ACCOUNTS.

All Camp Equipment, Stores and Equipment at present held by 13 L. of C. Sub Area will be transferred to Camp S.O. Northam and account No.77 closed.

Designation of North West L. of C. Sub Area will be changed to 13 L. of C. Sub Area, account No.208.

6. PERSONNEL.

T/Major S.N. McKenzie (W.242885) will report to this H.Q. on completion of hand-over, and remaining staff will report to H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots for disposal in accordance with instructions to be issued.

Lt.-Colonel.
Col. i/c Adm. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

8. Aug. 42.

Distribution:

1. 3 Aust. Corps.
2. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
3. Col. i/c Adm.
4. H.Q. 12 L. of C. Sub Area.
5. H.Q. 13 L. of C. Sub Area.
6. N.W. L. of C. Sub Area.
7. Gen. Staff.
8. A.A.G.
9. A.Q.M.G.
10. A.Q.M.G. (M)
11. C.R.E.
12. A.D.E.S.
13. A.D.S. & T.
14. D.D.M.S.
15. C.S.O.
16. A.D.O.S.
17. D.F.O.
18. D.R.O.
21. S.O. Canteens
22. D.A.P.M.
23. D.A.D. Posts.
24. S.O.M.E.
25. S.C. Graves.
26. Comd. V.D.C.
27. War Diary 9 AUG 1942
28. S.C.R.
29-31. Spares (3).
19. D.A.A.G.
20. D.A.A.G. (PS)

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RELIEF OF GUARDS SUPPLIED BY R.T. BN.

1. All personnel supplied by the R.T. Bn., NORMAN, for guard duties on the following V.Ps. will be relieved by 2359 hrs. 11 Aug. 42 for return to NORMAN Camp. -

V.P.			Strength of Guard
R.S.D. Seabrook			
Pumping Station, Cundersdim			
P.O.L. Quellerding			
Spring Hill Ammn. Dump		SPRING HILL	
Ammunition " "			
Sliding Guard			
Camp Duties			
P.C.L. Darwin			
" Kings Hill			
" Wyndham			
F.A.D. Broome			
P.C.L. Hill	(R.A.A.F.)		
" Cougar	(R.A.A.F.)		
" Koonda			
" Yarding			
		TOTAL ..	144

2. 29 Aust. Gen. Bn. personnel will be withdrawn from the following V.Ps. and will man the V.Ps. which are listed in para. 1 by above stated time, except where mentioned

V.P.	Location	Minimum Strength	Remarks
Norman Petrol Dump	15	-	Dump being distributed.
Forrestdale	9	-	To be relieved by 11 Aust. L.A. as this can be handled.
Point Peron	6	-	
East Perth Power Station	17	14	
Kundering	45	12	
A.S.D., Midland	1	1	To be supplied by 8 Aust. Sup. Bn. Coy. when established if necessary
A.A.S.C. P.C.L. Northam	6	1	
P.C., Esperance	4	-	
Power House, Collie	6	8	
Sea View, Cottesloe	2	1	
Ford Motor Works	2	5	
M. & V. Stores	2	5	
Oil Coy. Depots (C.O.R., Vac. Shell & Caltex)	9	5	
Magazines, Guildford	6	23	
Canning Weir	9	4	
U.S. King's Park	2	4	
Ordnance, Midland	9	10	
Broadcasting Sta., Wanneroo	2	6	
H.Q. 29 Aust. Gen. Bn. Bunbury	2	6	
" " " " Busselton	2	5	
	TOTAL ..	132	

3. SPRING HILL

At present there are 74 personnel on guard duties at SPRING HILL. This figure will be reduced to 54. Otherwise the strength of guards at the other V.Ps. will be the same as the figure given in para. 1 above.

4. 12 and 13 L. of C. Sub-Areas will make all the necessary arrangements to effect the above reductions and reliefs.

5. H.Q. 13 L. of C. Sub-Area will report by telephone when action is complete.

Acknowledge.

Major
G.S., W.A. L. of C. Area.

7 Aug. 42.

Distribution:

H.Q. 12 L. of C. Sub-Area
" 13 " "
8 Aust. Sup. Pan. Coy.
H.Q. W.A. L. of C. Area Trg. Depots
3 Aust. Corps
A.Q.M.G. (2)
Comd. - Col. i/c. Adm.
A.A.G.
A.Q.M.G.
A.D.S. & T.
D.F.O.
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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA TNG. DEPOTS

OFFICER POSTINGS - ALTERATION OF

1. As from and inclusive of 6 Aug. 42, the following changes in officer postings will become effective:-

Col. A.R. Baxter-Cox (WX.1573) Gen. List A.I.F. to the command of -

(a) H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots vice T/Col. W.B. Robinson, D.C.M. E.D. (W.242801).

(b) 3 Aust. Corps Schools comprising :

3 Aust. Corps Junior Leaders' School
" " " Anti-Gas School
" " " Sig. Tng. Centre
" " " Arty. School
" " " Physical and Recreational Tng. School W.A.

2. Handover will be completed by 13 Aug. 42, on which date Col. Robinson will report to H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area for further instructions.

3. W. Aust. L. of C. will be responsible for the administration of H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots. In all other matters the Comd. thereof will be responsible direct to H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps.

Major
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area
..5..Aug. 42.

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1,2.3 AUST. CORPS (2)

3. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area
4. Col. i/c. Adm.
5. Col. A.R. Baxter Cox
6. Col. W.R. Robinson
7. Gen. Staff
8. A.A.G.
9. D.A.A.G. (Pers)
10. A.Q.M.G.
11.12 L. of C. Sub Area
13. A.D.O.S.
14. D.F.O.
15. D.R.O.
16,17. War Diary (2) 6 AUG 1942
18. S.C.R.
19,20. Spares (2)

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W. AUST. L. OF C. AREA CANTEENS – RAISING OF.

Consequent on amendments to the Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Aust. (W. Aust. L. of C. Area), the above unit is to be raised forthwith in accordance with W.E. IV/150/1 providing for a strength of 6 Offrs. 190 O/Rs., total 196. This W.E. includes provision for 30 A.W.A.S.

2. Pending a decision on new W.E. submitted by the Canteen Services, approval is given for the above canteen unit to bring the total strength up to that indicated by the strength return dated 27 Jun. 42 viz. 6 Offrs. 256 O/Rs., total 262.

3. The provision in the W.Es. for a proportion of A.W.A.S. to be included will be implemented wherever practicable.

4. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Records Office will issue instructions for the release of the necessary personnel and will advise L.H.Q. 2nd Echelon when these instructions have been implemented (vide para. 5 SM.13590).

5. Staff Officer Canteen Services will take all necessary action as above and furnish report to the undersigned not later than 17 Aug. 42.

[signature] Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area

3 Aug. 42

1. 3 AUST. CORPS (For inf.)
2. Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area
3. Col. i/c. Adm.
4. Gen. Staff
5. A.A.G.
6. D.A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G. (E)
8. Staff Officer Canteens
9. A.Q.M.G.
10. A.D.O.S.
11. A.D.S. & T.
12. D.D.M.S.
13. Stationery Depot
14. D.A.D. Posts
15. H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng. Depots
16. D.F.O.
17. D.P.O.
18. S.C.E.
19. War Diary 4 AUG 1942
20,21. Spares (2)

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38 L. OF C. AREA SALVAGE SECTION - RAISING OF.

Consequent on amendments to the Order of Battle, Allied Land Forces in Aust., W. Aust. L. of C. Area, the above unit is to be raised forthwith in accordance with W.E. IV/134/1 providing for a strength of 1 Offr. 42 O/Rs., total 43. This W.E. includes provision for 30 A.W.A.S.

2. The provision in the W.Es. for a proportion of A.W.A.S. to be included will be implemented wherever practicable.

3. Attention is drawn to note appearing on W.E., which reads "All ranks of this establishment may be found from personnel unfit for general service with fighting units."

4. Salvage Control Officer will take immediate executive action to raise and will select suitable personnel in accordance with special instructions laid down by L.H.Q. for Salvage Control.

5. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Records Office will issue instructions for the release of such personnel and will advise L.H.Q. and Echelon when these instructions have been implemented (vide para. 5 SM.13590).

6. The unit will be stationed at Karrakatta Camp and all necessary arrangements for accommodation, etc. will be made by Salvage Control Officer in collaboration with A.Q.M.G. and Camp Staff Officer.

7. Name of Officer selected to command will be notified to the undersigned as soon as possible and progress report submitted on 17 Aug. 42 and fortnightly thereafter until action is complete.

[signature] Major.
A/A.A.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

3 Aug. 42.

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6. D.A.A.G.
7. D.A.A.G. (PS)
8. D.A.A.G. (R)
9. A.Q.M.G.
10. D.A.Q.M.G.
11-12. A.D.C.S. (2)
13. C.O.O.
14. A.D.M. & T.
15. Salvage Control Officer.
16. D.D.M.S.
17. Stationery Depot.
18. Camp Staff Officer Karrakatta.
19. D.A.D. Posts.
20. H.Q. W.Aust. L.of C. Area Tng. Depots.
21. D.F.O.
22. D.R.O.
23. S.C.R.
24. War Diary 4 AUG 1942
25-26. Spares.