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16 Infantry Brigade
January - February 1945

10 MAR 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C 2118
(adapted)

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H. 1COM 2/42

Unit 16 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN 45 To 31 JAN 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INTENTION			(a) For the Bde to establish a standing camp in AITAPE area.	
			(b) To relieve the 19 Aust Inf Bde in DANMAP River area.	
			(c) To familiarise the senior officers of the bde with surrounding country and possible areas of future operations.	
RESULT			(a) Good standing camps for the bde HQ and the bns were established in area. Ref map AITAPE EAST one inch to one mile 034475	See appendix A.
			(b) Adv parties from each bn left on the 20 Jan to prepare for the relief of the 19 Aust Inf Bde. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 2/11 Aust Inf Bn on Coastal Sector, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 2/8 Aust Inf Bn in the MALIN sector. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to be in reserve and relieve 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.	
			The relief was completed on 29 Jan. 16 Aust Inf Bde taking over comd as at 1100 hrs on 29 Jan.	
			(c) (i) Reconnaissance of surrounding country area from AITAPE to DAGUA.	
			(ii) The first part of the month small parties camped at 19 Aust Inf Bde in DANMAP River area.	
<u>SCHOOLS & COURSES</u>			NIL.	

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Unit 16 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN 45 To 31 JAN 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ATTAPE	Jan 2		SC(L) and BASCO left for 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ to study A & Q problems.	
	3	0900	Comd left for conference with GOC at 6 Aust Div HQ to discuss the relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde by 16 Aust Inf Bde.	
	4	1000	Chap Gen STEPHENS visited Comd.	
		1600	SC(L) and BASCO returned from 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
	5	0830	BM(L) left for 19 Aust Inf Bde to study "G" problems in DANMAP River area.	
	6	0900	Comd, IO and LO I attended a lecture at 6 Aust Div "Capabilities of the Beaufort Bomber".	
		1430	Col GOWARD (ACF) visited Comd.	
	8		GOC rang Comd and gave approx dates for relief 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
	9	0900	Comd and SC attended conference at Div to discuss the relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1000	Comd and IO left for DANMAP River.	
		1015	SC and LO I left for DANMAP River.	
		1700	Comd and IO returned from 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
	10	0800	BM, Maj MAYBERRY, appointed to comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, left by plane to take over comd.	
		0900	Comd left to visit bns.	

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Unit HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN To 31 JAN 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ATTAPE	14 Jan	0800	Comd held COs' conference . BM(L), SC, IO attended. Discuss equipment to be carried for forthcoming move to relieve 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
	15	0830	SC attended conference with AQ 6 Aust Div.	
		0930	SC held conference with Adjts and QMs of Bns to discuss accommodation stores to be taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde.	
	16	0730	Bde HQ moves to new camp site	Appendix C
		0830	Comd visited 19 Aust Inf Bde at DANMAP River.	
	18		8 Aust Div CO No 3 for relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde and tasks of 16 Aust Inf Bde issued.	
	19	0730	Brig MARTIN visited Comd.	
	20	0730	Adv parties from bns left for DANMAP River to prepare for the relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde.	Appendix B.
		1500	Brig REDDISH visited Comd.	
	23	0700	2/1 Aust Inf Bn left ATTAPE to relieve 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1400	16 Aust Inf Bde CO No 1 issued	Appendix D.
	24	0700	2/3 Aust Inf Bn left ATTAPE to relieve 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1130	2/1 Aust Inf Bn completed relief of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, taking over the coastal sector.	
		1400	Comd left ATTAPE for SUAIN.	

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Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN

To 31 JAN 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITAPE	Jan 25	0700	Adv Bde HQ left AITAPE for SUAIN. Arrived new area 1100 hrs.	
		0800	2/1 Aust Inf Bn commenced patrolling.	
		1200	Maj T J SCHMEDJE arrived to take over appointment of BM.	
		1330	16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 1 issued	Appendix E.
	26	1300	Comd left SUAIN for 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.	
	27	0700	16 Aust Inf Bde HQ move to SUAIN. Arrived new area 1100 hrs.	
SUAIN	27	0800	Comd and Lt Col CULLEN left for 2/3 Aust Inf Bn established at MALIN.	
		1030	2/1 Aust Inf Bn made first contact at V671286 resulting in cas two enemy killed. First enemy killed by unit of the bde.	
		1030	2/8 Aust Inf Bn advises relief by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn cannot be completed until tomorrow.	
		1100	2/3 Aust Inf Bn assumed comd of MALIN sector.	
		1300	Comd and Lt Col CULLEN left 2/3 Aust Inf Bn for 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1800	Heavy rain commenced to fall.	
		2200	Reports DANMAP River had risen 6 ft and still rising. 2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn and Bty, adv party of 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt reported to be isolated and that their posn was precarious. Reports from BABIANG that all rivers from the	

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Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 JAN

To 31 JAN 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	27	2200	DANDRIWAD to the NIGIA were flooded and that the rd back to AIRAPE would be closed for at least 10 days.	
	28	0700	Reports from DANMAP reveal that the river rose 18 ft and that the rush of water had washed out a gap of 1600 ft at its mouth. The new bridge was reported to be partly washed away and that what remained was over dry land owing to the river changing its course. Cas DANMAP area reported two drowned two missing.	
		0800	2/3 Aust Inf Bn reports their BHQ and HQ coy completed flooded out during night. Much equipment lost. Cas 10 pers missing.	
			Patrols operating along both banks of DANMAP to locate any bodies. Special Tac R requested to fly low over River and out to sea and report any pers clinging to logs.	
		1300	Tac R reports no sightings. RAAF patrol boat arrived to locate any survivors. Full report on flood with traces attached	APPENDIX F.
		1700	GOC arrived at Bde HQ having walked in from WALUM.	
	29	0500	Report from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn that their fwd coy posn had been attacked. First sign of aggressiveness on enemy's part for several months.	
		1100	Comd passed from 19 Aust Inf Bde to 16 Aust Inf Bde.	
	1200	GOC left by Wirraway for 6 Aust Div. First plane to land on new strip.		

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	29	1400	Brig MARTIN left by plane for AITAPE.	
		1425	First Bde casualty. Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy V673286. Cas own one killed.	
		1600	Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy at V683252, killing 3 enemy and capturing one IMG and maps.	
		1630	6 Aust Div advises that owing to floods blocking rds, one LST will leave AITAPE tomorrow 0001 hrs carrying 7500 rations to be landed at DOGRETO BAY.	
		2000	New bde boundary issued and new patrol limits for 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.	Appendix G.
		2300) 2400)	Enemy raiding parties reported by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn operating around their fwd posns.	
	30	0700	2/1 Aust Inf Bn report sig wires cut by enemy. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn report their line to Bde was tapped during night.	
		0950	Report that enemy is now dug in on NAMBUT HILL.	
		1000	LST landed at DOGRETO BAY successfully. Report from 6 Aust Div that owing to floods in AITAPE area, RAAF fuel dumps under water and that Tac R will be cancelled until further notice.	
	31	0800	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one sqn passed from under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde.	
	1300	Six aircraft bombed Rocky Foreshore V690283. Target enemy posn. First B/S in support of Bde operations. Attached is BUT WEST SHEET - 1 in to 1 mile. All refs given on this sheet.		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
2 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 194 5. HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
NR	2	-	1	* Brigadier *	a. Rank of Capt holding posting of A/BM								
NR	1	la	10	Lieut.-Colonels									
			6	Majors									
				Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	1	17										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.		17									17
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 3272	Maj	MAYBERRY W.M.	59/59 A I Bn	10/1/45	Transferred
NX 82	Capt	PULTON I.C.	Evac to 2/7 AGH	9/1/45	Sickness

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

HA 16 AUST INF BDE Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX 20315	KING R.	R.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	NX128780	JEFFREY	J.S.	A/EM	Yes		
"	NX137513	TOMMY	J.W.	SC	Yes		
"	NX 36318	DUVAL	F.J.	TO	Yes		
"	NX 4073	FLEMING	T.O.	BASCO	Yes		
"	NX 80298	McCOOE	C.P.	LSO	Yes		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.B.	IO	Yes		
"	NX 70746	LONG	M.B.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX 5740	STREPTON	E.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 4784	HODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	BOO	Yes		
"	TX 2777	GARLIDE	A.L.	Hyg offr	Yes		
"	NX109272	O'BRIEN	A.J.	Educ offr	Yes		
"	NX 45400	SHERIFF	F.R.	Amen offr	Yes		
Chap	NGX 304	GLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	QX 23680	ALCOHN	I.W.	"	No	" " 2/2 " " "	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	" " 2/3 " " "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	NX 76244	GLUCKMAN A.	2/13Bn	2/7/43	OC IO PI 2/1 Gd Regt.

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Commander

10 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 1945 .. HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 13 / 1 / 45 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
				W.Os. Class I.					
		1	3	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	2		2	Sergeants					
NR	4	4	10	Corporals					
NR	5	6	49	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	12	11	65 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*		*	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). * * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.	Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
	A	AI					■	■		65
	B(1)	65								
	B(2)					■				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	6 Aust Div AASC			1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn						
2	2/2 Aust Inf Bn						
1	HQ 6 Aust Div						
37	10 pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt						
4	6 Aust Div Postal						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13 / 1 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	*

SEE APPENDIX A.

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

13 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 gHQ 16 Bde. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		8 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	3	W.Os. Class I.						
				W.Os. Class II.						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants						
NR	2	-	2	Sergeants						
NR	3	4	11	Corporals						
NR	2	7	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*	8	12	70 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	AT									70
B(1)	70									
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
3	6 Aust Div	ASC	
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
2	2/2 Aust Inf Bn		
1	HQ 6 Aust Div		
37	10 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt		
3	6 Aust Div	Postal	

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
1	Leave		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

Unit: HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

APPENDIX A

WE 11/2/4Date: 13 Jan 45.

	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts require
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Draughtsman Int	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerks	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOII	1	2	-	1	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storeman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	8	9	-	1	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	10	-	1	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batmen	Pte	13	11	2	-	NR
AASC - Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	-	1	-	NR
AAOC - Amn Examiner	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
AAES - Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS - Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AACHD- Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC - Med Orderly	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
AALC - Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
Batman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		66	65	12	11	-

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
NR	1	-	1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	a. Rank of Capt holding posting of BM(L)									
	1	1	19											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	19									19
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX 20315	KING	R.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	VX 3272	MAYBERRY	W.M.	BM	Yes		
Capt	NX128780	JEFFREY	J.S.	BM(L)	Yes		
"	NX137513	TOWN	J.W.	SC	Yes		
"	NX 82	FULTON	I.C.	SC(L)	Yes		
"	NX 36318	DUVAL	F.J.	TO	Yes		
"	NX 4073	FLEMING	T.O.	BASCO	Yes		
"	NX 80298	McCOOE	C.P.	LSO	Yes		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.E.	IO	Yes		
"	NX 70746	LONG	M.B.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX 5740	STRETTON	E.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 4784	H ODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	B90	Yes		
"	TX 2777	GARLILE	A.L.	Hyg Offr	Yes		
"	NX109272	O'HEARN	A.J.	Educ Offr	Yes		
"	NX 45400	SHERRIFF	F.R.	Amen Offr	Yes		
Chap	NGX 304	GLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	QX 23680	AICORN	I.W.	"	No	" " 2/2 " " "	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	" " 2/3 " " "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	NX 762 44	GLUCKMAN A.	2/13 Bn	2/7/43	OC 10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

6 Jan 45.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Unit: HQ 16 Aust Inf BdeAPPENDIX AW E: 11/2/4Date: 6 Jan 45.

	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP I</u>						
Draughtsmen Int	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP II</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP III</u>						
Clerks	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOII	1	2	-	1	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storemen	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	8	9	-	1	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	10	-	1	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batmen	Pte	13	14	-	1	-
AASC - Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
AAOC - Amn Examnr	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Amn Examnr	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
AAES - Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS - Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AACHD- Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC - Med Ord	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
AALC - Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
Batman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		66	70	8	12	-

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
3 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 194 5 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
			1	* Brigadier									
NR	2	-	-	Lieut.-Colonels									
NR	1	1a	10	Majors	a. Rank of Capt holding posting of A/BN								
			6	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	1	17										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		17									17
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 76244	Lt	GLUCKMAN A.	104 CCS	18/1/45	Illness

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
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Capt	NX128780	JEFFREY	J.S.	A/BM	Yes		
"	NX137513	TOWN	J.W.	SC	YES		
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"	NX 4073	FLEWING	T.O.	BASCO	Yes		
"	NX 80298	McCOOE	C.P.	LSO	Yes		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.B.	IO	Yes		
"	NX 70746	LONG	WB.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX 5740	STRETTON	E.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 4784	HODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	BOO	Yes		
"	NX 2777	CARLILE	A.L.	Hyg offr	Yes		
"	NX109272	O'HEARN	A.J.	Educ offr	Yes		
"	NX 45400	SHERRIFF	F.R.	Amen offr	Yes		
Chap	NGX 304	GLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	NX 23680	ALCORN	I.W.	"	No	" " 2/2 " " "	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	" " 2/3 " " "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Date of Despatch

W. J. Quinn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	2		2	Sergeants					
NR	4	4	10	Corporals					
NR	5	6	49	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	* 12	10	64 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	AI									64
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	6 Aust Div ASC			1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn						
2	2/2 Aust Inf Bn						
1	HQ 6 Aust Div						
37	10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt						
4	6 Aust Div Postal						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194.

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

SEE APPENDIX A.

- NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch.

Signature of Commander

Unit: HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

APPENDIX A

W T: 11/2/4Date: 20 Jan 45.

	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Draughtsmen Int	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerks	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storeman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	3	9	-	1	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	10	-	1	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batman	Pte	13	11	2	-	NR
AASC - Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Bat Dvr	Pte	1	-	1	NR
AAGC - Ann Examiner	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
	Bat Dvr	Pte	1	1	-	-
AAES - Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS - Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AAGhd - Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC - Med Orderly	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
AALC - Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Batman	Pte	1	1	-	-
TOTAL		66	64	12	10	-

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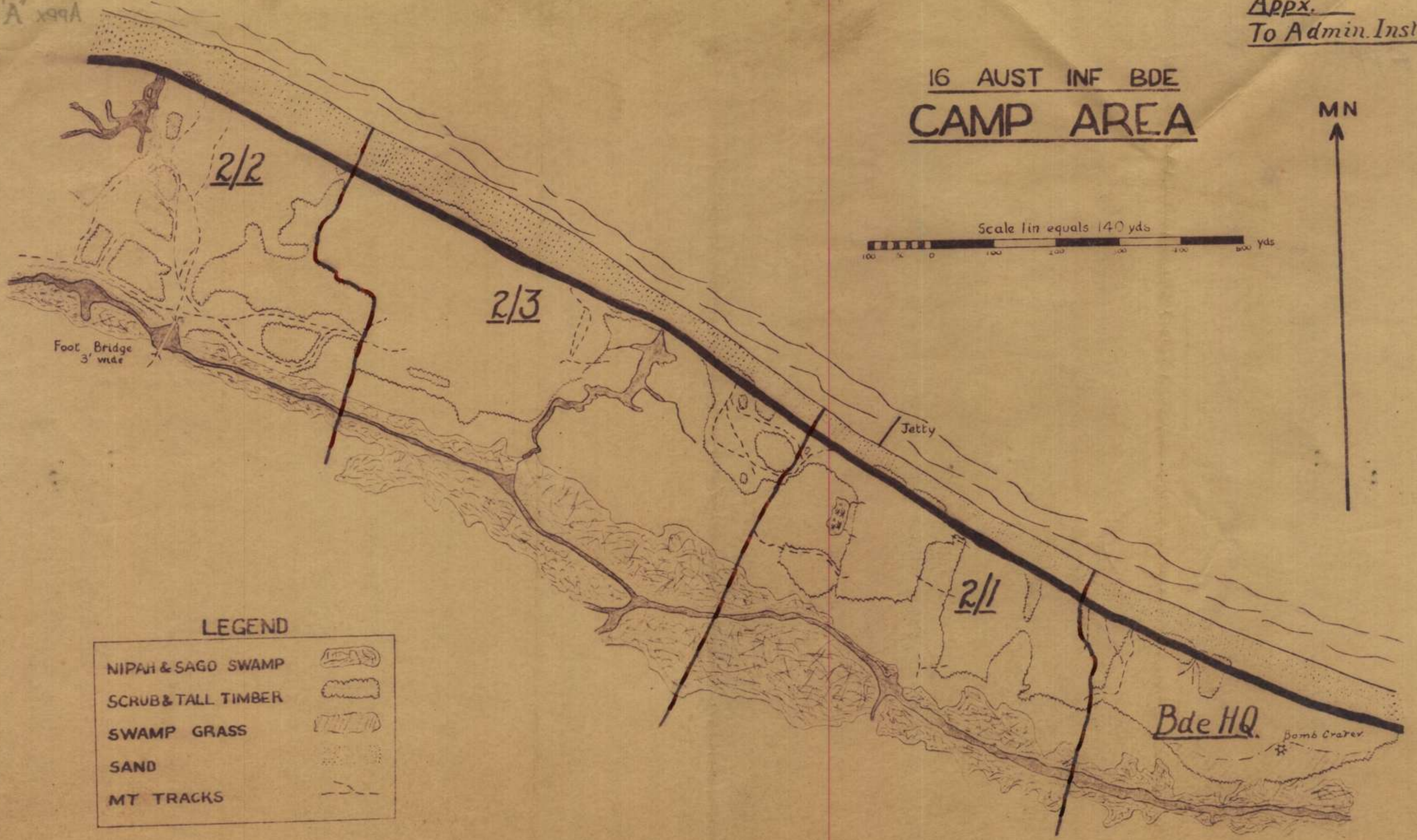
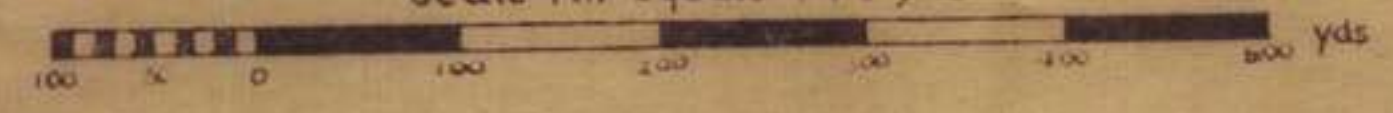
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16 AUST INF BDE
CAMP AREA

MN



Scale 1 in equals 140 yds



LEGEND

NIPAH & SAGO SWAMP	
SCRUB & TALL TIMBER	
SWAMP GRASS	
SAND	
MT TRACKS	

Subject: RELIEF OF 19 AUST INF BDE

Headquarters
16 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: 2859/1/45

2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/45 Aust LAD
16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
T.O.
BAASCO
I.O.
CQMS

Ref 16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No 1 of 16 Jan 45.

1. The present intention is for relief to be made on following basis : -

Night D - 3		Advance parties arrive SUAIN.
D Day	(a)	2/1 Aust Inf Bn arrives SUAIN area forenoon. and moves to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn location.
	(b)	2/4 Aust Inf Bn returns to AITAPE.
D x 1	(a)	2/3 Aust Inf Bn arrives SUAIN area forenoon.
	(b)	Details 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ depart.
	(c)	2/1 Aust Inf Bn relieves 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
D x 2	(a)	2/2 Aust Inf Bn arrives SUAIN area and moves to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn area.
	(b)	2/11 Aust Inf Bn return to AITAPE.
D x 3		Main parties Bde HQ change over.
D x 4	(a)	2/3 Aust Inf Bn completes relief of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn .
	(b)	Comd passes to 16 Aust Inf Bde.
D x 5		2/8 Aust Inf Bn concentrates SUAIN.
D x 6		2/8 Aust Inf Bn returns to AITAPE.

17 Jan 45.

J W Town Capt
(J W TOWN)
S C 16 Aust Inf Bde

War Diary

Appendix B

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Copy No 17

16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 1.
CHANGE OVER WITH 19 AUST INF BDE

1. 16 Aust Inf Bde are to relieve 19 Aust Inf Bde in DANMAP area.

2. The following units will be involved : -

- (a) 16 Aus t Inf Bde HQ
 - (b) 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 - (c) 10 Pl 2/1 Aus t Gd Regt
 - (d) 2/45 Aust LAD
 - (e) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
 - (f) 2/2 Aus t Inf Bn
 - (g) 2/3 Aus t Inf Bn
- } to relieve 19 Aust
}
} .
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} to relieve 2/11 Aust Inf Bn .
} to relieve 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
} to relieve 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOT order of movement of units.

3. DENTAL UNITS

Dental units attached inf bns to move with Bns.

4. DATE OF MOVEMENT

To be notified.

5. ROAD MOVEMENT TABLE

- (i) To be issued later.
- (ii) Movement will be by complete units.

6. ADVANCE PARTIES

- (a) Each Inf Bn will send forward an advance party of: -
 - C O
 - I O
 - Q M
 - 1 Offr and NCO from e ach Coy
 - 1 Representative of each Pl.
 - Batmen for officers in advance party.
- (b) Date of movement to be notified 3 days in advance of first Bn moving.

7. REAR PARTIES

- (a) Each unit will leave a rear party sufficient for protection and picque ts for present area and to maintain hygiene and camp maintenance.
- (b) Strength not to exceed 2 Officers 30 ORs.
- (c) An Officer O/C of all rear parties is to remain at Bde HQ . This officer will be changed each fortnight .
- (d) Officer for first fortnight :

VX 14385 Capt C M STEVENSON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

8. STORES

- (a) All stores to be kept to minimum.
- (b) The following stores in part or in full as required are to be taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde units on one for one basis.
 - (i) Tents and Flys.
 - (ii) Tables and forms (except 2/1 Aust Inf Bn).
 - (iii) Bulk expense stores.
 - (iv) Amn not carried on man or weapon.
 - (v) Complete days balanced rations.
 - (vi) POL except in vehicles and reserve of 50 miles on vehicles.
 - (vii) 44 gall drums.
 - (viii) Latrines less seats.
 - (ix) Philanthropic gear, YMCA etc, by liaison.
 - (x) Any other stores mutually agreed upon by QMs of respective units by liaison.
- (c) The following stores will NOT be taken from this area by units of this bde :
 - (i) Fowler stoves and soyer stoves.
 - (ii) Gas Capes
 - (iii) Steel Helmets
 - (iv) Legs of oots, folding.
 - (v) Blankets except for RAP.
 - (vi) Any other stores mutually arranged to be taken over.

9. TENTAGE

(a) Scale of tentage to be in fwd area. Inf Bns :

- (1) 13 complete tents.
- (ii) 9 additional flys.

10. TABLES

17 per inf bn.

11. 44 GAL DRUMS

(a) 28 Latrine
14 water
13 kitchen.

(b) 6 Aust Div state tpt cannot be provided for 44 gal drums. Units to take over as many drums as possible in 19 Aust Inf Bde area. Remainder will be taken down later.

12. AMMUNITION

(a) Scale to be carried.

- (1) First Line WE, carried on man or with weapon.
- (ii) Remainder of First Line amn to be returned by units to 16 AAD.

13. RATIONS

(a) Unexpended days rations to be carried on the man.

(b) Reserve rations to be carried on man to be notified later.

(c) Emergency ration on man.

14. LIAISON

(i) QMs of units of this bde are to liaise with QMs of 19 Aust Inf Bde as to hand over of any stores on morning of 18 Jan 45.

(ii) Tpt for QMs by unit arrangement.

15. TK A GUNS

To be towed behind troop carrying vehicles provided.

16. TRANSPORT

(a) 2½ ton vehicles attached from AASC will NOT move with units.

(b) Water carts attached will NOT move with units.

(c) Any jeeps NOT landed at time of movement will be replaced under 6 Aust Div arrangements.

17. COOKING GEAR

Scale for inf bns :

Kettles camp oval	14
containers 3 galls	64
steamers 12 galls	12

steamers 7 galls	13
Trays baking	26
Knives	19
Forks	13
Spoons	19
Ladles	19
Hydro Burners	7
Stands cooking	14.

18. ANTI-MITE REPELLENT

In addition to treating all clothes, canvas of cots folding will be treated before leaving this area.

19. TANKS

2/11 Aust Inf Bn have on loan from RAE 2 x 100 gall tanks at WPs at ROCKY PT and MATAPAU which will be taken over by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Replacement to 2/11 Aust Inf Bn not involved.

20. TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVE

(a) After liaison between QMs, units will notify this HQ by 190800 hrs tpt requirements to move complete unit.

(b) Loadings:

18 personnel per 2½ tonner.

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19 Jan 45.

16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 2

RELIEF OF 19 AUST INF BDE

MVT TO DANMAP AREA

1. METHOD

- Jan 20 Advance parties move to LUAIN.
- 23 (a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn less Tk A Pl move LUAIN, met by guides from unit advance and move to area ordered by 19 Aust Inf Bde.
(b) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn move BIVOUAC area as directed by 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- 24 (a) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn move ATTAPE.
(b) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn relieve 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn move area ordered by 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- 25 (a) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn less Tk A Pl moves LUAIN, met by guides and move IDAKAIBUL.
(b) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn concentrate area ordered 19 Aust Inf Bde.
(c) Adv party 16 Aust Inf Bde move SUAIN.
- 26 (a) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn return ATTAPE.
(b) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn commence relief 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
- 27 (a) 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ Gp move SUAIN.
(b) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn complete relief of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) Evening - Comd passes 16 Aust Inf Bde.
- 28 (a) 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ Gp move ATTAPE.
- 29 (a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn less Tk A Pl arrive LUAIN, met by guides and move forward to take over previously allotted task 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
(b) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn concentrate area as ordered 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- 30 2/8 Aust Inf Bn move ATTAPE.
- 31 Tk A Pls 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn move LUAIN.
- Feb 1 Details 19 Aust Inf Bde return ATTAPE.

2. MVT TABLE.

Att as Appx A.

3. EMBUSSING

- (a) Unit lines.
- (b) Units detail embussing officers.

4. DEBUSSING

- (a) Debussing area LUAIN.
- (b) Guides from adv parties report Staff Capt 16 Aust Inf Bde at 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ, 1030 hrs day of arrival main unit.
- (c) Guides move to debussing area.
- (d) On arrival vehicles, senior offr or NCO i/c tps on each vehicle gives order to debuss.
- (e) Tps are guided from debussing area in coy groups.

5. STORES

- (a) Stores not carried on man to be loaded in stores vehicles.
- (b) All stores vehicles are to be at head of convoys.
- (c) Stores vehicles will move direct to following pts and NOT debussing area.
 - (i) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn - 2½ ton Rd Head.
 - (ii) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - mFORK and B ech LUAIN.
 - (iii) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn - ROCKY PT.
- (d) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will ensure stores for KNIFE and B ech are kept in separate vehs.
- (e) Units will ensure unloading parties travel on each stores vehicle.
- (f) On arrival destination, stores vehicles will be unloaded immediately and returned to transport bivouac area SUAIN without delay.

6. ADV PARTIES

On arrival SUAIN, COs to report BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

7. RATIONS

Unexpended portion days ration on man and two days reserve with tps.

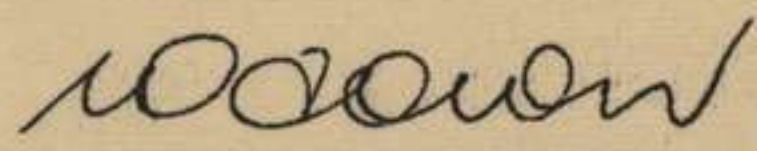
8. RIVERS

In event of rivers being in flood, necessary adjustments will be made to itinerary.

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MVT TABLE

ST PT : WALLBULL CK AIRTAPE 043472
MIH)
VTM) : As directed by AASC 6 Aust Div

TCPs : As arranged by 6 Aust Div Pro Coy.
REC : As arranged by CEME 6 Aust Div.

SERIAL	UNIT	AASC VEHS	VEHS REPORT	UNIT VEHs JEEPS	STORE VEHS	PERS VEHS	VEHS PASS ST	APPROX ETA LUA IN
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	4	201000 I	as required	-	3	unit arrange- ment " " " "	
	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	3	201000 I	" "	-	3		
	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	3	201000 I	" "	-	3		
2	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	48	230530 I	remainder	8	40	230730 I	231200 I
3	16 Aust Inf Bde HQ	1	250530 I	3	-	4	250700 I	251100 I
4	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	52	250530 I	remainder	10	42	250730 I	251200 I
5	16 Aust Inf Bde Hd	16	270530 I	7	7	16	270730 I	271200 I
6	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	52	290530 I	remainder	11	41	290730 I	291200 I
7	Tk A P1 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	3	310530 I	-	2	1	310730 I	311200 I
	Tk A P1 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	3	310530 I	-	2	1	310730 I	311200 I
	Tk A P1 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	3	310530 I	-	2	1	310730 I	311200 I

- (a) Unit jeeps will move at rear of convoys.
 (b) After pers and stores are loaded in unit lines, AASC assume control of all vehicles for convoy until arrival in debussing area.
 (c) Tk A guns in serial 7 are to be loaded on vehs.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

APPX C

Headquarters
16 Aust Inf Bde

Subject: BDE HQ AREA

- 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
- 2/45 Aust LAD
- 10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- Camp
- T.O.
- C.S.M.
- C.Q.M.S.
- ✓ Officers to Note File

Reference Staff Captain's conference.

1. The following instructions are to be carried out whilst this HQ is in AITAPE area : -

(a) DRESS

- (i) At all times between 0545 hrs till 1445 hrs and from 1715 hrs onwards all troops will wear shirts unless carrying out heavy manual duties when shirts may be removed on instructions from any officer.
- (ii) During times mentioned in para (a) (i) all troops must be correctly dressed. Points noticed at present are that troops move around area without gaiters, shirts not tucked in and open fronted shirts or jackets being worn.
- (iii) Hats will be worn at all times between 0545 hrs and 1445 hrs by all troops except on mess parades. Personnel working in offices are exempt from this instruction when actually in offices.
- (iv) During hours 1445 to 1715, troops will remain correctly dressed if moving about area unless on way to a winning parade or engaged in sporting activities.

(b) BDE HQ AREA

- (i) Area is out of bounds to all troops except on duty or who have been personally invited by personnel to visit them and then they must report to Bde Orderly Room.
- (ii) No natives, except on duty, will be allowed in area.

(c) TENT LINES

Tent lines are out of bounds to all troops during parade hours unless permission has been obtained, from an officer, to remain in lines.

(d) OFFICERS LINES

- (i) Are out of bounds to all troops except batmen.
- (ii) If any personnel desire to see an officer, who may be in officers lines on any matter, they will report to Duty Officer who will get officer concerned.

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(d) (iii) Personnel proceeding on swimming parades will NOT pass through officers lines but either to EAST of Bde Car Park or WEST of Sgts Lines.

(e) TENTS

- (i) Tents at all times must be kept properly erected.
- (ii) On ADM parade CSM will instruct whether flaps of tents are to be rolled or tied down. All must be uniform.
- (iii) Three tent pegs will be placed on each side of tent, one each end and one in middle for tying down of sides when necessary.
- (iv) Tent ropes will be on side poles so that adjustments to tighten or loosen can be made.
- (v) During parade hours all tents must be in inspection order, free of all rubbish.

(f) LAYOUT OF TENTS

- (i) Tents will not have more than six personnel.
- (ii) Three stretchers will be on each side of tent.
- (iii) Two boxes only for personal gear will be allowed in each tent. They are to be placed in centre of tent. No other boxes will be allowed in tents.
- (iv) One basin and one bucket only will be allowed for each tent.
- (v) Basins will be placed on sawn off cocconut logs placed six feet at rear of tent, in line with ridge pole. Bucket alongside basin.
- (vi) Each soldier may have a stool which during parade hours must be placed under foot of stretcher. Boxes for stools will NOT be allowed.
- (vii) Immediately on arising at reveille, mosquito nets must be dropped and folded.
- (viii) Before breakfast parade all beds must be made.

(g) LAYOUT OF KITS

- (i) All kits will be in inspection order before morning parade.
- (ii) Tents must be clean.
- (iii) Mosquito net to be folded and placed at head of bed.
- (iv) Blankets will be folded and wrapped in ground sheet with ends of blankets showing.
- (v) Equipment will be placed on blankets after parade.
- (vi) Rifles etc when not in use will be placed on cross beams of stretcher legs.
- (vii) Haversacks to be placed on stretchers on side nearest front of tent.

(g) (viii) Pack alongside haversack.

(ix) Water bottle between pack and haversack.

(x) Spare boots under foot of stretcher.

(xi) Towels to be hung over lines erected between tent uprights inside tents.

(xii) No clothing or washing to be hung in or around tents.

(h) WASHING

(i) All washing to be done in area allotted.

(ii) No washing will be done in tent lines.

(iii) Officers washing will also be done in washing area.

(iv) All washing is to be hung on clothes lines erected near washing point.

(v) Sub unit clothes lines have been allotted and erected.

(vi) Officers washing will be hung on lines erected behind officers kitchen.

(i) SHOWERS

(i) No improvised showers will be erected.

(ii) All showering to be effected in a rea allotted.

(k) RUBBISH

(i) A rubbish dump has been sited and individual rubbish heaps around camp are to cease.

(l) INSPECTION OF LINES AND CAMP AREA

(i) Sub unit comds and Camp Comdt are to make an inspection of lines before inspection by Staff Capt.

(m) PARADES

(i)	Adm Parade	0545 hrs
(ii)	Meal parade fall in	0610 hrs
(iii)	Atebrin parade	0700 hrs
(iv)	Morning parade	0715 hrs with arms and eqpt.
(v)	Meal parade fall in	1155 hrs
(vi)	Afternoon parade	1245 hrs
(vii)	Repellant parade	1715 hrs
(viii)	Meal parade	1725 hrs.

(vi) All parades are to be on Bde parade ground.

Disciplinary action will be taken against late arrivals at all parades.

(n) MESS PARADES

(i) Will fall in on Bde parade ground and be MARCHED to mess hut.

(ii) Any early or late meals required will be advised to CQMS in ample time to make necessary arrangements.

(l) INSPECTION OF LINES AND CAMP AREA

(i) Sub unit comds and Camp Comdt are to make an inspection of lines before inspection by Staff Capt.

(n) (iii) Early meals for duty personnel only will be provided a half hour previous to set down meal times.

(o) SALUTING

(1) Attention is drawn to CRO A 6/45 for strict compliance.

2. It is the duty of each officer and NCO to ensure above instructions are carried out whether a member of the sub unit or not of the personnel not obeying these instructions.

3. If any officer or NCO observes a breach of discipline and does NOT take immedia te action, he will have disciplinary action taken against him as well as the soldier.

4. If necessary defaulters parades will be held at 1500 hrs daily in order to maintain discipline in this HQ.

15 Jan 45.

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16 AUST INF BDE 001

Ref maps: SUAIN EAST)
 BUT WEST) one in to one mile.

INFM

1. Enemy

(a) As shown in 6 Aust Div Revsits and Intelligence Summaries.

(b) Enemy dispositions shown on a map captured 1 Jan 45 are shown on tracing attached at appendix A.

(c) A deduced enemy OOB in this area is also shown on tracing att at appendix A.

2. Likely Enemy Action

It is considered that enemy may use mortars, fd and Tk A guns, and there is some possibility that he may use tks.

He is known to possess landing craft, and a sea borne operation, particularly on the L of C, is possible.

3. Own Tps

(a) OOB shown att at appendix B.

(b) Dispositions shown in trace att at appendix C.

(c) 17 Aust Inf Bde is operating SOUTH of 16 Aust Inf Bde and is to clear enemy from area WEST of NORTH-SOUTH line through incl AMI V 602038 - BITIKA V 5908.

4. Air

Direct sp and Tac R available on application this HQ.

5. Ground

Infm obtained from patrols and Tac R will be shown on a map to be issued later.

INTENTION

6. 16 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will prevent enemy from passing WEST or NORTH of general line ABAU - MALIN - ILAP - WALUM and clear area already secured.

METHOD

As from 271700 I when comd is assumed by 16 Aust Inf Bde.

7. FDLs

Localities to be incl FDLs shown in trace att at apendix C.

8. Inter-unit Boundaries

Shown on trace att at appendix C.

9. Patrols

Fwd limits, without reference to bde, are shown on trace att at appendix C. Offensive patrolling beyond FDLs will be reduced to the minimum necessary.

10. Res

2/2 Aust Inf Bn Gp will protect fd guns located in its area and will be prepared to counter attack in either fwd bn area.

ADM

11. Issued separately.

INTERCOMM

12. (a) Bde HQ remains SUAIN 540317.

(b) Signal instruction issued separately.

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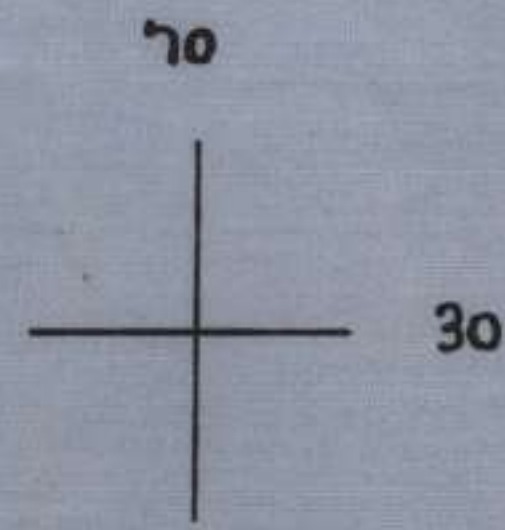
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C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	5	5	5	5
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	6	6	6	6
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	7	7	7	7
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	8	8	8	8
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	9	9	9	9
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	10	10	10	10
2/3 Aust MG Bn	11	11	11	11
Sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl	12	-	12	-
Sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	13	-	13	-
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	14	-	14	-
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	15	-	15	-
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	16	-	16	-
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	17	12	17	12
110 Aust Bde Ord Wksp	18	-	18	-
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	19	-	19	-
Det 6 Aust Div Sal Unit	20	-	20	-
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS AS SHOWN ON CAPTURED MAP DATED: 10 NOV 44 LOCATION DANMAP RIVER WALUM AREA APPX "A"

DANMAP RIVER
WALUM AREA
APPX "A"

TO BE SUPERIMPOSED ON MAP BUT WEST 1:63,360



1BN 102 (54)
 15 FD MACHINE CANNON COY
 36 " " " "
 1 COY. (LESS ONE PL) PROVISIONAL
 41 DIV ENGRS
 DET 237 REGT
 DET 75 MM REGT GUN COY
 DET 11 MG SEC 3BN
 DET TR-A COY

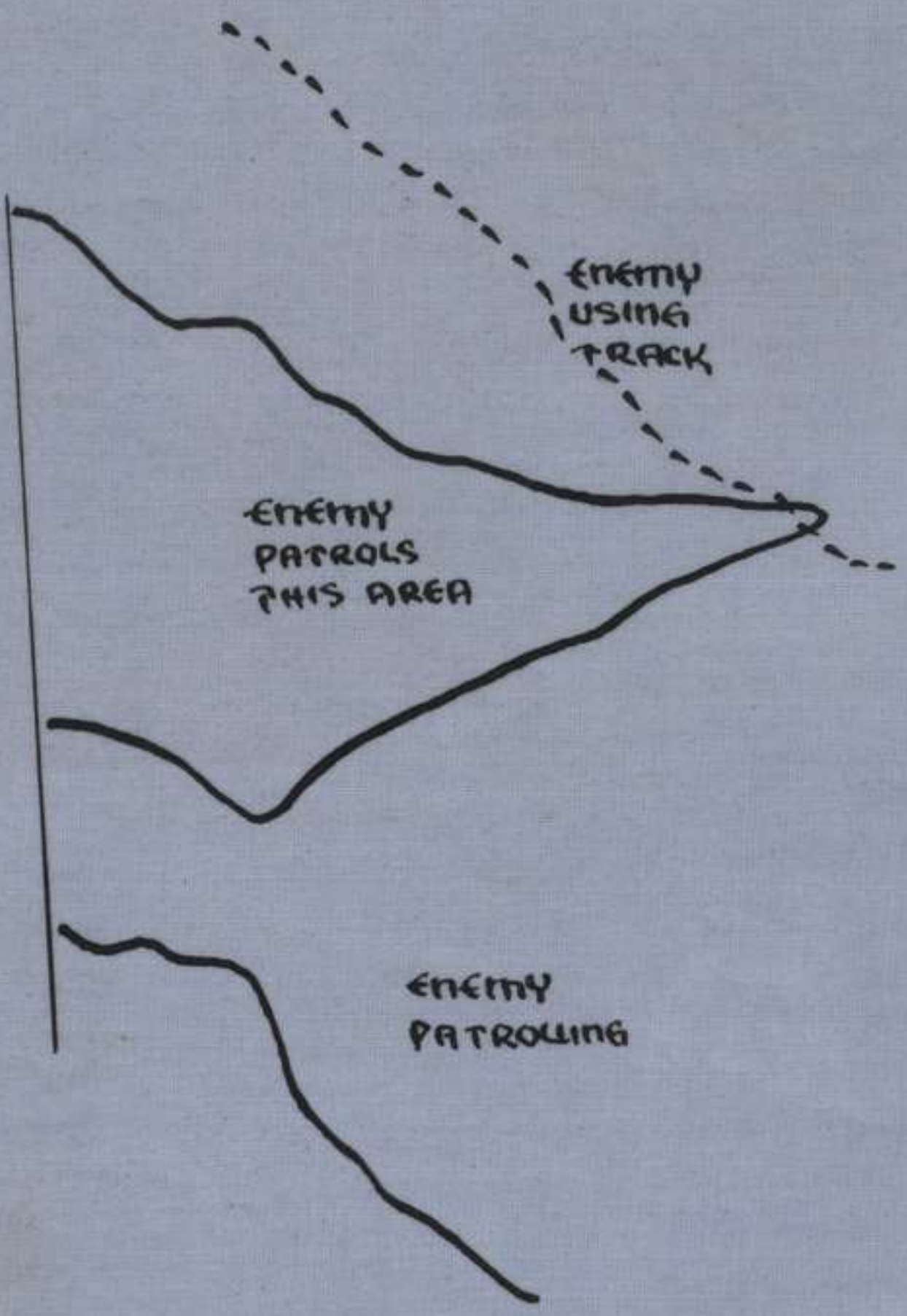
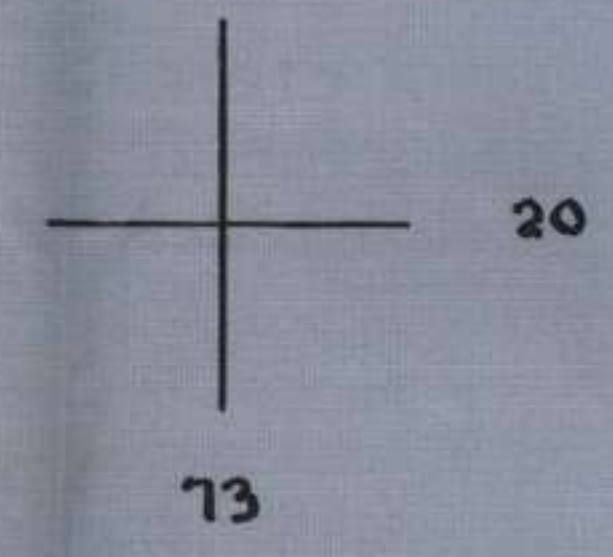
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15	(11)
35	(10)
46	(29)
18	(3)
?	?
?	?
?	?
216	(107)

9 DEBARKATION UNIT ELEMENTS

STRENGTH	SICK
117	(60)

DET 41 DIV HQ 41 (15)
 3 BN LESS HMG SEC 3 GUNS
 DET 41 DIV SIGS UNIT
 EX 3 TEL REGT 18 ARMY
 3 FD HOSPITAL

STRENGTH	SICK
222	(136)
73	(8)
57	(47)
393	206



OOB(a) HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/45 Aust LAD

In Sp HQ RAA 6 Aust Div
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
2/2 Aust Fd Coy

Under Comd 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less 2/9 Sqn
(under comd until 310800 I and thereafter
one sqn under comd)

Two tps C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/4 Aust Pigeon Sec
2/1 Aust Tpt Pl
One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl
One sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
110 Aust Bde Ord Wksp
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
Det 6 Aust Div Sal Unit
Det AACCS.

(b) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/1 Aust Inf Bn

Under Comd A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn less 5 Pl

In Sp 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

(c) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Under Comd HQ 2/3 Aust MG Bn
C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn
2 Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn
5 Pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

(d) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Gp

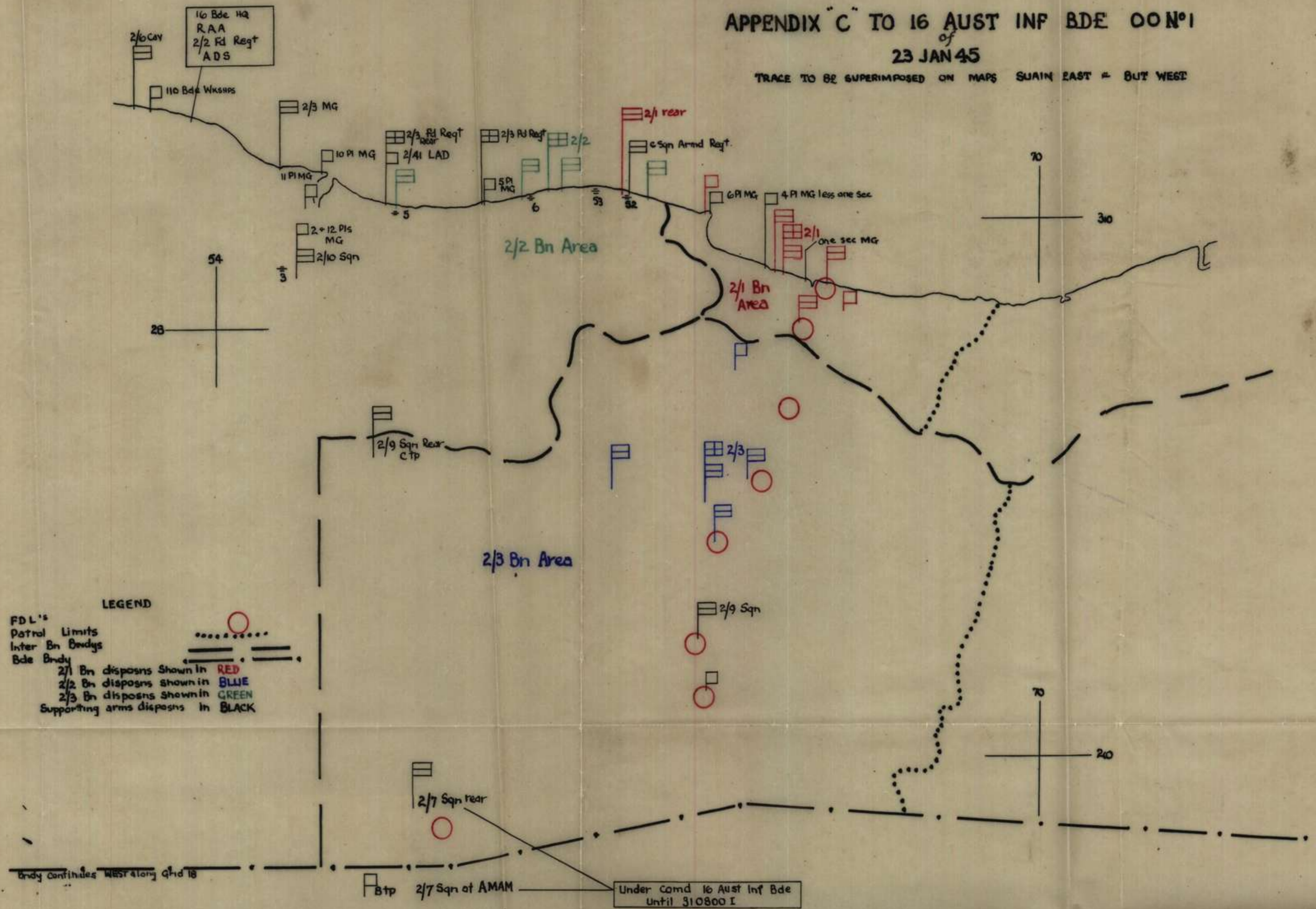
2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Under Comd 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn

In Sp 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

APPENDIX "C" TO 16 AUST INF BDE OON^o1
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17 AUST INF BDE

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16 AUST INF BDE SIG INSTN

Issued in conjunction with 16 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1.

1. COMMUNICATIONS

All communications within 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be as shown in signal diagram attached as appx A.

2. WIRELESS

- (a) All W/T transmissions will be enciphered.
- (b) R/T Code will be used for all R/T transmissions except
 - (i) communications with aircraft;
 - (ii) emergency calls on any matter on which enemy cannot take immediate action;
 - (iii) SCR sets which may use clear except for code names and appointment code.
- (c) Messages too long or involved for transmission by R/T may be sent in R/T Code by W/T when
 - (i) it is considered encoding will dangerously delay transmission;
 - (ii) there are NO other means equally as fast as W/T.
- (d) Key Word/Letters for AMF R/T Code No 2

Serial	1	Current	SWAMPYGROUND/B
	2	1st Reserve	FIGHTERPLANS/A
	3	2nd Reserve	HISTUCKERBOX/T.

Any compromise or suspected compromise will be notified this HQ immediately by priority signal.

3. CABLE

- (a) All cable will be built up at least 15 feet as laid.
- (b) Cable for inf tps will be laid on left of track, other tps, right of track.
- (c) Use of Assault Wire, W130, will be restricted because of shortage of supply.

4. DRLS

Timetable to be issued separately.

5. PIGEONS

- (a) Pigeon loft located this HQ.
- (b) Pigeons available for fwd elements upon request to this HQ.

6. CODES

- (a) Code names vide appx B. Column "D" current.
- (b) Appointment Code will be used.

7. ACK.

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Method of Despatch

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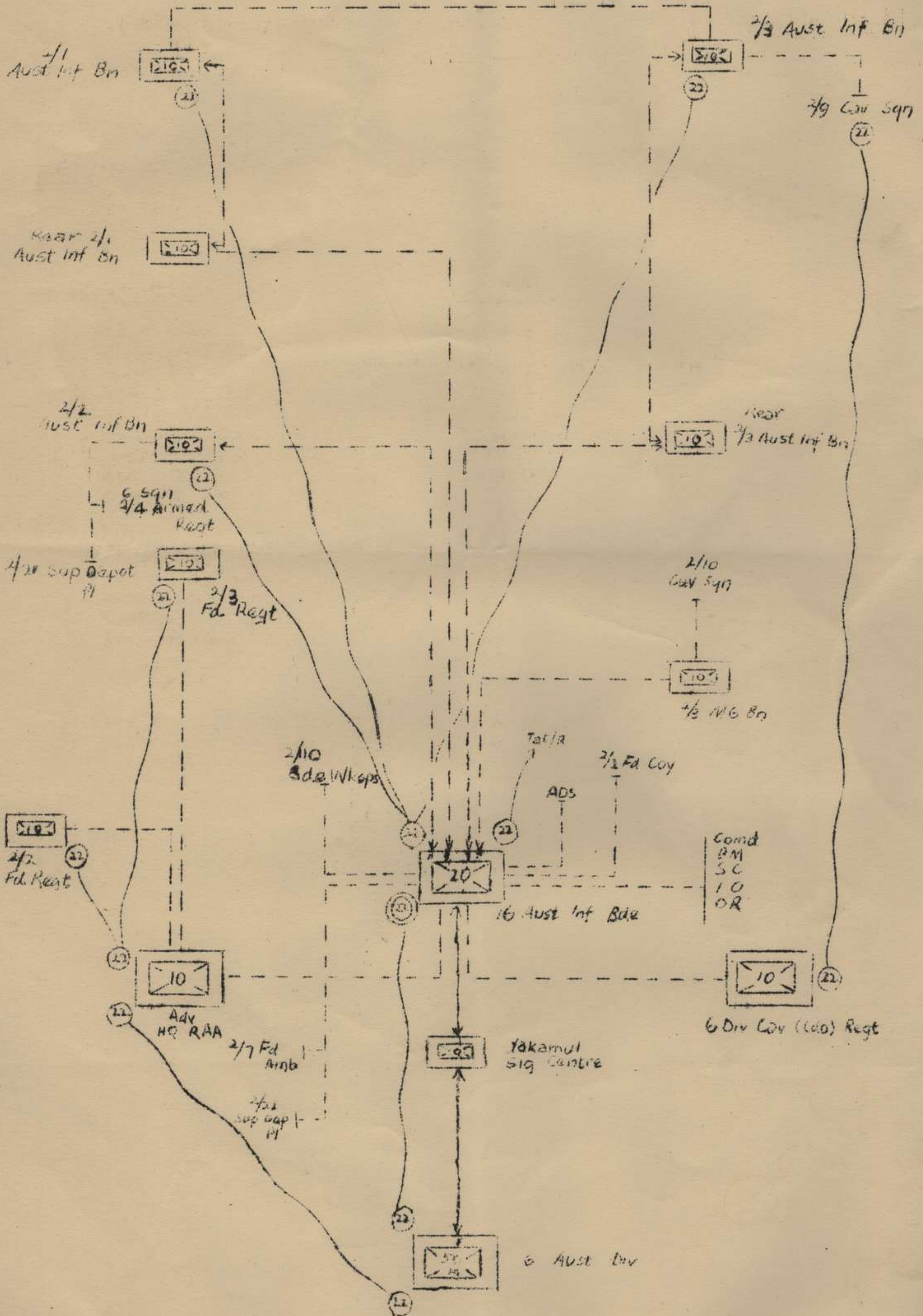
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 SIGNAL PLAN

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Appx B to 16 Aust Inf Bde
Sig Instn No 1

CODE NAMES

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
HQ 6 Aust Div	BUMI	KODU	HAMO	DOVO	KORU	KITO	LORO	DUBA
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	FORA	DIHA	LASU	LURO	KELO	DOSA	DAMI	FUFU
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde (Spare)	LUKO	HIRI	DILI	FABI	LOPO	LEDU	BOFA	LUDI
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	DIRA	BURI	LOPO	BIJO	DILI	BIMU	DOTA	DIHA
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	BOKA	KERA	KELO	DULU	LASU	LASA	KOBU	HIRI
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	KAMO	DUPA	DOLA	LONO	BOLI	KODA	LUNU	BURI
RHQ 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	DAMI	LEKA	BUXI	LIBU ^{LIPU?}	KETI	DULO	FATI	LUKO
2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn	BOFA	KATI	KURU	DUBA	KOFO	BITO	HADA	DIRA
2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn	DOTA	BALO	LUXU	KOTO	FIXA	DUVI	DUBU	BOKA
2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn	KOBU	BUMA	KUMU	FIPO	BUDO	LIXO	BIMO	KAMO
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Arm Regt	LUNU	DIRO	BOBU	LOTA	FOVA	LESA	LUDA	KULU
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BINA	LOPA	LOBI	KIDA	LATU	BUPO	KEFO	LIPU
RHQ 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	LOBO	LONO	BUMI	KODA	BOLA	LUKO	DITU	BAFU
3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	BATU	BARO	DAMI	FOLI	LALI	BURI	HOFU	LOKO
4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	HODI	RUBO	BOFA	BARU	HODI	HIRI	BUSA	DUVI
52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	LALI	HARI	DOTA	KIPI	BATU	DIHA	LIKO	LIXO

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
RHQ 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	BOLA	DOSA	KOBU	DIFO	LOBO	LUBI	FABO	LESA
5 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	DOPI	LEDU	LUNU	LENA	LEBA	FUFU	BOLI	BUPO
6 Bty 2/3 Aust Hd Regt	FABO	VIMU	BINA	BUMU	DUTU	KATI	KATI LASU	DOSA
53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	BOLI	LASA	HONO	LELI	LIDU	BALO	DILI	LEDU
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	HASA	LENA	HODI	BURI	BOFA	BIJO	LOBI	KIPI
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	LOBI	LELI	BOLA	BALO	BUMI	LONO	KAPU	LENA
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	DULI	DULA	DOPI	BUMA	BOBU	BARO	HADO	BUMU
2/3 Aust MG Bn	DOVO	LORO	LEKA	BADA	DUBA	KURU	DOPI	BARO
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	KOTO	DUBU	BOKA	HOFO	KUFA	KERA	LEKA	LUXU

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APPX "E"

16 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1

(Issued in conjunction with 16 Aust Inf Bde O O No 1)

To operate as from 271800i

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST)
 BUT WEST) 1 in to 1 ml

1. WATER

- (a) WPs vide attached trace Appx "A".
- (b) The following water roster will apply as from 27 Jan 45:-

Ser- ial	Units Responsible	Type of Veh		Area of Responsibility	Remarks
		400gal	80gal		
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1	2 @	MATAPAU - ABAU	att from 16 Aust Inf Bde.
2.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1		ROCKY PT-MATAPAU	" "
3	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	1	3	ROCKY PT-DANMAP	
4	2/3 Aust MG Bn	1		LUAIN area	
5	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	1		SUAIN PLANTATION- SUAIN	
6	C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		1	Own unit	
7	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl		1	Own unit	
8	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	1		MDS	
9	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl		1	Own unit	

@ 1 Trailer with Jeep attached from 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl.

2. AMN

- (a) APs vide trace attached appx "A".
- (b) Unit Res as taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) Returns showing amounts taken over by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to be submitted Bde HQ immediately after taking over.

3. POL

- (a) Bde Res - BABIANG and LAZY CREEK DIDs.
- (b) Units indent every SAT for POL, Range Fuel and Distillate.

4. SUPS

- (a) DID)
 BBP) vide trace attached as Appx "A"
 Bde Issuing Pt)

(PTO)

(b) Sup Ps -

- (i) DID - for units WEST of NORTH-SOUTH LINE 50.
- (ii) BBP - for units EAST of NORTH-SOUTH LINE 50, up to and incl DANMAP.
- (iii) Bde Issuing Pt - for units EAST of DANMAP.

(c) Maintenance to Sup Ps -

- (i) 6 Aust Div deliver to BBP.
- (ii) BBP break reations and Bde delivers to Bde Issuing Pt.

(d) Bread - Delivered daily to Sup Ps daily under Bde arrangements.

(e) ASC dets -

- (i) Three dets 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl are attached 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Location vide trace Appx "A".
- (iii) One det FORK for breaking of bulk for IDAKAIBUL.

5. DZ

- (a) AMAM.
- (b) MALIN.

6. MAINT BY AIR DROP

(a) AMAM -

- (i) 6 Aust Div responsible daily maint and 4 days sups and one WE amm as res.
- (ii) Any unit stores to be dropped, to be arranged with this HQ.
- (iii) Parachutes - these will be backloaded to MALIN when track WALUM-MALIN dedared clear of enemy.
- (iv) Amm and ration holdings will be advised this HQ 1200 hrs every WED and SAT.

(b) MALIN

- (i) 6 Aust Div responsible daily maint.
- (ii) 3 days res for 2/3 Aust Inf Bn gp to be built up under arrangement 6 Aust Div.
- (iii) Items NOT possible to drop will be fwded by native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.
- (iv) Daily recovery figures from air drop will be advised this HQ 1800 hrs daily.
- (v) Parachutes - These will be backloaded to LUAIN.

7. NATIVES

(a) AMAM -

- (i) Strength of Indentured and casual labourers will NOT exceed 60 in all, except until Sqn completes mov to AMAM and amm res at LAMBUAIN is fwded to AMAM, 120 natives may be held.

(ii) All refugees and casual labourers in excess of the above figures will be fwded to coast under arrangements ANGAU.

(iii) 6 Aust Div will drop a res of Refugee Rations for maint of refugees to coast only.

(b) MALIN -

(i) 190 natives with ANGAU reps are attached 2/3 Aust Inf Bn for maint in SOUTH HILL - MALIN - ARIUAI area.

(ii) 40 natives to be allotted for collection of animal droppings.

(c) LUAIN -

(i) Main ANGAU compound.

(ii) Any stores for att tps (i.e. 2/9 Aust Cav Sqn, Arty etc) going by carrier will have separate escort to ensure stores do NOT get mixed with normal carrier line.

8. RES

The following res will be held within units:-

(a) Amm as taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Rations - 3 days res with units.

9. MEDICAL

(a) MDS)
(b) ADS) vide trace Appx "A"

(c) Med det with SB - IDAKAIBUL.

(d) Car Posts -

(i) Two Jeep ambulances att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn for evac to DANMAP RIVER.

(ii) One Jeep ambulance att 2/3 Aust MG Bn to evac cas over DANMAP to ADS.

(e) Fly Fox - across DANMAP to evac cas when river flooded. To be operated by RAE pers only.

(f) Evac from AMAM - when route cleared, by native carrier via WALUM and MALIN.

(g) Evac from MALIN - by native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.

10. REPAIR AND REC

(a) 2/45 Aust LAD

(b) 2/41 Aust LAD att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt

(c) Adv det 2/110 Aust Bde Wksp & Ord Fd Pk

(d) Rec Pt - DANMAP - Breakdown veh supplied by 2/110 Aust Bde Wksps.

)
) vide attached
) trace Appx "A"

(PTO)

11. TPT

- (a) 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl less one sec att Bde Issuing Pt.
- (b) One sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl att BBP.
One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl
- (c) One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl att 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
- (d) Bde TO is responsible for all deliveries from BBP to Bde Issuing Pt and for delivery of bread from BABIANG to BBP and Bde Issuing Pt.
- (e) Tpt Pl is responsible for delivering to units except where Bde Sup 0 arranged for units to collect from Sup Pts.
- (f) Jeep tpt across DANMAP must be kept minimum.

12. CANTEEN

- (a) Issuing Pt - vide Appx "A"
- (b) Issuing days -
 - (i) Att tps - as at present.
 - (ii) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn - 1000 hrs Tues & Fri
 - (iii) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn - 0830 hrs Mon & Thurs
 - (iv) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 1230 hrs Mon & Thurs
 - (v) 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ - 0800 hrs Mon & Thurs

13. PAY

Det 6 Aust Div Cash Office - vide Appx "A".

14. FPO

- (a) Location vide Appx "A"
- (b) Opens 2718001.

15. SAL

Det 6 Aust Div Salvage unit as per Appx "A".

16. PRO

- (a) Check Post - DANMAP.
- (b) POINTSMAN - ROCKY PT.

17. ATEBRIN

All tps 2 tablets daily.

ACK.

Issued through *Sup*

Signed at 250800+

W. J. Town Capt
 SC 16 Aust Inf Bde
 J W Town

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No with Appx "A"

2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	3
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	4
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	5
2/3 Aust MG Bn less 2 Coys	6
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	7
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	8
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9
2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	10
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	11
19 Aust Inf Bde	12
Comd	13
BM	14
SC	15
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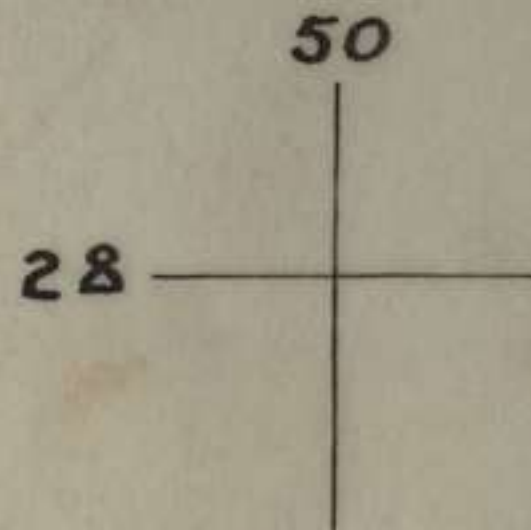
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AMN Pt & DID

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APPX 'A'
TO 16 AUST INF BDE ADMIN ORDER N° 1

TO BE SUPERIMPOSED ON MAPS

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BBP

110 BDE Wk SHOPS

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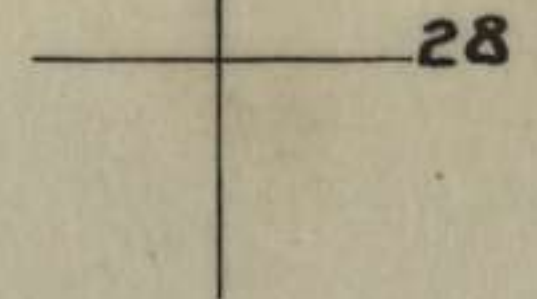
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DET AASC

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REPORT - FLOOD DANMAP RIVER NIGHT 27/28 JAN 45

Ref maps: SUAIN EAST) 1 in to 1 ml.
 BUT WEST)

GENERAL

At the FORK area (i.e. the peninsula formed by the junction of the DANMAP and the DANIMUL rivers) the rise was greatest and reached a height of 18 ft above the normal water level. The danger began at 272000 I when the DANIMUL which had risen more quickly than the DANMAP swept in a flood across the peninsula, creating an island where the tip of the peninsula had been and on the WEST spreading over the banks of its own flood plain. The DANIMUL shifted its own main channel 35 yds to the EAST. Together with the DANMRP it flowed on to the sea spreading out over the Western and Eastern banks. By 272300 I the DANIMUL began to lose its volume of water and it appeared to those isolated on the island at the FORK that the danger was past. All recently created islands in the low lying areas had been covered and the scene presented a fantastic appearance with men clinging to logs and to the trunks and branches of trees partially submerged in the water. At 272330 I the DANMAP came rolling down in a vast roaring wave washing away the logs and uprooting the trees which lay in its path and flinging men into the river. It flowed on and swept away the nearly completed bridge at V556296 spreading out over the road running from coast to bridge and far into the sago swamp to the EAST and WEST. The northern sweep of water was blocked by the dune line and dammed in the area to the SOUTH. Under pressure the dune line gave way and the water poured through the gap into the sea. The gap continued to widen until it reached a width of 150 yds, creating an island of the high ground on which the cemetery stands. A platoon was marooned on this island. The DANMAP on the EAST and the newly formed channel on the WEST continued to eat away the island until it was 100 yds long by 30 yds wide. At 280130 I the water level began to fall. At highest water the river mouth was 1600 ft wide.

As a result of the flood the DANMAP has widened its banks 30 yds on the WEST and 10 yds on the EAST. The main channel having shifted from close to the EAST bank towards the WEST bank. The peninsula at the FORK has been whittled down 80 yds. A tidal gap 150 yds long exists to the WEST of the high ground on which the cemetery stands and across which the coastal road ran.

The following units were involved and suffered personnel losses as follows :-

	<u>DEAD</u>	<u>MISSING</u>
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	1	6
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	-	1
2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn	2	2
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	3	9
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One of the missing has been recovered but as yet remains unidentified. This makes a total of 4 dead and 8 bodies unaccounted for. Both banks of the DANMAP have been continually searched but without success.

The flood was the heaviest in the DANMAP Valley within living memory. This is confirmed by the great trees which in the light of their size had taken 20/30 years to mature and had resisted previous floods during that period.

Reports of the flood as it affected individual units are attached hereto.

Appendices A and B show the course of the DANMAP before and after the flood.

3 BTY 2/2 AUST FD REGT (V555292)

The bty occupied a ridge 24 ft above the normal level of the DANMAP and so favourably situated in the event of the river flooding. At 272000 I when the DANMAP had risen 8 ft the majority who were already in bed were roused. So quickly did the flood waters rise that by 272015 I the river had risen 15 ft. The highest water mark - 18 ft - was reached at 272100 I. By 272030 I the DANMAP was racing towards its mouth at a speed of 30/40 miles an hour. As the flood waters swirled past the ridge huge trees were torn up and logs crashed down the stream with men clinging to them. Other men who were clinging to the trees were thrown into the water. The current ate the WEST bank away to a depth of 30 ft. Until 272330 I men were seen hanging to trees at which time they collapsed under the pressure of water.

As soon as possible the bty began assisting those in difficulties. All members threw themselves into the task of extricating those who were in the water and assisting those who had either swam or been washed to the WEST bank. By 280800 I three dead bodies had been recovered and nineteen stretcher cases handled on the WEST bank in the area between FORK and bridge. Although all men of the bty worked well the following incident is worthy of individual citation -

DX 174 L/Bdr McALLISTER C J, who with a web belt around his body attached to a signal line waded and swam against a raging torrent until he reached the men stranded on trees and logs. Gripping a tree to which 3 men were clinging he removed the web belt from his body, attached it to the tree and called to those on the bank to pull the signal wire tight. The 3 marooned men reached the bank along this line. L/Bdr McALLISTER then returned to the WEST bank at 272030 I. By swimming in the stream NORTH of the FORK he saved two badly injured men and then assisted a further six to safety. L/Bdr McALLISTER although worn out by his earlier exertions carried on splendidly and was instrumental in saving the lives of 11 men.

ADV 4 BTY 2/2 AUST FD REGT (V554291) consisted of a party of 2 offrs and 6 ORs. At 271930 I Capt POWELL, OC party, was awakened by water running under his cot. He awakened the others and directed that all gear be placed in a jeep for safety. The water rose quickly to waist height and three men were sent to 3 Bty to warn them to salvage their ammunition. The river was now flooding so swiftly that only two were able to return. Trailers were hooked to jeeps and the jeeps driven to higher ground. The party was now marooned on a newly formed island and 3 Bty threw a rope to them. One man attempted to cross by rope but half way across the current was so strong that he was unable to move either forward or back. This man was struck on the head by a log and carried downstream is now missing. When the water on the newly formed island had risen to shoulder height the party climbed trees to which they clung until 272330 I when a huge wave sweeping down the DANMAP tore the trees out of the ground and threw the men into the water. All were carried down stream and washed on to the WEST bank.

2/3 AUST MG BN

2 Pl plus one sec of 12 Pl situated on high ground on the NORTH bank of the DANIMUL suffered only inconvenience.

12 Pl minus one sec (V 555296)

At 271900 I a vehicle returning downstream from the FORK was observed to be in difficulties. By 271930 I the rising water had spread out in a sheet covering the platoon area and some cots were already awash. Some equipment was transferred to higher ground and salvage of YMCA goods, kitchen gear and stores began. By 272000 I any movement to high ground on foot was completely cut off by a rushing torrent 6 feet deep and 25 yds wide. Fifteen men were able to reach temporary safety by swimming and 6 more by means of a rope. The remaining ten stranded on a small island were forced to climb trees. At 272100 I the island had been covered by six feet of water flowing at approx 30 miles an hour. At 272330 I two men were clinging to one tree and eight to another when the trees collapsed. The men were thrown into the water but all managed to scramble out safely.

NX 43659 Pte SEWELLA and SX 14887 Pte LAMBERT G A when trees were crashing all around and waters swirling savagely went to the assistance of the men stranded on trees. Twice they attempted to carry a rope to the trees but failed. Although worn out they tried again and succeeded and in all saved the lives of nine men.

11 Pl (V558301).

By 272000 I the river had risen over its banks at their point spreading out across the road and into the sago swamp. The platoon moved on foot towards the road but rising water forced them to swim, non swimmers being passed from hand to hand to the road. The water over the road was then waist deep and rising rapidly. The platoon moved forward one hundred yards but the flood waters were flowing so swiftly that it was impossible to stand and the swimmers again passed those unable to swim from hand to hand. The water was now 10 feet deep but all were conveyed to high ground by this means.

TX 3248 Sgt ROBERTS L K from the time it became necessary to swim helped at least half the platoon from tree to tree. At all times he was in danger of being swept away or struck by a floating log. For 3 hrs he moved up and down in the water maintaining morale so that none panicked and individually saved a number of lives.

NX 79684 Sig HUTCHINSON I G when the flood waters were at their height swam to a point where a number of men were in difficulties, tied a rope to a tree and swam back again to the road where he fastened the other end of the rope to another tree. The rope became snagged and he dived again to free it. He was dazed by a blow from a floating log but freed the rope and returned. He rested 15 minutes and without the knowledge of his platoon commander again went to the help of his comrades.

10 PL (SANDSPIT WEST BANK MOUTH OF DANMAP V561308)

By 272045 I the water in the sago swamp to the SOUTH of the coastal road was rising rapidly and within the next half hour had risen to 7 feet. The water continued to rise being dammed in the sago swamp. Under the pressure of the dammed water the coastal strip 300 yds WEST of the river mouth gave way, the water pouring into the sea. The gap rapidly widened to 150 yds. The high ground on which the cemetery is situated and on which the platoon were isolated was now an island. The new river on the WEST and the DANMAP on the EAST began to eat away the island until it became 100 yds long by 30 yds wide. The water then began to fall and by 280600 I the whole platoon reached the mainland.

2/10 SQN 2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT plus stretcher bearer detachment plus two detachments of 3" mortars (from 2/8 Aust Inf Bn) V557290.

The DANMAP and DANMUL Rivers rose slowly during afternoon 27 Jan. This occasioned no alarm as it was no unusual phenomenon. By 271630 I it was noted that the DANMAP was within 2 ft of the top of its banks and jeeps were tied up in the river bed. The Sqn was situated on a peninsula formed by the junction of the DANMAP and DANMUL Rivers with Sqn HQ on the tip. At 271830 I a small stream of water appeared between Sqn HQ and the bulk of the Sqn. This stream rapidly deepened and widened. At 271850 I two men who set out on a rope across the water to locate high ground found the camp isolated. It now stood on an island in the DANMUL River separated from the tiny island to the NORTH. The two men returned to the island by a rope. Meanwhile two sig wires had been thrown from the tiny island to the island on which the main strength were concentrated. A swirling flood swept from the DANMUL over the STRAIGHT CREEK into the DANMAP. Evacuation by rope began from the main island to high ground on the WEST bank of the DANMUL and all except 18 had crossed when a rushing torrent snapped the rope. The water which had swept over the islands between the DANMAP and DANMUL rose to 5 ft so that the 18 stranded men were forced to climb trees. The men in the trees clung on until the DANMUL began to fall and it appeared that the danger was past. Suddenly at 272330 I the DANMAP rolled down in a huge wave washing down everything in its path and flinging the men who were clinging to trees into the water. 4 men were swept away two of whom are dead and two missing. The 14 survivors plus the remainder of the Sqn and attached troops reached safety beyond the DANMUL where they remained until 280730 I when all reached 3 Bty area.

NX 201232 Tpr MORAN J R dived to what appeared to be certain death in an attempt to save another man. He grasped Tpr NOONAN who was semi conscious and clinging to debris saved him from being swept away. Tpr MOORAN sheltered Tpr NOONAN with his body and twice he attempted to get the now unconscious man to safety. When the great wave came down the DANMAP Tpr MORAN lost his grip on Tpr NOONAN but caught him and held him until he was finally swept away. On the first occasion Tpr MORAN held Tpr NOONAN for two and a half hours and for three quarters of an hour on the second occasion.

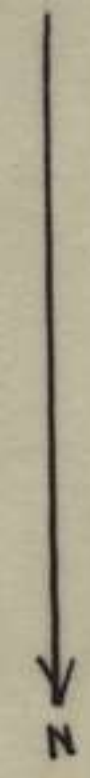
2/3 AUST INF BN and elements 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (MALIN - IDAKAIBUL area)

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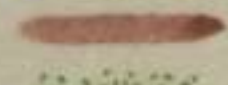
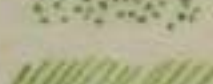
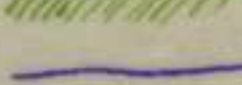

During the late afternoon 27 ~~Jan~~ heavy rain fell throughout the area. The DANMAP River rose and by 271830 I had reached the limits of its banks. At 272100 I the river rose so quickly that troops were forced to move to higher ground. Within the next 20 minutes the river rose 8 ft. Some equipment was salvaged but owing to the confusion the darkness and the rapid rise of the water level, much was lost. 4 Pl of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn who were marooned on a newly formed island took to the water on logs. Seven were swept away one of whom is dead and six missing. By 272200 I the river began to fall and by 272359 I was back within the limits of its normal channel. By morning 28 Jan the appearance of the area had completely changed, silt was piled three ft deep and all communications were severed.

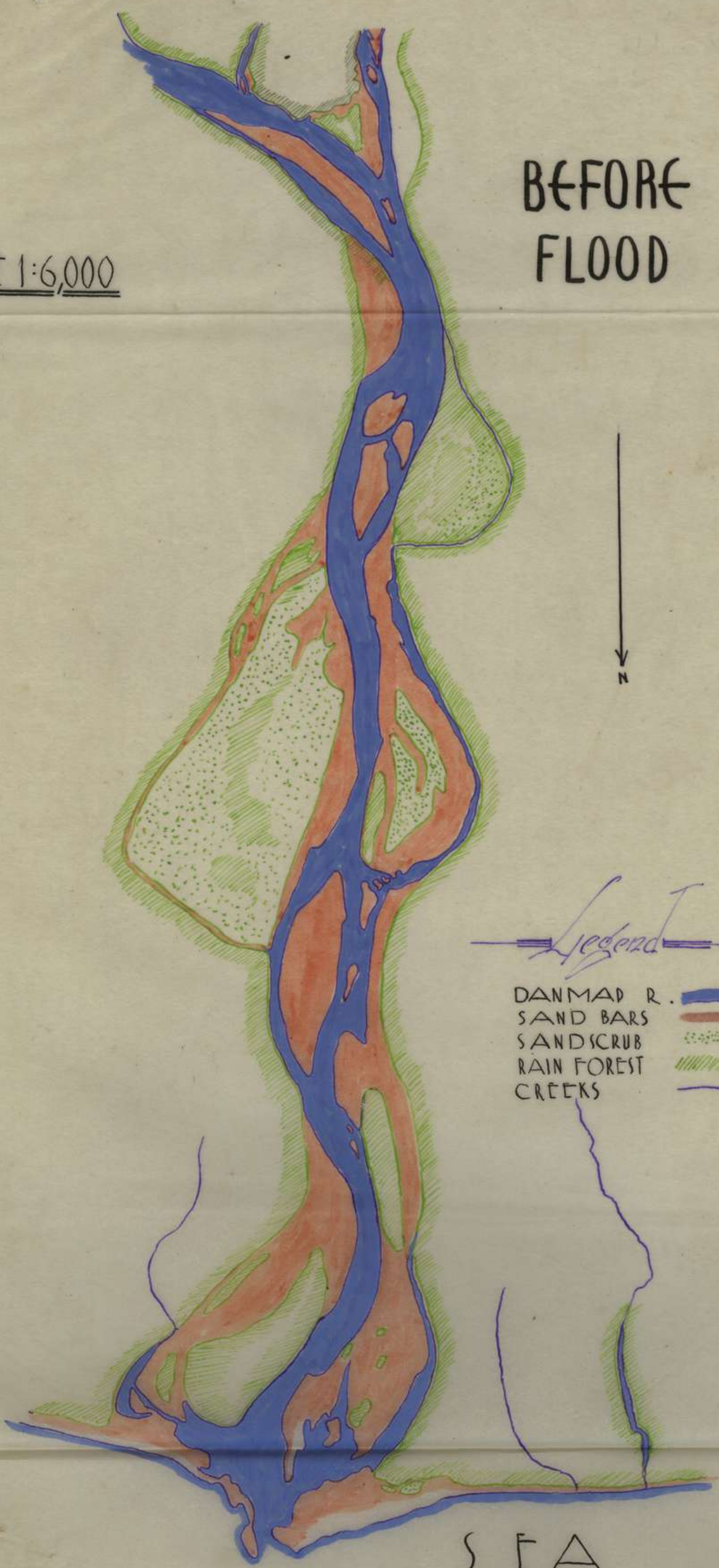
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FLOOD



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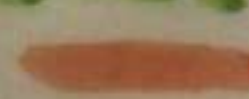

DANMAP River AREA

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Enlargement from 2/3 MG Bn Traverse 29/30
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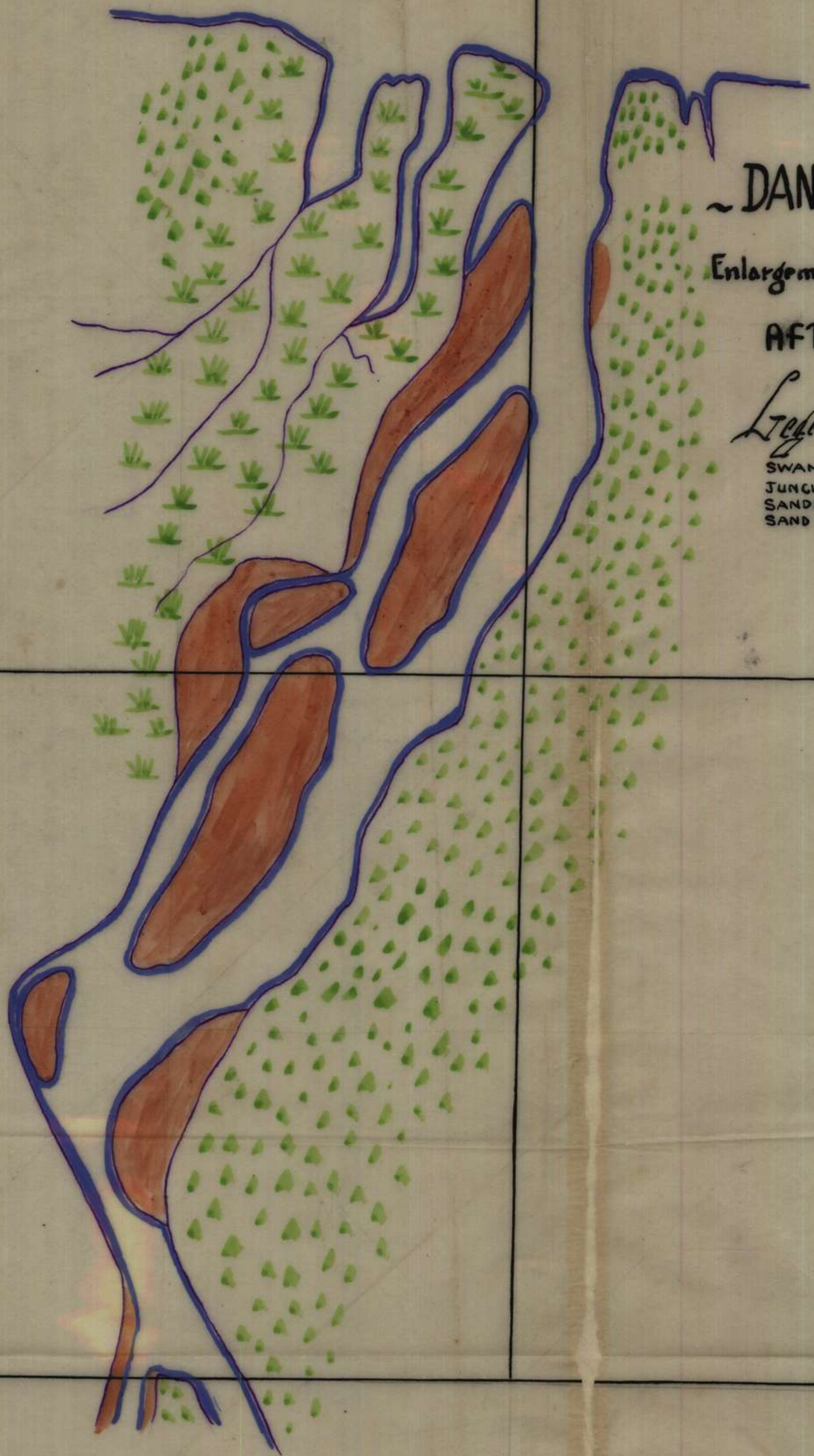
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MESSAGE FORM

APPX "G"

Register No.

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FROM (A)	Originator 16 AUST INF BDE	Date—Time of Origin 291955I	Office Date Stamp
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For Action

TO 2/3 AUST INF BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

17 AUST INF BDE 2/1 AUST INF BN 2/2 AUST INF BN 2/6 AUST CAV (CDO)
REGT C SQN 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT RAA 6 AUST DIV (3) RAE 6 AUST DIV (3)
2/3 AUST MG BN 2/7 AUST FD AMB 6 AUST DIV

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 305 SECRET (.) ref 16 AUST INF BDE 001 (.) FIRST (.)

cancel inter bde bdy and 2/3 AUST INF BN fwd limits of patrolling
as shown in appx C (.) now as follows (.) inter bde bdy (.) all
incl creek junc V767183 to creek junc V705174 to GINI IMA V685167
to creek junc V659163 thence line SUAP creek to V638163 thence
line ATOB river to V585180 thence WEST along lateral grid 18 (.)
fwd limits of patrolling 2/3 AUST INF BN (.) creek V695251 thence
SOUTH along old limit to creek V687220 thence line of creek to
track V699210 thence SOUTH along track to V696196 thence creek fork
V698184 thence creek to V699170 (.) SECOND (.) 2/3 AUST INF BN will
arrange for standing patrol in area ABOAMA V6817 of sufficient
strength to prevent JAP mov on route via ABOAMA and maintain a
permanent post at WALUM V5818 to provide protection of DZ (.)
supply to ABOAMA by native carrier under arrangements 2/3 AUST INF BN
(.) recce DZ ABOAMA and advise details ack all infm

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If liable to be intercepted or fall into
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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
Important to
2/3 Aust Inf
Bn

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LOCATION STATEMENT

Herewith 16 Aust Inf Bde location statement No 1 as at 311800 I.

HQ UNITS

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde V539317

SIGS

16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec V539317

Det 2/41 Aust Cipher Sec V539317

4 Aust Pigeon Sec V539317

INF

2/1 Aust Inf Bn Adv MATAPAU 2

2/1 Aust Inf Bn Rear MATAPAU 1

2/2 Aust Inf Bn Adv (Adv Party) V61553060

2/2 Aust Inf Bn B Ech (Adv Party) V60203045

2/3 Aust Inf Bn Adv V639246

2/3 Aust Inf Bn Rear V554310

INT

Det A Aust FS Sec V539317

One member A Aust FS Sec V639246

ARMB

2/45 Aust LAD V59153030

16 AUST INF BDE CPINF

2/8 Aust Inf Bn less Pnr Pl V544321

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Pnr Pl V55353100

~~2/8 Aust Inf Bn Pnr Pl V55353100~~

ARMD

C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt V617306

CAV

2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt V524321

2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn Adv V63352230

2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn Rear V573256

2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn V551309

A Tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn V551309

B Tp 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn V551309

RAA

HQ RAA Adv	V539317
2/2 Aust Fd Regt RHQ	V539317
4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	V52853205
3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	V55502905
52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	V60153035
2/3 Aust Fd Regt RHQ Adv	V59153030
2/3 Aust Fd Regt RHQ Rear	V57253025
2/3 Aust Fd Regt CP	MATAPAU 2
5 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	V574302
6 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	V602304
52 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	V61553055

622304

RAE

Adv RAE	V539317
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	V541316
4 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	V55353100
5 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	MATAPAU 1
6 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	V57203025
10 Pl 2/14 Aust Fd Coy	V55353100

MG

2/3 Aust MG Bn	V551309
A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	NIAP
4 Pl A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V65602865
5 Pl less one sec A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	ABAU
Sec 5 Pl A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V65402795
6 Pl A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	NIAP
C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V55603115
10 Pl C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V559309
11 Pl C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V55903015
12 Pl C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V55552901
HQ Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V551309
1 Pl HQ Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V551309
2 Pl HQ Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V555290
3 Pl HQ Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	V551309

AASC

2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	V52603205
Det 2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	V5775302
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	NIAP
Det 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	V52603205
	IDAKAIBUL
	#
One Dets AASC	V63852360
One Sec 2/3 Aust CT Coy	V539317
One Sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl	V539317
2/3 Aust Tpt Pl less three secs	V57753015
One Sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	V52603205
Two Secs 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	NIAP

AEME

110 Aust Bde Wksp	V53353180
2/40 Aust LAD	V52853205
2/41 Aust LAD	V57253025
110 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pk	V53353180

MED

ADS 2/7 Aust Pd Amb	V53653180
SB Det 2/7 Aust Pd Amb	V557290
Stage Post 2/7 Aust Pd Amb	V555305
Light Sec 2/7 Aust Pd Amb	IDAKAIBUL
Surgical Team 2/7 Aust Pd Amb	MATAPAU 1

POSTAL

Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	V539317
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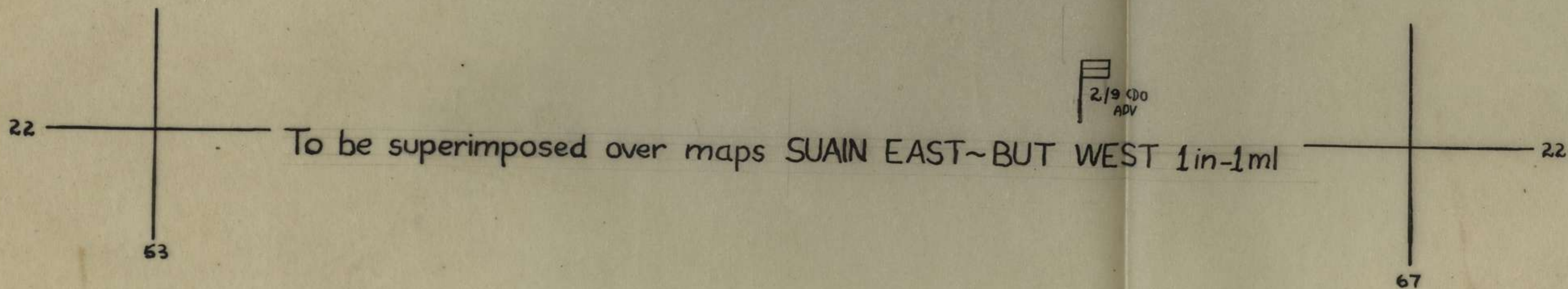
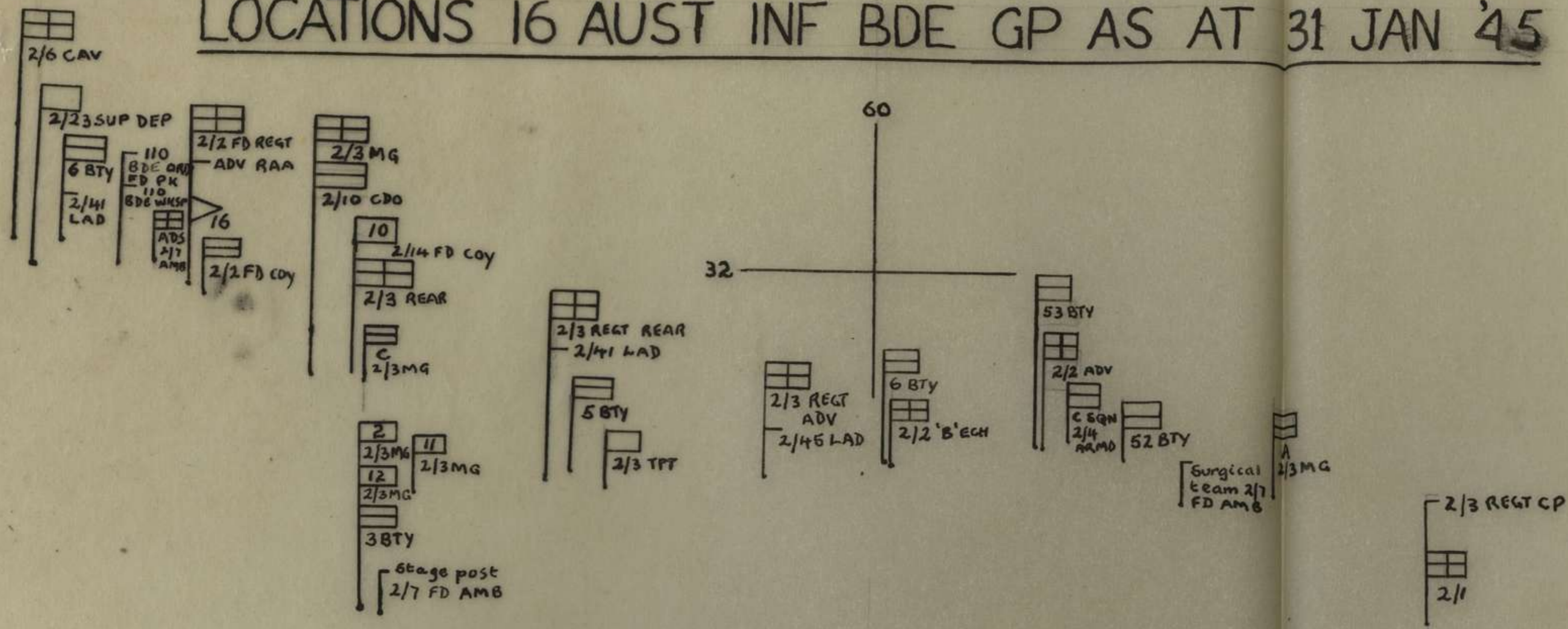
PRO

One Sec 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	V539317
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MISCELLANEOUS

Det 6 Aust Div Sal Unit	V239317
Det 6 Aust Div Cash Office	V539317
Det AACS	V539317
WP (5000 gal daily capacity)	V62303025
WP (4000 gal daily capacity)	V53853185
WP	V52453205
WP	V59303035
WP	V60703005

LOCATIONS 16 AUST INF BDE GP AS AT 31 JAN '45



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
4 / 45 (Serial No.)

W/A

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
NR	1		1	* Brigadier *												
NR	1	1a	10 6	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	a. Rank of Capt holding posting of BM (L).											
	2	1	18													
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	18									18		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX649	Maj	SCHMEDJE T J	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	25/ Jan 45	Transferred from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX20315	KING	R.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	SX 649	SCHMEDJE	T.J.	BM	Yes		
Capt	NX123730	JEFFREY	J.S.	BM(L)	Yes		
"	NX137513	TOWN	J.W.	SC	Yes		
"	NX 36318	DUVAL	F.J.	TO	Yes		
"	NX 4073	FLEWING	T.O.	BASCO	Yes		
"	NX 80298	McCOOE	C.P.	LSO	Yes		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.B.	IO	Yes		
"	NX 70748	LONG	M.B.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX 5740	STRETTON	E.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 4784	HODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	BOO	Yes		
"	TX 2777	CARLILE	A.L.	Hyg	Yes		
"	NX109272	O'HEARN	A.J.	Offr Educ	Yes		
"	NX 45400	SHERRIFF	F.R.	Offr Amen	Yes		
Chap	NGX 304	GLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	QX 23680	ALCORN	I.W.	"	No	Det to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	Det to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Date of Despatch

Stretton, Lt
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

(Page 1)

(Revised Jan., 1942)

4 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 194 5 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
				W.Os. Class I.						
			2	W.Os. Class II.						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants						
NR	1		3	Sergeants						
NR	4	3	9	Corporals						
NR	6	4	46	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*	12	7	61	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	61						█	█		61
B(1)										
B(2)						█				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	6 Aust Div ASC			1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
2	2/2 Aust Inf Bn						
38	10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt						
4	6 Aust Div Postal Unit						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/ 1 /194 5.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

SEE APPENDIX A

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

27 Jan 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Unit : HQ 16 AUST INF BDE

APPENDIX A

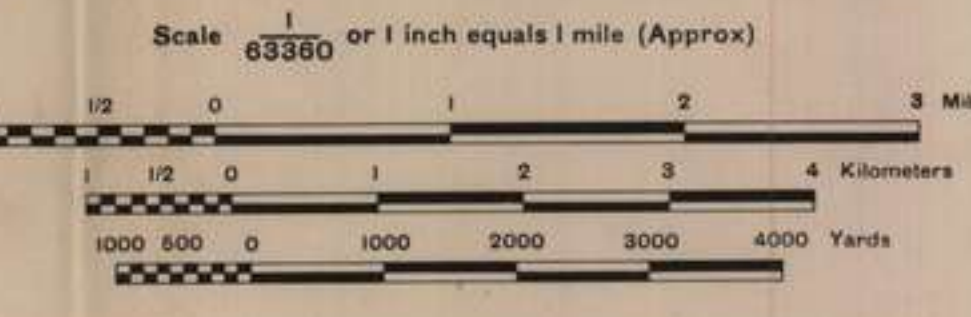
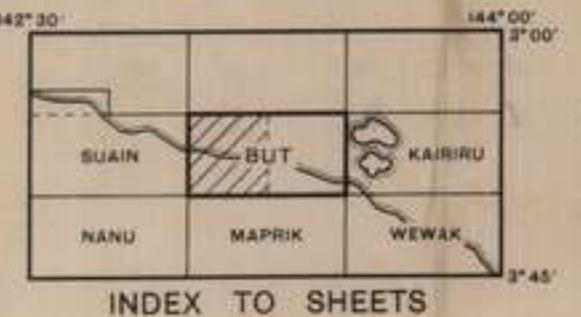
W.E.: 11/2/4Date : 27 Jan 45

	Rank	W E	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Draughtsman Int	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerks	Woll	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	Woll	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storeman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	8	8	-	-	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	10	-	1	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batman	Pte	13	11	2	-	NR
AASC- Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	-	1	-	NR
AAOC- Sgt Ann Examiner	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	-	1	-	NR
AAES- Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS- Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AACHD- Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC- Med Orderly	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
AALC- Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
Batman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		66	61	12	7	-



Note:
Dotted blue lines indicate outlines of underwater features appearing on photographs. Depths, composition and composition of information available.
Soundings are shown in feet. Depths over 30 feet are not shown. Datum is reduced approximately to level of low water tide. Information from Dutch Hydrographic Chart No. 479, dated 1943, 1:100,000.

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- LEGEND
- Road, 1 Track, M. T.
- Joop Road
- Trail
- Trail Probable
- Bridge
- Village
- Buildings or Huts
- Streams, intermittent
- Swamp
- Shallow or Drying Reef
- Bezo swamp
- Secondary Growth
- Forest
- Plantations
- Native gardens
- Heights in feet
- Sand
- Foot bridge



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1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM
N.E.L. EQUATORIAL ZONE
Origin of grid: Lat Equator - Long 100° E, whose coordinates are X = 3,000,000 M and Y = 900,000 M.
To give the coordinates of a point use only larger figures on the grid lines, and add estimated tenths of kilometers. The small numbers at the corners are the full coordinates referred to the origin of the grid zone.
Reverse similar reference on this grid is 300 km distant. ALWAYS indicate grid letter in giving a reference on this grid.

WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS
(INTERVAL APPROXIMATELY 100 FT.)
NOTE: OFFICERS USING THIS MAP WILL MARK HEREON CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS WHICH COME TO THEIR ATTENTION AND MAIL DIRECT TO "THE CHIEF ENGINEER, GHQ, SWPA."

CAUTION: This map was produced from aerial photographs. Due to lack of accurate ground control, distances scaled on this map may be at variance with actual ground distances.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDEDate and Time.—From 1 FEB 45 To 28 FEB 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	1 Feb	0700	During the night 31/1 the enemy were active in the coastal sector covering the area from ABAU to MATAPAU. Two enemy were killed.	
		1200	Patrol from B Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy V681252 resulting in three enemy killed. Documents and maps were captured.	
			Patrol from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn entered ABOAMA and reported village clear.	
		1400	G I arrived by AUSTER to see the comd and discuss future operations.	
		1700	Two platoons from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy in strength V682242. This force attacked the enemy and in a two hour engagement the enemy was driven out of his position losing thirty-three killed. Our losses one killed eight wounded. Six LMGs were captured. The estimated enemy strength was approx 40. These troops in first class condition. Their equipment was new and rations and ammunition were in ample supply. Captured documents revealed the arrival of two new enemy units in the ANUMB RIVER area during JAN, both units arriving from WEWAK.	
	2 Feb		During the night 1/2 the enemy were active in the coastal area cutting sig lines. 16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 3 issued - See Appx A.	
	3 Feb		During the night 2/3 the enemy again interfered with our sig lines.	
	4 Feb	1055- 1500	Successive but unsuccessful attempts were made by A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to dislodge the enemy from his position on NAMBUT HILL V665277. In these engagements our losses totalled two killed and five wounded, the enemy losing seven killed.	

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~
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Army Form C. 2118.
 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 FEB To 28 FEB 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	4 Feb	1700	Enemy strength one platoon attacked A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn V655280. The attack was broken up by artillery and machine gun fire and two enemy killed. The enemy, however, had pin pointed our machine gun positions and fresh pits were dug and the guns moved elsewhere.	
	5 Feb		During the night 4/5 an enemy raiding party using gelignite bombs attacked area A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. The enemy bombs landed in the old machine gun pits. Enemy patrols were again active in our rear areas, three being seen interfering with sig lines.	
		0700	Patrol from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn contacted six enemy V685135, killing four.	
		0800	Major GOLDING 2/1 Aust Inf Bn appointed to organize the defence of NIAP, DOGRETO SPUR and the WAKIP River area.	
		1000-1130	Highly successful air strike on enemy positions NAMBUT HILL. All bombs fell in the target area and seven enemy were later found dead as result of this air attack.	
			16 Aust Inf Bde OO 1 issued - See Appx B. 16 Aust Inf Bde OI 1 issued - See Appx K.	
	6 Feb	0700	Column F code names came into force. Patrol from 17 platoon 2/1 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy listening post on NAMBUT HILL, killing one.	
		1700	Patrol base established by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn V687242.	
	7 Feb	1030	Our bombers attacked enemy positions on NAMBUT HILL V665277. Following air strike 2/1 Aust Inf Bn captured the position, cas own one wounded, cas enemy four killed.	
			16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 4 issued - See Appx C.	

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	8 Feb.		Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn advancing along NAMBUT HILL held up by hy fire from enemy position V667277. Seven enemy dead counted result air strike V665277 previous day.	
		1500	Enemy positions McNEIL CREEK V677285 attacked by our aircraft. Engineer report received that SUAIN air strip completed to take DOUGLAS aircraft. The strip measures eight hundred yards in length and fifty yards in width with a cleared approach of 300 yards. Air Force to send party to examine strip before air planes land.	
	9 Feb	0830	Patrol from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn contacted and killed four enemy V697203. Documents captured.	
		1915-1920	White flashes observed vicinity ANUMB RIVER. Air force requested to investigate. On approach of aircraft the lights were extinguished.	
			16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 5 issued - See Appx D.	
	10 Feb		During the night of 9/10 small enemy patrols were active in our rear areas cutting sig lines.	
		0730	Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn ambushed by enemy V682252 cas own four killed four wounded.	
		0944	Air strike on enemy position NAMBUT HILL V666277 all bombs falling in target area.	
		1000	Rece patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn moving forward to investigate results air strike contacted enemy still dug in V666277.	
		1300	Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy in ambush position V682252. The enemy occupied pits which had been hastily dug and furnished with overhead cover. The enemy was driven out from his pits with the loss of five killed. Our cas were one killed and two wounded. Two LMGs and one TSMG were captured.	

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 Feb	0930	Our aircraft successfully bombed enemy positions McNEIL CREEK V677286.	
		1300	B Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn attacked and captured enemy position McNEIL CREEK V677286. Four of the enemy were killed, our losses being one killed and three wounded. One LMG captured.	
	12 Feb	1245 1300	Request made to 6 Aust Div to supply flame throwers. Arrangements made for eight officers from 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to report to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to gain experience in jungle patrolling. Two officers to report daily from 12 Feb to 15 Feb.	
		1500	The Comd, COs 2/1, 2/2, 2/3 Aust Inf Bns, 2 IC 2/3 MG Bn, CO C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, CO 2/1 Aust Fd Coy, Air Sp offr, Sig O, IO, BM and SC attended a conference at 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to discuss plans for future operations. Plans covering advance forward in coastal sector and mountain sector to cover initially the establishment of an FMC at DOGRETO BAY by securing the line MAMBUT Creek - HILL 800 - WOLHUK Creek.	
	13 Feb	0800	4 Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn came under command HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde for purpose of local defence, Advance party from HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde left to select new camp site V653289.	
		1000	Air strike on enemy position NAMBUT HILL V666277. Bombs fell to the SOUTH of target. Following bombing a recce patrol found the enemy still in position. 16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 6 issued - See Appx E. 16 Aust Inf Bde 002 issued - See Appx F.	
	14 Feb	0915 1600	Enemy position NAMBUT HILL V666277 again bombed. Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn captured one enemy V670248. Abandoned enemy 37 mm gun found V674285.	

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	15 Feb	0930	Our aircraft bombed enemy position NAMBUT HILL V666277.	
		1000	Recce patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn found the enemy still in position in bombed area.	
		1500	Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn located enemy listening post SOUTH slopes NAMBUT HILL V673266 and killed one enemy	
MATAPAU 2	16 Feb	0800	Main body HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde moved to new camp site V653289. B Ech remained at SUAIN.	
		1200	C Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn occupied 800 Feature V677270 without opposition. Four enemy were killed en route.	
		1600	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy BUNKER KNOLL cas own two killed two wounded cas enemy two killed.	
		1610	Enemy launched counter attack on C Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn holding 800 Feature. The enemy was forced to retire leaving two dead.	
		1700	Recce patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn located eight enemy dug in SOUTH ARCOL CREEK V680285, killing one.	
		17 Feb	1112	16 Pl 2/1 Aust Inf Bn occupied BUNKER KNOLL.
		1200	Patrol from C Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy forward of 800 Feature cas own four killed four wounded, cas enemy five killed.	
			JACK FORCE returned to rear details 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, all members being ordered seven days complete rest.	
	18 Feb	1515	DC3 aircraft crashed V646418.	
	18 Feb		A Tp 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn report four killed and four badly injured in air crash of previous day. The major portion of the plane's fuselage was completely wrecked.	
			2/3 Aust Inf Bn established patrol base V688265.	
		1130	Air strike on enemy position NAMBUT HILL V680273 very successful. Four enemy dead subsequently found as result this strike.	

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE

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

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MATAPAU 2	18 Feb	1600	Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn killed one enemy V675252. Documents and maps captured.	
		1700	Two pls from A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn advanced to EAST bank PAUL CREEK V687285. Three US enemy MT found.	
	19 Feb	0700	One pl from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn occupied PIMPLE V692284. Party moving forward to join this pl fired on by enemy V688284 cas own one killed four wounded cas enemy one killed. Enemy astride track V688284 and in position V691284.	
		1330	Comd and IO went forward to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn for general reconnaissance and to discuss the position with CO 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. One US mountain gun found V688285.	
	20 Feb		16 Aust Inf Bde Locstat No 2 issued - Appx M Following artillery and mortar fire our tps found enemy position V688284 and V691284 unoccupied. This area was probably an enemy headquarters. Two complete HMGs, two HMGs without breech blocks, one dynamo, one lathe and a large supply of ammunition were found. B Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn occupied EAST bank WANK CREEK V696283.	
		1600	Forward patrol limits extended to incl EAST bank ANUMB RIVER. This take effect from 220800K. Five enemy LMGs and assorted machinery found V692284.	
	21 Feb		One PW captured by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Seventeen US enemy MT, one HMG, one 75 mm gun, one mountain howitzer, one Browning automatic and large quantity of ammunition including bangalore torpedoes and anti-tank mines found sq 6928.	
			Brig LLOYD arrived to inspect conditions of native labour. GOC visited 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to inspect the enemy dumps sq 6928.	

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit..... **HQ 16 AUST INF BDE**.....

Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MATAPAU 2	22 Feb	0700	<p>Revised R/T Code No 2 came into effect. Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn reached EAST bank BALAM CK V704284 and cleared the creek bank to its mouth killing two enemy. 20 mm dual purpose gun found by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn V670286. Comd and LO 111 went forward with CO 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and inspected the captured enemy dumps sq 6928.</p>	
	23 Feb		<p>D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn advanced to V717289. Recce patrol from D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn killed one enemy V725283. One 75 mm mountain gun and HMG and enemy documents found V707286. Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn killed one enemy V723243 and one at V711247. Medical stores captured. Clothing and equipment worn by enemy new.</p>	
	24 Feb		<p>Patrols from D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn report WEST bank ANUMB RIVER from V734283 to V734289 clear of enemy. CO 2/2 Aust Fd Regt conferred with the comd. Patrol from 2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn contacted enemy APABILU V726221 driving him from the village.</p>	
			<p>Due to the recent heavy rains all roads EAST of NIAP closed to MT.</p>	See Appx G.
			<p>Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn killed two enemy V700249. The BM visited 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to discuss patrol policy and probable future operations. CO 2/3 Aust MG Bn conferred with the comd.</p>	
	25 Feb	1118	<p>HMAS SWAN bombarded SOWOM Villages sq 7429. Duration of bombardment thirty minutes.</p> <p>The BM left by barge for AITAPE to discuss the possibility of moving the Brigade Group by barge to WANK CREEK. The SC supervised the loading of stores at DOGRETO BAY for despatch to WANK CREEK.</p>	

WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MATAPAU 2	26 Feb		Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn crossed the ANUMB RIVER. Enemy 75 mm gun shelled our positions coastal area. This is the first time our troops have encountered hostile shelling.	
			The Comd visited the MGRA at 2/2 Aust Fd Regt. The CO 2/2 Aust Fd Regt conferred with the Comd.	
			Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy strength one platoon V722249 cas own one killed cas enemy five killed. In further engagement V721248 five more enemy were killed for the loss of one. Two LMGs and documents were captured.	
		1615	Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn located enemy 75 mm gun V739296. The gun was guarded by enemy infantry and fired on our troops at point blank range. In the engagement which followed three enemy were killed before our troops withdrew to enable the artillery to engage the enemy gun. An ATIS detachment consisting of two US born Japanese arrived for attachment to 16 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1700	The Comd, BM, SC and CO 2/2 Aust Inf Bn discussed the movement of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to WANK CREEK.	
	27 Feb	0713	HMAS SWAN bombarded SOWOM Villages sq 7429. The Comd and LO iii went forward to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to view the AREA air strike. Enemy gun position V739296 bombed by our aircraft. One enemy Sgt-Maj surrendered to D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn entered SOWOM Village V742296. Two enemy were killed V742297 and one LMG captured. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn concentrated in WANK CREEK V696284 preparatory to moving forward to area ANUMB River. The MGRA and CRA visited the Comd. The BM and LO i visited BHQ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.	

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2118.
(Adap'ed.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit HQ 16 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 Feb		During the night of 27/28 further enemy shells landed in the coastal area. B Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn occupied WEST SOWOM Village V742296 and took up a defensive position.	
		1030	Patrol from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy V744248 cas own three wounded cas enemy two killed. The BM(L) and CSM crossed the ANUMB RIVER to recce new camp site for Bde HQ. Black-out restrictions lifted for all units WEST of ROCKY FORESHORE. Our cas during the month of February numbered twenty-five killed fifty-two wounded. One hundred and seventy-three enemy were killed. Individual cas details are set out in Appx H 16 Aust Inf Bde OP 2 issued - See Appx L.	Appx H. Appx L.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 194 5 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R.'s. 66 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				2 DETAIL.	3 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
				W.Os. Class I.						
			2	W.Os. Class II.						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants						
NR	1		3	Sergeants						
NR	3	3	10	Corporals						
NR	4	3	47	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*	9	6	63 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces. 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	E.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	AI						■	■		63
B(1)	63									
B(2)						■				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	6 Aust Div AASC			1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
2	2/2 Aust Inf Bn						
38	10 Pl 2/1 Aust Guard Regt						
4	6 Aust Div Postal Unit						
6	6 Aust Div Provost						
3	6 Aust Div FCO						
2	6 Aust Div PSW						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boltermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Farriers							
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	

SEE APPENDIX A

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers				
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Eivettors				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors								
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies								
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals								
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics								
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
P plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

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10 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Stratton Lt Col
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
6 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2			3		4			5		6		7		8		9		10		
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.									ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.										Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.							
				W.Os. Class I.																				
		1	3	W.Os. Class II.																				
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																				
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants																				
NR	1		3	Sergeants																				
NR	3	3	10	Corporals																				
NR	3	5	50	Troopers, Privates, etc.																				
				Civilians counting as O.R.																				
*	8	9	67 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.																				*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	AI									67
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
7	6 Aust Div	AASC		1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn		
1	2/2 Aust Inf Bn						
33	10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt						
4	6 Aust Div Postal Unit						
14	6 Aust Div Provost						
2	6 Aust Div ECO						
2	6 Aust Div PSW						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

5 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 18 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
NR	1		1	1 Brigadier *									
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels									
			9	Majors									
			6	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2		17										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		17									17
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 128760	Capt	JEFFREY J.S.	2/7 Aust Fd Arb	31/1/45	Sickness

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **3 1 5** / /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX20315	KING	R	Comd	Yes		
Maj	SX 649	SCHMEDJE	T.J.	BM	"		
Capt	NX137513	TOWN	J.W.	SC	"		
"	NX 36318	DUVAL	F.J.	TO	"		
"	NX 4073	FLEMING	T.O.	BASCO	"		
"	NX 80393	MCCOOL	C.P.	LSC	"		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.B.	IO	"		
"	NX 70746	DONG	M.B.	LO	"		
Lieut	NX 5740	STRETTON	E.J.	LO	"		
"	NX 4784	HODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	"		
"	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	BOO	"		
"	TX 2777	CARLILE	A.L.	Hyg Offr	"		
"	NX 45400	SHERRIFF	F.R.	Amn Offr	"		
"	NX109272	O'HEARN	A.J.	Educ Offr	"		
Chap	NGX 304	GLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	QX 23680	ALCORN	I.W.	"	No	Det 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	Det 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

3 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander
S C 16 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

War Heavy

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945. HQ 16 BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 4 OFFRS. 19 O.R's. 66 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
NR	1		1	Brigadier *	(a) Rank of Capt holding posting BM(L)								
			1	Lieut.-Colonels									
NR	1	1a	10	Majors									
			6	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2	1	18										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		18									18
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 128780	Capt	JEFFREY J.S.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	4/2/45	R T U

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/2/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brig	VX 20315	KING	R.	Comd	Yes		
Maj	SX 649	SCHMEDJE	T.J.	BM	Yes		
Capt	NX128780	JEFFREY	J.S.	BM(L)	Yes		
"	NX137513	TOWN	J.W.	SC	Yes		
"	NX 36318	DUVAL	F.J.	TO	Yes		
"	NX 4073	FLEMING	T.O.	BASCO	Yes		
"	NX 80298	McCOOE	C.P.	LSO	Yes		
"	NX 68660	SILK	T.B.	IO	Yes		
"	NX 70746	LONG	M.B.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 8740	STRETTON	E.J.	LO	Yes		
"	NX 4784	HODDINOTT	F.J.	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX 29302	EWING	B.C.	BOO	Yes		
"	TX 2777	CARLILE	A.L.	Hyg Offr	Yes		
"	NX 45400	SHERRIFF	F.R.	Arms Offr	Yes		
"	NX109272	O'HEARN	A.J.	Educ Offr	Yes		
Chap	NGX 304	CLOVER	J.	Chap	No	Det to 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
"	QX 23680	ALCORN	I.W.	"	No	" " 2/2 " " "	
"	NX192185	GILBERT	G.C.	"	No	" " 2/3 " " "	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

10 FEB 45
Date of Despatch

Stretton, Lt Col
Signature of Commander Capt

No: 11/2/4

Date: 3 Feb 45.

	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Draughtsmen Int	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerks	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
CQMS	S/sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storeman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MT	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	8	8	-	-	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	9	-	-	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batman	Pte	13	12	1	-	NR
AASC - Clerk Bat Dvr	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	-	1	-	NR
AAOC - Ann Examiner Bat Dvr	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
AAES - Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS - Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AACHD- Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC - Med Orderly	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	NR
AALS - Clerk Batman	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		66	63	9	6	

Date: 11/2/4

DATE: 10 FEB 45

	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Draughtsman Int	Cpl	1	11	-	-	-
	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Intelligence Duties	S/Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
Cooks	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerks	WOII	1	1	-	-	-
	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
	Pte	2	2	-	-	-
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WOII	1	2	-	1	-
CQMS	S/Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
	L/Sgt	-	1	-	1	-
Storeman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Tpt Sgt	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Driver MF	Cpl	1	2	-	1	-
	Pte	8	8	-	-	-
Orderlies	Pte	9	10	-	1	-
Hygiene Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Water Duties	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
Gen Duties	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	2	3	-	1	-
Offrs Mess	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Batman	Pte	13	14	-	1	-
AASC - Clerk	Cpl	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	-	1	-	NR
AAOC - Amn Examiner	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
Bat Dvr	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
AAES - Clerk	Sgt	1	1	-	-	-
AAAS - Clerk	Sgt	1	-	1	-	NR
AACHD- Bat Dvr	Pte	3	1	2	-	NR
AAMC - Med Orderly	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
	Pte	-	1	-	1	-
AALC - Clerk	Cpl	1	-	1	-	NR
Batman	Pte	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL		66	67	8	9	-

Appx A.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET

16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 3

Copy No 20
2 Feb 45

1. GENERAL:

(a) One LCT will arrive DOGRETТА BAY at approx 032100 K and will depart not later than 040330 K.

2. STORES - ARRIVING

The following stores will come forward on LCT.

- (a) RAE
 - (i) 2 tractors.
 - (ii) Arch Mesh.
 - (iii) 50 yds beach matting.
- (b) AASC
 - (i) 12,000 SWPA rations.
 - (ii) 2,500 Native rations.
 - (iii) 14 days expense stores.
 - (iv) POL : 600 gals distilate
700 gals Range fuel
500 gals malarial
 - (v) AMN:

Cart Super	300
.303 Bdr	2000
.303 Ctn	2000
9 mm	3200
7.92	1000
Mor 3" HE	300
Igniter sets	
4 sec	400
Charges Mor	
full	300

- (c) CANTEEN STORES : As arranged by AACS.
- (d) PERSONNEL : One coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
- (e) MEDICAL : 2 tons stores.
- (f) ORDNANCE : 4 tons stores as arranged by ADOS.
- (g) MAIL : As arranged by 6 Aust Div Postal Unit.
- (h) UNIT STORES : One coy 2/2 Aus t Inf Bn

3. BEACHING ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Lt.Col A G CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn in charge of whole beach area and is responsible for following :

- (i) Marking of beach
- (ii) Organisation of beach roads and exits
- (iii) Location of dumps.
- (iv) Unloading and loading of stores and personnel.

(b) UNLOADING PARTIES : One company 2/2 Aust Inf Bn arriving on LCT.

(c) TRANSPORT :

- (i) Bde TO to arrange to make 4 x 2½ tonners available
- (ii) To arrive NIAP between 031600 K and 031700 K.
- (iii) If necessary sec of 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl at present attached to DID NIAP can be called upon.

(d) SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES :

The following personnel will report to Lt.Col CAMERON at beach at 031730 K.

- (i) AASC : BAASCO 16 Aust Inf Bde and O/C 2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl.
- (ii) ORD : B00 16 Aust Inf Bde .
- (iii) CANTEEN: Sgt McKINNON AACS.
- (iv) POSTAL : Pte BOWEN.
- (v) MEDICAL : A representative of 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

(e) The abovenamed personnel will be under comd of Lt.Col A G CAMERON and after stores are unloaded will take over their respective stores.

(f) Tpt to return stores to Unit and Service dumps will be arranged by Bde TO after departure of LCT. NO unit or service vehicles will move to beach area to collect stores.

(g) All personnel mentioned in para 2(d)(i to v) will report to Bde TO at 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ 031400 K. Evening meal to be carried.

3. LOADING DOGRETTA BAY FOR AITAPE

(a) PERSONNEL :

- (i) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn - Coy and attached adm tps NOT to exceed 150.
- (ii) One stretcher case and RMO (Capt BENNETT).
- (iii) Det 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
- (iv) Drivers of vehicles.

(b) STORES :

- (i) 2 1/2 tons packs 2/10 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn for move to AITAPE to be air dropped at NILU.
- (ii) One company's gear.
- (iii) Empty amn cases as at present on beach.
- (iv) Unit stores det 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.

(c) TPT

- (i) One jeep 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ
- (ii) Two jeeps 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
- (iii) Above vehs to report Bde TO 031345 K.

(d) 2/8 AUST INF BN

- (i) Personnel to march to an assembly area as laid down by Lt col CAMERON.
- (ii) Guides arranged by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to meet 2/8 Aust Inf Bn at MATAPAU.
- (iii) Bde TO will arrange for one by 2 1/2 tonner to report 2/8 Aust Inf Bn by 031230 hrs to pick up stores and packs. Veh to return to Bde TO by 031345 hrs.
- (iv) Unloading party to accompany stores.
- (v) On arrival assembly area, stores and packs will be unloaded.
- (vi) Packs to be carried by men on embarking.
- (vii) Unit stores to be manhandled from assembly area to LCT.
- (viii) 2 days rations to be carried on man.

(e) 2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT

- (i) One by 2½ tonner to report 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt 031230 K.
- (ii) Veh to be loaded with packs and returned to report Bde TO by 031345 K.
- (iii) 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt to supply two personnel as escorts to travel on veh.
- (iv) Unless veh required in an emergency on beach, packs will remain on veh.

(f) DET 19 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC

- (i) Bde TO will arrange for one 2½ tonner to load stores and personnel at 031230 K and report back by 031345 K.
- (ii) On arrival assembly area, stores and personnel will be unloaded or if sufficient room, can be loaded on veh with 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt packs.

(g) MEDICAL STRETCHER CASE

MDS will arrange to have delivered to 52 Bty and arrange with Lt col CAMERON as to time of loading.

4. PRO

- (a) One Lieut and 2 pro to report 2/2 Aust Inf Bn by 031200 K and be responsible for traffic control and discipline on beach and approaches.
- (b) Two pro at present att D Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn also come under comd Lt col CAMERON for duration of loading and unloading.
- (c) Pro also responsible convoy moving under Bde TO are given priority, except medical vehs, on route to NIAP.
- (d) TCP at WAPRIK river will NOT allow vehs to proceed EAST after 1800 hrs.

5. TRACTORS

RAA will arrange for two tractors to report beach by 031800 K.

6. SECURITY

- (a) No lights of any description, except beach markers, as arranged between Lt col CAMERON and Lieut FERGUSON (RANR) will be allowed on or near the beach or approaches.
- (b) Smoking after 1800 K prohibited on beach or approaches
- (c) In case of Naval representative stating LCT must pull out before loading completed, the following priority of loading will be observed
 - (i) Stretcher case and escort
 - (ii) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
 - (iii) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn stores
 - (iv) Det 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec and stores
 - (v) Packs 2/10 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn
 - (vi) Jeeps
 - (vii) Empty containers

- (d) If unloading completed early and it appears that sufficient time for all loading will be certain, above priority may be cancelled and stores and personnel loaded as directed by Lt col CAMERON.

ACK.

Signed at 1915 hrs

Issued through Sigs

J W Town, Lt
for Capt
(J W TOWN)
SC 16 Aust Inf Bde

DIST

COPY NO

2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1
Adv 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	3
2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	4
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	5
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	6
19 Aust Inf Bde	7
Comd	8
BM	9
SC	10
Bde TO	11
BAASCO	12
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ADDENDUM TO 16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 3 DATED 2 FEB 45

1. Bde Amenities Officer will arrange to collect from Mobile cinema films FIREFLY and MILLION DOLLAR BABY and hand to Bde TO for return to AITAPE by Amenities Sgt 6 Aust Div on LCT. Containers for film on LCT.
2. Bde TO will collect from Amenities Sgt 6 Aust Div, film DOUBLE IDENTITY and return to this HQ.

HQ 16 AUST INF BDE 001

MOVE OF BDE HQ

Ref Map BUT WEST one in to one mile.

INTENTION

1. Details from HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde will move fwd on 13 Feb and prepare new HQ at V656287.

METHOD

2. Move by MT.

3. Tps

Details HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
 Details 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Pl.

4. Composition Adv Party

BM(L)	1
Sig O	1
Gd Pl Comd	1
CSM	1
I Cpl	1
Adv Sig Office	17
Gd Pl	32
RAP Ord	1
Hygiene Officer	1
Water Duty Personnel	2
Batmen	2
Storeman	1
Pro	3
Cooks	2
Tk A Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	

5. STORES

Tents, Office

Orderly Room	2
Sigs	2
"I"	4
Comd	1
BM	1
Staff Capt	1
Air Sp	2
Officers' Mess	3 (flys)
Q Store	1 (fly)
RAP	1 (fly)
	<hr/>
	13 tents
	18 flys

Will be ferried fwd as requested by BM(L).

6. TENTS SHELTER HALF

Each man will carry one shelter half. NO tents will be taken for sleeping quarters.

7. Remaining tents and marquee will be brought fwd by main body and dumped in new area. These tents will be erected as area is developed.

8. COOKING

Gd Pl will cook for Adv Party and will supply necessary cooking gear.

9. WATER

All 2 gal water containers and 2 x 44 gal drums will be taken.

10. RATIONS

Unexpended portion will be carried. BAASCO will arrange daily delivery new area.

11. AMN

50 rds per rifle
8 mags per Bren
2 mags per Owen
2 grenades per man plus 200 in bulk.

Tk A Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will make amn up to first line by drawing from DID, LAZY CREEK.

12. MED

RAP moves with Adv Party.

13. ATEBRIN

7 days' supply to be issued to each man.

14. TOOLS

Every man incl offr will carry a tool. COMS will arrange for as many additional axes as possible.

15. TPT

- (a) 1 jeep and trailer report BM(L) 0700 hrs. Trailer to be towed by 2½ ton veh.
- (b) 1 jeep and trailer Sig Sec. Trailer to be towed by 2½ ton veh.
- (c) 2 x 2½ ton vehs report Sig Sec 0700 hrs.
- (d) 2 x 2½ ton vehs report to Gd Pl by 0800 hrs.
- (e) All tpt except jeeps will return this area immediately after unloading.

16. PRO

One sgt and 2 ORs leave this area 0700 hrs and arrange open rd with engr.

17. TIMINGS

(a) BM(L) and Sig jeeps leave 0730 13 Feb.

(b) 2 x 2½ ton vehs containing Sig stores and pers leave 0730 hrs.

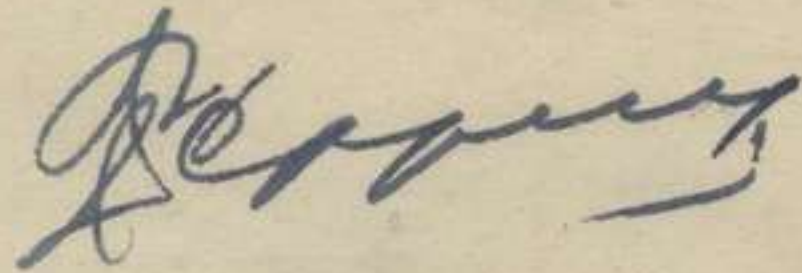
(c) 2 x 2½ ton vehs containing remainder of Adv Party leave 0900 hrs under comd Lt EVANS.

18. 2/3 AUST INF BN TK A PL

Staff Capt will arrange for 3 x 2½ ton vehs to report to rear 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at a time to be notified. Loading ramps will be prepared by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

Signed at 122255 K

Issued through- Hand and
Sigs.



Capt
for

BM 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
Rear 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
BM (L)
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TO
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PRO-FORMA MESSAGE FORM

280730 I

From 16 AUST INF BDE

To 2/1 AUST INF BN 2/2 AUST INF BN 2/3 AUST INF BN
2/6 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT C SQN 2/4 AUST ARMED REGT
RAA 6 AUST DIV, RAE 6 AUST DIV 2/3 AUST HQ BN
2/7 AUST PD ANB REAR 10 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST DIV

0451 SECRET (.) ref 16 AUST INF BDE 001 (.) comd will NOT
be assumed by 16 AUST INF BDE until time to be notified (.)
floods delaying hand over (.) all informed

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent in cypher

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War Diary

War Diary

Appendix C

SECRET

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7 Feb 45.

16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 4

1. GENERAL

(a) Two LCTs will arrive DOGRETTO BAY at approx 082100 K.

2. STORES AND PERSONNEL ARRIVING

(a) As arranged by 6 Aust Div

(b) Details to be notified later.

(c) Following personnel will report to beach for reception of stores -

(i) BOO 16 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) BAASCO

(iii) OC 2/21 Aust Sup Dep Pl

(iv) Postal Representative

(v) Canteen Representative.

(d) Above personnel to report to Bde TO by 081330 K.

(e) NO personnel other than abovementioned will be on beach.

(f) Nominal roll of all tps disembarking and those accompanying stores will be handed Lt Col A.G. CAMERON by OC Party.

3. BEACHING ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Lt Col A.G. CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn i/c whole beach area and is responsible for following -

(i) Marking of beach with leads for Navy.

(ii) Organisation of beach rds and exits.

(iii) Location of dumps.

(iv) Unloading of stores and personnel and disposal after unloading.

(v) Loading of stores and personnel.

(vi) Discipline on beach.

(vii) Removing from beach any pers NOT authorised in this instn to be present.

(b) Unloading parties

Two coys 2/2 Aust Inf Bn arriving on LCT.

(c) Tpt following personnel will report to beach for reception of Bde TO will arrange for 10 x 2½ tonners to be at beach by 1730 hrs.

(d) BAASCO 16 Aust Inf Bde to arrange for two tarpaulins to be delivered on abovementioned trucks.

(e) Stores will be unloaded on beach and on following days delivered to respective parties.

4. LOADING DOGRETTO BAY FOR AITAPE

(a) Pers

(i) Two coys 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, total not to exceed 250 pers.

(ii) 12 stretcher cases and escorts from 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

(b) Stretcher cases and escorts to be on beach by 1800 hrs.

Cover and coffee being arranged for stretcher cases by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Pers to be allotted to each craft as arranged by Lt Col CAMERON.

After moving into assembly area will NOT move out of this area without authority Lt Col CAMERON.

(c) Stores

(i) Parachutes as delivered to beach by Bde TO.

(ii) Two coys gear 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

- (iii) Empty containers AASC as on beach before 081730 K.
- (d) In event of LCTs having to clear beach before loading completed, the following priority of loading will be observed.
 - (i) Stretcher cases and escort.
 - (ii) Parachutes.
 - (iii) Personnel and stores 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (iv) Empty containers.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) Pers to march to assembly area as laid down by Lt Col CAMERON.
- (ii) Guides as arranged with 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to meet pers 2/8 Aust Inf Bn at MATAPAU.
- (iii) Bde TO will arrange for two 2½ tonners to report 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for moving stores, packs and vehs to return Bde TO by 081330 K.
- (iv) Unloading party to accompany stores.
- (v) On arrival assembly area stores and packs to be unloaded.
- (vi) Packs to be carried on man when embarking.
- (vii) Unit stores to be manhandled from assembly area to LCT.
- (viii) Unexpended portion of days rations and one day res to be carried.
- (ix) Offr in charge 2/8 Aust Inf Bn pers to report Lt Col CAMERON at beach by 081200 K.
- (x) Pers will NOT move on beach until directed by Lt Col CAMERON.
- (xi) Tps will NOT arrive beach area before 081600 K.

Parachutes

Bde TO will arrange to collect from Det 6 Aust Div Salvage Unit all parachutes available for return AITAPE.

Engineers

2/2 Aust Fd Coy will arrange for rd between NIAP and MATAPAU to be open between 081630 K and 081900 K and from 090600 K to 091900 K.

5. PRO

- (a) Lt i/c Pro and two pro to report Lt Col CAMERON at beach by 081200 K and be responsible for traffic control and discipline on beach and approaches.
- (b) Two pro at present att A Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to come u/c Lt Col CAMERON till beach cleared.
- (c) TCP at WAKIP River will NOT allow vehs to proceed EAST after 081900 K.

6. TRACTORS

Four tractors to report to beach.

7. SECURITY

- (a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn responsible for protection beach area.
- (b) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn responsible for protection of stores on beach.
- (c) All tps are to be warned that NO lights are to be visible from seawards. On last occasion of LCT coming down, lights along coast between ROCKY PT and NIAP almost caused loss of craft.

8. INTERCOM

Line between beach and this HQ.

ACK

Signed at 2³⁵ hrs.

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J.W. Town Capt.
(J.W. TOWN)
S C 16 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

2/1 Aust Inf Bn
Adv 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Fd Coy
2/21 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/22 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/23 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
19 Aust Inf Bde
Comd
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6 Aust Div
RAA 6 Aust Div
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 6 Aust Div Salvage Unit
Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit
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16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO 51. GENERAL

2/2 Aust Inf Bn, less three coys, will move to LUAIN on 10 Feb 45.

2. TPT

- (a) Ten 2½ tonners stores
- (b) Twenty two 2½ tonners pers.

3. UNLOADING AREAS

(a) Stores

- (i) Vehs will move across DANMAP to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn area.
- (ii) Guides to report Staff Capt this HQ by 100945 hrs.

(b) Pers

- (i) To debuss
- (ii) Guides to report Staff Capt by 100945 hrs.

4. RATIONS

Unexpended portion of day's rations and 2 days' res being carried.

5. MVT

- (a) Head of column to pass WALMEGOL CREEK at 100730 K
- (b) ETA SUAIN 101030 K.

6. CONTROL

- (a) Bde TO responsible for debussing area SUAIN.
- (b) On arrival vehs SUAIN, Bde TO will
 - (i) place guides on stores vehs and move vehs off to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn area;
 - (ii) On arrival pers vehs park in debussing area.
 - (iii) Pers vehs after unloading to return to SUAIN.
 - (iv) Stores vehs after unloading at 2/2 Aust Inf Bn return to SUAIN.

7. BACKLOADING

- (a) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, less three coys, plus att tps 19 Aust Inf Bde, will return to ATTAPE on 11 Feb 45.
- (b) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to notify this HQ of tpt requirements by 092000 K for stores and pers vehs.
- (c) Stores vehs to report 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 110700 K and pers vehs 110800 K.
- (d) Head of convoy to pass Bde Pro Control Post at 110830 K.
- (e) Vehs NOT required by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be backloaded with salvage.

8. MEDICAL

- (a) ADMS 6 Aust Div will arrange for one Amb Car to travel with convoy both ways.
- (b) Casualties en route to be evacuated as follows
 - (i) Between ATTAPE and YACAMUL to 2/2 Aust Fd Amb ADS ANAPAPI.
 - (ii) Between YACAMUL and SUAIN to 2/7 Aust Fd Amb ADS DEIA CREEK.

9. REC

- (a) EAST of BABIANG
 - (i) 110 Aust Bde Wksp - Rec Veh BABIANG
 - (ii) 110 Aust Bde Wksp - Rec Veh SUAIN.
- (b) WEST OF BABIANG
Under arrangements CEME 6 Aust Div.

10. PRO

- (a) TCP - DANMAP rd at LUAIN
No vehs to move WEST after convoy passes SUAIN.
- (b) TCP - Bde HQ
No vehs to move EAST till empty vehs report back to SUAIN.

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J W Town Capt
(J W TOWN)
SC 16 Aust Inf Bde

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16 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR NO 6

1. Two LCTs will arrive DOGRETO BAY at approx 140600 K.

2. LOADING FROM AITAPE TO DOGRETO BAY

Loading will commence at 1800K in the following order :-

- (a) Ammunition - 25-pr 117 fuze - 1500 rds
25-pr 119 fuze - 1500 rds
approx 50 tons
- (b) AASC - 30000 SWPA rations - approx 75 tons
5000 Native " " 4½ tons
14 days Expense stores for 5000
- approx 10 tons
POL as specified to AASC - approx 20 tons
- (c) ACF - Stores - approx 4 tons
- (d) Ord - " " 2 "
- (e) Canteen - " " 3 "
- (f) Postal - Mail " 1 "
- (g) Medical - Stores " 1 "
- (h) RAE - " " 5 ", 3 Tractors
- (i) Sigs - " " 1 "
- (j) Personnel - Only personnel as authorized by HQ 6 Aust Div.

3. METHOD OF UNLOADING

(a) Control

- (i) Lt col CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn responsible for control whole beach area and responsible for erecting beach signs.
- (ii) All tps in area are under his comd.
- (iii) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will supply unloading parties.
- (iv) It is anticipated both LCTs will beach at same time.
- (v) All amn, rations and expense stores and POL to be delivered to DID NIAP.
- (vi) Ord stores to be delivered to SUAIN under arrangements BCO 16 Aust Inf Bde.
- (vii) Canteen stores to be delivered Canteen Issuing Pt SUAIN under arrangements Canteen Sgt.
- (viii) Mail to SUAIN escorted by Postal representative.
- (ix) A check will be made of all vehs leaving beach to ensure drs knew destination loads.
2/2 Aust Inf Bn will supply an unloading party of one pl to DID NIAP to report there by 131700 K and to carry rations for consumption evening meal and for 14 Feb, mosquito nets, atebrin and Mary.

4. TPT

(a) The following vehs are to report beach by 131830 K to Bde TO.

16 Aust Inf Bde HQ 10
RAA
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt

(b) Unexpended portion of day's rations and rations for consumption 14 Feb to be carried by all drs.

(c) Mosquito nets, Mary and atebrin to be carried also.

(d) Vehs attached to Bde to pick up any returnable containers at LAZY CREEK and to move to beach.

(e) Bde TO will arrange for 132 gals of petrol to be available on beach.

5. BACKLOADING TO AITAPE

(a) 3 Tractors and trailers 2/2 Aust Fd Coy to be on beach by 131800 K. Drivers and assistants to carry unexpended portion day's rations and rations for consumption 14 Feb, mosquito nets, mary and atebrin.

(b) Empty containers as delivered to beach.

6. TRACTORS

Arty to arrange two tractors to report beach, one at 131530 K and one by 131830 K. Rations, nets, atebrin as per para 4 (a & b).

7. TRAFFIC

2/2 Aust Fd Coy will arrange for rd between BEACH and MATAPAU to be open 14 Feb 45.

8. PRO

(a) 3 RPs to report beach by 131830 K with rations for evening meal and consumption 14 Feb, nets, mary and Atebrin.

(b) TCPs - BEACH EXIT.

(c) WAKIP CK.

9. REC

C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt to arrange one rec veh to report BEACH by 131830 K. Rations, nets, atebrin, etc, as for drivers, para 4 (b & c)

10. SECURITY

NO lights of any description will be shown on beach during hours of darkness.

11. INTERCOMN

Line from BEACH to this HQ.

ACK.

Signed at 131150

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(J W TOWN) Lt. Capt
SC 16 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix F
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13 Feb 45

16 AUST INF BDE 002

Ref map: 1 in to 1 mile BUT WEST
1 in to 1 mile SUAIN EAST.

INFM

1. Enemy

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps and 6 Aust Div Int Summaries.

2. Own Tps

(a) 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn reverts from comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn and comes under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

(b) HQ RAA 6 Aust Div and 2/3 Aust Fd Regt revert from in sp.

(c) 2/2 Aust Fd Regt comes under comd.

(d) 2/1 Aust Fd Coy will relieve 2/2 Aust Fd Coy by 150900 K and will take over sector ROCKY PT excl all EAST as far as required.

(e) 2/14 Aust Fd Coy takes over sector SUAIN - ROCKY PT - MALIN all incl by 131500 K.

(f) Two coys 2/3 Aust MG Bn now located ATTAPE come under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn immediately on arrival this area.

One coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn reverts from comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and comes under comd own unit.

(g) 2/1 Aust Fd Amb arrives in this area 15 Feb.

(h) 4 Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn comes under comd HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde as from 130800 K.

3. Navy

HMAS SWAN (four 4 in) will be available for naval bombardment NOT before 20 Feb.

4. Air

(a) Available for close sp maximum of eighteen BEAUFORTS per day.

(b) Tac R is available on request.

(c) All requests submitted to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde for direct action by RAAF Air Sp Party.

INTENTION

5. 16 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will secure the gen line all incl WOLHUK CK - UINA CK - MAMBUT CK.

METHOD

6. Gen line to be secured, inter-unit bdys, and patrol limit are shown in tracing att APPX "A".

7. Right Sector

Comd. Lt col I HUTCHISON 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Tps. Under comd. -
2/3 Aust Inf Bn less 4 Pl.
In sp. -
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Task. (a) Secure the gen line WOLHUK CK - UNA CK.
(b) Develop a jeep track up NIMBUM CK.
(c) Improve carrier route along LONG RIDGE.
(d) Present localities will be maintained in same str until taken over by 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

8. Left Sector

Comd. Lt col P A CULLEN 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Tps. Under comd. -
2/1 Aust Inf Bn
One tp C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt.
In sp. -
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.
One pl 2/1 Aust Fd Coy, as required for co-operation with tks.

Task. Secure the gen line NAMBUT Hill at 680265 - MAMBUI CK.

9. Southern Flank and Rear

Comd. Lt col GORDON 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

Tps. Under comd. -
2/3 Aust MG Bn
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn.
In sp. -
One bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Task. (a) Prevent enemy infiltration WEST or NORTH of gen line WALUM - ILAP - MALIN - excl NIAP 2 646291.
(b) Protection of Beach Maint Area, DOGRETO BAY.
(c) Prevent enemy mov on the lateral route through ABOAMA Area.
(d) Localities to be held will incl - Security Post at WALUM DZ, Security Post at DZ 653198, ILAP, MALIN, junc DANMAP River and MIMA CK, junc MIMA CK and IBUK CK, hill on LONG SPUR 648268, ARIUAI saddle 643273, SE and DOGRETO SPUR and CAPE DJEURAN.

(e) Retain one coy in MATAPAU area prepared to operate in a mobile role.

10. Res

Comd. Lt col A G CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Tps. Under comd. -

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

In sp. -

C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less four tps.

Task. (a) Move fwd into area HAYDONS Knoll 662281 - ABAU - NIAP 2 - junc NIMBUM and ARAGUNAM Cks at 654279, progressively as evacuation of the area by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn permits.

(b) Destroy enemy parties infiltrating through fwd bns.

(c) Counter attack in either fwd bn area.

(d) Develop lateral route from junc NIMBUM and ARAGUNAM Cks to ARIUAI saddle.

(e) Assist in development jeep track up NIMBUM Ck, and improvement of coastal track fwd in rear 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Engrs

Will in order of priority

(a) Establish WPs.

(b) Improve coastal track EAST of DOGRETO BAY.

(c) Improve coastal track WEST of DOGRETO BAY.

ADM

12. Will be issued as essential data re native carriers and Div Maint Area becomes available.

INTERCOMN

13. HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde will close present location and open on coast track just WEST NIMBUM Ck at 161200 K.

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Signed at

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Maj
(T J SCHMEDJE)
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COMMUNICATIONS COASTAL SECTOR MONTH FEB 45

Communications during Feb were severely hampered by our long L of C which was largely dependent on weather conditions. All stores had to be moved forward from ALTAPE and numerous rivers flow into the sea. When floods followed on heavy rainfall many bridges were destroyed. The DANMAP was consistently flooding. The position was somewhat eased by the use of DOGRETO BAY as a beach for landing craft but stores still had to be moved forward from that point. The heaviest rains fell between 19 Feb and the end of the month rendering the coastal road impassable to heavy traffic.

Rain Gauges recorded:

19 Feb	3 inches
20 "	7 "
21 "	4 "
23 "	5 "
26 "	5 "
28 "	6½ "

To overcome transport difficulties it was necessary to establish a DID at WANK CK so that barges could move food and urgent equipment from DOGRETO BAY to WANK CK.

CASUALTY FIGURES 1 FEB to 28 FEB

(A) OWN CAS

2/1 AUST INF BN		2/3 AUST INF BN		2/9 AUST CDO SQN		TOTAL	
KILLED	WOUNDED	KILLED	WOUNDED	KILLED	WOUNDED	KILLED	WOUNDED
13	26	11	26	1	-	25	52

(B) ENEMY CAS INFLICTED BY:

2/1 AUST INF BN		2/3 AUST INF BN		2/9 AUST CDO SQN	RAA	ANGAU	TOTAL	
KILLED	PW	KILLED	PW	KILLED	KILLED	KILLED	KILLED	PW
86	2	65	1	17	3	2	173	3

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PRO-FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 16 AUST INF BDE Date-Time of Origin 17/1/57 K

TO 2/1 AUST INF BN 2/2 AUST INF BN 2/3 AUST INF BN
 2/9 AUST CDO SQN C SQN 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT. 2/2 AUST FD
 REGT 2/1 AUST FD COY 2/14 AUST FD COY 2/3 AUST MG BN
 2/2 AUST TPT PL 2/3 AUST TPT PL 2/21 AUST SUP DEPOT PL
 2/22 AUST SUP DEPOT PL 2/23 AUST SUP DEPOT PL
 2/1 AUST FD AMB 2/7 AUST FD AMB 110 AUST BDE WKSP
 RAAF AIR SP PARTY 17 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST DIV

 0388 SECRET (.) ref 16 aust inf bde 002 para 7(a) and
 appx A (.) gen line to be secured by 2/3 aust inf bn
 will now be as follows (.) line of WOLHUK creek to
 creek junc 700256 thence incl feature 702262 thence
 701267 thence line of creek to 699271 thence WEST
 along inter bn bdy to 686270 all infm

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
 enemy hands, this message must be sent
 IN CIPHER

Signed

Rep [Signature]
 Capt

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 priority

IMPORTANT.

ORIGINATOR'S NO.

TO (a) For Information (INFO)

For Action

FROM (v) Originator Date-Time of Origin

Message Instructions

Office Date Stamp

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16 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 1

Ref BUT WEST 1 in to 1 mile
SUAIN EAST 1 in to 1 mile.

APPRECIATION

1. It is deduced from available infm that enemy strength in front of this sector consists of

MOKO Raiding Unit

3 Bn 115 Regt, 51 Div

1 Bn 237 Regt (depleted), 41 Div

3 Bn 237 Regt (depleted), 41 Div

3 Bn 239 Regt, 41 Div (depleted - arrival doubtful.)

Further units from 51 Div (probable).

2. It is also deduced that enemy intends to attack and drive us over the DANMAP. His present aggressive recce activities in the coastal sector and his stubbornness in retaining close contact in that area indicate that he is making preparations for an offensive along the coast and flanking hills.

3. It is sure that he will carry out raids in some strength against installations, gun posns, and HQ in rear of our FDLs at any time. Such a raid may be seaborne.

4. Our present dispositions generally provide for such probable enemy action and, with the completion of arrival 2/2 Aust Inf Bn in this area, the enemy's chance of success is most remote. In fact, such action, if persisted in, will result in his destruction.

ACTION

5. To meet the changed situation the action set out hereunder will be taken.

6. Defensive localities will be selected in accordance with sound tactical principles and NOT because of their suitability as a bivouac site. The facilities they afford for def arty fire will receive full consideration.

7. All tps in rear of fwd bns will be grouped and organised into def localities under a designated cmd. The grouping is shown in list attached at appx A. Present sites will be shifted as group comds order. These groups will be organised so that if inf of res inf bn, if in the group, moves away the locality will still be capable of all round def. Tps, except on duty, will NOT move out of hearing distance of alarm signal from their locality.

8. There must be full realization of the fact that a coy or equivalent sub unit if in occupation of a soundly selected, organised and prepared locality, can with confidence withstand attack by one bn. As a corollary of this, the more the enemy can be induced to attack the better, in no other way can we so cheaply kill him.

9. Only when it is impracticable to do otherwise, will tps bivouac on beach. Clearings will be made where necessary.

10. A black-out will be observed by all tps EAST of DANMAP River from 1830 hrs to 0600 hrs. Vehicle lights may be used when necessary, but movement of vehicles at night will be reduced as much as possible. WEST of DANMAP River to incl SUAIN PTN area no lights will be visible from seawards or from EAST of River.

11. In patrolling and recce, particularly deep infiltration, there is no doubt that at present the enemy activities are much superior to our own. This will be offset by laying ambushes for enemy patrols, and by thorough frequent close in patrolling to ensure that enemy is not observing our activities at point blank range as undoubtedly he is at present.

12. The restrictions at present imposed on offensive action fwd of FDLs can be offset by secret recce, preferable by small parties, to locate enemy posns, the application of destructive arty and mortar fire, and air B/S as available. Any enemy posn located within range of our guns should be made untenable. There is a limitation on mortar bombs as they go fwd most of the way over difficult tracks, and at present stocks are relatively low; whereas shells go fwd over the difficult portion of the route by air.

13. Owing to the uncertainty of our L of C due to floods, it is imperative that we retain the use of DOGRETTO BAY. DOGRETTO SPUR will be included in area of responsibility of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn and arrangements to hold that feature will be made forthwith.

14. As further coys of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn become available, it is proposed that one coy will be at MATAPAU and two back near the DANMAP available to operate fwd on either coastal or DANMAP routes.

15. C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less three tps will be prepared to cooperate in a counter attack in the coastal sector with either left fwd bn or reserve bn, and its comd will forthwith liaise with comds left fwd bn and res bn (2/2) in preparation of plans for such action.

16. Right fwd bn will be prepared to operate on flank and rear of any enemy force which penetrates between it and left fwd bn.

17. As 2/8 Aust Inf Bn is in process of being relieved, it is not intended to use them in a fwd operational role except in emergency. They will, however, remain at one hr's notice, and be prepared to operate fwd along the coast or up DANMAP River.

18. Sig lines are being tapped by enemy and all users will strictly observe security precautions.

ACK.

T.J. Schmedje
Maj
(T.J. SCHMEDJE)
B M 16 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 051900K
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GROUPINGS OF UNITS IN REAR OF FWD BNS

(Does NOT include localities 2/2 Aust Inf Bn)

SERIAL	AREA	CCMD	TPS	UNDER COMD FOR LOCALITY DEF ONLY
1.	MATAPAU 1 V6230	BC 52 Bty	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt 5 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy
2.	MATAPAU HILL V6130		53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
3.	LIME Creek V6030		6 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	
4.	ROCKY PT V5930	2 IC 2/3 Fd Regt	HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	2/45 Aust LAD
5.	LAZY Creek V5730	BC 5 Ety	5 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt	B ech 2/3 Aust Fd Regt 6 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy Bde Issuing Pt 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl less det. 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl less two secs 2/7 Aust Fd Amb Staging Post 2/41 Aust LAD
6.	LUAIN V5630 and FORK V5529	Comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn	2/3 Aust MG Bn less thr- ee coys	Rear HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 3 Ety 2/2 Aust Fd Regt 4 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Coy 10 Pl 2/14 Aust Fd Coy 2/7 Aust Fd Amb SB Det ANGAU base.
7.	SUAIN V5431 Group 1	BM(L) HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	Sig Sec 16 Aust Inf Bde 10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl One sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl Det AASC 6 Aust Div Det Cash Office FPO Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy Air Sp Party RAAF.
8	SUAIN V5431 Group 2	2 IC 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	HQ 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div 110 Aust Bde Wksp 110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk ADS
9	SUAIN V5331 <i>Group 3</i>	OC 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	HQ 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	B ech 2/2 Aust Fd Regt 2/40 Aust LAD One sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl BBP

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ADDENDA TO 16 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 1 OF 5 FEB 45

TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - ENEMY INFM

TO BE DESTROYED BY FIRE WHEN READ.

1. Documents captured in MALIN sector during 21 Jan and 1 Feb 45 reveal that the enemy has received reinforcements. These tps have been brought up from the WEWAK area. They are in good condition. Equipment and clothing are in good order, much being new.

2. Two new units have been reported to be arriving this area. The 3 Bn of 115 Regt (51 Div, last known location WEWAK), and the MOKO Raiding Unit. The function of the latter unit is to obtain information re posns and topography, to carry out small raids on L of Cs and HQs, tap and cut sig wires and generally harass rear areas. All pers are highly trained. They usually move in groups of from 2 to 8 men.

3. The following are extracts taken from abovementioned documents :-

OO No 55 of 3 Bn 237 Regt dated 19 Jan.

- A. We must consolidate and hold the strategic points in the vicinity MATAPAU 2, EAST of MALIN and AROHEMI Village.
- B. MOKO Raiding Unit arrived SOWAM Village area on 17 Jan and the 3 Bn of 115 Regt (51 Div) is expected to arrive on 25 Jan.
- C. With increased personnel of the above units, the army det will attack and push enemy WEST of DANMAP RIVER and upset their plans.
- D. The det will consolidate and maintain MATAPAU 2 and MALIN sectors. The raiding units will attack the enemy from the rear. When 3 Bn 115 Regt arrives, the raiding unit will combine with the Bn and annihilate the enemy EAST of UME Creek V601304.
- E. There is also a reference to 3 Bn 239 Regt movements being unknown.

Extracts from diary belonging to 1st Lt HARA, Staff Sec.

- A. Entry dated 29 Dec - There seems to be mobilization of infantry in the MOTO FORCE (51 Div). Generally, the entire 18 Army is preparing to meet the advance of enemy at ATTAPE and HANSA BAY.
- B. Organization of No 1 Raiding Unit :-

Capt NARIAI,	CO
Comd Sec Ldr	Sgt NAKATOMI and 8 men
1 Sec	Ldr Sgt KOBAYASHI and 9 men
2 Sec	Ldr Sgt SASAWARA and 8 men.

Strength:

At SOWAM Village	11
Present Site	26
Wireless	18
Kia (3)	4.

ACK.

T J Schmedje Maj
 (T J SCHMEDJE)
 BM 16 Aust Inf Bde

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CERTIFICATE

UNIT _____

This is to certify that Addenda to 16 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 1 -
 Translation of Captured Documents - Enemy Infm - was destroyed
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16 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile SUAIN EAST
1 in to 1 mile BUT WEST

INFM

1. Enemy

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps and 6 Aust Div Summaries.

2. Own Tps

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Locstats.

APPRECIATION

3. It is considered that the offensive action of our patrols has caused the enemy to withdraw from his posns WEST of the ANUMB RIVER though there are probably still small isolated posts within the mtn areas.
4. It is considered unlikely that serious opposition will be encountered WEST of NINAHU RIVER.
5. Advantage will be taken of the pause imposed by the necessity to improve our L of C, to regroup and ascertain the enemy situation fwd to the NINAHU RIVER.

SECTORS AND BDYS

6. The bde area of responsibility will be divided into two sectors :

- (a) Mtn Sector
- (b) Coastal Sector.

7. Inter Sector Bdy

Incl to mtn sector : line of NIMBUN Creek - UNA Creek - SELAMIN Creek to V710264 thence EAST to V800264.

8. Inter Bde Bdy

Pending further instrns from HQ 6 Aust Div will be extended along present line from junc HELIMAP Creek and ANUMB RIVER V770183 due EAST.

9. Air Force Bombline

Action will be taken to extend this further EAST from the present line.

GROUPINGS AND TASKS

10. Mtn Sector

- (a) Comd Lt Col A.G. GORDON 2/3 Aust MG Bn

- (b) Tps 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn
2/3 Aust MG Bn less A and D Coys.
- (c) Task (i) Will clear area of enemy within sector fwd to and incl ANUMB RIVER.
(ii) Will maintain following posts
WALUM V5719
ABOAMA V6817
MALIN V6324
(iii) Will patrol within sector fwd to vertical grid 79 until air force bomblines is moved further EAST.
- (d) Change of Comd.
Lt Col A.G. GORDON will assume comd of mtn sector on 2 Mar 45 at a time mutually arranged with Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Coastal Sector

(a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

With in sp recce parties of C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt and 2/1 Aust Fd Coy.

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed EAST of ANUMB RIVER to incl all track and river junc V737286 and VILLAGE V42296 and will prevent enemy penetration across ANUMB RIVER.
(ii) Will cover Engr recce of ANUMB RIVER and subsequent construction of a crossing.
(iii) Will patrol NORTH of incl track and river junc V737286 and line running due EAST therefrom fwd to incl SIMBI Creek V7629 until 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt is in action WEST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER when limit of patrolling will be extended to incl NINAHAU RIVER.

(b) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed along coastal rd in area between excl both ANUMB RIVER and SELAMIN Creek.
(ii) Will maintain a post on WEST bank of ANUMB RIVER in area V734288 and at such other place or places where a crossing is constructed.
(iii) Will patrol SOUTH of excl track and river junc V737286 and line running due EAST therefrom fwd to incl FLOOD CHANNEL V7627 and V7628 until 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt is in action WEST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER when limit of patrolling will be extended to incl NINAHAU RIVER.

12. Res

(a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed in area along coastal rd between incl SELAMIN Creek and excl WANK Creek.
(ii) Will be prepared to counter attack in either sector.

(b) A and D Coys 2/3 Aust MG Bn

Under Comd Maj L.M. COWAN
2/3 Aust MG Bn.

Tasks (i) A Coy will be responsible for protection of beachhead at WANK Creek and incl all NAMBUT Creek - HILL 800 V677270.

(ii) D Coy will remain in present location at MATAPAU.

(c) C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less three tps

Will be located in area 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

13. Arty

(a) 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt when moved fwd to area WEST of mouth ANUMB RIVER and 3 and 4 Btys 2/2 Aust Fd Regt from present location will be in sp both sectors.

(b) 52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp of mtn sector in rear areas.

(c) Comd 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will arrange for necessary FOO parties to be attached to fwd units.

14. Engrs

2/1 Aust Fd Coy and 2/14 Aust Fd Coy will continue with present tasks.

15. Blackout Restrictions

Will be lifted in area WEST of ROCKY FORESHORE V690285.

ADM

16. Adm instrs will be issued separately as changing conditions of L of C and availability of ldg craft makes them appropriate.

INTERCOMN

17. HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde will move from present location to area EAST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER at time and date to be notified.

ACK.

T.J. Schmedje
Maj
(T.J. SCHMEDJE)
B M 16 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by *DRLS*

Signed at *281430K*

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2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6
2/1 Aust Fd Coy	7
2/14 Aust Fd Coy	8
2/3 Aust MG Bn	9 - 10
2/1 Aust t Fd Amb	11
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Headquarters
16 Aust Inf Bde

Ref: 1190/13

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 2

16 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Herewith 16 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement No 2 as at 191200K. Units holding 16 Aust Inf Bde Locstat No 1 will destroy by fire.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	MATAPAU 2	653289
<u>CAV</u>		
2/9 Aust Cdo Sqn	MALIN	638240
A Tp	DZ	654197
B Tp	MALIN	638240
C Tp	MALIN	638240
<u>ARMD</u>		
HQ C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt plus one tp	MATAPAU CLEARING	621304
One tp	NIAP 2	645292
<u>RAA</u>		
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	MATAPAU 2	651290
3 Bty	ABAU	658287
4 Bty	MATAPAU	601304
52 Bty	MATAPAU CLEARING	624303
53 Bty	MATAPAU	614304
C Tp 2/6 Aust Svy Bty	MATAPAU 2	651290
3 Aust Mob Met Flight	MATAPAU 2	651290
<u>RAE</u>		
2/1 Aust Fd Coy	MATAPAU 2	651290
2/14 Aust Fd Coy less three pls	SUAIN	536319
10 Pl	LUAIN	555310
11 Pl	LUAIN	557309
12 Pl	LAZY CK	574304
<u>SIGS</u>		
16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	MATAPAU 2	653289
Det 2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	MATAPAU 2	653289
4 Aust Pigeon Sec	MATAPAU 2	651290
<u>INF</u>		
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	Y CREEK	674285
A Coy	PAUL CREEK	687285
B Coy	ABAU	659288
C Coy	800 FEATURE	677270
D Coy	Y CREEK	677285
HQ Coy	MATAPAU 2	647292

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	NIAP 2	641293
A Coy	NIMBUM Ck Junc	655280
B Coy	DCGRETO SPUR	640289
C Coy	NIAP 2	647291
D Coy	MATAPAU CLEAR-	621304
HQ Coy	NIAP 2	644292
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	MIMA CK	667248
A Coy	OROTUM HILL	688240
B Coy	CORY SPUR	682252
C Coy	MIMA CK	667249
D Coy	ARIUAI SADDLE	648267
HQ Coy	MIMA CK	667248
Rear 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	NIMBUM Ck Junc	655280
2/3 Aust MG Bn	MALIN	638247
A Coy	NIAP 1	636302
B Coy	MALIN	638247
C Coy	Junc IBUK-MIMA Ck	647252
D Coy	MATAPAU	620305
HQ Coy	MALIN	638247
10 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	MATAPAU 2	653289
<u>INT</u>		
Det "A" FS Sec	MATAPAU 2	653289
<u>ST</u>		
One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl	MATAPAU 2	653289
One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl	SUAIN PTN	526322
2/3 Aust Tpt Pl less two secs	LAZY CREEK	577303
One sec	SUAIN PTN	526322
One Sec	NIAP 1	637301
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAZY CREEK	577303
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	SUAIN PTN	526322
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	NIAP 1	637301
<u>MED</u>		
2/1 Aust Fd Amb MDS	MATAPAU CLEAR-	623304
ADS	MATAPAU 2 ^{ING}	647292
<u>DENTAL</u>		
C Sec 2/3 Aust Dental Unit	MATAPAU 2	651290
E Sec 2/3 Aust Dental Unit	ARLU	650207
D Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	MATAPAU CLEAR-	623304
A Sec 2/4 Aust Dental Unit	NIAP 2	641293
<u>ORD</u>		
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	SUAIN PTN	534319
<u>AEME</u>		
110 Aust Bde Wksp	SUAIN PTN	534319
2/40 Aust LAD	MATAPAU 2	622304
2/45 Aust LAD	NIAP 1	637301

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>
<u>POSTAL</u> Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	NIAP 2	647292
<u>PAY</u> Det 6 Aust Div Cash Office	NIAP 2	647292
<u>PRO</u> One sec 6 Aust Div Pro Coy	MATAPAU 2	653289
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
FMC	NIAP 1	637301
Air Sp Party RAAF	MATAPAU 2	653289
ANGAU Base	SUAIN MISSION	546313

NOTE:

53 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt moving to AITAPE 20 Feb.
 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt arrives location 601304 21 Feb.
 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt moving to ABAU 658287 20 Feb 45.

ACK.

Feb 45

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for Maj
 (T J SCHMEDJE)
 BM 16 Aust Inf Bde

Unit _____

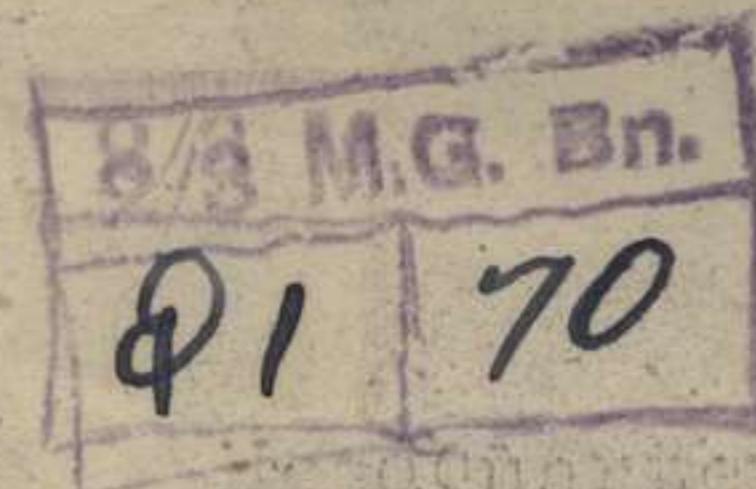
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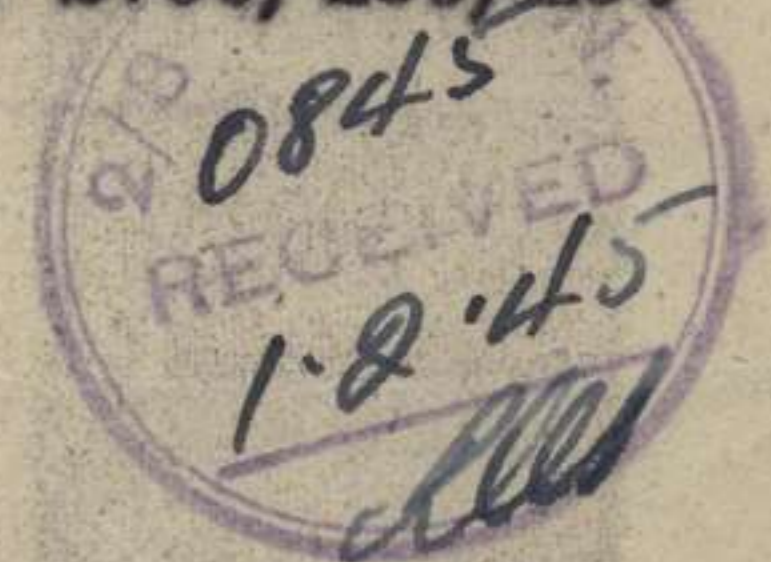


Subject: SALVAGE - REPAIR AND RECOVERY

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16 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: 2799/159/45.

2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Inf Bn
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16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/45 Aust LAD
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
RAA 6 Aust Div
2/3 Aust MG Bn
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl

2/1 Aust Tpt Pl
2/2 Aust Tpt Pl
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
110 Aust Bde Wksp
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
Det 6 Aust Div Sal Unit
Bde TO
Bde Sup O
Bde CQMS
Officers to Note File.



Reference 16 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 1.


1. SALVAGE

- (a) Salvage Depot now established 532321.
- (b) All salvage to be back loaded to this point.

2. REPAIR AND RECOVERY

- (a) 2/45 Aust LAD established 591302, responsible 1st Ech repair EAST of DANMAP except RAA and C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt.
- (b) 110 Aust Bde Wksp, responsible 1st Ech repairs and recovery WEST of DANMAP and all 2nd Ech repairs.
- (c) 2/4 Aust Armd Regt responsible recovery EAST of DANMAP.

3/Jan 45.

 Capt
(J W TOWN)
SG 16 Aust Inf Bde

8 Jan 45

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19 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 4

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST)
 BUT WEST) 1 in to 1 ml

1. Water

- (a) WP - BABIANG V408355
- (b) W - SUAIN PLANTATION V525321
- (c) WP - ROCKY PT V593303

2. Amn, POL, Sups

- (a) DID BABIANG will continue to maintain all tps WEST of DANMAP RIVER.
- (b) 2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl will open Bde Issuing Pt at LAZY CREEK V578303 8 Jan to maintain all tps EAST of DANMAP RIVER.

(i) Res to be maintained -

3 days Rations for 1700.
 14 days Expense Stores for 1700.
 500 gals POL.
 7 days Hydro Burner Fuel and Kero for 1700.
 1000 gals Distillate.
 1 WUR amn.

(ii) DID BABIANG will keep res up to this figure and will be responsible for daily maint in bulk.

(c) Following reserve will be built up and maintained by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

IDAKAIBUL

INAMBULE CREEK

7 days Sups for 480	7 days Sups for 160
1 1/2 WE of amn for Inf Tps	1 1/2 WE of amn
1 WE of amn for Cav Sqn	

Dets 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl will issue Sups at both outposts.

- (d) Maint of 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn at WALUM will be by air drop under arrangements 6 Aust Div, who will maintain a 7 days res of Sups and 1 WE of amn.
- (e) Unit Amn Res
 This has been reduced. Each unit will maintain 1/2 WE extra to unit first line amn.

3. Medical

- (a) MDS NUSITE
- (b) ADS (With Surgical team) SUAIN V536317 opens 8 Jan
- (c) Jeep Car Posts att 2/11 Aust Inf Bn -
 - (i) one at ROCKY PT for evac of casualties EAST of there.
 - (ii) one at ROCKY PT for evac of casualties WEST to DANMAP.
- (d) Jeep Car Post A Coy 2/4 Bn together SBs for clearing DANMAP.

4. Repair and Rec

Rec points, with Breakdown Veh attached, at -

- (a) DANMAP RIVER CROSSING - 2/79 Aust LAD
- (b) V533317 - Rear Details C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt
- (c) V473327 - 2/79 Aust LAD.

*Capt
 DCM.
 Capt. J. Marshall
 U 1.5.40.
 Sat Morning.*

5. Salvage

Dets of 6 Aust Div Salvage unit attached -

- (a) BABIANG DID.
- (b) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn IDAKAIBUL.
- (c) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn ROCKY PT.

6. Tpt

- (a) 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl is responsible for maint WEST of DANMAP RIVER.
- (b) One Sec 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl attached to 2/21 aust sup depot Pl for maint EAST of DANMAP RIVER.
- (c) One Sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) OC 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl to liaise direct with this HQ regarding assistance in all maint.
- (e) To conserve use of tpt, units will contact this HQ before moving ANY vehs WEST of BABIANG.
- (f) All movement of personnel WEST of BABIANG will be co-ordinated by this HQ.
- (g)n Allotment of 400 gal Water Vehs and 80 gal Water trailers is as under, together with units they are to maintain.

Serial	Unit to Veh att	400gal	80gal	Units to be watered
1	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	1		2/8 Aust Inf Bn 2/4 Aust Inf Bn in LUAIN area.
2	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1		All tps EAST of DANMAP to ROCKY PT.
3	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	1	3	Trailers to water Bty. 400gal to Water Rear Ech 2/4 Bn, HQ 19 Bde, D coy 2/4 Bn RHQ 2/3 Fd Regt.
4	2/3 Aust MG Bn	1		To water own Rear Ech and assist 2/4 Bn, C Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt.
5	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	1	2	Own unit, B Ech 2/3 Fd Regt, assist 2/1 Tpt Pl
6	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl		1	Own unit with assist- ance from serial 5.
7	2/6 Aust Cav Regt	1		Own unit.
8	DID BABIANG		1	Own unit and Fd Bakery
9	2/11 Aust Inf Bn		2	All tps EAST of ROCKY Pt.

7. TC

- (a) Pointsmen are est at -
 - (i) Track SUAIN PLANTATION - SUAIN ref V505302.
 - (ii) DANMAP RIVER Crossing.
- (b) Lighting - No lights on vehs moving EAST of DANMAP RIVER unless operationally necessary.
- (c) 2/2 Aust Fd Coy have erected flying fox across DANMAP for ferrying stores over the river.

8. PW

- (a) Units will be responsible for forwarding PW's under escort by quickest possible means to this HQ.
- (b) Bde TO will be responsible for delivery to 6 AUST DIV by quickest possible means. Det 6 Aust Div Pro will provide escort from this HQ WEST.

9. Canteen

- (a) CIP BABIANG for all units WEST of 50 NORTHING
- (b) CIP SUAIN ref V538317 opens 0800 hrs 9 Jan for all units EAST of 50 NORTHING.

10. Postal
Bde FPO SUAIN.

11. Pay
Det 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office opens SUAIN ref V538317 0800 hrs
9 Jan. X

12. Native Compound.
(a) est SUAIN ref V543315.
(b) ALL demands to this HQ by 1500 hrs daily.
(c) 50 Native carriers with ANGAU rep will be est IDAKAIBUL
by 1800 hrs 8 Jan for maint fwd to INAMBULE CREEK.
(d) Daily maint fwd to IDAKAIBUL will be by native carrier.

13. 6 Aust Div Reception Camp
Est ref TADJI Z948511.

ACK *Spw 0830 I*

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Signed at *081630I*

P. Geddes, Capt
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde
P Geddes

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2/11 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/79 Aust LAD	4
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5
2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	6
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	7
2/3 Aust MG Bn (less two coys)	8
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	10
2/1 Aust Tpt Pl	11
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19 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR 5.

Ref Map: SUAIN East 1 in to 1 ml.

1. SUPS, POL etc.

- (a) Det 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl will est BBP SUAIN Plantation, ref V528321, 1000 hrs 12 Jan.
- (b) All units EAST of 50 NORTHING will be maintained from here.
- (c) All units WEST of 50 NORTHING will be maintained from BABIANG.

2. AMN

All replacements of "expenditure only" will be made by DID BABIANG as previously.

3. TPT

- (a) 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl will be est SUAIN PLANTATION, ref V528321, by 1000 hrs 12 Jan.
- (b) 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl will be responsible for all maint deliveries to units WEST of DANMAP RIVER.
- (c) Units WEST of 50 NORTHING will collect Sups with unit tpt.

4. RES

DID BABIANG will hold Bde Res for all Sups, Amn, etc.

5. MAINT

Daily 6 Aust Div will deliver maint direct to BBP.

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Signed at *022301*

P. Geddes Capt
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde
P Geddes

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2/3 Aust MG Bn	8 ✓
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	10
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	11
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25 Jan 45

MME

16 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1

(Issued in conjunction with 16 Aust Inf Bde O O No 1)

To operate as from 271800i

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) 1 in to 1 ml

1. WATER

- (a) WPs vide attached trace Appx "A".
(b) The following water roster will apply as from 27 Jan 45:-

Serial	Units Responsible	Type of Veh		Area of Responsibility	Remarks
		400gal	80gal		
1	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	1	2 @	MATAPAU - ABAU	att from 16 Aust Inf Bde.
2.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	1		ROCKY PT-MATAPAU	" "
3	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	1	3	ROCKY PT-DANMAP	
4	2/3 Aust MG Bn	1		LUAIN area	
5	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	1		SUAIN PLANTATION-SUAIN	
6	C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		1	Own unit	
7	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl		1	Own unit	
8	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	1		MDS	
9	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl		1	Own unit	

@ 1 Trailer with Jeep attached from 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl.

2. AMN

- (a) APs vide trace attached appx "A".
(b) Unit Res as taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde.
(c) Returns showing amounts taken over by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to be submitted Bde HQ immediately after taking over.

3. POL

- (a) Bde Res - BABIANG and LAZY CREEK DIDs.
(b) Units indent every SAT for POL, Range Fuel and Distillate.

4. SUPS

- (a) DID)
BEP) vide trace attached as Appx "A"
Bde Issuing Pt)

(PTO)

(b) Sup Ps -

- (i) DID - for units WEST of NORTH-SOUTH LINE 50.
- (ii) BBP - for units EAST of NORTH-SOUTH LINE 50, up to and incl DANMAP.
- (iii) Bde Issuing Pt - for units EAST of DANMAP.

(c) Maintenance to Sup Ps -

- (i) 6 Aust Div deliver to BBP.
- (ii) BBP break reations and Bde delivers to Bde Issuing Pt.

(d) Bread - Delivered daily to Sup Ps daily under Bde arrangements.

(e) ASC dets -

- (i) Three dets 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl are attached 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Location vide trace Appx "A".
- (iii) One det FORK for breaking of bulk for IDAKAIBUL.

5. DZ

(a) AMAM.

(b) MALIN.

6. MAINT BY AIR DROP

(a) AMAM -

- (i) 6 Aust Div responsible daily maint and 4 days sups and one WE amm as res.
- (ii) Any unit stores to be dropped, to be arranged with this HQ.
- (iii) Parachutes - these will be backloaded to MALIN when track WALUM-MALIN dedared clear of enemy.
- (iv) Amm and ration holdings will be advised this HQ 1200 hrs every WED and SAT.

(b) MALIN

- (i) 6 Aust Div responsible daily maint.
- (ii) 3 days res for 2/3 Aust Inf Bn & p to be built up under arrangement 6 Aust Div.
- (iii) Items NOT possible to drop will be fwded by native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.
- (iv) Daily recovery figures from air drop will be advised this HQ 1800 hrs daily.
- (v) Parachutes - These will be backloaded to LUAIN.

7. NATIVES

(a) AMAM -

- (i) Strength of Indentured and casual labourers will NOT exceed 60 in all, except until Sqn completes mov to AMAM and amm res at LAMBUAIN is fwded to AMAM, 120 natives may be held.

(ii) All refugees and casual labourers in excess of the above figures will be fwded to coast under arrangements ANGAU.

(iii) 6 Aust Div will drop a res of Refugee Rations for maint of refugees to coast only.

(b) MALIN -

(i) 190 natives with ANGAU reps are attached 2/3 Aust Inf Bn for maint in SOUTH HILL - MALIN - ARIUAI area.

(ii) 40 natives to be allotted for collection of animal droppings.

(c) LUAIN -

(i) Main ANGAU compound.

(ii) Any stores for att tps (i.e. 2/9 Aust Cav Sqn, Arty etc) going by carrier will have separate escort to ensure stores do NOT get mixed with normal carrier line.

8. RES

The following res will be held within units:-

(a) Amm as taken over from 19 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Rations - 3 days res with units.

9. MEDICAL

(a) MDS)
) vide trace Appx "A"

(b) ADS)

(c) Med det with SB - IDAKAIBUL.

(d) Car Posts -

(i) Two Jeep ambulances att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn for evac to DANMAP RIVER.

(ii) One Jeep ambulance att 2/3 Aust MG Bn to evac cas over DANMAP to ADS.

(e) Fly Fox - across DANMAP to evac cas when river flooded. To be operated by RAE pers only.

(f) Evac from AMAM - when route cleared, by native carrier via WALUM and MALIN.

(g) Evac from MALIN - by native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.

10. REPAIR AND REC

- (a) 2/45 Aust LAD)
- (b) 2/41 Aust LAD att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt) vide attached
- (c) Adv det 2/110 Aust Bde Wksp & Ord Fd Pk) trace Appx "A"
- (d) Rec Pt - DANMAP - Breakdown veh supplied by 2/110 Aust Bde Wksp.

(PTO)

- Bde Issuing Pt.
- (b) One sec 2/3 Aust Tpt Pl) att BBP.
One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl
 - (c) One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl att 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
 - (d) Bde TO is responsible for all deliveries from BBP to Bde Issuing Pt and for delivery of bread from BABIANG to BBP and Bde Issuing Pt.
 - (e) Tpt Pl is responsible for delivering to units except where Bde Sup 0 arranged for units to collect from Sup Pts.
 - (f) Jeep tpt across DANMAP must be kept minimum.

12. CANTEEN

- (a) Issuing Pt - vide Appx "A"
- (b) Issuing days -
 - (i) Att tps - as at present.
 - (ii) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn - 1000 hrs Tues & Fri
 - (iii) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn - 0830 hrs Mon & Thurs
 - (iv) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 1230 hrs Mon & Thurs
 - (v) 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ - 0800 hrs Mon & Thurs

13. PAY

Det 6 Aust Div Cash Office - vide Appx "A".

14. FPO

- (a) Location vide Appx "A"
- (b) Opens 2718001.

15. SAL

Det 6 Aust Div Salvage unit as per Appx "A".

16. PRO

- (a) Check Post - DANMAP.
- (b) POINTSMAN - ROCKY PT.

17. ATEBRIN

All tps 2 tablets daily.

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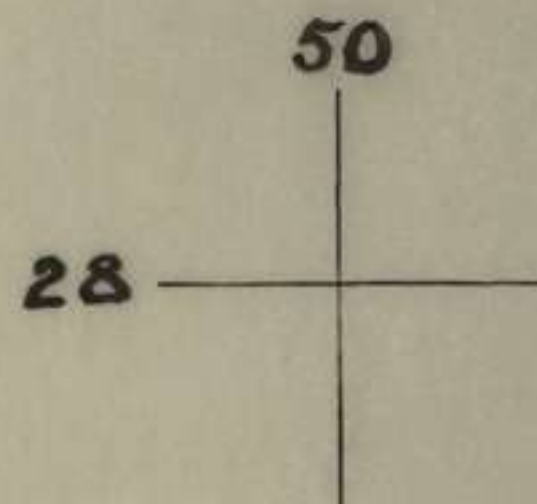
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2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	10
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	11
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6AUST DIV SAL UNIT

AMN Pt & DID

WP

MDS



APPX 'A'
TO 16 AUST INF BDE ADMIN ORDER No 1

TO BE SUPERIMPOSED ON MAPS

SUAIN E & BUT W 1:63360

WP

BBP

110 BDE Wk SHOPS

ADS

DET AACS
DET 6AUST DIV
CASH OFFICE
FPO

2/7 AMB
STAGE POST

41 LAD

2/45 LAD

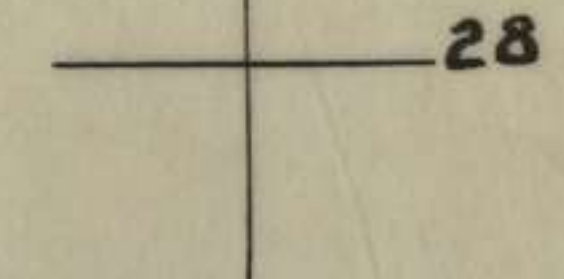
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2/7 AMB
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19 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER 2

(to be read in conjunction with 19 Aust Inf Bde 00)

Ref Maps: AITAPE EAST)
 SUAIN EAST) 1 in to 1 mile
 BUT WEST)

GENERAL

1. This instn covers the adm arrangements for relief of 19 Aust Inf Bde by 16 Aust Inf Bde by MT.

AREA

2. The Bde will conc in permanent bde site AITAPE V933517.

DEBUSSING AND BIV AREAS

3. (a) 19 Aust Inf Bde Biv area SUAIN V542316
(i) All tps and stores conc this area prior to embussing.
(ii) 2/3 Aust MG Bn responsible for preparation of area with latrines, etc.
(iii) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will staff area to handle all tps passing through. An offr will be in charge of this staff.
- (b) 16 Aust Inf Bde Biv area LUAIN V555309.
(i) All tps debuss and conc prior to move fwd on foot. Where necessary this area will be used to dump stores.
(ii) 2/3 Aust MG Bn responsible for preparation of area with latrines etc.
(iii) 16 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for guides, staffing, etc.
- (c) Transport Biv area SUAIN V540316.
(i) AASC vehs conc for night whilst in this area.
(ii) AASC responsible for staffing, etc.
- (d) 16 Aust Inf Bde Staging area IDAKAIBUL V577253
will be prepared under arrangements 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
- (e) Bde TO will be responsible for watering all tps whilst in these areas.
- (f) Bde Sup O will be responsible for delivery of rations, expense stores, etc, when and if required.

MOV

4. (a) See Mov Table Appx "A" att.
(b) Embussing and debussing of tps under unit arrangements.
(c) Bde TO will be liaison between unit moving and the Tpt Pl.

TPT

5. (a) Units of this Bde will move in returning 16 Aust Inf Bde convoys.
(b) The following tpt will be handed over to 16 Aust Inf Bde when they assume comd:

Serial.	Unit to which veh att	Type of Veh.	Time of hand over	Remarks
1	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	1x400 gal Water truck 1 Jeep & 80 gal water trailer 1x80 gal water trailer))) on relief of unit	Det 2/6 Aust Tpt P1 det from 2/1 Aust Tpt P1 det from 135 Aust Bde Wksp.
2	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	One Soc 2/2 Aust Tpt P1 5x2½ ton Vehs)))Det from
3	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1x400 gal water truck))2/3 Aust Tpt P1

(c) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn will liaise with 2/1 Aust Inf Bn regarding ferrying of unit stores to and from ABAU and will contact this HQ regarding extra vehs required.

TC

6. (a) Only essential traffic will be permitted between WALMEGOL CREEK and DANMAP on days convoys are moving to and from DANMAP.
- (b) DAPM is to arrange check posts at WALMEGOL CREEK and on road WEST of SUAIN; NO veh, moving out of a personnel convoy, will be permitted to pass check posts without pass issued by one of the two HQs.
- (c) DAPM, in conjunction with this HQ, is to be responsible for TC of route. Separate instr will be issued.

REPAIR AND REC

7. (a) CEME 6 Aust Div in consultation with 16 Aust Inf Bde is to arrange for rec points along L of C.
- (b) AASC 6 Aust Div is to arrange for necessary rec vehs to accompany each convoy.

POL

8. (a) All unit vehs move with full tks and 50 miles res.
- (b) AASC 6 Aust Div is to arrange for necessary POL for period 23-31 Jan to be placed at DID SUAIN.

AMN

9. (a) Units will move with 20 rds per RIFLE only.
- (b) All loose amn is to be securely boxed and stored under unit arrangements.

SUPS

10. (a) All tps move with one day res and the unexpended portion of days ration.
- (b) All other rations to be handed over to incoming unit.
- (c) AASC 6 Aust Div is placing 3 days rations for 6500 at DID SUAIN normal maint from AASC will be suspended from 23 Jan to 27 Jan and will recommence on 28 Jan.
- (d) Bde Sup 0 will liaise with 16 Aust Inf Bde adv parties regarding rationing of incoming units and with outgoing units of this bde for period between time of relief and departure from 19 Aust Inf Bde Biv area.
- (e) AASC Sjt att 19 Aust Inf Bde will move to Rear Details area 22 Jan and will arrange for rationing of incoming units.

MAINT 2/8 AUST INF BN

11. Maint by air drop daily.

- (b) Maint of IDAKAIBUL by native train from LUAIN daily.
- (c) AASC 6 Aust Div will drop bread every second day at MALIN commencing Monday 22 Jan.
- (d) On the intervening days (viz Tues Thur Sat) Bread will be delivered by native carrier via LUAIN.

STORES AND UNIT RES

- 12. (a) Units will liaise direct as regards exchange of stores.
- (b) All amn, less on the man, and all rations will be taken over by the incoming unit.
- (c) 16 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for delivery of "exchange" stores to 19 Aust Inf Bde rear details as each 16 Aust Inf Bde unit moves out.

MOV OF 2/3 AUST INF BN - 2/8 AUST INF BN

- 13. (a) On arrival LUAIN tps move to IDAKAIBUL and biv for night.
- (b) Unit stores to go by native carrier will be delivered to an area selected by adv party and on advice to this HQ 150 natives will be made available.
- (c) Unit stores NOT required in fwd area will be unloaded under arrangements unit adv party.
- (d) 150 natives with ANGAU rep, on completion of task in sub-para (b), will be based at IDAKAIBUL for movement of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn stores.
- (e) Natives returning with 2/8 Aust Inf Bn stores will be required to deliver stores to road head FORK where 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible to ferry in unit tpt to 19 Aust Inf Bde Biv area.
- (f) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for native rations to be available at all staging areas where natives will biv overnight, they will also be responsible for selection in advance of suitable biv areas.

MOV OF 2/1 AUST INF BN - 2/11 AUST INF BN - MATAPAU - ABAU

- 14. Ferry of stores fwd of MATAPAU will be by unit Jeeps. Should the road be closed through bad weather this HQ will be contacted for assistance.

MEDICAL

- 15. (a) Unit arrangements during mov.
- (b) ADS ANOPAPI 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

DENTAL

- 16. Secs att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be moved in adv of main body under arrangements Bde TO.

POSTAL

- 17. Bde FPO moves with main body of this HQ.

RETURNS

- 18. A certificate will be submitted this HQ on completion of relief to the effect that all res rations handed over were balanced in all essential commodities.

HYG

- 19. (a) Where practicable Bde Hyg Offr will inspect unit areas immediately prior to relief and a certificate given to this effect.
- (b) Where this is NOT practicable, inspection will be made under unit arrangements.
- (c) In either case a certificate of inspection will be forwarded this HQ prior to completion of relief.

WATER

- 20. (a) Bde TO will be responsible for water for all incoming tps.
- (b) AASC 6 Aust Div will arrange for two water carts to be delivered to 19 Aust Inf Bde new location AITAPE by 1600 hrs 23 Jan.
This is in addition to one already att.

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Signed at.....*2022451*

Campbell
Capt
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde
P Geddes

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2/11 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
2/79 Aust LAD	4	4
19 Aust Inf Bde Rear Details	5	5
C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	6	6
2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	7	7
2/3 Aust MG Bn	8	8
2/21 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9	9
2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl	10	10
2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl	11	11
2/3 Aust Tpt Pl	12	12
2/7 Aust Fd Amb	13	13
110 Aust Bde Wksps	14	14
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HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	18	18
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MOVEMENT TABLE

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DEBUSSING AREA: 16 Aust Inf Bde Bivouac Area (V555309)
EMBUSSING AREA: 19 Aust Inf Bde Bivouac Area (V542316)
SPEED AND DENSITY: As arranged by AASC 6 Aust Div, Vehs will NOT move in blocks of more than 12 vehs.
START POINT: SUAIN 535319.

Serial	Date	Unit	Strength Moved by MT.	2½ Ton Veh Required		ETA Debussing Area.	Times at Embussing Area		Remarks
				Pers	Stores		Veh Report	ST	
1	23	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	-	40	8	1200i	-	-	Adv party guides take stores veh direct to MATAPAU. 5 vehs then back-load 2/4 Aust Inf Bn stores to Tpt Biv area.
2	24	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	703	39	5	-	0700i	0800i	
3	25	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	-	4	-	1100i	-	-	Debuss HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.
4	25	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	-	42	10	1200i	-	-	Adv party guides take stores vehs to FORK (less certain stores dumped at 2/8 Aust Inf Bn rear details) Tps march LUAIN - SUAIN. <i>DAKAIBUL</i>
5	26	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	697	39	8	-	0700i	0800i	
6	27	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	-	17	-	1200i	-	-	Debuss at HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde. 6 vehs load stores at HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde -all report Tpt Biv area except 1 to 2/79 Aust LAD.
7	28	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec		8	6	-	0700i	0800i	
8	28	2/79 Aust LAD			1	-	271600i	280800i	This veh will move independently
9	29	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	-	41	11	1200i	-	-	11 Store vehs direct to MATAPAU, unload, report FORK and load 2/8 Aust Inf Bn stores 2/8 Bn responsible for guides from MATAPAU.
10	30	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	791	44	5	-	0700i	0800i	
11	31	Rear Details							Under arrangement of TO 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(a) Unit Jeeps move at rear of convoys.

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19 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No 6

(issued in conjunction with 19 Aust Inf Bde 00 3)

Ref Maps: SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) 1 in to 1 mile

1. WATER

- (a) WP1 BABIANG V408355
- WP2 SUAIN PLANTATION V525321
- WP3 ROCKY POINT V593303
- WP4 MATAPAU V627301

(b) The following water roster will apply as from 1800 hrs 17 Jan, where there is a change of location of water vehs, change over to be completed by 1800 hrs 17 Jan.

Serial.	Unit responsible.	Type of Veh		Area of Responsibility	Remarks
		400-Gal	80-gal		
1	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	1	2 @	MATAPAU - ABAU	att from 19 Aust Inf Bde. Veh att to 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to be att to 2/4 Bn.
2	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1		(ROCKY POINT- (MATAPAU.	
3	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	1	3	DANMAP-ROCKY PT	
4	2/3 Aust MG Bn	1		LUAIN area	
5	2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	1		(SUAIN PLANTATION (SUAIN	
6	C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt		1	Own unit	
7	2/1 Aust Tpt Pl		1	Own unit	
8	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	1	2	MDS	
9	2/22 Aust Sup Depot Pl		1	Own Unit	

@ 1 Trailer with Jeep att from 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl.

2. AMN

- (a) AP BABIANG V408353
- AP LAZY CREEK V578302

(b) Sep instns are being issued regarding unit res, replenishments etc.

3. POL

- (a) Bde Res held at BABIANG and LAZY CREEK DIDs.
- (b) Units indant every Sat for POL, Range Fuel and distillate requirements.

4. SUPS

- (a) Bde Res DID BABIANG
- (b) Sup P's

(i) DID BABIANG - for units WEST of 50 NCRTHING.

(iii) BBP, SUAIN PLANTATION - for units EAST of 50 NORTHING up to and incl DANMAP RIVER.

(iii) Bde Issuing Point LAZY CREEK - for units EAST of DANMAP RIVER.

(c) Maint to Sup Ps 6 Aust Div delivers to BBP, all maint for Bde Issuing Point is broken at BBP and delivered under Bde arrangements.

(d) Indenting - Normal indenting for expense stores and rations.

(e) ASC dets - three dets 2/23 Aust Sup Depot Pl are attached 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for handling ration dumps.

5. DZ

(a) WALUM - already in operation.

(b) MALIN - dropping commences as soon as area prepared by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

6. MAINT BY AIR DROP

(a) WALUM

(i) 6 Aust Div responsible for daily maint and for keeping 7 days sups and one WE amn as res.

(ii) Any unit stores required to be dropped, arrangements will be made with this HQ.

(iii) Parachutes - These will be back loaded to MALIN when track WALUM-MALIN declared clear of enemy.

(iv) Amn and ration holdings will be advised this HQ 1200 hrs every Wednesday and Saturday.

(b) MALIN

(i) On advice 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, daily maint will be dropped under arrangements 6 Aust Div.

(ii) Details of res of amn and sups required to be dropped will be advised this HQ at earliest.

(iii) Items that it is NOT possible to drop will be forwarded by native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.

(iv) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will est a DID det gen DZ area and will allot 40 natives for the clearing and stacking of stores.

(v) As soon as DZ is open all maint will be by air drop for 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, except IDAKAIBUL which will be maintained by native carrier from LUAIN.

(vi) Daily recovery figures from air drop will be advised this HQ by 1800 hrs.

7. NATIVES

(a) WALUM

(i) Strength of Indentured and Casual labourers will NOT exceed 60 in all.

(ii) All refugees and casual labourers in excess of the above figures will be forwarded to coast under arrangements ANGAU.

(iii) 6 Aust Div will drop a res of Refugee Rations for maint of refugees en route only.

(b) MALIN

(i) 190 Natives with ANGAU reps are attached 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for maint in the SOUTH HILL - MALIN - ARIUAI area.

(ii) This figure may be progressively built up to max of 500 carriers as more tps move into area and as air dropping releases native carriers from LUAIN to IDAKAIBUL line.

(c) LUAIN

(i) For present remains main ANGAU compound.

- (ii) Any stores for att tps (i.e. 2/9 Aust Cav Sqn Arty, etc.) going by native carrier will have a separate escort to ensure stores do NOT get mixed with normal carrier line.

8. RES The following res will be held within units:

(a) Amn as per our G40/8/26 of 16 Jan.

(b) Rations 3 days res.

(c) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn ration res will be as under:

(i) IDAKAIBUL

3 days for complete force. This will be built up progressively by native carriers and or air drop and will be considered a force res in case air maint fail.

(ii) DEFENDED LOCALITIES

3 days for garrisons

(iii) MALIN

Initially one days res for complete force will be dropped. At a later stage this will be built up to 3 days.

9. MEDICAL

(a) MDS ULAU 2

(b) ADS SUAIN

(c) Med det with SB, IDAKAIBUL

(d) Car Posts

(i) Two Jeep ambulances att 2/11 Aust Inf Bn for evac to DANMAP RIVER.

(ii) One Jeep ambulance and SB att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, on relief to be att to 2/3 Aust MG Bn, to evac cas over DANMAP.

(e) Flying Fox - across DANMAP to evac cas when river in flood.

(f) Evac from WALUM When route declared clear, by native carrier via MALIN.

(g) Evac from MALIN By native carrier via IDAKAIBUL.

(h) Personnel, of units under comd, returning from hospital will be returned to MDS who will contact this HQ for tpt. As from 17 Jan personnel of 2/4, 2/8, 2/11 Aust Inf Bns and 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ will be delivered to Rear Details AITAPE.

10. REPAIR AND REC

(a) 2/79 Aust LAD V472327.

(b) 2/41 Aust LAD att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt V592302.

(c) Rec Points, with breakdown vehs attached:

Locations

Supplied by.

DANMAP RIVER

2/79 Aust LAD

ROCKY POINT

2/79 Aust LAD

(d) 2/110 Aust Wksp will be located V522320 as soon as veh arrive in AITAPE area.

11. TPT

(a) 2/1 Aust Tpt Pl less three secs att Bde Issuing Point LAZY CREEK as from 1800 hrs 18 Jan.

(b) Three secs 2/1 Aust Tpt att BBP SUAIN PLANTATION.

(c) One sec 2/2 Aust Tpt Pl att HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) Bde TO responsible for all deliveries from BBP to Bde Issuing Point.

(e) Tpt Pl is responsible for delivering to units except when Bde Sup O arranged for units to collect from DID, etc.

(f) Jeep tpt across DANMAP must be kept to a minimum.

12. CANTEEN PAY POSTAL SUAIN

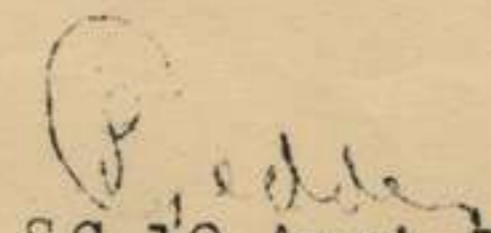
13. SAL Det 6 Aust Div Sal Unit BABIANG with attachments with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

14. PRO

- (a) check post DANMAP RIVER crossing.
- (b) Pointsman ROCKY POINT.

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 SC 19 Aust Inf Bde
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28 Feb 45

16 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile SUAIN EAST
1 in to 1 mile BUT WEST

INFM

1. Enemy

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps and 6 Aust Div Summaries.

2. Own Tps

As per 16 Aust Inf Bde Locstats.

APPRECIATION

3. It is considered that the offensive action of our patrols has caused the enemy to withdraw from his posns WEST of the ANUMB RIVER though there are probably still small isolated posts within the mtn areas.

4. It is considered unlikely that serious opposition will be encountered WEST of NINAHAU RIVER.

5. Advantage will be taken of the pause imposed by the necessity to improve our L of C, to regroup and ascertain the enemy situation fwd to the NINAHAU RIVER.

SECTORS AND BDYS

6. The bde area of responsibility will be divided into two sectors :

- (a) Mtn Sector
- (b) Coastal Sector.

7. Inter Sector Bdy

Incl to mtn sector : line of NIMBUN Creek - UNA Creek - SELAMIN Creek to V710264 thence EAST to V800264.

8. Inter Bde Bdy

Pending further instns from HQ 6 Aust Div will be extended along present line from junc HELIMAP Creek and ANUMB RIVER V770183 due EAST.

9. Air Force Bombline

Action will be taken to extend this further EAST from the present line.

GROUPINGS AND TASKS

10. Mtn Sector

- (a) Comd Lt Col A.G. GORDON 2/3 Aust MG Bn

- (b) Tps 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn
2/3 Aust MG Bn less A and D Coys.
- (c) Task (i) Will clear area of enemy within sector fwd to and incl ANUMB RIVER.
(ii) Will maintain following posts
WALUM V5719
ABOAMA V6817
MALIN V6324
(iii) Will patrol within sector fwd to vertical grid 79 until air force bomblines is moved further EAST.
- (d) Change of Comd.
Lt Col A.G. GORDON will assume comd of mtn sector on 2 Mar 45 at a time mutually arranged with Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Coastal Sector

(a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

With in sp recce parties of C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt and 2/1 Aust Fd Coy.

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed EAST of ANUMB RIVER to incl all track and river junc V737286 and VILLAGE V742296 and will prevent enemy penetration across ANUMB RIVER.
(ii) Will cover Engr recce of ANUMB RIVER and subsequent construction of a crossing.
(iii) Will patrol NORTH of incl track and river junc V737286 and line running due EAST therefrom fwd to incl SIMBI Creek V7629 until 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt is in action WEST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER when limit of patrolling will be extended to incl NINAHAU RIVER.

(b) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed along coastal rd in area between excl both ANUMB RIVER and SELAMIN Creek.
(ii) Will maintain a post on WEST bank of ANUMB RIVER in area V734288 and at such other place or places where a crossing is constructed.
(iii) Will patrol SOUTH of excl track and river junc V737286 and line running due EAST therefrom fwd to incl FLOOD CHANNEL V7627 and V7628 until 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt is in action WEST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER when limit of patrolling will be extended to incl NINAHAU RIVER.

12. Res

(a) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

- Tasks (i) Will be disposed in area along coastal rd between incl SELAMIN Creek and excl WANK Creek.
(ii) Will be prepared to counter attack in either sector.

(b) A and D Coys 2/3 Aust MG Bn

Under Comd Maj L.M. COWAN
2/3 Aust MG Bn.

Tasks (i) A Coy will be responsible for protection of beachhead at WANK Creek and incl all NAMBUT Creek - HILL 800 V677270.

(ii) D Coy will remain in present location at MATAPAU.

(c) C Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less three tps

Will be located in area 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

13. Arty

(a) 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt when moved fwd to area WEST of mouth ANUMB RIVER and 3 and 4 Btys 2/2 Aust Fd Regt from present location will be in sp both sectors.

(b) 52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp of mtn sector in rear areas.

(c) Comd 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will arrange for necessary FOO parties to be attached to fwd units.

14. Engrs

2/1 Aust Fd Coy and 2/14 Aust Fd Coy will continue with present tasks.

15. Blackout Restrictions

Will be lifted in area WEST of ROCKY FORESHORE V690285.

ADM

16. Adm instrs will be issued separately as changing conditions of L of C and availability of ldg craft makes them appropriate.

INTERCOMN

17. HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde will move from present location to area EAST of mouth of ANUMB RIVER at time and date to be notified.

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16 AUST INF BDE DEFENCE SCHEME - SECTOR A - WEWAK AREA

Ref Maps : WEWAK EAST one inch to one mile
 WEWAK WEST one inch to one mile
 KAIRIRU WEST one inch to one mile
 MAPRIK EAST one inch to one mile

PART 1 - GENERAL

1. Object:

- (a) To defend the area SECTOR A with a force of not more than one battalion plus units NOT of the brigade but located in the Sector.
- (b) To form a divisional reserve with the remainder of 16 Aust Inf Bde and be prepared to recapture any of the following localities :

- (i) SAURI
- (ii) MT SHIBURANGU
- (iii) MT TAZAKI
- (iv) HILL 910
- (v) BRANDI PLANTATION

2. Enemy Action

- (a) Enemy information will be kept up to date by the issue of 6 Aust Div Intelligence Summaries and Situation Reviews.
- (b) It is considered that the main enemy force will be forced to withdraw under the steady pressure of our forces along the SAURI - KAMBRAURI - NUMOIKUM axis but that elsewhere and particularly opposite our left flank he will hold his present positions.
- (c) Recent reports of infiltration and offensive patrolling at night have confirmed the enemy's intention to harass our positions with raiding parties. It is considered that the enemy may increase the size of these parties in an attempt to destroy our rear and base installations and it is possible that he may counter attack in force with a view to denying this area to us as a base.

3. Bde Areas of Responsibility

- (a) Command of the WEWAK area is being exercised by 6 Aust Div.
- (b) Details of sectors are shown in Appx A .
- (c) SECTOR B commanded by BRIG J E G MARTIN 19 Aust Inf Bde is being defended by units whose areas are within the sector in accordance with 6 Aust Div Location Statement.
- (d) SECTOR C commanded by BRIG M A FERGUSON 8 Aust Inf Bde is being defended by units whose areas are within the sector in accordance with 6 Aust Div Location Statement.

3. (e) The local defence of areas D and E within Sector C is to be the responsibility of commanders nominated by 3 Aust Base Sub Area, the commander of which is responsible to the commander of Sector C for the coordination of the defence plans.

PART II - ORGANIZATION OF SECTOR A

4. Summary

- (a) Sector A will be defended by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn plus units located in the sector in accordance with 6 Aust Div Location Statement.
- (b) These units will be organized into groups under comd of an officer, nominated by this HQ, who will be responsible for the defence of sub sectors within the bde sector.
- (c) The divisional reserve consisting of 2/2 and 2/3 Aust Inf Bns will remain in their present location and will be responsible for the local defence of their own areas. These units will not come under comd of sub sector comds.

5. Comd

- (a) Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde will exercise comd of Sector A and the divisional reserve.
- (b) In the event of the divisional reserve having to be committed the comd of Sector A will pass to Lt-Col P A CULLEN 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

6. Definition of Sub Sectors

Sub sectors to be defended are shown in Appx A.

7. Allocation of Comds and Tps to Sub Sectors

- (a) Units as shown hereunder are those at present occupying the areas in accordance with 6 Aust Div Location Statement. In the event of changes in location, sub sector comds will make the necessary arrangements to adjust the defence of their locality accordingly.
- (b) Allocation of comds and tps to sub sectors are covered in the succeeding paragraphs.

8. Sub Sector 1

Comd : Officer of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn to be nominated by HQ
19 Aust Inf Bde.

Tps : 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less sub units employed for
subsequent operations.
2/20 Aust Sup Dep Pl.
2/118 Aust Sup Dep Pl.
12 Aust Air Maint Pl.

9. Sub Sector 2

Comd : Maj L M COWAN 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

Tps : HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde
2/3 Aust MG Bn less A and B Coys.
RAA Comd Post
2/6 Aust Svy Bty.
2/1 Aust Fd Coy.
2/35 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

10. Sub Sector 3

2/1 Aust. Inf Bn will be responsible for this area and will be prepared to commit one coy if required in the area.

11. Sub Sector 4

Comd : Maj G E K PITT 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy.
Tps : HQ 6 Aust Div and att units.
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
110 Aust Bde Wksp
110 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk.

12. Sub Sector 5

Comd : Maj W R ROBERTS 2/155 A G T Coy.
Tps : 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/3 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/5 Aust Sup Dep Coy
F S D.
Amn Dump
POL Dump
F M C
6 Aust Div Reception Camp

13. Sub Sector 6

Comd : Maj M L FOTHERINGHAM 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt.
Tps : 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt less dets.
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
2/119 Aust Bde Wksp
2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
6 Aust Div Sal Unit.

14. Sub Sector 7

Comd : Maj JORK STRONG 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
Tps : 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
17 Aust Inf Bde Rear Details
2/2 Aust Fd Amb
135 Aust Bde Wksp
135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/46 Aust LAD

15. Sub Sector 8 and remainder Sector A

Comd : Lt-Col P A CULLEN 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
Tps : 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Fd Coy

16. Divisional Reserve

Tps : 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Tasks

(1) Will be prepared to recapture areas as per para 1 sub para (b).

(2) Will carry out local def of their present areas.

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17. Artillery

RAA 6 Aust Div less units outside the area to be defended will be in sp of Sector A.

18. Engineers

RAE 6 Aust Div less units outside the area to be defended will be in sp of Sector A.

19. Alarm

(a) Warning of an attack apprehended by sub sector comds will be sent to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde by quickest means preceded by the phrase " ENEMY ATTACK".

(b) On receipt of an enemy attack warning, if it is required for units to man action stations, the code word TURU will be issued by the fastest means available.

20. Area Defence

(a) Sub sector comds will ensure the def of all units within their area is coordinated.

(b) Adequate weapon pits will be constructed and all tps will be made conversant with their positions in the event of having to man action stations.

(c) Sufficient sentries to ensure protection will be maintained by day and night.

21. Patrolling

(a) Sub sector comds will ensure active and offensive patrolling is carried out within their areas.

(b) Patrolling to cover the remainder of Sector A will be in accordance with the general policy laid down by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

22. Coastal Defence

(a) The enemy on MUSCHU and KAIRIRU Islands are considered to be the only threat in this respect. The limited number of barges or other facilities for making an attack together with the operations of the MLs in support of the Division make it unlikely that stronger action than the launching of an occasional raid could be undertaken by the enemy.

(b) Commanders of sub sectors will ensure sentries are maintained for coastal defence and will be prepared to take any necessary action to prevent raids of this nature being effective.

23. Medical

All medical units will remain operative in present areas and personnel will not be called to fight other than in defence of their own or their patients' lives.

24. Destruction of Stores and Equipment

No stores or equipment will be destroyed without orders from 6 Aust Div.

25. Traffic Control

DAPM is responsible for traffic control and manning of traffic posts.

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BDE SECTORS & UNIT SUB-SECTORS

APPX A TO 16 AUST INF BDE DEFENCE SCHEME

Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1:63360



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16 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 4

ORDERS FOR LOCAL DEF OF BUT HARBOUR

Ref Map 1 in to 1 mile BUT WEST

1. The following instrs will be applicable for all units, sub-units and dets which arrive in the area of BUT HARBOUR.
2. Infm of enemy and own tps is as per 16 Aust Inf Bde Sitreps and Locstats and 6 Aust Div Int Summaries.
3. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn and att tps will be responsible for the local def of the BUT HARBOUR.
4. Tps which will be under comd Lt Col R HOWDEN, CO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for purpose of local def BUT HARBOUR will be as follows:
 - 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/2 Aust Fd Regt less one tp
 - 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
 - One Bty 2/1 Tk A Regt
 - FMC and att installations
 - 2/21 Aust Sup Dep Pl
 - ADS and MDS 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
 - ADS 2/7 Aust Fd Amb
 - 110 Aust Bde Wksp
 - 110 Aust Ord Fd Pk
5. Area of responsibility from V870273 to V867270 thence SOUTH to high ground thence EAST along high ground to incl SPUR 892255 thence NORTH to coast.
6. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn on arrival BUT will occupy def localities in the following order of priority:
 - (a) high ground astride AU Creek at V874266;
 - (b) gen area 873263;
 - (c) gen area 876259;
 - (d) gen area from 884254 to coast.
7. Security posts each of one sec str will be established on the high ground at
 - (a) 875254
 - (b) 868258
 - (c) 864260.
8. In the event of personnel 2/8 Aust Inf Bn arriving too late in the day to occupy def localities such personnel will stage in the area along the coast between AU Creek and BARGE JETTY.
9. (a) Regt gun area will be located on EAST end of BUT STRIP and 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be responsible for any enemy penetration from the WEST through the strip or along the coast.

(b) One tp 2/2 Aust Fd Regt will be located on SPUR 892255 and will be responsible for its own local def.

10. One bty 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt at present located 875263 will be incl in def layout as required.

11. It can be anticipated 2/1 Aust Inf Bn will move from their present locations to EAST of BUT River.

12. Adm installations will be located as follows

FMC and att installations and 2/21 Sup Dep Pl area BUT JETTY.

ADS and MDS 2/1 Aust Fd Amb and ADS 2/7 Aust Fd Amb area 876264.

110 Aust Bde Wksp and 110 Aust Ord Fd Pk area 880259.

13. All adm installations will be organized into def localities and will prevent any enemy penetration into their areas.

14. On further recce by CO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn the above def layout may be amended at his discretion.

15. The comd of the local def will be responsible for the adjustments made necessary by the departure and arrival of units in the area BUT HARBOUR.

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