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OPPOSED RIVER CROSSING.

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1. INTRODUCTORY:

Development in demolition technique, the menace of air attack and the progress of mech of armies all tend to increase the importance of a water line as a def obstacle.

The op of forcing a passage across a water obstacle has become increasingly difficult and calls for a high standard of staff work and the closest co-operation between all arms.

2. RESPONSIBILITY:

(a) All arms:

(i) The crossing as far as possible of all obs by their own resources.

(ii) The assault crossing and use of assault eqpt.

(b) Engrs: Provision, of means of crossing, building, operation, maintenance, repair, improvement, classification and sign-posting of means of crossing.

(c) Tech as well as tactical considerations will be involved. The senior engr offr will act as adviser to the comd, who is responsible for selection of the crossing place or places.

3. River crossings may be divided broadly into two main classes:-

(a) Encounter crossings: Where the enemy is NOT present in any strength or has NOT had time to organise his posn.

(i) Coup de main: - speed is essence. Methods may incl paratps or airborne tps dropped ahead.

(ii) Infiltration: - speed again essential. Inf approach obs on a wide front. No elaborate plan.

(iii) Local resources: - find means of crossing neglected by enemy.

(iv) Quick attacks: - (if unopposed crossing is impossible). Comds must be well fwd and organise fire plan quickly.

(d) Deliberate Crossings: Where a crossing has to be forced in the face of organised opposition.

(i) Surprise is the essence of success. Deception or secrecy essential. Keep def in doubt as to exact pts of crossing up to last possible moment.

Preliminary recce and prep. Concealed from ground and air.

Deceptive recce and artillery registration.

- (ii) Careful prep and attention to detail.
Op planned as a whole at the outset. Within limits of control, the more crossing pts the better. Number usually limited by eqpt available (at least 33 1/3% res of eqpt must be kept in hand)

- (iii) Speed in execution.

- (c) This precis deals primarily with the deliberate crossing.

4. NATURE OF THE OP:

An opposed river crossing will normally incl the following phases:--

- (a) An inf attack across the obstacle to secure vital ground covering (b) and (c). This attack will be subject to the same principles as in any other attack, except that special arrangements are necessary to enable inf to cross the obstacles.
- (b) As soon as the covering posn or br head has been gained, Engr pers commence construction of a br. To enable this work to be carried out, the covering force must be strong enough to hold the posns taken for the necessary time.
- (c) As soon as the br is completed, the heavier sp weapons incl arty and tks will be crossed -- also additional tps to enlarge the br head and undertake further offensive ops.
- (d) This precis deals primarily with (a)

5. FACTORS IN THE DELIBERATE CROSSING:

- (a) Strength and disposns of enemy.
- (b) Infm about obstacles.
- (c) Eqpt available.
- (d) Objectives -- incl main covering posn and any intermediate objectives.
- (e) Whether op is to be by day or night.
- (f) Time available for preparation.
- (g) Time required for building br after assault crossing is made.
- (h) Sp fire.

These factors are considered in detail the following paras.

6. INFM ABOUT OBSTACLES:

- (a) Based on preliminary infm which will usually be available from prior knowledge of the obstacles, int reports, etc. Detailed recce to waters edge - may be possible only at night. Small recce parties (not more than three) Engr and inf aspects very closely connected. Sterec exmain-ation of air photos very valuable.
- (b) What to look for:
 - (i) Possible Crossing places: width, depth, current, banks, tidal or other changes, any other infm.
 - (ii) Possible forming up places: (FUP) See Para 14 (b) (iv) Boats opened. Assaulting tps, carrying and rowing parties formed into their final order for adv to crossing place. Far enough from bank to ensure

cover from ground observation and that noise of opening boats will NOT be heard.

- (iii) Approaches to River - NO obstacles - routes must be taped or marked by other means. Consider time taken and stores to clear approaches.
- (iv) Off loading pts (OLP) - where assault eqpt delivered in MT of Fd Park Coy or AASC. Care must be taken that **tpt** does NOT give show away.
- (v) Possible Assembly pcens: - assembly of assaulting tps. If extent cover and approaches permit, may coincide with OLP.

7. EQPT AVAILABLE:

- (a) Assault crossing eqpt incls, recce boats, assault boats, and Kapok assault bridging. See Appx A and C for details. Assault boats have replaced Kapok bridging as the normal means of effecting the crossing of leading tps. Apart from being easier to erect, carry and launch, they avoid the disadvantages of a dangerous defile presented by a br. Kapok bridging will, however, greatly facilitate crossing of tps in rear, pending construction of the main br.
- (b) Service br eqpt (other than assault bridging)
 - (i) load classification system, see precis E2, Appx A.
 - (ii) mob br eqpt is carried on vehs allotted for that purpose.
 - (iii) non-mob eqpt NOT normally on wheels, but most types can be carried in lorries 3 ton GS.
- (c) Sources of sup:
 - (i) mob br is carried by fd park coys (div) and Corps br dumps.
 - (ii) provision and allotment made by G staff and sent fwd in accordance with these orders by CRE.
- (c) Types and purpose, see Appx A.
- (d) Scale of issue and capabilities, See Appx B.
- (e) Assault br calculations, see Appx C.
- (f) Miscellaneous.
 - (i) mech and increased weight of vehs, have made early construction of class 24 brs necessary.
 - (ii) mob br eqpt carried in a div is class 9 minimum. Hence lorries 3 ton and lt tks may cross.
 - (iii) all refs in manuals and MTPs to details of service are more or less obsolete.

8. OBJECTIVES:

- (a) The final objective will be the ground required to cover construction of the br. Usually at least one intermediate objective will be necessary. The intermediate objective or br head will normally provide little more than a footing on the far bank.

sufficient to allow the remaining assault tps to cross, form up on far bank and ensure that they move off in right direction.

The main objective or br head which will usually be the main objective of fwd units and should incl ground, necessary to provide protection for FBE rafts or brs from aimed small arms fire and if possible from ground observed arty fire; be strong enough to resist attempts at interference with work of br construction, and if possible ensure that enemy is out of sound range of br site.

It is NOT possible to construct the military br of to-day in silence.

- (b) Factors: Do they adequately cover br head? Facilities for forming up and deploying tps on far bank on time and under cover. Suitability for def and exploitation. If attack is by night, do they stand out - maintenance of the objective.

9. DAY OR NIGHT ATTACK:

- (a) Some light is desirable for launching brs and for the assault, but the necessity for surprise must NOT be overlooked. Ops in complete darkness are very difficult and will usually be confined to covering tps and strictly limited objectives.

(b) Chief factors:

- (i) Surprise: Night best but may cause undesirable delay.

Day crossing with use of smoke, fog or mist.

- (ii) Exploitation: light necessary for main adv, subsequent to crossing. Best time for exploitation is half light of dawn when assaulting tps can see the adv.

- (iii) Delays: Allow for this. Very liable at night.

- (iv) Flexibility: One crossing may fail or suffer interference. Tps may have to be diverted.

(c) Suitable periods:

- (i) Early in the night: This allows time for re-organisation on far bank, building of brs and for getting MG's, mortars and A Tk guns across. But it also allows time for the enemy to readjust his disposns and prepare for counter-attack at first light.

- (ii) Shortly before first light: This allows the leading tps to get across and form up for exploitation at first light, gives the enemy the least time for counter-action and makes covering fire by observation possible. The crossing itself, however, must take place in darkness.

- (iii) At first light: The crossing is easier and it can be more adequately supported by covering fire. But reorganisation on the far bank may have to be done in view of the enemy. A zero hr at first light would only be suitable against lt opposition.

- (iv) (ii) and (iii) have the disadvantage that if the enemy has tks, he may attack before it is possible to get A Tk guns across in sufficient numbers.

10. TIME AVAILABLE FOR PREPARATION:

Success of a deliberate crossing requires the most careful planning and detailed arrangements; all this requires time. If detailed recce of the river is only possible by night, this will often mean that the attack cannot take place before the next night.

11. TIME REQUIRED FOR BUILDING BR:

This will affect the time for which the br head must be held before by sp weapons incl tks, can be brought over for continued adv or for exploitation. Times given in Appx A will need some adjustment if respirators worn or if interference by enemy is encountered.

Approaches have not been considered in timings given.

12. SP FIRE:

- (a) Alternatives: Silent attack or supported by fire.
- (b) Factors: No covering fire - surprise. If crossing fails, covering fire required at short notice. Knowledge of enemy disposns.
- (c) Day: FOOs to discover pts of resistance.
- (d) Night: Covering fire from MMGs rifles and LMGs from posns close to crossing places -- arty on known enemy strong points if registered.
- (e) Air: to overcome unexpected resistance and stop enemy bringing up res.

13. DETAILED PLANNING OF ASSAULT CROSSING:

The following notes consider the case of a leading bn attacking by night, or at first light.

- (a) The bn cmd will have been given his objective, and allotted assault eqpt by higher formation. Usually the limits of the crossing place will be given. The policy concerning sp fire will also have been decided.
- (b) The points to be incl in the Bn Comds plan will incl:--
 - (i) Protective dets to cover front and flanks of FUP and to provide sp fire across the obstacle if in accordance with higher policy.

- (ii) Number of coys fwd for capture of his final objective.
- (iii) Selection of an intermediate objective or br head posn on the far bank to cover crossing and forming up of tps for (ii): Proportion of tps to be employed for this purpose.

- (iv) Selection and marking of FUP for crossing, see para 6 (b) (ii)

The following takes place at the FUP:--

Boats are set up and placed at required intervals - slight noise may be expected.

Crew of two per boat form up with boats.

Assaulting tps form up on respective boats
(Assaulting tps usually carry boats from FUP)

Therefore, FUP should be sufficiently far back, having regard to ground, to prevent enemy detecting op. This may be between 600 to 1000 yds depending on conditions.

- (v) Arrangements for marking (e.g. by tapes) routes to be followed by assault boat parties from FUP to river bank (launching points)
- (vi) OLP for assault boats. This should be as near FUP as road access and the noise factor will permit.
- (vii) Provision of carrying parties to carry boats from OLP to FUP. Should NOT normally be done by assaulting tps. Ensure that route is adequately marked.
- (viii) An assembly area. Routes to FUP must be marked. The most careful arrangements must be made to send fwd to the FUP previously detailed boat parties in the required order, and to ensure that they form up quickly, correctly and quietly on the FUP.
- (ix) Careful arrangements to ensure controlled progress from FUP to river of subsequent flights, or boat loads. Remember, due to current, etc, boats may NOT return to same points on near bank; some boats may become casualties. Ropes across the river may often facilitate control of boats.
- (x) An FUP on the far bank on which to form up assaulting tps for capture of the final objective will be necessary. Arrangements must be made for this to be marked immediately first flight has attained its objective.
- (xi) Tps arriving in subsequent flights will have to be collected and led to their posns on the FUP. This will often be the most difficult part of the op. If it is possible to arrange for an assault br or hrs to be launched immediately after the initial br head has been made, this problem will be

greatly simplified. Otherwise suitable sub-unit assembly areas will be required between landing points and FUP.

(xii) How inf sp weapons, incl MMGs, mortars, and A Tk guns are to be got across. It will NOT be possible to get A Tk guns across until Engr can, e.g. provide a suitable raft.

(c) Many of the above matters, e.g. selection of Assembly Areas, FUP on near bank, OLP etc, will often be under bde arrangements,

14. CONCLUSION:

In war the unexpected will happen and this is never more true than in a bridging op.

A very high standard of trg and discipline is essential to the success of such a difficult op.

A badly trained driver may for example be the cause of failure of the op, should he lose his way, become bogged etc whilst bringing up essential eqpt.

LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL:
Sec 43.

LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL. APPX A.
 With Tac 6.
SERVICE BR EQPT - TYPES & PURPOSE.

SER	LOAD CLASS	EQPT	PURPOSE & REMARKS	APPROX TIMES FOR ERECTION
1	Assault	Recce boats	2 man pneumatic rubber boats for recce. Wt 39 lbs.	5 mins
2	Assault	Assault boats	9 man (7 passengers, 2 ferry-men) for assault crossings. Stiff plywood floor, canvas sides and stiff timber gunwale. Sides kept extended by struts and collapse when struts are folded down. Length 12'11" width, 4'8" height 1'7" to 1'11", height closed 4 ins, weight 162lbs	$\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 mins.
3	Assault	Kapok assault bridge (KAB)	For assault crossings over rivers NOT more than 150 ft wide, and NOT flowing faster than 2 knots, OR to supplement assault boats as a maintenance br for res. Bays are 6'6" buoyancy of a float is 300-lbs -- will carry one armd man on each float, i.e. inf single file, 6 ft intervals. Weight of each bay 1 cwt.	1 min/bay (day) 2 min/bay (night) (not incl carrying and launching)
4	5	Folding boat eqpt (FBE) Mk III or converted Mk II	As ferries (with landing stages). For passage of sp weapons, carrs, and lt tks except Mk III.	10 mins
5	9	FBE Mk III or converted Mk II	As double raft ferries (with landing stages) or in br. For all div tpt and lt tks Mk VII. Bays are 20 ft. Boats weigh 8 cwt.	10 mins/bay
6	24	Small box girder (SBG) Mk III or converted Mk II	For clear span br up to 64 ft. Gap must be in multiple lengths of 16 ft. (80 ft class 40 Bailey to replace).	About 1 hr (day) incl unloading excl approaches.
7	24	Pontoon eqpt Mk V	For wet gaps, as rafts (shore loading or between landing stages) or in br. Bays are 21 ft.	Trestle Bay (shallow). 25 Day, 50 night. Floating bay. 30 day, 40 night.
8	24	Aust panel br	For clear span up to 152 ft 6". Class 40 up to 132' 6". With extra decking br is class 60 for shorter spans. Angle members and panel plates.	Not available.
8 (a)	24	Bailey	Up to 180 ft class 18. Up to 110 ft class 70	80 ft span 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs day 4 hrs night

9	24	Steel Br	For cleat span up to 98 ft. Br is class 40 up to 70 ft. Tubular members 14 ft and 16 ft, built in 14 ft panels.	3 hrs/panel (cantilever).
10	24	Br self launching 32 ft. Scissors	For clear span up to 32 ft. Carried and launched by tks. (not R.E eqpt)	10 mins
11	24	Br tracking 20 ft	For gaps up to 20 ft. Class 30	5 mins
12	30	Stock spans	Steel girders made up in sets for clear spans of 26 ft, 32 ft and 37 ft.	4hrs excl app- roaches.

NOTE: Serials 1 - 11 incl are normally mob eqpt but may
be carried in br parks and engr stores depots as
non-bomb eqpt.

Serial 12 is normally non-mob eqpt.

LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL.

LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL
PROVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOB BR EQPT.
vide E in C Technical Instn No 17 (revised)

Appx "B"
With Tac 6

FORM- ATION	UNIT	TYPE	SCALE	TPT	CAPABILITIES AND REMARKS
Armd Div	Fd Pk Sqn	Recce boats	8	1 lorry 15 cwt GS	2 men fully equipped
		Assault boats	12	1 Truck 3 ton GS	9 men fully equipped
		SBG Mk III	2 sets	6 Trucks ST 4x4 2 Trucks 3 ton GS	1 br 64 ft span class 24 plus 2 brs 32 ft span class 24 OR 2 brs 48 ft span class 40 OR 4 brs 32 ft span class 40
		20 ft track br	4 sets	2 Trucks 3 ton GS	4 brs 20 ft span class 30
Inf Div	Fd Pk Coj	Recce boats	32	4 Trucks 3 ton GS	
		Assault boats	48		
		FBE Mk III	1 set	8 Trucks ST 4x4 1 Truck 3 ton GS	1 br 260 ft span OR 2 brs 140 ft span class 9 (Tracked vehs up to 7¼ tons only)
		SBG Mk III	2 sets	6 Trucks ST 4x4 2 Trucks 3 ton GS	1 br 64 ft span class 24 plus 2 brs 32 ft span class 24 OR 2 brs 48 ft span class 40 OR 4 brs 32 ft span class 40

FORM- ATION	UNIT	TYPE	SCALE	TPT	CAPABILITIES AND REMARKS
Various as required	LHQ	Recce boats	16	1 truck 3 ton GS	2 men fully equipped
		Assault boats	24	2 trucks 3 ton GS	9 men fully equipped
	Br	KAB	90 boys (585 ft)	3 trucks 3 ton GS	Inf single fine ^{6'6"} 5' intervals
	Pk	FBE Mk III	2 Div sets	16 trucks ST 4x4 2 trucks 3 ton	2 brs 260 ft OR 4 brs 140 ft span class 9
		Pontoon Mk V	Pontoon units 54 Trestle units 6 Sliding boy units 6 Landinb boy units 16	74 trucks ST 4x4 8 trucks 3 ton GS 4 trailers	1 br 440 ft span OR 4 brs 140 ft span
		SBG Mk III	2 div sets	6 trucks ST 4x4 2 trucks 3 ton GS	as for inf div
		Steele Br	4 sets	18 trucks 3 ton GS	1 br 154 ft span class 10 OR 2 br 70 ft span class 40 OR 1 "154 " " " 34 OR 2 " 98 " " " 40 OR 1 "196 " " " 10
		Aust Panel Br	1 set	30 trucks 3 ton GS (approx)	1 br 152 ft 6 ins span class 40 OR 2 br 152 ft 6 ins span class 9
		Bailey	1 set	30 trucks 3 ton GS (approx)	1 br 110 0 ft span class 70 1 br 130 ft span class 50 1 br 150 ft span class 30 2 br 80 ft span class 70

ASSAULT BRIDGING CALCULATIONS.

1. KAB. Ref MTP No 23 Pt VIII Appx A
6'6" bays.

2. ASSAULT BOATS.

- (a) Available in div 48
" " corps br dump 24 for corps of 3 divs.
Therefore, total likely to be available in div - 72.

- (b) One pl requires 5 boats.

Coy HQ requires 2 boats.

Coy crossing in two waves with Att pers (engrs, sigs, some HQ Coy pers) requires 12 boats. Add 6 boats spare (50%).

Hence div can send across 4 Coys in first two waves.

Hence div could stage assault with one bde, with two bns up, each with two coys up and get the four Coys across in two waves.

- (c) TIME:

Launching and embarking	approx 2 mins.
Crossing	approx 50 yds per min.
Disembarking	approx $\frac{1}{2}$ min.
Return Crossing	approx 50 yds per min.
Finding and embarking next wave	2 mins.

Hence in a Crossing 50 yds wide the turn round would take about $6\frac{1}{2}$ mins.

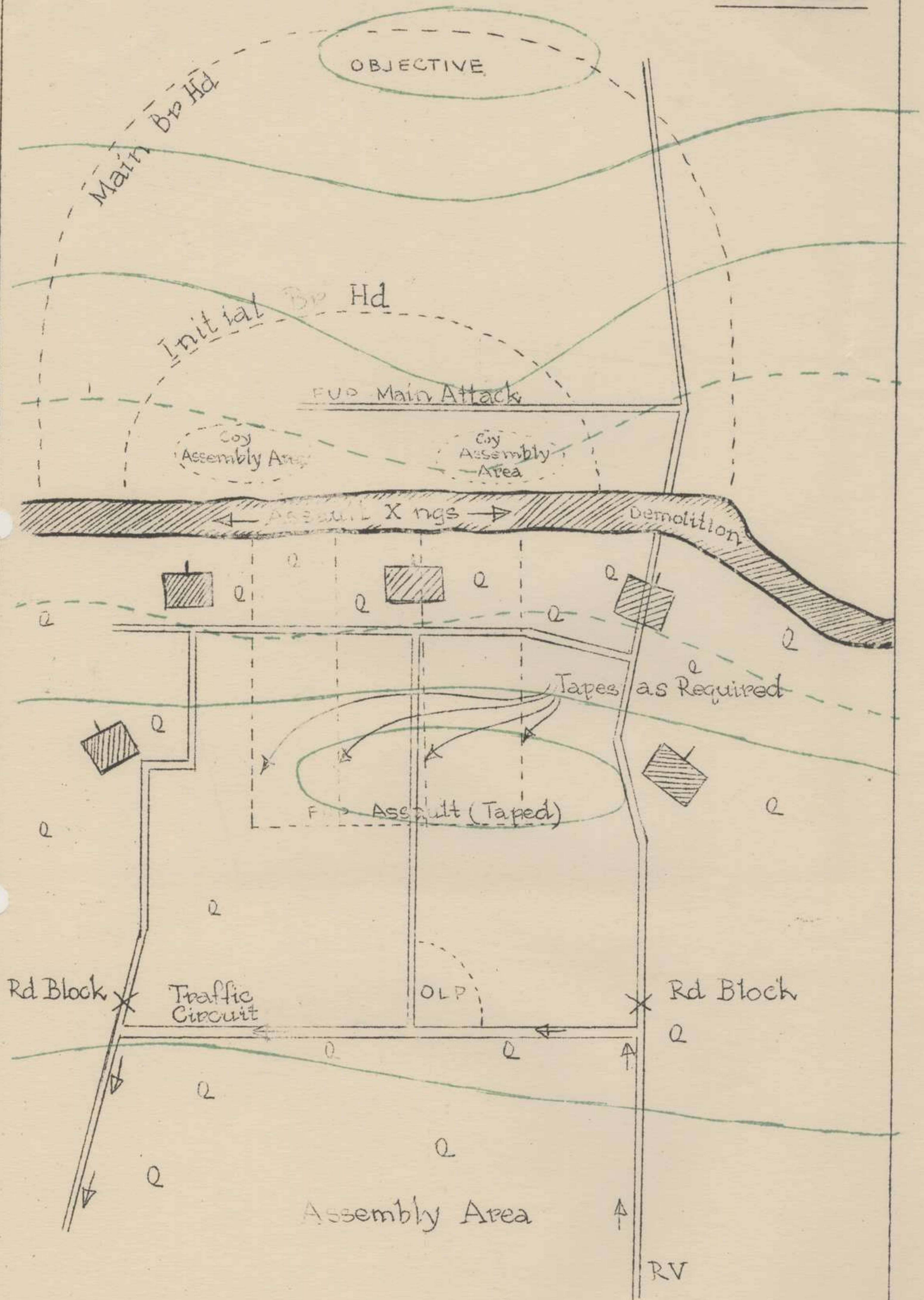
Hence in above example the two waves would take about 8 mins to reach far bank.

Time to cross would be reduced after surprise is lost; and would be increased with difficult banks, and if crews had difficulty in returning to right pt.

- (d) SPACING:

Boats carrying a pl should be close enough to maintain contact; conditions vary but 30 yds between boats is average; This, and frontage, limit number of boats to be used.

In example, para (b) each coy has a frontage of 330 yds which is large for night ops.

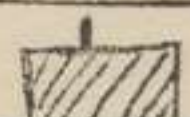


DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT OF ASSAULT CROSSING

LEGEND

1 in = 250yds

LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL

 = Protective Det

FILE

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

SECRET

HEATHER'S LAGOON BIV

COPY No. 19.....

22 JUN 44

DATE 16 JUN 44.

ADMINISTRATION ORDER No I

REF MAP MARRAKAI 1" to 1 MI

1. OBJECT

Phase (a) Move to Biv Area HEATHER'S LAGOON

" (b) Carry out individual and group training
in improvised methods of crossing water
obstacles.

(c) Apply lessons of Phase (b) in a Bn Exercise

2. TPS TAKING PART

(a) 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less rear party pers.

3. GROUND

(a) Biv Area Square 26.28.52.54

(b) Training Area HEATHER'S and adjacent
LAGOONS ADELAIDE RIVER

4. ADV PARTY

(a) Composition - Capt May OC Party
& batman 2

Rifle Coys - 1 Sgt
5 O/Rs 24

HQ Coy - 1 Sgt
6 Sig Pers
1 Hyg Sgt
2 Cocks
9 O/Rs 19

Instructional Party

Lt Halls & batman
" Thornton & batman
Pnr Pl (excl Cpl Tennant
Ptes Bryce, O'Neil &
Clarke) 11

60

(b) Adv Party will move to Biv Area by MT 18 JUN 44
under separate Adm Order.

(c) Coy Guides will be detailed for each Coy by OC
Adv Party and will be in position on Track at
HEATHER'S LAGOON at 1130 hrs 22 JUN 44.

5. REAR PARTY

(a) Composition :- Lt.....& batman 2

Rifle Coys 1 NCO - Orderly Rm, 1 Storeman Q Store,
 2 Gen Duties (Bn Picquet) 16
 Sgt Byas 1

HQ Coy 1 NCO - Orderly Rm, 1 Storeman Q Store,
 3 Gen Duties (Bn Picquet), 1 Pl Storeman
 5 3 Pl (5 O/Rs), 10 4 Pl (1 NCO 9 O/Rs)
 1 5Pl Storeman, 4 6Pl (1 NCO 3 O/Rs) as
 detailed), 2 7Pl (Adm) RQ & Ration Store
 3 7Pl (Tpt)Storeman, Pump & Dr, 1 RAP, 2 Cooks,
 2 Hygiene.

Bn HQ 1 Pay, 1 Post, 1 Orderly Rm Clerk,
 2 Orderly Sgts (Sgts Ager & Penniment)
Canteen 1 Sgt Thompson YMCA 1 Cpl Bushell
Offrs Mess 1 L/Cpl Gedling. Sgts Mess 1 Pte
 Smith W.C. 45
 64

- (b) All rear party pers will be rationed from 'C' Coy Kitchen.
- (c) Coy Q Stores will NOT be left unattended at any time, NCO and Storeman will arrange relief during meal hrs etc.
- (d) Gen Duty personnel will provide Bn Picquet under one of the Orderly Sgts and will mount at Bn HQ at Retreat and dismount at Reveille. Gen Duties will be responsible for the watering of Coy gardens and will also provide 2 fatigues for Sgt Byas as required.
- (e) Electric Light Plant will NOT be operated.

6. ROUTINE

(a) 1 Day

Reveille 0530
 Sick Parade 0545
 Breakfast 0600
 March ST 0700
 Thereafter Normal

(b) 2 Day & Subsequent days of Biv

	<u>Week Days</u>	<u>Sundays</u>
Reveille	0630	0700
Sick Parade	0645	0730
Early Morn.Pde.	0645 - 0700	-
Breakfast	0745	0815
Parades	0845 - 1230	-
Lunch	1300	1300
Parades	1400 - 1700	-
Evening Meal	1745	1745
Retreat	1800	1800
First Post	2130	2130
Last Post	2200	2200
Lights Out	2215	2215

DRESS

- (a) Movement to HEATHER'S LAGOON.

Scale 'A'
Shorts
Hose Tops & Puttees
Hats Fur Felt.

- (b) Biv Area

As laid down in Training Schedule.

- (c) Packs will be carried in Coy Tpt and will contain:-

Additional Clothing, other than carried under Scale
'A'
Steel Helmets
Sandshoes, if any
Bathers
Extra Toilet requisites.

- (d) Respirators will NOT be taken.

8.

EQUIPMENT STORES ETC

- (a) Rifle Coys will load complete WE for 2 Pls together with Coy HQ stores etc.
- (b) Rifle Coys will be issued with 2 tent flies and HQ Coy with 6 for kitchen use etc.
- (c) Each rifle Coy will provide 3 water drums and HQ Coy 6, one of which will be for Bn HQ use.
- (d) Three blankets will be rolled in ground sheet and labelled and stacked in Coy Areas by 0700 hrs 22 JUN 44, under picket of 2 O/Rs who will act as loading party.
- (e) Bn Hqs will carry 1 tent for Bn HQ Office and 3 tent flies for other use.
- (f) Coys will take bowls and basins for washing and foot baths.

9.

MOVEMENT

- (a) Order of March

	<u>ST</u>	<u>SP</u>
Bn HQ	0700 hrs	Bn Exit
D Coy	0710 "	"
B "	0720 "	"
C "	0730 "	"
HQ "	0740 "	"
A "	0800 "	"

- (b) Route

NORTH along STUART HIGHWAY to 250^x NORTH 47 MI
peg thence EAST to TRACK JUNCTION 255549 thence
SE HEATHER'S LAGOON.

9. (cont)

(c) Halts

All Coys will halt at 10 minutes to the hour.

(d) D Rs

Two D Rs will ride 100^x ahead of Bn Hqs for traffic control and DR duties.
One DR will take up position at turn off from STUART HIGHWAY - 163554.

(e) Hq Coy will march as a Coy, no pers being attached to Rifle Coys.

(f) Coys will march in column of route along STUART HIGHWAY and strict march discipline will be observed. On the Track the following distances will be maintained -

200^x between Coys
50^x " Pls
20^x " Secs

(g) Coy Comds will synchronise their watches with Sig Office 0630 hrs 22 JUN 44.

10. TRANSPORT

(a) Allocation

Rear Party

OC Rear Party	1 Van 1 ton
2 i/c Arty Exercise	(1 " "
	(1 Jeep
Water Cart	1 30 Cwt Water Cart
CO's Car	1 Car

Main Body

CO	1 Van 1 Ton
Office & I Sec	1 " "
Signals	1 " "
RAP	1 " "
Coy Vans	5 " "
QM	1 " "
Mortars & MMG	1 " "
MT Spares	1 " "
Blanket Vchs	5 " "
Tk/A - Wiles Cookers	3 Portees 3 Ton
Kitchen Trucks (1 to be used for spare kitchen gear not carried on Wiles Cookers)	3 Trucks 3 Ton
Arm	1 " 30 Cwt
QM - Rations & Stores	1 " "
Water Cart	1 Water Cart 3 ton

(b) All tpt will be under direct control of TO as from 1200 hrs 22 JUN 44 and will be concentrated in Tpt Park upon arrival at Bn Area.

(c) A Ech Tpt will move under control TO & B Ech under control QM.

10 (Cont)

(d) Movement

A Ech

Assembly Area - Bn Loop Road.
Route - NORTH along STUART HIGHWAY to EAST
TRACK thence to HEATHER'S LAGOON.
Speed & Density - 10 MIH 10 VTM
Start Point - Bn EXIT
Start Time - 0900 hrs
Dispersal Area - HEATHER'S LAGOON

B Ech

As for 'A' Ech, except ST which will be 0930 hrs

11. RATIONS

- (a) Coy Wives Cookers will move with 'B' Ech and lunch at Biv Areas will be Coy responsibility.
- (b) Up till 28 JUN 44 rations will be delivered to Unit Area as normal.
- (c) As from 29 JUN 44 rations for Biv Party will be delivered to GP vicinity HEATHER'S LAGOON and Rear Party will be rationed direct from 24 Coy AASC.

12. MEDICAL

- (a) RAP will be established in vicinity of Bn HQs and CAPs will not operate.
- (b) Sick Parades at RAP, 0645 hrs, 1700 hrs daily.
- (c) RMO will conduct a weekly skin inspection in Coy Areas, times to be advised.
- (d) A daily foot inspection by chiropodist will be carried out followed by foot baths. Times to be advised.
- (e) Boots will be worn on all occasions excepting when removed for training purposes.
- (f) All cases of diarrhoea or similar complaints must be reported immediately to RMO.
- (g) All cases of ear ache must be immediately reported to RMO.
- (h) First Field Dressing must be carried at all times.
- (i) Anti-malarial precautions will be observed by maintaining correct dress for evenings, sleeping under nets and the issue of mosquito repellent.

13. WATER

- (a) Water Point will be established at MARRAKAI CROSSING 344520 and all water for cooking and drinking will be drawn from WP.
- (b) Clothes will be washed only in ADELAIDE RIVER.

14.

HYGIENE

- (a) Hygiene will be considered of prime importance.
- (b) All refuse will be disposed of by burning in Coy Areas
- (c) Latrines must be kept fly proof and all ranks warned against fouling ground.
- (d) Latrines will be burnt out daily.

15.

AMN

- (a) The following amm will be carried on Coy Vans :-

Rifle	50	rds	per	man
Bren	500	"	"	gun
SMG	100	"	"	"

- (b) All amm will be withdrawn from personnel & not issued unless ordered by Bn HQ.
- (c) Bn reserve (WE) amm on 1/3 scale of all types will be carried in A Ech. RSM will arrange loading Party and maintenance in Biv Bn HQ Area.

16.

TRACK DISCIPLINE

- (a) Track discipline will be rigidly observed during Biv.
- (b) No veh will move off any existing track in Biv Area.
- (c) Coys will arrange for prominent display of signs.
- (d) Vehs will not drive up to Bn or Coy HQ but will use car parks or remain on the track.
- (e) RP Sgt will display and keep maintained direction signs throughout the Biv Area.
- (f) Track to Ration Dump will NOT be used except by ration vehs.
- (g) Speed limit of 5 MPH will be observed on all tracks in vicinity of camping Areas.

17.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Par Pl Comd will arrange for bombing or blasting of HEATHER'S LAGOON &/or ADELAIDE RIVER each morning at 0630 hrs, as a safety precaution.

18.

SWIMMING

- (a) Swimming in HEATHER'S LAGOON, other than instructional, will be under Coy arrangements.
- (b) Swimming after 1800 hrs is prohibited.

19.

FISHING

- (a) Fishing Parties will be organised during Biv period and fishing gear will be required.

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MAIL

- (a) Inward Mail will be received at Camp and sorted before being forwarded to Biv Area,
- (b) Outward Mail will be passed to Biv Bn HQ for Postal Personnel to despatch through QM to Unit Area for posting.

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CANT EEN

Canteen facilities will be arranged at Biv Area on a Roster to be advised.

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Adj't 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

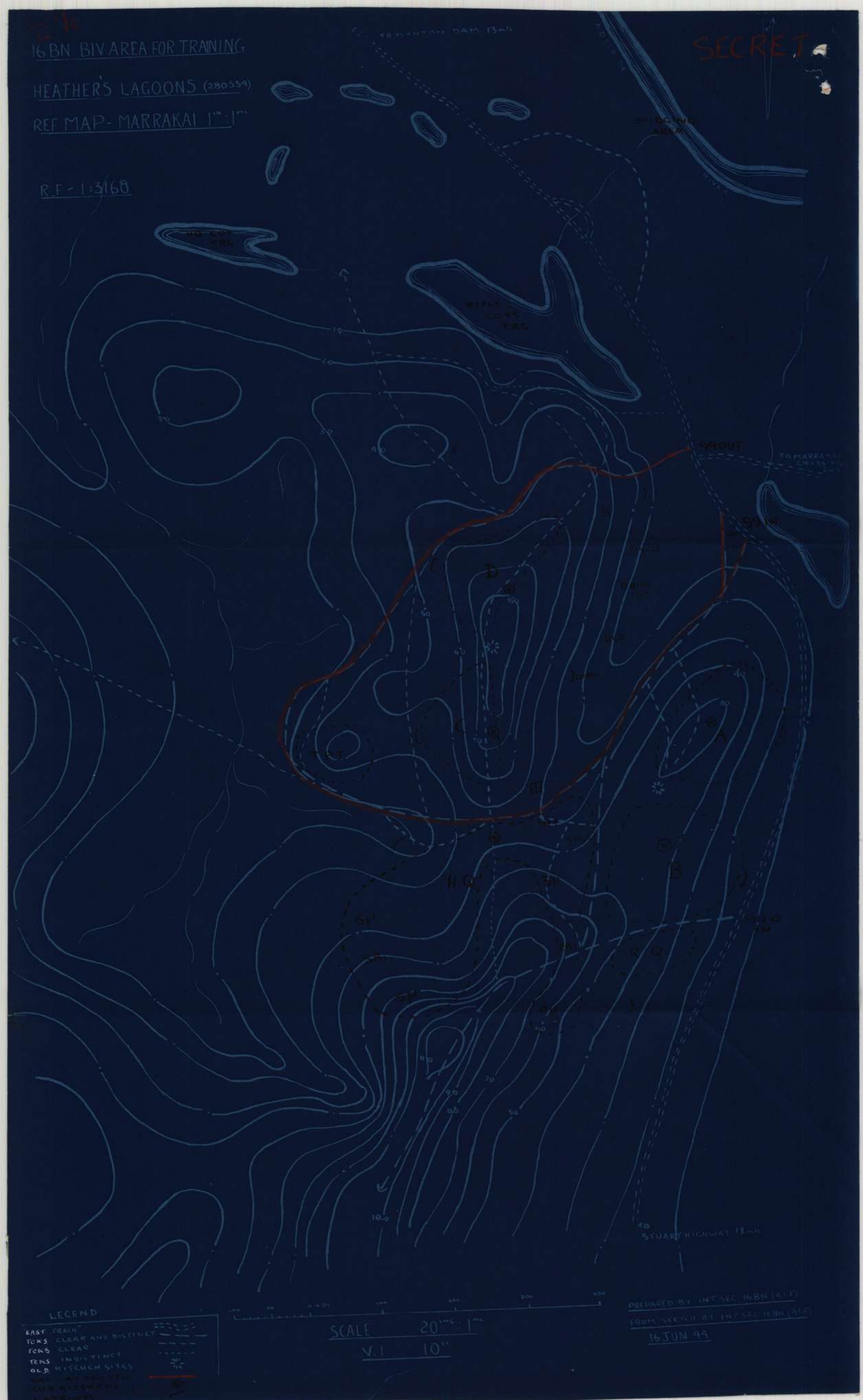
16 BN BIV AREA FOR TRAINING

HEATHER'S LAGOONS (280559)

REF MAP - MARRAKAI 1"=1"

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LEGEND

EAST TRAIL	---
TRNS CLEAR AND DISTINCT	---
TRNS CLEAR	---
TRNS INDISTINCT	---
OLD KITCHEN SITES	---
OLD LANTERN SITES	---
OLD KITCHEN SITES	---
LANDMINE	---

SCALE 20"=1"
V.I 10"

PREPARED BY INT SEC 16BN (A15)
FROM SKETCH BY INT SEC 16BN (A15)
16 JUN 44

TRAINING SCHEDULE

SERIAL	TRAINING	DRESS	STORES	LOCATION
1	Swimming - all non swimmers to attend. Instrs:-	Bathers or undress	"	HL1
2	Knots & Lashings Refer ATM No 16.	Stripped to waist	Short ends of rope	Coy Areas
3	Crossing Water Obstacles with equipment & Clothing in ground sheets	Undressed	All pers in battle order each with 6' string	HL2
4	Individual Water Crossing on bamboos	undressed	Full length bamboos	HL2
5	Ditto	Battle Order	Ditto	HL2
6	Crossing Water Obstacles on rafts made from water proof cover. 3 man load or 2 men and 1 weapon	Battle Order	4 Tarpaulins (Carr type)	HL3
7	Crossing Water Obstacles with full equipment (swimming) commencing fully dressed increasing to battle order	Battle Order	1 Assault Boat	HL3
8	Crossing with 2" Mort or Bren Gun or Tk/A Rifle on bamboo raft. Bren & Tank /A rifle ready for firing	Battle Order	2" Mort 3 LMGs 1 Tk/A Rifle Drums	HL3
9	Individual Crossings by single rope hand over hand. Crossing by use of double rope	Undressed and Battle Order	1 Sheave Block 300' 3" Manila 150' 3" Manila Assault Boat	HL4
10	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto Bn Boat	AR4
11	Construction of 2 man raft using 2 or 4 gall containers etc.	Stripped to waist	2 & 4 gall containers Bamboos Tarpaulins	HL5

SERIAL	TRAINING	DRESS	STORES	LOCATION
12	Constructing, erecting of and crossing by flying fox	Battle Order	1 block, 300' $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel rope 150' 2" rope Bn Boat	AR1
13	Constructing, erecting & crossing by bosuns chair	Ditto	Ditto Bosuns Chair Bn Boat	AR1
14	Constructing, erecting & crossing by spider bridge	Ditto	750' 12 gauge galvanised wire. Bn Boat	AR2
15	Constructing improvised stretchers and evacuating patients across water obstacles by raft, bosuns chair etc.	Ditto	Bamboos 300' $\frac{1}{2}$ " rope Bn Boat	AR1
16	Demo and practice floating personnel on truck or van canopy frame	Undressed	2 Van Frames 1 Truck " 3 Canopies	HL5
17	Construction & erection of ARC Mesh crossing. Practice Tps in crossing	Stripped to waist & Battle Order	ARC Mesh Bn Boat	AR3
18	Improvised methods of crossing stores relative to each Pl of HQ Coy	Stripped to waist	2 & 4 Gall drums bamboos Tarpaulins	HQL
19	Tk/A manhandling of guns up cliff face and steep hills	Battle Order	Wheel ropes	Ditto
20	C A N C E L L E D			
21	Route March 18 - 20 Mls	Battle Order Hats Fur Felt	-	Coy Comds discretion Bn HQ to be advised Route
22	Practice floating of vohs Tk/A Guns across water obstacles	Stripped To waist	44 Gal drums Bamboos Tarpaulins	HQL
23	Demo Serial 22	Stripped to Waist	Ditto	AR
24	Bn Exercise	Battle Order	As advised	As advised.
25	Recapitulation	As per Serial	As per Serial	
26	Organised Sports (Swimming etc)		L A G O O N	

NOTE: In all work of construction all pers will strip to waist. Dress for actual training etc, will be as laid down in this schedule.

TRAINING SYLLABUS - RIVER CROSSING TRAINING 6 - 11 DAYS

DAY	1PL	3PL	4PL	5PL	6PL	7PL Tpt	7PL Adm	Band	RPs	I Sec	CHQ	Bn HQ
I	MOVE TO HEATHER'S LAGOON											
2 AM	2	2	3	3	5	4	4	2	5	5	5	5
PM	3	3	4	4	2	5	5	3	2	2	2	2
	4	4	5	5	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	3
	5	5	2	2	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	4
3 AM	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
PM	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
4	CHURCH PARADE AND REST DAY											
5	SERIAL 21 ROUTE MARCH 18 - 20 MILES											
6 AM	9 16	9 16	16 13	16 18	9	18	18	9 16	9	9	9	9
PM	18	18	9	9	16 18	9 16	9 16	18	16 18	16 18	16 18	16 18
7 AM	10 11	10 11	7 10	19 10	15 25	11 15	11 15	10 11	7 25	7 25	7 25	7 25
PM	7 25	7 25	11 25	11 25	10 11	25 10	25 10	15 25	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11
8 AM	3 25	8 25	25 8	22 8	25 8	8 22	8 25	8 25	25 8	25 8	25 8	25 8
PM	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
9	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
10 AM	6 7	6 7	17	17	17	6 7	6 7	6 7	17	17	17	17
PM	17	17	6 7	6 7	6 7	17	17	17	6 7	6 7	6 7	6 7
11	CHURCH PARADE AND REST DAY											
12	SERIAL 21 ROUTE MARCH											
13	SERIAL 24 BN EXERCISE											
14 AM	RECAPITULATION AS REQUIRED BY PLS											
PM	ORGANISED SPORTS SWIMMING											
15 AM	RECAPITULATION AS REQUIRED BY PLS											
PM	ADM PREPARATORY TO RETURN TO CAMP											
16	RETURN TO CAMP											

NOTE: Where Serial 25 is laid down, Pl comds will be prepared to give suggestions for recapitulation required.

FILE

RIFLE COYS TRG. AREA

R.F. 1: 1080

REF MAP MARRAKAI 1 INCH to 1 MILE

LAGOON REF - 277536



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE IN RIVER CROSSINGS.

PREPARED BY

DATE 4 JUL 44
PAPER NO 1

LT. COL R. J. MCILROY COMMANDING 16 AUST INF BN AIF.

Ref Maps : MARRAKAI 1" to 1 ml.
DARWIN STRAT 4 mls to 1"

OBJECT.

1. To exercise the Bn, organised on Jungle 'E, in the preparation for and crossing of water obstacles by improvised methods, as practised in tng.

TPS TAKING PART.

2. 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

LESSONS.

3. (a) Organising and preparation of stores.
(b) Crossing by improvised means.
(c) Re-organisation and consolidation.

UMPIRES.

4. Bn 2 i/c will umpire the procedure of crossing of tps and stores from the left bank ADELAIDE RIVER.

CONFERENCES.

5. A sand table of the exercise area is prepared and at times to be arranged a sand table exercise will be conducted for all Offrs and NCOs.
Conference of all Offrs and NCOs at BnHQ at the conclusion of the exercise at a time to be advised.

ORDERS.

6. The form of Orders for the exercise will be :-
(a) An Adm Order covering preparation and organisation for the crossing.
(b) An Operational Order for the crossing.

DRESS.

7. Battle order, slacks, gaiters, helmets steel and Scale "A".

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

8. All amm will be withdrawn from tps and carried as Coy stores.
Pion Cdr will arrange for the blasting of the river immediately before the crossing and will ensure that the three folding boats are manned by good swimmers and in the river adjacent to the crossing points.

MEDICAL.

9. MO will prepare twenty (20) Casualty Cards and, as for the purpose of the exercise the crossing is unopposed, the casualties will be in the nature of accidents rather than gunshot wounds.

OPENING SITUATION.

10. At 1100 hrs 3 Jul 44 an enemy force, approx 1 Div landed in CHALMERS BAY (approx 50 mls East of DARWIN). By 1400 hrs mechanised forces were moving South along the track through HUNTER'S (DARWIN STRAT 45804270). Allied fighter A/C are successfully engaging enemy land based bombers and carrier based fighters, whilst Allied Bomber A/C are maintaining continuous assault on shipping in the BAY and veh mov South. At 1500 hrs 2 Bde moving North along the track from ADLAIDE RIVER to MARRAKAI STN have contacted the enemy DARWIN STRAT 44403400. 12 Bde is remaining in res in its present location and 13 Bde is mov to MARRAKAI CROSSING to meet any thrust West along EAST TRACK.

NARRATIVE 1.

11. 13 Bde is mov by two routes ; 11 Bn (adv gd) and 16 Bn along EAST TRACK, 28 Bn, 3 Aust Pd Regt and HQ 13 Bde along the new track running East from 47 ml peg. By 1630 hrs 11 Bn had reached HEATHER'S LAGOON when Tac/R report fwd enemy elements two mls NE of MARRAKAI CROSSING. 11 Bn pushed on in an endeavour to reach the CROSSING before the enemy. At 1700 hrs 11 Bn was held up on the open flats between HEATHER'S LAGOON and MARRAKAI CROSSING by heavy fire from the CROSSING. At 1800 hrs Tac/R again report approx 1 enemy Bn holding MARRAKAI CROSSING and approx 2 Bns on the hill feature running one ml North from MARGARET R (MARRAKAI 1" to 1 ml 323537). The Bde Comd is ordered to await developments. He orders 16 and 28 Bns to prepare for an improvised river crossing, all preparations to be completed by 0100 hrs.

CLOSE OF EXERCISE.

12. Exercise will close on the orders of the CO, separate instructions being given for the return to camp.

DISTRIBUTION.

13 Aust Inf Bde AIF
CO 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF
2 i/c do.
Adjnt do.
IC do.
Q1 do.
RMO do.
TO do.
OC A Coy do.
OC B Coy do.
OC C Coy do.
OC D Coy do.
OC HQ Coy do.
RS do.
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COMANDING.

Lt. col.

EXERCISE IN RIVER CROSSINGS.ADM ORDER NO. 1

Ref Map : MARRAKAI 1" to 1 ml.

INFORM.1. ENEMY.

Enemy Force approx 2 Bns occupying the high ground running 1 ml North MARRAKAI R 323537, 1 Bn occupying MARRAKAI CROSSING 314520.

2. O.N. TPS.

At 1800 hrs 4 Jul 44 11 Bn held up vicinity MARRAKAI CROSSING. HQ 13 Bde and 16 Bn occupying HEATHER'S LAGOON. 28 Bn occupying area South of OTTO CK 2654. 3rd Regt occupying the high ground South of HEATHER'S LAGOON.

INTENTION.

3. To prepare and organise the Bn for the crossing of the MARRAKAI R.

METHOD.4. BRIDGEHEAD COYS.

The Bn will be formed up in the order of crossing by Coys on MUPs and as ordered will move to Crossing Points. Crossings will be carried out on a time basis.

The initial crossing will be achieved by two bridgehead Coys preceded by scout groups for each Coy consisting of 1 NCO and 3 ORs armed with submachine guns. These groups will cross by means of bamboo poles and will tow a light line. On gaining the far bank the NCO and 2 ORs will recce crossing area, the third OR remaining at the bank with light line.

Upon signal from recce party "No enemy in sight" a heavy rope, buoyed by 4 gall drums, will be attached to the light line and pulled across and made fast. Leading Pl will immediately cross. The second Pl will send one OR on a bamboo pole across with light line to establish second crossing rope, which will be used by this Pl.

Crossing places for recce parties and Pl crossing pts will be determined by Coy Comds within the areas laid down by Bn.

On gaining the far bank, Coys will reform under cover and move to objectives.

Land line communication must be maintained with BnHQ at all times.

Amn and supporting weapons under comd will be floated across on improvised rafts arranged by HQ Coy.

5. LAND COYS.

Upon success of bridgehead Coys two Land Coys will cross by ropes and improvised ferries made from truck canopies frames and tarpaulins at the same crossing points used by the bridgehead Coys. These ferries will be manned by HQ Coy pers, one OR to each ferry nominated by CO HQ Coy.

Amn and support weapons will be carried in ferries. On gaining the far bank Land Coys will reorganise and make straight to their objectives.

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NARRATIVE 2.

As ordered by the Bde Comd, 16 Bn during night 3/4 Jul 44 prepared for and organised for an improvised river crossing. At dawn on the 4 Jul Tac/R reports enemy still in posn at MARRAKAI CROSSING 314520 and hill feature 323537. The main thrust of the enemy is now moving south along the MARRAKAI/DILL IDE R Track to reinforce their tps in contact with 2 Bde.

The 13 Bde Comd is ordered to attack and destroy the enemy opposing him at MARRAKAI CROSSING and hill feature. He decides to encircle on the left flank and orders 16 Bn and 28 Bn to cross the river between 284536 and 275542 and 275542 and 270549 respectively by means prepared the previous night.

The two Bns must be across the river reorganised and prepared to move to the BL for the Bde attack by H + 240.

Although the crossing is anticipated to be made unopposed, silence, to achieve surprise, is essential.

DISTRIBUTION.

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RIVER CROSSING EXERCISE.

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Enlargement and Field Sketch of

HEATHER'S LAGOONS AREA.

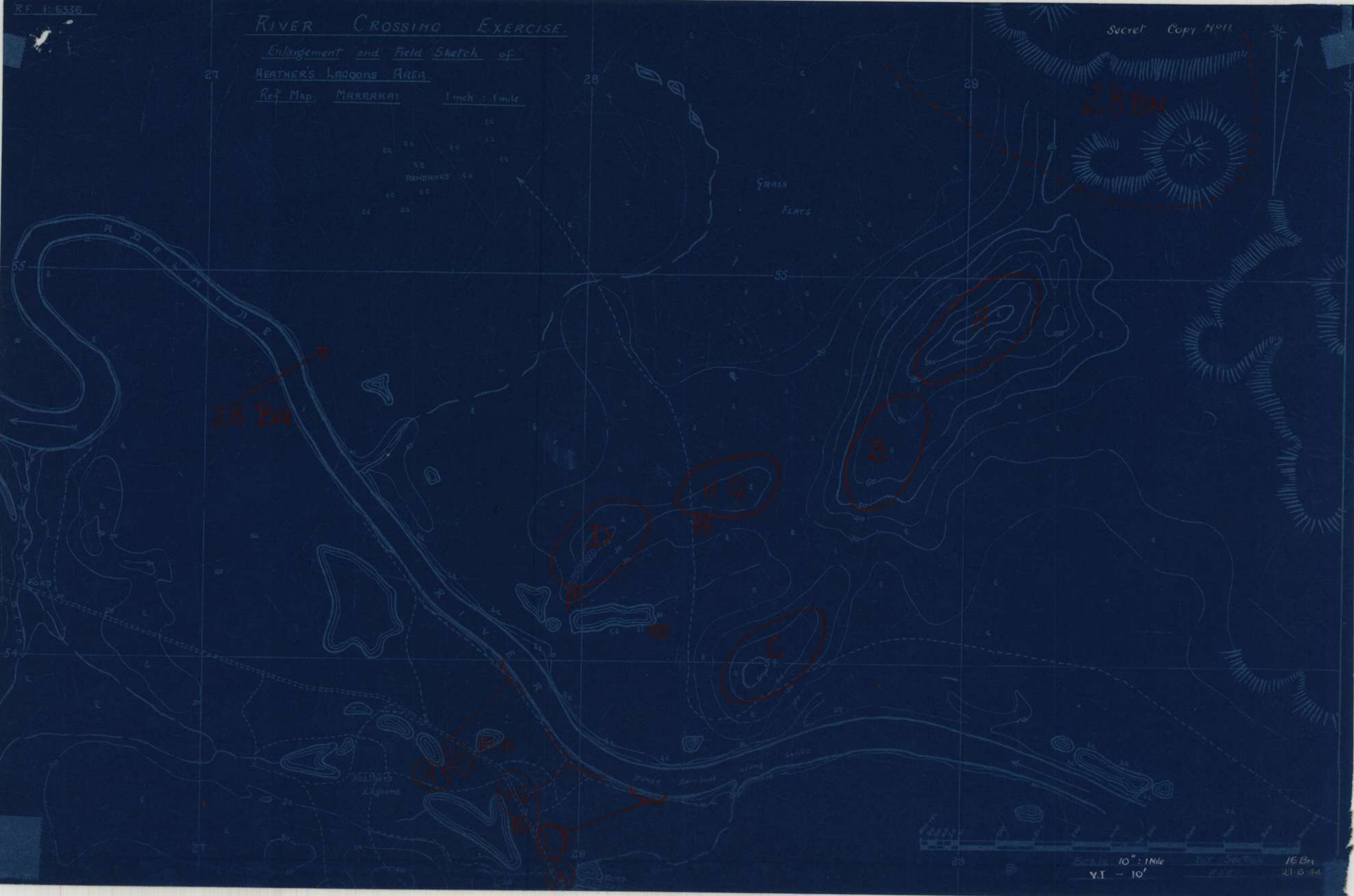
Ref Map MARRAKAI 1 inch : 1 mile

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EVACUATION OF BIV AREA.

1.

ROUTINE.

Reveille	0500	Hrs
Sick Parade	0515	"
Breakfast	0530	"
March S T	0630	"

2.

MOVEMENT.

(a). Order of March.

<u>ST.</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>SP.</u>	<u>Route</u>
0630	Bn HQ	June Q Track	EAST TRACK
		EAST Track	
0635	B Coy	"	"
0645	A "	"	"
0655	HQ "	"	"
0705	C "	"	"
0715	D "	"	"

(b). D Rs

Two D Rs will ride 100^x ahead Bn HQ for traffic control and D R duties.

Two D Rs "A" Ech.

Two D Rs "B" Ech.

(c). On EAST TRACK the ten minute interval between Coys will be maintained and the following distances observed within Coys:-

50^x between Pls
20^x " Secs.

Coys will march in coln of route along STUART HIGHWAY strict march discipline being observed.

(d). Coy Comds will synchronise their watches with Sig Office 0600 hrs 7 Jul.

3.

TPT.

(a). Allocation.

Rear Pty.

Bn 21/c
Hygiene Veh

1 Jeep
1 x 30 Cwt truck.

A Ech.

CO
Sigs.
RAF
Coy tpt
~~Blanket Vels~~
Water Cart.
Jeeps.
Blankets. HQ Coy.

1 Van 1 ton
1 "
1 Van 15 cwt
(2 Vans 1 ton
3 Vans 15 cwt
1 Water Cart 3 ton
2 Jeeps
1 x 30 cwt
1 x 15 cwt
2 x 15 cwt vans
2 x 15 cwt vans
(1 x 1 ton van.
1 x 15 cwt van
1 x 15 cwt van.
1 x 15 cwt van.

Padre.

B Ech. Kitchens.

A Coy.
C "
D "
B "
HQ "

1 x 3 ton Portee.
1 x 3 "
1 x 3 "
1 x 3 ton truck.
(1 x 3 ton truck.
1 x 30 cwt "
1 x 15 cwt van.
1 x 15 cwt van.
1 x 3 ton truck.

QM
MT Spares and Office.
Kitchen spare.

3. TPT. (Cont.)(b) A Ech. A Ech will move under control TO.

Assembly Area	-	Track opposite BnHQ
Route.	-	New Track to 47ml peg.
Speed and Density	-	10 mih - 10 vtm.
SP	-	Track Junc.
ST	-	0830 hrs.
Dispersal Area.	-	Camp.

(c) B Ech. B Ech will move under control QM.

Assembly Area	-	EAST Track.
Route	-	East Track to 51 ml peg.
Speed and Density	-	10 mih - 10 vtm
SP	-	Track Junc. Q Track
		East Track.
ST	-	0900 hrs.

4. REAR PARTY

The following rear party will be detailed and will remain for cleaning up of Bn Area;

Bn 2i/c	1
1 NCO & 6 ORs each Rifle Coy	28
2 " " 12 " HQ Coy	14
Sgt Doyle & 4 Hygiene Pers	5
Drivers	5
	<u>54</u>

Cut lunches will be provided by Coys for Rear Pty.

5. DRESS

Shorts, Shirts, boots, hoesetops, puttees and Hats fur felt.

6. MEDICAL

The following Roster will be observed for Sick Parades to RAP upon return to camp.

1200 hrs	B Coy
1230 "	A "
1330 "	HQ "
1430 "	C "
1500 "	D "

1 General

Herman Screen

RAP. ~~24~~ CO & Bn HQ files to remain.

Road signs to be left other than signs showing "99"

Beer

Swimming - Offrs - No Orders

Parade RSM & McPhail.

"B" Coy NCO & 6 Veh.

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EXERCISE "RAZOR"

Paper No. 1

13 AUST INF BDE - INSTNS FOR BN EXERCISES 16/22/28 JUL 43

PREPARED BY

BRIG E.G.H. MCKENZIE MC, ED, COMD 13 AUST INF BDE AIF

OBJECT

1. To practise Bns in the attack in a probable Op role.

LESSONS

2. (a) Maintenance of objective - in this case, to attack the enemy close to his landing area and destroy him.
(b) Method of launching Bn attack in close featureless country.
(c) Battle procedure and appreciation of time and space factor.

DI. CTOR

3. Brig E.G.H. MCKENZIE - Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde.

OFFICERS

4. (a) Chief Umpire - Maj J.K. LYNCH - BM 13 Aust Inf Bde
(b) Each Bn will supply one coy and two pl umpires in addition to the following:
28 Bn: one Carr Umpire
16 Bn: one Mort Umpire
11 Bn: one Tk A Umpire.

These officers will umpire for all three Bns.

- (c) Bns will submit names as per (b) to reach this HQ by 1400 hrs 12 JUL.

TPS TAKING PART

5. 28 Aust Inf Bn - 16 JUL 43
11 " " " - 22 JUL 43
16 " " " - 28 JUL 43

ENEMY

6. (a) Comd - Maj A.J. WILLIAMS - HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde.
(b) Tps - One Rifle Pl from each Bn will report to OC enemy at OBSERVATION HILL TRACK JUNCT (751819) at 1400 hrs on day before exercise. Enemy will remain in area overnight.
(c) Tpt - Units will provide own vehs for enemy (preferably two 3 ton vehs).
(d) Rations - Enemy will bring own rations. (four meals) and each party will incl one cook with cooking utensils.
(e) Same enemy will act for all three Bns.
(f) Bde QMS will accompany party and will co-ordinate all Q arrangements.

COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE.

7. Any time after 0700 hrs on day of exercise, by which time unit concerned will be in posn high ground vicinity (770805) approx 2 mls east of OBSERVATION HILL ready to continue the advance.

OPENING SIT

8. (a) Role of own tps will be based on possible probable role for ops in BYNCE BAY area. Opening Sit as at 0700 hrs on day of exercise will be issued to units prior to exercise.
(b) In view of (a) all tps must be kept fully informed of sit for duration of exercise. This is a unit responsibility.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

9. Will be issued to all members of DS, Umpire Staff and OC Enemy at conference to be held on Tuesday 13 JUL.

CONFERENCE

10.

Serial	Date	Hr	Place	Held by	Attendance	Remarks
1	13 JUL	0800	Bde HQ	Director	All Umpires & OC Enemy	All day recce, units provide own tpt and lunch. ETA camp 1800 hrs.
2	Day of Exercise	0730	OBSERVATION HILL TRACK JUNG (800770)	Chief Umpire	do	Check all umpires present. Issue Umpires Charts.
3	do	1830	STEVENS CK	Chief Umpire	do	Collation of notes
4	do	1930	do	Director	<u>All Offrs</u>	

DRESS

11. (a) Own Tps Fighting order as per 13 Inf Bde Op Instrn No 1 para 26, except that Helmets Steel will be worn. Hats Khaki Fur Felt will NOT be taken.
 (b) Enemy To simulate JAPANESE as near as possible. Units will arrange Badges of rank, papers, maps, etc.
 (c) DS & Umpires.
 (i) Director - Blue armbands on left arm
 (ii) Umpires - Two white armbands.
 (iii) OC Enemy -)
 OC Fireworks) White hatbands.
 Fireworks Party)

AMN

12. (a) All live amn will be withdrawn and carried in unit tpt in accordance with para 34 of Op Instrn No. 1
 (b) Allotment of Blank Amn. Each Br will supply to OC Enemy 1500 rds to be delivered to Bde HQ by 1800 hrs 12 JUL.

REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

13. (a) Blank - Own tps and enemy.
 (b) Gelignite - Mortars
 (c) Live SAA will be used to represent enemy fire if satisfactory safety precautions are arranged.

BAYONETS

14. Bayonets will NOT be fixed between 1800 hrs and 0600 hrs on day of exercise.

NEUTRAL VEHS

15. (a) Directors will fly Bde Comds Blue Pendant.
 (b) Umpires' and Spectators' vchs will fly white flag and will be regarded as neutral.

FIREWORKS

16. OC Enemy will appoint an OC Fireworks and a Fireworks Party of 6 ORs.

P.W.

17. P.W. will be taken by both sides and will be as captured in reality. They will be treated in the prescribed manner, but for the purpose of the exercise, will NOT be sent back beyond Bde HQ or Enemy HQ.

MED

18. (a) RMO will prepare 40 casualty tags to be handed to Chief Umpire at Conference at 2000 hrs on day preceding each unit exercise.
(b) 17 Fd Amb are to est ADS vicinity OBSERVATION HILL.

COMNS

19 OC 'J' Sec Sigs will provide intercom between Director and Chief Umpire and OC Enemy. Details to be issued on ground 13 JUL

CODES & CYPHERS

20. (a) Code names will be used as set out in Appx B to Op Instn No. 1
(b) Map Ref Code in Op Instn No. 1 will NOT be used. In lieu, the letter figure codewords "REPUBLICAN" will be used.

SECURITY

21. The exercise will be known as "RAZOR" and all correspondence, instns and memos will be headed "EXERCISE - RAZOR." This name is for ease of reference within the Bde and will NOT be used as a prefix to messages during the exercise. The instns laid down in para 34 of Op Instn No 1 will still be carried out, viz all exercise messages will be prefixed by the word "PHONELIX".

A. Williams Maj

J.K. LYNCH
B.M. 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

DISTBN:

133 Tr A Regt	(2)	IC	
1 Pl 19 Aust Fd Coy		IO 1	
11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)	Sigs	
16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)	LAD	
28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	(2)	Tpt	
24 Aust Coy AASC	(2)	Camp Comdt	
17 Aust Fd Amb	(2)	NORFORCE	(2)
Comd		Hand Over File	
BM		War Diary	(2)
BM (L)		File	(2)
SC			

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10 JUL 43.

13 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE 'RAZOR' - JUL 43
OPENING SITUATION AS AT 0700 hrs D DAY

Note. Every Bn, each representing the second unit to move, is to carry out this exercise on different dates. D Day for each unit will be as follows:

28 Aust Inf Bn	-	Fri 16 JUL 43
11 " " "	-	Thu 22 JUL 43
16 " " "	-	Wed 23 JUL 43

1. As a result of increased enemy activity in the THOR area, particularly a concentration of shipping in the "invasion ports" of KOEPANG and DILLI, it was decided to move the Bde into those areas selected as assembly areas when an invasion becomes imminent. These preliminary moves were completed on D-1 Day. On the same day RAAF reported an enemy convoy of an estimated total tonnage of 70,000 tons sighted 200 mls NW of DARWIN at 1000 hrs. The convoy was reported to be heavily escorted, including one light aircraft carrier.
 2. Concurrently with this report, the enemy launched large scale bomber and fighter attacks against DARWIN and the main air strips, particularly the bomber strips. Our losses of bombers destroyed on the ground were heavy, and with the fighters heavily engaged in defending our vital installations, it appeared almost certain the enemy would be able to effect a landing with the bulk of his force.
 3. At 2200 hrs D-1 the enemy convoy was reported by a CATALINA on patrol to be 60 mls due West of INDIAN IS, but, with hy cloud condition, further recce failed to verify this report.
 4. At 0300 hrs D Day the CWP at EAST PT reported landing ops commencing in that area. Tac/R aircraft verified this report; no reports were received as to other landings.
 5. On receipt of this report, Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde decided to seize and hold the TRIANGLE and attack and destroy the enemy. Plan BYNOE was immediately put into effect and NORFORCE advised. The leading Bn took up its defensive posns in the TRIANGLE at 0615 hrs and sent out patrols. At 0645 hrs the second Bn had arrived and taken up a posn on the BYNOE Rd about 2 mls East of OBSERVATION HILL.
- NARRATIVE
6. The time is 0800 hrs on D day. The second Bn has taken up a temporary defensive posn but preparations are complete for an early move fwd in accordance with Bde instns. All tpt placed under comd for the move out is still in coy areas. The Bn gp comprises:
One Inf Bn, One tp 6 pr Tk A, One Sec Engrs, One det Fd Amb.
 7. No infm has been received from the leading Bn other than that, at 0700 hrs, their carr patrol had crossed ALLEN CK without contacting the enemy. The CWP at EAST PT has not reported since its initial warning at 0300 hrs.

J.K. Lynch
Maj

J.K. LYNCH
B.M. 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

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Address 103 Aust Tk A Regt
Australia
12 July '43

HQ, 13 Aust Inf Bde.

Exercise - Razor

It is desired to notify you that it is intended that one Tp 6 pr Tk A, consisting of 1 Officer and 30 ORs will be used for each of the three exercises to be held 13/18 Jul, 19/24 Jul and 25/30 Jul.

2. In each case it is proposed that the following vehicles be used: Two vans 1 ton - 4 Portees - 1 M/C.

3. Lettering of the vehicles will be as follows:

Exercise 13/18 Jul '43

Tp Comd, Lieut HAY, 1 ton veh.	62 red/blue	J
	horizontal	
Tp 2 1/c	"	J5
Portee	"	J1, J2, J3, J4.
M/C	"	J7

Exercise 19/24 Jul '43

Tp Comd, Lieut FORBES, 1 ton veh.	"	K
Tp 2 1/c	"	K5
Portee	"	K1, K2, K3, K4.
M/C	"	K7.

Exercise 25/30 Jul '43

Tp Comd, Lieut JACKSON, 1 ton veh.	"	L
Tp 2 1/c	"	L5
Portee	"	L1, L2, L3, L4.
M/C	"	L7.

4. It is suggested that each Tp takes the unexpanded portion of rations for the first day of each exercise and thereafter draws rations under your own arrangement.

Richard Lt. Col.
C.O. 103 Aust Tk A Regt.

Copy to 28 Bn
11 Bn
16 Bn

25 - 30 JUL 43.

1. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISE:

25 JUL 43 MT move from Camp area to CHARLOTTE RIVER
WH Biv night 25/26 non-operational conditions. "A" & "B" Ech. vehs move to area.

26 JUL 43 Coy "Free for All" Exercises. Coy Gps complete with Carrs, Mortars & Tk/A guns. (Separate instructions)

27 JUL 43 Continuation of "Free for All" Exercises.

28 JUL 43 Approach march and Bn attack (against an "enemy") under Bde direction and control. Return CHARLOTTE RIVER WH Night 28/29 JUL and Biv.

29 JUL 43 Recce of area of attack. Remain night 29/30 CHARLOTTE RIVER WH Biv conditions.

30 JUL 43 MT move return to Camp.

2. UNITS TAKING PART:

16 Aust Inf Bn AIF
3 Fd Bty (under comd 1700 hrs 26 JUL)
1 Tp 103 Aust Tk/A Regt (under comd 1900hrs 24 JUL)
1 Sec 19 Fd ~~Park~~ ^{Coy} (under comd 1700 hrs 24 JUL)
1 Det ¹⁷/₁₃ Fd Amb (do do)

3. ENEMY:

Separate instructions.

4. CONFERENCES:

All Offrs 1930hrs 28 JUL 43 STEVENS CREEK.

5. DRESS:

- (a) Own Tps: Fighting Order as per Adm Order No. 2 viz:
- (i) Scale "A" with ground sheets rolled and carried on belt at back.
 - (ii) Steel helmets will be worn. Hats Khaki fur felt will NOT be taken.
 - (iii) Respirators carried in "B" Ech.
 - (iv) Slacks, NOT shorts will be worn.
 - (v) Blankets folded and carried by tps for seats
 - (vi) Pack with change of clothes carried in "B" Ech.
- (b) Enemy: To simulate JAPANESE as near as possible
- (c) DS & Umpires: "RAZOR"
- (i) Director - Blue armbands on left arm.
 - (ii) Umpires - two white arm bands.

6. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- (i) All live amm will be withdrawn and carried in Unit tpt.
- (ii) Bayonets will NOT be fixed between 1800 hrs and 0630hrs.

7. NEUTRAL VEHICLES:

- (a) Directors will fly Bde Comds Blue Pennant.
- (b) Umpires will fly white flag.

8. PW:

PW will be taken by both sides and will be as captured in reality. They will be treated in the prescribed manner, but for the purpose of the exercise will NOT be sent back beyond Bde HQ or Enemy HQ.

9. CODES & CYPHERS:

- (a) Code names will be used as advised by IO in accordance with Op Instrns.
- (b) Map ref Code - letter figure codeword, "REPUBLICAN".

10. SECURITY: Bn Exercise will be known as "RAZOR" for convenience of correspondence, instrns etc. All exercise messages will be prefixed by word "PHOENIX".
11. BICYCLE: 1 Bicycle per Coy and 1 for Bn HQ will be carried on Unit tpt. Bicycles to be drawn from QM.

DISTRIBUTION:

13 Aust Inf Bde AIF
CO
2 i/c
Adjt
IO
QM
RMO
TO
All Coys (5)
1 Aust Fd Regt (3 Fd Bty)
103 Aust Tk/A Regt.
19 Aust Fd ~~Park~~ Coy.
17 ~~13~~ Aust Fd Amb.
24 Coy AASC.
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16 AUST INF BN AIF
BN 6 DAY EXERCISE - INCL "RAZOR"
MARCH TABLE

SECRET

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25 JUL 43

E KING AREAS: Present Locations.

ROUTE: Main NA Road to Track Junc on road bend 47 Mile Peg thence
NW to CHARLOTTE R WH, via LAGOON HILL.

SPEED & DENSITY: Main NA Road and Track 10 min, 10 vtm.

START POINT: CP 4 (Approx 51 mile Peg)

START TIME: ZERO - 0900 hrs

DISPERSAL AREA: CHARLOTTE R WH.

HALTS: 15 minute halts 1045 hrs and 1145 hrs.

SER MARKING. UNIT OR SUB UNIT: NO OF H/Cs Time past SP
IAL VMS Alloc. (CP 4) Head Tail.

1/1 - 1/3	1 Sec 4 Pl (3 carrs)	1		
1. 1/4 - 1/9	D Coy - (6 vehs)		Z	Z + 7
1/10-1/11	1 Sec - 5 Pl (2 Portees)			
1/12-1/13	1 & 2 Dets 3 Pl (2 Carrs)	13		
2/1 - 2/3	2 Sec - 4 Pl (3 Carrs)	1		
2/4 - 2/5	2 Sec - 5 Pl (2 Portees)	X		
2. 2/6 - 2/7	"R" Gp - COS Van & Carr (2)	1		
2/8	Tk/A Tp Comd Van (1)	1	Z + 10	Z + 17
2/9	Sig O Van (1)	1		
2/10	4 Pl Comd Carr (1)			
2/11	3 Pl Comd Carr (1)			
2/12	OC Engs Truck (1)	12		
3/1	"I" Sec Van (1)	1		
3/2	"O" Gp - Coy Comd Van (1)			
3/3	Bde W/T Van (1)			
3. 3/4	RMO Van (1)		Z + 20	Z + 26
3/5	Bn HQ Truck (1)			
3/6	Fd Amb (1)			
3/7 - 3/9	Ann Vehs (3)			
3/10	Water Cart (1)	10		
4/1 - 4/3	HQ Coy - tps 6 pl etc (3)			
4. 4/4 - 4/7	3-6 Det 3 Pl Carr (4)	X	Z + 29	Z + 35
4/8 - 4/10	4 Sec 4 Pl Carr (3)	10		
5. 5/1 - 5/7	B Coy (7)	7	1 RP Z+ 38	Z + 42
6. 6/1 - 6/4	C Coy (4)			
6/5 - 6/6	1 Sec - Tp 103 Tk/A (2 portees)	6	1 RP Z+ 45	Z + 48
7/1 - 7/6	A Coy (6)			
7/7 - 7/8	2 Sec - Tp 103 Tk/A (2 Portees)			
7. 7/9 - 7/11	3 Sec - 4 Pl Carrs (3)	1	Z + 51	Z + 58
7/12	2 i/c - Tp 103 Tk/A Van (1)			
7/13	2 i/c - 16 Bn Van (1)	13		

"B" CHIELON:

B 8/1 - B/11 11 Z + 120

DISPOSITION:

13 Aust Inf Bde (2)	103 Tk/A Regt
1 Aust Fd Regt	13/17 Aust Fd Amb.
19 Aust Fd Coy	24 Coy AASC.
16 Aust Inf Bn AIF (18)	

BN 6 DAY EXERCISE - INCL "RAZOR"Allocation of Unit & A.A.S.C. Tpt - 'A' Echelon

Serial	Type of Veh & No.	Personnel	No. of Pers	Remarks
2/6	Van 1 Ton 29732	CO, IO, Asst IO, R/T Oper (2) Batman (2) Dvr	8	Load as per Adm Ord No. 2
3/1	Van 1 Ton 9718	Adj't, Int Sgt, Int ORs(2) Batman (1) Dvr.	6	Do
3/3	Van 1 Ton W/T	Bde Oper (2) Dvr	3	Bde vehicle
2/9	Van 1 Ton 29734	Sig O, Sig Clerk, Sig Sgt, Orderly, Batman, Dvr	6	Load as per Adm Ord No. 2
3/4	Van 1 Ton 29754	RMO, Sgt, Med ORs(2) Batman Dvr.	6	Do
3/5	Truck 30 cwt 6036	Asst/Adj't, Ord Rm Sgt, Cler- ks (2) Int ORs(2) Batman(1) Dvr	8	Bn HQ Office Truck Incl Tent & Fly, tables, forms
3/2	Truck 30 Cwt 7386	"O" Gp Personnel incl Dvr Orderlies.	9	
3/7	Truck 3 Ton AASC	RSM, Batman, Dvr.	3	Amn -
3/8	Truck 30 cwt 10783	Dvr	1	Amn -
3/9	Truck 30 cwt 3295	Dvr	1	Amn -
3/6	Fd Amb	Dvr, O/R	2	
2/12	Truck 30 cwt Eng Veh	1 Sec Eng, 1 NCO & 6 OR's Dvr	8	Eng Stores incl lifting pump for installation Water Point.
2/8	Van 1 Ton L	CO - Tp - 103 Tk/A		
7/12	Van 1 Ton L 5	21/c - Tp - 103 Tk/A		
6/5 6/6 7/7 7/8	Portees 4 L1 - L4	Tp - 103 Tk/A		
7/13	Van 1 Ton 12947	21/c - 16 Bn, Batman Dvr		
3/10	Truck 30 cwt 15061	W/Cart Water Dutymen, Dvr	2	
1/10 1/11 2/4 2/5	Trucks 30 cwt Portees 5 Pl Vehicles 46671 51609 52562 56304			
7/1	Van 1 Ton 29755	21/c. A Coy, Ord Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dvr.	5	Load as per Adm Ord No. 2

Serial	Type of Veh & No.	Personnel	No. Of Pers.	Remarks
5/1	Van 1 Ton 29753	2i/c 'B' Coy, Ord Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dvr	5	Load as per Adm Ord. 2
6/1	Van 1 Ton Bde Veh	2i/c 'C' Coy, Ord Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dvr	5	do
1/4	Van 1 Ton 29725	OC 'D' Coy Ord Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dvr.	5	do
4/1	Van 1 Ton 60154	2ic HQ Coy, Ord Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dvr.	5	do
7/2 - 7/6	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 5	A Coy Troops 20 per Vehicle		
5/1 - 5/7	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 6	B Coy Troops 20 per Vehicle		
6/2 - 6/4	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 3	C Coy Troops 20 per Vehicle		
1/5 - 1/9	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 5	D Coy Troops 20 per Vehicle		
4/2 - 4/3	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 2	HQ Coy Troops 20 per Vehicle		

Distribution:

C.O.
 2 i/c
 Adjt
 T.O.
 I.O.
 All Coys
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BN 6 DAY EXERCISE - INCL "RAZOR"

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25 - 30 JUL.

Allocation of Unit & A.A.S.C. Tpt - 'B' Echelon

Serial	Type of Veh & No.	Personnel	No. of Pers.	Remarks
B/1	Van 1 Ton 29724	Q.M., Q Clerk, Batman Dvr.	4	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
B/2	Van 1 Ton 29730	Hyg Sgt, Cpl MT, San D/Men, Ration Storeman Dvr	6	Ration Vehicle
B/3	Van 1 Ton 5912	TO, Postal Sgt, Tpt Clerk Clerk, Batman Dvr.	5	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
B/4	Truck 3 Ton AASC	WO.11 Caterer etc.		Ration Collection
B/5	Truck 3 Ton 19498	Dvr	1	Petrol Reserve
B/6	Truck 30 cwt 14288	Water Cart, Water Duty- man, Dvr.	2	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
B/7 B/7 B/8 B/9 B/10 B/11	Trucks 3 Ton 19499 AASC AASC 19496 41971	A Coy B " C " D " HQ "	C.Q.M.S. each Coy, Cooks Storeman, Dvr 8	Load as per Adm Ord No.2

Distribution:

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 T.O.
 I.O.
 Q.M.
 All Coys
 F I L E.

16 AUST INF BN AIF.

"FREE FOR ALL" EXERCISE.

26/27 JUL 43.

REF. MAP "SOUTHPORT" 1 Inch to 1 Mile.

1. OBJECT: (a) Exercise Coys in independent role with supporting weapons.
(b) Total protection at all times.
(c) Necessity of quick decisions.

2. D/S AND UMPIRES: Director - CO. Senior Umpire Bn 2 i/c

Coy Umpires:

<u>A Coy</u>	Coy Hq & Pl Umpire	Sen Ump	CAPT LIEUT	JAMES. NATHAN
	" "		"	CASH <i>Phippard</i>
	" "		"	TREASURE
<u>B Coy</u>	Coy Hq & Pl Umpire	Sen Ump.	CAPT MAJOR LIEUT	MAY <i>WALKER</i>
	" "		"	WALKER <i>WALKER</i>
	" "		"	MACKINNON
<u>C Coy</u>	Coy Hq & Pl Umpire	Sen Ump	MAJOR LIEUT	PATERSON
	" "		"	DOGWRA
	" "		"	LONGSON
<u>D Coy</u>	Coy Hq & Pl Umpire	Sen Ump.	CAPT LIEUT	DUKE KNIGHT
	" "		"	DUFFIELD
	" "		"	STEPHENSON

3. TPS TAKING PART:

- (a) A Coy with under comd: 1 Sec 4 Pl 1 Det 3 Pl 1 Sec 5 Pl 6 ORs 1 Pl with 2-108 sets 2 ORs 13/7 Aust Fd Amb. 6 SBs ORs. 1 "I" Sec OR.
- (b) B Coy with under comd: 2 Sec 4 Pl 2 Det 3 Pl 2 Sec 5 Pl 6 ORs 1 Pl with 2-108 sets. 1 NCO and 2 ORs 13/7 Aust Fd Amb. 6 SBs ORs. 1 "I" Sec Or.
- (c) C Coy with under comd: 3 Sec 4 Pl 3 Det 3 Pl 1 Sec - Tp 103 Tk/A Regt 6 ORs 1 Pl with 2 108 sets 2 ORs 13/7 Aust Fd Amb. 6 SBs ORs 1 "I" Sec OR.
- TK/A Comd. trace with C Coy.*
- (d) D Coy with under comd: 4 Sec 4 Pl 4 Det 3 Pl 2 Sec Tp 103 Tk/A 6 ORs 1 Pl with 2-108 sets. 2 ORs 13/7 Aust Fd Amb. 7 SBs ORs. 1 "I" Sec ORs.

4. ENEMY: All 16 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps and supporting arms encountered are to be regarded as "hostile" the exceptions being D/S and Umpires. D/S vehs will be clearly marked with white flag.

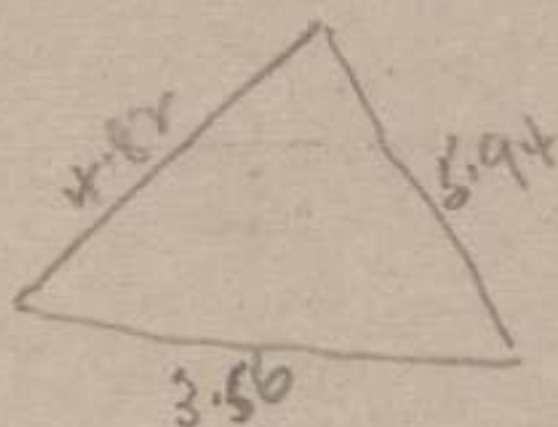
5. COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE:

Start Time	-	0900 hrs	26 JUL 43.
Start Points	-	A & B Coys	CHARLOTTE R WH
		C Coy	TRACK JUNC
		D "	OBSERVATION HILL.

Exercise ends - 1100 hrs. 27 Jul. 43.

6. AREA OF EXERCISE: Area bounded by tracks CHARLOTTE R WH
OBSERVATION HILL - TRACK JUNG * 796767
CHARLOTTE R WH.

7. ROUTE: A Coy - CHARLOTTE R WH to OBSERVATION HILL thence
TRACK JUNG thence CHARLOTTE R WH.
B " - CHARLOTTE R WH to TRACK JUNG thence
OBSERVATION HILL thence CHARLOTTE R WH.
C " - TRACK JUNG to CHARLOTTE R WH thence
OBSERVATION HILL thence TRACK JUNG.
D " - OBSERVATION HILL to CHARLOTTE R WH thence
TRACK JUNG thence OBSERVATION HILL.



C & D Coys will be lifted by tpt (AASC) from CHARLOTTE R WH to TRACK JUNG and OBSERVATION HILL respectively.
Tpt Coys arrangement.
Tpt will return CHARLOTTE R WH and Rv following day
1030 hrs at respective points for returning of Coys to
CHARLOTTE R WH.

8. OPENING SITUATION: Reports received indicate that an enemy
force strength unknown, has reached an
area bounded by tracks - CHARLOTTE R WH - OBSERVATION
HILL - TRACK JUNG - CHARLOTTE R WH. It is known
that they have some light AFVs and possibly Tk/A guns.
The Bn Comd has been instructed to send out strong
patrols and attack and destroy the enemy. CO has
ordered a rifle Coy with supporting arms to patrol the
area and report "Corners of TRIANGLE Clear". Coy will
move on route laid down using the Road or Track as axis
of advance.

9. DRESS: (a) Own tps and enemy - Fighting order as laid down.
(b) D/S and Umpires:
1. Director - White Armbands.
2. Umpires - White Hat Bands.

10. AMN: (a) All live ann will be withdrawn and carried in bulk in
Unit tpt.
(b) Each Coy will receive an allotment of blank for exercise

11. BAYONETS: Bayonets will NOT be fixed between 1800hrs and 0630
hrs during exercise.

12. POW: POW will NOT be retained after engagements with enemy
have been terminated but allowed to return to Coy.

13. POINTS FOR DIRECTION OF UMPIRES:

(1)	Orders to Patrol	Points Allotted	10.
(2)	Formations	do	10.
(3)	Disposition of Supporting Arms		
	(a) On move	do	5
	(b) Halts	do	5.
(4)	Meals	do	10.
(5)	Hygiene	do	10.
(6)	Security particularly concerning supporting weapons (Tk/A guns etc)	do	10.
(7)	Action on Contact	do	10.
(8)	Fieldcraft	do	10.
(9)	Discipline - Particularly at Night	do	10.
(10)	Putting men in picture	do	10.
(11)	Arrival at Objective on Second Day on time	do	10.

DISTRIBUTION:

13	Aust Inf Bde	AIF	CO
2	1/c		Adjt
10			QM
TO			RMO
103	Tk/A	Regt	1713 Aust Fd Amb.

CODE NAMES:

Reference para 9 of Instruction, of 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF
6 Day Exercise. The following Code Names will be used:-

HQ	13 Aust Inf Bde	SABU	BEPI
	3 rd Aust Fd Bty	SOMA	
	103 Aust Tk/A Regt	LOPE	SOAP
1	See 19 Aust Fd Coy	BALE	
	24 Coy A.A.S.C.	BATI	
	17 Aust Fd Amb	DAMA	
	279 Aust L.A.D.	LADE	
	16 Aust Inf Bn	TIGE	DINO

Code Names will be used only in the text of messages.
In the "address to and address from", Unit names will be written by the originator, and transmitted as three letter call signs by Signals.

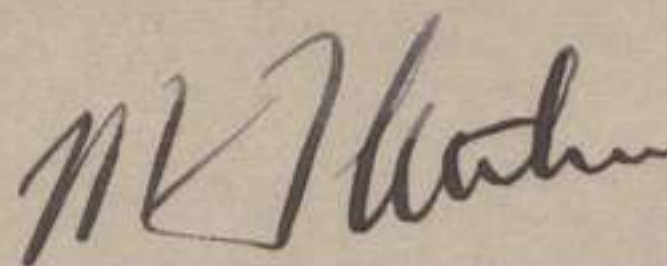
Where two (2) Code Names appear, both will be used indiscriminately for deception purposes.

Sub Units of 16 Aust Inf Bn will be designated by the addition of the letter A,B,C,D or H, to the Unit Code name. Thus H.Q. Coy , 16 Aust Inf Bn will appear as "TIGEH".

This document is to be returned to the I.O. immediately after Exercise.

Distribution:

2 i/c
Adjt
I.O.(2)
Q.M.
T.O.
R.M.O.
SIG 'O'
All Coys.



Lieut.

N. S. Fletcher A/Adjt 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

11 JULY' 43.

EXERCISE "RAZOR"UMPIRES.

- (1) The following Officers will act as Umpires for the forth coming Exercises "Razor".

Coy Umpire	Capt	Orgill	G.M.T.
Pl "	Lieut	Docwra	R.S.
Pl "	"	Dickford	H.R.
<i>Carv</i> Mort "	"	<u>LONGSON</u>	<u>G.S.</u>
		<u>plint</u>	<u>H.A.</u>

Stewart

Officers will act as Umpires for Exercises for each Bn.

- (2). Forecast of Events:

Will be issued at conference to be held on Tuesday 13 JUL.

- (3). Dates of Exercises:

16	Jul'	43	28	Aust	Inf	Bn
22	"	"	11	"	"	"
28	"	"	16	"	"	"

- (4). Conferences:

Serial	Date	Hr	Place	Held by	Attendance	Remarks.
1	13 JUL	0800	Bde HQ	Director	All Umpires & OC Enemy.	All day recce, units provide own tpt and lunch. ETA camp 1800 hrs
2	Day of Exercise	0730	Observation HILL TRACK JUNC (800770)	Chief Umpire	do	Check all umpires present. Issue Umpire Charts.
3	do	1830	STEVENS CK	Chief Umpire	do	Collation of notes
4	do	1930	do	Director	All Offrs	

- (5). DRESS: D.S. & Umpires:

- (i) Director - Blue Arm bands on left arm.
(ii) Umpires - Two white arm bands.
(iii) OC Enemy
OC Fireworks
Fireworks Party } - White Hat bands.

Neutral Vehs:

- (i) Director's will fly Bde Comds Blue Pendant.
(ii) Umpires' vehs will fly white flag.

Transport:

Chief BN Umpire will arrange with Unit T.O. for transport for conferences and Exercises.

Rations:

Chief Bn Umpire will arrange rations for Bn Party from Offrs Mess.

Distribution:

Umpires (4)
Coys. B, C, HQ, (3).
2 i/c, Adj, File, T.O. Q.M. N.

1117
Lieut. S. Fletcher A/Adj 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF

EXERCISE "RAZOR"

11 J u l y ' 43

ENEMY.

- (1) Lieut ~~ETE~~ CARLETON together with complete Pl will provide enemy troops for Exercises "Razor" and will report O.C. enemy Maj A.J. Williams, at OBSERVATION HILL TRACK JUNCT (751819) at 1400 hrs on day before exercises. Party will remain in Area over night.

Party will incl- One Cook with cooking utensils.

- (2) Dates of Exercises:

22 JUL'43	11 Aust	Inf	Bn Report	21 JUL.
28 "	16 "	"	" "	27 "

- (3) Dress: To simulate JAPANESE as near as possible. Lieut CARLETON to arrange with Unit I.O. concerning badges of rank maps, papers etc.

- (4) Allotment of Blank Amn:

1500 rds to be delivered to O.C. Enemy Bde H.Q. by 1800 hrs 12 JUL.

- (5) Rations:

Enemy will take own rations (4 meals) Lieut CARLETON arrange with R.Q.

- (6) Transport:

Unit Tpt will provide two trucks 3 Ton to transport enemy tps. O.C. Party to arrange with T.O.

Distribution:

2 C.O.

3 D. Coy.

4. Adjt

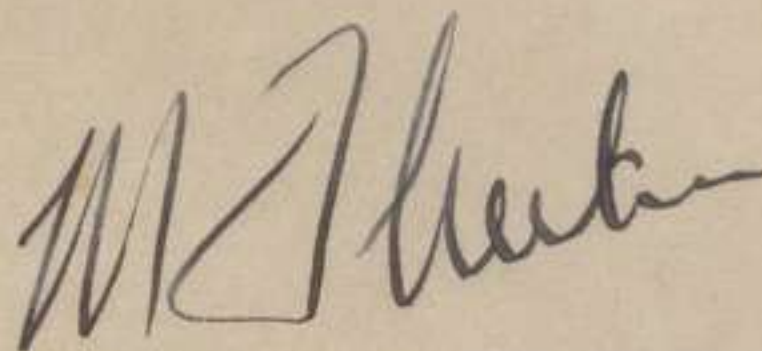
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6 T.O.

7 I.O.

8 Lieut Carleton N.C.

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Lieut.

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A/Adjt 16 Aust

Inf Bn

AIF.

BN 6 DAY EXERCISE: 25 JUL - 30 JUL.

The exercise will be set out and controlled by Units except for phase (A) - the Bn in attack - which will be set and controlled by Bde. Unit will base their arrangements on the following:-

- (a) D Day MT move from camp to area of CHARLOTTE R WH where Unit will take up a def posn for the night. All A ech vehs will be taken incl carrs. B ech vehs will move into area in time for evening meal when bivouac conditions (ie non-operational) will operate.
- (b) D+1 and D+2 day A two day Coy V Coy "Free for All Exercise" embodying the following points. The object is to make all Offrs, NCO's and tps familiar with new operational country.
 - (i) all Coys will be Coy gps complete with carrs, mortars and tk/a guns.
 - (ii) all Coys will be umpired and all tps met with outside the Coy considered to be "enemy"
 - (iii) The route (either fwd or in reverse) will be CHARLOTTE R WH - OBSERVATION HILL - TRACK JUNC 795779 - CHARLOTTE R WH.
- (c) D+3 day Approach march and Bn attack (against an "enemy") under Bde direction and control. The object is to employ Bns in a probable op role and to provide trg in battle procedure. ~~During the final stage of the attack a demonstration is being arranged of aircraft straffing the retreating enemy endeavouring to effect a withdrawal from the beach.~~ All tps will be withdrawn to witness this demonstration. Unit will ~~remain in this area overnight~~ ^{spend} ~~in this area overnight~~ ^{be} under ~~the~~ conditions.
- (d) D+4 day Recce of area in which attack took place. Unit will remain for second night under bivouac conditions.
- (e) D+5 day Return to Camp in MT.

MEMO TO ALL COYS.

Lile

IN 6 DAYS EXERCISE

+ INCL. "RAZOR"

SUNDAY 25 JUL' 43

REVEILLE 0600
SICK PARADE 0630
BREAKFAST 0715 (offrs & sgts in
Coy Messes)

L.O.B Personnel will be responsible for security in Coy lines and also guards required between 1800 hrs and 0630 hrs for Amn. & Q. Stores. Nominal Rolls of L.O.B personnel required at BEQ 1700 hrs 24 Jul' 43.

MESSING

All L.O.B. personnel will mess at "C" Coy Kitchen.

"O" GP

will report Bn Hq with orderlies 0830 hrs 25 Jul' 43

O.C. CAMP

Lieut Rowe will be in charge of L.O.B and will remain in camp together with Lieut Cash.

MOVEMENT OF L.O.B PERSONNEL

All personnel must report to Bn Hq when M/I or M/O during period of exercise.

M.T. FOR EXERCISE

Transport required before morning of exercise for loading etc. must be reqd. from T.O. and time advised.

AAGO TRANSPORT

will arrive Coy areas 0815 OC's will ensure proper dispersal of vehicles.

UMPIRES

Umpires for "Free for All" exercise will take hts Fur felt.

GUARD

Guard will be dismounted at Reveille 25 Jul' 43.

G. P. Fletcher Lieut.

for N.S. FLETCHER A/Adj 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Distribution

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LIEUT ROWE

ALL COYS

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16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

INSTNS for BN EXERCISE "WOODLEY"

Prepared by Lt. Col. R. J. HORLEY C.O. 16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Ref Map DARWIN & ENVIRONS SHEET 5 1 Inch to 1 Mile.

1. OBJECT To exercise the Bn in :-

- (a) The Advance
- (b) The Attack
- (c) Consolidation
- (d) Repulsion of Counter Attack.

2. TPS TAKING

Own Tps:

- (a) 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- (b) 13 Bty 5 Aust Fd Regt
- (c) "D" Tp 9 Bty, 103 Tk/A Regt

Enemy:

"B" Coy 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
O.C. Enemy - Capt R. Hertz.

3. PHASES

The exercise will be divided into phases as follows :-

Phase 1. D Move from Camp.

Route - North along N.A. Rd, thence West along
WOODCUTTERS TRACK.

Phase 2. Contact and Coy attack.

Phase 3. Bn in Attack and consolidation.

Phase 4. Repulse enemy counter attack.
(Exercise Ends)

Phase 5. Return by route march to ETTIE CRELF.
Bivouac for Night.

Phase 6. D.1 Return to Camp by route march across
country.

4. DIRECTING Director: Lt. Col. R. J. HORLEY.

STAFF.

Umpires: - Own Tps

Chief Umpire - Maj E.H.A. Graham

A. Coy Lieut D. Kidd
Lieut J. Hawkins
2 Lieuts ex 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

B. Coy. Lieut R.S. Docwra
Lieut G.S. Nathan
2 Lieuts ex 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

C. Coy Capt L.W. May
2 Lieuts ex 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

D. Coy Capt H.L. Murdoch STAINES
2 Lieuts ex 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Mortars Lieut T.P. Howe
Carriers Capt J.A. Hawkesford
Tk/A Lieut I. McCloy
Arty Lieut C.R. Bowerman.

Barwick

Eddy Reynolds

Harvey Bell
Matthe
Hone
Donaldson

5. FIREWORKS: "Own tps" Senior and Coy umpires will each make arrangements to have attached to them an orderly with a knowledge of explosives.

6. COMMENCEMENT
OF EXERCISE

Any time after 0600 hrs on day of Exercise.

7. OPENING
SIT -

APPX "B".

8. FORECAST
OF
EVENTS

APPX "A".

9. CONFERENCES

SERIAL	DATE	HR	PLACE	PURPOSE	ATTENDANCE
1	12 SEP' 43	0830	Bn HQ	Recce of Exercise Area	All Umpires Sig Sgt (Haversack lunch to be carried.)
2	Day of Exer-	0715	Bn HQ	Report to Chief Umpire.	All Umpires.
3	do	Conclus- ion of	To be Notified	Umpires Reports	All Umpires and O.C. Enemy.
4	do	2000	Bn HQ Biv Area ETTIE CREEK	Discuss- ion of Exercise.	Chief Umpire, all "Own Tps" Offrs and NCO's.

10. DRESS

Own Tps: Fighting order, Trousers KWD, Scale "A", Steel Helmets".
Hats Khaki Fur Felt will NOT be taken.

Enemy: JAP dress as far as possible.

D.S. & Umpires: Director :- 2 White Arm Bands.
Umpires :- White Hatbands.

11. AMN:

(a) All Ball Amn will be withdrawn and carried in bulk with exception of Enemy LMG and MMG amn.

(b) Allotment of Amn:

Blank Own Tps - 5 rds per man
Enemy - RSM will deliver 1 Box to OC Enemy
Ball Enemy - RSM will deliver 3 Boxes SAA to
O.C. Enemy.

Smoke Grenades:

Enemy - 30 Smoke grenades.

12. REPRESENTATION OF
FIRE

Own Tps: LMG and MMG - Rattles

Enemy: LMG and MMG - Ball amn fired rearwards.
Mortar - Gelignite

Grenade HE & Smoke- Smoke Grenades.

Rifle - Blank Amn.

- ask which is

13. SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS

All safety precautions will be taken by :-

- O. C. Enemy.
- O. C. Own Tps.

14. MEDICAL

R.M.O. will prepare an issue of 30 Casualty tags to senior umpire prior to exercise.

15. TPT.

O.C. Own Tps and O.C. Enemy will each liaise direct with A.A.S.C. for sufficient Tp lifting Tpt.

At conclusion of Phase 2, Own Tps A.A.S.C. Tpt will return to A.A.S.C. lines.

16. MESSING

D. Midday Meal : Hand rations carried on the man.

Evening Meal: Normal meal at Biv Area ETTIE CREEK.
B Echelon will be guided to Biv Area -
Time to be arranged.

D.1

Breakfast: At Biv Area ETTIE CREEK.
Time to be notified.

17. SECURITY

Exercise will be known as "WOODLEY" and all correspondence appertaining to this Exercise will be prefixed by the word "PHOENIX".

G. S. Nathan Lieut.

G. S. Nathan Asst/Adjnt 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Distribution:

C.O.
Adjnt
Asst/Adjnt
I.O.
O.C. Enemy
O.C. Own Tps
Senior Umpire
Coy Umpires (4)
13 Aust Inf Bde AIF (3)
5 Pd Regt
F I L E

S E C R E T

APPX: "A"

EXERCISE "WOODLEY"

FORECAST OF EVENTS

SERIAL	DATE & TIME.	EVENT	UMPIRES	NOTE	UMPIRES RESPONSIBLE	ACTION by ENEMY.
1	16 SEP 43	L.O. gives C.O. 16 Aust Senior Umpire notes C.O's orders for move.			N I L	N I L
2	0830	Vanguard passes start pt.		Note order of march, truck discipline, control of column by RP's and timings.	N I L	N I L
3	1035	First contact		Note Pl Comds orders and interval before Coy Comd is informed.	Fwd Pl held up Paint Picture	Fire on fwd elements when observed.
4	1100	Coy attacks Bn halted		(a) Coy Comd's plan and orders. (b) Action on gaining Coy objective. (c) Mopping up. Possible Plan: (a) Hold with pt Pl. (b) Remaining two Pls left flank attack: one Pl to attack North under cover of creek. Remainder move across creek to objective approx. 400 yds west along track from the bridge to cut off enemy retreat. (c) Supporting fire MMG & Mortars, from rear of holding Pl position.	Paint picture Use gelignite as enemy mortar bombs.	On signal of OC Enemy, withdraw by MT to prepared positions on high ground west of railway line, blowing the bridge, leaving behind some casualties.
5	1130	Enemy withdrawn. CO moves up with R & O Cps Issues orders for resumption of advance.		N o t e o r d e r s	N I L	N I L

*Assess at 1345 by 1300
enemy blow to*

*If before 1300, then enemy
retire as having been
caught preparing for
blowing.*

SECRET

SERIAL	TIME	EVENT	UMPIRES	NOTE	UMPIRES RESPONSIBLE ACTION by ENEMY.
6	1200	Bn resumes advance	(a) Note any alterations in formations. (b) Note any protective measures		N I L N I L
7	1245	Vanguard contact with fwd elements of enemy main body	Note Coy Comds actions and attempts to get fwd. <i>(protection of bridge?)</i>	Pin down the Coy and paint the picture fully.	Heavy volume of fire on any observed movement.
8	1315	"R" Gp move fwd and contacts vanguard Coy Comd.	Note any crowding of "R" Gp and method of moving fwd.	Use gelignite if any bunching.	Fire on any observed movement OC Enemy will arrange for two men with gelignite on bridge.
9	1345	"O" Gp arrives at RV. Outline plan given and RV and time for final orders.	Note dispositions and actions of "R" & "O" Gp on receipt of C.O's orders.		N I L N I L
10	1415	Final Orders	(a) Chief Umpire notes CO's orders with special reference as to disposal of Tk/A weapons and use of supporting fire. (b) Coy and Pl umpires note Coy and Pl orders.	Paint picture at all times.	N I L
11	1500	Bn in attack	(a) Formations, Covering fire, Use of Cover. <i>INFORMATION</i> (b) Note protection of Arty while in action.	Paint picture. Reserve some gelignite for enemy counter attack. Create casualties.	Produce volume of fire on any movements. On pre-arranged signal of Director, enemy withdraws in a West-early direction.
12	1545	Objective gained Bn Comd completed recce preparatory to issuing orders.	Action on objective and disposal of supporting arms.		N I L N I L

SERIAL	DATE & TIME	EVENT	UNITIES	NOTE	UNITIES RESPONSIBLE	ACTION by ENEMY.
13	1600	Orders for consolidation		Note all orders and preparations of Fd works and Camouflage.	N I L	Prepare for Counter Attack.
14	1645	Enemy Counter Attack		N o t e A c t i o n s	Use up gelignite. Paint Picture.	Vigorous action.
15	1700	Exercise ends.				

APPX "B"

S E C R E T

EXERCISE "WOODLEY"

OPENING SITUATION AND NARRATIVE.

Opening Situation JAP tps have landed in SHOAL BAY area, 23 Aust Inf Bde AIF and 13 Aust Inf Bde AIF, less 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF have moved to intercept.

16 Aust Inf Bn AIF is held in res in present area.

Narrative:

At 2100 hrs 15 SEP 43, L.O.I. 13 Aust Inf Bde AIF arrives at H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF with following information from Bde Comd.

"Tac R 1900 hrs reports 2 JAP destroyers sighted about 60 Miles N.W. of BYNOE BAY.

Darkness prevented any further information.

It is possible that raiding party will be landed during the night in the BYNOE Area.

16 Aust Inf Bn AIF is to be ready to move at one hrs notice.

13 Bty 5 Fd Regt)	} Come under comd at 2200 hrs. "
"D" Tp 9 Bty, 103 Tk/A Regt.)	
1 Pl 24 Coy A.A.S.C.	

At 0730 hrs 16 SEP 43 the same L.O. reports to H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF and states :-

" Tac R 0630 hrs reports enemy force estimated strength 3 Coys on foot with some tpt and A.F.V's moving South along LAGOON HILL Rd at Map Ref (773750).

It is anticipated they will attempt to wreck the Rly line and then move to NORTH AUSTRALIA Rd to cut our L of C.

16 Aust Inf Bn Gp will then move by MT to high ground West of Rly line astride WOOD CUTTERS TRACK Map Ref (956644) *on sketch 95639*

The Bn will take up a defensive posn as a firm base and patrol vigorously to contact the enemy.

A protective detachment will guard the bridge at Map Ref (961646).

Start time NOT later than 0830 hrs "

Drawn by Int. Section
= 16 Br. H. I. F. =
Method:
Compass & Pacing ^{8/9/} 43

EXERCISE

"WOODLEY"

Allocation of Unit & A.A.S.C. Tpt..

SERIAL	Type of Veh and No.	PERSONNEL	No of Pers.	REMARKS
3/01	Van 1 Ton 29732	CO, Adjut, I Pte, R/T Oper (2), Batmen (2), Dr.	8	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
4/03	Van 1 Ton 9718	I Pers (4) O/RmSgt, BHQ Clerks (2) Dr.	8	D o.
3/CS	Van 1 Ton Bde W/T	Bde Oper (1), Dr.	2	Bde Vehicle.
3/7	Van 1 Ton Bde	Sig O, Sig Clerk, Sig Sgt, Batman, Dr.	5	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
4/RAP	Van 1 Ton 29754	RAP Sgt, Med Ords (5), Dr.	7	D o.
4/QT2	Van 1 Ton 12928	"O" Gp Pers incl Orderlies Dr, (A, B, D, Coys I.O)	9	
4/02	Van 1 Ton 12947	2i/c, Batman, "O" Gp Pers, Orderlies, Dr, (HQ Coy Comd, - RMO)	7	
5/4-5	2 Trucks 3 Ton. AASC AASC	RSM, Drs (2) SBs (2), RP Cpl, RP Ptes (2). Post (1), Pay (1), A/Adjut Batman (1).	11	A m n.
HT1-HT2 HT3-HT4	Trucks 30cwt 4 Portees. 46671, 51609. 52562, 56304.	5 Pl Vehicles.	27	
5/QW4	Truck 30 cwt 15061.	W/Cart Dutyman, Dr.	2	
3/D	Van 1 Ton	Tp Comd 103 Tk/A		
8/D6	Van 1 Ton	2i/c Tp 103 Tk/A.		
3/C1.D1 8/D3.D4	Portees 4	Tp - 103 Tk/A.		
4/A	Van 1 Ton 29755	2i/c 'A' Coy, Ord/Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr.	5	Load as per Adm Order No.2
7/B	Van 1 Ton 29753	2i/c 'B' Coy, Ord/Rm Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr.	5	D o.
2/C	Van 1 Ton 54800	OC 'C' Coy, Batman, Ord/Rm Cpl, Sig, Dr, 6 Pl Comd	6	D o.
8/D	Van 1 Ton 29725	2i/c 'D' Coy, Batman, Ord/Rm Cpl, Sig, Dr.	5	D o.
5/H	Van 1 Ton 60154	HQ Coy. Ord/Rm Cpl, Sig, Dr.	4	D o.
4/A1-A6	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 6	A Coy Tps - 20 per Veh.		

SERIAL	Type of Veh and No.	PERSONNEL.	No of Pers	REMARKS
7/B1-B6	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 6	B Coy Tps - 20 per Veh		
1/C1-C2 2/C3-C5	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 5	C Coy Tps - 20 per Veh.		
8/D1-D3	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 3	D Coy Tps - 20 per Veh.		
5/H1-H2	Trucks 3 Ton AASC 2	HQ Coy Tps- 20 per Veh.		

ARTY VEHICLES

Carrs. TA, TB.
Vans 1 Ton M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, GA, GB, X, Y, H, K.
Tractor A1, A2, A3, A4.
3 Ton B1, B2, A3, A4,

"B" Echelon.

B/1	Van 1 Ton 1522	QM, Q Clerk, Batman, Dr, Caterer.	5	Load as per Adm Ord No.2
B/QR3	Van 1 Ton 29730	Hyg Sgt, Cpl MT, San/Dty. men (3) Ration Storeman, Dr.	8	Ration Vehicle.
B/3	Van 1 Ton Bde	Mech (2), Dr.	3	Carr Stores & Spares.
B/QW5	Truck 30cwt 7386	W/Cart Dutyman, Dr.	2	
B/5	Truck 3 Ton AASC	Dr, Mechs (4)	5	Petrol Reserve.
B/AK B/BK B/HK B/9 B/10	Trucks 3 Ton 19499 A Coy 19458 B Coy 41971 C Coy AASC D Coy AASC HQ Coy.	CQMS each Coy, Cooks(3) Storeman, Dr.	6	Load as per Adm Ord No.2

Copy No	Location	Signature
1	Co	
2	2/c	AKC
3	Asst	
4	10	
5	TO	Shedding
6	Qm	Redwood
7	A Coy	Ed Wilson
8	B "	Thing
9	C "	Hand
10	D	Ph. Long
11	HQ	W. Long
12	10 3 7 1/4	DR
13	13 7 a 1/4	DR
14	NMO	
15	Sig Off	
16	May Kentue	
17	24 Coy AFSC	
18		
19		
20		

0820
 24
 0840
 15
 0829

16 AUST INF BN AIF

EXERCISE "WOODLEY"

16 SEP 43

MARCH TABLE

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EMBUSSING AREA - Present Location

ROUTE

(To be advised) N along NA Road 47 Reg thence West along
Newington Creek

SPEED & DENSITY - (To be advised) 10 910.

START POINT

(To be advised) CP4 51 Reg. START TIME -Zero-0820.....hrs

DISPERSAL POINT - R/Cromey 968629
(To be advised)

HALTS

There will be NO halts

SERIAL	MARKING	UNIT OR SUB-UNIT	NO OF VEHS	M/Cs ALLOC	TIME PAST SP. (C.P.4)		REMARKS
					HEAD	TAIL	
1	HC2 - HC3 C1 - C2 HT1 - HT2	1 Sec Carrs 4 Pl (2) 16 Pl (2) Van Guard 1 Sec 5 Pl (2)	6	2	Z	Z+3	MCs act. as scouts under O.C. Adv Gd.
2	G TA M2 C3-C5 HM4-HM5 HT3-HT4	O.C.C Coy (incl OC 6 Pl) (1) Carr F.O.O. (1) Arty Sig Van (1) Main C Coy Less 16 Pl (3) Guard 3 & 4 Dets 3 Pl (Carrs) (2) 5 Pl less 1 Sec (2)	10	1	Z+9	Z+15	MC orderly Adv Gd
3	HC4-HC5 D1.D2 ✓ D1:HC10 7 ✓ CS ✓ X ✓ EH ✓ D ✓ HM3 ✓ HC1 ✓ TB ✓ M3 ✓	2 Sec Carrs 4 Pl (2) 1 Sec D Tp 103 Tk/A Regt (2) C.O. & Adj (Van & Carr) (2) Sig.O. (1) W/T Van (1) O.C. 13 Fd Bty (1) "R" C.P.O. 13 Fd Bty (1) Gp O.C. D Tp 103 Tk/A Regt (1) OC 3 Pl Carr (1) OC 4 Pl Carr (1) OC B Tp 13 Fd Bty Carr (1) Arty Sig Van (1)	15	1 1 1 1 1	Z+24 0844	Z+32	MC- COs Orderly MC- Sig Orderly MC- 13 Fd Bty Comd-orderly MC- Sig Offr 13 Fd Bty MC- 103 Tk/A

SERIAL	MARKING	UNIT OR SUB-UNIT	NO OF VEHS	M/Cs ALLOC	TIME PAST SP		REMARKS
					HEAD	TAIL	
4	O2 QT2 O3 RAP A. A1-A6 HM6-HM7 HC8-HC9	2 i/c Van } (2) "O" Gp Bn HQ & I Sec (1) RAP (1) "A" Coy (7) 5 & 6 Dets 3 Pl (Carr) (2) 3 Sec Carrs 4 Pl (2)	15	1	Z+34	Z+42	MC - 2 i/c/ Orderly
5	H. H1-H2 4-5 QW4	HQ Coy less 1.3.4.5.Pl (3) Ann Res (2) Water Cart (1)	6	1	Z+44	Z+47	MC T.O.
6	GA, GB, Y, M1, K, A1 M4, A2, -A4, B1 M5, B2-B4	13 Pa Bty (15)	15		Z+49	Z+58	
7	B B1-B6	"B" Coy (7)	7		Z+60	Z+64	
8	D D1-D3 D6, D3, D4 HC11-HC13	"D" Coy (4) D Tp 103 Tk/A Regt (3) less 1 Sec (3) 4 Sec Carrs 4 Pl (3)	10		Z+66	Z+72	
			84	10			

"B" ECHELON

B	1. QR3. 3 QW5. 5 AK, BK, HK. 9.10	QM & Coy Kitchen Vchs	10	Z+330	Z+336	Under Comd of R.Q.M.S
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Copy No	Telephone	Signature
1	CO	✓
2	21/c	WRC
3	Asst	
4	10	2
5	TO	Shedding
6	Qm	Rudood wood
7	A 6	Ch Wakan
8	B	Thing
9	C	Sub
10	D	Shing
11	HA	W. Wakan
12	103 Tk/A	T/R
13	13 Fa Rst.	T/R
14	Rmo	Shane
15	Sig off	✓
16	May Wakan	Parker
17	24 Coy ATSC	T/R
18		

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EXERCISE "WOODLEY"

16 SEP 43.

MOVEMENT OF "A" ECHELON TPT WITH BN ON FOOT.

SERIAL 1.

CO Van
INT Van
Sig O Van
Bde W/T Van
OC Fd Bty Van
CPO " " "
Tk/A CO Van
Arty Sig Van

SERIAL 2.

2 i/c Van
O Gp Van
A Coy Van
B " "
D " "
HQ " "
Tk/A 2 i/c Van

SERIAL 3.

RAP
AMN
AMN
Water Cart
CARR Veh.

SERIAL 4.

ARTY

15.

SERIAL 5.

ARTY

NOTE: Fd Bty Comd to allocate vehs as between Serials 4 & 5.

Vehs move at 10 mih and 10 vtn to take up similar posn with head of Serial 1 adjacent to R Gp. Mvt to be repeated when tail of Unit passes rear veh of rear serial.

W. Fletcher

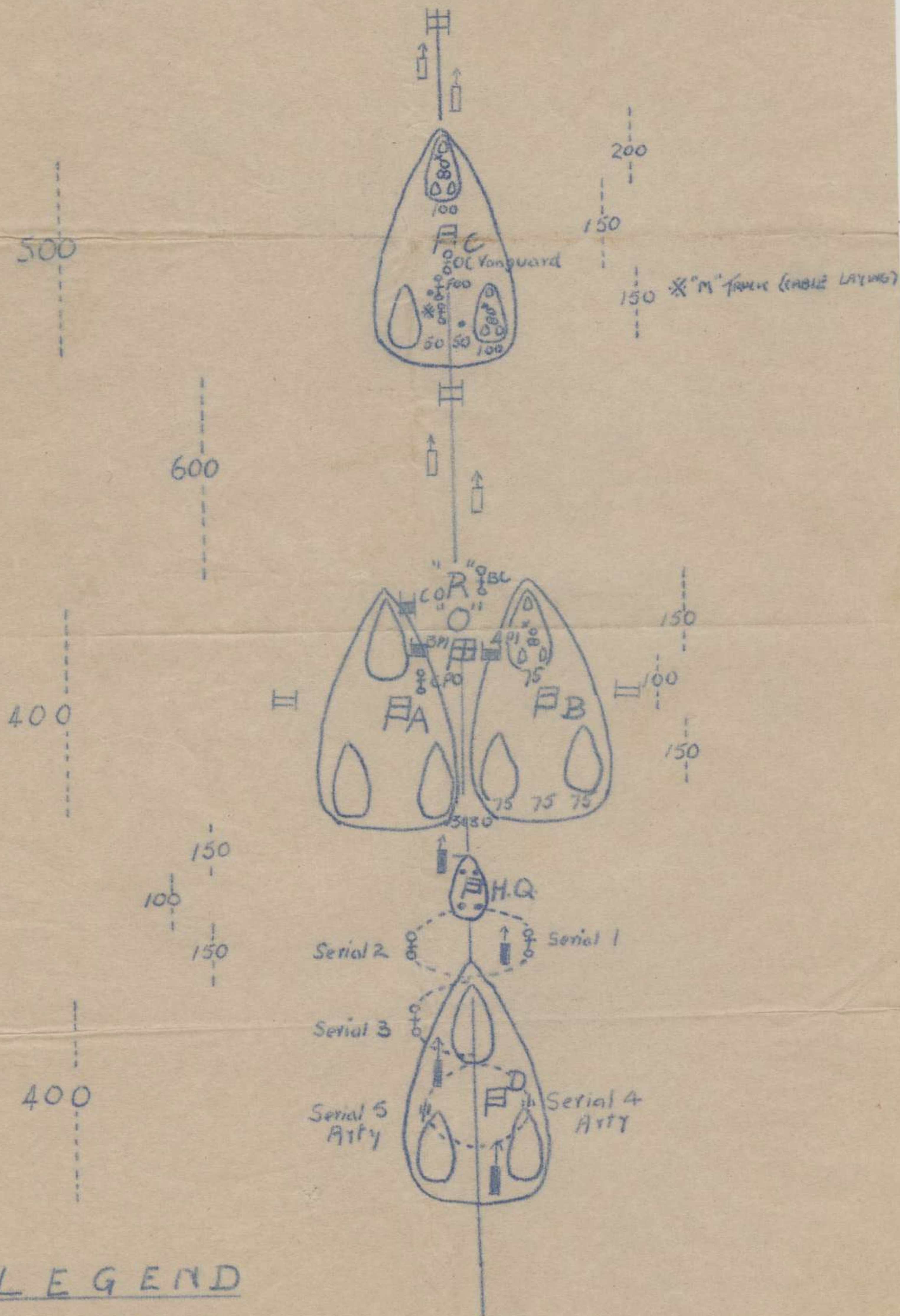
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W.S. FLETCHER A/Adj 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Copy No	Telephone	Signature
1	CO	✓
2	2/c	ABC
3	Adj	M. J. L.
4	IO.	✓
5	TO	Shedding
6	QM.	R. Doodman
7	A Coy	E. M. Watson
8	B Coy	J. King
9	C Coy	J. King
10	D Coy	J. King
11	HQ Coy	J. King
12	103 Th/A	S/R
13	13 Ta Bty	S/R
14	RWD	J. King
15	Seq Off.	✓
16	May Bstline	J. King
17	24 Coy AA SC	S/R

BP IN ADVANCE ON FOOT WITH "A" ECH TPT AND
CARRIERS, TK/A AND ARTY SUPPORTING.

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LEGEND

☐ ONE SEC CARRS



SUB-SEC 2 of TK/A



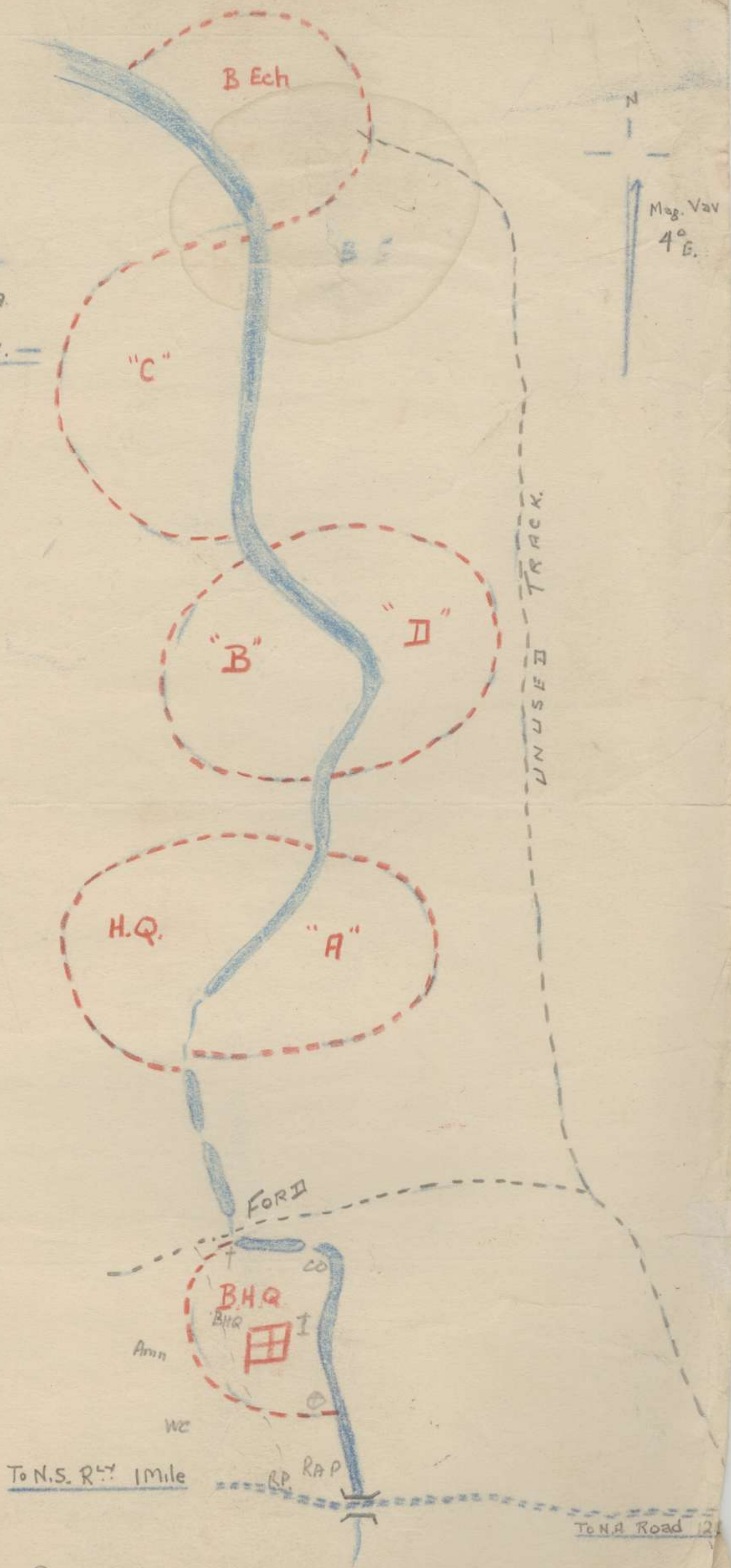
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Sketch of

Biv. AREA.

HARWIN RIVER.

N
Mag. Var
4° E.



To N.S. Rwy 1 mile

To N.A. Road 12

Scale 1" : 100 yds

13 INFANTRY BRIGADE

-5 OCT 1943

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Headquarters,
Northern Territory Force,
4 Oct 43

SM/8691/G/T7

EXERCISE "INVADER" --- RAAF PARTICIPATION

GENERAL :

All sqns with exception of B-24s will participate from time to time as A/C become available.

This participation will take the form of low-flying attacks on MT movement during the approach march, over tps in action, HQ if located, AAEC dumps etc. All attacks with the exception of Serial 67 will be treated as hostile.

Owing to operational requirements Spitfires will participate only in certain phases.

Photographs of most attacks will be taken by camera gun.

Special attention will be paid to the following phases.

PHASE A 4 Oct -- 1000-1400 hrs. All A/C on tests or practice flts will dummy strafe convoys moving NORTH along rd between 57-mi and KNUCKEYS LAGOON.

No specially ordered sorties.

PHASE B 4/5 Oct

Attacks on tps and concentrations

PHASE C 5 Oct -- 0745-1030 hrs. 457 Sqn (maximum of 12 A/C) to dummy strafe concentrations of tps or MT on or off rds SOUTH of track junc 868197 (DARWIN 1-in map) for a distance of 2000 yds. Mission to be flown before 0900 hrs.

Other Sqn A/C on tests or practice flts may participate.

1115-1435 hrs.

Dummy strafing of concentrations of tps and MT on or off rds SOUTH of pt 860187 (DARWIN 1-in map) for a distance of 2000 yds.

31 Sqn to send maximum of 2 A-19s if possible.

Other Sqns A/C on tests or practice flts may participate.

PHASE E 6 Oct --

AIR SUPPORT.

54 Sqn maximum of 12 A/C to dummy strafe ^{defensive} posns on CAMERONS BEACH.

TOT between 1445 - 1515 hrs.

BOMB LINE

Not SOUTH of a line 300 yds SOUTH of foremost line of vegetation on CAMERONS BEACH.

DEMONSTRATION

PART I

8 Oct

TIME

Operational requirements permitting.

1530 - 1600 hrs (KL) (note - to ensure identification of target A/C will carry out dummy run over area from 1520 - 1530 hrs).

A/C

One Sqn Spitfires using cannon and MG fire.

52C ant
0700 hrs.
Ruling Weekly Point 2000 hrs
Lea A/Ru
POH 1900 2000 also
Curre 0800

DEMONSTRATION (contd)

TARGETS

- (a) 8 dummy vehicles spaced 150^x apart representing
convoy. Line of vehicles to run SW to NE, the
nearest vehicle to be at least 500^x from nearest
tps.

A/C will attack from SOUTH to NORTH.

If possible containers with some petrol to be placed in each dummy vehicle.

- (b) A number of sandbags (filled) dotted about representing tons in open.

PART 2

I600 - I615 hrs (KL)

A/C

3 Hudsons each with 4 x 250 lb bombs

TARGETS

- (a) Structure representing wireless stn. surrounded by

- (b) Sandbags representing troops in open.

Targets to be at least 1000^x distant from line of
foremost tps.

LINE OF FOREMOST TPS

Smoke candles will be lit at 1520 hrs to indicate line of foremost tps. These will be maintained throughout demonstration.

No panels or discs will be used to indicate foremost tps.

A running commentary on the attack will be made by a RAAF Officer over the P A System.

W. H. H. H. H. H. May
Brigadier,
General Staff.

Distribution.

I3 Inf Dae	6
BGS	1
G 1	1
G 11 (0)	1
G 11 (1)	1
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	6
File	

File: 5/3/12

SECRET
EXERCISE "INVADER"
Paper No 1

13 AUST INF BDE GP EXERCISE "INVADER", 4-6 OCT 43

Prepared by

BRIG E.G.H. MCKENZIE, MC ED, COMD 13 AUST INF BDE

Ref Maps: DARWIN Emergency, 1" to 1 ml.

Time - JK up to 2 OCT incl.
KL from 3 OCT incl.

OBJECT

1. To exercise the Bde Gp in two of its probable op roles in the SHOAL area - namely destroying enemy forces landed at either:

- (a) LEE PT - CASUARINA BEACH area
- (a) CAMERONS BEACH area

TP TAKING PART

2. OWN Tps

- (a) 13 Aust Inf Bde complete, with under comd
 - one bty 5 Aust Fd Regt
 - one tp 103 Aust Tk/A Regt
 - 24 Aust Coy AASC
 - one coy 17 Aust Fd Amb
 - one sec 12 Aust Div Pro Coy

- (b) 2/11 Aust Fd Regt and additional Tk/A arty sufficient to make up one tk a bty.
Note: This arty is to be on call during the exercise as from 1200 hrs 5 OCT to take part as required by the tactical developments.

- (c) Active patrols from DARWIN FORTRESS.

3. Enemy

- Comd - 2 i/c 10/48 Aust Inf Bn.
- OC Fireworks - Capt R.C. LODGE 28 Aust Inf Bn.
- Tps - 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (approx 450 all ranks).

4. NT Force has approved arrangements for the exercise being made direct with units not normally under comd of this Bde. Such units accordingly are to carry out all preliminary instns as contained herein and come under comd from 0800 hrs 4 OCT for the duration of the exercise.

5. RAAF

- (a) NT Force is arranging for RAAF to carry out mock attacks on the convoys and tps for the duration of the exercise. Unless otherwise notified all aircraft will accordingly be regarded as enemy and all necessary evasive and offensive action taken within exercise limits.
- (b) If available, one Air Sp party from RAAF is to be attached to Bde HQ. Depending on the availability of aircraft this party is to arrange close sp as required by the tactical developments.

LESSONS

- 6. (a) To practise the Bde in dealing with enemy landings from more than one pt.
- (b) Construction of fd defences - wiring, booby traps etc.
- (c) Active defence against enemy encirclement.
- (d) Bde attack with arty in sp.

PHASES

7. The exercise will be divided into 5 phases as under. The necessity for the division into Parts 1 & 2 will be explained by umpires to units on 4 OCT. This explanation will be passed on to and understood by ALL tps taking part.

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>Tactical Exercise 1</u>		
A	4 OCT	The preliminary move from present areas to pre-selected sites in the SHOAL area in accordance with <u>13 Bde Op Instn No 12.</u>
B	4/5 OCT	Occupation of def posns in these areas, active patrolling and establishment of a CWP as reqd by Op Instns 12 & 13.
C	5 OCT	Moves to contact and destroy enemy landings at LEE PT and CASUARINA BEACH, consolidation, enemy counter attack, patrolling.

Tactical Exercise 2

D	6 OCT	Move to contact and destroy enemy landing in force at CAMERONS BEACH.
E	6 OCT	Bde attack and destruction of enemy. Consolidation.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

8. HQ RAA are arranging a demonstration of arty fire ^{power} posns for all tps in the LEANYER SWAMP area on the morning of 7 OCT. It is anticipated this will be followed by a demonstration of ground strafing by RAAF fighter aircraft.

DIRECTING STAFF

9. Director - Brig E.G.H. MCKENZIE, Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde
Asst/Directors - Brig G. O'BRIEN CRA NT Force
- Lt-Col A.E. MORGAN AQ NT Force

UMPIRES

10. Chief Umpire - Lt-Col T.E. WILLIAMS G 1 NT Force
Fd Arty - Maj K. SWAN RAA NT Force plus one umpire from RAA NT Force for each bty to take part in the exercise.
Tk/A Arty - Lt-Col L. RICKARD 103 Tk/A Regt
Bns 4 28 Bn - Lt-Col BUNTINE, 11 Bn
- 16 Bn - Lt-Col DAVIES, 10/48 Bn
- 11 Bn - Maj THOMAS, NT Force
X Coys & Rifle Pls - (a) ~~Two~~ Two Cpts and two Lieuts from each bn 13 Bde.
- (b) Six Cpts and six Lieuts from 12 Aust Inf Bde.
Tk/A Pls - Four Offrs from 103 Tk/A Regt.
Carr Pls - Three Cpts 12 Aust Inf Bde
Mortar Pls - Three Lieuts 12 Aust Inf Bde
Medical - Lt-Col I. KINGSCOTT, 17 Aust Fd Amb
Umpires Pool - Four Offrs from 2 Aust Inf Bde

DURATION OF EXERCISE

11. The tactical exercise will commence at 0900 hrs MON 4 OCT and end at 1800 hrs WED 6 OCT. It will be followed by an arty and air sp demonstration on 7 OCT followed by 2 days individual trg. An MT non-tactical move to camp areas will be carried out on SAT 9 OCT, not a Route March as set out in Bde Trg Instn No. 25.

OPENING SIT

12. As contained in Paper No. 2, including Narrative as at 0900 hrs 4 OCT 43.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

13. To be issued as Paper No. 3 to all members of DS and all umpires down to and incl Coy Umpires and equivalent and Umpires Pool.

CONFERENCES

14. Prior to and during the exercise will be held as follows (Note variation from verbal orders in respect to serials 1 and 2)

Serial	Day & Date	Hr	Place	Held By	Purpose	Attendance and Remarks.
1	Tue 28 SEP	0800	Junc NA Rd & BERRIMAH Rd	Director	Rece of Exercise area	Bde Comd, CRA, G1, G2, Lt-Col DAVIES, OC Enemy, OC Fireworks, PM & PM (L)
2	Fri 1 OCT	0800	do	do	do	As for serial 1 plus all arty & inf coy and rifle pl umpires & Umpires Pool
3	Mon 4 OCT	0900	13 Bde HQ 51 ml	Chief Umpire	Final check of all umpires and any questions.	All umpires. After conference umpires will proceed direct to units they are to umpire.
4	do	1830	13 Bde HQ in the Rd	do	Collation of Umpires Reports on mvt.	Senr Umpire with each inf bn and arty.
5	do	2000	do	Director	Pts on days work and lessons learnt. Check next days work with umpires	As for serial 2 plus unit offrs down to and incl coy comds and equivalent.
6	Tue 5 OCT	1830	do	Chief Umpire.	Collation of Umpires Reports.	As for serial 4.
7	do	2000	do	Director	As for serial 5	As for serial 5.
8	Fri 1 OCT	1830	do	SC	Adm instns for bivouac night 6/7 and mvt to bivouac area for 7/9.	One rep from each unit and independant sub-unit.
9	do	1830	do	Chief Umpire.	Collation of Reports.	As for serial 4.
10	do	2000	do	Director	Pts on the whole exercise	All Offrs.

DRESS

15: Own Tps

Fighting order incl steel helmets.

16. Enemy

Representation of JAPANESE dress. OC Fireworks will advise and assist OC Enemy in making necessary arrangements as for previous Bde and unit etc. exercise

17. DS and Umpires

Hats, belt and sidearms and as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Directing Staff | - Blue armband on left arm |
| (b) Umpires | - Two white armbands |
| (c) OC Enemy | - White Hatbands. |
| (d) Fireworks Party | |

DISTINGUISHING FLAGS - VEHICLES

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 18. (a) DS, Umpires, Spectators | - Normal pendants or white flags |
| (b) Enemy Vehs | - Vehs with JAPANESE flag |
| (c) Enemy AFV | - Carrs " " " |

ALLOTMENT OF AMN, ETC.

19.

- (a) All units will draw and be prepared to use the complete allotment of blank for OCT during the exercise.
- (b) OC Fireworks will draw 6000 rds of blank amn from Bde HQ for distribution to enemy.

20. Gelignite.

OC Fireworks will select a fireworks party of one NCO and 6 OR from 28 Bn and will draw 200 lbs gelignite and 400 detonators from Bde HQ for use in simulating our own and enemy fire plans.

21. Live Amn

An allotment of 20,000 rds of .303 ball will be made available to OC Fireworks from Bde HQ for use in enemy LMG and MMG. These guns will be provided by 10/48 Bn.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

22. (a) OC Enemy will be responsible for providing safe ranges and for all safety precautions when enemy fire ball amn and use explosives.
(b) Bayonets will NOT be fixed at night.

TPT

23. AASC Vehicles

Tp carrying tpt will remain in dispersal area near HOWARD SPRINGS RD for duration of exercise. When exercise ends on 6 Oct these vehs on instns from SC will report to Units, tpt tps to bivouac areas on 7 Oct and stay with Units pending return journey on 9 Oct 43.

24. Umpires

The senior umpire with each Unit will provide one 1-ton van for his own use to assist other umpires with the same unit. These senior umpires will co-ordinate the mvt of all umpires within their Unit. Normally such other umpires will with the A Ech or tp carrying vehs of the Units they are umpiring. Umpire pool will travel in one veh provided by 2 Aust Inf Bde.

TRAFFIC

25. One sec 12 Aust Div Pro Coy is to report to SC at Bde HQ at 2000 hrs Sun 3 Oct and come under comd for the exercise. In addition mvt of convoys and vehs along the main NA Rd is to be controlled by NT Force as for actual ops.

MEDICAL

26. Unit RMO's will each prepare 50 casualty slips stating the nature of the casualty and whether walking or lying wounded. These slips will be handed by RMO's to the senior umpire with the arty and inf units when that offr reports on the morning of 4 Oct. They will be distributed throughout the exercise, half being kept for the bde attack on 6 Oct.

DS & UMPIRES COMNS

27. 13 Bde Sec Sigs will, in addition to normal duties, provide
(a) one No. 11 Set to travel with Director
(b) one D/R to travel with Director
(c) line between Director and enemy as detailed on ground on Tue 28 Sep.
(d) 108 R/T comm between Chief Umpire and each senr bn umpire for phases B - E incl.

CODES AND CIPHERS

28. (a) 108 Sets - clear language may be used
(b) 11 " - cipher or R/T Code No 2 only for either R/T or W/T
(c) 208 " - cipher or R/T Code No 2 only
(d) Code names as set out in Appx B to 13 Bde Op Instn No 1.

GENERAL

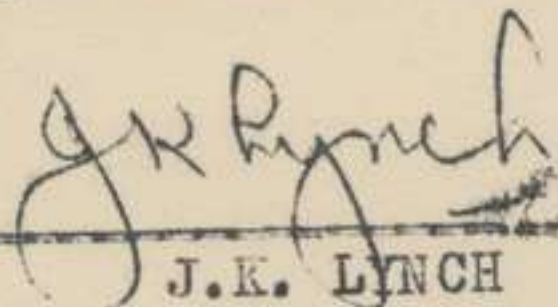
The exercise will be known as EXERCISE "INVADER" and all memos, instns etc will be headed accordingly. This does NOT apply to messages sent during the exercise; these will still be prefixed PHOENIX.

BIVOUAC AND RETURN TO CAMP

30. At the conclusion of the tactical exercise on the afternoon of Wed 6 Oct, one offr rep from each unit will report to SC at Bde HQ to receive instns covering
(a) Unit bivouac areas for night 6/7 Oct and MT mvt to bivouac areas for period 7/9 Oct

BIVOUAC AND RETURN TO CAMP (contd)

- (b) Return on afternoon of 7 Oct of urgent duty personnel of inf bns, and of Units in sp that are NOT staying for remainder of exercise.
- (c) Order of march for return by MT in morning of 9 Oct for the main body.


J.K. LYNCH Maj.
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/11 Aust Fd Regt
5 Aust Fd Regt
105 Aust Tk/A Regt
11 Aust Inf Bn
16 " " "
28 " " "
24 " Coy AASC
17 " Fd Amb
12 " Div Pro Coy
Bde Comd (Director)
CRA (Asst Director)
AQ (" ")
GSO 1 (Chief Umpire)
Lt-Col BUNTINE (Senr Bn Umpire)
Lt-Col DAVIES (" " ")
GSO 2 (T) (Senr Bn Umpire)
BM RAA (Senr Fd Arty Umpire)
Capt R.C. LODER (OC Fireworks)
BM
BM (L)
SC
Sigs
LAD
Tpt
Camp
NT Force (3)
2 Aust Inf Bde
12 " " "
DARWIN FORTRESS
10/48 Aust Inf Bn
HQ 6 Aust AL Comd
Hand-over File
War Diary (2)
File (2)

File No. 5/3/12

SECRET

EXERCISE INVADER

Paper No. 2

13 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE "INVADER" - 4/6 OCT 43

OPENING SITUATION

1. Strat/R and Intelligence reports throughout SEP revealed intense enemy activity in TIMOR and AMBOINA, and particularly large concentrations of shipping at KOEPANG and DILLI. This activity continued despite our intense bombing raids against these bases, and Units were warned on 1 Oct to be prepared to move at 2 hrs notice.
2. Enemy air attacks against DARWIN and landing strips in this area increased on 2 and 3 Oct and our recce aircraft reported intense fighter cover over the invasion ports making detailed recce extremely difficult.
3. With the concentration of shipping and tps forming a constant threat of invasion our recce aircraft were instructed to be over the ports concerned by daylight each day. At 0720 hrs 4 Oct infm was received from Force HQ that these aircraft had observed a large convoy already some hrs sail from DILLI and sailing South. The convoy consisted of three 10,000 ton and ten 4,000 ton tps escorted by two hy cruisers, two lt cruisers and five destroyers, with one small aircraft carrier. It was estimated this force could not reach the DARWIN area before 0400 hrs 5 Oct 43.

NARRATIVE

At 0730 hrs 4 Oct, acting on instns from Force HQ, Bde placed Units on 30 mins notice to move to concentration areas in vicinity of KNUCKEYS LAGOON.

The time is now 0910 hrs and an IMMEDIATE message from Force HQ has just been handed to the Bde Comd ordering 13 Bde to move immediately. Block timings allotted the Bde are 0930 hrs to 1800 hrs incl.

J.K.L.

DISTIBUTION - As for Paper No. 1

ADM. ORDER

EXERCISE "INVADER"

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PLAN:- SHOAL

(1). TPS TAKING PART.

- (a). 16 Aust Inf Bn Aif less L.O.B. Personnel
- (b). L.O.B. Personnel :-
Lieut T.A. Glasson
3 S.Rs each Rifle Coy
25 " Hq Coy.

(2). DRESS.

- (a). Fighting Order
- (b). Scale "A" as for Ops. . Coy Comds to check contents of haversacks. Ground sheets rolled and carried on belt on back.
- (c). Steel helmets; Hats fur felt will NOT be taken.

(3). EQUIPMENT

- (a). Coy Stores will be loaded as for Ops.
- (b). Gas Equipment and Respirators will NOT be taken.
- (c). Stores and Equipment in excess of Op requirements will be stored in Coy Q Stores. L.O.B. personnel will be responsible for security.
- (d). Blankets will be carried by tps on initial move and thereafter rolled in Section rolls and clearly labelled and carried in "B" Ech.
- (e). Packs, containing extra boots, clothing etc to limit of 15 lbs per pack, will be carried in "B" Ech and will be made available to tps night 6/7 Oct 43.

(4). RATIONING.

- (a). Messing will be as for Ops unless otherwise ordered.
- (b). L.O.B. personnel will mess at "C" Coy Kitchen

(5). UMPIRES.

- (a). Cpts May and Duke are appointed Umpires for purpose of exercise and will report to Chief Umpire, Lt/Cpl T.E. Williams, Fri 1 Oct 0800hrs Junc NA RD & BERRIMAH RD.

(b). Umpires Conferences.

Mon 4 Oct	0900 hrs	13 Bde (51 ml)
" "	2000 "	" (in the Fd)
Tues 5 "	2000 "	" "
Wed 6 "	2000 "	" "

(c). Umpires Tpt.

Sen. Umpire will provide own tpt for use of Umpires in each Unit.
Normally Umpires will travel within their Unit on Unit Tpt.

(6). CONFERENCES.

The following conferences concern Unit Officers:-

Mon 4 Oct	2000 Hrs	13 Bde Hq in the Fd	Offrs down to & incl. Coy Comds.
Tue 5 "	2000 "	" "	Ditto
Wed 6 "	1830 "	" "	1 Offr to SC for Adm Instns for move to Biv 6/7/ and biv area 7/9
" 6 "	2000 "	" "	all offrs.

(7). MOVEMENT

- (a). As per Movement Table Appx A
- (b). Adv Party (OC Hq Coy and Coy guides) report SC at SP Z-30.

(8). SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

- (a). Bayonets will NOT be fixed at night.
- (b). All ball amm will be withdrawn and carried in Coy vehs, in bulk.

(9). SECURITY.

Exercise will be known as "Invader" and all memos, instns etc will be headed accordingly. This does NOT apply to messages sent during exercise; these will be prefixed "PHOENIX".

(10).. GUIDES.

Coy guides will report OCHQ Coy Z-60.

(11). A.A. DEFENCE.

An L.M.G. will be mounted ready for action to provide AA defence during the move or at halts. Sen NCO and one other O.R. will man the gun in each vehicle, the NCO controlling the fire. H Q Coy will supply LMGs for Bn HQ vehicles.

(12). LIGHTS.

Vehicles will use lights except for night 5/6 Oct when tail lights only will be used.

(13). CODES AND CIPHER.

- (a). 108 Sets- Clear language may be used
- (b). 11 " - Cipher or R/T Code No2 only.
- (c). Code names as set out in Appx B

(14). OPENING SITUATION

Given verbally by the C O .

(15). NARRATIVE

Given verbally by the C O .

(16). CANTEEN.

Canteen facilities will be made available to tps after Wed 6 Oct 43.

..... Lieut
A/ADJT 16 Aust Inf Bn AIF

16 AUST INF BN AIF.

S E C R E T .

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EXERCISE "INVADER"

30 SEP 43.

Allocation of Unit & A.A.S.C. Tpt.

SERIAL	Type of Veh and No.	P E R S O N N E L	No. of Pers	R E M A R K S
2/02	Van 1 Ton A8739 4	CO, Adj, I Pte, R/T Oper(2), Batmen (2), Dr	8	Load as per Admin Ord. No. 2
2/03	Van 1 Ton 9718	A/Adj, O/R Sgt, Clerk(1) I Sgt, I Pers(2) Batman Dr.	8	DO.
2/CS	Van 1 Ton Bde W/T	Bde Opr, Dr	2	Bde Veh
2/054 ^s	Van 1 Ton 29734	Sig Offr, Sig Clerk, Sig Sgt, Batmen, Dr.	5	Load as per Adm Ord No. 2
2/ RAP	Van 1 Ton 29754	RMO, RAP Pers(4), Dr, Batman	7	DO.
2/6 2/7	2 Trucks 3 Ton A.A.S.C.	RSM, Drs(2), Batman, S.B.(4), Post(1), RF(3)	12	Reserve Amn. (1 truck only to be loaded)
2/QW6	Truck 30 Cwt 15061	Motor Duty Man, Dr	2	Water Cart
5/A 6	Van 1 Ton 29755	OC A Coy, O/R Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr	5	Load as per Adm Ord No 2 incl push bikes
1/B	Van 1 Ton 29753	OC B Coy, O/R Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr	5	DO.
3/C	Truck 30 Cwt 1576	OC C Coy, O/R Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr	5	DO.
6/D	Van 1 Ton 29725	OC D Coy, O/R Cpl, Batman, Sig, Dr	5	DO.
4/H	Van 1 Ton 54800	OC HQ Coy, Batman, Guides (5), Dr	8	Load as per Adm Ord No. 2 incl 1 guide from each Coy.
1/HT1 1/HT2 6/HT3 6/HT4	Trucks 30 Cwt 46671 51609 52562 56304	Tk/A Portees 5 Platoon		
5/1-6	Trucks 3 Ton 6 A.A.S.C.	A Coy Troops		
1/1-6	Trucks 3 Ton 6 A.A.S.C.	B Coy Troops		

SERIAL	Type of Veh and No.	P E R S O N N E L	No. of Pers	R E M A R K S
3/1-5	Trucks 3 Ton 5 A.A.S.C.	G Coy Troops		
6/1-5	Trucks 3 Ton 5 A.A.S.C.	D Coy Troops		
4/1-2	Trucks 3 Ton 2 A.A.S.C.	HQ Coy Troops		
2/9	Van 1 Ton 1522	Bn 21/c, Batman, Dr	3	
6/QT2	Van 1 Ton 12928	Clerk, Dr, Mechs(2), Batman, Cpl	6	TO Van, - MT Spares
7/HQ	Van 1 Ton 60154	Mech (2), Dr, Cpl Clerk	5	Carr Spares & Stores

"B" Echelon

8/Q1	Truck 30 Cwt 14678	QM Clerk, Caterer, Dr, HQ Coy Cooks (7)	11	
8/QR3	Van 1 Ton 29730	Hyg Sgt, Hyg Pers (4) Dr	6	Ration Vehicle
8/3	Truck 3 Ton A.A.S.C.	Butchers (2), Armourer (1), Bootmakers (4), Ration Storeman (1), Tech Storeman (1), Tailors (2), Dr	12	
8/QW4	Truck 30 Cwt 7386	Water Dutyman, Dr	2	Water Cart
8/QP7	Truck 3 Ton 19498	Tpt Sgt, Cpl (2), Mech (3), S/man, Dr	8	Petrol Reserve
8/AK 8/BK 8/CK 8/DK 8/HK	Trucks 3 Ton 19499 A Coy 19458 B Coy 18671 C Coy 19496 D Coy 41971 HQ Coy	QOMS each Coy, Cooks (3), S/man, Dr	6	

16 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN. AIF.
EXERCISE "INVADER"
MOVEMENT TABLE.

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EMBUSSING AREA: Present Location

SPEED & DENSITY: MT 20 MIH 10 VTM.

CARR 10 MIH 10 VTM.

DIS. PT. Serial 1-7 10 ml. post. (920113)

" 8 June main NA RD. and HOWARD SPRINGS RD.

ROUTE: Main NA RD. to 10 ML. post.

S.P. C.P. 9 48 1/4 ml.

C.P. C.P. 4 51 ML.

SERIAL.	SUB → UNIT	No. OF VEHS.	M.C. ALLOC.	Time past CP 4 Head Tail	Time past CP 9 Head Tail	Time past Disp. Pt..	REMARKS.
6/1	OC'B' Coy Van 5 Pl Less 1 Sec. Portees 'B' Coy Tps Trucks 6	(1) (2) (3)	9 1 (Hampden) Lawrie	Z + 74 Z + 100 Z + 103	Z + 77 Z + 105 Z + 108	Z + 82 Z + 111 Z + 111	(Head) Z + 223 197
6/2	C.O. Van Office & I Van Sig. Office Van W/T Van RAP Van Ann Res Trucks Water Cart 2 i/c Van	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (2) (1) (1)	9 1 (Lawrie) Hampden	Z + 79 Z + 105 1119	Z + 82 Z + 108 1127	Z + 87 Z + 115 Z + 116	Z + 90 Z + 228 (328)
6/3	OC"G" Coy Van "C" Coy Tps Trucks	(1) (5)	6 1 (Spitty)	Z + 84 Z + 110 Z + 112	Z + 86 Z + 112 Z + 118	Z + 92 Z + 120 Z + 120	Z + 207 Z + 233
6/4	HQ Coy Tps Trucks	(2)	2	Z + 114 88	Z + 115 89	Z + 122 Z + 123	Z + 237 211
6/5	OC"A" Coy Van A Coy Tps Trucks	(1) (5)	7 1 (Berridge)	Z + 117 91	Z + 119 93	Z + 125 99	Z + 127 101
6/6	OC"D" Coy Van 2 Sec 5 Pl Portees D Coy Tps Trucks T.O. Van	(1) (2) (5) (1)	9 1 (Medcalf) Simpson	Z + 121 95	Z + 124 98	Z + 129 103	Z + 132 106
10/7	3 Pl. & 4 Pl Carra Van 1 ton	(20) (1)	21	Z + 194 Z + 194	Z + 206 Z + 210	Z + 210 Z + 222	Z + 222 Z + 222
125/8	"B" Ech	(9)	9	Z + 376 8Z + 210	Z + 379 Z + 24	Z + 384 Z + 29	Z + 387 Z + 32

Allocation of D/Rs
1 CO Stevens
1 Adj. Hampden
1 2/c Spitty
1 Sigs Lawrie
1 TO Medcalf
1 Carra Simpson
1 Mortar? Berridge

3 Oct 43

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 Due to errors being noted by ME and Engr
 PI NOT available following Movement Table
 will substitute Appx A to 13 Aust Inf Bde
 Op Instr No. 12 for the "INVADER" Exercise
 Only (4 - 9 Oct 43)

"INVADER" MOVEMENT TABLE

To be destroyed by fire at conclusion of "INVADER" Exercise

- Embussing Areas - Present Unit areas
 Route - Main KA Rd to Rd and Track June ref 920113 DARWIN
 sheet one inch.
 Speed & Density - 20 M.I.H. and 10 V.T.M.
 S.P. (OP 9) - 48 1/2 mi (map ref 153538 BATCHELOR-ADLAIDE RIVER
 sheet one inch
 D.P. (a) Serial 1 to 7 - Rd and Track June ref 920113 DARWIN one inch
 (b) Serial 8 to 13 - Rd June NA and HOWARD SPRINGS Rds

A ECH TPT

Serial	Unit	No of vehs	Time Past SP		Remarks
			Head	Tail	
1	28 Aust Inf Bn	42	H	H +24	Incl 26 Tp carrying vehs
2	13 Bty 5 Pd Regt	14	H +39	H +31	
3	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde	11	H +36	H +40	
4	G Tp 43 Bty 103 Tk/A Regt	6	H +45	H +43	
5	11 Aust Inf Bn	42	H +53	H +77	Incl 23 tp carrying vehs
6	16 Aust Inf Bn	42	H +82	H +106	Incl 27 tp carrying vehs.
7	Coy 17 Aust Pd Amph	9	H +111	H +114	
8	279 Aust LAD	4	H +119	H +121	

B ECH TPT (BH -1.e. Zero hr for B Ech - will be advised by Bde TO.)

9	28 Aust Inf Bn	13	BH	BH +4	
10	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde	13	BH + 9	BH +14	Incl 13 Pd Bty 4 vehs
11	11 Aust Inf Bn	13	BH +19	BH +24	
12	16 Aust Inf Bn	13	BH +29	BH +34	
13	Rec Sec 107 Workshops	2	BH +36	BH +37	

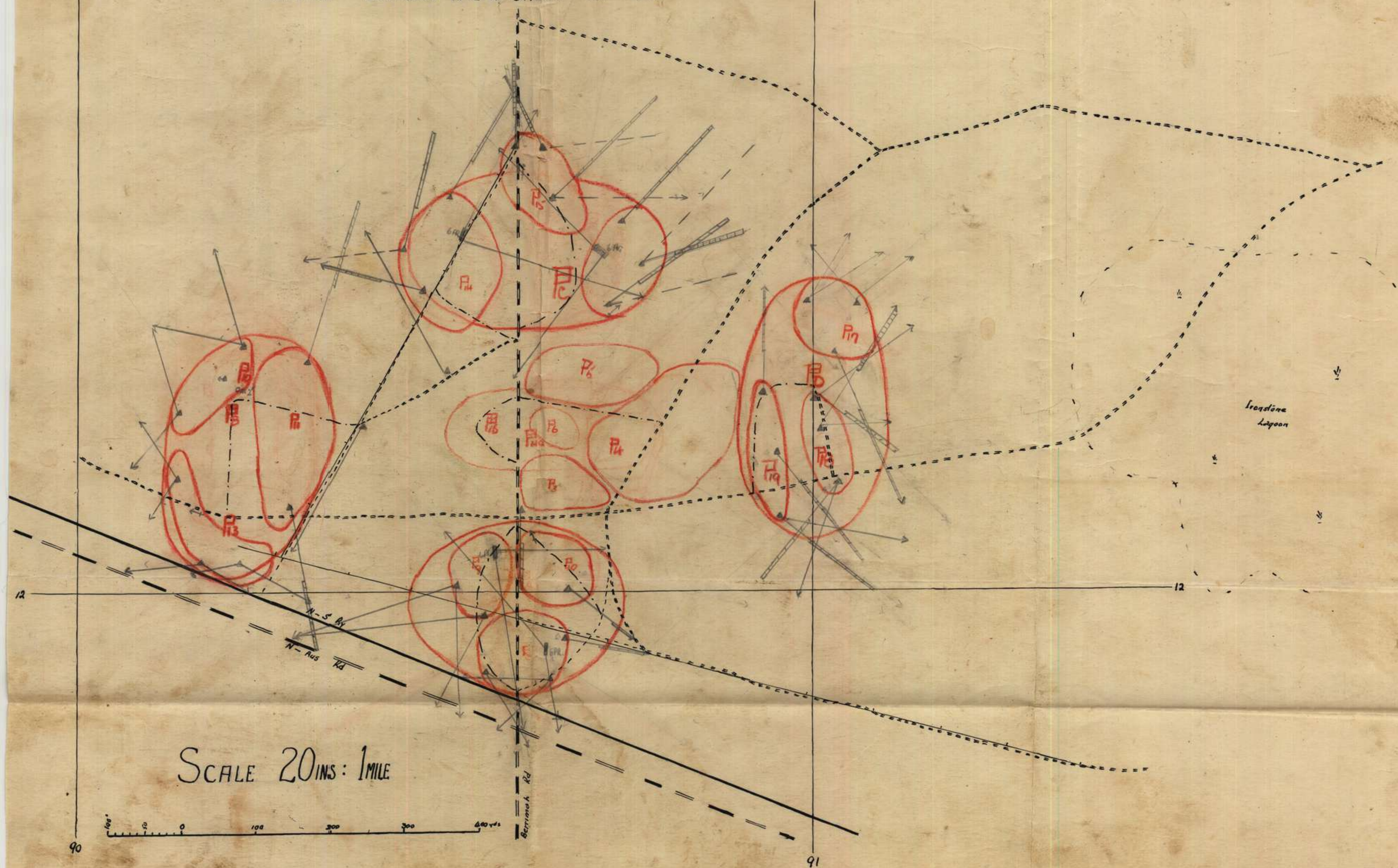
Distribution as per Op Instr No 12.

A.A.L.

INVADER

DISPERSAL AREA SHOAL BAY

REFMAP DARWIN EMERG SHEET 1/IN : 1/MI



APPENDIX "F"

FORMATION OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

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13 Inf Bde

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TO

28 bn

16 bn

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

11 bn 2/2 Cdo sqn 2/14 fd regt

ORIGINATOR'S No. GO 27 SECRET (.) 28 bn will relieve 16 bn of standing patrol responsibility at 589576 (.) strength one pl (.) role (.) give early warning enemy approach (.) maintain liaison with patrols from 2/2 Cdo sqn (.) relief will be complete by 271300 K (.) stores in situ will be handed over by mutual arrangement (.) ack

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In lieu of AF C2136

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 13 Bde

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TO : 11 Bn 16 Bn 28 Bn 2/14 Fd Regt 2/2 Cdo Sqn

INFO : 1 NGIB 4 fd coy AIB 2 fd amb Staff Capt BASCO

GO 58 SECRET (.) confirmation of verbal instrs (.) following changes in disposns will be effected (.) 28 bn will sup standing patrols strength one pl in vicinity of localities present occupied by 11 bn at UPPER BULUS 662535 and LOWER MOONDEI 679519 plus standing patrol and patrol base of two pls strength at UPPER MOONDEI 605529 (.) all pls to be in posn by 230900K (.) 2/14 fd regt will maintain FOO with base at UPPER MOONDEI (.) responsibility of UPPER MOONDEI UPPER BULUS and LOWER MOONDEI area will pass from 11 bn to 28 bn patrols on patrols being in posn (.) 28 bn will withdraw pl from UPPER WULWUT earliest (.) 11 bn will withdraw and conc WEST of BULUS RIVER (.) 16 bn will maintain pl strength at each of following localities LITTLE CAKE 618521 CAKE HILL 622522 YOUNGS 627519 and LAMSHED 637519 (.) balance of unit will conc bn area by 221700K (.) all CWP and beach def will be maintained until further orders 2/14 fd regt will maintain one tp in action (.) 2/2 cdo sqn will conc LAMARIEN earliest practicable (.) sig cable in lines rendered unnecessary by above changes will be recovered (.) adm (.) as discussed and confirmed by Staff Capt

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11 Jul 45

13 AUST INF BDE GP OP INSTR 12

Ref Maps : WAITAVALO - UMAMITKI 1 : 25000

INFM

1. Enemy

Enemy estimated strength 30 with some LMGs, LMGs and knee mortars fired on 11 Aust Inf Bn coy disposns on the UPPER MOONDEI vicinity 683529. Fire came from EAST bank of MOONDEI River.

2. Own Tps

- (a) One coy 28 Aust Inf Bn relieved one coy 11 Aust Inf Bn UPPER BULUS area 661535 at 1640 hrs 10 Jul 45. The relieved coy moved forward and with one pl NGIB under comd and FOO party 2/14 Aust Fd Regt making recce in force of the high ground EAST of MOONDEI River and general area LEMINGI track with a view to contacting enemy or determining lines of approach or withdrawal.
- (b) 2/14 Aust Fd Regt are conducting recce BULUS River with view to establishing tp posn.

TASK

3. ~~Relief~~ of certain def disposns will be effected to enable recce in force to contact enemy and determine enemy lines of approach or withdrawal.

METHOD

4. 16 Aust Inf Bn

Will relieve 28 Aust Inf Bn of :

- (a) pl responsibility def of POPPA's feature 641508. Relief to be complete by 1600 hrs 11 Jul.
- (b) pl responsibility def of DID installations. Relief to be complete by 1200 hrs 12 Jul.

5. 28 Aust Inf Bn

Will relieve one coy 11 Aust Inf Bn in def locality determined by CO 11 Aust Inf Bn. Relief to be complete by 1600 hrs 11 Jul.

6. Pls in def TOL WHARF 639502 and AIRSTRIP 645502 will be withdrawn without relief by 1600 hrs 11 Jul.
7. The above two pls and those two pls relieved by 16 Aust Inf Bn will conc TOL BN area upon relief to form part of Bde res.

8. 1 NGIB

Will provide one pl to come under comd 11 Aust Inf Bn in area notified by CO 11 Aust Inf Bn at 1600 hrs 11 Jul.

One pl will move to MARUPA area and bivouac night 11 Jul and move at first light 12 Jul to recce UMAMITKI River area under separate instrs from this HQ.

9. 11 Aust Inf Bn

Will maintain that coy gp mentioned in para 2 in its present role.

10. Upon relief of second coy by 28 Aust Inf Bn, recce in force with strength one coy plus one pl NGIB, to contact enemy or determine enemy lines of approach or withdrawal between MOONDEI and UMAMITKI Rivers.

11. Ambush posns at present established LEMINGI track 710560 and UMAMITKI River 761503 will be maintained until withdrawn in co-ordination with mov of coys.

12. Arty

FOO will move with coy gp detailed in para 9 above.

ADM

13. Dependent on ops will remain unit responsibility.

INTERCOMM

14. Normal

A C K *see 91693.*

Hunlay Maj
BM 13/Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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AIB	8		

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13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 8

Ref Maps : WAITAVALO 1/25000
NUGINIKLUB 1/25000

Comd WAITAVALO BN

INFM

1. Enemy

See current sitreps

2. Own Tps

NO change

3. Nomenclature

The feature running EAST-WEST through STEINS HILL 645523 LAMSHED 638519 and CAKE HILL 622522 will hereinafter be referred to as WAITAVALO feature and the inf bn disposed in that area as WAITAVALO BN.

TASKS

4.

You will hold WAITAVALO feature and by patrolling forward ensure adequate warning of possible enemy offensive action.

METHOD

5.

Bdys

(6) Dex Localities (Amended by 13Bde - received 24 June 45)

(a) LAMSHED 638519

One Coy

(b) YOUNGS 627519 - KATHS HILLS 633518

Coy less one pl
plus one sec MMG
and two dets MORTS
YOUNGS
One pl - KATHS

(c) MOOSE 625519 - CAKE 622522
LONETREE 621518 - HIGH GROUND
(LITTLE CAKE) 616522 TO WULWUT RIVER

Coy less two pls
LITTLE MOOSE
one pl - CAKE
one pl plus one sec
MMG and two dets
MORTS - LITTLE
CAKE.

(plus two dets MORTS)

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13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 8

Ref Maps : WAITAVALO 1/25000
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Comd WAITAVALO BN

INFM

1. Enemy

See current sitreps

2. Own Tps

NO change

3. Nomenclature

The feature running EAST-WEST through STEINS HILL 645523 LAMSHED 638519 and CAKE HILL 622522 will hereinafter be referred to as WAITAVALO feature and the inf bn disposed in that area as WAITAVALO BN.

TASKS

4.

You will hold WAITAVALO feature and by patrolling forward ensure adequate warning of possible enemy offensive action.

METHOD

5. Bdys

Excl BULUS RIVER to incl WULWUT RIVER to KASALEA 567538.

6. Def Localities

Localities will be occupied as under :

(a) POPPAS HILL 641508

One Pl

(b) LAMSHED 638519

One Coy

(c) CAKE MOOSE LONE TREE HILL

One Coy plus
one sec MMGs
and four dets
MORTS.

(d) HIGH GROUND - WULWUT RIVER

One pl plus
one sec MMG.

7. STANDING PATROL (as amended by 13 Bde instr)
issued 24 June 45

(a) Standing Patrol str one pl will be maintained at Track
Junc 589 557 (589 576)

(b) one sec standing patrol BACON HILL 632 521 to be
posted during hours of day light.

issued 24 June 45

8. Arty

2/14 Aust Fd Regt in sp. See Fire
Table Appx 'A'.

9. Tk A

Guns 2 pr Tk A will be brigaded
under comd Capt H C TRINNICK, 2/14 Aust
Fd Regt.

Role Beach def.

10. Patrols

You will patrol forward between
bdys to a depth sufficient to ensure early
warning of enemy approach.

Patrols will aggressively seize
every opportunity to ambush and destroy all
enemy encountered.

11. Observation

You will establish an OP on HIGH
GROUND sq 6056.

12. CWPs

Coast watching posts will be maintained
as detailed in 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 5.

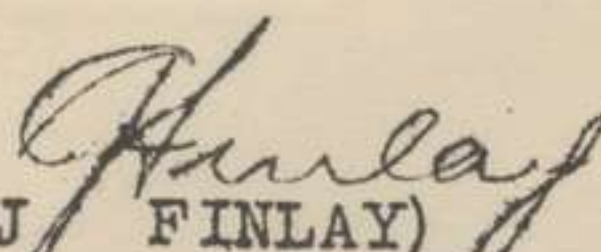
ADM

13. Res
- (a) Amn will be maintained at present
holdings in forward posns.
 - (b) Rations will be turned over but
maintained at present res.

INTERCOMN

14. L/T
- (a) Bde line responsibility Bde to
Unit, and Bde to CWPs.
 - (b) Other arteries unit responsibility.

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7. Standing Patrol

You will maintain a standing patrol strength one pl vicinity KASALEA 667538. 589576

*Amended by 13/3rd Aust
Issued 34 Jan 45*

8. Arty

2/14 Aust Fd Regt in sp. See Fire Table Appx 'A'.

9. Tk A

Guns 2 pr Tk A will be brigaded under comd Capt H C TRINNICK, 2/14 Aust Fd Regt.

Role Beach def.

10. Patrols

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11. Observation

You will establish an OP on HIGH GROUND sq 6056.

12. CWPs

Coast watching posts will be maintained as detailed in 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 5.

ADM

13. Res
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INTERCOMN

14. L/T
- (a) Bde line responsibility Bde to Unit, and Bde to CWPs.
 - (b) Other arteries unit responsibility.

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16 and 3rd Bns (AIF)

(WAITARA BN)

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Appx 'A'

ARTY

Def Fire Tasks

Regimental Targets

Target No	Firing Pt	Area	Map Ref
M 38	Sqs 6449 6450	Track to bank MOONDEI River	689531
M 39	" "	JAP VILLAGE	686528
M 40	" "	HIGH GROUND MARUPA GARDENS	688519
M 41	" "	TRACK June EAST of MARUPA	686518
M 42	" "	MARUPA perimeter	682516
M 43	" "	MARUPA GARDENS	682514
M 44	" "	MARUPA PICKET STA	684513
M 45	" "	COAST Pt	688513
M 46	" "	Mouth of INISKA RIVER	708518
M 47	" "	SOUTH of COAST Track	729508
M 48	" "	NORTH of COAST Track	731509 & 730507
M 49	" "	HIGH FEATURE	738505
M 50	" "	UMAMITKI RIVER X	763503
M 51	" "	EAST of UMAMITKI RIVER	763502
M 52	" "	COAST Track	763503
M 53	" "	BULUS RIVER and Track	665537
M 54	" "	JAP VILLAGE	669536

Target No	Firing Pt	Area	Map Ref
M 4	Sqs 6449 6450	YOUNGS HILL	629522
M 2	" "	YOUNGS HILL	629520
M 18	" "	EAST of CAKE HILL	627523
M 12	" "	WEST CAKE HILL	621521
D 22	" "	WULWUT RIVER Track Junc	619532
C 1	" "	Track Junc WULWUT RIVER Mouth	619512
D 8	" "	Track Junc WULWUT RIVER	618523
D 16	" "	Track Junc WULWUT RIVER	617524
D 2	" "	WEST Bank WULWUT RIVER	614525
D 104	" "	WEST Bank WULWUT RIVER	613523
C 7	" "	MEVELO RIVER Mouth	609511
DF 4	" "	MEVELO RIVER X	585523
DF 3	" "	MEVELO RIVER X	579524
P 104	" "	KASALEA - WULWUT Track	575546

Rec. 24 June 45 MD

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OPERATIONAL PLAN

Amendments to Bde Plan and relevant Op Instrs

Ref 13 Aust Inf Bde Outline Plan and
Op Instrs (NOT to all addressees)

1. The following changes in operational responsibility of units will be made and take effect from times shown below.
2. TOL BN
Delete reference in Bde Outline Plan para 29(d) and instruction contained in 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 9, para 5(a) serial 4.
Insert in both cases :
"Occupy def locality POPPAS
feature 642507, strength one pl"
3. TOL Bn will effect relief of WAITAVALO Bn pl and assume all op responsibilities of that pl by 1200 hrs 25 Jun 45.
4. WAITAVALO BN
(i) Amend Bde Outline Plan para 19 and 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 8, para 6 to read :
Def Localities

LAMSHED area 638519	One coy
YOUNGS 627519 - KATHS HILLS 633518 area	Coy less one Pl KATHS One pl plus one sec MMG and two dets Morts - YOUNGS
MOOSE 625519 - CAKE 622522 - LONE TREE 621518 - HIGH GROUND 616522 to WULWUT RIVER	Coy less two pls LITTLE MOOSE One pl CAKE One pl plus one sec MMG and two dets Morts - HIGH GROUND WULWUT RIVER.

(11) Amend Bde Outline Plan para 20 and 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 8, para 7 to read :

✓
589576 (a) Standing patrol strength one pl will be maintained at Track Junc 589557.

(b) One sec standing patrol BACON HILL 632521 to be posted during hours of daylight.

6. Occupation to be complete by 1700 hrs
25 Jun 45.

7. NGIB

Insert under 13 Aust Inf Bde Outline Plan para 39 and 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 11, para 4 :

✓
Maintain continuously a standing patrol, strength one pl NORTH EASTERN end WAITAVALO feature.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Hulay Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 7

Ref Maps : WAITAVALO 1/25000
NUGINIKLUB 1/25000

INFM

1. Enemy

See current sitreps

2. Own Tps

NO change

INTENTION

3. 16 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 28 Aust Inf Bn of op responsibilities WAITAVALO area. On relief 28 Aust Inf Bn will assume op responsibilities TOL area.

METHOD

4. Summary

Reliefs will be effected in situ except as otherwise detailed in this instr.

5. Preliminary Mov

Recce of all localities will be complete by both units by 16 Jun 45.

6. 16 Aust Inf Bn

Cmd Lt-col R J HORLEY

16 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 28 Aust Inf Bn, and assume all op responsibilities laid down in 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 8.

7. 28 Aust Inf Bn

Comd Lt-col J G BRENNAN

28 Aust Inf Bn will occupy site at present occupied by 16 Aust Inf Bn and assume op responsibilities as laid down in 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 9 issued herewith.

8. Time of Relief

Reliefs will be completed by 1500 hrs 18 Jun 45. No move other than recess parties either Bn before 0600 hrs 18 Jun 45.

ADM

9. As laid down in 13 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr issued separately.

INTERCOMN

10. L/T

All existing lines in each unit area will be taken over in situ.

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(G J FINLAY) Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 5

COAST WATCHING

Ref Map - WAITAVALO 1 : 25000

INFM

1. Enemy. See current 5 Aust Div Int Summaries.
2. Own Tps. NO change

Comds Appreciation

3. Large scale attack by enemy from the sea is NOT considered likely, but small raiding parties, prepared to sacrifice landing craft, might be used to land tps to destroy HQ installations, arty eqpt, wharf or dumps.

Task in General

4. Coast Watching Posts will be manned by Units of the Bde Gp, to ensure complete observation by day and timely warning by night.

METHOD

5. Tasks in Particular

Undermentioned units will establish and maintain CWP as follows :

- BULUS-MARUPA Bn - CWP 1 mouth of BULUS RIVER 662521
- X TOL Bn - CWP 2 vicinity Tk/A gun posn x 663513
- 2/14 Aust Fd Regt. - Maintain present CWP3 at 644496.
- WAITAVALO Bn - CWP 4 at 637505
and WEST of GOLDEN BEACH at 625509 CWP 5

Role

6. To maintain constant observation, and report under headings shown in Appx A att details of -

By Day

- (i) All craft whether identified or NOT, which approach from the EAST. This task excl posts at 637505 and 625509.
- (ii) All craft whether identified or NOT, proceeding NORTH and NOT on a course to enter WIDE BAY.
- (iii) All unidentified craft.

By Night

- (iv) All craft observed of which previous infm was NOT available
- (v) Any suspected attempts of enemy to land craft or pers on any position of the coast
- (vi) Any lights originated from unnatural causes.

Time of Occupation

7. 1200 hrs 9 Jun 45.

Reporting

8. All sightings will be reported IMMEDIATELY, to duty offr this HQ.

Tk A

9. Tk A guns will be disposed in vicinity of each CWP, except that manned by 2/14 Aust Fd Regt, and will be informed immediately of all sightings.

ADM

10. Unit responsibility.

INTERCOM

11. L/T. 13 Bde Sig Sec will lay direct line from CWPs to Bde HQ. Telephone instruments will be sup by responsible Units.

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(G J FINLAY) Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
✓ 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Beachmaster
13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)
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P. Roberts Head Bover

C. Cox. Beachmaster

Appendix A to 15 Aust Inf
Bde Op Instr 5.

Heading	Example
Designation of Post	CWP 4
Type of Craft	One unidentified craft - thought to be barge
Bearing from Post	On bearing of 123°
Estimated distance from Post	4 mls off shore
Direction of Mov	Moving NORTH
Any relevant infm	Rate of mov. Change of course etc.

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HQ 13 AUST INF BDE GP (AIF)
12 May 45

13 AUST INF BDE 00 3

Ref Maps MEVELO 1 in to 1 mile
CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. Enemy

See current sitrops

2. Own Tps

Upon completion of relief as per 13 Aust Inf Bde 00 2 para 9(a), 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less one rifle coy and No 3 ~~11~~ will conc res area during 15/16 May in preparation for move to relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) staging details.

INTENTION

3. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) of protective responsibility at cross island staging posts 5, 4 and 3.

METHOD

4. RELIEVING UNIT

16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Serial	Date	Gp	From	Destination and ETA	Action on Arrival
1	May 17	1	TOL	Post 5 - 1530K	Relief 11 Aust Inf Bn detail
		2	"	" " "	(Bivouac night 17/18 May
		3	"	" " "	{
2	18	2	Post 5	Post 4 - 1500K	Relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn detail
		3		" " "	Bivouac night 18/19 May
3	19	3	Post 4	Post 3 - 1500K	Relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn detail

5. Composition

Composition of details NOT to exceed :

Group 1 - 1 Offr 28 OR (incl 2 cooks)
Group 2 - 1 Offr 26 OR
Group 3 -- 1 Offr 26 OR

9
by 6am 12.5.45

6. Tasks

To provide protection to sup dumps and installations comprising the staging camps, and own bivouac area.

7. Time of Report

All details will report to Beach Master GOLDEN BEACH by 170700K.

8. Unit Relieved

11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Serial	Date	Detail	From	Destination and ETA
1	May 18	1 Offr 22 OR (incl 2 cooks)	Post 5	TOL 181600K
2	19	1 Offr 23 OR	Post 4	TOL 191600K
3	20	1 Offr 26 OR	Post 3	TOL 211600K

ADM

9. Stores

All amn, accn stores (incl tents shelter halves) and cooking utensils will be handed over in situ and 16 Aust Inf Bn will reimburse 11 Aust Inf Bn with an equivalent quantity of stores.

10. Rations

All tps will carry two days ration on the man in addition to the Emergency ration A3.

11. Mov

One ALC 20 will embark pers at GOLDEN BEACH 170700K for SIPALANGAN.

Pers 11 Aust Inf Bn on return to SIPALANGAN will ring Beach Master GOLDEN BEACH from ANGAU Compound for barge to embark party for GOLDEN BEACH.

12. Med

- (a) One Lt Sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) will remain at Post 4.
- (b) One med orderly provided by 2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) will remain at Posts 3 and 5.

INTERCOMN

13. W/T

- (a) 208 Sets from each patrol post will operate on daily schedule of 0800 1200 and 1600 hrs.
- (b) 109 Set HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde will maintain continuous listening watch.
- (c) OsC Staging Posts will signal HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde all arrivals and departures of pers.

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(G J **FINLAY**) Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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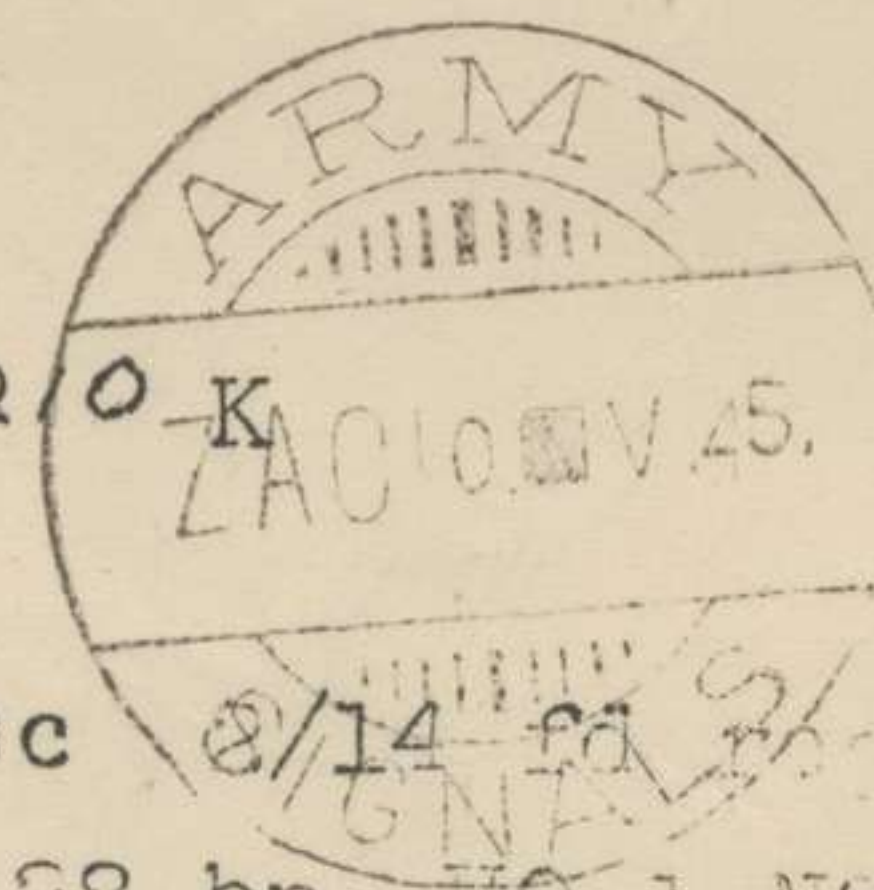
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128 bde wksp 2/83 lad 279 lad 5 salv unit
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consist of relief of serial 6 ONLY (.) relief serial 7 will be
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7 May 45

13 AUST INF BDE GP 00 2

Ref Map : WAITAVALO 1/25000

INFM

1. Enemy

See current sitreps

2. Own Tps

NO change

INTENTION

3. 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will relieve 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) of op responsibilities in MOONDEI - BULUS Rivers Area.

METHOD

4. Summary

Relief will be effected in two phases as follows :-

Phase 1 : Relief of Bn HQ, three forward rifle coys and HQ Coy less No 3 Pl.

Phase 2 : Relief of res Coy and No 3 Pl.

5. On relief being complete 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will come in TOL area in camp site evacuated by 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

PHASE 1

6.

S r ial	Date	RELIEVING UNIT	UNIT TO BE RELIEVED	LOCALITY
1	May 14	Bn HQ 11 Aust Inf Bn	Bn HQ 16 Aust Inf Bn	BULUS River 660522
2	14	One rifle coy 11 Aust Inf Bn	One rifle coy 16 Aust Inf Bn	MARUPA 682515
3	14	One rifle coy 11 Aust Inf Bn	One rifle coy 16 Aust Inf Bn	MOONDEI River 684531
4	14	One rifle coy 11 Aust Inf Bn	One rifle coy 16 Aust Inf Bn	BULUS River 662534
5	14	HQ Coy less No 3 Pl 11 Aust Inf Bn	HQ Coy less No 3 Pl 16 Aust Inf Bn	BULUS River 660522

7. Res Coy and No 3 Pl 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will remain in situ and come under comd 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) until relieved in Phase 2.

PHASE 2

8.

Serial	Date	RELIEVING UNIT	UNIT TO BE RELIEVED	LOCALITY
6	May 24	One rifle Coy 11 Aust Inf Bn	One rifle Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn (in res)	BULUS River 0900 660522
7	24	No 3 Pl 11 Aust Inf Bn	No 3 Pl 16 Aust Inf Bn	BULUS River 0900 660522

Time of Completion of Relief

9. (a) Phase 1 : Relief will be complete by 141400K
(b) Phase 2 : Relief will be complete by 241200K

SUBSIDIARY RELIEFS

10. After relief certain sub units of 16 Aust Inf Bn relieved in phase 1 will be required to relieve sub units 11 Aust Inf Bn of protective responsibilities at cross island staging camps and KALAI installations, as detailed in 13 Aust Inf Bde 00 3.

ADM

11. Res amn, accn stores incl tents shelter halves will be handed over in situ.
12. Tk/A guns and vehs will be retained by respective units.
13. Any other stores may be exchanged as mutually agreed by units.

INTERCOMN

- 14 W/T and L/T

As per 13 Aust Inf Bde Signal Diagram No 2.

15. Liaison

Unit comds will liaise direct.

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(G J FINLAY) Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp (AIF)

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13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (ALF),
20 Apr 45.

SG/10/3.

SIGNAL 01 NO. 2

1. Bde Patrol by two pls NGIB and one pl 16 Bn - Bde G0495 of 201110K.
2. Area - one pl 16 Bn to establish a firm base on UMAMITKI RIVER.
Two pls NGIB patrolling forward.
3. Time - patrols leave 16 Bn 220730. *MARUPA* Duration of patrol four days.
4. Comms.

Line. 16 Bn Sigs will lay assault cable to firm base, extending existing line from the coy at 683513 vicinity *MARUPA*. 16 Bn sigs responsible for maintenance of this line.

Wireless.

- (a). See Diagram attached.
- (b). Control station 208 at UMAMITKI RIVER. To be manned by 16 Bn sigs. Continuous watch.
- (c). 109 Set at 16 Bn. Operated by two sigs of 13 Bde Sig Sec and one sig supplied by 16 Bn. Continuous watch, but a listening set only.
- (d). Two NGIB 208 sets - operated by NGIB sigs.
- (e). 109 set is authorised to assume control at any time for the following reasons:

In an emergency (direction of Bde Sig Offr)

In event of control set NOT hearing one or both of the patrols, / (Operator's discretion).
when the 109 can.

- (f). 2/14 Fd Regt will be establishing wireless link from FOO at firm base to Regt HQ.
- (g). Schedule times. NGIB will be on the air at 0600, 0900, 1200, 1500 and 1800, or unless otherwise notified by NGIB, or unless calling in an emergency.
- (h). Frequencies. F5/17. Spare F5/74.

Codenames. NGIB pls - Row 85 and 86.
Control - Row 98.
109 set, 16 Bn - 96.

Sjt EASTON will ensure that frequencies and codenames for 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 Apr are issued to all concerned by 211600K Apr.

Frequencies and codenames will change daily at 0800K.

Pigeons. Each pl NGIB will carry one pair of pigeons.

5. Codes. Plain language, except for SECRET information, when RT Code will be used. Current Keyword, OSTRICHPLUME/ M.

6. Distribution of stores.

- (a). Two 208 sets complete to be delivered to NGIB by 211600
- ✓ (b). Eight miles of assault wire to be delivered to 16 Bn before 1600 20 Apr.
- (c). One 208 set complete to be delivered to 16 Bn by first DRIS 21 Apr.
- (d). 109 set complete together with one operator to be delivered to 16 Bn by 211600K.
- (e). Two prs of pigeons to be delivered to NGIB by 220630K.

7. Recovery of cable. Cable will not be recovered, but will remain down for use on future occasions. It should therefore be laid as well as possible.

F.C. Jacobs Capt.
Sig Offr 13 Aust Inf Bde.

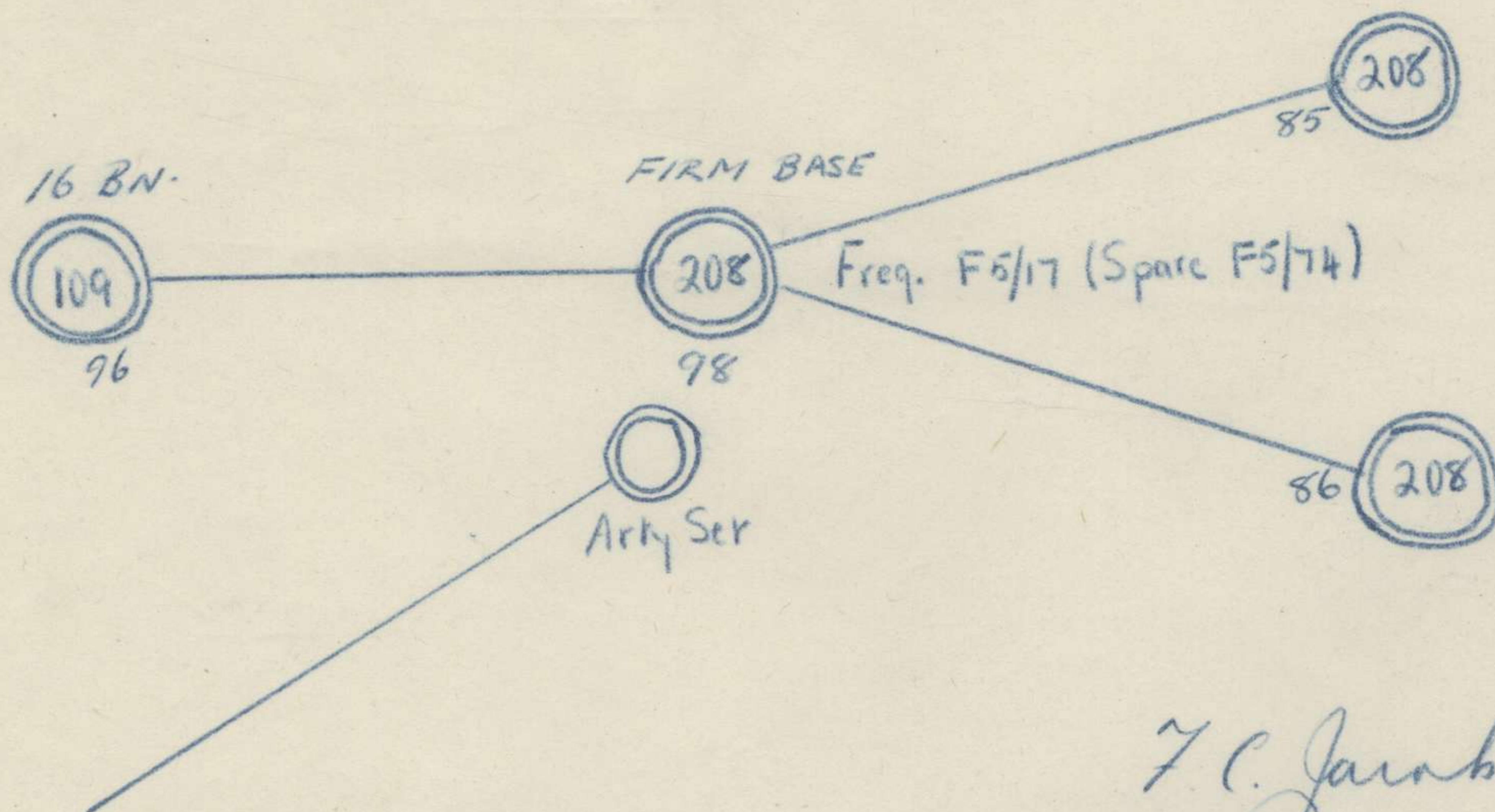
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RM
 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (2)
 NGIB (2)
 2/14 Md Regt Sig Sec
 Sigmr
 Sig Super
 NCO I/O Wireless
 NCO I/O Pigeon Det
 War Diary (2)
 File
 Spare (2).
 Weekly Report.

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APPENDIX

WIRELESS DIAGRAM



7 C. Jamb Cpl
Sig Offr 13 Aust Inf Bde
20 Apr 45.

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6 Apr 45

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2 Apr 45

6 AUST INF BDE OO 1

Ref Maps: NEW BRITAIN 1 in to 1 mile series.

INFM

1. Enemy

See current revsits.

2. Own Tps

16 Aust Inf Bn to relieve 19 Aust Inf Bn in op role detailed in 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 10, less para 8 (c) (ii), by 051000K.

INTENTION

3. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be relieved by 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp of present op responsibilities in WIDE BAY and OPEN BAY areas respectively.

METHOD

4. Summary

6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be relieved of present op role in two phases as follows:-

Phase 1

13 Aust Inf Bde Gp will relieve 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp of their op responsibilities in the WIDE BAY area.

Phase 2

37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp, plus one tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt, will relieve 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp of their op responsibilities at HOSKINS and in the OPEN BAY area.

On relief, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will conc in the WUNUNG area and resume present op responsibilities of 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp, details to be issued later.

5. Phase 1

(a) Mov of 6 Aust Inf Bde to be as follows:-

- (i) Bde Recce Party - 4 Apr 45
 - (ii) Bde Adv Party - 8 Apr 45
 - (iii) Main Bodies - NOT before 10 Apr 45
- Advance parties 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp will arrive 7 Apr 45

(b) Composition (i) and (ii) above as per 6 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 2,

(c) Main bodies of units of 6 Aust Inf Bde will be relieved in areas occupied as per Appx "A" att, except 6 Aust Fd Amb, 137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk and 2/137 Aust Bde Wksp. Detailed times of move to be advised later.

- (d) Arms and services in WIDE BAY area now under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde, and NOT detailed in Appx "A" att, will pass to comd 13 Aust Inf Bde at date and time comd passes from 6 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde. Units at present under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde and shown on Appx "A" att will revert to comd of heads of arms and services on arrival at JACQUINOT BAY.
- (e) Comd will pass from 6 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde in the WIDE BAY area when Bde HQ and two bns of 13 Aust Inf Bde are conc in that area.
- (f) Op responsibilities will pass from units of 6 Aust Inf Bde when relieving units are conc in WIDE BAY area. Unit copy of 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 10 to be passed to relieving unit.

6. Phase 2

- (a) Priority of mov of 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp and 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp plus one tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt to be in accordance with Appx "B" att. NO move of main body before 25 Apr 45.
- (b) Arms and services in OPEN BAY area now under comd 36 Aust Inf Bn, and not detailed in Appx "B" att, will pass to comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at date and time comd passes from 36 Aust Inf Bn to 37/52 Aust Inf Bn. Units at present under comd 36 Aust Inf Bn and shown in Appx "B" att will revert to comd of heads of arms and services on arrival at JACQUINOT BAY.
- (c) Comd will pass from 36 Aust Inf Bn to 37/52 Aust Inf Bn in the OPEN BAY area when the latter bn is conc in that area. Time and date will be advised when detailed times of relief as per Appx "B" are known.

7. Arty

2/14 Aust Fd Regt less one tp to remain present area. One tp to move JACQUINOT BAY 7 Apr 45 for mov to OPEN BAY when ordered by RAA 5 Aust Div.

ADM

- 8. Mov
 - 9. Handing over Accn stores, eqpt and vehs.
- } as per 6 Aust
} Inf Bde Adm
} Order 2/

INTERCOMN

- 10. HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde closes present area at time and date to be notified and opens WUNUNG same time.
- 11. Liaison
Units will hand over to relieving units all local maps and topo infm other than min required to illustrate op reports.
- 12. Wireless
No 11 set to accompany Bde HQ adv party to WUNUNG and operate on bde link until HQ closes, then operate on Div link.

ACK

M. Shanahan
Maj
BM 6 AUST INF BDE

Issued through LO and DRLS.

Signed at 03/130K.

DISTRIBUTION

	OO	Copy Appx "A"	Appx "B"
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	-
16 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	-
19 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	-
36 Aust Inf Bn	4	4	1
1 NGIB	5	5	2
2/14 Aust Fd Regt	6	6	3
Tac CRE 5 Aust Div	7	7	4
14 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8	8	5
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl	9	9	-
6 Aust Fd Amb	10	10	6
137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	11	11	7
2/137 Aust Bde Wksp	12	12	8
269 Aust LAD	13	13	-
Det 5 Aust Div Pro Sec	14	14	9
Det 5 Aust Div Sal Unit	15	15	-
4 Aust Inf Bde	16	16	10
13 Aust Inf Bde	17	17	-
Comd	18	18	11
BM	19	19	12
SC	20	20	13
IO	21	21	14
Sig Offr	22	22	15
Bde OO	23	23	16
BASCO	24	24	17
Bde TO	25	25	-
File	26-27	26-27	18-19
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Appx "A"

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PRIORITY OF MOVEMENT

FOR RELIEF OF 6 AUST INF BDE GP AND CONC 13 AUST INF BDE GP -
WIDE BAY AREA

(Issued with 6 Aust Inf Bde 00 1 of 2 Apr 45)

Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
		<u>6 AUST INF BDE GP</u>	<u>13 AUST INF BDE GP</u>	
1	1	One Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (incl det Regt Svy Party)		To move to JACQUINOT BAY 7 Apr 45 and come under comd RAA 5 Aust Div whilst awaiting onward mov to OPEN BAY.
2	2	Bde Recce Party	Bde Recce Party	
3	3	Adv Party 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Adv Party 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp	
4	4	14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
5	5	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	
6		6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF) less det	13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	
7		269 Aust LAD (AIF) less det	279 Aust LAD (AIF)	
8		18 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
9	6	19 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
10	7	6 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less A Coy	2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	
11		B and F Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	A and D Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	

Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
12	8	15 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	251 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
13	9	One Det 55 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	Two Secs 52 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	
14	10	14 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less A Sec	250 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
15	11	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less det and Rear Party	107 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	
16		3/137 Aust Bde Wksp less Det and Rear Party	128 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	
17	12	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	
18		Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	Det 1 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	
19	13		5 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) less B Tp	to complete conc this unit WIDE BAY area.
20			Air Sp Party RAAF	To move after arrival 79 Wing RAAF at JACQUINOT BAY.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 26

Call

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 1186 Secret 016bn and
19bn will exchange responsibilities outlined
in 6 bde OP inst 18 as from 051400K
except para 7(c)(ii) cancelled until further
notice 0 all moves to be complete 051700K
0 moves as follows 0 4 apr 0 16bn 0 bn
HQ one coy KALAI to BUKUS one coy
LAMARIEN to BUKUS, 0 19bn 0 one coy
BUKUS to WEST bank WULWUT one coy
BUKUS to KALAI 0 all moves by barge 0
5 apr 16 Bn 0 one coy RILE to
BUKUS one coy WEST bank WULWUT
to BUKUS barge pt MEVELO HQ coy
KALAI to BUKUS 0 all moves by
barge 0 demands water pt to SC
NOT later 031600K 0 COS mutually
arrange move BUKUS to MOONDEI 0
recc parties own discretion 0 ack all
informed

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except }

Wireless

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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System

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Time Cleared

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6 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 10

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25 Mar 45

Ref Maps: WAITAVALO 1/25000
NUGINIKLUB 1/25000
CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 ml

INFM

1. ENEMY

- (a) See revsits.
- (b) Captured documents indicate that the enemy is prepared for guerilla warfare in this area.

2. OWN TPS

- (a) See revsits.
- (b) Standing patrol CORSAIRS and VENTURAS will be operating RABAU area daily from dawn until dusk. Can be called on by ground sta this HQ.

INTENTION

3. 6 Aust Inf Bde will hold the area TOL-WAITAVALO with outposts on the gen line MOONDEI RIVER.

METHOD

4. SUMMARY

This instr covers Phase B of 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 9, and is primarily designed to locate and destroy enemy patrols operating in the area.

5. TASKS

- (a) 19 Aust Inf Bn with in sp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt,
 - (i) Occupy outposts on gen line MOONDEI RIVER as firm bases for op of patrols.
 - (ii) Prevent enemy infiltration between MOONDEI and BULUS RIVERS.
- (b) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
 - (i) Def of installations between BULUS and WALWUT RIVERS by securing high ground TOL-WAITAVALO.
 - (ii) Destroy enemy parties infiltrating between BULUS and WALWUT RIVERS SOUTH of 54 grid line.
- (c) 16 Aust Inf Bn
 - (i) Def of installations EAST of WALWUT RIVER.
 - (ii) Destroy enemy parties infiltrating SOUTH of 54 grid line between WALWUT and BERA RIVERS.
 - (iii) Security of L of C from excl WALWUT RIVER to incl KALAI.
 - (iv) Bde res.
- (d) B Coy 1 NGIB

To be notified.

6. INTER-BN BOUNDARIES

- (a) BULUS RIVER - incl to 19 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) WULWUT RIVER -
 - (i) EAST bank incl to 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (ii) WEST bank incl to 16 Aust Inf Bn.

7. PATROLLING

- (a) 19 Aust Inf Bn to maintain such patrols as are necessary to carry out task allotted.
- (b) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn to patrol high ground TOL-WAITAVALO daily, and maintain such further patrols to NORTH as are necessary to intercept and destroy enemy parties.
- (c) 16 Aust Inf Bn
 - (i) Maintain one patrol daily in area between WULWUT and BERA RIVERS and between 54 grid line and MAVELO RIVER. Str of each patrol NOT to exceed pl str, and to be so organised to give complete coverage of the area every three days.
 - (ii) When relieved of def arty at LAMARIEN patrol on alternate days to NUGINIKLUB via RILE and to FORD 566519 via PARANIS GARDEN.
 - (iii) Local sec KALAI area.
- (d) Such other special patrols as may be ordered by this HQ.

8. OPs

- (a) 19 Aust Inf Bn - barge challenging sta BULUS BEACH.
- (b) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn -
 - (i) Barge challenging sta GOLDEN BEACH.
 - (ii) AA OP at suitable pt on high ground TOL-WAITAVALO.
- (c) 16 Aust Inf Bn -
 - (i) Barge challenging sta BROWN IS.
 - (ii) AA OP SCARFACE HILL.
- (d) AA OPs to call this HQ immediately AC are sighted, so that air cover can be called if necessary.

9. ARTY

2/14 Aust Fd Regt to move to TOL at time to be notified, to sp ops 19 Aust Inf Bn, and to be prepared to engage opportunity targets between MOONDEI RIVER and incl BERA RIVER in event of patrols reporting presence of enemy parties.

10. ENGRS

Tasks as directed by Tac CRE 5 Aust Div.

ADM

11. Issued separately.

INTERCOMN

12. HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde, at a time to be notified closes this area, and opens 637510 same time. Time of move NOT before 261300K.

13. LIAISON

In view nature of present ops and likely enemy action units must maintain closest possible liaison in order to prevent the escape of + enemy patrols

ACK

M. Shanahan
Maj
BM 6 AUST INF BDE

Issued through LO and DRIS

Signed at 25 1030 K

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19 Aust Inf Bn	3
B Coy 1 NGIB	4
2/14 Aust Fd Regt	5
6 Aust Fd Amb	6
Tac CRE 5 Aust Div	7
13 Aust Inf Bde	8
Comd	9
BM	10
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15 MAR 45

6 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 9

Ref Maps: WAITAVALO 1/25000
NUGINIKLUB 1/25000
CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 mile

INFM

1. Enemy
 - (a) See revsits.
 - (b) From captured enemy documents it is anticipated that present enemy garrison on WAITAVALO feature est max str approx 250, will hold the position until destroyed.
 - (c) On 9 and 14 Mar 45 single enemy AC were active vic SAMPUN and vic KASALEA, and future similar air activity must be anticipated.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) See revsits. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 19 Aust Inf Bn in present posn as from 151400K.
 - (b) Det 5 Tac R Sqn and 6 RAAF Bomber Sqn are available for sp of ops but require 48 hrs notice for action.
 - (c) Rd RILE-KAMANDRAN closed until further notice. Temporary br over WULWUT R to be complete 151800K.
3. Additional Tps
 - (a) 16 Aust Inf Bn under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde as from 150800K.

INTENTION

4. 6 Aust Inf Bde will capture TOL-WAITAVALO and exploit to gen line at MOONDEI R.

METHOD

5. SUMMARY

The op will be divided into two phases as under; this instr covers particularly Phase A, details of Phase B to be given later.

Phase A

14/32 Aust Inf Bn will capture TOL-WAITAVALO.

Phase B

19 Aust Inf Bn will exploit to gen line MOONDEI R.

Phase A

6. Tps

14/32 Aust Inf Bn with in sp
B Coy 1 NGIB
2/14 Aust Fd Regt

7. Objectives

Objectives to be cleared by:

- (a) Ridge from 638521 to 400 yds SE suspected to be MT SUKI referred to in captured documents - by 161600K.
- (b) SOUTH end of TOL feature 640506 - by 181200K.
- (c) Wadi vic 654524 - by 201600K.
- (d) NE end of TOL to line BULUS R - by 211600K.

Dates given are target dates only.

8. Action of res

- (a) 19 Aust Inf Bn will hold firm base from vic WEST end WAITAVALO feature and will be prepared to clear, by patrols, low ground covering beach area to SW of TOL at times to be ordered by this HQ.
- (b) 16 Aust Inf Bn bde res and security LAMARIN-KALAI. The following OPs will be manned, details issued separately:-
 - (i) SCARFACE HILL - AA and enemy barge sentry.
 - (ii) BROWN ISLAND - comn to watercraft.

9. Air

6 Sqn RAAF will sp capture of first objective by strike vic 645520 NOT after 160900K.

10. B Coy 1 NGIB

To sp ops 14/32 Aust Inf Bn by aggressive patrolling NE end TOL feature during period 161000K to 181200K and thereafter as ordered by this HQ.

11. Arty

Allotment amn for first objective - 60 rpg; other objectives 30 rpg unless otherwise approved.

ADM

12. Med

- (a) Lt sec 6 Aust Fd Amb will be maintained vic WULWUT R to cover evac through barge pts.
- (b) Evac will be by native lab when available from commencing MOOSE HILL to WULWUT R then to MDS by barge from:
 - (i) vic 619510 at high tide only.
 - (ii) MEVELO R other times.

13. Lab

- (a) Min 100 natives available to 14/32 Aust Inf Bn for sups and evac from 151400K to 211600K for daily periods 0800 hrs to 1600hrs.

- (b) Proportion of natives to be maintained during above hrs in 19 Aust Inf Bn fwd area for evac.
- (c) 19 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for protection of native trains as far fwd as MOOSE HILL only.

14. Water Tpt

When WEST end TOL feature secured, barges will move to most suitable posn vic 630513.

INTERCOMN

15. HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde

Remains present posn.

16. Comms

- (a) Present comn system to be maintained.
- (b) Comm with B Coy 1 NGIB W/T to this HQ, thence line to units.

ACK

M. Shanahan
Maj
BM 6 AUST INF BDE

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Signed at 15/10/45 K

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16 Aust Inf Bn	3
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2/14 Aust Fd Regt	5
6 Aust Fd Amb	6
RAE 5 Aust Div	7
Comd	8
BM	9
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12 Mar 45.

13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 15

(This supercedes 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 14)

Ref Maps NEW BRITAIN 1 in to 1 ml series

INFM1. Enemy

See 5 Aust Div Infm Summaries and current sitreps.

2. Own Tps

- (a) All units within the Bde area but NOT under comd, will come under comd on Gen Alarm.
- (b) Six (6) ICMs from Co 594 EB and S Regt come under bde comd at SWAN BEACH on Gen Alarm.
- (c) 4 Aust Inf Bde occupy and def area WUNUNG RIVER to incl TAUT RIVER.
- (d) 472 Aust Hy AA Tp are under comd 5 Aust Base Sub Area for AA protection of Base Sub Area, the airstrip and the anchorage.

INTENTION

- 3. 13 Aust Inf Bde and tps in sp will carry out role of mob res to 5 Aust Div.

METHOD4. Tasks in Gen

13 Aust Inf Bde will -

- (a) Form a mob res to protect areas occupied by 5 Aust Base Sub Area and 5 Aust Div
- (b) Form a mob res of one bn to move by land or sea to any threatened area.
- (c) Provide all round def of area from incl MALOPI RIVER to incl WUNUNG RIVER.

5. Grouping and Tasks in Particular

- (a) 16 Aust Inf Bn Comd Lt-col R J HORLEY.
To be prepared to move in any direction, either by land or sea.
 - (b) 11 Aust Inf Bn Comd Maj G McPHERSON
To be prepared to act as a mob res to protect areas occupied by 5 Aust Base Sub Area and 5 Aust Div Tps.
 - (c) 28 Aust Inf Bn Comd Lt-col J G BRENNAN
 - (i) To provide all round def of bde area from incl MALOPI RIVER to incl WUNUNG RIVER
 - (ii) 28 Aust Inf Bn will co-ordinate def of all unit areas.
6. 11 Aust Inf Bn and 28 Aust Inf Bn will each be prepared to carry out any of the three tasks detailed above.

ADM

- 7. NO change.

INTERCOMN

8. Gen Alarm

- (a) Will be passed through sig channels by 5 Aust Div
(b) Code word for gen alarm - QUAKER.

ACK

Finlay
(G J FINLAY) Maj
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

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Signed at 12.15 p.m.

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28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3
52 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	4
250 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	5
2 Aust Md Amb (AIF)	6
128 Aust Bde Wkns (AIF)	7
4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	8
Comd	9
B M	10
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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

13 Aust Inf Bde

26/10/30 K

11 Bn - 16 Bn - 28 Bn - 250 Sup Bn - Action 2 Fd Amb - 5 Aust Div
RAA 5 Div - CAASC - ADMS - 4 Aust Inf Bde - 6 Aust Inf Bde - 13 Bde Sig

TO Sec - War Diary

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 467 SECRET ref our op instr 14 of 14 Dec 44(.) patrols detailed in
paras 6 will be withdrawn without relief 041000 K

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except }

Wireless

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

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Originator's Instructions
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FROM (A) 13 Aust Inf Bde	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 1413151	Office Date Stamp
For Action 11 Aust Inf Bn, 16 Aust Inf Bn, 2 Aust Pz Amb.			Message Instructions GR
(w) For Information (INFO.) 28 Aust Inf Bn.			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0 424 SECRET ref 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 14 (.) Ref Map DRINA
1 in to 1 ml and overlay att (.) 11 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 16 Aust
Inf Bn at Track June 973038 and control tracks in that vicinity (.)
relief will be complete by 1610001 (.) first contact or enemy
sighting will be reported IMMEDIATELY and aggressive action ^{taken} to deny
enemy entry into Bde area (.) initial sup and maint remain unit
responsibility (.) certain accommodation stores incl shelter halves
at present erected may by liaison be taken over in situ from 16 Bn
(.) OWN guns will be sup from within unit resources (.) 2 Aust Pz
Amb is providing medical orderlies (.) 11 Bn will liaise with 2 Pz
Amb (.) Line exists from Bde Hq to outpost (.) 11 Bn will sup tele-
phone (.) Bde Hq will be called on four hourly schedule commencing
0400 hrs each day (.) daily written patrol report will be sent by
hand to reach Bde Hq by 1600 hrs (.) on delivery of report bearers
will collect password of the day from Bde Int Sec (.) password will
be changed at 1800 hrs daily (.) all ack

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except } Wireless

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

By Hand

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[Signature]
Signed
Maj.
13 Aust Inf Bde

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

13 Aust Inf Bde

281820 I

For Action

11 Aust Inf Bn, 16 Aust Inf Bn, 2 Aust Fd Regt.

TO

2 Aust Fd Amb. X

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

28 Aust Inf Bn, HQ 2/14 Aust Fd Regt.

ORIGINATOR'S No.

O 445 SECRET ref 13 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 14 (.) 11 Aust Inf Bn

will relieve 16 Aust Inf Bn of tasks contained in para 6 of the above

quoted instr (.) 16 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn of pl post

vicinity 976837 (.) relief in all cases to be complete by 041700 I (.)

NO barges available for tpt (.) one days ration and one emergency ration

will be carried (.) sup maint to all posts except one at 976837 which

remains unit responsibility will be by 5 Aust Div (.) stores will be

taken over in situ (.) liaison responsibility with relieving unit (.)

all ack all informed

ackd 28/9/30 I.

Patrol advised 30/10/30 I. M.D.

976837

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
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Time	System	Op
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Signed

[Signature]
Signed *Maj.*
BM 13 Aust Inf Bde.

SECRET

13 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 14

Copy No. 2

14 Dec 44

Ref Maps : 1 in series NEW BRITAIN.

INTEL

1. Enemy

As contained in 5 Aust Div Resume No 1 and current sitreps.

2. Own Tps

(a) 6 Aust Inf Bde at CUTARP.

(b) Six (6) LCMs of CoB594 EB and 3 Regt come under cmd 13 Aust Inf Bde on general alarm.

3. Sp. Arms

2/14 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)

472 Aust Hy AA Tp.

250 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

2 Aust Fd Amb.

128 Aust Bde Wksps.

107 Aust Ord Fd Pk.

INTENTION.

4. 13 Aust Inf Bde and tps in sp will carry out role of mob res to 5 Aust Div.

METHOD.

5. Tasks in General.

13 Aust Inf Bde will

(a) by aggressive action ensure protection of areas occupied by 5 Aust Div Tps, 5 Aust Base Sub Area, and 13 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Form a mob res to move to any threatened point to destroy the enemy.

(c) be prepared to move mob res to CUTARP to sp 6 Aust Inf Bde.

6. Groupings and Tasks.

16 Aust Inf Bn

Cmd Lt Col R J HORLEY.

16 Aust Inf Bn will : -

(a) Prevent any enemy approach from SOUTH by est track blocks of one pl strength in vicinity of each of

1. Track junc 024770

11. PURPURENA village 969801.

(b) Provide one pl to act in conjunction with ANGAU to prevent any enemy approach from NORTH over the mountains, by controlling all tracks in vicinity of POMIO 080932, and est post vicinity Track Junc 072938.

(c) All outposts and patrols will keep watch and report immediately any enemy a/c suspected of operating from GAZELLE Peninsula.

7. 11 Aust Inf Bn.

Comd Lt Col W S MELVILLE.

11 Aust Inf Bn will provide close def 13 Aust Inf Bde area. Def posns will be sited and only occupied on General Alarm.
Bde Patrol orders detail patrol tasks.

8. 28 Aust Inf Bn.

Comd Lt Col J G BRENNAN.

On arrival be prepared to move in any direction by land or sea as part of Bde mob res.

9. Each unit will be prepared to adopt any one of the three above roles and will prepare immediately plans covering close def order of mov and barge loading tables.

10. Bde Mob Res.

Will consist of 13 Aust Inf Bde less 11 Aust Inf Bn and one coy of 16 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Inter Bde Blys.

With 4 Aust Inf Bde

Line of WUNUNG R incl to 4 Aust Inf Bde.

With 6 Aust Inf Bde

Line of creek from mouth at 167913 to source at 178948, thence line to 2200 feature sq 1699.

12. Priority of Mov of Mob Res.

(a) 28 Aust Inf Bn.

16 Aust Inf Bn less one coy.

(b) 11 Aust Inf Bn remains in def 13 Aust Inf Bde area until further orders, but will be prepared to move by either land or sea to sp units of 13 Aust Inf Bde or 5 Aust Div.

13. Time of Occupation.

Occupation of all posts will be complete by 211800i.

14. Period of Duty.

Relief will be effected each fourteen (14) days or as otherwise instructed.

*Defence of
by 16 Bn also*

*Advance of
for Res.
Hay*

15. Arty.

(a) 2/14 Aust Md Regt less one bty is providing def fire in sp to land and seawards.

(b) 472 Hy AA Tp under comd BASE is providing AA def as primary task.
Secondary task as in sub para (d) below.

(c) Def Fire Tasks.

1. Track Bend. 080942
 2. Track Bend. 073945
 3. Track Junc. 036938
 4. 400 yds SOUTH of Track Junc at 024770
- All 303 tasks - one tp each.

(d) Special Task.

Def Fire Track bend 958800 - 472 Hy AA Tp as available.

16. Tk A.

(a) 11 Aust Inf Bn will site Tk A guns for beach def in immediate Bde area.
Gun positions will be prepared immediately and occupied on General Alarm.

17. Native Police.

Six (6) native police boys will be available at POMIO from 240800 ifor att pl in that vicinity, to assist in patrolling.
Pl Comd will contact them on his arrival at post.

ADM.

18. Sups.

(a) Three (3) days initial sups will be carried by pls. Maint thereafter by 5 Aust Div.

(b) Initial sup and maint to patrols from 11 Aust Inf Bn for def of Bde area will remain unit responsibility.

19. Tpt.

Details of mov by barge which may be involved will be notified later.

20. Medical.

(a) Two (2) medical orderlies of 2 Aust Md Amb will be att each pl post at PURPUREMA 969801
Track Junc 024770

(b) One light sec will be att pl post at track Junc 072938

1 off 110th

15 Sept
1000 hrs (Amp)
Junct on road
NOT
Road will follow

Det.
Marching

INTERCOMM.

21. W/T.

(a) 108 sets Mk 111 or 208 sets Mk 1 will be est at -

Track June 024770

Track June 072938

PURPURENA 969801

(b) Continuous listening watch will be maintained at Bde HQ.

(c) Out sta's will est comm with contral set at three hr intervals commencing 0300 hrs daily.

22. Line will be laid to close def posts manned by 11 Aust Inf Bn.

23. (a) Code word for General Alarm QUAKER.

(b) Above code word will be passed to all units and posts by quickest available means.

ACK.

G. J. Finlay

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(G. J. FINLAY)

B M 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Time of Signature. 16/11/00

Method of Issue. Through Sigs

DISTRIBUTION.

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28 Aust Inf Bn	3
250 Aust Sup Dep Pl	4
2 Aust Hd Amb	5
5 Aust Div	6, 7, 8.
RAA 5 Aust Div	9, 10, 11.
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