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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 August *To* 31 August 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PT MORESBY Area	1 Aug	1130	Instructions received from 7 DIV that 6 Aust MG Bn and 2/6 Ind Coy will arrive MORESBY Area on 2 August and HQ 25 Bde is to be responsible for fostering them - rations, tentage transport etc. Strengths 6 MG Bn 28 and 588; 2/6 Ind Coy 22 and 217. Duties of fostering unit comprise:- (a) drawing one day's rations; (b) preparing the first meal; (c) informing the incoming units that their own tentage and attached stores must be taken into use immediately they are available and that all tents, stores etc used for fostering must be returned to Camp Staff Officer.	
		1200	Information received that among other Units, HQ 21 Bde and approximately 400 of 2/14 Bn are arriving MORESBY 2 August.	
	4 Aug	1500	Certain units now in different positions. Locations of all units under command now as follows:- 2/31 Bn - 945357; 2/25 Bn - 954343; 2/33 Bn - 949355: 54 Bty - 952353; 2/6 Fd Coy - 955352; 2/4 Fd Amb - 952354; 6 Pl 2/2 ASD - 945366.	
		1700	Patrol parties which went out on 28 & 29 July to reconnoitre tracks to MARKHAM RIVER NOT yet returned. 25 Bde Gp still standing by waiting for further orders to move.	
	5 Aug	1100	Capt JACOBSEN (Bde IO) returned from patrol to MARKHAM RIVER with all relevant information. Remainder of "B" Patrol now returned also. For result of reconnaissance see ----	Appendix "A"
			5 Pl 2/2 ASD now reverted to command 7 DIV - 6 Pl remains under command 25 Bde. 2/153 G Tpt Coy also reverted to command 7 DIV.	

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MORESBY Area	6 Aug	1715	Instruction received from 7 DIV that all units and sub-units of 7 DIV in NEW GUINEA revert to normal Div service or Bde command except the following:- 6 Pl 2/2 ASD Coy remains under command 25 Bde together with detachments Pay, Postal and Provost. From 2000 hrs 5 August 2/4 Fd Amb, 54 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt, 2/6 Fd Coy have reverted to command own HQs.	
			As from today L Sec Sigs 7 Div (attached 25 Bde) to be known as 25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.	
	7 Aug	1100	All units informed that natives are NOT to be allowed in camp areas unless on essential duties.	
		1200	"A" Patrol, under command Capt COX 2/25 Bn, returned. For details of reconnaissance see ----	Appendix "B"
	8 Aug		25 Bde Trg Instruction No.34 issued.	Appendix "C"
	10 Aug	1400	Conference of Bn IOs held at 25 Bde HQ to discuss Intelligence requirements in forthcoming operations.	
			Emplaning tables for 25 Bde now being formulated.	
			The future operation, in which 25 Bde is to be engaged, will be known as EXCHEQUER operation.	
			A number of huts (native type) now under construction in Bde HQ area (which is to be Bde Rear Details Area) for storage of unit gear NOT required on operations - 1 hut for Bde HQ and 1 for each Bn.	
	11 Aug	1400	Brig EATHER and SC visited 7 DIV to discuss various Q matters.	
	12 Aug		Full Bde parade to be held tomorrow in 2/33 Bn area for Lt-Gen Sir Edmund HERRING - GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE.	

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MORESBY Area	12 Aug		25 Bde "MOST SECRET" document "EXERCISE ISLAND Q", pertaining to orders for future operations, issued.	Appendix "D"
	13 Aug	0845	Practice parade held for today's parade.	
		1100	Full Bde parade held in 2/33 Bn lines for Lt-Gen HERRING, who inspected all troops and then addressed them, reviewing 25 Bde's part in OWEN STANLEY and BUNA-GONA Campaigns and changes which have taken place in NEW GUINEA since that time. Parade ended at approximately 1150 hrs.	
	18 Aug		Preparations still being made for forthcoming move to Battle Area and Bde standing by awaiting orders. Bde is to be moved by Air Transport to its theatre of operations.	
		0900	Brig EATHER and IO attended Field Firing demonstration by 2/25 Bn vicinity KIRRA beach.	
	19 Aug		Instructions issued to all units that personnel are NOT to mention in letters that they are in NEW GUINEA until all Units 7 DIV have been in NEW GUINEA for one month or until Div goes into action.	
	20 Aug		Large model commenced covering area of Bde's future operations.	
	21 Aug		Full malarial precautions still being carried out - Atebrin 6 days per week, mosquito repellant, long sleeves, gaiters etc	
			Instruction received from HQ 7 DIV that communications for 503 Inf Regt (US Army) will be passed through Div HQ. Strictest secrecy is to be exercised in use of this unit's name. Unit will be recognised by Code Name RALEIGH and known ONLY by that name. This Unit will co-operate with 7 DIV in future operations.	
	22 Aug		Instruction received that code name RALEIGH has been changed to UNCAGE.	

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MORESBAY Area	26 Aug		With reference to this HQ instruction of 12 August see--------	Appendix "E"
			5 Officers "UNCAGE", Bn COs and OC 54 Bty attended a social evening at the Officers' Mess Bde HQ.	
	28 Aug	1100	Full Bde parade held for Gen BLAMEY, who addressed the troops, reviewing Bde's past operations in the OWEN STANLEYS, and took the salute on the march past.	
			Brig EATHER, BM, SC, and IO reconnoitred an area - vicinity 735490 PT MORESBY 1" - to be used in an Artillery Co-operation Exercise on 1 September.	
	29 Aug		Exercise to be held in above area (OP Hill), 54 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt co-operating with 25 Bde in an attack with artillery support. For details see Adm Instn exercise No.3 ------	Appendix "G"
			Name of future operation changed from "EXCHEQUER" to "OUTLOOK" Full details contained in 7 DIV Operation Order No.5.	
	30 Aug		25 Bde"Exercise with troops NO.3" issued. 2/25 Bn moved out to Assembly Area in preparation for Exercise.	
	31 Aug		2/31 and 2/33 Bns moved to Assembly Areas.	

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Appx A.

MOST SECRET

RECCE REPORT

ON TRACKS WATUT RIVER VALLEY.

By Lieut JACOBSEN and Capt POWER

Made by patrol under Capt POWER 2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Accompanied by Maj LOWEN HQ 7 Aust Div
Maj DUCHATEL NGF
Lieut JACOBSEN HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut WEDGE 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
and 7 ORs.

Date - 29 Jul - 3 Aug 1943.

Weather - Fine part of time
Rainy part of time.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

Ref attached 1" Sheet, traces, appendicies.

1. Patrol landed at TSILI TSILI Strip (GAMAROK on map) ref 972260 at 0910 hrs 29 Jul 43.

2. From here contacted HQ 57/60 Bn at map ref 960281.

3. From patrol reports we ascertained that the route east bank of WATUT via WAIME was difficult and we obtained a copy of their patrol report on this track. This report was responsible for the decision to move down the west bank of the WATUT with the object of getting as clost to the junction of the WATUT and MARKHAM Rivers as possible.

4. There follows a recce report parts I and II on the track TSILI TSILI, PESEN, MARKHAM River.

As appendicies to this report are -

Appx "A" Copy recce report 57/60 Bn on track on east bank WATUT R.
"B" Copy engr recce report on track
"C" Copy recce report on track PESEN to WATUT R
"D" Sketch showing traverse track TSILI TSILI - PESEN
"E" " " " " PESEN - MARKHAM
"F" Timings and detailed track recce
"G" Aerial photo showing approx track.

5. Lt-col MARSDEN and Lieut TALBOT of 57/60 Bn proved most helpful when approached for information.

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RECCE REPORT - TRACK TSILI TSILI - MARKHAM.

PART I.

Answers to Questions Asked

Ques (a) It would be possible for 2500 men to move over this route
(b) The force could cover the route in one night and two days
(c) For dropping grounds (See appendicies D & E) and B.
(d) For staging points (" " D & E) and B.
(e) As for (d) above.
(f) There is only one possible landing ground en route. For particulars see Appx "B" para (c) also appx E.
(g) This question can only be guessed at, but from observation and native reports the answer is "yes".
(h) Approaches from TSILI TSILI to WATUT are good. For particulars see Appx "B" para (e)
(i) The vegetation is mostly rain forest and kunai and there are poles and vines for the making of stretchers. For types of vegetation i.e. location (see Appendicies D & E)
(j) The most suitable means of crossing the MARKHAM R is by means of assault and FBE. Particulars see Appx "B" para (d)

2.
GENERAL

Track from TSILI TSILI to PESEN is a good flat track with only one hill. It is passable by jeeps for aprox 8 miles north of TSILI TSILI. From this point on is a good foot track to PESEN approx 9 miles further on. From PESEN TO MARKHAM approx 10 miles is good going part of the way with a proportion of it over swampy difficult ground. See track "A" on sketch appx "E".

From PESEN to MARKHAM R via route "B" Appx "E", the route from PESEN to X is on the main PESEN WAFFA R track. From point X to Y is a possible track which avoids the open kunai and would be easily followed over fairly good going, this route then follows on route "A". A possible track exists from point P to the mouth of WATUT R.

3.
SURFACE

From TSILI TSILI to point Z on appx "D" the surface is earth with what appears clay base - passable by jeeps at present - under hy traffic would probably crack up.

From point Z to PESEN, earth surface with occasional swamp patches.

From PESEN to MARKHAM over route A appx "E" partly swampy, partly earth surface. Over route B greater proportion of dry ground.

4.
COVER.

Generally good with exception of large kunai hill on first stage which could be traversed at night. This hill is in view from high ground north of MARKHAM R.

One other patch of kunai exists on route A appx "E" but could be avoided by using route B. This patch of kunai is NOT visible from MARKHAM except at commencement.

5.
WATER.

Plentiful on route.

6.
STAGING

Suitable stages from TSILI TSILI to Jeep head by night (approx 8 miles). This would avoid observance when crossing KUNAI HILL. The country here is suitable for bivouac and has water. Time approx 6 hrs.
Second stage - to PESEN approx 9 miles. Time approx 3½ hrs. Good water and cover.
Third stage - to MARKHAM R or down to junc WATUT and MARKHAM - good cover and water.

8.
DROPPING GROUNDS AND STRIPS - See appendicies D & E

9.
TIMINGS AND DETAILED TRACK RECCE. - See appx "F"

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10. OWN TPS

see appx "D"

11. GUIDES - Guides would be necessary from PESEN to MARKHAM - these are available at PESEN or from Lieut TALBOT 57/60 Bn, or any member of the patrol.

12. SECURITY - It is thought that the news of the concentration of a large number of tps in this area would reach the JAP via native fifth columnists.

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PART LI.

1. SURFACE. - The surface of the track throughout is at present suitable for moving a large body of men, although in swampy parts the track would churn up considerably.
The present jeep track would NOT stand up to hy traffic and work required to maintain this is estimated in Engrs report (appx "B")
The track PESEN - MARKHAM has particularly swampy patches.
Most of the surface along the entire track is earth with very few gravelly patches.

2. COVER - Cover generally is good and tps could be bivouaced around TSILI TSILI strip. However at KUNAI HILL (see appx "D") there is NO cover and as this has a jeep rd over it, it is suggested that this be covered by night. In addition this hill can be seen from north of the MARKHAM.
There are a few kunai patches along the track but these are of no size with the exception of the large kunai patch on appx "E" and this can be avoided by following route B.

3. WATER. - Presents no difficulties but should be chlorinated. All streams marked on appendicies "D" & "E" are drinkable.

4. STAGING - All the route is suitable for bivouac areas with the exception of parts marked swamp and/or kunai in appendicies "D" & "E", as all other parts have reasonably dry ground and good cover.

5. MEDICAL - Plenty of material for construction of stretchers exists and running water for the establishing of posts.
Malaria is prevalent Bush Mokkas are plentiful
Thorns and the hair from kunai cause many scratches
Water is running but needs chlorinating.

6. DROPPING GROUNDS AND STRIPS - Appendicies D & E. Engrs report Appx "B"

7. TIMINGS - Appx "F"

8. OWN TPS - Appx "D"

9. ENEMY - None were encountered

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TRACK REPORT

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Appendix "A"

STAGES

1. MARILINAN - BAB WUF - REST HOUSES
   (a) Marching time 5½ hrs.
   (b) Estimated mileage - approx 10 miles
   NB This time is for patrol of 14 men with heavy packs.

2. REST HOUSES - BABUT - MUNGENZA - WAIME
   (a) Marching time 5 hrs.
   (b) Estimated mileage - approx 10 miles.
   NB This time is for patrol of 14 men with heavy packs.

3. WAIME - OLD NARAGOOMA - NEW NARAGOOMA.
   (a) Marching time 7¾ hrs.
   (b) Estimated mileage - approx 17 miles
   NB This time is for patrol of 3 men lightly equipped. It is considered fast going.

WIDTH OF TRACK

Throughout stages 1, 2 and 3 track is only a narrow footpad and in parts no track exists.

SURFACE OF TRACK

Stage 1 (a) MARILINAN - BAB WUF. Good surface in dry weather with occasional patches of mud about 9" deep. Rain makes durface very slippery and going quite hard.

(b) BABWUF - REST HOUSES. Fair surface for most of way. Track follows dry creek bed in some parts. Occasional patches of mud.

Stage 2. Track good going for first portion. Follows dry creek bed for some distance. Follows edge of swamp for some distance. Fairly difficult going through swamp. Crosses ridge - steep climb 10 minutes and drops down to WAIME R. Track bad from top of ridge to river. Very muddy in parts. Track crosses WAIME ELG.

Stage 3. Track very over grown - impossible to follow until KUNAI HILLS. Surface fair for first three quarter hr with patches of(9" deep) mud. Steep timber topped mountains - very hard going quarter hr, very slippery after rain. Track descends mountains and follows foot hills along ~~pi~~ edge of SAK SAK SWAMP. Track does NOT exist in this area. Natives pick way through jungle along edge of swamp. Track very muddy in parts, runs through deep mud for considerable distances. (Track from WAIME to base of KUNAI HILLS approx 6 hrs march, mostly very bad going. Track made considerably worse by rain)

Track from edge of jungle to top of KUNAI HILLS - 20 minutes steep climb. Very slippery after rain. Track well defined over KUNAI HILLS. Enters jungle on NE side of hills - hard to follow to OLD NARAGOOMA. OLD NARAGOOMA - NEW NARAGOOMA well defined track - good going, following close along bank of MARKHAM R in places. 1 hrs march from OLD to NEW village.

LAND MARKS

Stage 1. OLD MARILINAN large native village.
BABWUF village - large native village situate on north bank of WATUT R at base of WAMPIT Ranges.
RESTHOUSES - Four small native huts on kunai spur.
Bearings - (a) from McCALL'S OP to REST HOUSES 107 degrees magnetic
- (b) From PYRAMID HILLS " " 66 " "

Stage III Timbered mountain 1 hrs march from river
Small kunai patch in jungle with kunai faced spur running into mountains (Visible on Aerial Photos)
KUNAI HILLS near MARKHAM R. Track crosses these ridges (marching time 40 mins) tracks well defined. Track joins main track on top of kunai ridges. This track runs west towards junc WATUT & MARKHAM Rivers along top of ridges. (These tracks should be visible on Aerial Photos)

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OLD NARAGOOMA village 10 native huts. Several gardens cleared in jungle round village.
NB Visible in Aerial Photographs.
NEW NARAGOOMA village - 1 hours march past old village.
NB Visible in Aerial Photographs.

COUNTRY ADJACENT TO TRACK.

Stage I MARILINAN - BAB WUF. Country flat jungle with patches of Kunai. Ranges on right.
BAB WUF - RESTHOUSES. Track skirts hills. Thick jungle and swamp to WATUT R. Country rises sharply to high mountains on right. Country vicinity of REST HOUSES mostly KUNAI with patches of jungle.

Stage II After leaving Kunai near REST HOUSES track travels through jungle on edge of swamps. Country heavily timbered all round.
WAIME R Valley heavily timbered. River bank lined with high grass in parts.

Stage III Country from WAIME R to base of KUNAI HILLS jungle and swamp. Swamps very muddy. Considered almost impenatrable. Jungle undergrowth not very thick.
Small patch KUNAI 1½ hrs march SOUTH of KUNAI HILLS (approx 400 yds wide)
KUNAI HILLS devoid of all timber. No cover along track. Track under observation for some distance from NORTH side of MARKHAM R.
Track after leaving KUNAI HILLS follows river flats to NEW NARAGOOMA.
Country heavily timbered for most part with jungle and KUNAI spurs running back SOUTH to WAMPIT Ranges. Track under observation from NORTH bank of MARKHAM R for some distance.

RIVER CROSSINGS ETC.

NOTE. Throughout the track numerous small creeks are crossed, some dry but others flowing. Some of these were knee deep and NO difficulty was experienced in negotiating them. Their general direction of flow was WEST to WATUT R.

Stage I WATUT R at BABWUF
(a) approaches.
1 Southerly track follows jungle flat skirting large spur on right.
2 Northerly track passes through native village on bank and follows flat country, mostly village gardens for short distance.
(b) Width of river 100 ft apprx.
(c) Depth of river 6 - 8 ft approx
(d) Rate of flow No estimate can be given.
(e) Speed of flow 4 - 5 knots.
(f) Direction of flow NORTH, N WESTERLY direction generally.
(g) RIVER NOT fordable here. One (1) Native CANOE capacity five (5) men available only. CANOE kept at village. CALL N W POLICE (name MANUM) when canoe required at South bank.

Stage II WAIME R
(a) approaches
1. Southerly Track crosses WAIME Ridge and descends to valley. Very muddy track, very hard to follow. Crosses WAIME ELG and follows garden to bank of river.
2. Northerly Track follows jungle flat and crosses high timbered mountains. ¾ hrs march from river. Several slow flowing clear streams crossed en route. Track impossible to follow.
(b) Width of river 40 ft
(c) Depth of river 3 - 4 ft
(d) Rate of flow No estimate can be given
(e) Speed of flow Not estimated
(f) Direction of flow - NW direction generally.

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(g) At present this river is easily fordable. It is considered however that after heavy rains it would present great difficulties.

SWAMPS The heavy jungle and SAK SAK swamps which exists on the flats along the east side of WATUT R form an obstacle which is considered almost, if not totally impassable to troops. Native tracks possibly exist through its drier portions (eg possible track PESEN-NARAGOOMA) Crossing swamps and WATUT R. No reliable information could be gathered concerning this subject.

NATIVE CONTACTS. - Villages.

The village MARILINAN and BAB WUF are occupied. Natives are friendly to our troops.
REST HOUSES - appears to be used occasionally by small groups. On 27 July about 15 natives (possibly one family) were camped there.
OLD AND NEW NARAGOOMA are deserted.

LOCAL SUPPLIES AND ACCOMMODATION

A. 1. BAB WUF - Accommodation for approx 40 troops available at present. If village were deserted a large number could be housed.
2 REST HOUSES - Accommodation available for approx 30 troops.
3. OLD NARAGOOMA - 10 huts. Accommodation 80 troops approx.
4. NEW NARAGOOMA - Accommodation 80 men approx.

B. 1. Reasonably large supply point etc available MARILINAN - BAB WUF.
2. Small garden, scanty supplies fruit, fair supplies root crops available at REST HOUSES.
3. WAIME - Cocomuts only.
4. OLD and NEW ~~NAGOO~~ NARAGOOMA - Gardens in this area appear quite extensive. Possibly reasonable supplies available. NO accurate information gained owing to lack of time.

PEST ENCOUNTERED.

1. Mosquito very numerous by day and night throughout timbered area. ANOPHLES specie observed.
2. Bush MOKKAS. None encountered throughout. Thorough skin inspection by MO on return failed to discover any traces of bites.
3. Leaches, ticks etc., - None encountered.

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APPX "B".

ENGINEER RECCE REPORT.
TRACKS - WATUTVALLEY - MARKHAM R.

Report by Lieut C H WEGG - 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Time 1630 hrs 3 Aug 43
Weather 1st day - Light rain.) 2nd day - Light rain.) 3rd day Fine & clear.)
TSILI TSILI-Jeep Head) Jeep Head - PESEN) MARKHAM R and return.)

Report of (i) Report
(ii) Appendicies "D" & "E". Sketch of track.

Route TSILI TSILI LG to MARKHAM R via PESEN on west side WATUT R.

(a) JEEP TRACK OR TRACTOR & SLED TRACK - NOT feasible to MARKHAM R.

(1) TSILI TSILI - JEEP HEAD (Appx "D") -nDry weather single lane jeep track for 9 miles.
WORK REQUIRED - Improvement to curves, strengthening of bridges, corduroying and maintenance.
Labour - 1 Pl RAE. Time - While track is in use. Traffic Control Both sides and top of KUNAI HILL.

(2) JEEP HEAD - PESEN - Good foot track, good concealment.
WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE JEEP TRACK - 1½ mile side cut, 3 brs, corduroy.
Labour - 200 men. Time - 6 days, D1 or D2 bulldozer. Explosives.

(3) PESEN - MARKHAM R. - Foot track, faint pad, guide necessary. 2 miles Sac Sac swamp. NOT possible for jeeps or tractors.
Improve track for marching - by bridges - Labour 1 Pl RAE.

(b) DROPPING GROUNDS Appx "D" & "E"

(1) Kunai patch 1 mile south WANUF
(2) Kunai patch at WANUF
(3) Kunai patch north 16 Pl
(4) Kunai patch north Jeep Head
(5) Kunai patch south MARKHAM R

Clearing dropping grounds 100 yds x 300 yds - 200 men with bayonets - 3 hrs.

(c) LANDING GROUNDS - Appx "E"

High kunai ground south MARKHAM R
Direction - NW/SE.
Many pig holes - gravelly material for filling holes NOT available.
Clearing - 400 men 1 day
Leveling Surface - 400 men 2 days.

(d) CROSSING MARKHAM R

Time at river ½ hr.
Velocity - 5 to 6 knots (estimate). Surface fairly smooth - NOT fordable.
Means of Crossing - Assault boats and FB's, propelled by outboard motors.
Assembly Points - In forest on south bank of MARKHAM R, west of mouth of WATUT R.
Access Information - from Aerial Photos.
From WATUT R ½ hr to 2 miles overland to assembly points. Appears OK, detailed recces.
(1) Maj DUCHATEL, NGF, report available through Maj LOWEN HQ 7 Aust Div and HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde by 7 Aug.
(2) Lieut MERRY 2/6 Aust Fd Coy. Expect return TSILI TSILI about 12 Aug.
Cover on north bank - Forest about 1 mile distance, west of junc WATUT & MARKHAM Rivers. Opposite mouth of WATUT, cleared ground and dead trees - appears to have been burnt off.

(e) NAVIGABILITY OF WATUT R. - WATUT R IS navigable. Natives travel down WATUT to MARKHAM by canoe. NOT navigable by night.
Lieut MERRY 2/6 Fd Coyand party with native guides left TSILI TSILI in boats 1400 hrs 3 Aug travelling down WATUT to MARKHAM. Return TSILI TSILI about 12 Aug.

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ENGINEERS REPORT (Cont'd)

(f) Approaches to WATUT FOR BOATS

(1) From NE end TSILI TSILI IG ¾ mile. Good jeep track. River bank 50'. Labour 10 RAE with explosives - ½ day. Good beach for launching and loading.

(2) At JEEP HEAD - Appx "D"

Track at present will NOT take jeeps and trailers. River bank 6' vertical. Launching and loading points, 30 men 1 day to build staging.

(g) WATER POINTS - Appendicies "D" & "E".

(h) TIMBER - Hardwood timber in all forest belts. Sufficient for bridging purposes - close to sites. Plentiful supply suitable for corduroy on site. Suitable timber for rafts in all forest belts.

(i) IG AT TSILI TSILI.

NOT all weather strip (Col ABBOTT 5th US AIR FORCE)

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APPX "C"

PESEN - WATUT RIVER.

TRACK REPORT Ref map Appx "D".

The route follows TSILI TSILI track for about two miles, at this point a blazed tree with POWER printed in the blaze indicates the turn off.
Track turns off at ~~xx~~ 55 degrees.
Track is little used and therefore indistinct
Timber is medium rain forest

Track good for small parties but large bodies of tps would cut track badly (i.e. One bn would effect track in this wa y)

This track arrives at a still lagoon - like backwater of WATUT R.

WATUT R is 30 ~~xxxxx~~ minutes march east.

There is no existing track down stream. Patrol cut a track for a distance of two miles (approx)

The track stays close to the river and at times leads along the water's edge.

The patrol cut a track approx 2 miles long in 2 hrs.
AT NO POINT IS THE WATUT FORDABLE.

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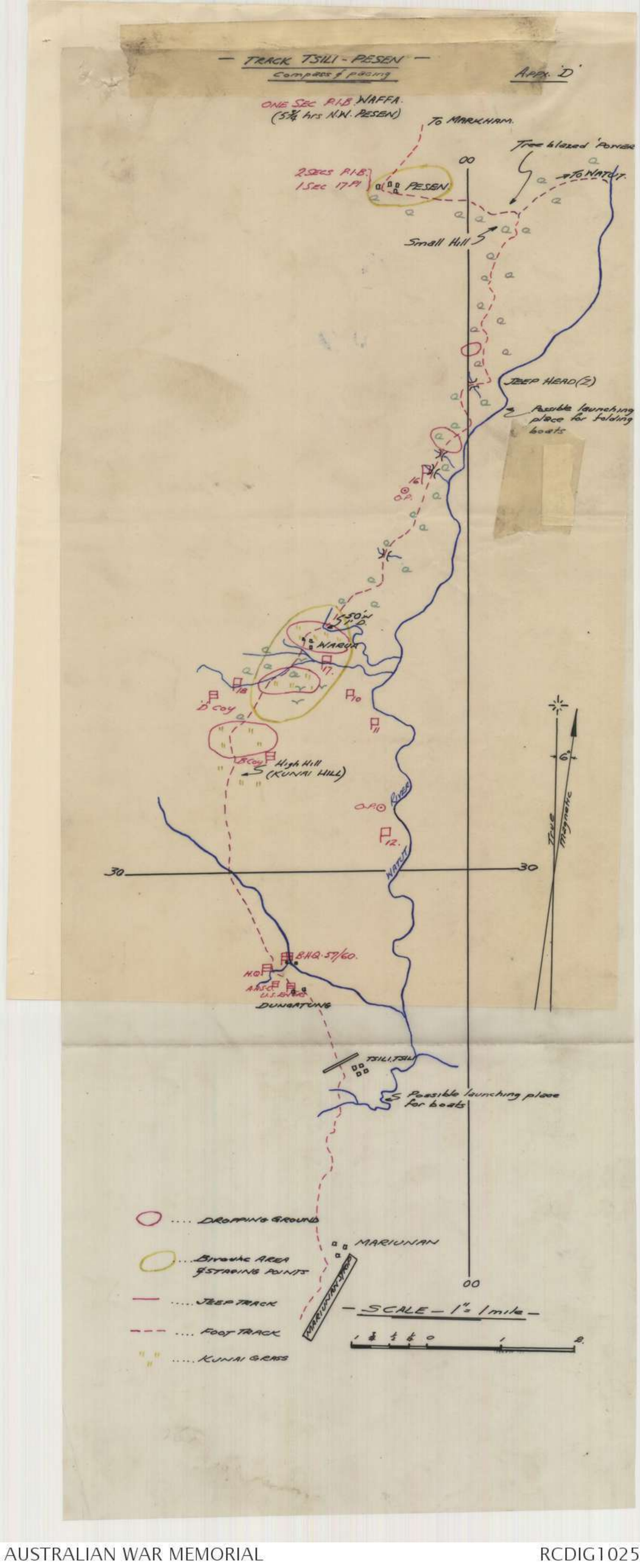

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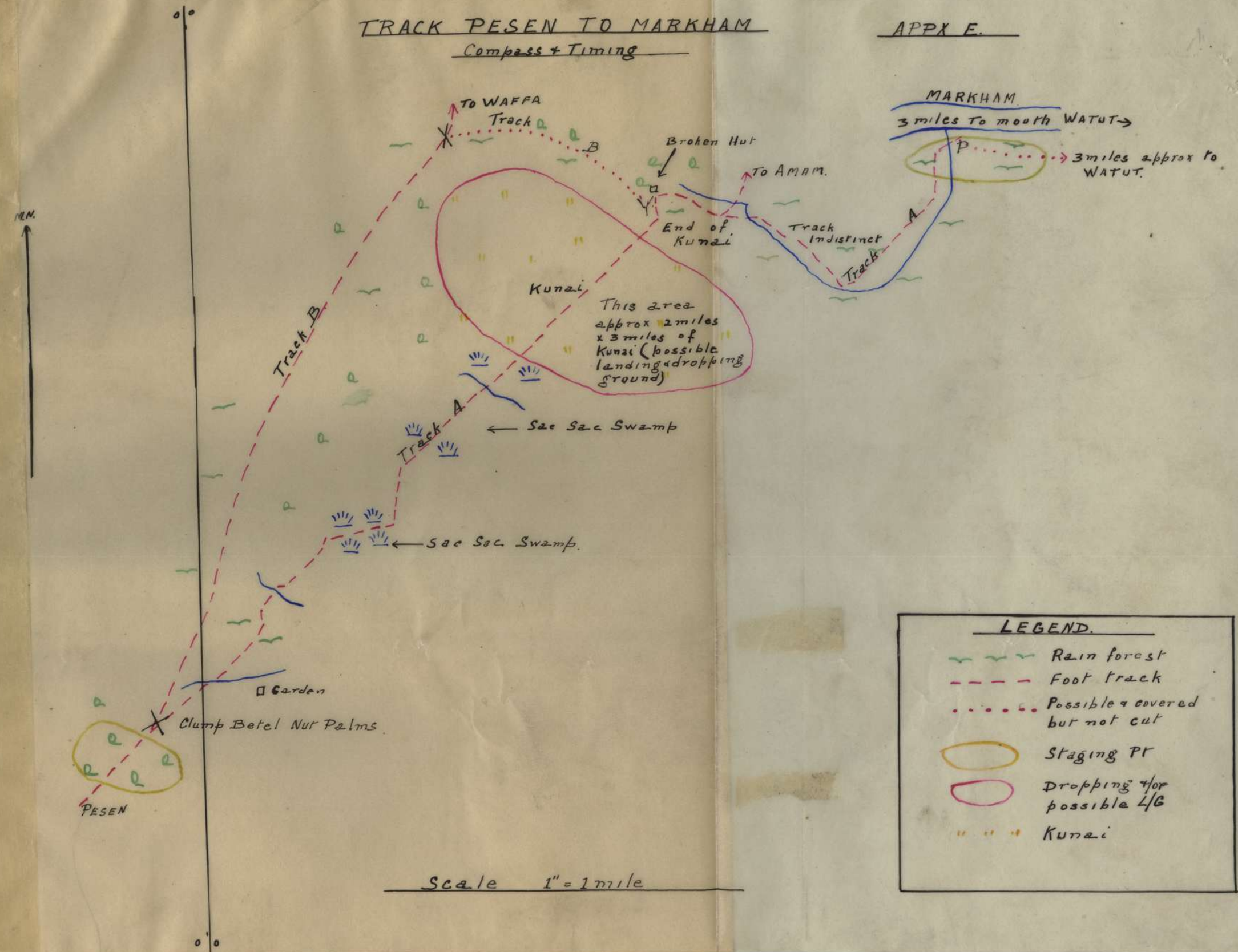
TRACK PESEN TO MARKHAM

Compass + Timing

APPX E.



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MOST SECRET.

APPX "F"

TIMINGS AND TRACK RECCE

The timings are based on actual marching time of patrol which was fairly lightly equpd. The column showing time for tps is based on the patrol time plus ~~X/SX[~~ additional time as thought necessary. Neither of these times allow for halts.

Stage	Est. Distance	Est. Time for Tps	Patrol Time	REMARKS
TSILI TSILI - JEEP HEAD	8 miles	5 hrs	3hrs 23mins	1 hr in jeep good going except for KUNAI HILL - few hrs. See sketches appx "D" & "E". Track approx north.
JEEP HEAD - PESEN	9 miles	4 hrs	2 hrs 24mins	Good flat going - few swampy patches - mostly flat - track North to within 2 miles PESEN then approx west.
PESEN - MARKHAM (Route A)	10 miles	7 hrs	3 hrs 40mins	Tough going through swamp - generally NE.
PESEN - MARKHAM (route B)	10 miles	6½hrs	Not traversed or timed	Better going than A above - Track NE to turn off - thence east - thence NE.
PESEN - WATUT	4 miles	2½hrs	1 hr 40mins	Follows track TSILI TSILI - PESEN for 2 miles thence branch off at tree blazed POWER.

From MARKHAM at point P (see appx E) to WATUT mouth was NOT travelled over but would appear from aerial photos and observation to be a dry track. This route is being recced by Maj DUCHATEL who will advise particulars by approx 7 Aug 43.

Report from Maj DUCHATEL on 3 Aug states tracks from point P to WATUT mouth is trafficable - further details to follow.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 /194 3. HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit) NG 3 /..... (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 66 *plus* OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	4		5	Majors					
NR	2 1	5	7	Captains					
			3	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	5	5	15						

	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].	A.											
	E.[1]											
	E.[2]											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
[illegible]	Lieut T/Capt	PALFREYMAN D.E.	A/G AUST AGH	2 JULY 43	POISONED ENEG

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

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NG 2 ...../.....(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/7...../194 . (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Col							
T/Brig	NX 5	BATHER	K.W.	Cond	Yes		
Capt							
T/Major	NX400	LANGIN	C.F.	S.M.	Yes		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NX31000	PRENTICE	W.T.	S.C.	Yes		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NX36195	PRIOL	R.A.	S.C.L.	Yes		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NX30000	GUS	A.G.	T.O.	Yes		
Lieut	NX15040	TIMOTHY	F.A.	B.M.L.	Yes		
Lieut	NX12000	TILBROOK	T.H.	DEF PL NO		Detached A/OC "B" Coy 2/6/43 2/1 Aust Hq Cd Bn	
Lieut	NOK 00	JACOBSEN	F.A.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	NX4401	HOLES	J.H.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	NX34701	JOHNSON	V.H.	I.O.	Yes		
Lieut	NX30403	LOW	B.	Sig O	Yes		
Lieut	NOK 67	MILLAR	S.D.	Educ	Yes		
Chaplains							
Chaplain		GRETHAN	C.G.	R.C.	2/33	AUST INF BDE	
Chaplain		BALLS	A.A.	C.S.	2/31	AUST INF BDE	
Chaplain		JAMES	O.	METH	2/25	AUST INF BDE	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut					
T/Capt	VX14739	GRIFFEN W.S.	7 Div Signals	CO "L" Sec Signals	
Lieut	NX34681	MACKENZIE O.	"	A 2/ I/C	
Lieut	VX4903	NOLAN F.	6 Fd 2/1	Aust Hq 6d Bn	
Lieut					
T/Capt	NX114300	HARRISON P.H.	AALD	Sec O	
Lieut	NX130942	QUILLAN A.H.A.	1 Aust Motor Bde	A/Comp O	

7 August 43 ..... Date of Despatch

Lieut Col ..... Signature of Commander
Cond 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NG 2 / ..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 /194 3 Hq 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. LL/2/3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 68 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	1		3	Sergeants					
			8	Corporals					
	1	3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	3	3	68 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		68						[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	7 Aust Div Cash Office		
1	YMCA		
1	2/44 Aust LAD		
1	2/33 Aust Inf Bn		
4	FPO 54		
15	7 Aust Div Provost (No 3 Sec)		
34	8 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq Gd Bn		
45	"L" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div		
2	7 Aust Div Cipher		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WX2234	Cpl	O'BRIEN B.B.	Present whereabouts unknown. Evacuated to 109 Aust CCS 13 July 43.

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HQ 25 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)	1	1	
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Carried Fwd	1	1	
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers	1	2	
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	3	5	
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties	6	6	
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	12	15	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Carried Fwd	12	15	
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	4	4	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	16	19	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Carried Fwd	16	19	
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Rivetters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BOWO	1	1	
Amen Sjt	1		NR
WOII CSM	1		NR
CQMS	1	1	
Tpt Pers	15	15	
AASC Pers	4	4	
AAMC Cpl	1	1	
Waterdutyman	1	1	
Hyg Duty	1	1	
~~ATTACHED BY W.E.~~			
Edue Sjt	1	1	
Sig Ords	6	6	
Gen Duties	3	3	
BatmenAACHD	3	3	
Batman	13	12	NR
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	68 *	NR *

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

7 August 43
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NG / 3 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 8 /1943. Hq 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 5. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 68 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	1		3	Sergeants					
		1	8	Corporals					
	1	3	54	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	2	3	69 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		69						[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	7 Aust Div Cash Office		
1	YMCA		
1	2/33 AUST INF BN		
4	FPO 54		
15	No 3 Sec 7 Aust Div Provost		
44	25 Bde Signals Sec		
3	7 Aust Div Cipher		
44	8 Pl 2/I Aust Hq Gd Bn		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WX2234	CPL	O'BRIEN B.B.	Present Whereabouts unknown. Evacuated 109 Aust CCS 13 July 43.

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HQ 25 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/8/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
				Carried Fwd	2	2		Carried Fwd	12	15		Carried Fwd	16	19	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)	1	1		Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	2		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	5		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters Tel	1	11		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Amen (WOII)	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Amen Sjt	1		NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4		WOII CSM	1		NR
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				CMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Tpt Pers	15	15	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	6	6		Coach Trimmers				AASC	4	4	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				AAMC Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Waterdutyman	1		
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Hyg Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Engr Sjt	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Sig Ords	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Gen duties	3	3	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				B'manAACHD	3	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Batmen	13	13	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	12	15		CARRIED FORWARD	16	19		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	69 *	NR *

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15 August 43
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 9 /1945. H.Q. 25 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) [illegible] / S (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 8 / 3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 68 *plus* OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	5		4	Majors					
NR	1	2	6	Captains					
			5	Lieutenants					
				Chaplains					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	4	2	15						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.											
	E.[1]											
	E.[2]											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

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.....H.Q. 23 AUST INF BDE.....Unit

HQ 7.....(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Col T/Brig	NX3	EATHER	K.W.	Cond	Yes		
Capt T/Maj Lieut	NX403	LARKIN	G.F.	BM	Yes		
T/Capt Lieut	NX51068	PRENTICE	W T	SC	Yes		
T/Capt Lieut	NX56495	PRIOL	R A	SC(L)	Yes		
T/Capt Lieut	TX2006	GEE	A S	TO	Yes		
T/Capt Lieut	NGX62	JACOBSEN	F A	IO	Yes		
Lieut	NX16346	TINBURY	F A	BM(L)	Yes		
Lieut	NX12258	TILLBROOK	T H		NO	Det A/OC "D" Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Cd Bn.	
Lieut	QX4801	MULES	J H	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX34701	JOHNSON	V H	LO	Yes		
Lieut	NX23463	LOW	B	NYG C	Yes		
Lieut	NGX67	MILLAR	S D	NURS C	Yes		
CHAPLAINS							
Chaplain	QX4[illegible]07	[illegible]HAN	S G	RC		2/33 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX40039	JAMES	G	M		2/26 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	QX40260	BALE	A A	CE		2/31 Aust Inf Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut T/Capt	VX14735	GRIFFIN W S	25 Bde Sig Sec		CC Sig Sec
Lieut	NX24201	MACKENZIE C	"		A/S 1/c
Lieut	VX4601	NOLAN F	C Pl 2/1 Aust Inf Cd Bn		
Lieut T/Capt	NX114300	HARRISON F N	AALD		LSO
Lieut	NX130348	QUILLAN A W A	1 Aust Hot Bde.		

14 August 43
Date of Despatch

Cond 23 Aust Inf Bde:
Signature of Commander

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/ 8/194 3. [illegible] (Unit) [illegible]/ 3 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 8 / 3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 60 *plus* OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	3		4	Majors					
NR	1	2	6	Captains					
			5	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.M.W.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	4	2	15						

	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].	A.											
	E.[1]											
	E.[2]											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

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HQ 5/.....(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
COL							
T/BRIG	NX 3	BATHER R.W.		COMD	YES		
CAPT							
T/MAJOR	NX 466	LARKIN	C.F.	B.M.	YES		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NX51088	PRENTICE	W.T.	S.C.	YES		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NX56495	PRIOL	R.A.	S.C.L.	YES		
Lieut							
T/Capt	TX2008	GEE	A.S.	T.O.	YES		
Lieut							
T/Capt	NOX62	JACOBSEN	F.A.	I.O.	YES		
Lieut	NX15848	TIMBURY	F.A.	B.M.L.	Yes		
Lieut	NX12255	TILBROOK	T.H.		NO	Det A/CC "B" Coy 2/I Aust Hq Gd Bn	2/8/43
Lieut	QX4801	HULME	J.H.	L.O.	YES		
Lieut	NX34701	JOHNSON	V.H.	L.O.	YES		
Lieut	NX53463	LOW	R.	Hygo	YES		
Lieut	NOX 67	MILLAR	S.D.	ED O	YES		
CHAPLAINS							
Chaplain	QX43607	SHEEHAN	D.O.	RC	YES	2/33 AUST INF BN	
Chaplain	QX48059	JAMES	G.	Meth	YES	2/25 AUST INF BN	
Chaplain	QX48260	BALL	A.A.	Cofs	YES	2/31 AUST INF BN	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut					
T/Capt	VXI4735	GRIFFEN W.S.	25 BDE SIG SECTION		OC
Lieut	NX24281	MACKENZIE C.			2 I/C
Lieut	VX4801	NOLAN F.	8 PL 2/I	AUST HQ	GD BN
Lieut					
T/Capt	NXII4300	HARRISON P.N.	AALD		LEGO
LIEUT	NXI30343	GUILLAN A.W.A.	I AUST MOT BDE		

21XX AUG 43
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Comd 25 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander

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...../..... (Serial No.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 8 / 194 3 Hq 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. I7 O.R's. 70 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1		1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	1		3	Sergeants					
NR	1		7	Corporals					
NR	1	3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	6	3	67 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Hq 25 Aust Inf Bde

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 21 / 8 / 194 3

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WX2234	Cpl	O'BRIEN B.B.	Present whereabouts unknown
			Evacuated 109 Aust CCS 13 July 43

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- AUST INF BDE .....Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/ 8 /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen Tel Cpl	2	2	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters	1		NR
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	NR

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers Incl Sjt	1	2	
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks Incl Cpl	3	5	
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
~~Instrument Operator~~	4	4	
~~Intelligence Duties~~ Incl S/Sjt	1	1	
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	13	15	

GROUP III.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks Incl WOII & Cpl	4	4	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	17	19	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BCWO	1	1	
Amen Sjt	1		NR
WOII CSM	1		NR
CQMS	1	1	
Tpt Pers			
Incl Sjt	15	13	NR
AASC	4	3	NR
AAMC Cpl	1	1	
Waterdutyman	1	1	
[illegible]			
Educ Sjt	1	1	
Sig Ords	6	6	
AAChD B'men	3	3	
Batman	14	14	
Hyg Dutym	1	1	
Gen duties	3	3	
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	70	67 *	NR *

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

21 AUGUST 43
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/ 8/ 1943. HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3. OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 70 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
TX2091	Lieut				
	T/Capt	PALFREYMAN D H	HQ Details Depôt	23/8	Ex HQ Details Depôt
NX10137	Lieut	SEYMOUR E R	" "	23/8	" " "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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HQ 25 AUST INF BDE
Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COL T/BRIG	NX 3	RATHER	K.N.	COMD	YES		
CAPT T/MAJOR	NX 466	LARKIN	G.F.	D.M.	YES		
LIEUT T/CAPT	NX51000	PRENTICE	W.T.	S.C.	YES		
LIEUT T/CAPT	NX56495	PRIOL	R/A.	S.C.L.	YES		
LIEUT T/CAPT	TX2006	GEE	A.S.	T.O.	YES		
LIEUT T/CAPT	TX2091	PALFREYMAN	D.H.	SUP.O.	YES		
LIEUT T/CAPT	NGX52	JACOBSEN	F.A.	I.O. EXCH.	YES		
LIEUT	NX16246	TIMBURY	F.A.	B.M.L.	YES		
LIEUT	NX12256	TILBROOK	T.H.		NO	DET A/OC "B" Coy 2/I. Aust Hq Gd Bn	2/3/43
LIEUT	QX420I	MULES	J.H.	L.O.	YES		
LIEUT	NX34701	JOHNSON	V.H.	L.O.	YES		
LIEUT	NX23463	LOW	B.	HYG O	YES		
LIEUT	NGX 67	MILLAR	S.D.	EDUC.O.	YES		
LIEUT	NX10137	SEYMOUR	E.R.	AMEN.O.	YES		
CHAPLAINS							
Chaplain	QX43607	SKEHAN	S.C.	R.C.	YES	2/33 AUST INF BN	
CHAPLAIN	QX42859	JAMES	C.	METH	YES	2/25 AUST INF BN	
CHAPLAIN	QX42250	BALE	A.A.	COFE	YES	2/31 AUST INF BN	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut T/Capt	VX16732	CULVER W.J.	25 BDE SIGNAL SECTION		OC
Lieut	NX14801	MACKENZIE C.			2 i/c
Lieut	VX4801	NOLAN F.	8 FL I/I		Aust Hq Gd Bn
Lieut					
T/Capt	NXII4300	HARRISON P.N.	AALC		Legal O
Lieut	NX130343	CUILLAN A.W.A.	I Aust Motor Bde		A/A.D.C.

28/2/43

Date of Despatch

Lieut Col
Cond 25 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NO 5
...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 8 /194 3 HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. II 2 / 3 OFFRS. 17 O.R's. 70 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	2	1	4	Sergeants					
NR	2	2	8	Corporals					
NR	1	8	59	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	5	II	76 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		76						[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
25 AUST INF BDE SIGNAL SECTION			
46			
8 PL	2/I AUST HQ GD BN		
42			
I	AAPC		
I	YMCA		
FPO 54			
4			
3	7 Aust Div Cipher		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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HQ 25 AUST INF BDE ..... *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28 8 /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen	2	2	
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers	1	2	
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks	3	4	
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties	4	5X	
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	13	16 15	

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	6	16 NR	
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	19	20 19	

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BOWO	I	I	
WOII CSM	I	I	
CQMS	I	I	
TPT PERS	I5	I6	
AASC PERS	4	4	
AAMC CHL	L	I	
WATERDUTYMAN		I	
SIG ORDS	6	6	
AAChD B'men	3	3	
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Batman	I4	I6	
HYG Duty	I	I	
Gen duties	3	5X	
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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 AUG 43
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

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MOST SECRET/

25 AUST INF BDE.
TRG INSTN NO 34.

1. This training instruction covers August 43, all training outlined in this instruction must be completed during this month.

2. GENERAL TRAINING

Apart from special trg outlined below, bdes and units will concentrate on individual trg, acclimatisation, and hardening of all personnel.

3. LOADING AND UNLOADING OF AIRCRAFT.

(a) The object of this special trg will be to enable aircraft to be loaded and unloaded as quickly as possible, with special attention to the heavier items of stores and equipment in the division.

(b) In general only one piece of heavy equipment will be loaded in each plane, more than one makes the even distribution of weight within the plane impossible: -
e.g. One Jeep, or one Jeep and trailer constitute the maximum amount of heavy equipment for one aircraft, the balance of the plane load being made up of smaller articles and/or personnel.

(c) A trg film, "LOADING THE DOUGLAS C47" (approx 12 min duration) is available with operator and projector complete and will be made available to Units as follows -

2/31 Aust Inf Bn 14 August 43
2/25 Aust Inf Bn 15 August 43
2/33 Aust Inf Bn 16 August 43

6 Pl 2/2 Aust Supply Depot Coy will attend screening of film in 2/33 Aust Inf Bn lines.

(d) 5th Air Force are making available for practice loading and unloading, five planes on 17 August 43 from 1400 hrs at WARDS or JACKSONS Drome. Drome location will be notified later. These planes will be used by Tk A Pls.

(e) Bde TO will make arrangements to transport personnel, 4 Jeeps and 4 Tk A Guns to the drome. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will supply the guns: Personnel will be picked up in Unit lines and move in convoy from 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Lines at 1330 hrs 17 August 43 under direction of BM(L).

(f) Instructors to assist Units in this training have been arranged as follows

For Inf Units - Capt LONIE, Air Transport Control Officer New Guinea Force located at Air Transport Control 7 Mile Drome.

(g) In order to gain the maximum benefit from the practice planes allotted, Units will practice loading and unloading the following items of equipment only - Jeeps, 2 Pr Tk A Guns.

Major.
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn
6 Pl 2/2 Aust Supply Dep Coy
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EXERCISE ISLAND "Q"

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
12 August 43.

NOTE - These notes supersede those issued on 28 Jul 43

1. LOB - Each unit will detail the following LOB personnel:-

Officers - 6
ORs -53

Each unit will leave 3 drs - incl in total of 53 ORs.

2. WEAPONS - ALL heavy weapons will be taken by units.

3. RATIONS - To be carried on the man:-

2 Emergency Rations
3 Hard Rations
1 Field Ration.

Rations will be indented for on advice from this HQ.

4. BICYCLES - Each unit will take six (6) bicycles which will be issued by ordnance.

5. GAS CAPES - These will be returned to ADOS forthwith.

6. STEEL HELMETS - Will NOT be carried - disposal will be advised later. Amended to be taken

7. BLANKETS - Apart from those for RAP - NO blankets will be carried.

8. GROUND SHEETS - Each man will carry one ground sheet. Additional ground sheets at present held will be returned to ADOS forthwith.

9. BIVOUAC TENTS (US PATTERN) - Will be issued immediately on scale of one half per OR and full tent per offr. These are to be issued in lieu of gas cape and blanket.

10. BOOTS - Each man will leave with one pair of un-repaired boots. Issues will be made immediately and they will be broken in, properly dubbined and sprigged and put aside for the move.

11. SOCKS - One new pair of socks will be issued and held in unit lots until immediately prior to movement.

12. JG CLOTHING - Second suit will be carried on the man - where a third suit is on issue, it will be returned to ADOS before the move.

13. SANDBAGS - Units will indent on this HQ for the number of sandbags required for storing of kits, carrying of gear, etc.

14. ANTI MALARIAL GEAR - To be carried on the man:-

Atebrin - 12 tablets
Repellent - One bottle plus quantity remaining in bottle at present on issue
Mosquito Nets - 1 per man
Gloves - 1 pair per sec
Head nets - 1 per man

15. CROWN-RING COOKERS - One Crown-Ring cooker per 3 men and one burnso re-fill per man.

16. SALT TABLETS - Units will indent for quantities required - Suggest one per day per man for six (6) days.

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17. FOOT POWDER - Units will indent for quantities required.

18. TOBACCO - Is delivered weekly as part of ration scale.

19. AMMUNITION - (a) Any amn left with LOB group will be returned to AASC

(b) Units will ensure that 3" mortar NCY secondary charges have been replaced by cordite charges. Numbers to be replaced will be notified to this HQ by 0900 hrs 14 Aug 43

(c) Bandolier amn - Units will indent on this HQ for additional bandolier amn required so that each man can carry 200 rds of .303. An equivalent amount of carton packed will be returned to AASC.

(d) 75 Grenades - Each unit will receive and carry 100.

(e) Mortar 2" - Red and Green - each unit will submit a return showing numbers held immediately.

(f) Signal Rockets - Six each of red and green will be issued to each unit.

20. SHOVELS - Arrangements are being made with CAEME to have shovels issued.

21. SPIKES FOR CLIMBING TREES. - Units will notify this HQ of numbers required immediately.

22. HONOURS AND AWARDS - Periodical submissions will NOT be called for until SEPTEMBER.
Immediate Awards will be forwarded to this HQ from time to time and will be sent to ADV DIV for typing and returned for signature of COs and Bde Comd. It is NOW laid down that the date of each signature MUST be shown.

23. BURIALS - Units are referred to NGF Order 238.

24. POSTAL - It is suggested the Postal NCO stays with LOB Personnel and Mail Orderly goes forward. The Postal NCO to sort mail into Coy lots in LOB Area and then forward same to front area.

25. AAPC. - It is also suggested that an AAPC NCO stays with LOB Group.

G T Larkin
Major.
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
8 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Coy
2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy "A" Pl
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BM
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315 Aust LAD

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Annex E

MOST SECRET.

- EXERCISE ISLAND "Q" -

I See.

26 Aug 43.

2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn

1. (Reference this HQ instruction of 12 August 43)

AAPC PERSONNEL.

Paymaster 7 Aust Div has suggested that unless Commanding Officers have express desires to the contrary, BOTH Pay NCOs will move forward with units. In view of the shortage of AAPC personnel, it would be possible that NGF Paymaster would re-allot any NCOs left with LOB Group.

2. (Reference this HQ instruction of 12 August 43)

BURIALS.

Please amen para 23 to read NGF Order 318.

3. HAND CARTS

Each battalion will carry forward 9 hand carts. It is proposed to make a modification which will allow each cart to be trailed by a jeep.

4. CONTAINERS, WATER, TWO GALLONS.

All containers at present on issue, will be carried forward empty as part of individual weight allowance of 250 lbs. Intention is to retain containers in unit B echelon for carrying purposes.

5. UNIT LIAISON OFFICERS.

Reference 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 5, herewith.

The Unit Liaison Officer will be that Battalion Officer who is last to leave. He will move with the last plane carrying unit personnel or stores. Nominees will be advised this HQ by signal by 1400 hrs 27 August 43. Who should have copy of each Emplaning sheet regarding his unit.

WJP.

Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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EXERCISE SECRET

25 AUST INF BDE

EXERCISE NO 3.

ADM INST.

REF - MORESBY 1 in to 1 Mile Sheet.

1. An Exercise with troops will be carried out by Bns of this Bde, supported by 54 Fd Bty on 1st September, 43 on the Arty Range STANLEY HILL - CAUTION BAY.

2. On 31 Aug Units will move from present position to assembly areas as follows:-

2/25 Aust Inf Bn 7545
2/31 Aust Inf Bn 7445
2/33 Aust Inf Bn 7444
54 Fd Bty - To an area in vicinity of gun positions.

Units will be in these areas and be prepared for action by 0700 hrs 1 September.

3. Transport available will be one Jeep, one 15 cwt van each unit. Units will take all hand carts available. These vehicles are for carrying MMG ammunition.

4. Weapons - All weapons will be carried with the exception of:- Tk A guns, Tk A Rifles, 3" Mortars and 2" Mortars.

5. Ammunition on the scale of 10000 per unit will be drawn from Bde HQ. This will be required by MMGs and all belts will be filled prior to moving from camp. NO ammunition other than in filled belts will be taken without authority of this HQ.

6. Water - There is NO water in the area. Three Water trucks will be taken out under arrangements Bde TO and will supply Units twice daily - first issue on arrival in assembly areas on 31 Aug.

7. RATIONS - Track rations will be carried on the man.

8. Return - Anticipated that exercise will conclude p.m. 1 Sept and Units will make own arrangements to be back in camp by a.m. 2 Sept.

9. Dress - Battle order as laid down for future ops. Tin hats will NOT be taken.

10. Anti-Malarial - The area is infested with mosquitoes and full Malaria precautions will be adopted.

11. Inter Comn. - An Adv Bde HQ and Comd post will be established on STANLEY HILL at 0700 hrs 1st Sept.

12. Bty Comd, COs accompanied by IOs, MG Pl Comd, runner will report to Bde Comd at STANLEY HILL at 0730 hrs 1 Sept (Jeeps will be issued)

Bde SO will ensure that sufficient equipment is taken out to the ground to enable the comn plan to be effective. By 0700 hrs 1 Sept Bde Comd post and Bn HQs will be connected by line.

13. Opening Situation - will be issued later.

DISTRIBUTION:-

2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn
54 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt
7 Aust Div
Comd
BM
SC
OC 25 Bde Sig Sec
TO
BASCO
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File
Spares (4)

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EXERCISE SECRET.

25 AUST INF BDE

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No 3.

THE BN. SUPPORTED BY A FD BTY IN ATTACK.

REF:- MORESBY sheet 1" to 1 mile.

1. OBJECT - To demonstrate to the troops the effect of fire from a Fd Bty and to accustom them to moving forward close under the cover it provides.

OPENING SITUATION

2. On 30 Aug JAPANESE landed two forces in the MORESBY area. One, approx two regts, landed at first light, 15 miles NW FAIRFAX HARBOUR.

3. A second seaborne force of one Bn made a feint landing on EAST side of BOOTLESS INLET at the same time.

4. An Air borne regt was dropped in area 9151 at 0700 hours the same day.

5. These forces commenced to move on MORESBY without delay.

6. 7 Aust Div was in the MORESBY area and was ordered to move out and delay the enemy until 6 Aust Div, which at the time was on route from the mainland, could arrive.

7. Early 30 Aug 7 Aust Div moved as follows:-

21 Aust Inf Bde - NORTH to deal with the para-troops.
18 Aust Inf Bde - moved in MT to CAUTION BAY area (7153)
25 Aust Inf Bde with 54 Bty, 2/4 Fd Regt u/c to the BOOTLESS INLET area.

8. By 0700 hrs 1 Sept the situation was as follows:-

(1) 21 Aust Inf Bde in contact with enemy para troops in area 9353. Heavy fighting had taken place and the enemy had been driven back with very heavy losses.
(2) 25 Aust Inf Bde had inflicted a severe defeat upon the enemy Bn in BOOTLESS area by midday 31 Aug and had moved to an assembly area at 7445 preparatory to ops against enemy on 18 Aust Inf Bde front.
(3) 18 Aust Inf Bde on arriving in CAUTION BAY area made contact with the enemy at 1400 hrs 30 Aug. Heavy fighting developed and 18 Aust Inf Bde were forced back and are now holding the enemy along the line 762480 - spur 350 762480 - hill 350 at 748480 - creek at 737475 - creek and track junc 725479 - thence WEST to sea.
Enemy had launched three attacks against the position. The latest at first light 1 Sept, but had made no progress.

9. At 0700 hrs Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde issued an order for Bty and Bn Comds to meet him on STANLEY HILL at 0730 hrs for orders.

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EXERCISE SECRET.

25 AUST INF BDE.

EXER ISE WITH TROOPS NO 3.

ORDERS 1st ATTACK.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY - Attacks have been held by 18 Aust Inf Bde and he is now occupying ridge 150 at 738498 - O.P. HILL 735490 - area 730482 - area 725484 and has been observed digging.

Considerable activity has been observed on GRASSY RIDGE (some two miles NORTH)

OWN TROOPS - Disposition 18 Aust Inf Bde pointed out on ground.

2. INTENTION - 25 Aust Inf Bde will capture area 7248, preparatory to launching furthur attack to secure O.P.HILL.

3. METHOD

Fwd Bn - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - objective, low ridge area 7248.

Start Line - Will be taped by Bde IO at 725476 (on south side of creek) by Z - 15.

Bearing of Attack - 13° grid.

Rate of Advance - 200 yds in three minutes.

Bn Assembly Area - 725474.

Route - Bde IO will reece, mark and provide guides from Bde assembly area and Bn Assembly area and to Start Line.

Fire Plan

ARTY - 54 Bty, 2/4 Fd Regt will support the attack as follows:-

Z	to Z + 6	Three Secs Enemy positions 730482 - 725484	HE 5 r.p.g.p.m.
Z	to Z + 8	One Sec O P HILL	Smoke
Z + 6	to Z + 8	Three Secs O P HILL	HE 1 r.p.g.p.m.
Z + 8	to Z + 10	Bty O P HILL	HE 1 r.p.g.p.m.
Z + 10	~~to~~ onwards	Bty By Observation	2 rds per gun.

Bty may range prior to ZERO.

MMGs - MG Pl 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will come u/c 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

MG Pls 2/31 Aust Inf Bn and 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will support the attack by firing as follows from position well forward, on left flank.

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ORDERS 1st ATTACK (Contd)

Fire Plan (Contd)

MMGs (Contd)

Z to Z + 6	One Pl. Enemy position 730482	3 belts per gun
	One Pl. Enemy position 725484	3 belts per gun
From Z + 6	MG Pl 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, fwd guns for consolidation.	
	MG Pl 2/33 Aust Inf Bn, reverts to command 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.	

Action on reaching objective - consolidation.

Reserves - 2/25 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns.

At Z - 15 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will commence to move from Bde Assembly area and by Z + 30 will be in a Bn assembly area 734474 - probable task, continue attack on right of 2/31 Aust Inf Bn to secure O P HILL.

At Z - 15 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will move from Bde assembly area to a Bn assembly area about DISUSED MILL and await further orders.

COs 2/25 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns will join Bde Comd at COMD POST at Z - 15

ADM - ADS located at track junc 749451. Fd Amb will ~~A Hq~~ bearers to each bn.

Inter Comm - Bde HQ at track junc 750450, Comd Post and report centre STANLEY HILL.

Success signal:- Red - green - green.

Bde Sig O will lay line from Bde HQ to Comd post; Comd Post fwd to Bns; Comd Post to MMG firing area.

W/T as alternate means.

Time is now:-

Zero will be:- hrs (1½ hrs after issue of orders)

CO 2/31 Aust Inf Bn and MMG Comd will check with me by phone between Z - 5 and ZERO.

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EXERCISE SECRET

25 AUST INF BDE

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 3.

ORDERS 2nd ATTACK

INFORMATION

ENEMY - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn has forced enemy off low ridge at 7248 and are now consolidating ground won. Enemy are still active on O P HILL.

OWN TROOPS - 2/31 Aust Inf Bn is exploiting on the WEST flank but not making a great deal of progress. "2/25 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns are in assembly areas at 734474 and DISUSED MILL (7446) respectively.

INTENTION - 25 Aust Inf Bde will capture O P HILL.

METHOD

Fwd Bn - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn - objective, both features of O P HILL.

Start Line - To be taped by Bde IO in area 733478 by Z - 10.

Bearing of attack - 5° grid

Rate of Advance - 200 yds in three minutes.

Bn Assembly area - present position.

Route to Start Line - will be marked by Bde IO, who will provide guides to lead Bn to Start Line. On reaching objective 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will consolidate.

Fire Plan

ARTY - 54 Bty, 2/4 Fd Regt will support the attack by firing as follows:-

Zero to Z+12	One tp	Green O P HILL	HE 5 r.p.g.p.m.
	One tp	Brown O P HILL	
Z+12 to Z+14	Bty	Green O P HILL	HE 5 r.p.g.p.m.
Z+14 to Z+20	Bty	KNOLL 150 (738498)	HE 1 r.p.g.p.m.
Z+20 onwards	Bty	By Observation	2 rds per gun.

MMGs - MG Pl 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will com u/c 2/25 Aust Inf Bn. MG Pls 2/31 and 2/25 Aust Inf Bns will support the attack from area 7248 by firing as follows:-

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ORDERS 2nd ATTACK (Contd)

Fire Plan (Contd)

MMGs (Contd)

Z	to Z + 4	Both pls on O P HILL brown ridge	2 belts per gun
Z + 4	to Z + 12	" " " O P HILL brown ridge	4 belts per gun
Z + 12	to Z + 13	" " " O P HILL green ridge	1 belt per gun

From Z + 13 2/25 Aust Inf Bn MG Pl forward guns for consolidation.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn MG Pl reverts comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn will support the attack from present position and protect left flank of the attack of 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

Reserves - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. At Zero 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will be prepared to move to an assembly area at creek 733478. CO will recce covered line of approach from DISUSED MILL prior to Zero.

CO 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will report to Bde Comd at STANLEY HILL at Zero.

Inter Comm - Bde HQ and Comd Post remain in present position.

Success signal:- green - red - red.

Bde Sig O will be responsible for laying line in rear of 2/25 Aust Inf Bn during attack and connecting 2/33 Aust Inf Bn at 733478.on arrival.MG Pl area at 7248 will be connected by line to Comd Post by Z - 10.

Time is now

Zero will be hrs (45 mins after issue of orders.)

CO 2/25 Aust Inf Bn and MMG Pl Comd will check with me by phone between Z - 5 and ZERO

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EXERCISE SECRET

25 AUST INF BDE

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No 3.

ORDERS 3rd ATTACK

INFORMATION

ENEMY - has been driven from O P HILL and is now holding knoll 150 (738498) GRASSY RIDGE is being prepared for defence.

OWN TROOPS - 2/25 Aust Inf Bn has captured O P HILL and 2/31 Aust inf Bn has made some progress on left flank.

2. INTENTION - 25 Aust Inf Bde will capture hill 150 (738498)

3. METHOD

Fwd Bn - 2/33 Aust Inf Bn - objective, hill 150 (738498)

Start Line - To be taped by Bde IO in area 739484 by Z -10

Bearing of attack - 345° grid.

Rate of advance - 100 yds in one minute.

Bn assembly area - 740480. Bde IO will arrange guides for 2/33 Aust Inf Bn from assembly area to Start Line. On reaching objective 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will consolidate.

Fire Plan

ARTY - 54 Bty, 2/4 Fd Regt will support the attack of 2/33 Aust Inf Bn by firing as follows:-

ZERO to Z + 9 Bty - hill 150 (738498) HE 2 r.p.g.p.m.

MMGs - MG Pl 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will come u/c 2/33 Aust Inf Bn. MG Pls 2/25 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns will support the attack from NW shoulder O P HILL by firing as follows:-

Z to Z + 8 fwd slopes feature 150 (738498) - 4 belts per gun.

2/25 Aust Inf Bn will support attack of 2/33 Aust Inf Bn from present position from ZERO by engaging hill 150 from present position.

Signal for success:- Red - green - red.

Reserves - On capture of objective by 2/33 Aust Inf Bn, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will be prepared to resume the advance.

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ORDERS 3rd ATTACK (Contd)

Inter Comm - Bde HQ and Comd Post will remain in present position.

Bde Sig O will be responsible for laying line fwd to 2/33 Aust Inf Bn from assembly area to objective.

MG Pl area on O P HILL will be connected by line to Comd Post by Z - 5.

Time is now

Zero will be hrs (45 mins after issue of orders)

CO 2/33 Aust Inf Bn and MMG Comd will check with me by phone between Z - 5 and ZERO.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS (Nos 9-16)

BY

BRIGADIER K.W. EATHER DSO

COMMANDING

25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

25 Aust Inf Bde
19 August 43.

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9. SECURITY

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the security regulation which prescribes that it may NOT be stated in letters that the individual or unit is now stationed in NEW GUINEA . (Censorship Regs Part 1 Para a). All ranks are to be advised that this restriction will remain in force (despite the lapse of a month) until units are advised through this HQ to the contrary. GUINEA GOLDS will NOT be mailed to the mainland.

IO. SPEED LIMIT.

All officers and drivers MT will again be advised that the speed limit on MORESBY roads is 20 MPH. "Speed traps" are being operated by Provost personnel to check speeding as from 18 August 43.

11. RAZOR BLADES.

It is advised that stocks are NOT likely to allow of more than one per man every three weeks. Units will make use of any reserves held and units are advised that it will, until further notice, be necessary for personnel to shave every SECOND day.

12. STORAGE OF AMMUNITION.

Care should be exercised that SMOKE MORTAR and PYROTECHNICS ammunition are stored separately (as far as possible) from H.E.

13. STRENGTH STATES

During operations, an analysis of the "AX" column will be shown under "D" - total to agree with "AX".
e.g.

From 99 Aust Inf Bn

AX 2 and 9	B	1 and 12
AY N and 1	C	31 and 750
AZ N and N	D	Killed Nil and 1
		Wounded NX9999 Lieut W. SMITH and 7
		Missing VX9999 Lieut H. BROWN and 1

E,F,G, etc.

14. DECEASED PERSONNEL - MAIL.

Attention of all unit postal orderlies should be drawn to Para 34 Standing Orders for A.P.S.:-

If addressee is definitely known to be deceased or missing, articles will NOT be endorsed in any way, but will be tied together in bundles and labelled "DECEASED" or "MISSING" as the case may be. The label will be signed by an officer who will add his rank after his signature.

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15. ENDORSEMENT OF TROOPS MAIL.

Mail from troops in forward areas may be endorsed "AIR-MAIL" "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE". When received from such areas, mail so endorsed will be forwarded by AIRMAIL throughout.

No endorsement is required to gain advantage of free surface mail. All such mail is sent to mainland by air.

Use of the endorsement "FRONT LINE MAIL" and "IN FORWARD AREA" is forbidden.

LOSS BY FIRE - PRECAUTIONS AGAINST.

In no cases will authority be given for smoking near petrol or ammunition dumps and stores of inflamable nature. Tins of sand will be kept available near such places for use in case of fire breaking out.

Grass will be kept short in such locality.

Naked lights in tents must be kept carefully shielded and care exercised in throwing away butts of cigarettes.

Use of hurricane lamps will on NO account be allowed when fillinf petrol tanks of vehicles at night.

Fires will NOT be lit in the proximity of tents except with authority of an officer. That officer will ensure that such fires are subsequently extinguished.

DISTRIBUTION
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn
6 Pl 2/2 Aust Supply Depot
25 Bde Section Signals
8 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq Gd Bn
315 Aust LAD
Bde Details
General File
Int Section.

Ken Prentice Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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MOST SECRET.
(App. B)

TO. O.C 2/6 AUST FD COY RAE.
FOR 25 AUST. INF. BDE.

ENGINEER RECCE REPORT.

Track - SUNSHINE TO MARKHAM RIVER.

REPORT BY. Lieut S.L. FREW. 2/6 AUST FD COY RAE.

TIME. 2000 hrs 7 Aug 43.

WEATHER. 29 Jul: Slight rain, weather dull.
30 Jul: Wet. Heavy rain all day and night.
31 Jul: Weather dull.
1 Aug: Weather dull. Slight rain.

ROUTE. SUNSHINE to MARKHAM RIVER. via MUMENG, ZENAG, PARTEP 2, TIMNE, WAMPIT, KIRKLANDS, and NGARANENA.

(a) TRACK. JEEP track or tractor and sled NOT possible through to MARKHAM R. without work entailing considerable amount of men, time and equipment. Would take 1 Fd Coy several months.

(1) SUNSHINE TO MUMENG.

8 ft single lane JEEP track in heavy sidling cut to JEEP head (See App. C) Work being done on track and JEEP head should move to BLAKES in one week. Suspension Br 150ft span required over SNAKE R. at BLAKES. Easy grades along river flats and river bed to MUMENG .

(2) MUMENG TO ZENAG.

Track only on river flats and river bed till base of ZENAG plateau. Heavy sidling cut on hill face approx 900 yds required to reach plateau. Easy grade over plateau.

(3) ZENAG to PARTEP 2.

Track mainly sidling cut 5ft wide. Surface black loam going to red clay approaching PARTEP 2. Numerous culverts required and 2 bridges each span 30ft.

(4) PARTEP 2 to TIMNE.

Track 5ft wide, all red clay in sidling cut. Very steep down grade in parts, 1 in 5 and separate recce required for road location. From ground this should be possible all in sidling cut. Require numerous culverts and 7 bridges each approx span 20ft.

(5) TIMNE to WAMPIT.

Track only on soft loam with occasional rock floaters which would require blasting. 5 bridges required each approx span 25ft . WAMPIT R. forded at 2 points approx 100ft crossings, water depth 2ft, speed of river approx. 3 knots. Betwe n these fords track mainly corduroy 5ft wide over muddy black soil. This corduroy continues intermittently to DEK and WAMPIT.

(6) WAMPIT to KIRKLANDS.

150ft Suspension bridge for foot traffic. Require 100ft Br. Track only on flat soft soil, no river crossings. 1 mile approx. from KIRKLANDS follow Kunai covered ridges in sidling cut. Easy going.

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(a) Cont'd.

(7) KIMKLANDS to NGARAMEKA.

Track only along MARKHAM R. flats, level going, soft earth surface. Pass through SHELDONS to 80ft crossing of WAMPIT R., then over 30ft creek each requireing bridge to NGARAMEKA.

(8) NGARAMEKA to HOBS and WAMPIT.

Alternative track through Kunai swamps. JEEP track impractical

(b). DROPPING GROUNDS. (See App. C)

(1) DEUCHATELS DROME.
(2) Half way between DEUCHATELS and BLAMEY.
(3) Kunai flat just before MUMENG.
(4) Kunai flat just beyond MUMENG.
(5) ZENAG plateau.
(6) Kunai flat past ZENAG.
(7) WAMPIT DROME.

(c) LANDING GROUNDS (See Appx "C")

(1) ZENAG

Direction North and South
Approach Good both ends
Surface Kunai and soft black soil would cut up after rain and heavy traffic.
Dimensions 1000 yds or more- 200 yds width or more.
Concealment Nil for planes.
Dispersal Large area of Kunai flats.

(2) WAMPIT

Direction North and South.
Approaches Good from Nth up WAMPIT R. valley. Hill at Sth end.
Surface Kunai covered 3 ft high. Uneven and rough surface mixed earth and large gravel.
Dimensions 1000 yds X 88 yds.which is maximum possible.
Dispersal Fair.
Concealment Fair.

(d) CROSSING. MARKHAM R.
Speed of river 5 to 8 knots.(Estimate only)
Definitely NOT fordable at any point.

(1) CHIVISON CROSSING

Mostly used by natives.
Approx 200 yds.
Further upstream of MARKHAM R. than ERAP R.
Assembly points - NOT recced but should present no difficulties.

(2) Between SHELDONS and NGARAMEKA

Crossing at angle,going downstream 400 yds.
Assembly points on timbered banks of MARKHAM R.
Height of banks - approx 3 ft above water.
Means of crossing - Assault boats or FBE prpelled by outboard motors.

(e) WATER SUPPLY

Plentiful supply of good water along whole of route taken.
NOT more than 1 hrs march between successive water pts.

(f) COVER

From SUNSHINE to ATAP-2 track mainly through Kunai.

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(f) Cont'd.

Practically no cover.
From PARTIP 2 to MARKHAM . Track through timbered country, good cover.

(g) TIMBER.

From PARTIP 2 good hardwood timber suitable for bridging close to sites.
None before PARTIP 2 .

(h)

Engineer Equip. and stores. (See App. 'C' for locations)

Place.	Item.
KIRKLANDS.	15ft boat. Needs repairing. 2 log rafts. 12ft width. 4ft x 6ft stage.
OLD MANI.	2 Air Force rubber dinghys with aluminium oars.
HUME.	2 Outboard motors. Johnson Motors Peterborough Canada.

TIME. 2000 hrs

DATE. 7 Aug 43

Signed.....Lieut.
2/6 FIELD PARK COY R.E.

ADDENDA

Additional crossing of MARKHAM RIVER

At KIRKLAND'S

2 Crossings necessary

(a) 100 yds approx on to mud bank

(b) over mud bank consisting of sand, soil and gravel - appears firm

(c) 100 yds approx on to far bank

Assembly points on timbered bank of MARKHAM RIVER.

Lieut

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APPENDIX "C"

TIMINGS AND TRACK RECCE

Times given under patrol times are those applicable to patrol which was lightly equipped. Estimated time for troops.

STAGE	MILES	HRS(Tps)	HRS(Patrol)	REMARKS
SUNSHINE to ZINIAG	12	7	4 hrs 40 mins	Jeep could be used to BLAKE'S CAMP - 4 miles approx. Stand heavy jeep traffic to DUTCHATELLE'S - 2½ miles - 3 bridges - a grade NO greater than 1/10. Beyond DUTCHATELLE'S would NOT stand heavy jeep traffic. BLAKE'S to ZINIAG - suspension footbridge - follow SNAKE R. pad only & through soft ground. Would become very muddy if used by large body of tps. Could NOT be traversed if SNAKE was flooded. Direction NORTH. See Appx A
ZINIAG to TIMES	9	6½	4hrs 10 mins	Made track used by horse tpt as far as PAINTUP. Good dry weather. Muddy wet. Would stand body of tps. Climb to PAINTUP. Direction NORTH. PAINTUP to TIMES - down grade greasy and muddy during wet. Some steep slopes. Fair going dry. Direction NORTH.
TIMES to DAGEN	8	6	3hrs 50 mins	Pad only. Gradual down grade. Strong flowing rivers to be crossed at three points. Swampy area when nearing DAGEN (5 miles)
DAGEN to NGARANKO via KINKLAND'S	12	7	4hrs 40 mins	Pad only - level going. NEW NARI 2½ miles. Short climb round Kunai hill to KINKLAND'S. Track would cut badly in wet. Direction NORTH. Alternate track follows swampy jungle instead of Kunai hill. KINKLAND'S to NGARANKO-follows NARIHAN R. bank about 7 miles through jungle - wet track - guide necessary. NAMPIT crossed on logs fallen in River. Direction NE.
NGARANKO to DAGEN	9	6	4 hrs 20 mins	Pad only - level going - about half Kunai till main track nto KINKLAND'S at NEW NARI. Very wet bad track. Knee deep in mud. Would be very bad for body of tps. Direction SOUTH to SE.

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Appx B

MOST SECRET

RECCE REPORT
on
TRACK SUNSHINE - NGADANING

REPORT BY PATROL UNDER CAPT COX
CONSISTING OF

Capt COX 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut FREW 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Sgt GILES 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
and 8 ORs

DATE

(20 July 43)
(6 Aug 43)

WEATHER Dull and rain.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

1. Landed at WAU on 20 Jul 43 - moved to BULOLO same day and contacted 3 DIV HQ and staged night at Reception Camp.

2. From 3 DIV we received track information and amended track maps. These proved inaccurate beyond WAMPIT.

3. This report consists of:-

Recce Report on track	Part I
"	Part II
Sketch Map of Route	Appx A
Engr Recce Report	Appx B
Timings and Remarks	Appx C

4. 3 DIV HQ and 24 Bn HQ proved helpful when approached for info.

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RECCE REPORT ON TRACK SUNSHINE TO KOMIATUNG

PART I

Answers to questions asked

1. It would be possible for 2500 men to move over this route
2. Could be covered by force in 3½ days
3. For Dropping Grounds see Appx "B"
4. For Staging Points see Appx "A"
5. For Landing Grounds see Appendices "A" & "B"
6. WAMPIT RIVER is NOT navigable
7. From PAMTHP onward - Yes
8. By boat only

General

Track is up grade to PAMTHP and down grade to WAMPIT - suitable for Jeep traffic to BLAKE'S CAMP.

BLAKE'S to MAMBIAM foot pad - with going good to very bad particularly in wet weather.

Surface

Muddy during wet weather.

Cover Kunai and flanking mountains first 12 miles - remainder rain forests and undergrowth.

Water Plentiful

Staging It would be necessary to use ZIMAO - TIMMIE - DAMGEN - KINKLAND'S - other bivouac areas would be unsuitable for large body of troops.

Medical Malarial precautions over whole route essential. Poles for stretchers obtainable from PAMTHP onward.

Dropping Grounds & Strips See Appendices "A" & "B"

Timings & Track Recce See Appendices "C" & "A"

Guides Necessary beyond WAMPIT

Enemy NONE encountered or seen.

Security Without air observation enemy would NOT know of concentration of troops (Natives NOT allowed to cross MAMBIAM - canoes destroyed).

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BLOCK REPORT ON TRACK SUNSHINE - NGARANKO (MARKHAM RIVER)

PART II (consists of 2 pages)

1. GENERAL

The track from SUNSHINE to DUTCHATELLE'S follows EAST bank of WATUT RIVER and is in good condition - has gradual down grade - suitable for MT.

DUTCHATELLE'S to BLAKE'S CAMP track is good - MT road under construction (will be completed within one week). Follows EAST bank of SNAKE RIVER and has gradual up slope.

BLAKE'S CAMP - ZIMAO - track crosses SNAKE RIVER (suspension foot bridge)(MT bridge being constructed) and follows the SNAKE to MUMENG - half the distance is along the river bed itself and in several places it is necessary to wade through swift flowing water up to 20" deep (would be an obstacle during wet weather) NOT suitable for MT.

ZIMAO - PARTEP II STAGING CAMP - After steep climb on to ZIMAO PLATEAU track climbs gradually and continually to PARTEP (some steep pinches). Pack transport is using this track and during wet weather churns up track. Under dry conditions - good.

PARTEP #I - TIMEB - Down grade the whole distance. During wet weather muddy and slippery - foot pad only.

TIMEB - WAMPIT - Continual gradual down slope - going only fair - bad wet weather - foot track only.

WAMPIT - NGARANKO via KIRKLAND'S - Level going - foot pad only cuts up badly in wet - crosses footbridge at WAMPIT and logs over river near NGARANKO.

NGARANKO - WAMPIT - Level footpad. Very bad condition, mud knee deep. Crosses WAMPIT by logs and suspension foot bridge.

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2. SURFACE

To DUTCHATELLE'S made jeep road - suitable considerable traffic.

DUTCHATELLE'S - BLAKE'S CAMP - jeep road under construction.

From BLAKE'S onward single file track only exists and would deteriorate and be badly cut up by a large body of troops, particularly during wet weather.

Soil is humus deposit on basaltic base.

3. COVER

With exception of Kunai no cover from air exists between SUNSHINE and slightly beyond ZIHAO (distance 12 miles). From this point on cover is provided by rain forest and undergrowth. NO print along track xxxxxxxx could be observed other than from air.

4. STAGING

1st Stage - ZIHAO - 7½ hrs - 11 miles approx.
2nd Stage - TIMMS - 6½ hrs - 9 miles.
3rd Stage - DAIGEN - 6½ hrs - 9 miles.
4th Stage - KINKLAID'S - 3 hrs - 6 miles.

The above areas are suitable for BIVOUAC - water available - cover from air and ground with exception of ZIHAO where there is NO cover from air - Kunai only vegetation.

5. WATER

Plentiful and good.

6. LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Telephone whole length of track. Jeep. Native carriers and horse transport.

7. DROPPING GROUNDS AND STRIPS

See Appendices A & B.

8. TIMINGS AND DETAILED TRACK RECCE

See Appx C

9. OWN TROOPS See Appx A.

10. GUIDES Would be required from WAMPIT onward - signposts could be used at all other junctions.

11. SECURITY Without air observation JAP would NOT hear of movement as natives here are under strict supervision.

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War Diary Appx "A".

MOST SECRET.

COPY NO 14.

31 AUG 1943

15 OCT 1943

25 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No 1

Operation "OUTLOOK"

Ref Maps: HEATHS 3507 1/25000
NADZAB 3506 1/25000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

See Appx "C" and current intelligence reports.

2. Own Tps

WAMPIT Force is to operate on the south bank of the MARKHAM RIVER against the JAPS in the area MARKHAM POINT.

3. 5 AF is co-operating, and 4 AC Sqn RAAF providing the necessary Army Co-operation.

4. 503 US Inf is to -
(a) Capture the area NADZAB - GABMATZUNG - GABSONKEK on Z day with the object of covering the preparation of a landing strip.
(b) Establish a road block across the MARKHAM Valley Rd in the area junc rd and track 444546 with the object of preventing enemy movement into the NADZAB area along this road.
(c) On landing it is anticipated that units of 503 US Inf will concentrate as follows -

One Bn - on the approx alignment NADZAB to 426554 with one coy at rd and track junc 444546.

One Bn - GABSONKEK with one coy at track junc 427561.

One Bn - Area 3954.

Regtl HQ - GABMATZUNG.

5. Following tps are under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde for the operation.

54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.
2/5 Aust Fd Coy
B pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

6. The following tasks have been allotted to 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp -

(a) Patrolling along the MARKHAM River as far as NARAKAPOR 507506 and along the MARKHAM Valley Rd to HEATHS.
(b) Preparing to advance on HEATHS as soon as possible.
(c) Improve the MARKHAM Valley Rd from GABMATZUNG east to carry jeep traffic.

INTENTION.

7. 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp will concentrate east of NADZAB.

METHOD

8. The operation will be carried out in two phases.

Phase 1.- Airborne operation to move 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp from MORESBY area and concentrate east of NADZAB.
Phase 2.- Preparations to advance on HEATHS as soon as possible after concentration of the Bde Gp.

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PHASE 1

9. Allotment of Plane Loads

Plane loads are allotted to units as shown in Appx "B".

10. Bde Order of Landing.

(a) Appx "A" shows the order in which planes will depart MORESBY and arrive NADZAB.
(b) This plane order will NOT be changed without the authority of this HQ.
(c) The number of personnel shown may be subject to minor alterations. Units will adjust the total weight with additional amn or stores. Total weight NOT to exceed 5000 lbs.

11. Emplaning.

Emplaning will be carried out in accordance with 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 5. SC(L) 25 Aust Inf Bde will control movement from unit lines to the Marshalling Point

12. Z DAY.

(a) Z day will be notified verbally by this HQ to the Comds concerned.
(b) H hour will be the time 503 US Inf commence to land.

13. ACTION ON LANDING

Subject to the tactical situation the following action will be taken on arrival at destination.

(a) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

Will concentrate under cover in NADZAB area and carry out tasks as shown in PHASE 2 para 14.

(b) 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.

Concentrate immediately on landing in an area to be indicated, and, prepare to advance east.

(c) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

Concentrate immediately on landing in an area to be indicated, and, prepare to advance east.

(d) 4 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.

On landing will come into action in an area to be indicated on ground and be prepared to engage targets to the east and NE of NADZAB.

(e) 2/5 Aust Fd Coy.

Will concentrate in area 418545 and prepare to commence work on MARKHAM ROAD at the earliest possible moment.

(f) B Pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

Concentrate in area to be indicated on ground.

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PHASE 2.

14. The following preparations will be made for the advance on HEATHS.

(a) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

On landing will carry out the following patrols -

(i) Dispatch standing patrol of one coy strength east along MARKHAM Rd to RD JUNC 515559.
(ii) Patrol track NADZAB - NARAKAPOR ... as far as 498521. Strength one pl.
Both patrols will be equipped with means of comn to HQ 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will carry out necessary work to make MARKHAM RD jeepable to 515559 under supervision of OC 2/5 Aust Fd Coy.

15. JEEP TRACK - East from GABMATZUNG

(a) 2/5 Aust Fd Coy will be responsible for the improvement of the rd to carry jeep traffic.
(b) Bn Pnr pls will b e made available as required for work on the rd under supervision of 2/5 Aust Fd Coy.
(c) OC 2/5 Aust Fd Coy will place demands for working parties with this HQ.

SECURITY.

16. (a) The utmost secrecy is to be maintained throughout the planning and execution of this operation. The contents of this order will be made known ONLY to offrs who require knowledge of the subject matter to execute their duties.
(b) This operation will NOT be discussed in the presence of unauthorised persons and all correspondence and messages on the subject will be marked MOST SECRET.
(c) Care is to be paid to conversation in messes, quarters and transport vehs and particularly in the presence of natives.

ADM.

17. Units will ensure that ALL stores are taken to unit concentration areas on landing.

18. Further details will be made available later.

INTERCOMN.

19. Location of HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde on landing - 425548.

20. 25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will attach one 208 W/T set with operators to Bns on their arrival at NADZAB. These sets will be used as an alternative means of comn with Bde HQ.

21. Communications with Aircraft will be in accordance with 7 Aust Div GS Instn No 8.

22. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will lay a line to 515559. The Bn will use it's own line which will be replaced by 25 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.

23. Codes.

R/T Code as issued will be used on all R/T sets.

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24. Situation Reports.

Situation reports will be submitted to this HQ at 0700 hrs, 1300 hrs and 1900 hrs daily except when units are on the move or in action, when situation reports will be submitted hourly or when the situation demands.

ACK.

G H Lord
Maj.
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

Time of Signature 1515 hrs.

Issued by LO.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

"A" - Bde Order of Landing - Ferry Service.

"B" - Allotment of Plane Loads

"C" - Enemy Activity

"D" - System of Map Refs (Div)

"E" - System of Map Refs within the Bde.

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2/25 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1	1	1	1
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2	2	2	2
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3	3	3	3
54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.	4	4	4	4	4	4
2/5 Aust Fd Coy	5	5	5	5	5	5
B Pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	6	6	6	6	6	6
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Comd	8	8	8	8	8	8
BM	9	9	9	9	9	9
SC	10	10	10	10	10	10
OC 25 Bde Sig Sec	11	11	11	11	11	11
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APPX "A" to 25 Aust Inf Bde 00 No 6/.

BRIGADE ORDER OF LANDING - FERRY SERVICE

MOST SECRET.

COPY No 14

Div Plane Ser No.	Unit or Stores	DETAILS OF LOAD							Total Weight of Load	REMARKS
		Pers	Stores	MT			OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT			
				J	T	M/C	Details	Weight		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M1 to M57	Det HQ 7 Aust Div Drome Comd & Staff Det RAE 7 Aust Div Det Sigs 7 Div US MMG Bty						15 ramps			
M58	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	20	60						5000	
M59	do	20	60						5000	
M60	do	20	60						5000	
M6I	DO	20	60						5000	
M62	do	20	60						5000	
M63	do	20	60						5000	
M64	do	15	1224						4974	
M65	do	20	60						5000	
M66	do	20	60						5000	
M67	do	20	60						5000	
M68	do	20	60						5000	
M69	do	20	60						5000	
M70	do	20	60						5000	
M71	do	20	60						5000	
M72	do	15	1194						4944	
M73	do	20	60						5000	
M74	do	20	60						5000	
M75	do	20	60						5000	
M76	do	20	60						5000	
M77	do	20	60						5000	
M78	do	20	60						5000	
M79	do	20	60						5000	
M80	do	18	500						5000	
M81	do	17	652						4902	
M82	do	18	350						4850	
M83	do	18	400						4900	
M84	do	6	1500				2pr T A	2000	5000	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M85	2/25 Aust Inf Bn		1500				2pr TkA	2000	5000	
M86	do	19	250						5000	
M87	do	20	60						5000	
M88	do	20	60						5000	
M89	do	20	60						5000	
M90	do	20	60						5000	
M91	do	20	60						5000	
M92	do	20	60						5000	
M93	do	20	60						5000	
M94/M101	2/4 Aust Fd Amb									
M102	54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	16	992						4992	F00 party
MI03	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	14	I500						5000	Recce Party
MI04	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	11	2250						5000	Comd Gp.
MI05	do	18	460						4960	
MI06	do	7	344	1	1				4994	
MI07/MII0	RAE 7 Aust Div									Drome clearing stores
MIII	54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	6	600	1	1				5000	
MII2	do	4	590	1	1	1			4840	
MII3	do	16	957						4957	
MII4	do	3	9				25pr complete	4I93	4958	
MII5	do	16	868						4868	
MII6	do	3	40				25 pr complete	4193	4983	
MII7	do		5000						5000	Amn
MII8	do	7	321	1	1				4971	
MII9	do	16	96I						496I	
ML20	do	3	9				25pr complete	4I93	4953	
MI2I	do	16	868						4868	
MI22	do	8	24	1	1				4924	
MI23	do	3	9				25pr complete	4193	4952	
MI24	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	19	224						4974	
MI25	do	19	216						4966	
MI26	do	20	60						5000	
MI27	do	20	60						5000	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
MI28	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	20	60						5000	
MI29	do	19	250						5000	
MI30	do	20	60						5000	
MI31	do	6	3470						4970	
MI32	do	17	680						4930	
MI33	do	20	60						5000	
MI34	do	20	60						5000	
MI35	do	20	60						5000	
MI36	do	20	60						5000	
MI37	do	19	180						4930	
MI38	do	19	249						4999	
MI39	do	20	60						5000	
MI40	do	12	1978						4978	
MI41	do	5	1736				2pr TK A	2000	4986	
MI42	do	6	I4I0				do	2000	4910	
MI43	do	19	220						4970	
MI44	do	20	60						5000	
MI45	do	20	60						5000	
MI46	do	20	60						5000	
MI47	do	20	60						5000	
MI48	do	20	60						5000	
MI49	do	20	60						5000	
MI50	do	20	60						5000	
MI5I	do	20	60						5000	
MI52	do	I9	2I0						4960	
MI53	do	20	60						5000	
MI54	do	19	248						4998	
MI55	do	20	60						5000	
MI56	do	10	2498						4998	
MI57	do	19	192						4942	
MI58	do	20	60						5000	
MI59	do	20	60						5000	
MI60	do	19	182						4932	
MI6I	do	20	60						5000	
MI62	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	16	994						4994	
MI63	do	6	250	1	1	1			5000	
MI64/I67	RAE 7 Aust Div									Drome clearing stores

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
MI68	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	14	1500						5000	
MI69	do	15	I250						5000	
MI70	do	15	I250						5000	
MI7I	do	4	1100	1	1				5000	
MI72	do	4	4000						5000	
MI73	do	14	I500						5000	
MI74	do	14	I500						5000	
MI75	do	I5	I250						5000	
MI76	do	15	I250						5000	
MI77	do	4	1100	1	1				5000	
MI78	do	4	4000						5000	
MI79	do	8	2500			1			4850	
MI80	do	7	3000						4750	
MI8I	do	7	3000						4750	
MI82	do	7	3000						4750	
MI83	do	7	3000						4750	
MI84	do	7	2800			1			4900	
MI85/MI86	Det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy									
MI87/MI97	AASC 7 Aust Div									
MI98	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	18	500						5000	
MI99	HQ do	18	I50			1			5000	
M200	do	12	2000						5000	
M20I	do	8	2525			1			4985	
M202	do	7	2899			1			4999	
M203	do	I8	I50			1			5000	
M204	do	15	550			2			5000	
M205	do	18	500						5000	
M206	do	19	250						5000	
M207	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	17	7I2						4962	
M208	do	15	I220						4970	
M209	do	18	479						4979	
M2I0	do	18	479						4979	
M2II	do	19	237						4987	
M2I2	do	19	243						4993	
M2I3	do	18	474						4974	
M2I4	do	5	1712				2pr Tk A	2000	4962	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M2I5	2/3I Aust Inf Bn	19	227						4977	
M2I6	do	19	233						4983	
M2I7	do	5	17I2				2pr Tk A	2000	4962	
M2I8	do	18	497						4997	
M2I9	do	I5	I222						4972	
M220	do	18	250						4750	
M22I	do	19	237						4987	
M222	do	I9	247						4997	
M223	do	19	247						4997	
M224	do	19	247						4997	
M225	do	20	60						5000	
M226	do	20	60						5000	
M227	do	20	60						5000	
M228	do	20	60						5000	
M229	do	20	60						5000	
M230	do	20	60						5000	
M23I	do	20	60						5000	
M232	do	20	60						5000	
M233	do	20	60						5000	
M234	do	20	60						5000	
M235	do	18	54						4554	
M236	do	19	247						4997	
M237	do	19	247						4997	
M238	do	19	247						4997	
M239	do	19	233						4983	
M240	do	19	233						4983	
M24I	do	19	233						4983	
M242	do	19	233						4983	
M243	do	17	227						4477	
M244	do	8	2980						4980	
M245/248	Unallotted									
M249/M266	11 Bty Aust Lt AA									
M267	54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	7	258	1	1				4908	
M268	do	14	I35I						490I	
M269	do	16	788						4788	
M270	do	3	9				25pr complete	4I93	4952	
M27I	do	4	I05I	1	1				495l	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M272	54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt		5000						5000	Amn
M273	do	16	9I2						49I2	
M274	do	3	9				25pr complete	4I93	4952	
M275	do	3	9				do	4I93	4952	
M276	do	3	57				do	4I93	5000	
M277	do		5000						5000	Amn
M278	do		5000						5000	Amn
M279	do	6	3431						4931	
M280	do		5000						5000	Amn
M28I	do	11	2250						5000	
M282	do	8	2988						4988	
M283	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	14	1500						5000	
M284	do	15	I250						5000	
M285	do	15	I250						5000	
M286	do	4	II00	1	1				5000	
M287	do	4	4000						5000	
M288	do	14	I500						5000	
M289/M292	Unallotted									
M293	B Pl 2/I53 Aust Gen	8	I00	1	1				5000	
M294	Tpt Coy	8	I00	1	1				5000	
M295	do	8	I00	I	I				5000	
M296	do	8	I00	I	I				5000	
M297	do	8	I00	I	I				5000	
M298	do	6	490	I	I				4890	
M299	do	6	500	1	1				4900	
M300	do	6	I00	I	I	I			4850	
M30I	do	6	I00	I	I	I			4850	
M302	do	4	II00	I	I				5000	
M303	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	7 Planes will carry
M304	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	1 unloading ramp each
M305	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	
M306	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	
M307	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	
M308	do	2	I600	I	I				5000	
M309	do	2	I590	I	I				4990	
M3I0	do	2	I590	I	I				4990	
M3II	do	2	I590	I	I				4990	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M3I2	B Pl 2/I53 Aust Gen	2	2I90	1					4990	
M3I3	Tpt Coy	2	2I90	I					4990	
M3I4	do	2	2I90	I					4990	
M3I5/M328	Det 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn									
M329/M342	Det 2/6 Aust Fd Coy									And stores
M343/M346	Unallotted									
M347/M355	2/4 Aust Fd Amb									
M356	B Pl 2/I53 Aust Gen	2	2200	1					5000	
M357	Tpt Coy	2	2200	1					5000	
M358	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M359	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M360	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M36I	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M362	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M363	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M364	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M365	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M366	do	2	2200	1					5000	
M367/M381	11 Bty Aust Lt AA									
M382	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	6	3498						4998	
M383	do	6	3498						4998	
M384	do	6	I434				2pr Tk A	2000	4934	
M385	do	6	3500						5000	
M386	do	6	3494						4994	
M387	do	6	3427						4927	
M388	do	5	3744						4994	
M389	do	7	II08				2pr Tk A	2000	4858	
M390	do	6	3466						4966	
M39I	do	8	2926						4926	
M392	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	10	2682						4982	
M393	do	8	2989						4989	
M394	do	7	3208						4958	
M395	do	6	3470						4970	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
M396	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	5	3692						4942	
M397	do	5	3720						4970	
M398	do	5	37I2						4962	
M399	do	6	1496				2pr Tk A	2000	4996	
M400	do	6	I468				do	2000	4968	
M40I	do	16	980						4980	
M402/M405	Unallotted									
M406	2/3I Aust Inf Bn	I3	17I5						4965	
M407	do	8	995				2pr Tk A	2000	4995	
M408	do	8	2996						4996	
M409	do	15	1037						4787	
M4I0	do	8	995				2pr Tk A	2000	4995	
M4II	do	7	3248						4998	
M4I2	do	II	2I60						49I0	
M4I3	do	I4	13I4						48I4	
M4I4	do	9	2633						4883	
M4I5	do	9	2657						4907	
M4I6	do	13	1730						4980	
M4I7/M427	AASC 7 Aust Div									
M428/M440	2/6 Aust Ind Coy									
M44I	3I5 Aust LAD	5	850	I			1 Winch	600	5000	
M442	do	6	34I2						49I2	
M443	do	6	3460						4960	

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NOTES ON APPX "A" to 25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1.

1. JEEP TRAILERS.

(a) These will NOT now be available in quantities anticipated by 7 Aust Div.
(b) Those shown on Appx "A" up to and incl plane M311 will be taken fwd in planes detailed but are NOT necessarily final allocation to units.
(c) B Pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will take fwd a total of 19.
(d) Final allocation to units will be advised later.

2. UNLOADING RAMPS.

(a) These will be flown in under Div arrangements. A total of 15 are incl in planes M1 to M56.
(b) B Pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will provide space to carry a total of seven (7) on planes between M298 and M314. Each set weighs 280 lbs.

(c) Units that have reserved space for ramps may carry additional essential stores or 25 pr amn in lieu.

3. CAPACITY OF PLANES

(a) 25 pr amn detailed to be carried in each plane will only be carried in case of short-loaded planes and will be shown on Emplaning Table (weight sheet)

(b) All surplus 25 pr amn at present held by bns will be returned to Bde HQ. Other units will arrange to return surplus to AASC.
(c) Units will ensure that every plane is loaded to capacity i.e. 5000 lbs.

4. EMPLANING TABLE (Weight Sheet)

(a) Space marked PLANE SER No.....will be completed by inserting Div Serial No as detailed in Appx "A".
(b) Space marked PLANE..... will be left blank for use of drome emplaning staff.
(c) In compiling Stores and Equipment table, care will be taken to ensure that accurate figures are inserted and that plane total capacity of 5000 lbs is NOT exceeded.

5. BDE ORDER OF LANDING

(a) This order will NOT be changed under any circumstances.

(b) Numbers of personnel shown in the plane may be subject to minor changes. Units will adjust total weight with stores.

6. STORES.

Ref column (d) of Appx "A". In a number of cases the Field Operational Ration (3 lbs) per man has been shown as stores thus overloading the plane. The Field Operational Ration will be carried as part of a man's eqpt.

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M O S T S E C R E T.

APPX "B" to 25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1.

COPY No 14.

ALLOTMENT OF PLANE LOADS - MORESBY TO NADZAB - FERRY SERVICE.

Serial Number (a)	Arm (b)	Unit or Stores (c)	Plane Loads (d)	7 Aust Div Load Serial Numbers (e)	Remarks (f)
1	ARTY	54 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	30	M102(a), M111-M123(b), M267 - M282	(a) FOO Party (b) One Tp
2	ENGRS	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	24	M103(c), M168 - M184, M283 - M288	(c) Recce Party
3	INF	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde (d)	14	M104-M106(e), M162-M163, M198-M206	(d) Incls 8 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn, 25 Bde Sig Sec, One Sec 7 Div Pro Coy, Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit, Det 7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office. (e) Comd Gp
4		2/25 Aust Inf Bn	46	M58-M93, M382-M391(f)	(f) Support Group
5		2/31 Aust Inf Bn	49	M207-M244, M406-M416(f)	
6		2/33 Aust Inf Bn	48	M124-M161, M392-M401(f)	
7	AASC	B Pl 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	33	M293-M314, M356-M366	
8	AEME	31$ Aust LAD	3	M441-M443	

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APPX "C" to 25 AUST INF BDE 00 No1

COPY No 14

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN MARKHAM VALLEY TO 30 AUGUST 1943.

Ref Maps 1" to 1 mile - US provisional overprint
Series NADZAB - WAIME Sheets.
Sketch map attached.

GENERAL

1. Enemy activity in this area is on a very limited scale, consisting mainly of regular patrols, checking native villages and directed against any of our patrols which might be in the area.

OPs have also been established in this area.

2. Reports received since 15 August indicate that the JAP is showing a greater interest in the area from LAE - NADZAB, details of which are attached.

PATROLS

Ref sketch attached and 1" to 1 mile NADZAB - WAIME

3. A patrol of 100 JAPS under a major is reported to visit NADZAB area once every two weeks, checking natives and possibly prepared to deal with any of our patrols encountered. The last patrol reported was on 5 August 43.

Patrols move from their base at HEATH'S by MT to a spot near YAIU 554545, proceed on foot to NADZAB area, generally remaining overnight at GABSONKEK and moving back to HEATH'S the following day. Sometimes this patrol visits CHIVASING further west before returning to its base.

On 14 August one of our OPs reported a patrol of JAPS, 49 strong with 4 IMGs moving west along the north bank of MARKHAM opposite MT NGARANENO.

A JAP patrol moves daily from HEATH'S to NARAKAPOR along the bank of the MARKHAM. This patrol is approximately platoon strength. There are cleared and burned patches in this area, possibly made to obtain better observation.

Patrols are reported on ATZERA RANGE.

A Patrol was reported at IRUMU RIVER, possibly at its junction with the MARKHAM 200515 on 14 August 43.

In addition to the above patrols, the enemy is actively engaged in patrolling to the west in the BENA BENA area.

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Place	Activity	Source	Remarks
NADZAB	NO fixed defences or diggings in the area, only patrol activity (see para 3 PATROLS)	Fairly reliable reports and aerial photos	Previous reports re 75mm guns in this area are discounted.
NARAKAPOR	JAP OP established near old air field and a PIB patrol was fired on from this area on 12 Aug OP established in a tree on north bank of MARKHAM opposite BWARIP. In addition patrol activity has been observed in area (see para 3 PATROLS)	PIB report Report NOT confirmed	
MARKHAM PT	JAPs estimated in this area to 12 Aug was 100 tps with possibly one 75mm field piece. Much barge movement has been seen between north and south bank of MARKHAM at this PT via LABU ISLAND 580430	OP reports	
HEATH'S	JAP strong post, apparently most westerly LAE defences, approx 8 miles from LAE. Estimated strength one Inf Coy, (200); one MG Pl; 2-3 37mm AA guns; 2 75mm Field pieces	"I" summaries and aerial photos.	
VERNON'S EDWARD'S COX'S	Strongposts have been established at these places but NO reliable infm as to strength is available.	"I" Summary	NO defences are visible on air photos but defences could exist in the excellent cover in the areas.
ATZERA RANGE	NO JAP activity except patrols has been reported but owing to commanding view obtainable from this feature it is considered that OPs for arty and observation must be established here.	"I" Summary	Country too heavily timbered for infm to be gained from air photos.
BOANA	Reported that 200 JAPS are in this area, probably working on landing strip.	Native reports -	
CHIVASING	Patrol activity (see para 3 PATROLS)		
IRUMU R.	Reported JAP patrol in area presumably near junc with MARKHAM 200515	Native reports - unconfirmed	
LAE	Main base in this area. Estimated strengths 30 Aug. Base tps 1640; Fd tps 4780	Estimated from reports and captured documents	This estimate may NOT be correct. Possibility of having been reinforced. under cover bad weather or covered overland route
MARAWASSA	Reported enemy force 150/200 stationed here engaging in patrol activity.	"I" summary	

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Patrol Base 100-150 JAPS 2 Aug

Patrol base - Landing strip marked out 14 Aug

RUMU RIVER
Native report (unconfirmed) Large force JAPS 14 AUG.

200 JAPS 14 AUG

14 Aug.
49 JAPS 4 LMGS
MOVING WEST

Possible O.P

JAP O.P. P.I.B. Patrol fired on 12 Aug

Fortnightly patrol 200 JAPS - HEATHS along rd. to NADZAB

100 Japs
? M.G.
? A.A.
? 75mm

Possible O.Ps

Possible Dump

Possible Dump

Strong Posts

Frequent Barge traffic

12 Mac. 100 JAPS 1 Pdr Gun

Patrol - 100 29 Jul

Pat. visits

No fixed defences 15 AUG.

Cleared patches for natives & JAPS to observe river movement

Daily Pat. 40 from HEATH'S along river to NARAKAPOR checking native villages.

Marawaka

Arond

Kelap T.

Womoar R.

MARKHAM R.

Leron R.

RUMU R.

Chinasing R.

Walut R.

SARUWAGED RANGE

Gelangwang

Boana

Gakunkek

Nadzab

Erap R.

Wampit R.

Mt Nigatoriwa

Narakapor

Mt Munum

Yalu

ATZERA RANGE

Busu R.

Heath

Corners

Cass Camp

Edwards

Markham Point

Bumbu

Scale of Miles
4 0 4 8 12 16

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COFFEE

PLANTATION

MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD

To LAE →

CLEARED

- HEATH'S -

DEFENCE AREA

M.T. Track

CLEARED

CLEARED

CLEARED

To MARKHAM ↓

JUNGLE

- LEGEND -

- BUNKER
- TRENCHES
- M.G.
- A/A (dual purpose)

— SCALE : 1" = 40 yds. —

40 30 20 10 0 20 40 60 80 100

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APPX "D" to 25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1

COPY No 14.

SYSTEM OF MAP REFS FOR OUTLOOK OPERATIONS

The following system of map refs will be used whenever dealing direct with 7 Aust Div.

INFORMATION

1. The map coverage for OUTLOOK operation is as follows:-

(a) US PROVISIONAL one inch series as issued.

(b) AUST 1/25000 series

NADZAB	sheet	already issued
HEATH'S	"	already issued
MUNIM	"	already issued
LAE	"	already issued
BUSO	"	available approx 28 Aug
HOPOI	"	available approx 28 Aug
KIRKLANDS	"	available approx 28 Aug
OOMSIS	"	available approx 28 Aug

(c) PHOTO MAPS - Aust and US series as issued

(d) One inch to four miles series - STRATS as issued.

OBJECT.

2. To standardise the system of giving map refs on the above maps.

METHOD.

3. Map refs on the AUST 1/25000 series will be given without reference to sheet or series.
i.e. Enemy post at 405545.

4. Map refs to places NOT covered by the AUST 1/25000 series will quote the particulars of scale, series and sheet.
i.e. 1 in to 1 ml US PROVISIONAL sheet NADZAB
or 1 in to 4 mls MADANG sheet.

5. When giving map refs on photomaps (which have an arbitary grid on each photomap) full particulars of scale, series, and name of photomap will be given.
i.e. 1/20000 Photomap 0307 ATZERA RANGE.

6. The 1 in to 1 ml US PROVISIONAL series will ONLY be used in areas NOT covered by the AUST 1/25000 series.

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APPX "E" to 25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1

COPY No 14.

SYSTEM OF MAP REFS TO BE USED WITHIN 25 AUST INF BDE

The system to be used will be similar to that laid down by 7 Aust Div for use in comns to Div HQ (see Appx "D") with the following exceptions.

1. Wherever possible the map used will be one of the photomap series. If the area is NOT covered by the photomaps then refs will be given on 1 in to 1 ml or 1/25000 series.

2. Irrespective of what map is used ref will always be made to the sheet.

3. Whenever air support is requested, ref to target will be made wherever possible on Air Support Photos (ASP) if available.
If ASPs are NOT available the ref given will be either on Air Photos or photomaps, in that order of preference.

4. When giving refs on ungridded photos the following system using the gridded template already issued to I secs will be used:-

ORIENTING OF PHOTOS WITH GRID

5. (a) Obliques - The top of an oblique is to be taken as the skyline, or, where no skyline appears the area farthest from the camera. This procedure is to be followed irrespective of any markings on the print.
(b) Verticals -
(i) 9" x 9" photos as per instns on template
(ii) Photos smaller than 9" x 9" will be held so that titling is horizontal.
(iii) 9" x 18" photos. One collimation mark of this type of photo is scrolled. This mark will indicate top of photo.

LOCATING THE TEMPLATE ON THE PHOTOGRAPH

6. (a) (i) 9" x 9" photos as per instructions on bottom of template.
(ii) Photos Smaller Than 9" x 9". Having fixed the top of the photo, align the left and bottom grid lines of the template with the left and bottom edges of the photo proper.
Care will be taken NOT to useguillotined edge of the print, but to use the actual edge of the photo proper. Then read off co-ordinates from left to right and from the bottom upward.
(iii) 9" x 18" Photos - Refs are given on this type by using 9" x 9" template on the left and right halves of the photo.
(b) For refs on left half of photo, align the bottom and right gridline of the template with the baseline and top and bottom collimation markings of the photo. Read the refs from left to right and from the bottom upwards. Having obtained the co-ordinates prefix the ref with the word LEFT.
(c) For refs on the right half of the photo, repeat the process as in (b) above using the left edge of the template in place of the right. Prefix the refs with the word RIGHT.

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Wait Diary Appx B

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3 September 43.

25 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO I

(Issued in conjunction with 25 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No I of 31 Aug 43.)

1. PROCEDURE AT LANDING STRIP

(a) Units will be responsible in all cases for unloading of their own equipment and stores.

(b) Unloading parties will be required to unload all planes carrying maintenance, reserves, engineer equipment and any special items of equipment and stores.

(c) Comds of sub units will be responsible for deplaning personnel and equipment of planes in which they are travelling.

(d) Units will ensure that their equipment and stores are dumped clear of the dispersal bays and removed as quickly as possible to the unit concentration areas (as set out in 25 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No I). All equipment, rations and ammunition, as carried aboard the plane on individuals, will be carried forward by those personnel to unit concentration areas.

(e) The greatest possible speed is essential to ensure that planes are not on the ground for a longer period than is absolutely necessary.

(f) Immediately after deplaning, personnel will proceed to assembly areas as directed. In no case will personnel other than those on duty be permitted to remain in the vicinity of the landing strips.

2. RATIONS

(a) For move by air.

(i) On the man - Three days hard rations, two emergency, I Fd Op ration.

(b) Disposal Fd Op Ration

To be taken by individuals to concentration areas. In early stages before arrival of maintenance, will be consumed on day of landing. In later stages when rations can be issued to units on arrival, they will be collected from unit assembly areas by AASC and returned to FSD.

(c) After Arrival at NADZAB.

(i) As soon as possible after landing AASC will establish an FSD and a DID in the air base area.

(ii) As operations demand, AASC will establish DIDs in the Ls of C in rear of Bdes. Units will demand through BASCO this HQ. Where necessary SPs will be established forward of DIDs; otherwise units will draw from DIDs.

(iii) The stocks to be held in DIDs will be advised from time to time. Normally three days for the force to be maintained will be held.

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(c) (iv) Where practicable AFsAB55 will be submitted in advance to BASCO. AFsW3809 will also be submitted with AFsAB55. It is suggested compilation of both forms be made the responsibility of QM.

(v) Units will ensure that commodities not required are listed on the reverse side of the indents.

3. AMMUNITION.

(a) For Move by Air.

(i) On man or with gun - as already laid down as per Exercise Q instruction of 12 August 43.

(ii) In Bulk with units - remainder of scale B.

(iii) Ammunition being carried which is surplus to normal will be dumped in unit concentration areas and, where they are not required for early replenishment, will be taken over by AASC and returned to FAD.

(b) After Arrival at NADZAB.

(i) AASC will establish an FAD in the air base area as soon as is practicable.

(ii) As operations demand, ARPs will be established on the Ls of C normally in the vicinity of a DID and, where necessary, APs will be established forward.

(iii) When demands cannot be made in writing, verbal demands will suffice.

(c) Units will NOT establish ammunition dumps in excess of what is carried without authorization this HQ.

(d) Defective Ammunition.

The nearest FAD or ARP will be advised immediately of any defective ammunition, and steps will be taken by AASC to check types concerned and, if necessary, segregate and replace any ammunition suspected of being defective. In addition, units will submit a report to this HQ without delay giving the particulars required by GRO G407/43.
Every possible precaution will be taken to protect ammunition from the weather.

(e) Disposal of Surplus Ammunition.

First Line ammunition at present held by units in excess of scale "B" will be disposed of as follows:-
(i) Sufficient will be retained in the LOB Group for the personnel and weapons remaining.

(ii) The remainder will be collected under AASC arrangements and returned to FAD prior to move.

4. POL.

PPs will be established at all FSDs, DIDs and, where necessary, at SPs. POL will be supplied on demand.

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5. MEDICAL.

(a) Outline Plan.

(i) On arrival of the first echelon of the 2/4 Aust Fd Amb, it will establish an MDS in the air base area.

(ii) Lt Sec 2/5 Aust Fd Amb will be used as an ADS for 25 Aust Inf Bde, if necessary, until the arrival of the remainder of 2/4 Aust Fd Amb.

(iii) 2/4 Aust Fd Amb will be relieved of MDS duties in the air base area by the Lt Sec III Aust CCS on the arrival of the latter.

(b) Evacuation.

(i) Casualties will be evacuated to MDS or CCS by returning jeep transport or native stretcher bearers as may be ordered from time to time.

(c) Medical Supplies.

A medical supplies dump will be established by ADMS in the air base area.

6. TRANSPORT.

(a) For the purpose of the move, jeeps and trailers have been allotted to units vide the distribution shown in Appx "A" of 25 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No I. It is anticipated that a re-distribution of vehicles will be made after arrival at NADZAB. This HQ will co-ordinate and control all transport facilities.

(b) Instructions regarding the transport which may be retained in the LOB Group, and the disposal of the remainder, will be issued separately.

7. NATIVES.

As the distribution of natives to units will depend largely on operations and the use of jeeps, no allotment is being made at present. Further instructions will be issued on arrival at NADZAB.

8. EQUIPMENT.

(a) Personal equipment - Battle Order (packs will be left with the LOB Group.).

(b) Unit equipment - 7 Aust Div Scale "B".

(c) Unit equipment not taken forward with units will be stored with the LOB Group.

(d) Equipment held by units surplus to WET scale will be returned to FOD before the move.

9. ACCOMMODATION STORES.

Scale "A" tentage will not be taken. Medical units will take sufficient tents to establish a CCS or MDS as the case may be. All other units will take a minimum number of tent flys to afford essential cover for Comd posts, RAPs etc.

Shelter halves may be taken at the discretion of Comds and COs.

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10. ENGINEER STORES

(a) All engineer stores will be taken over on arrival by the CRE who will establish an RAE dump in the air base area.

(b) Units will submit demands to the nearest Fd Coy or to HQ RAE. The purpose for which the stores are required must be stated.

(c) The necessity for economy in the use of engineer stores is stressed.

11. SIGNAL STORES

(a) The maintenance and supply of signal stores for the division will be the responsibility of Sigs 7 Aust Div.

(b) A Sig Stores dump will be established in the vicinity of ADOS dump and will be staffed by signal personnel. Demands for sig stores will be passed to HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div.

(c) When signal equipment is declared US by LAD or Workshop, or where the time taken to repair the equipment will seriously affect the unit concerned, the receipt of the LAD or Workshop will be treated as a demand for replacement by the stores dump. Equipment which has been replaced, after repair, will be returned to the stores dump.

12. ORDNANCE STORES

(a) Limited quantities of clothing and general stores will be held in an ADOS dump to be established as soon as opportunity permits. Units will submit indents for requirements.

(b) Casualties to controlled stores and vehicles will be notified immediately to this HQ. Units will advise whether replacement is required.

13. SALVAGE.

(a) Salvage personnel will be attached to each DID. Salvage will be backloaded in returning supply vehicles.
Serviceable ordnance stores will be delivered to the nearest ord dump, and all unserviceable salvage evacuated to the airfield where a dump will be established. Serviceable ammunition will be returned to nearest FAD.

The evacuation of salvage by air will be under the direction of the Sta Comd to whom separate instructions are issued regarding priorities.

14. REPAIR AND RECOVERY.

(a) AEME personnel will be responsible for all repairs to small arms, arty equipment and vehicles, repairs to wireless equipment beyond the capacity of sig maintenance secs only, and repairs to engineer equipment beyond the capacity of engineer units.

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14. REPAIR AND RECOVERY (contd)

(b) LADs will evacuate vehicles and equipment beyond their capacity to 2/117 Aust Bde Workshop, and will arrange for repaired vehicles and equipment to be returned to units on completion of repairs.

15. POSTAL

(a) Field Post Offices will be established in the vicinity of HQ 7 Aust Div, Sta Comd and each Bde HQ. Mail will be sent forward from the airfield in supply vehicles and delivered to FPOs, or, where there is not an FPO serving a unit, to the nearest DID.

(b) Stamps and Postal Notes will not be available at FPOs. Mail will be endorsed "No Stamps Available" "Air Mail". All letters thus marked will be sent by air mail. Official outward mail only may be registered. Telegrams will be accepted by the FPO only where payment can be made in cash.

(c) If plane space is available, parcels will be delivered. Newspapers will not be delivered.

(d) Outward mail may be lodged with any unit postal Orderly or FPO and will be cleared regularly.

(e) Where it is impracticable to have letters censored, they will be secured in bundles marked "Not Censored" and sent through the FPO to the LOB Group where they will be censored and despatched.

(f) Separate instructions are issued to the LOB Group regarding the sorting of mail on arrival from AUST and its despatch by air to units in the field.

16. CANTEENS.

(a) Canteen supplies will be available in limited quantities. If stocks are insufficient to meet all requirements, supplies will be rationed according to unit strengths.

(b) Units will authorise a representative or representatives to draw canteen stores and will supply Div Canteen Officer with specimen signatures of those authorised to purchase. Unit reps will sign all invoices for the purchase of goods on behalf of the Unit.

(c) All canteen supplies brought forward will be paid for by DIV HQ. Adjustments between units and Div HQ will be made when operations permit.

17. UNIT REAR DETAILS

(a) Rear details, as distinct from LOB Group may be established by Units in areas approved by this HQ. The strength of these details will not exceed 1 NCO and 4 Ors per battalion under charge of an officer detailed from this HQ. Duties will include :-

(i) The guarding of Unit equipment not carried forward by units.

(ii) Sorting, packing and labelling deceased persons kit prior to it being sent to NT L of C Area Records Office.

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17. (a) (iii) Guarding of Office Files and records that should not be taken into forward area.

(iv) Collection of any unit equipment that may be called forward from LOB Group.

(v) Acting as guides and escorts for personnel and stores during onward movement to units.

(vi) Collection and storage in unit concentration areas, of second set of NG clothing

(b) It is not intended that these rear details shall be set up as a Rear HQ or B echelon nor is it intended that a large unit store dump shoulf be established on these sites. During first days of operations however, it is possible that rear details will coincide with unit B echelon area. Under no circumstances will ammunition, rations etc be stored in these areas. Ammunition not carried by units when they move forward will be returned to nearest AASC Depot.

(c) It is suggested that light duty personnel are stationed at these points and that they be changed frequently by personnel who in the opinion of the RMO require a rest.

18. STATES AND RETURNS.

(a) AFW3006.

(i)- Will be signalled to reach 25 Aust Inf Bde HQ by 1600 hrs daily.
Full particulars of casualties will be given as per 25 Aust Inf Bde RO No 13 of 19 August 43.
(ii) LOB personnel will NOT be included anywhere in the state. (See sub-para B (iii) below).
(iii) This HQ will pass AFW3006 to 7 Aust Div by signal and will compile and forward and additional copy to DRO (showing on the reverse a dissection of column "F" which will be checked periodically by units with Bde Orderly Room personnel.).

(b) AFs W3008 and 3009.

(i) Will be rendered to reach this HQ by 0830 hrs each Saturday.
Copies of W3008 are required for :-
I Aust Corps, 7 Aust Div, NG L of C Area Records Office.
Copies of W3009 are required for :-
7 Aust Div and NG L of C Area Records Office.
Units will forward these copies to this HQ for distribution.

(ii) Supplies of the necessary forms will be carried by this HQ and distributed as necessary for compilation by units.

(iii) Personnel in the LOB Group will be included in the AFs W3008 and W3009 submitted by units in the forward area. The LOB Group will be instructed to forward unit parade states weekly on THURSDAYs to 7 AUST DIV HQ. These will be distributed to units to give them the necessary information for inclusion in these returns.

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I8. (c) WEEKLY RECONCILIATION OF STRENGTH

Will be compiles as at 0600 hrs each SUNDAY - to reach this HQ by I400 hrs SUNDAY (I Copy). Supplies of necessary pro-formas will be carried by this HQ and distributed weekly to units for compilation of returns.

I9. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

(a) Recommendations for periodic awards will NOT be submitted until called for.

(b) Recommendations for Immediate Awards will be submitted as soon as possible.

(c) Supplies of W3121 will be carried by this HQ. Units will follow procedure laid down in Exercise Q Instn of 12 August 43.

20. OFFICERS.

(a) First Appointments and promotions.

(i) Normal procedure will apply. Where units are unable to prepare A22a's and A33s, particulars as required by these forms will be submitted to this HQ with information as to cause of vacancy. Forms will be prepared by this HQ, forwarded to unit for signature and return.

(ii) First appointments and promotions will NOT be anticipated.

(b) Adverse Reports on Officers.

(i) Should it prove necessary to submit an adverse report on an officer, the report of the Cos and Comd will be signed by the officer reported on, wherever possible before he is returned to the rear; if this is not practicable, the officer will be returned to Div HQ and the reports forwarded as soon as possible. Div HQ will then arrange for the initialling of the reports by the officer and for his despatch to I Aust Corps Rec Camp.

(ii) Consideration is to be given to the desirability od disciplinary rather than administration action.

(iii) GRO I43/42 will be complied with.

(c) Information regarding Officers.

If units normally forming part of O of B 25 Aust Inf Bde come temporarily under command of another formation, copies of correspondence regarding officers will be forwarded this HQ.

(d) Officers will NOT carry rifles in action.

21. BADGES OF RANK.

Officers will wear badges of rank at all times, but may during operations have insignia of their rank marked in indelible pencil on their shirts.

NCOs will wear stripes, which will be dyed green.

22. GRAVES REGISTRATION AND BURIALS.

(a) Procedure laid down in NGF Order 318/43 and 7 Aust Div Adm Circ A38 of 21 August 43 will be complied with.

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22. (b) When operations are more or less static, every endeavour will be made to centralise burials in Brigade cemetries.

23. DISPOSAL OF EFFECTS.

(a) Ref FSPB Pam IIA.

(b) The paybook will be forwarded to the unit pay Sjt immediately.

(c) Cash will be lodged with the Div Paymaster.

(d) Diaries will be forwarded to NG L of C Area Records Office (under separate cover).

(e) Personal belongings (other than clothing), RED identity disc (old type) or ROUND disc (metal), and articles of intrinsic or sentimental value will be made up into a package and forwarded with inventory (AF3190) through Army Postal Service, registered if possible, to NG L of C Area Records Office. Each package will be securely fastened, sealed and labelled with appropriate label:-

AFW3043 - Deceased man's kit.

AFW3301 - Deceased officer's kit.

24. PRISONERS OF WAR.

(a) Evacuation.

(i) Evacuation to Bde - unit escort.

(ii) Evacuation to Div - Bde escort.

(iii) Evacuation to AIG - Div escort.

(iv) Evacuation by air from AIG to either DOBADURA or MORESBY - Div escorts or Sta Pro as directed by DAPM.

(b) Cages.

(i) Collecting Centre - DIV HQ - location to be notified from time to time.

(ii) A L G.

25. STRAGGLERS POSTS.

Will be established in vicinity of Bn HQ. This HQ will establish check post manned by provost personnel in vicinity of Bde HQ.

26. TRAFFIC CONTROL,- ROAD DISCIPLINE.

(a) In forthcoming operations much will depend on efficient use of the limited transport available. The necessity is stressed for the maintenance of strictest road discipline on the poor roads and tracks which are likely to be encountered. The highest degree of efficiency on the part of all drivers is essential in avoiding traffice blocks and ensuring that vehicles are kept on the road continuously.

(b) Disciplinary action will be taken against any driver guilty of any breach of road discipline and such driver will be grounded immediately.

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26. (c) Units will be responsible for local traffic control, and for instructing all drivers of the standard of efficiency and discipline required.

(d) DAPM will be responsible for traffic control in the A L G Area and all routes up to, but excluding, Bde HQ.

27. ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

(a) Vital necessity exists for the strictest anti Malaria precautions in order to minimise the wastage occasioned through malaria; and to ensure the maximun effective fighting strength of Units.

(b) Unless absolutely impracticable, mosquito nets will invariably be used.

(c) All other anti malaria precautions will be rigidly observed at all times.

28. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Stealing and pilfering of goods.

(i) Severe disciplinary action will be taken against and person who steals or pilfers any equipment, stores, rations, canteen or amenities stores, from any landing strip, dropping ground, dump, vehicle or from natives; or who obtains any such stores by intimidation of personnel or natives; or who is in possession of any such stores without lawful excuse; or who irregularly detains, or appropriates to his own unit or detachment, any such stores.

(ii) Charges in respect to any of the above offences will be laid, where appropriate, under the following sections of the Army Act:
6 (A), 18 (4), 40, 41.

(iii) No charge will be disposed of summarily, but in each case, a Summary of Evidence will be taken forthwith, and application made for trial by Court Martial.

(iv) Units will ensure that all tropps are warned in this regard. Officers comprising Courts Martial are directed to have due regard to the fact that this warning had been issued when considering sentences to be imposed in respect of any person convicted. (AMR&O 558 para 3).

(b) Courts Martial.

(i) In certain circumstances normal procedure of trial by DCM may be possible. When this is impracticable and the circumstances require that the charge should be promptly disposed of, a Field General Court Martial may be convened by the Officer in immediate command of the body of forces in which the member is serving. This power may be exercised by Commanding Officers and detachment Commanders.

(ii) In the case of units within a Bde Group, the charges will be referred, whenever possible, to Bde HQ for the convening of the Court. All sentences will be referred to Bde HQ for confirmation and no sentence will be carried out until confirmed. Before confirmation, the proceedings will, wherever possible be referred to an officer of the AALC for a report as to the legality of the finding and sentence. In the case in units directly under the command of Div, charges will be referred directly

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28. (b) (ii) Contd.
to and all confirmations ~~reserved~~ for Div HQ.

(iii) Field General Courts Martial will be convened and the proceedings recorded on AAF A3. Wherever practicable, a summary of evidence and formal charge sheet will be prepared and attached to the proceedings. In a trial on a plea of not guilty or in any case where a summary of evidence is not taken before trial, the evidence of all the witnesses at the trial will be recorded in summary form and attached to the proceedings. In every case the proceedings must be signed personally by the Convening Officer and the President of the Court.

29. PAY

(a) Pay personnel attached will proceed with units to the forward area, and will perform all normal routine functions.

(b) No pay will be issued in the forward area until circumstances require or permit.

(c) Before movement, troops will be advised to deposit all notes held.

(d) Pay personnel will provide facilities for remittances, allotments, issue of new paybooks and other routine procedure.

(e) Units will ensure that each soldier evacuated is in possession of his paybook. Every effort will be made to locate paybooks of deceased or missing personnel. Such paybooks will be endorsed by an officer after the last debit and will show date of decease or date missing and will be handed to unit pay Sjt or Fd Cash Office.

(f) Where paybooks are lost, a declaration of loss will be made as soon as possible in order to protect the credit accumulation of the soldier concerned.

30. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOB GROUP.

7 Aust Div Adm Circ No A40 of 31 August 43 distributed herewith.

31. EMPLANING PREPARATIONS.

Units will take action forthwith to make arrangements for JEEPS and TkA guns to be loaded on L 3 tons in unit areas. Construction of earth ramps is suggested.

Where plane loads contain insufficient personnel to manhandle stores, included in load, into planes within requisite 15 mins, arrangements will be made to detail additional loading pers either from LOB group or from associated units. These additional personnel will travel on truck with actual plane load, returning to unit lines on same truck after loading is completed.

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ADDENDA TO APPX "C" of 25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1 of 31 Aug 43.

1. The following are changes in JAP O of B as at 2 Sep 1943, together with the latest patrol report on enemy activity in the NADZAB Area. The enemy activity in this area shows signs of increasing JAP interest.

JAP O of B - STRENGTHS.

LAE

BASE TROOPS	25 Aug 43		1640	
Plus 25 Fd Pom Pom	(ex SALAMAUA)	50		
Plus 29 Fd Pom Pom	(ex SALAMAUA)	130	180	1820
FIELD TROOPS			4860	
Less 3 Bn 21 Inf Regt	(to SALAMAUA)		800	
			4060	
Plus 51 Recce Regt			450	
	TOTAL FIELD TPS			4510
	TOTAL ALL TPS			6330

SALAMAUA

BASE TROOPS	25 Aug 43		2695	
Less 25 Fd Pom Pom	(to LAE)	50		
Less 29 Fd Pom Pom	(to LAE)	130	180	
	TOTAL BASE TPS			2515
FIELD TROOPS			4348	
Plus 3 Bn 21 Inf Regt	(ex LAE)	650		
Rem 3 Bn 238 Inf Regt		386	1036	
Less 30 Ind Engr Regt	(reduced)	150	5384	
Casualties 25 - 31 Aug		293	443	
	TOTAL FD TPS			4941
	TOTAL ALL TPS			7456

ENEMY STRENGTHS BY AREAS AND UNITS

BASE TPS Area	Unit	Strength
LAE	7 Base HQ	100
	81 Gusrd Unit	150
	82 Guard Unit	150
	47 Aerodrome Bn	200
	YOSHIMOTO AA	100
	2 Air Def	330
	22 AA (Sec?)	100
	8 Shipping Engr Unit	20
	3 Debarkation Unit	100
	40 Sea Duty Coy (Pl)	40
	105 Gen Duty Coy (Pl)	40
	Water Purifying Unit	40
	3 Tele Regt (Pl)	40
	8 Naval Sigs	40
	85 Naval Sigs (Pl?)	40
	4 Fd Hosp	50
	21 Fd Hosp (IMB)	100
	25 Fd Pom Pom	50
	29 Fd Pom Pom	130
TOTAL BASE TROOPS		1820

FIELD TROOPS Area	Unit	Strength
LAE	41 Inf Regt (Small Force)	100
	80 Regt 20 Div (Temp Estimate)	2500
	21 IMB Arty	100
	IKEDA Arty (SASEBO 5)	500
	21 IMB Engrs	100
	14 Pnr Unit	130
	5 Ind Engr Regt	200
	6 Ind Engr Regt	200
	7 Ind Engr Regt	230
	51 Recce Regt	450
TOTAL FORWARD TROOPS		4510
TOTAL ALL TROOPS		6330

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ENEMY STRENGTHS BY AREAS AND UNITS

BASE TROOPS

SALAMAUA	Unit	Strength
	51 Div HQ	125
	51 Inf Gp HQ	160
	51 Div Tpt (3 Coy)	250
	2 Fd Hosp	200
	51 Div Sigs (3 Coy)	60
	50 Fd AA (2 Coy)	180
	Gas Collecting Unit	120
	Convoy Remnants	200
	15 Fd Pom Pom	130
	Army Sigs	40
	22 Aerodrome Bn	50
	Naval Tps	1000
	TOTAL BASE TROOPS	2515

FORWARD TROOPS

SALAMAUA	Unit	Strength
	66 Inf Regt	1141
	102 Inf Regt	877
	115 Inf Regt	674
	238 Inf Regt	650
	80 Inf Regt	460
	Romnants MAMBARE Force	150
	3 Bn 21 Inf Regt	650
	1 Bn 14 Fd Arty	146
	2 Bn 14 Fd Arty	370
	3 Bn 14 Fd Arty	100
	Med Fd Arty Det	30
	51 Engr Regt (3 Coy)	200
	15 Ind Engr Coy	50
	30 Ind Engr Regt	50
		5548
	Less Casualties 18-25 Aug	314
	Less Casualties 26-31 Aug	293
	TOTAL FIELD TPS	4941
	TOTAL ALL TROOPS	~~7456~~

ENEMY ACTIVITY - NADZAB AREA.

FROM ANGAU NCO WAMPIT 25 AUG

Native agent reports that large enemy patrols visit GABMATSUNG area daily about mid-day and return towards LAE in afternoon. Patrol armed with rifles and one twin barreled MG. No interest shown in NADZAB Strip. JAP Offr on 21 Aug endeavoured to cross MARKHAM River opposite WAMPIT River but turned back. Some patrols comprise army and navy tps.

Three AA Guns (presumed 37mm) on elevated ground near HEATHS.

FROM ANGAU NCO MARKHAM DISTRICT 20 AUG

1. NGASAWAPUM natives have gone into the hills
2. JAPS have a native force (strength unknown) patrolling northern bank of river (between NARAKAPOR and GABMATSUNG)
3. There is continued JAP patrolling by day and night at present on all tracks in the NARAKAPOR - NADZAB area by small enemy forces. (this patrolling has commenced only recently)
4. An enemy patrol visited NADZAB Strip on 14 Aug - the first occasion since 5 Aug.
5. JAP tps are all new to this area

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Numerous grass fires (thought to be natives burning off) SANGAN-SASIANG Area.
9 Japs endeavoured to swim MARKHAM R opposite KIRKLANDS 25 Aug but did NOT succeed.
Following strafing attack by THUNDERBOLTS GABMATSUNG MISSION house completely destroyed by fire (28 Aug)

REPORT FROM TRUSTWORTHY NATIVE AGENT - MARKHAM RIVER 25 AUG.

Patrol of 100 JAPS proceeded towards KAIAPIT on 22 Aug. Main rd can take MT from LAE to MUNUM PLANTATION at 5I4560.
LAE - Concentration of enemy at LUTHERAN MISSION sawmill.
BITIBUM - Enemy using village - natives in bush.
MALAHANG PLANTATION - Large number of JAPS camped in coconuts - native described numbers "like leaves on tree plenty too much"
WHARF AA guns in kunai house right at wharf. Rice and drums of beans landed each night by submarine.
FROM WAMPIT FORCE. - JAPS have 4 MMGs above HEATHS in square 5949 trained on main rd. Lorry leaves HEATHS each morning at 0530 hrs for track junc 514560 - MUNUM PLANTATION. 60 JAPS seen GABNATSUNG mission (29 Aug)

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