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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 4 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 42 To 31 Dec 42

JAN 27 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HAMBOUR.	1		Normal routine carried out within H.Q.	HB
QUEENSLAND	2		4 Aust Fd Coy reverts to comd C.R.E. 3 Aust Div for trg and works.	HB
	3		Normal routine within H.Q.	HB
	4		Int Summary No 4 issued to units under comd.	APPX. I HB
	5	0900	22 Aust A.Tk Bty reverts to comd R.A.A. 3 Aust Div and 106	
			A.Tk Regt and concentrates in BELLI PARK area for regtl trg.	HB
		2000	Lecture at WOOMBIE HALL to all offr on mosquitoes and hygiene.	
	6		Normal routine.	HB
	7		Standing Orders for War - 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp issued to units under comd.	APPX II HB
	8		Trg Instn No 13 issued to units covering trg Jan 1943.	APPX III HB
	9		Op Instn No 9 issued by H.Q. 3 Aust Div, giving roles.	HB

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NAMBOUR	9 (contd)		boundaries, concentration areas, units under comd.	MB
QUEENSLAND.	10.		Un-qualified personnel proceed to ENOGGERA to complete musketry practice.	MB MB
	11.		This party undergo X-Ray examination at R.R.D. BRISBANE.	MB
	12.		Instns issued for H.Q. and Sig Exercise.	App IV MB
	13.		Instns for unit tag 10 - 19 Jan 43 issued.	APPX V
			Bde Int Summary No5 issued to units under comd.	Appx VI MB
	14.		Bde H.Q. Standing Orders for War issued.	VII
			Op Instn No 1 (4 Bde) issued.	VIII
			Precis Jungle Fighting issued.	IX MB MB
	15.		Personnel receive further inoculations.	X
	16.		4 Bde Op Instn No 1 superceded by Op Instn No 1 issued this day.	MB MB
	17.		Instn for ltrg in assault recce boats.	XI MB MB

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<p>NAMBOUR QUEENSLAND.</p>	18.		4 Bde Trg Instn No 14 issued.	Appx xii <i>MB</i>
			H. Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde move to HIDERIN area in preparation for H. Q. Comd and Sig exercise.	
		19. } 20. }	H. Q. Comd and Sig exercise conducted.	Appx xiii <i>MB</i>
		21.	Normal routine trg.	<i>MB</i>
		22.	3 Aust Div Demo Instn No 1 received.	<i>MB</i>
		23.	4 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No 6 issued. X	Appx xiv
			Addendum to trg Instn No 14 issued.	" xv <i>MB</i>
		24.	Lessons from Bde H. Q. Comd and Sig exercise issued. Demo pl from 31 U.S. Div arrived. Quartered in area.	" xvi <i>MB</i>
		25.	Xmas day. Day of rest.	<i>MB</i>
		26. } 27. }	Normal routine trg.	<i>MB</i>

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NAMBOUR	28.		Lt. Col. F. C. T. MATTHEWSON appointed to administer comd	Ref. R.O. appx xx
QUEENSLAND.			4 Bde in absence of Brig. C. S. BARBER.	
	29.		4 Bde Demo Instrn No 1 issued.	appx xvii
	30.		Instrn re 4 Bde Assault Course issued.	" xviii
	31.		4 Bde Trg Instrn No 15 issued.	" xix
			H Aust Inf Bde R.O. Part 1	" xx
			A.F.W. 3008.	" XXI
			R.F.W. 3009.	" XXII
			<i>Deaths file</i>	

H. Q. 4 AUST INF BDE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 4.COMPILED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM 0800 hrs 24 Nov 42 to 0800 hrs
3 Dec 42.PART 1.OPERATIONS.OWN(a) LAND

On the night 22/23 Nov enemy landing barges were observed off GONA but no landings were seen. The following day we engaged the Japs on the beach near GONA CK and were preparing to attack from the SOUTH and EAST. These attacks developed and by casualties were suffered on both sides but by the 24 Nov we were making steady progress. During the night 23/24 Nov a further four barges were seen off GONA. It was learned from natives that the Jap posn at GONA had been reinforced and two pieces of arty, many MMGs and LMGs had been landed. The action at GONA now became static, our advance being held by concentrated enemy MMG fire on fixed lines but we were in posn and preparing to attack the enemy L of C along the track SOPUTA - SANANANDA.

Meanwhile the action in the BUNA area was developing. The enemy were, on 31 Nov, holding GIROPA PT, BUNA MISSION and the main strip but by 22 Nov we had advanced to within one mile of BUNA, the action taking place in bad country. During the day our rt flank force secured CAPE ENDAIADERE, at the same time advances were being made along the new strip and astride the GERUA-BUNA Rd with an outflanking movement developing. Our advance continued slowly on 23 Nov, enemy counter attacks being repulsed and by casualties inflicted on the enemy. 24 Nov we attacked the enemy posns in the SANANANDA area while other forces attacked the new strip from the SOUTH, using arty support. Small advances were made.

From 24 Nov to present time action between GONA and BUNA has been confined to patrols with occasional attacks in the area of the ground strip at BUNA. Small gains of 100 to 150 yds have been made but the enemy continues to hold despite our arty and mortar fire together with continued air attacks.

When we forced the crossing of the KUMUSI R at WAIROPI the enemy used the river as a means of escape but by 28 Nov the area had been cleared of Japs, native patrols having killed ninety five of them. TIMOR:- On 23 Nov our tps were surrounded by 200 Japs and 200 natives at HATA BUILIGO (twenty four mls SOUTH of DILLI) but we fought our way out, killing fifteen of the enemy. The next day our patrols and friendly natives harassed the enemy near MAPE. The 25 Nov the Japs, with native assistance, were attempting to surround our posns at AINARO (thirty mls SOUTH of DILLI) but were repulsed by our forces. 200 hostile natives were led into a trap near MINDELO (in the MAOBISSE area) on 27 Nov. The enemy suffered by casualties, the survivors fleeing towards MAOBISSE.

SOLOMONS:- The American advance WEST of the MATANIKAU R was continuing on 24 Nov and by the 27 Nov the holding on the island had been doubled, the right flank being a considerable distance beyond POINT CRUZ (five mls WEST of HENDERSON air strip) The left flank was resting on TETERE on the coast (seven mls EAST of the airstrip). Since the 27 Nov activity has been confined to patrolling while the posns gained are being consolidated. Work is being done on new airstrips.

(b) SEA.

Following the naval battle in the SOLOMONS on 15 Nov American naval forces have kept the sea lanes around GUADACANAL closed to enemy shipping, covering the land forces and preventing any reinforcement or supply of the Japanese forces on the island. On 28 Nov Allied warships intercepted the German vessel "RAMSES", en route KOBE - GERMANY via BATAVIA. The Germans scuttled the ship approx 800 mls WEST by NORTH of SHARK BAY W.A.

(c) AIR.

In NEW GUINEA our air superiority continues to be used to give close support to land forces operating in the GONA - BUNA area which is bombed and strafed daily.

On 24 Nov our a/c attacked one lt cruiser and four destroyers in HUON GULF. Direct hits were obtained on the stern of one destroyer which burned fiercely. A second destroyer was also hit. Later our

planes attacked a group of four vessels, one of which was last seen burning off TAMI IS. All the other vessels made off northwards towards VITIAZ STRAIT.

Japanese a/c, presumably based at LAE, began supporting enemy troops on 26 Nov but our interceptor planes engaged them. In the first enemy sortie one Zero was shot down and in a second attack the Japanese lost three and possibly two other planes.

Concurrent with the attacks on the GONA-BUNA area our planes attacked LAE and SALAMAUA, destroying seven enemy planes and damaging at least eight. Five enemy destroyers were attacked off CAPE CRETIN (fifty four miles ENE of SALAMAUA) on 25 Nov. Two were hit and set on fire. Explosions were also heard.

Our aerial operations have continued in the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO. On 22 Nov attacks were made on two destroyers off NEW BRITAIN, one vessel receiving a direct hit.

KAVIENG has twice been raided.

On 29 Nov our a/c attacked four destroyers off NEW BRITAIN. One was hit several times and was last seen burning, motionless and listing badly. A second vessel was hit twice and badly damaged. It was left moving very slowly. A third was possibly hit.

In the SOLOMONS American air force has been augmented with AIRACOBRAS and a/c have been continually in support of land troops in their operations in the MATANIKAU R area. On 26 Nov an attack was made on enemy installations at MUNDA (WEST end of NEW GEORGIA). Attacks were also made on the night 25/26 Nov on BUIN causing fires on KAHILI aerodrome. A further raid was made on MUNDA on night 29/30 Nov and Japanese shipping was attacked. Five hits were scored on one vessel and ten Zeros were shot down.

It is believed that in addition to COBRAS, LIGHTNINGS are now being used on GUADALCANAL.

During the period covered by this summary twelve raids have been made on TIMOR with considerable damage to dromes, buildings, installations and fuel and amn dumps.

ENEMY.

(a) LAND.

In the NEW GUINEA area the enemy is now reduced to the defence in the GONA-BUNA area. Several attempts to reinforce the position have been prevented by our a/c but some marines were landed at GONA. His defence is proving stubborn being supported by 90 mm mortars, HMG and arty. His a/c are now also co-operating. Repeated counter attacks have been made by the enemy but repulsed on every occasion.

Enemy activity in the LAE-SALAMAUA area and the drome at LAE is being improved.

In the SOLOMONS enemy preparations are still being made in the BUIN FAISI area; natives reported troops and coolies arriving on the 24 Nov. Reports received on 26 Nov showed REKATA BAY, SANTA YSABEL, to be occupied by 3000 enemy with installations incl wireless stations and fuel dumps. Exploitation is continuing towards the Eastern side of NEW GEORGIA.

Japanese exploitation in TIMOR continues despite harassing by our ground and air forces. He seems to be mainly engaged in the construction of dromes and communications, at the same time being forced to endeavour to keep contact with British and Dutch forces also hostile natives. In encounters which have taken place he has suffered by casualties.

SEA. Enemy attempts to reinforce GONA - BUNA by the use of naval vessels have been prevented with heavy losses to the Japanese. He has, however, a considerable amount of naval and merchant shipping concentrated both in NEW BRITAIN and the SOLOMONS and further operations by these craft is to be expected.

AIR. Japanese air forces have been engaged in support of land troops in the BUNA - GONA area but with little effect. Punitive raids have also been made on GUADALCANAL but interception by American planes has proved costly to the enemy.

Six raids have been made on DARWIN and several flights of recon planes have been over the area. Slight damage has been caused. Five raids have been made on MORESBY but little damage effected.

OTHER FRONTS

44 M.E. AGEDABIA (100m SOUTH of BENGHAZI) was occupied by the Eighth Army on 23 Nov and our forces also moved into GIALO OASIS (150m SE of AGEDABIA). Since that date our advance has slowly continued; the enemy fighting a rearguard action to gain time for the reparation of defence lines in the EL AGHEILA area. Our air forces have continually harassed Axis troops and also made attacks on CRETE, SARDINIA and the DODECANESE ISLANDS.

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It is safe to assume that some delay will ensure while the British forces amass sufficient supplies to launch an attack on the bottleneck EL AGHEILA posn.

TUNISIA On 24 Nov Axis forces were entrenched in the BIZERTA - TUNIS perimeter which extended 20 or 30m from the two cities. Our advance had been slowed by the increase in Axis air support planes arriving in increasing numbers. During the day an American force drove back adv German units 24m SW of TUNIS

The struggle now developed for air-superiority-Supremacy in TUNISIA. Our forces bombed BIZERTA and GABES causing heavy damage to the enemy who retaliated with air attacks on our forces in and around ALGIERS. By 26 Nov the Axis forces had been forced to withdraw a short distance towards BIZERTA and the second prong of our attack had penetrated to within 20m of TUNIS, having driven the enemy from MEDJEZALBAB (25m from TUNIS). These actions were closely supported by Allied air forces. In the early hours of 26 Nov American planes bombed an aerodrome near TUNIS and some enemy planes on the ground were destroyed.

The following day TEREBERBA (20m from TUNIS) was occupied without opposition and our advance continued towards TUNIS. The next day Axis forces launched a counter attack in the TEREBURBA area but were repulsed.

By 29 Nov our forces had occupied MATEUR (18m from BIZERTA) and DJEDEIRDACOQ (13m from TUNIS), thus driving a wedge between the Axis forces. This reduced enemy communication to one road only between the two cities. Our air forces were repeatedly attacking enemy shipping attempting to reinforce the TUNIS - BIZERTA area but despite considerable losses the enemy has succeeded in landing some armoured troops. The next day this wedge was widened and deepened and both sides were using considerable numbers of planes. Our bombers raided BIZERTA, TUNIS, TRIPOLI, GABES and COSIMO aerodrome in SICILY.

Present reports ~~show~~ show a continuation of our advance on the TUNIS - BIZERTA defences and simultaneously a wedge is being driven between SFAK and GABES (EAST coast of TUNISIA) to prevent Axis reinforcements moving NORTH.

RUSSIA Following the withdrawal of German forces to GREECE and later of air force to TUNISIA swift forces commenced a large scale offensive. A two pronged advance was commenced from the NW and SOUTH of STALINGRAD and by 23 Nov twelve miles had been covered. The Axis forces in the STALINGRAD area were in danger of being isolated if the dual Russian advance could be backed up. On 24 Nov further advances were made and the enemy suffered heavy losses in personnel and equipment. The advance from the NW was linked up with the STALINGRAD defences. By 29 Nov the pincer movement commenced from the NW and SOUTH of STALINGRAD had been closed and Axis forces were encircled, the town of KLETSKAYA (on DON R, 60 miles WEST of STALINGRAD) being captured. Simultaneously an advance was commenced in the central sector where the German front at RJEV was pierced in three places.

In the CAUCASUS area some gains were made SE of NALCHIK and engagements were being fought NE of TUAPSE.

On 1 Dec the Axis base at RJEV had been surrounded and Soviet armoured forces pushed on to attack the VIAZMA- SMOLENSK Rly. German defences in this area are considerable and a lessening of the rate of Soviet advance must now be expected.

In the STALINGRAD area the Russians are continuing their advance towards ROSTOV.

(Collated from newspaper reports and the BBC news).

PART 11

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AIR: Estimate of enemy land based aircraft strength - 24/11/42:-

Areas	F.	B.	F/B	F/P	Trans & Oban A/C	Total
x NEW BRITAIN)	44	62	12	13	9	140
NEW IRELAND)						
NEW GUINEA	30	15	-	-	-	45
x SOLOMONS	47	10	8	12	-	77
TIMOR	16	12	-	3	4	35
CELEBES AREAS	18	27	4	19	6	74
	155	126	24	47	19	371

x Reinforcement proceeding.

Enemy Casualties: Estimate of Japanese aircraft casualties in all theatres resulting from Allied operations from 16 to 23 Nov, inclusive:-

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
SOLOMONS	26	3	-
INDIA	1	-	1
SWPA	23	16	4
	<u>50</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>
Previously estimated to 19/11/42	2839	494	546
	<u>2889</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>550</u>

A dissection of a/c casualties by types in the SWPA is set out hereunder:-

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Fighter	321	147	131
Bomber	153	41	91
Recon a/c	29	4	14
U/1	71	22	31
	<u>574</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>267</u>

7. TACTICS: AIR:

Flame Throwers against aircraft: The following information reproduced from AAF Intelligence Summary No 53 is of interest, in view of the fact that the Japanese have been employing flame throwers, although no instances of their use against our aircraft have been reported to date.

"The Russian Newspaper "Red Star" recently published an article stating that the Germans have been using flame throwers against Stormovik bombers, apparently in an attempt to affect the morale of the pilots. These flame throwers produce columns of fire 160 to 230 feet high, but they have so far been unsuccessful in inflicting any losses on the Russian Air Force.

"This information can be linked with a report by a British pilot, operating over DIEPPE on the 19 Aug, who stated that he witnessed a long sheet of flame about 500 feet coming from the front of the town of DIEPPE. This flame was suddenly extinguished and gave the impression that flame throwers were being used."

PART 1V

OTHER FRONTS:- See Part 1.

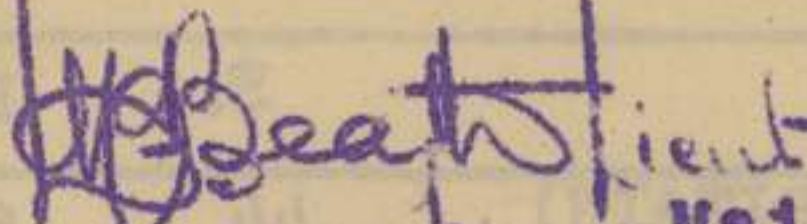
PART V

SECURITY.

Information: Recent checks at camps disclose that guards rarely challenge the entry of anyone in uniform. When queried by FSS personnel one reply was "a man in uniform is OK". Again when FSS personnel say "FSS" any information is given without request for credentials. Guards must be instructed that all persons authorised to enter any camp will carry an appropriate authority to enter. FSS and Provost will carry a special pass, and this will be checked to guard against imposition by persons posing as FSS or Provost.

Cases are being reported of incorrect information regarding casualties being given by troops either on their return from forward areas or per medium of codes in letters and by parcels post from operational areas. In some instances private notification of the death of a soldier has been received by relatives in circumstances resulting in extreme shock and distress. This information preceded the official notification and in many cases the information regarding casualties which they consider is not known has proved to be incorrect. If troops have information regarding casualties which they consider is not known, this information should be passed immediately to the Adjutant of units or to the "A" Branch representative of formations.

Censorship: Censorship reveals widespread complaints from various areas that troops mail is being held up at units while awaiting franking. This is having an adverse effect on morale and tends to encourage use of civil post boxes.


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APPENDIX

TO H. Q. 4 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.

H
ACOLDS TO THE MARKAM VALLEY FROM THE SOUTH.

1. Air Communications:

There are many landing grounds in the area, some of which provide opportunity for extension to operational dimensions. In many parts the flat open nature of the country would permit of preparation with comparatively little labor.

Main aerodromes and landing grounds, from north to south, are as follows:-

- (a) MALAHANG - Runway 600 yards by 90 yds, running NW-SE. Recent extension is probable.
- (b) LAE - Runway 1500 yards by 50 yards, running NW-SE. Used as operational aerodrome by the Japanese. Recent extension probable.
- (c) SALAMAUA - Runway 1250 yards by 35 yards, running NE-SW. Used as operational aerodrome by Japanese. Recent extension probable.
- (d) MUBO - A small single strip 300 yards by 57 yards, not possible to extend. Has been used only twice, once disastrously.
- (e) EWARI INLET - Suitable for seaplane base. Considerable sheet of water approx 2 miles long, 6 to 8 feet deep, mud bottom, no snags, sides carrying much overhanging vegetation, giving cover from air and land. Practically land locked from the north, giving cover from sea.
- (f) DONA $\frac{1}{2}$ Runway was previously 800 yards long, but landslide in hill in Jan 42 caused considerable shortening. AAF reported in Jul that this strip had been made permanently unserviceable.
- (g) There is much flat grassed country in the vicinity of DONA particularly just south of KOBO, also between ZAKA Mission and the mouth of the WARIA, and along the left bank as far as TSIU. Further, there is a considerable area of flat firm land at PAI-AWA.
- (h) ONO - Runway 600 yards by 60 yards, running WNW-ESE, falling 1 in 20 towards east. Could be extended to take all types of aircraft by cutting grass.
- (i) JUNI - Runway 525 yards by 75 yards, running NE-SW. Surrounded by kunai river flats.
- (j) GARAINA - Runway 800 yards by 75 yards, running NW - SE. Could be extended to two miles in any direction by cutting grass. Usable in all weather.
- (k) PANCAKE - Runway 475 yards by 55 yards, running NW- SE. Not possible to extend, unsuitable for forced landings owing to dead air pocket.
- (l) IOMA - Runway at least 700 yards long. Has been used by tri-motored planes, but classed only as Emergency Landing Ground. There is no evidence of use by Japanese.
- (m) HUNA - Main runway 1300 yards by 90 yards, running NW-SE. The Japanese have constructed a new E-W strip 570 yards by 60 yards, evidently not yet in use.
- (n) YODDA - Runway 700 yards by 50 yards, running NE-SW. Use of aerodrome not advisable after midday because of cross currents. Usable in all weathers.
- (o) KOKODA - Runway 940 yards by 88 yards, running N-S. Timber is cleared for considerable distance at each end, and for at least a chain on each side. Usable in all weathers.
- (p) Grassland areas suitable for establishment as landing grounds exist at DOBODURA, KAKANDETTA, and DIVINI-KOARI.

There are landing grounds also at BULOWAT, HULOLO, BULWA, BULLDOG, GABENZIS, MARILINAN, NARAKAPOR, NADZAB, SURPRISE CREEK, SUNSHINE, WAMPIT, WAU (recently improved) and ZENAG.

2. Land Communications:

There is a well travelled route leading from KOKODA to the MARKHAM river, a similarly much used coastal route from BUNA to the MARKHAM involving the use of canoes in the northern part, and also access to the MARKHAM from the GULF of PAPUA by way of the LAKEKAMU and TAURI Rivers.

Between the coast and these main northerly routes there are numerous lateral tracks.

Main northerly and lateral routes are as follows:-

ROUTE KOKODA - NADZAB (on MARKHAM R.)

KOKODA - KUAMA - distance 65 - 70 miles - 7 days' walking. First and second days, KOKODA to KARUKARU; over flatish alluvial country and small hills, passing through YODDA mining settlement which is only eight miles from KOKODA (Strat map incorrect).

Third day, KARUKARU to BURI; fairly easy going over country gradually becoming flatter.

Fourth day, BURI to UAIU; generally descending fast, passes through KARAMA vegetation changes from grass and secondary growth to heavy forest.

Fifth day, UAIU to TOWEDA; along right bank of CHIRIMA, through very rough country.

Sixth day, TOWEDA (YONGAIA village) to GARIMA; over ridges, crossing improvised bridges, with steep ascent to GARIMA.

Seventh day, GARIMA to KUAMA; steep descent from GARIMA rest house, then rugged country, cross CHIRIMA with steep ascent, then more rough country to KUAMA.

KUAMA to GOILALA (MT CHAMBERLAIN) - Two days' walking (native report). Track traverses high country throughout and crosses several tributaries of the upper GIUMU River.

GOILALA to GARAINA - distance 50-55 miles. Steep country for first day to MIRI. Open grassy country with occasional patches of scrub, along the western side of AIBALA Valley on second day, to PONI. Thereafter, native reports state, a range with grassland plateau on top, at an altitude of 7000 feet, is crossed, down to the head of the BUBU River. There is also a good side-cut track down to the BUBU River.

GARAINA to WAU - six days' walking.

First day, GARAINA to BAPI; open grass flats, passing ONO and crossing ONO River at TIMANAGOSA.

Second day, BAPI to HUSUI; grass country with a few patches of timber, along south side of WARIA River.

Third day, HUSUI to NAGO; steep grass ridges, then heavily timbered country rising to 9000 feet about the head of the WARIA, then down into BIARU Valley.

Fourth and fifth days, NAGO to WURI WURI; along BIARU Valley then up through rain forest at 8000 feet altitude; wild rough country with no native population, then down through heavy timber, followed by steep grassy ridges down into HULOLO Valley.

Sixth day, WURI WURI to WAU; good track through KAISINIK village, down BULOLO River crossing it over wire bridge, thence along motor road to WAU.

WAU to NADZAB-- distance 36 hours walking.

First stage, WAU to SUNSHINE; good motor road, but frequent landslides, with fair amount of cover available; road passes through BULOLO and BULWA.

Second stage, SUNSHINE to ZENAG; good mule track through open kunai country, crossing several streams.

Third stage ZENAG to WAMPIT; mule track over steep country for three miles rising to 3700 feet at PATEP, then down grade through mixed timber and grass, crossing several streams, through TIMUI to WAMPIT.

Fourth stage, WAMPIT to NADZAB; good track but boggy in wet weather, through BANKORA and BOBS; through heavy grass with a few patches near WAMPIT. The MARKHAM River is crossed by canoe.

There are two routes from the west coast linking up with Route No. 1. One, suitable for mule traffic, runs from HALL SOUND and joins Route No. 1 (ZEM-~~MEMEK~~-) JUST SOUTH OF MT CHAMBERLAIN. The other leads from REDSCAR BAY through KANOSIA to join ROUTE No. 1 at KUAMA. The last 20 miles provide difficult going over high mountains.

ROUTE NO. 2. KOKODA- NADZAB.

There is another approach from KOKODA to NADZAB by way of WASIDA, HORATA, OINTATANDI, KORISATA, PETAKAIARI, IOMA, TAKINUMU, SIDEMA, ASSAMA, and PEILAA JOINING Route A at GARAINA. In the main this route traverses open grass and light forest country, with several canoe crossings over streams.

ROUTE NO. 3. GULF OF PAPUA to NADZAB.

Access to WAU, thence to the MARKHAM Valley from the GULF OF PAPUA may be obtained by way of the LAKEKAMU River and HULLDOG. The trip involves 90 miles by launch up the river to HULLDOG, thence 55 - 60 miles overland to WAU.

Launches up to 3'6" draught can proceed to HULLDOG, the trip occupying a minimum of two days. On the overland section jeeps could be used in parts and mules in most parts. The route lies chiefly over fairly flat land covered with grass or timber, with one range 8500 feet high to be crossed. The overland portion occupies seven days, the track passing through DEAD CHINAMAN, MIDDLE CAMP, WATERBUNG, DRYWATER, KUDJERU and WINIMA.

ROUTE GULF OF PAPUA TO NADZAB

Further access to the MARKHAM from the south coast lies up the TAURI River to the Government Depot, thence following the river fairly closely NW and north, through MENYAMA, ODD EFAPAN and down the WATUT River to the MARKHAM.

The launch journey from the mouth of the TAURI to the Government Depot takes two or three days, thence it is a "several weeks" trip to MENYAMA. Details of this part of the route are not available. From MENYAMA to MARILINAN the track is mostly over open grass with patches of timber for a distance of 50 miles, with elevations up to 6000 feet. The track from MARILINAN to MARI (on the MARKHAM) provides generally good going, with some swamp country over the last few miles.

ROUTE BUNA to MARKHAM RIVER.

A coastal track which provides good going throughout for foot traffic, exists from BUNA to ANOA, thence by canoe to DUALI (on NASSAU BAY), and along a lateral track from DUALI through SALAMAUA to the MARKHAM. There are several canoe crossings necessary over the mouths of rivers.

SALAMAUA can be by-passed by making use of the MAI-AMA-GARAINA route (No. 6) PAI-AWA-BAPI (No. 7) SIPOMA-BAPI (No. 6) or the BITOI track, thence using the WARIA and the BULOLO Valley route (No. 1) to NADZAB or MARKHAM POINT.

The coastal track, which follows the sea closely throughout, ends at ANOA, whereafter there is no coastal route except by sea as far as DUALI. Walking conditions are easy.

LATERAL ROUTES.

ROUTE SIPOMA to BAPI (UPPER WARIA).

Distance 5 to 7 days. This is a native track only, used for hunting and trading. It passes through rugged bush country rising to elevations of 7000 feet in BOWUTU RANGE; mountainous all the way; uninhabited in central portion. This track was made during the time of German occupation, and it has not been used since except by the natives. As a result it has now become overgrown, but could be cleared again fairly easily.

ROUTE PAI-AWA to BAPI.

Distance 4½ days. An old, little used track passing over hard, rough country. There are no natives nor camps in the country traversed.

ROUTE MAI-AMA to GARAINA.

Distance 7 days. A very rough track used only by the natives. There are no natives nor camps in the area. The track passes through a saddle in the BOWUTU RANGE near the source of the ORIPA RIVER.

ROUTE MOROBE to PANCAKE AERODROME.

Distance 4 days. The track, which provides reasonably good going throughout, passes through ZARA, PEMA, GOBI, OPUPURO and ARO. Food is generally plentiful along the route.

ROUTE MOROBE to WAU.

Distance 11 days. This track passes from MO through ANNA, TIWA, ARU, GARAINA, BAPI, BUSUI, NAGO, WURI WURI to WAU. It provides good going for pedestrians.

ROUTE MOROBE to IOMA.

This track passes over much rough country which is suitable only for foot traffic even in dry weather. There are many steep grades, some of which are too steep for mules. The track passes through ZAPA ("SAPPA" on Strat Map), crossing the WARIA RIVER, WOWO Creek, WUWU River, EIA River, the GIRA at WADI, through GINEMAI, along the left bank of the MAMBARE, and then up TAMATA Creek to IOMA.

ROUTE WASIDA - IOMA - MAMBARE BEACH.

This track leaves the HUNA - KOKODA road near WASIDA Rest House and over easy country passes through OINTATANDI, KORISATA, to PETAKAIARI (OPI River). Thereafter there is rough broken country with some patches of bad swamp through GAIARI, over MT GREEN, which is precipitous, then over hilly country (forest) to the MAMBARE River. The GIRA River is crossed at WADI and follows downstream to AINSI whence the track leads over thick undulating forest country to MANAU, thence down the coast to DUVIRA.

ROUTE SANANANDA to WAIROPI.

Prior to Japanese occupation a fair motor road ran from SANANANDA through POPONDETTA to ANDEMBA, crossing the track from HUNA to KOKODA. Since the Japanese acquired KOKODA, however, it is understood that the MT road has been expanded to WAIROPI. This road presents no difficulties except in wet weather.

ROUTE HUNA to IOMA.

This route follows the HUNA - KOKODA track for 13 miles, then turns off through ANORA, OMBA, HAMBURATA (from which a bad track leads to GONA), then over grass areas and heavy forest patches through HAUGATA, KUKUMBATA, GIRIGIRITA, SAGERI, and OROSUSU, joining the WASIDA - IOMA track just below OINTATANDI.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

CHAPTER 1

EXECUTIVE

APPLICA-
TION.

1. These standing orders shall apply to the following :-

- H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp
- incl J Sec Sigs 3 Div, 264 L.A.D.
- 22 Aust Inf Bn
- 29/46 Aust Inf Bn
- 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
- All attached Tps under Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde

2. These orders are issued to control procedure, and action during operations, or manoeuvres, and, whenever practicable, shall also be observed under present conditions.

OBJECT

3. The object of these STANDING ORDERS is to ensure :-

- (a) To obviate the constant repetition in O.O's of items of normal procedure.
- (b) That the Bde, as a whole shall function efficiently in the field, at all times, and under all conditions.
- (c) To obtain smooth, accurate and uninterrupted working of the Bde Gp.
- (d) Prompt and appropriate action in an emergency.
- (e) Rapid and orderly movement.

PROMUL-
GATION &
REVISION

4(a) These STANDING ORDERS are issued for the Bde Comd by the B.M., who will be responsible for this promulgation, revision, and amendment.

(b) Comds of units are responsible that these orders are promulgated as far as necessary, and understood by the necessary personnel in their Comds.

RESPONS-
IBILITY

5. Copies of these orders shall be treated as security documents. Holders of copies will be held responsible on leaving his Unit, for the return of his copy to the B.M.

CHAPTER II

SECURITY

INFEM

6. All ranks will exercise constant care to prevent leakage of infem through indiscreet conversation in public places or in the presence of strangers whether in uniform or not, on topics directly or indirectly connected with operations. Disclosures, even amongst relatives and friends, while on leave, of locations or of impending movements of themselves or their units, is forbidden.

MARKED
MAPS ETC

7. Orders, Official documents, and marked maps will not be carried into action except such as are indispensable to the operation in hand. Any such papers or maps taken into action will be destroyed, and any markings on talc coverings to maps rubbed out; when there is any risk of capture.

Same applies to any private papers which may give indications of the identity or location of the Unit, or of the state of internal morale.

8. All diaries will be collected and envelopes and old letters will be destroyed before entering the battle zone. Envelopes of mail received while in battle zone will be destroyed by all ranks after distribution of mail.

SECRET,
ETC, DOC-
UMENTS.

9. Secret and confidential papers, marked maps, etc., will be made the personal responsibility of the Offr holding them,

Such papers must, at all times, be kept under lock and key, or in a suitably guarded office.

In the field, security boxes will be securely fastened to an immovable object.

Those in charge of offices will ensure that all drafts of orders, stencils, waste paper etc., are destroyed by burning.

CAMERAS

10. Cameras will NOT be taken into the fd, except that one camera may be retained in each unit to assist in compilation of official records.

INSTN IN
SECURITY
MEASURES

11. All ranks will be instructed in the security measures contained in F.S.P.B. Pam 3 Secs 16-18, and notes on the LAWS and USAGES of WAR for the Guidance of Soldiers 1941.

SECURITY
OFFR

12. In every unit H.Q. one Offr, not the I.O. will be detailed as the Security Offr. This Offr will be responsible for imparting, and explaining to all ranks their share in the security work of their unit, and their responsibilities in relation to the rest of the armed forces.

At Bde H.Q. these duties will be performed by the B.M. (L).

RECOGNIT-
ION OF
FORCES

13. Offrs will ensure that all ranks under their Comd are thoroughly familiar with the appearance of Allied, and enemy uniforms, flags, weapons, A.F.V's and Aircraft.

14. RESERVED

15. RESERVED

CHAPTER III

COMMAND AND CONTROL

BATTLE
PROCED-
URE

16. The following terms will be used throughout the Bde :-

R Gp. - Comds Gp.

O Gp. - Subordinate Comds and Staffs

F Gp. - The fighting body of the Units.

T Gp. - Tpt not required with F Gp.

COMPOS-
ITION
BDE R GP.

17. The composition of the Bde Gp Comds "R" Gp will normally be, as follows :-

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TPT</u>
Bde Comd } I.O. or B.M. } Bde Sig Offr }	Cars Utility 6 Str
2 M/C Orderlies	M/C
Arty Comd } Adjnt }	Vans B.S.
M/C Orderlies	M/C
A/Tk Comd } M/C Orderly }	Vans B.S. M/C
Engr Comd } M/C Orderly }	M/C M/C
C.O. Fd Amb	Car D.S.

BDE COMDS 18. The composition of the Bde Gp Comds "O" Gp will normally consist of :-
"O" GP

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TPT</u>
Bn Comds I.O. or Adjnt	Car D.S.
Sig Offr	M/C
M/C Orderly	M/C

BN COMDS 19. (a) The normal composition of the Bn Comds R Gp will be :-
"R" GP

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TPT</u>
C.O. and I.O. or Adjnt	Car D.S.
Sig Offr	M/C
Comds of Supporting Arms as reqd	Own Tpt
M/C Orderlies	M/C

(b) When verbal orders are given, any offrns not required, orderlies, and drs will remain out of hearing under cover. In addition, steps will be taken by this personnel to ensure that orders, are rendered without interruption, and free from gnd attack.

(c) When the Bde Comd calls for Bn R Gps, Bn Comds may order their O Gp to a selected R.V., but must not allow them fwd to the Bde R.V. unless they are specially called for.

(d) When R & O Gps are called for to recce a new position in a withdrawal, units and sub-units which are in action will NOT send Comds - but their representatives. It will also generally be advisable to send larger parties than normally to cover guides.

MARKING 20. Each H.Q. in the Bde Gp will be marked by distinguishing signs displaying unit serial Nos, if possible illuminated by night.
OF H.Q. These signs will be so displayed that visitors may find the H.Q. concerned with the least possible delay.
Spare signs will be available to go fwd with the party that establishes a new H.Q.

TRAFFIC - 21. (a) No vehicles (except those connected with Bde
BDE H.Q. H.Q.) will approach within 200 yards of Bde H.Q. unless adequate cover exists for their concealment from gnd, and air, and allowed to do so by Pro personnel on duty. .. car park will always be available.

(b) Orderlies will observe strict track discipline, and use only those tracks defined by the C.S.M., and will keep under cover whilst in the vicinity of Bde H.Q.

MOVES OF H.Q.

22. The following points will be observed by Units of the Bde Gp :-
- (a) Immediately after a move, report exact posn of H.Q. to Bde, by the quickest and most secure means.
 - (b) Will each send two orderlies, M/C or foot, according to the distance at which the H.Q. is situated to Bde H.Q. Orderlies must know exact location of own H.Q. and the best covered approach to it. One orderly will be sent back to the Unit and one retained.
 - (c) When a posn of a subordinate H.Q. is laid down in orders, it may be moved a short distance away, provided arrangements are made to redirect orderlies, visitors, etc., to the new posn.
 - (d) When a H.Q. moves without giving at least one hour's notice to the next higher H.Q., an orderly will be left for a time at the old location to redirect D/Rs etc.

GUIDES AT UNIT H.Q.

23. An orderly who knows where to find Offrs of Bn H.Q. and Coy locations will be on duty at Bn H.Q. day and night.

PERSONNEL ON DUTY & AT REST

24. Duty rosters will be kept at all H.Q. of the Bde Gp to allow adequate periods of rest for both Offrs and O.R's. It must be a strict rule that Offrs and M.C.O's who are resting are not to be disturbed except in the case of emergency.

25. RESERVED

26. RESERVED.

CHAPTER IV

INTERCOMM

DELIVERY OF MESSAGES

27. All ranks must assist orderlies or D.R's to find the H.Q. or individual Offr to whom their message is to be delivered.

When a H.Q. is on the move, Sig Office veh will carry a signal flag, but in such a posn as it will not be readily recognised from the air.

28. Before returning to his own H.Q. an orderly or D.R. will always ask if there is any message to take back but will not be held for an unreasonable length of time for this purpose.

29. Orderlies with messages for individual Offrs engaged in conversation with other Offr of Offrs will not wait until conclusion of conversation to deliver messages, but will say loudly "Message for"

REPORTING TO SIG OFFICE

30. Immediately on arrival (or prior to departure) units will report their location immediately to the nearest Sig Office, in order that messages, etc, may be delivered to them with the greatest expedition. The Sig Office concerned will relay this infm to the Sig Office of the next higher formation.

TELEPHONE
CONVER-
SATION

31. (a) DANGER ZONE
Zone up to 3000 yds from the enemy will be considered as such, as within that distance, interception of phone conversations is possible. Tapping in by the enemy is also possible outside that distance, with a consequent lack of security.
- (b) The R/T and Appointments codes will be used in all conversations by telephone within the DANGER ZONE and code names or call signs used according to whether the conversation is in front of or behind Bn H.Q.
- (c) The no of conversations held from within to outside the DANGER ZONE and vice versa, must be minimised at all times.
- (d) Length of conversations will be limited, and only official business will be discussed. Any references that must be looked up will not provide an excuse for holding a line, and a further call will need to be made.
- (e) A pad, with carbons and pencils will be kept near each phone and a record of all conversations will be made showing T.O.O., speaker, subject, and decisions made.
These records will be handled the same way as messages, but endorsed "Telephone Conversation". Situation maps wherever possible will be kept at each phone.
- (f) Telephone conversations should not be used when the same results can be obtained by the use of the message form, or letter fwdcd, by the Army Postal Service. The time factor will be fully considered in making the decision in this matter. As far as possible, phone lines during operations will be kept clear for "Q" use.

R/T CONVER-
SATIONS

32. (a) All R/T conversations are liable to enemy interception, and the R/T Code will always therefore be used. Only the words contained in the R/T Code lists will be used. Offrs authorised to use R/T within the Bde will be notified as required.
- (b) The appointments Code and Map Ref Code will always be used.
- (c) The procedure for R/T conversations will be as laid down in Sig Trg Pam V part 1 (a) Aust Pt III
- (d) The attention of all Staff Offrs is drawn to Sec 33 and 34 of the Pam mentioned in 28 (c).
- (e) R/T Code is prepared and issued by H.Q. 3 Aust Div, from time to time as conditions warrant. They will be carried in special folder to be provided.

APPOINT-
MENTS
CODE

33. (a) An appointments code is issued and changed as necessary by higher formation.
- (b) The appointments to which code words apply are
1. Comd.
 2. G.S., B.M., S.C., or Q.M.
 3. AQ Staff, S.C. or Q.M.
 4. "I"
 5. Sigs.
- (c) This code will normally be used only for R/T, but must be used for L/T when within the "Danger Zone".

MAP REF CODE

- 34. (a) Map ref code as laid down in Manual of Direct Air Support, June 1942, Appx J will be used over all signal channels within the Danger Zone or whenever interception by the enemy is possible.
- (b) This code will be changed at irregular intervals upon notification from Div H.Q.

COMPROMISATION OF CODES

- 35. In the event of a copy of any code being lost or compromised in any way, Div H.Q. will be notified by immediate secret message.

ADDRESS OF COMMS

- 36. When Ops are in progress, and an operational H.Q. established, all comms dealing with the action will be forwarded to Ops H.Q.. All others to Bde H.Q.

SPECIAL D.R's

- 37. Special D.R's within the Bde Gp will be ordered only by the Comd and the B.M., . The message form will be marked S.D.R. and will be signed by the Officer concerned. Sigs will inform all other branches of Bde H.Q. of the destination, and time of start of the S.D.R. so that other messages may go at the same time.

MULTIPLE ADDRESSES

- 38. (a) Units will prepare and post a copy in a convenient position for reference by all staff Offrs and clerks, an order of battle of the Bde Gp. This should be consulted when issuing messages to ensure that no Unit of the Group who is vitally interested in the information is omitted in the address to.

(b) If there are a number of copies of a message to be dealt with, the originating offr will inform Sigs as to the priority and urgency of despatch.

(c) Originators will take particular care that recipients understand to whom a message is addressed for action, and to whom for information only. The originator will write the word "Rptd" before the first address of the latter category. In every case, the Unit or formation by whom action is required should be stated.

CALLSIGNS AND CODE

- 39. Call signs and code names will be used in accordance with current instructions.

NAMES FRANKING OF MESSAGES.

- 40. Officers are authorised as follows :-

(a) "Immediate" - Authority to demand a S.D.R. and to make Priority telephone calls. Bde Comd and B.M.

(b) "Immediate" and Priority telephone calls (WITHIN the Bde) - as in (a) above. Unit Commanders and Bde and Unit Staff Offrs.

(c) "Important" - as in (a) and (b) above, and Signal Offrs.

If unauthorised Offrs should initiate messages franked as above, signals will accept the message, but will report to the Bde Comd.

USE OF CIVIL COMMS

- 41. Civil lines, Offices, and Exchanges, will not be used without the authority of the C.S.O., through C.O.Sigs except when vital communications would be delayed by reference through this chain of Comd. Such urgent use of the Civil system will be reported without delay.

DAILY TIME SIGNALS

- 42. When Units and Bde are in telephonic comm, the Bde Sig Offr will synchronize time with Units at 0700 and 1900 hrs daily. Any unit which has not received the time signal will send an orderly to Bde H.Q. to

synchronise watches at 0830 hrs daily. Units will also be responsible for synchronisation of time immediately before an operation in addition to the daily time signals.

S.O.S.
SIGNALS

431 Unless orders are issued to the contrary, the S.O.S. signal may be put up on the authority of a Coy Comd. It will, however, be used only when enemy tanks or infantry are advancing to the attack. The S.O.S. signal will be answered by all weapons on fixed lines, the fire of which falls in the area in which the signal has gone up.

44. RATES OF FIRE

In the absence of specific order, the following rates of fire will apply :-

- (a) LMG's - One minute "rapid", three minutes "normal" (repeating according to circumstances)
- (b) M.G.'s - Two minutes "rapid", three minutes "normal" (repeating according to circumstances)
- (c) MORTARS - Five rounds H.E. per minute for three minutes. (if amm allows)
- (d) ARTY - Three minutes "intense"

45. PRIORITY OF TASKS

Where more than one defensive fire tasks are given, care must be taken to define priority of tasks.

46. RESERVED

47. RESERVED

CHAPTER V

MOVEMENT BY ROAD

48. UNITS TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF H.Q. FOR MOVES

Unless otherwise notified, when movement orders are issued, Bde H.Q. will be considered to include:-

- (a) Bde H.Q.
Cipher personnel
Sig section
L.A.D.
Det Postal Unit.
- (b) Sigs sections and L.A.D's normally attached to a Unit will be considered to be included in that Unit.

MARCH
DISCIPLINE

49. The term "march discipline" includes everything that affects the efficiency of men and vehs during a move, e.g., arrangements for food and water, maintenance of vehs, strict observance of correct formations, speeds and densities, and many similar details. It is the duty of every offr and man at all times to ensure that the highest possible standard of march discipline is maintained.

MAINTEN-
ANCE OF
VEHICLES

50. It is the responsibility of each C.O. to maintain his vehicles at their highest state of efficiency. Periodical inspections will be undertaken to see that this is carried out. At all authorised halts, drivers will undertake some maintenance to their vehs.

Similarly, Offrs and NCO's in charge of vehs on

independent missions, will ensure that drivers carry out maintenance at each stop of a longer period than five mins.

SPEED &
DENSITY

51. (a) Unless otherwise ordered, convoy moves will be carried out at speeds and densities as hereunder :-

By Day - Speed 15 m.i.h. Density 15 v.t.m.

By Night - Speed 15 m.i.h. Density 40 v.t.m. -

but if bombing is anticipated, not above 15 v.t.m.

(b) Drs will be impressed with their responsibilities at all times. Their duties in convoy work will be stressed, particularly :-

(i) The observance of the maximum speed for catching up any unauthorised gaps. These speeds will be defined in the March Table.

(ii) The absolute necessity for keeping the necessary distance from the veh in front.

ADVANCE
PARTIES

52. Whenever possible an advance party will proceed at least one hour ahead of the convoy. This party will be responsible for warning areas, etc, of the movement of the convoy.

BLOCKS OR
GROUPS

53. Vehs will normally move in sub-unit blocks or in groups. The number of vehs in any group will not exceed 30, and there will be at least 300 yds between each group or block of vehs. It is suggested that groups be made in unit convoys of Coys of 12 to 14 vehs ^{or} equivalent to facilitate ease of control within a block.

To assist guides and traffic control, the leading veh of each UNIT column will carry a Blue Flag, and the rear-most veh of the UNIT column will carry a Green flag. Unit Report Centre vehs will carry a Blue and White Sig flags.

OVERTAKING
CONVOY

54. A convoy will not overtake another convoy except under special circumstances and only then after liaison has been effected between the respective convoy Comds.

CONVOYS
HALTED

55. Convoys halted on a road will post personnel at the head and tail. These personnel will be instructed to direct traffic past the convoy.

DISTRIBUTION OF
OFFRS

56. Offrs will be distributed throughout the column, not more than one Offr per veh when possible. Offrs will also, where possible, be mounted on M/C to maintain strict march discipline.

TRAFFIC
BLOCKS

57. At all halts, Offrs will dismount. When a traffic block occurs, all Offrs will dismount and immediately take steps to clear the stoppage.

CONCEAL-
MENT &
DISPERS-
ION

58. Every effort will be made when vehs are halted or in bivouac areas, to put them under cover, and keep them well dispersed. When a halt is likely to be of some duration, say more than 30 mins, camflg nets will be used.

TOOLS

59. Every veh will carry a pick, a shovel, and an axe.

HEADLIGHTS

60. Unless forbidden by Div or Bde H. for reasons of security, all vehs on the move at night behind every Bn H. will use at least parking or side lights. Behind every Bde H. blackout headlights will be used. Lights will be turned off only when halted or when being attacked from ground or air. Columns halted, but not being attacked will show lights on lead-

ing and rear vehs. Care must be taken that when entering R.I., H.Q., dispersal areas, etc., lights are extinguished in order that location of these targets is not disclosed to enemy observers.

INSTRUCT-
IONS TO
DRS

61. The destination, route, speed, and density for a move will be explained to every dr before the commencement of the march. Route Cards giving the names of towns and villages and approximate distances between them will be prepared and issued to DRS prior to the move.

AIR
SENTRIES

62. Sentries to give immediate warning of air attack will be detailed before the commencement of every march and a constant watch will be maintained. Offrs in charge of blocks will ensure that air sentries concentrate on their tasks.

CORRECT
SPEED &
DISTANCES

63. Leading drs in every group are responsible for maintaining a steady cruising speed and following drs for keeping the correct distances. Offrs in charge of groups will maintain constant supervision of this.

OFFR OR
NCO IN
CHARGE OF
VEH

64. An Offr or NCO or O.R. in charge of the veh will sit beside the dr, watch the veh in front and assist in maintaining the correct distance. He will also watch for traffic direction signs along the route. Relief dr should travel inside the veh in order to get as much rest as possible. Correct distances MUST be kept, and on no account must vehs at halts be closed to distances less than the minimum ordered. Minor errors in density or cruising speed will be adjusted gradually and NOT suddenly. It is the responsibility of all ranks to see that vehs are halted at times specified in March Tables, and move on again at times ordered. Gaps will NOT be closed up during these halts.

PASS
SIGNS

65. DRS who have fallen out of a column en route, should not attempt to regain their positions, except during halts. A veh which cannot proceed with the column will immediately display the PASS signal. This should be painted on the rear of the unit identification sign. If this signal is not readily visible to the dr of the veh in the rear, a man will at once be dismounted from the broken down veh and will move towards the veh in rear and signal it to PASS. He will continue to carry out this duty until relieved.

DUTIES OF
O.C. GROUP

66. His responsibilities are :-

- (a) Ensure that group follows the correct route.
- (b) Order deviations if necessary, taking care that such deviations will not cross the route of any other formation or Unit.
- (c) Regulation of the cruising speed to maintain the speed ordered.
- (d) March discipline within his group.
- (e) Will usually ride in the leading veh of this group, such veh to be one of the slowest in the group itself.
- (f) He will be responsible in the event of a slow down in cruising speed of the convoy due to a steep gradient, twisty road, defile, etc., that all vehs of the coln will maintain a reduced speed until the last veh of his group has past through the cause of the slowing down of the convoy, and will then increase to normal cruising speed gradually to obviate any "concertina" effect in his group.

CONTROL
OF CONVOYS

67. In the absence of control organised by higher authority, each group is responsible for its own traffic

control. This is best effected by sending M/C orderlies ahead to act as point duty men. The orderly will remain at the point until the last veh of the gp has passed, and then reports to the head of the gp. As per para 66 (e) the Gp Comd will ride in the leading veh and another offr in the rear veh. Offrs mounted on M/C should be detailed to patrol the coln.

ROAD OB-
STRUCTIONS

68. When time permits, a recce will be made and diversions which can be used if a rd block occurs -- marked. Care must be taken that diversions do NOT interfere with neighboring colns. Wherever possible, towns and places liable to create a blockage, should be bypassed, and information incl on traffic maps indicating diversions. Whenever any Comd, however junior, is confronted with a block, or when congestion is caused by a block, he will take immediate action to clear the block or find a way round it. He will immediately report the matter to the leading veh of the traffic, which is still on the far side of the next diversion in rear. He should station a guide or M/C orderly at the diversion to divert traffic along it. When the obstruction is removed or repaired, vehs blocked between obstruction and the next diversion in rear will be allowed to proceed along the main route and the diversion closed when the last veh of the gp proceeding along it has passed through. The move of the blocked vehs and the remainder of the coln will be so timed that it will join the end of the last group to proceed through the diversion. No attempt will be made by the blocked vehs to re-join their place in the coln unless so ordered by the Comd in charge of the move.

NIGHT
MOVEMENT

69. If light restrictions are ordered, no naked lights will be shown and there will be no smoking. Torches, dashboard and interior lights in vehs will be screened. At halts only, shaded side lights of leading vehs and tail lights of rear vehs will be left on. At night, traffic guides will be provided, with Blue lights and drs will be instructed what traffic control signals are to be used. As night driving without lights is very fatiguing, frequent reliefs of drivers must be organised. At all halts during night movement, all drs will dismount, and remain dismounted until ordered to start up.

BREAKDOWNS
& UNFORSEEN
HALTS

70. Breakdowns must at all costs be got clear of the road until arrival of an L.A.D. The PASS sign will be exhibited and troops will de-buss and take cover clear of the road. Whenever possible one Breakdown Veh capable of towing should move in rear of each Unit. A veh which has been repaired, will wait until the first gap appears, and will then take its place in rear of that portion of the coln. It is essential to avoid blocking roads. A dr seeing a veh halted in front of him must, on reaching the minimum distance ordered, himself halt, unless he receives the signal to PASS.

CHANGES IN
ORDER OF
MARCH

71. Where it is necessary for one group to pass through another group, a warning will be given by M/C orderly to the O.C. of the gp being passed through. This, however, will not be done without the consent of the Comd of the move.

ACTION IN
CASE OF
AIR ATTACK

72. In the event of appearance of enemy aircraft, vehs will keep moving unless directly attacked. In all moves, Unit A.A. L.M.G's will be kept immediately ready for either mounted or dismounted action. In case of a direct attack by day or night, the coln should continue with its move, unless, in the opinion of the Comd, to do so would entail heavy

casualties. This will depend on the nature of the country, the density at which the coln is moving, and the scale of the enemy attack. The comd should remember when appreciating the situation that his object is to arrive at his destination at the appointed time, and he should be prepared to accept some casualties to attain this object.

DISMOUNT-
ING AT
HALTS

73. Men must not dismount until the signal is given. On de-bussing, troops must keep to the side of the road on which the vehs are halted. Troops must be mounted ready to move, by the end of the halt, at which time all vehs will be ready to continue. Disciplinary action will be taken against those tps who have not embussed within two mins of the signal to mount being given.

74. RESERVED

75. RESERVED.

CHAPTER VI

INFORMATION

SITREPS

76(a) Sitreps will be submitted by "Immediate" signal to Bde H.Q. When the Bde is actively engaged, Unit Comds will render a sitrep to Bde H.Q. at least every 2 hrs, giving their situation and intentions. Sitreps will include infm on the following subjects

- (i) Resume of enemy ops.
- (ii) Ops of own tps.
- (iii) Projected ops of own tps.
- (iv) Other infm incl remarks and deductions.
- (v) Abnormal weather conditions.
- (vi) Changes and projected changes in location of own tps down to Coy or equivalent Units.

(b) When not actively engaged with the enemy, sitreps will be rendered by Units to reach Bde H.Q. at 0630 hrs and 1430 hrs daily.

(c) When in bivouac areas and unlikely to contact enemy, they will be rendered as directed from time to time.

(d) Nil Returns are to be rendered when necessary.

(e) Bde H.Q. will collate sitreps received and ensure that sitreps are submitted to Div H.Q. by "Immediate" signal to reach Div H.Q. by 0700 hrs and 1500 hrs daily. Copies will be sent to all Units under Comd of the Bde. The principle to be observed is that Comds in rear must be kept fully informed at all times of the situation on their front. Anything likely to affect the plans of the higher formation or of neighboring formations or Units MUST be immediately reported.

(f) Submission of sitreps does NOT absolve Comd from sending back by the quickest method, important information immediately it is received. It is important that the time of occurrence be included in the text of messages reporting infm.

INTELL-
IGENCE
SUMMARIES

77. Int summaries will be compiled by Inf Bns of the Bde daily when actively engaged with the enemy. They will contain information for the 24 hrs ending 0900 hrs, and will reach Bde H.Q. before 1600 hrs the same day.

Detailed infm about the enemy will normally be included under the following headings :-

- (a) Resume of own tps.
- (b) Enemy ops
- (c) Summary of Air Recces.
- (d) Enemy identifications.
- (e) " organizations.
- (f) " personalities
- (g) " equipment
- (h) " tactics.
- (i) Chemical Warfare.

The reliability of the source of infm must be stated. If a deduction can be made from the infm gained, this should be included under the heading "deduction". On no account will deductions be allowed to be confused with the facts of this infm. Traces showing enemy dispositions, routes of own patrols etc, will be forwarded as applicable.

A Bde Int Summary will be compiled daily at Bde H.Q. with infm for the 24 hrs ending 0900 hrs, and forwarded to Div H.Q. by the quickest means possible. When Units are not actively engaged with the enemy or in bivouac, Int summaries will be compiled and fwded to Bde H.Q. as directed.

PATROL
REPORTS

78. When patrols for certain areas are detailed by Bde H.Q., Units will render from time to time, & on completion of patrol, reports stating activity of same. Units will report to Bde H.Q. :-

- (a) Strength of Patrol
- (b) Route taken
- (c) Time Out
- (d) Time In
- (e) If enemy contacted, time of contact, est str of enemy, and place contacted.
- (f) Any items of especial interest.

These reports will be sent by priority signal.

INFM RE
ENEMY

79. In all reports or infm concerning contact with enemy, Units must render :-

- (a) Time of activity and place.
- (b) Est str of enemy contacted.

These particulars are essential to the Bde Comd for his appreciation of enemy strength.

SHELLING
REPORTS

80. Reports of hostile shelling will be made by all ranks of all arms and forwarded to H.Q. R.A.A., or to the C.B. Office if set up. As far as possible, the form as at Appx B will be followed. It is most important that the location of the reporter be given.

CHEMICAL
WARFARE

81. (a) Initial Report : The first use of gas by the enemy OR the suspected use of a new gas weapon will be reported by "emergency ops" message by Units direct to Div rptd Bde and by Div direct to Army rptd Corps.

A Unit suspecting or confirming the presence of Gas in its area will take steps to warn neighboring Units by the quickest means.

(b) Detailed Report : Investigation will take place after such initial reports, and a detailed report will be submitted as soon as definite confirmation or denial has been obtained.

(c) Initial reports and detailed reports are to be submitted in the form shown in Appx (c).

AIR INT

82. (a) It is important that all ranks be instructed in the necessity for reporting all A/C that are not obviously friendly. Infrm will be forwarded as quickly as possible under the following headings :-

- (i) Number of A/C
- (ii) Description of A/C
- (iii) Altitude -- low, medium, or high.
- (iv) Posn in relation to observer (8 pts of compass only)
- (v) Distance from observer
- (vi) Direction of travel (8 pts of compass only)
- (vii) Time of sighting
- (viii) Name, Rank, number and location of observer.

(b) Reports of hostile air action will be forwarded including the following infrm additional to sub para (a) above:-

- (i) Place of action
- (ii) Time of action, from to
- (iii) Method of attack, i.e. high, med, or low level bombing, dive-bombing, strafing, etc.
- (iv) No of bombs dropped.
- (v) Damage inflicted by enemy
- (vi) Damage to enemy A/C and how inflicted

(c) In the event of an unexploded bomb, the unit in whose area the bomb lies will forward without delay to H.Q. R.A.E. the following infrm :-

- (i) Exact location
- (ii) Date and hour of falling
- (iii) Is bomb in open ground, hard surface, or building.
- (iv) Is any part of bomb visible, if so, give details of length and diameter of body and tail and identification of fuze.
- (v) Diameter of hole of entry.
- (vi) Estimated depth of hole
- (vii) Has any of the following occurred :-
 - Grater formed,
 - Windows more than 20 feet away broken.
 - Shell splinters or splinter marks found.
 - Signs of blackening.
- (viii) Reasons for believing bomb unexploded.

PRISONERS OF WAR

83. (a) The handling of P.W. will be as laid down in Manual of Military Int in the Field Pam No 1 Chap iv.

(b) The first identification of an enemy unit or formation will be reported by "emergency ops" message by Units direct to Div rptd Bde and by Div direct to Army rptd Corps.

LOCATION STATEMENTS

84. Units directly under comd H.Q.4 Aust Inf Bde Gp will submit a statement to show location of Units down to Coy or equivalent as at the 15th and 28th of each month. This will reach Bde H.Q. by first D/R on these dates. Bde H.Q. will compile a Bde location statement and forward in duplicate to reach Div H.Q. on the 15th and 28th of each month.

Location statements will be prepared in the following form :-

LOCATION STATEMENT OF(Unit Etc) as at
2359 hrs.....(date).

UNIT (or sub-unit) LOCATION MOVES PROJECTED.

MOVEMENT OF H.Q.

85. The move or projected move of any H.Q. under Comd of Bde H.Q. will be notified by quickest means available. The principle of leaving a report centre, offr, or guide at the old location for the purpose of receiving messages or re-directing visitors must be strictly followed. The length of time report centre is retained at the old H.Q. will depend upon the period of warning it has been able to give to its move, and the tactical situation. This will be determined by the senior Staff Offr of the H.Q. concerned.

A. & Q. RETURNS

- 86. Routine returns required are shown in Appx "D".
- 87. RESERVED
- 88. RESERVED.

CHAPTER VII

PROTECTION

AIR & GAS SENTRIES

89. By day, unless other orders are issued, at least one air and gas sentry will be posted by each Coy or equivalent (the duties of air and gas sentries may often be combined and carried out by the same man). The posting of sentry by night will be such as to afford adequate protection according to the tactical circumstances. To prevent infiltration in Jungle country, sentries should be stationary, preferably double, and supported by other sentries to whom he or they should be visible.

A.A. PROTECTION

- 90. (a) Unless other orders are issued, all A.A. LMG's and at least one L.M.G. per Coy will be mounted by day for A.A. action at each halt and in billets, bivouacs, etc. Orders must be issued in each case as to whether posts will be manned continuously or only on alarm.
If manned continuously, the sentry at the gun may count as one of the sentries required for air and gas duties. The air situation may demand a provision of other posts in addition .
- (b) Slit trenches will be dug on all occasions when occupation of an area is likely to be of three hrs or more.
- (c) Detailed orders for protection against gas and air raids in billets and bivouacs are contained in "Standing Orders for Protection Against Gas and Air Raids in Billets, Camps, and Bivouacs".

OCCUPATION OF A CONCENTRATION

91. Units will be responsible in the absence of other orders for providing their own protection during occupation of concentration areas. This will be best effected by the use of deep mobile patrols, and will normally be withdrawn on the orders of the Comd of the unit concerned. Bde H.Q. will be notified by the quickest possible means when

the occupation of the area is completed. Time occupation completed and location of sub-units will be included in this report.

PROTECTIVE TPS

92. If Bde H.Q. orders a Unit or Units to provide forward defensive or flank patrols, these will NOT be withdrawn until so ordered by Bde H.Q.

CAMFLG & TRACK DISCIPLINE

93. Camflg will be given most careful consideration prior to the establishment of all H.Q., camps, and military establishments. Special attention will be paid to the use of existing tracks and special measures taken to confine tps to these tracks. If new tracks are necessary, they should be made to conform to existing cover, particularly from air observation. Track discipline will be rigidly enforced at all times.

DEMOLITIONS ETC

94. DEMOLITIONS. All demolitions, mine fields, "blinds" and "booby traps", together with craters where executed by our own tps or by the enemy, will be reported without delay to this H.Q. The repair of such damage together with the time estimated to repair and when necessary completion of repairs will also be reported.

95. REPORTING LOCATION. A complete record of all mine fields will be maintained. Their position and density will be reported to Bde H.Q. Comds will take steps to ensure that any of their tps who are likely to be required to operate in the vicinity of mine fields are informed of their location.

96. (a) BLIND SHELLS AND BOOBY TRAPS "Blind" shells and bombs, when located should NOT be move or tampered with, but should be reported in the case of shells to the nearest Arty personnel and in the case of bombs to the nearest Engr Sub-unit through Bde H.Q.

(b) Units entering areas recently vacated by the enemy must be on the watch for "Booby traps" which are likely to be operated by door-knobs, trip wires, enemy dead or by touching attractive looking souvenirs. Suspicious objects should be reported to the nearest Engr Sub-unit.

(c) Enemy mines should be lifted with care, any wire underneath them should be cut and not pulled.

ANTIGAS MEASURES

97. MARKING OF CONTAMINATED AREAS. The unit which first discovers that ground has been contaminated with persistent gas is responsible whenever time permits for marking off the area with signs warning "gas", and in all cases for taking action to bring the presence of the contaminated area to the notice of other tps, in accordance with instructions contained in "Protection Against Gas and Air Raids" pam No 1.

GAS ALARMS

98. These will be as given in F.S.P.B., Pam No 8 sec 4 para 2.

99. RESERVED.

100. RESERVED.

CHAPTER VIII

ADMINISTRATIVE

AMN

101. (a) UNITS IN RESERVE. All units in Res will be responsible for the maintaining of Amn as laid down in W.E. Sup will be made from Second Line by demand through BASCO.
- (b) UNITS ON MARCH OUT OF TOUCH WITH ENEMY As laid down in para 101 (a).
- (c) IN BATTLE. A.P's will be established at places indicated by Bde H.Q. Location of A.P's and time of operation will be advised by signal from Bde H.Q. Units will demand direct on A.P's.

DEMANDS MUST SPECIFY TYPES AND QUANTITY REQUIRED.

Units will notify Bde H.Q. by signal at 0100 hrs daily the type and quantity of Amn expended up to 2359 hrs the previous day. Amn Code F.S.P.B. Pam 9a will be used.

BDE S.A.A RES

102. (a) The Bde S.A.A. Res will be established as directed by the Bde Comd. Units will be notified by signal from Bde H.Q. the following :-
- (a). Type of Amn
 - (b). Quantity of Various Types
 - (c). No of vehs required
 - (d). Location of Bde S.A.A. Res
 - (e). Time Bde S.A.A. Res will be established.
 - (f). Unit responsible for supplying O.C. Bde S.A.A. Res.
- (b) The S/C will be responsible for the replenishment of Bde S.A.A. Res and demands for Amn from it will be made direct to Bde H.Q.

P.O.L.

103. (a) Petrol will be distributed in 4 gallon tins, which are returnable. All tins will be painted in order to camouflage from observation from air. Rigid economy must always be exercised in the use of petrol. When the situation permits, engines will be switched off immediately vehs are halted.
- (b) UNITS IN RESERVE. P.P's will be established daily within the Bde Area. Location and time of operation will be notified by signal from Bde H.Q. ALL VEHs WILL HAVE TANKS REPLENISHED DAILY. EACH VEH WILL CARRY THE RESERVE LAID DOWN AS APPLICABLE TO ITS TYPE.
- (c) ON THE MARCH OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ENEMY. As laid down in para 103 (b).
- (d) IN BATTLE As per para 103 (b). Units will ensure that attendance at petrol points will be made within the time specified.

SUP

104. (a) UNIT IN RESERVE Sup Pts will be established daily within the Bde Area. Location and time of operation will be notified by signal.
- (b) ON THE MARCH OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ENEMY As laid down in para 104 (a).
- (c) IN BATTLE Sup Pts will be established at locations as indicated by Bde H.Q.

(d) Location and times of operation will be notified by signal. Units will ensure that attendance at supply points will be made within the time specified.

G.M.'s, R.Q.M.S. or equivalent will attend at Sup Pts and will be responsible for checking of Unit supplies.

ORD
STORES

105. (a) IN RESERVE Requisitions for Ord Stores will be submitted to B.O.W.O. at Bde H.Q.. B.O.W.O. will be responsible for checking the compilation of all requisitions and will forward same direct to ADOS.
- (b) ON THE MARCH OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ENEMY. As laid down in para 105 (a)
- (c) IN BATTLE Units will demand replacements or Ord Stores and equipment by signal direct to Bde H.Q. Such signals must specify the following :-
- (i) Complete description of stores or equip't required.
 - (ii) In the case of stores shown in the Census of Warlike Stores the description will NOT be stated, but the Serial No on the Master Card will be shown.

SALVAGE

106. (a) Importance of Salvage will be impressed on all ranks. Unserviceable stores which have Salvage value will be sent to the Bde Salvage Dump in returning vehs of supply coln.
- (b) IN RESERVE A Bde Salvage Dump will be established as required. The location will be notified to Units by Bde H.Q.
- (c) ON THE MARCH OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ENEMY. Dump will not be established.
- (d) IN BATTLE. Dump will be established at location laid down by Bde H.Q. which will be notified to all Units.
Units will be responsible for collection and evacuation of salvage from their respective areas to the Bde dump.
Bde Salvage Sec will sort the salvage at Bde Dump and arrange evacuation with A.S.C.
- (e) ARMS AND EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES. Arms and equipment of casualties will be disposed as directed by A.D.O.S. through Bde H.Q.

BIVOUACS
BILLETS
& GUIDE
PARTIES

107. Normally, Billeting Parties will be as in F.S.P.B. Pam 5 Sec 3. Special orders will be issued when these are required to be increased and normal bivouac or guide parties will have the same composition as billeting parties. Normally, the Staff Capt will allot bivouac areas to Units, and/or will be responsible for billeting of the Bde Gp, under orders from the Bde Comd or B.M.

"B" ECH

108. All units will prepare as an appendix to their S.O's for War, instructions for the normal composition of B Ech, specifying the no of vehs, loading of such vehs, and pers allotted thereto.

TRAFFIC
CONTROL

109. Traffic Control within Bns or equivalent Units and Bn Gps, in the absence of orders from higher authority, will be the responsibility of the Unit or Gp Comd. Attention is drawn to the principles laid down in Chapter V of these orders and they will be incorporated in Unit Standing Orders for War.

MEDICAL SUP 110. Units will indent on nearest Fd Amb for Med Sup.

OFFICE REQUISITES 111. Units will requisition on nearest Stationery Depot for supplies. Forms, books, paper, and pencils etc, sufficient for 21 days will be held by Units at all times.

ANTI-GAS RESERVES 112. For clothing and other items held in anti-gas reserve by A.A.S.C., "clothing points" (i.e., a proportion of the relief carrying Anti-gas reserve) will be established forward when necessary. Anti-gas reserves will be supplied to Units on demand which will be made in writing and will show the name, rank, and Unit of the Offr making it. Contaminated clothing will be collected in Anti-gas bags by Units and dumped. Location of these dumps will be notified as required.

113. RESERVED

114. RESERVED

CHAPTER IX

GENERAL

OUT OF BATTLE PERSONNEL 115. Personnel as shown below are to be left out of Battle and will normally be held at R.H., Unit Transport Lines or at such other locality as may be decided by Div H.Q. to meet local conditions.

INF BNS

2 i/c

6 Offrs (to include Offr suitable to replace Adjut, but not to include J.M. or T.O.)

4 W.O's or Sgts (one for each Coy)

9 N.C.O's

45 O.R's (incl 3 sigs, 4 Barrier Drivers, 4 Mortar personnel, - where applicable)

Other Units on the basis equivalent to above.

REPORTS FOR TRAINING 116. In order to ensure that all Units benefit from experience gained by troops in active ops, the following procedure will be adopted :-

(a) Upon the conclusion of any major op, the unit concerned will submit a brief narrative together with comments on the methods employed.

(b) By the end of each month, Bde will forward a report embodying any tactical and training lessons learnt as a result of ops during the previous month. The report will deal also with methods adopted by the enemy in ops initiated by him, and the most suitable counters.

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT 117. (a) Whenever a Unit captures any enemy material, a report will be rendered as soon as possible through normal channels, with copies direct to G.S.I, Army, in triplicate. Report must include time and location of capture.

(b) Whenever practicable and necessary, a guard will be mounted over any article obviously of special value from an Int point of view immediately it is captured. All crashed or captured enemy A/C will be so guarded until its custody is taken over by Allied Land Forces.

- (c) One example of each item of equipment captured will be sent through Int channels to Bde H.Q. for forwarding to Div H.Q. Any item too bulky to be securely crated will be accompanied by an escort.
- (d) Disciplinary action will be taken in any case of stealing, tampering with, failing to report possession of, or of being in unauthorised possession of captured enemy material. The term "enemy material" covers any and every store or article of equipment including maps, diaries, documents and food known to have been in the possession of the enemy at any time. It thus includes recaptured British material.
- (e) All captured documents and the like must be sent back immediately through Int channels. Any undue delay may render their value to own tps useless.
- (f) If the captor of enemy eqpt desires, he may request that such eqpt or part thereof be returned to him or to a named address after examination. Such request will be written on a label and attached to the item of eqpt and will, if possible, be complied with.

EQPT
CAPTURED
BY ENEMY

118. In the case of loss to the enemy of guns, tanks, carriers, armored cars, ammunition, M.T., etc., the Comd concerned will make an immediate report on the quantity and state of the eqpt lost (i.e. serviceable, repairable, or useless). In the case of amm lost the approximate number of rounds will be stated. This report will be sent through Int channels to Bde from whence it will be sent to Div H.Q.

DESTRUC-
TION OF
OWN MATER-
IAL ETC

119. Destruction of own dumps, material, equipment, amm etc, will be reported through normal channels to Bde H.Q., who will in turn fwd to Div H.Q.

PARA-
TROOPS &
ENEMY
AGENTS

120. All ranks are to be warned that they are to report AT ONCE to the nearest Offr, any objects that look like parachutes or balloons whether in the air or on the ground, irrespective of whether they are thought to be ours or the enemy's. They must also report any suspicious behaviour of persons or of aircraft --- in the latter case, height, direction of flight, and time seen should be included. Such reports are to be sent by the quickest means to Bn or equivalent H.Q. which will at once send the report :-

- (a) Direct to Bde H.Q. rptd to Div H.Q.
- (b) Direct to local Police H.Q.

MARKING
MAPS.

121. The following will be used :-
(a) Co-operating or doubtful tps. ----- green.
(b) Topographical Infm, boundaries etc, ----black.
(c) Dispositions of own tps ----- red.
(d) Known dispositions of enemy tps -----blue.

Maps must be marked in such a way as to cover up to the least possible degree, place names, topographical features, etc, on the map.

BATTLE
ORDER

122. Each Inf Unit will lay down in Unit S.O. for War a standard battle order for the Bn, and will incl a standard method of loading pl trucks.

DEMAND FOR AIR PHOTOGRAPHS

Appendix A.

TO			FROM				DATE		REFERENCE NUMBER				
Serial No	Ref Map	Description of Area & Map Refs	Vertical or Oblique	Direction to Face if Oblique	Scale	Purpose for which reqd	No of Copies reqd	Delivery		Any Special time to be Taken	Whether Secret	Degree of Priority	Remarks
								To and Address	When reqd				
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)

Demanding Authority: - SIGNATURE.

RANK

APPOINTMENT

The following particulars are NOT to be filled in by the Demanding Authority: -

RECEIVED			FORWARDED			TO	FROM	NOTATION	SIGNATURE, RANK AND APPOINTMENT	Reference No
Date	Time	Method	Date	Time	Method					

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

NOTE: In Coln 3 put F,S, or G, according to whether flash, sound or groove is being reported ex F 118 - flash observed from grid bearing 118°. Colns, 1, 2, and 3 must be completed.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
From	Location of reporting point.	Direction (grid-bearing) of F,S, or G.	Time From	Hrs — To	Area Shelled	Damage being done	Nature of fire (registration, bombardment, area shoot etc)	Number, calibre & type of guns firing

RETURNS

Appendix "D" (see para 86)

	SERIAL	SUBJECT	RENDERED BY	RENDERED TO	REMARKS
Daily	1	Amm Expenditure	All Units	Bde H.Q.	Correct State as 2359 hrs daily to be forwarded to Bde H.Q. by signal at 0100 hrs each day.
Daily	2	Casualty Return A.A.F. W 3810	All Units	0 i/c 2 Ech	
Daily	3	Casualty Return A.A.F. W 3011	All Units	0 i/c 2 Ech	1 copy A.F.W. 3012 to O/c Unit from which pers are detached.
Daily	4	Casualty Return Attd Pers A.A.F. 3012.	All Units	0 i/c 2 Ech	1 copy A.F.W. 3012 to O/C Unit from which pers are detached.
Daily	5	Daily Str Return A 14	All units	1 Copy to be attd to A.B. 55.	1 copy to Div H.Q. through Bde every Tuesday.
Daily	6	Daily Strength State.	All Units	1 copy to O i/c 2 Ech 1 Copy DRO, 1 copy Bde H.Q.	Copy fwded to Bde H.Q. will be fwded to Div H.Q.
Daily	7	Daily Ration str. AAF A 3809	All Units	Unit L.M.	
Weekly on Sats	8	Comparison of Str and Rations drawn. AAF A 3810.	All Units	A.A.S.C. per B.A.S.C.O.	Copies of AB 55 to be attached.
Weekly	9	Field Return of Officers	All Units	1 copy to DRO of area in which unit is serving. 1 copy to DRO dist of origin. 1 copy to HQ 3 Div. 1 copy to 2 Aust Corps 1 copy 1st Army 1 Copy Bde H.Q.	

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	SERIAL	SUBJECT	RENDERED BY	RENDERED TO	REMARKS
Weekly	10	Field Return of O.Rs A.A.F. W 3009	All Units	As for serial 9 less copy to 2 Aust Corps) copy to 1 Aust Army)	
Weekly	11	Offence Report A.A.F. B 2069	do	1 copy to D.R.O. of area in which unit is serving. 1 copy through usual channels to 1 Aust Army.	Nil returns NOT required
Monthly	12	War Diary A.A.F. C 2118	do	0 i/c 2 Ech	
As reqd	13	Reports of Burials A.A.F. 3314	Chaplains or O/c Units	0 i/c 2 Ech	
Daily	14	A.A.Book 55 Indent for Supplies	All Units	BASCO	Submitted three days prior to day required.
Daily	15	A.A.Book A.B. 55 A. Indent for Pet Oil and lubricants.	All Units	BASCO	do

8 Dec 42.

4 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN NO 13

FOR PERIOD 16 - 31 DEC 42

REF 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 9 OF 15 NOV 42

- AMENDMENT 1. As informed by message from this H.Q. on 25 NOV, individual trg will now be carried on until the end of Dec.
- WEAPON TRG 2. Insufficient care is being taken in the coaching of unqualified personnel in weapon trg. The attention of all Offrs is specially directed to H.Q.3 Div "G" Circular 27, of 1 Dec 42 on "Standard of Rifle Trg".
The measures laid down in this circular will be strictly followed, and every opportunity will be taken not only to improve the standard of musketry in the Units, but also to ensure that all unqualified personnel qualify.
- GENERAL POLICY 3. Trg during the period 16-31 Dec 42 will be up to and incl Pl trg.
- JUNGLE TRG 4. Particular attention must be paid to exercising Secs and Pls in Jungle Warfare, as recently demonstrated by L.H.Q. No 2 Trg Team. It is suggested that before undertaking this trg in Jungle country, in order that all personnel will have a good understanding of what is expected of them. This also will be an excellent method for demonstrating the sub-division of Secs into Gps.
- M.T. TRG 5. Convoy work will continue. It will be Unit responsibility to ensure that all Offrs, N.C.O.'s and Drs are familiar with Ch. V. of Bde S.O. for War, and that the principles laid down are strictly adhered to. Coy M.T. Exs will be conducted to carry out this Instn.
- HARDENING THE TPS 6. One route march of 20 - 25 miles per week will be conducted, to be undertaken in battle order.
- BDE S.O. FOR WAR 7. C.O.'s of Units will instruct the Offrs and snr NCO's of Units in the contents of the Bde Standing Orders for War and will pass on to the tps those portions particularly affecting them. It is most important that all ranks are familiar with those portions of Standing Orders that are relevant.
- SPECIALIST TRG. 8. Specialists will train as riflemen until C.O.'s are satisfied with the standard of their trg as such. Subsequently, intensive refresher courses for specialists will be conducted.
- STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS 9. One of the main objects in sending students to Schools, or courses, is to impart the knowledge gained to those whom it most directly affects. In all cases, opportunity will be given to students of all types of courses to instruct in the latest ideas and methods learnt at these schools.
- H.Q. COMD & SIG EX 10. In order to facilitate the efficient and smooth working of H.Q. in the fd, and to practise Sigs down to Bn or equivalent Sigs, a H.Q. Comd. and Sig Ex will be held on both incl 19/20 Dec. All H.Q. in the Bde Gp down to Coy and/or equivalent H.Q. will be exercised. Further instns regarding this exercise will be issued later.

DISTRIBUTION

Bde H.Q.	4	copies
22 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
4 Aust Fd Regt	8	"
22 Aust A/Tk Bty (Infm)	5	"
4 Aust Fd Coy (Infm)	1	"
19 Coy A.A.S.C.	1	"
2/13 Fd Amb	1	"
4 Aust Fd Amb	1	"
3 Aust Div (Infm)	2	"
H.Q.15 Bde (")	1	"
War Diary	2	"
File	1	"

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 B.M.4 Aust Inf Bde.

12 Dec 42.

BDE GP H.Q. COMD & SIG EX NO 2

REF 4 AUST INF BDE TRG INST NO 13 OF 8 DEC 42

DURATION OF EX - BOTH INCL 19/20 DEC 42

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OBJECT 1. To practise all H.Q. down to Coy and or equivalent H.Qs of the Bde Gp in the functions in war.

LESSONS 2. (a) The passing of timely and accurate infm.
(b) The quick and accurate transmission of messages.
(c) Co-operation within H.Q.
(d) Application of the Bde Gp Standing Orders for War.

DIRECTION 3. DIRECTOR. Brig C.S.BARBER.
ASST. Capt BOWIE-WILSON H.Q. 3 Aust Div.
Capt R.KURING O.C. No 3 Coy Sigs 3 Aust Div.

PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING 4. (a) BDE H.Qs All Bde H.Qs (incl L.A.D. and "J" Sec Sigs 3 Div), except necessary duty offrs and maintenance personnel.

For the purpose of the exercise, the following will act :-

- (b) 22 Bn Bn H.Qs, Int Sec, Sig Pl, and necessary maintenance pers. All Coy H.Qs.
- (c) 29/46 Bn Bn H.Q. Int Sec, Sig Pl, and necessary maintenance pers. All Coy H.Q.
- (d) 37/52 Bn Bn H.Q., Int Sec, Sig Pl and necessary maintenance pers. All Coy H.Q.
- (e) 19 Coy A.A.S.C. To be represented by one Offr and necessary orderlies.
- (f) 2/13 Fd Amb
 - (i) One Offr to be detailed in advisory capacity to Bde H.Q.
 - (ii) One motor Amb with necessary personnel for med attention to personnel taking part in exercise. To be attached to Bde H.Q.

ARTY 5. Due to trg under direction of H.Q. R.A.A., the 4 Fd Regt and 22 A/Tk Bty will not participate in exercise. However, they will be regarded as taking part in token.

UMPIRES 6. (a) CHIEF UMP. To be notified.
(b) All H.Q. will be umpired and they will be supplied as follows :-

H.Q.	Umps supplied by	No reqd.
Bde H.Qs.	To be notified	2 Offrs
22 Bn Gp	37/52 Bn	5 "
29/46 Bn Gp	22 Bn	5 "
37/52 Bn Gp	29/46 Bn	5 "

(c) TIME OF UMPS CONFERENCES

Preliminary Conference:

Date	Time	Place	To Attend
18 Dec	0930	Bde H.Q.	All Umps.

Other conferences will be called as directed. All ump's will report to the H.Q. they are umpiring by 1800 hrs on 18 Dec. Units will be responsible for rationing visiting ump's and their orderlies.

(d) Each unit supplying Umps will notify this H.Q. by 16 Dec 42, the names of those offrs who have been instructed to act as umpires. They must include at least one Capt to act as Bn H.Q. Umps.

7. Umps Comms Provision will be notified at Umps Conference.

DRESS

8. D.S. and Umps will NOT wear arms. D.S. and Umps will wear Hats Khaki Fur, or Caps. Umps will wear white armbands, and D.S. blue armbands. All other personnel participating in exercise will wear battle order, exel respirators, and Capes A/Gas.

RATIONS & PETROL

9. Each H.Q. will be responsible for providing own rations. BASCO will liaise with Units to establish Sup Pts and P.P.

KITS ETC

10. In order to practise all personnel, Offrs and O.R's taking part in the exercise, will pack, and carry those articles, etc, they would take into battle, whilst all other articles will be packed and labelled, as if it were being lodged in Div Kit Store. Umps will inspect, and report to the D.S. on the manner in which this is carried out.

PREVIOUS INSTNS.

11. Attention is drawn to this H.Q. BM 10/8 of 2 Oct 42, and Adm Instn No 1 of 4 Oct 42, . These Instns will apply to this Ex.

OTHER FORMATIONS

12. All orders and messages, etc, for Units, and formations, not represented on the exercise will be handed to the Ump attached.

DISTRIBUTION

List "A" less H.Q. 15 Aust Inf Bde. but plus one copy to each Umpire.

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(a) CHIEF UMP. To be notified.

(b) All H.Q. will be umpired and they will be supplied as follows:-

No reqd.	Umps supplied by	H.Q.
2 offrs	To be notified	Bde H.Q.
"	37/52 Bn	22 Bn Gp
"	22 Bn	29/6 Bn Gp
"	29/6 Bn	37/52 Bn Gp

Appx ✓

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde.
AUSTRALIA

13 Dec 42.

UNIT TRG FOR PERIOD 10-19 JAN
Ref 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 11

GENERAL

1. During the period above mentioned three 3 day Bn Exs will be held. These will be one sided, with skeleton controlled enemy.

OBJECT OF EXS

2. Objects of exercise are as outlined in Para 1, PHASE 2(a) of the 3 Aust Div Trg Instn No 11.

DIRECTION

3. DIRECTOR. Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde.
ASST DIRECTOR B.M. 4 " " "

UNITS TO BE EXERCISED

4. (a) Dates tentatively set out for exs are :-
(1) both incl 10-13 Jan ----- 22 Bn
(11) " " 14-16 " ----- 29/46 Bn
(111) " " 17-19 " ----- 37/52 Bn

(b) There will be no attached arms allotted to Bns for ex.

TPT

5. From the time of commencement of exercise, until its conclusion, no Motor Vehs or M/C will be allowed to be used by the exercising Units.

For the purpose of the exercise, any roads or tracks that run through the country over which the adv will be made, will be regarded as tracks impassable to M.T.

Only vehs of participating personnel allowed in area, will be those of D.S., vehs used for Umps Comms, and D.S. and Umps M/C orderlies.

Certain tpt will be allowed for conveyance of enemy from one place to the other, as required by D.S. Tpt of tps to and from exercising area will be allowed. Debussing and embussing areas will be notified by this H.Q.

ENEMY

6. (a) Each Bn will detail one Rifle Pl complete with Offr, NCOs and weapons, to report to Bde H.Q. on the 8 Jan at 0900 hrs. These three pls will be used as Skeleton Controlled Enemy, and will be regarded by Bns as "Out of Battle" personnel, who will not be available to them for the duration of the exercises.

These Pls will revert to control of parent units at the conclusion of the final ex on 19 Jan. O.C. Enemy will be Capt R. RATTRAY, of 22 Bn.

BASCO will arrange for sups of these personnel.

UMPIRES

7. Umps will be provided as follows :-

OTHER UMPS

EX NO	UNIT EXERCISING	CHIEF UMP	UNITS TO PROVIDE	NO REQD	
				Offrs	NCOs
1	22 Bn	2 1/e 37/52 Bn	37/52 Bn 29/46 Bn	8 5	8 3
2	29/46 Bn	2 1/e 22 Bn	22 Bn 37/52 Bn	8 5	8 3
3	37/52 Bn	2 1/e 29/46 Bn	29/46 Bn 22 Bn	8 5	8 3

NOTE: NCO's provided should be Sgts or Sqr Cpls.

8. ALLOTMENT OF UMPS

Umps will be allotted as follows :-

- (a) Bn Exercising Bn H.Q.s 2 Offrs
Fwd Coy 4 Offrs 9 NCOs
All other Coys 1 Offr.
- (b) Enemy 2 Offrs 2 NCOs

In addition offrs with the controlled enemy have the powers of Umps.

9. UMPS COMMS

- (a) "J" Sec Sigs will provide No 11 sets, or equivalent, for comms between D.S., chief Umps, and O.C. Controlled Enemy.
- (b) In addition, O.C. "J" Sec Sigs 3 Div will arrange with Bns not exercising for 101 sets to be provided, together with personnel for manning same, for comms between Coy Umps and Chief Umps.

10. UMPS CONFERENCES ETC

All Umps will attend conference at Bde H.Q. on 8 Jan, at 1930 hrs, names of Umps nominated by Units will be notified to this H.Q. by 2 Jan 42.

DRESS

- (a) D.S. Umps, will not wear arms, and will wear caps Offrs pattern, or Hats Khaki fur. All personnel taking part in exercise will wear K.W.D. incl slacks.
- (b) Exercising Bn All personnel will carry on the man all gear and equipment that they would take if going into action in the OWEN STANLEY RANGE. C.O's and Unit Offrs will give some thought to this problem, and will ensure that all personnel take exactly the same.
- (c) D.S. will wear blue arm bands, and Umps white.

RATIONS & WATER

12. C.O's will make own arrangements for rationing with BASCO, and for provisions of water for own tps, it will be remembered that no sup vehs will be allowed in the area allotted for the exercise.

CASUAL-TIES

13. Casualties will be created by Umps during the exercise, and these wounded must be evacuated as if in war, no amb wagons will be allowed in exercising area.

PRISONERS

14. No prisoners will be taken by either side during the exercise. Umps will be given special instns for dealing with situations where prisoners are likely to be taken.

REPRESENT-
ATION OF
FIRE

15. (a) Blank amn will be provided by this H.Q. and the allotment will be :-
1000 rds to each Bn
1000 rds for enemy.

(b) Mirrors, or rattles will be used to represent the origin of LMG fire. Safety precautions in the firing of blank amn will be observed.

CAMP SITES
OF OTHER
TPS.

16. Biv areas of other tps in the MAPLETON Area, are strictly out of bounds to all personnel taking part in the exercise.

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SECURITY

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4 AUST INF BDE HEADQUARTERS

STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

PART I EXECUTIVE

- 1. SCOPE. These standing orders shall apply to H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde and all sub-units or units at any time attached to the H.Q.
- 2. APPLICATION These orders are intended to control procedure and action during operations, manoeuvres, or under present conditions.
- 3. OBJECT The object of these standing orders is to ensure:
 - (a) The efficient and smooth operation of Bde H.Q.
 - (b) Prompt and appropriate action in emergency by Bde H.Q.
 - (c) That the units of the Brigade shall be able to rely on Bde H.Q. for adequate and timely direction and help in any circumstances.
 - (d) That the Brigade as a whole shall function efficiently in the field at all times and under all conditions.
 - (e) Rapid and orderly movement of Bde H.Q.

To these ends the integrity of Bde H.Q. and its security from ground and air attack shall be deemed to be of vital importance.
- 4. PROMULGATION AND REVISION These standing orders are issued on behalf of the Bde Commander by the Bde Major who is responsible for them and for their revision and amendment whenever necessary.
- 5. CARE AND DISPOSAL Copies of these orders shall be treated as security documents. Should the holder of a copy leave the Staff, he shall return his copy to the Brigade Major.

PART II DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES

6. BRIGADE
COMMANDER The Brigade Commander is in absolute command and control of all phases of organisation and activity, and all action by his staff, organisation and the distribution of duties as set out herein, are subject to his approval.
7. BRIGADE
MAJOR The Brigade Major shall be responsible for :
- A. At Bde H.Q.
- All staff work at Bde H.Q. and allocation of same.
Initiation of plans.
Preparation and issue of operation orders and instructions.
Transmission of information to Div H.Q. and to neighboring troops.
- B. Throughout the Brigade, including Bde H.Q.
- Training.
Reports.
Reports on officers.
Honours and awards.
Routine Orders "G" matters.
8. B.M.
LEARNER Assist B.M. and be prepared to take over any or all of his duties at any time.
9. STAFF
CAPTAIN The Staff Captain shall be responsible for :
- A. At Bde H.Q.
- Recce, location, layout and allotment of areas for Bde H.Q.
Organisation and control of movement of Bde H.Q.
Control of transport arriving at Bde H.Q.
Organisation and control of B Echelon, through Bde T.O.
Feeding, payment, and discipline of Bde H.Q. personnel.
Feeding personnel temporarily at Bde H.Q.
Duty roster for officers and clerks.
Distribution of supplies, petrol etc, through Q.M.S.
Preparation of administrative paras of operation orders.
Defence of Bde H.Q. against ground, air and gas attack.
Organisation and routine of Bde Office.
- B. Throughout the Bde including Bde H.Q.
- Accommodation - recce, allotment and detail of billets and bivouac sites when not in contact with the enemy.
- Transport (through Bde T.O.) - Recce concealed areas for M.T.
- Movement and control of B Echelon when Brigaded.
- Assist units in control A Echelon when Brigaded.
- Assist units in control A Echelon in defence and where same is remote from Battalions.

Traffic control, including sign posting and track discipline.

Bde S.A.A. Reserve, location and control.

Ordnance Stores. Ensuring rapid replacement, notifying Div H.Q. of any delays. Where urgent, requesting issue from Ordnance Field Park.
Supervising serviceability of Ordnance Stores in possession of units.

R.E. Stores. Obtaining same for units. Arranging transport, loading and unloading.

Salvage. Organisation of system.
Ensuring that units carry out routine salvage.
Ensuring systematic cleaning and salvage of battlefield after action.

Water. Selection and notification of water points.
Restriction and policing.

Personnel. All matters relating thereto except as set out in para 7.

Casualties. Collation and rendering of returns etc.

Burials. Collecting and burying own and enemy dead.

Baths. Arrangements for units in conjunction with Div H.Q.

Discipline. General supervision, procedure etc.

Sanitation. General supervision.

Prisoners of war. Arrangements for collecting and forwarding.

Police. Arrangements within Bde area, in collaboration with D.A.P.M.

Ceremonial. Guards of honour, reception visitors, reviews, etc.

Routine Orders. A & Q matters. Preparation and distribution.

Returns. Collecting and rendering A & Q returns.

Spiritual welfare, sporting and entertainments.

10. STAFF CAPTAIN Assist Staff Captain and be prepared to take
LEARNER. over any or all of his duties at any time.

11. BRIGADE The Bde Intelligence Officer shall be responsible
INTELLIGENCE for :
OFFICER.

Collecting, collating and recording all available information affecting ops.

Forwarding and distributing information, upwards, laterally and downwards (under direction B.M.)

Co-ordinating all intelligence activities within the Bde.

Intelligence Log, shelling reports, etc.

Anti-tank mine maps.

Patrol Maps.

Interpretation of aerial photographs.

Preparation of a perspective of situation from enemy's point of view, if so required.

Personal liaison with I.C.O's of flanking Bdes etc.

Recce of Bde O.P's.

Supply of maps and air photographs to units.

Situation maps and special maps required by B.M.

Tracings.

Short interrogation and examination of prisoners of war and captured documents, and disposal of them through S.C.

Preparation of information para operation orders.

Checking co-ordinates in operation orders.

Security within the Brigade.

Codes and ciphers.

Censorship,

Organisation of Bde R.V. when C.O's come for orders.

War Diary (under direction of B.M.)

Gas Duties (a) Collecting and recording all items of gas intelligence, forwarding full reports to Div H.Q. or higher H.Q. without delay.

(b) Collecting and forwarding to Div H.Q. samples and specimens of technical interest.

(c) Gas Maps.

12. BRIGADE TRANS--The Brigade Transport Officer shall under direction PORT OFFICER. of the S.C. be responsible for :

Efficiency, maintenance and records of all mechanical transport at Bde H.Q.

Training and allocation of M.T. Drivers.

Petrol.

Command of B Echelon including B Echelon of Bn tpt, when brigaded.

Defence of B Echelon area.

Recce of site for B Echelon.

13. LIAISON OFFICERS

Liaison Officers shall :

Carry out special missions as may be ordered. Convey the orders of the Commander, and where necessary give forecasts of his intentions to subordinate and supporting Commanders.

Keep the Commander informed of the situation as known at subordinate and supporting H.Q. including :

- (a) Opinions and intentions of subordinate and supporting Commanders.
- (b) Deductions as to enemy intentions.
- (c) Opinions as to morale and physical condition of troops.

Keep flank formations informed of events and of future intentions, and obtain similar information from them.

Maintain close liaison with I Office at Bde H.Q. and Units.

Attend all operation conferences at Bde H.Q.

Maintain a location statement showing duty or whereabouts, time of departure from, and probable time of return to Bde H.Q.

Report to Duty Officer and Sig Officer on departure or arrival at Bde H.Q. to collect or deliver any messages.

Inform Sig Office of impending moves of Unit H.Q.

Maintain a duty roster ensuring that one L.O shall always be on duty or at short call.

Carry out general staff duties as required.

Generally aim at attaining the fullest possible co-operation between all Units in the immediate "picture" with particular attention to the saving of time.

Staff Duties in detail will be allotted by the Bde Major.

When the Bde is not engaged in operations they will normally assist as under :-

- L.O. 1 - Assistant to B.M.
- L.O. 2 - Assistant to Staff Captain
- L.O. 3 - Assistant to Bde I.O.

14. BRIGADE SIGNAL OFFICE OFFICER

The Brigade Signal Officer shall be responsible for :-

Layout, installation and upkeep of all signal communications to Units and attached and supporting troops.

Command, administration and efficiency of Bde Sig Section.

Advice on Signal Matters, especially inter-communication paras of operation orders.

Reporting to B.M. any failures in Signal communication or delays in transmission of messages.

Advice to Bn Commanders on signal communications.

Co-operation and all possible assistance to Bn Sig Officers.

Siting at Bde H.Q. and general tactical control of Div Wireless sets and R.A.A.F. Wireless Tender if attached.

Supervision of cipher personnel.

Administration of attached details of other Sig units and R.A.A.F. personnel at Bde H.Q.

First line repairs to signalling equipment of battalions.

Official Time.

Liaison with B.M. and Bde I.O. to obtain necessary information on which to base his signal plans.

15. SUPPLY OFFICER. The Supply Officer A.A.S.C. shall represent C.A.A.S.C. on Bde H.Q. and shall be responsible for :

Advice on A.A.S.C. matters.

Personal Liaison with units to ensure smooth working of A.A.S.C. service.

Assisting S.C. on all matters relating to A.A.S.C. supplies.

Forecasting requirements of petrol and oils, and early warning of any abnormal demand.

16. ORDNANCE
MECHANICAL
ENGINEER

The Ordnance Mechanical Engineer (O.M.E.) is responsible for :

Technical supervision and upkeep of all mechanical transport within the Brigade.

Technical advice to Comd on questions of mechanical equipment.

Command and efficiency of L.A.D.

Recovery and repairs to limit of capacity to all weapons and mechanical equipment within the Brigade, except signals equipment.

Arrangements with Ordnance Workshops for recovery, repairs etc to same, beyond capacity of L.A.D.

18. AMENITIES OFFICER.

The Amenity Officer is responsible for (under direction of the S.C.)

The arrangement and co-ordination of all sporting activities and entertainments within the Bde Gp and the securing of all necessary stores, accommodation, equipment, and materials therefore.

Liaison and co-operation with other units and civil bodies in pursuance of the above.

19. EDUCATION OFFICER.

The Education Officer (attached) is responsible for :

Provision and securing of educational facilities for the instruction of troops including lectures and accommodation for same.

Maintain Liaison with Amenity Officer.

20. BDE H.Q. S.M.

The H.Q. S.M. (under direction of the Camp Commandant) is responsible for the supervision of :

The duties of the H.Q.O's and men of Bde H.Q.

Training of Bde H.Q. personnel.

Traffic control within Bde H.Q. area.

Layout of billets and accommodation for H.Q.

Maintenance of sanitation.

The maintenance of discipline and the enforcing of standing, general and other orders.

The carrying out of weekly arms and ammunition inspection within Bde H.Q.

The assembly of the following parades :

- (a) Sick parades.
- (b) Church parades.
- (c) Leave parties.
- (d) Fatigue parties.
- (e) Other parades as ordered.

21. W.O. CLERK.

The W.O. Clerk is responsible for :

The organisation and supervision of clerical duties.

The numbering and despatch of orders, messages etc.

The provision for the burning of the contents of waste paper baskets in each office.

The maintenance of reliefs for clerks in his office and a supervision of their meals and rest.

22. W.O. A.A.O.C.

The Brigade Ordnance W.O. represents the Ordnance Department at Bde H.Q. and is responsible for :

Advice on A.A.O.C. matters.

Liaison between unit S.M's and the Ordnance Department at Div H.Q.

Assistance to the S.C. on all matters relating to ordnance stores, and collection of ordnance salvage.

23. Q.M.S. BDE H.Q. The Bde H.Q. Q.M.S. is responsible (under the direction of the B.C.) for :

- Drawing and accounting of equipment and stores (except M.S. stores).
- Messing of O.R's (including attached troops).
- Indenting for rations.
- Maintenance of payrolls.

24. HYGIENE OFFICER.

The Hygiene Officer is responsible for ensuring that adequate and proper attention is given to all matters of hygiene throughout the Bde.

He will visit Unit Camps, Billets, Divouacs etc frequently, report to the Comd on any measures deemed necessary in the maintenance of hygiene and assist by advice and supervision.

He will ensure adherence to the proper use of equipment and drugs etc provided for the purpose of protection against disease.

In carrying out his duties he will maintain close liaison with Medical Officers.

Copies of all reports will be forwarded through normal channels to the A.D.M.S.

25. (Reserved)

26. (Reserved)

PART III. LOCATION AND LAYOUT.

27. ONE H.Q. ONLY. Brigade H.Q. will not normally be divided and will establish only one headquarters. Except that:

- (a) B Echelon transport may be detached.
- (b) A small command party may occasionally be detached; composition of such party shall be indicated by the commander and detailed by the B.M.

28. AREA

(i) There will be one administrative area under B.C. Except that B Echelon transport if detached will form a separate administrative area under Bde H.Q.

(ii) The area shall be divided into 6 sub-areas: (Diagrammatic layout Appx 'B')

(a) Comd Area to include:

Comd Post.
Intelligence.
Liaison Offrs.
Signals.
Bde H.Q. Office.

(b) Adm Area to include:

Messes.
Quarters and rest area.
C.M. Stores.
Postal.

(c) Tpt area to include:

Vehs not required in other areas.
Petrol and Oil.
L.A.D.

~~(d) PL Area.~~

(d) Pro Area.

(e) Visitors Park

(iii) Where a Fd Arty Regt and/or A/Tk Bty is working with Bde H.Q., provision shall be made within the area for these H.Q.

The command groups of each H.Q. shall be as near as possible to one another.

29. SELECTION & RECCO. (i)

A general area for Bde H.Q. having been indicated by the Comd or B.M., detailed recco, selection and layout shall be made by recco party as follows:

Staff Captain (or other officer whom he may depute).

~~Bde H.Q. Comd.~~

Bde Sig Officer or N.C.O.

D.R.

Detachment Bde Sig Sec with wireless van.
Personnel to act as guides, route markers etc.

Provost Det as required.

NOTE. When the Sig Offr is with the 'R' Gp he will meet the Recco Pty at the new location.

Where a Fd Arty Regt etc are working with the Bde recco parties shall work in conjunction.

- (ii) In selecting a site, main considerations shall be :-
- (a) Cover from ground & air observation.
 - (b) Within A/Tk defence layout.
 - (c) Never near crossroads, or prominent object likely to be target for hostile Arty.
 - (d) Adequate cover, enabling essential dispersal of H.C. components.
 - (e) Quiet, remote from traffic noise.
 - (f) Easy access to road.
 - (g) Vehicles should be able to reach Bde H.C. along existing tracks, lines of trees, etc without making new tracks.
 - (h) Adequate and suitable parking areas, avoiding excessive and irksome camouflage measures.
 - (i) Traffic circuit where possible.
- (iii) Having selected the site, recce officer shall send back D.R. or car to guide H.C. fwd, meanwhile proceeding with layout.
- (iv) Where the main body of Bde H.C. is to follow shortly after the recce party, and the distance is short, the recce party shall mark the route with personnel and/or direction signs.

30. LAY OUT.

Layout shall consist of a number of car parks, sufficiently dispersed to prevent one shell or bomb disabling several vehicles, and to allow H.C. staff to work uninterrupted by movement of vehicles, D.R's etc. As a general guide vehicles should be approximately 100 yds apart. "I" Office and Office Lorry should be as close to each other as reasonably possible, with cover available.

31. PROTECTION. The recce party shall select :

- (a) Alarm posts for all personnel.
- (b) Positions for A.A.L.M.G.
- (c) Positions for A/Tk Rifles.

These positions shall be tentative only, and shall be reported to senior S.O. immediately on arrival of Bde H.C. and shall be subject to his ratification.

32. OCCUPATION.

- (i) On arrival of Bde H.C. the recce party shall direct vehicles to their parks.
- (ii) Should the Recce Offr anticipate difficulty in parking vehicles, he shall inform Bde H.C. when he sends back to guide it to the new site. The senior S.O. shall thereupon send forward at once personnel to help in this duty.
- (iii) The Recce Officer shall ensure that all vehicles use existing tracks. Should this be impossible, he shall arrange for any new tracks to be extended outside Bde H.C. area either into cover not occupied, or to join existing tracks. These track discipline duties shall normally be allotted to provost personnel.

33. ALTERNATIVE SITE. At all times during active operations or when same are imminent, the S.C. shall reconce and select an alternative site for Bde H. .
34. B ECHELON. Whenever B Echelon is detached the Bde T.O. shall be responsible for B Echelon in all respects similar to the responsibility of the S.C. for Bde H. as set out in Paras 29 and 33 inclusive.
35. LIGHT AID DET. The L.A.D. will normally be attached to and located with B Echelon.
- 36-40 Reserved.

PART IV. MOVEMENT OF BDE HEADQUARTERS.

41. OPENING AND CLOSING. Bde H.Q. shall normally open up a new location at the same time as it closes at the old location. Where this is not practicable, a staff officer shall travel in a wireless van. In all cases, the S.C. will arrange for a responsible person to remain at the old site for such time as is necessary to redirect D.R!'s etc.
42. NOTIFICATION. The S.C. shall be responsible for notifying time and location of impending and actual moves to :
- (a) Div H.Q.
 - (b) All battalions within the Bde.
 - (c) All units in support of, co-operating with, or under comd of the Bde.
 - (d) Units or formations on flanks.
43. TYPES OF MOVES. Moves will normally be one of two types as hereunder :
- (1) Operations not imminent. All personnel and vehicles move.
 - (2) Operations imminent or in progress. B Echelon will not move or will move to a separate location.
44. GROUPING AND ALLOCATION TO VEHICLES. The grouping of personnel, baggage, stores, equipment, weapons etc., into A Echelon and B Echelon, and the detailed allocation of same to vehicles, is set out in Appendix C.
45. INITIATION OF MOVE. Moves will be by order of the B.M., either directly or by message not less than one hour in advance. The order to move shall include the following information :
- (1) General area of new location.
 - (2) Time of opening and closing.
 - (3) Intended location of R Gp at that time.
46. ORDERS FOR MOVE. Immediately on receipt of order to move, the S.C. shall warn all personnel and issue detailed orders for the move, which orders shall include :
- (1) Time movement will begin.
 - (2) Type of move; whether B Echelon moves with or independent of Bde H.Q.
 - (3) New location(s) and route(s) to be followed.
 - (4) Warning to recon party, time same will leave.
 - (5) Appointment of officer in charge of movement.
 - (6) Order of dress etc.
 - (7) Any other points not covered by these Standing Orders.

The Comd and B.M. will NOT normally travel in the same vehicle. All officers will be spread over the vehicles of a convoy as far as is consistent with the situation at any time.

47. RECCE PARTIES. The recce party shall move off to the order of the S.C. and shall carry out the duties detailed in Paras ~~26~~²⁹ to ~~30~~³³ of these orders.
48. PREPARING TO MOVE. On receipt of detailed orders to move, preparations shall proceed thus:-
- (i) All vehicles shall be marshalled at convenient points according to their function, and so that they can move off with ease in their correct order.
 - (ii) All personnel shall parade each at his appointed vehicle in the order of dress laid down, and with personal kit packed, loading same on vehicle.
 - (iii) Officers' kits shall be packed and loaded.
 - (iv) Staff will finish any urgent work and shall pack and load all current files, maps, documents, etc needed, or likely to be needed, (see para 49), typewriters, furniture, stationery and requisites as required.
 - (v) H.Q. S.A.S. will superintend loading of supply and ordnance stores, cooking gear, etc.
 - (vi) H.Q. S.M. will superintend cleaning up of area to be vacated, filling latrines, etc.
49. SECURITY.
- (i) The site to be vacated shall be searched thoroughly to ensure that no papers etc of possible value to the enemy are left behind. Contents of waste paper baskets shall be burnt.
 - (ii) Orders, official documents, marked maps will NOT be carried into action, except such as are indispensable to the operation on hand. Any such papers or maps taken into action will be destroyed, and any tale map coverings will be scrubbed clean when there is a risk of capture. The same applies to any private papers which might give indications of the location of units or conditions at home.
50. ORDERS FOR JOURNEY. Before moving off every driver and spare driver shall be informed as to :
- (a) Starting point and time.
 - (b) Destination and/or dispersal point, and details of route.
 - (c) Action on arrival.
 - (d) Speed and density.
 - (e) Traffic control, including checking points and report centres.
 - (f) Halts.
 - (g) Lights etc at night.
 - (h) Protective measures on route.

51. MARCH
DISCIPLINE.

- (i) The transport Sgt shall be responsible for despatching vehicles at the correct time interval to produce the density ordered, and shall patrol the column during movement to ensure that all instructions are being observed.
- (ii) March Discipline as laid down in Bde S.O's shall be observed at all times.

52. PROTECTIVE
MEASURE.

See Part V, B.

53. ACTIONS ON
ARRIVAL.

- (i) On arrival at destination each vehicle shall proceed to its' allotted locations, preserving the track discipline laid down by the S.C.
- (ii) Vehicles shall be parked under cover facing towards exit for quick getaway, and no vehicle shall obstruct any other vehicle.
- (iii) Officers commanding the various sections within Bde H.Q. are responsible for the parking of vehicles under their command.

54. MOVES TO
ALTERNATIVE
POSITIONS.

- (i) When the H.Q. has been attacked or it becomes obvious that it has been located by the enemy the decision to move to the alternative site will be the responsibility of the Senior Officer present at the time. Due regard must be given to the situation at the time and the effect on Ops of the H.Q. being "silent" at that particular time.
- (ii) The signal to move will be 2 short blasts, and 1 long blast (get going) repeated at 5 sec intervals for 2 mins, given by horn or whistle and visual by the motion of cranking a vehicle followed by a thrust.
- (iii) On the signal being given all sections or groups will immediately prepare to move, guides will be despatched to the alt site ready to meet and guide vehicles into position.
- (iv) The order of movement will be :

Comd Gp
Intelligence
Signals
Office
Adm Gp } if NOT in separate B Ech area.
Tpt
Pro
Def Pl

PART V. PROTECTION AND DEFENCE.A. AT REST.

61. TRAFFIC CONTROL. The policy of traffic circulation and track discipline shall be laid down by the S.C. and shall be rigidly observed by all ranks. Control and policing shall normally be a Provost duty, but all personnel shall assist in every way possible, particularly in instructing and directing visitors to H.Q. Breach of traffic and track rules shall be treated as a serious offence.
62. CONCEALMENT AND CAMOUFLAGE. All ranks shall constantly strive towards concealment from air observation, by making all possible use of cover and shadow, and by undertaking camouflage works wherever practicable and necessary. Regular formations shall be avoided, definite outlines and reflecting surfaces broken by the intelligent use of nets, branches etc.
63. DEFENCE PLANS. Plans for the defence of the Bde H.Q. against attack shall be drawn up by the ~~D. & E. Pl Comd~~ ~~Bde HQ~~ S.M. under the direction of the S.C.

GROUND DEFENCE.

Battle positions shall be selected and troops and weapons allotted to same, and fire plans laid down. Where practicable defensive work shall be undertaken and troops rehearsed in occupation. Additional working parties for digging etc shall be drawn from an adjacent unit if necessary.

A.F.V. DEFENCE.

A/Tk rifles will be placed in position and their tasks allotted.

When Bde H.Q. lies within the A/Tk sector of an Arty or A/Tk sub-unit, the tasks of A/Tk rifles, and the construction or improvement of A/Tk obstacles, will be co-ordinated with these sub-units.

A.A. DEFENCE.

Bde H.Q. will normally be included in a Bn area and when this occurs the sighting and tasks of A.A. L.M.G.'s will be co-ordinated with the Bn. The ordering of A.A. defence, either Active or Passive shall be in accordance with the policy laid down by the Bde Comd.

GAS.

Gas alarms shall always be installed.

64. SENTRIES.

Sentries, as ordered, shall always be on duty. The roles of A.A. sentry and Gas sentry shall be combined.

65. STAND TO.

All personnel, except those engaged on essential services, will "STAND TO" at times ordered, fully dressed, armed and equipped, and will man Battle positions.

The sentry on duty at the H.Q. rest area will wake the H.Q. S.M. who will ensure that all troops "Stand to".

Group sentries will ensure that all personnel in their areas of responsibility are roused.

66. STAND DOWN.

The signal to STAND DOWN will be one long whistle blast and will be given by the H.Q. S.M. **on the orders of the senior S.O. present.**

67. ALARM SIGNALS.

Alarm signals shall be as follows :-

GROUND ATTACK.

Whistle, succession of long and short blasts.

AIR ATTACK.

Whistle, succession of short blasts. Arms extended overhead and hands waved.

GAS. EXCEPT SPRAY.

Horn, long continuous blasts.
Gong, Succession of rapid beats.

GAS. SPRAY.

Horn, recurring succession rapid blasts.
Gong, recurring succession rapid beats.

ALL CLEAR.

Whistle or horn, 2 long blasts repeated at intervals.

68. OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

On an outbreak of fire the alarm should be given by shouting "Fire" in a loud voice, whereupon all ranks will stand to.

The senior officer or N.C.O. on the spot will take charge and take obvious steps to extinguish the fire and prevent it spreading.

Meanwhile the S.O. shall assemble all available personnel (except drivers, who will stand by vehicles) and organize the fighting of the fire, picqueting and salvage. The S.M.S. shall distribute firefighting equipment.

69. B ECHELON.

Where B Echelon is detached, the Bde T.O. shall be responsible for its protection and defence in conformity with paras 61 to 68 incl.

70. (Reserved)

B. ON THE MOVE.

71. AVOID FIGHTING.

The sole aim of an M.F. column shall be to get through to its destination intact, and at the appointed time.

To this end it shall not fight unless forced thereto, and if threatened shall make all possible use of concealment, speed, deviation, change of route, etc to avoid actual fighting.

72. GROUND ATTACK.

(i) Usually a move of Bde H.Q. will be within the sphere of protection of forward, flanking and supporting units. Should ambush or attack by enemy be considered possible, the column shall have a protective escort, preferably of mobile troops.

In such case the commander of the escort shall also command the column, and shall control all movement and action, including action of personnel.

(ii) Where the column has to provide its own protection, movement shall be by bounds, motor cycle scouts and protective detachments being sent forward and/or to flanks to occupy tactical ground and to cover the passing of exposed sections of road, etc, and withdrawn after the danger areas has been passed.

(iii) Should a column be surprised and forced to fight, vehicles shall be halted, if possible off road, troops shall dismount, line tactical features, and engage enemy with controlled fire from all weapons, pending co-ordination of defence by commander of column.

There shall be no firing from vehicles.

73. AIR ATTACK.

(i) A.A. defence shall primarily be passive, vehicles will NOT halt unless in the opinion of the Comd of the column it becomes essential to do so.

(ii) If a halt is ordered vehicles shall halt under cover, troops shall dismount and shall engage enemy with controlled fire from rifles and L.H.Gs.

74. GAS ATTACK.

(i) Gassed areas shall never be entered voluntarily but shall always be avoided by deviation, change of route, etc. When a column is involved in gas attack without warning, all ranks will don respirators, protective clothing, etc, and the area will be evacuated as quickly as possible by use of speed, deviation, etc. In such case decontamination shall be carried out at earliest opportunity.

(ii) If the column encounters spray gas, all windows shall be closed and all covers, curtains etc adjusted to exclude penetration from outer air, until danger area is passed.

75. ALARM SIGNALS
ON MOVE.

Alarm signals on the move shall be conveyed by motor cyclist moving along column as follows :

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>GROUND ATTACK.</u> | Horn. Succession long and short blasts. |
| <u>AIR ATTACK.</u> | Horn. Succession short blasts. |
| <u>GAS, EXCEPT SPRAY.</u> | M/Cyclist dons respirator and points to same as he rides along column. |
| <u>GAS, SPRAY.</u> | M/Cyclist dons respirator, and points alternately to it and upwards as he rides along column. |
| <u>ALL CLEAR.</u> | Horn. Two long blasts, repeated at intervals. |

76-30.

(reserved)

PART VI. ADMINISTRATION.

81. MARKING, SIGN-POSTS, Etc. The S.C. shall be responsible for marking the entrance to Bde H.Q. by means of sign-posts at the approaches from the main routes, and for the provision and posting of notice boards, direction signs etc, within H.Q. area, immediately on arrival at a new location.
82. POLICE DUTIES. The S.C. shall be responsible for the policing of Bde H.Q. by Provost or other personnel to ensure that all precautions are taken against air observation, and that all instructions regarding parking, movement of vehicles, and pedestrian traffic are observed.
83. INTERNAL ECONOMY. The H.Q. Q.M.S. shall be responsible for issue of rations, cooking and messing arrangements,
The H.Q. S.M. shall be responsible for the sanitation, cleanliness, and the tidiness of Bde H.Q. area.
Each sub-unit office, mess etc, shall be responsible to him for the cleanliness of its own sub-area.
84. DRESS Etc. When a state of "ACTION" or "ACTION IMMINENT" is declared by the B.M., all ranks shall have their arms and equipment (made up in battle order) near them at all times, and shall wear steel helmets and respirators at the alert.
During normal times dress shall be such as may be ordered from time to time by the S.C.
85. DUTY PERSONNEL. (i) When a state of "ACTION" or "ACTION IMMINENT" is declared by the B.M., the following minimum staff shall be on duty at all times within the Comd area itself, whether by day or night :
- One Officer.
 - One Clerk.
 - One Orderly.
 - One Driver M.T.=
 - One Sentry.
 - One Signaller (switchboard).
- (ii) At all other times the minimum staff shall be :
- One Officer.
 - One Clerk.
 - One Signaller (Switchboard)
 - One Sentry.
- The B.M. shall decide which personnel, if any, shall remain continuously awake at night. For any such, adequate relief shall be arranged.
- Intelligence personnel shall be included in the clerical duty roster.

86. DUTY OFFICER.

(i) An Officer's duty roster will be maintained by the S.C.

All officers (except Comd) shall be available for duty.

The name of the duty officer shall be posted in a prominent place close to and in view of the main switchboard.

(ii) The Duty Officer shall :

(a) See all incoming messages and take telephone calls.

(b) Deal with any matter requiring immediate attention: if not confident, wake officer concerned.

(c) Arrange for matters not urgent to be passed to officer concerned in the morning.

(d) Keep diary of events, including action taken and matters dealt with, handing over diary to relief.

(e) Keep situation map up to date.

(f) Visit all personnel who have to keep awake, at least once during his tour of duty.

(g) Keep Sig Office informed of his whereabouts.

87. CENSORSHIP.

(i) All private letters, parcels, etc must be franked in accordance with Censorship Instructions from time to time in force.

(ii) All officers will be available as Franking Officers and it is their responsibility to ensure that mail matter handed to them for Franking is dealt with promptly.

(iii) After Franking it will be delivered by the Franking Officer to the I.O. for stamping with the "Censor" stamp.

(iv) The I.O. will ensure that censored mail is delivered direct to the Field Post Office.

88. (Reserved)

89. "

90. "

PART VII. COMMUNICATIONS & ROUTINE.

91. ORDERLIES & D.R.'s. (i) All ranks shall give every assistance to D.R.'s and Orderlies looking for H.Q. or individual officers to deliver a message. An orderly wishing to deliver a message to an individual officer who may for example be engaged in conversation will make his presence known immediately by saying loudly, "Message for"
- (ii) Economy should be practiced in the case of D.R.'s by ensuring that those delivering to the HQ from other units etc are given any out messages on their return journey. When a Special D.R. is going out, all Offrs on duty shall be warned by Sigs as early as possible.
- (iii) Sig Offr shall be responsible to see that a D.R. always accompanies the Comd when he leaves H.Q. during operations.
92. IN MESSAGES. "IN" messages shall be prepared by Sigs in duplicate on Army Form C 2130 (pink) and shall be delivered immediately to the Int Office where they will be dealt with as follows :
- Operations. One copy delivered immediately to B.M. (or Duty Offr)
One copy to Battle Board after logging.
- A. or Q. One copy delivered immediately to S.C. (or Duty Offr)
One copy to Bde Office for logging and filing.
93. OUT MESSAGES (i) Offrs originating OUT messages shall make THREE copies on Army Form C 2028 (white) signed in the appropriate space.
- (ii) TWO copies shall be delivered immediately to the Sig Office. ONE copy shall be delivered to the I office if "Operation" or to the Bde Office if "A" or "Q" for logging and filing.
- (iii) The Offr in charge of Sig Office shall indicate what number, if any, of additional copies are required for addressees and in the mean time proceed with registration etc of the message. The Bde office will be responsible for the preparation of such additional copies as are requested by the Sig Office and this duty shall be given priority according to the priority of the message.
94. TELEPHONE AND VERBAL MESSAGES. (i) Telephone and verbal "IN" messages, other than those of a trivial nature shall be noted in duplicate on Army Form C 2130 (pink) by the Offr or clerk concerned, and dealt with as set out in para 92. The first word of the text shall be "Verbal" or "Phone" which ever is applicable.

- (ii) Telephone and verbal "OUT" messages, other than those of a trivial nature shall be confirmed by sig message and dealt with as set out in para 93.
95. RECORD & FILING.
- (1) All messages received at the I Office and Bde Office shall be recorded in the Log in sufficient detail to indicate clearly their general purport, together with a note of the action taken.
- (ii) Messages which concern "Operations" will be posted on the Battle Board and such A or Q messages, the contents of which require to be generally known. At the end of 24 hours messages will be removed from the Battle Board and destroyed or filed as required.
96. PERUSAL BY ALL OFFICERS. The Battle Board shall be perused by ALL OFFICERS daily and each Officer shall be responsible for keeping himself informed of the progress of events.
97. D.R.L.S. & POSTAL PACKAGES.
- (1) 'IN' packages will be delivered by Sig Office or Postal Sec direct to Bde Office where they will be opened, except envelopes marked "SECRET", "SECURITY", or "CONFIDENTIAL" by the W.O. Clerk.
- Correspondence relating to "A" or "Q" matters will be registered at the Bde Office and that relating to "Operations" or "Training" will be passed to the Int Office for registration.
- Envelopes marked SECRET, SECURITY, or CONFIDENTIAL will be delivered unopened, if addressed to a particular officer or appointment, to the addressee or if addressed generally, to the Int Office.
- (ii) "OUT" correspondence etc will be delivered to the Bde Office by all branches for registration in the despatch register.
- SECRET, SECURITY and CONFIDENTIAL correspondence will be enclosed in an envelope, addressed and appropriately endorsed by the Officer originating it. The file or registration number will be written on the top right hand corner of the envelope.
- The W.O. Clerk will be responsible for the making up of all correspondence to the same addressees into one or more packages as necessary and for despatch by D.R.L.S. or Post.
98. FRANKING PRIORITY MESSAGES.
- Franking of messages demanding special D.R., priority telephone calls :
- (1) Officers are authorised as follows :
- (a) IMMEDIATE.
Bde Comd, Bde Maj.

(b) IMPORTANT.

As for (a), Sig Offr, messages affecting Comms only. S.C. with in the Bde only

(c) Special D.R. and Priority Phone Calls.
As for (a).

- (ii) Only officers authorised to frank an "IMMEDIATE" message will sign in the "BY ANY MEANS" Space.

All other officers will sign the messages in the "IF LIKELY TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER" space.

- (iii) If an unauthorised officer should initiate a message franked as above, Sigs will accept the message, but will report to the Bde Comd or B.M.

- (iv) In an emergency any Officer may frank any priority, but he must be able to justify his action, for by franking he accepts full responsibility.

99. SECURITY.

- (i) All Bde H.Q. personnel are in a position of trust and shall not divulge or discuss information which comes to their knowledge, with any person whatever, including colleagues, except in course of duty.

- (ii) Contents of waste paper baskets shall be cleared at least once daily and contents burned immediately.

Documents, maps, secret and confidential papers shall not be left lying about in offices tents or billets.

- (iii) Documents containing information which is to be safeguarded are classified according to the degree of protection required as :

- (a) "SECRET". Require absolute protection. Their existence should be known only by the officer concerned. The officer originating a secret document shall be personally responsible that all drafts, stencils, carbons, notes and blotting paper used in its production are destroyed.

When a secret document is transmitted by post or messenger it shall be enclosed in two envelopes, the inner envelope being wax sealed and marked "SECRET", the outer envelope superscribed with the address only.

When sent by post, it will be registered.

Incoming documents addressed to an officer or appointment shall be delivered to the addressee unopened, or if he is absent from H.Q., to the senior staff officer present at H.Q.

(b) SECURITY.

A somewhat lesser degree of protection. Existence may be known but contents not widely known.

Correspondence marked "SECURITY" shall be opened only by an officer, and shall be filed under lock and key under direct supervision of B.M.

(c) CONFIDENTIAL.

Documents not for general publication. Existence may be generally known, but not necessarily contents. Shall be opened by an officer, and shall not be filed in general files, but in a special "Confidential" file.

(iv) The officer who opens secret, security or confidential correspondence shall be responsible that no unauthorised person becomes acquainted with its contents; sufficient details only shall be given to the registry clerk to enable him to register receipt.

(v) Cipher Messages. Personnel dealing with cipher messages shall immediately destroy by burning all papers used in enciphering and deciphering.

100. PRODUCTION OF
OPERATION
ORDERS.

(i) Whenever written operation orders are to be produced, procedure will be as follows :-

(a) B.M. shall issue warning, through S.C. that an operation order is to be produced, stating approximate time.

(b) S.C. shall pass on warning to clerks Sigs and any other officers concerned.

(c) T.O. clerk shall organize preparation of envelopes, typists ready for dictation, duplication and pining up.

(d) Sig Officer shall prepare plan for distribution, submitting same to B.M. for approval.

(e) B.M. shall give assisting officers general outline of intended operation, etc and shall proceed with "intention" and "method" paras. The "intention" para shall be in the Comds' own words.

(f) I.O. shall prepare "Information" para, and shall check all co-ordinates and assist with tables, tracings etc.

(g) S.C. shall prepare Adm paras & March Tables assisted by T.C. and Supply Officer.

(h) Wax sheets shall be checked before duplicating, preferably by an officer other than the originator.

(ii) Where operation orders are issued verbally, the written notes of the Comd from which he issued his verbal orders shall form the basis of the War Diary record.

101. FORM OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

All Orders, Instructions etc which require acknowledgement shall have attached an 'ACK' slip in the following form

H.Q.4 AUST INF BDE

Date.....

ACK SLIP

Copy No..... of Document No..... issued to.....

Receivedhrs.....(date)

.....
Signature of Recipient.

To be completed immediately and returned to bearer.

102. DISTRIBUTION LISTS

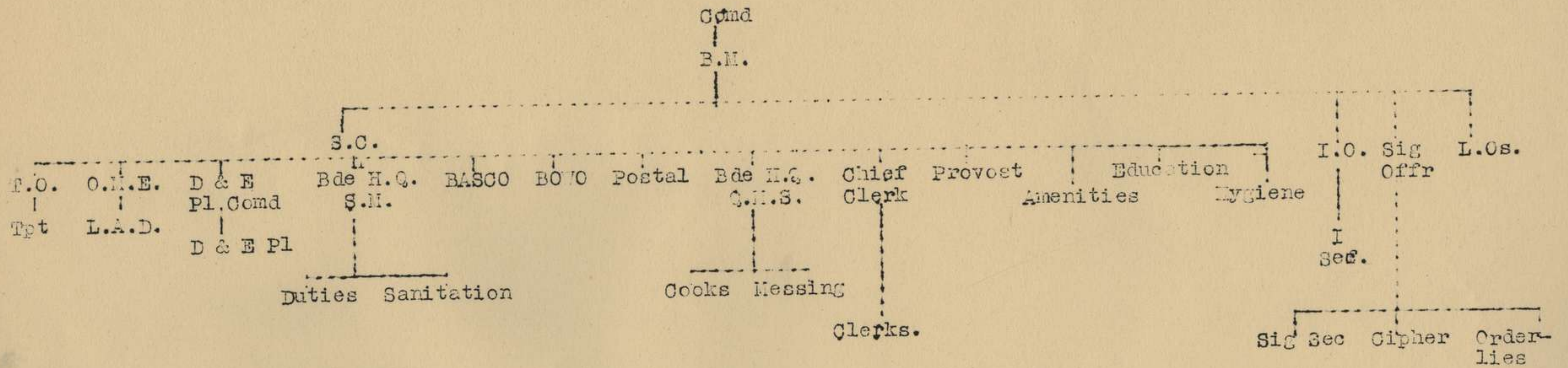
Distribution of orders etc shall be as per following lists. Any alteration to these lists required will be shown as "Plus" or "Less" the required copies.

e.g. List 'A' Plus 3 Aust Div 2 copies.
List 'A' Less copies 14-18. etc.

<u>LIST 'A'</u>		<u>LIST 'B'</u>		<u>LIST 'C'</u>	
<u>Recipient</u>	<u>No of Copies</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>No of Copies</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>No of Copies</u>
4 Aust Fd Regt	8	22 Aust Inf Bn	1	Comd	1
22 Aust A/Tk Bty	2	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	1	B.M.& Learner	1
4 Aust Fd Coy	2	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	1	S.C.& Learner	1
22 Aust Inf Bn	8	Comd	1	I.O.	1
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	8	B.M.	1	T.O.	1
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	8	S.C.	1	Sup Offr	1
2/13 Aust Fd Amb	3	T.O.	1	Sig Offr	1
19 Aust Coy AASC	2	Sup Offr	1	L.Os	2
4 Bde Sec 54 DOW	1	Sig Offr	1	O.M.E.	1
" " " 54 D.O.FdPk	1	O.M.E.	1	Amen Offr	1
Comd	1	HQ 3 Aust Div (Infm)	2	Educ Offr	1
B.M.	1	War Diary	2	Hygiene Offr	1
S.C.	1	File	1	War Diary	2
T.O.	1			File	1
Sup Offr	1				
Sig Offr	1				
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HQ 15 Bde (Infm)	1				
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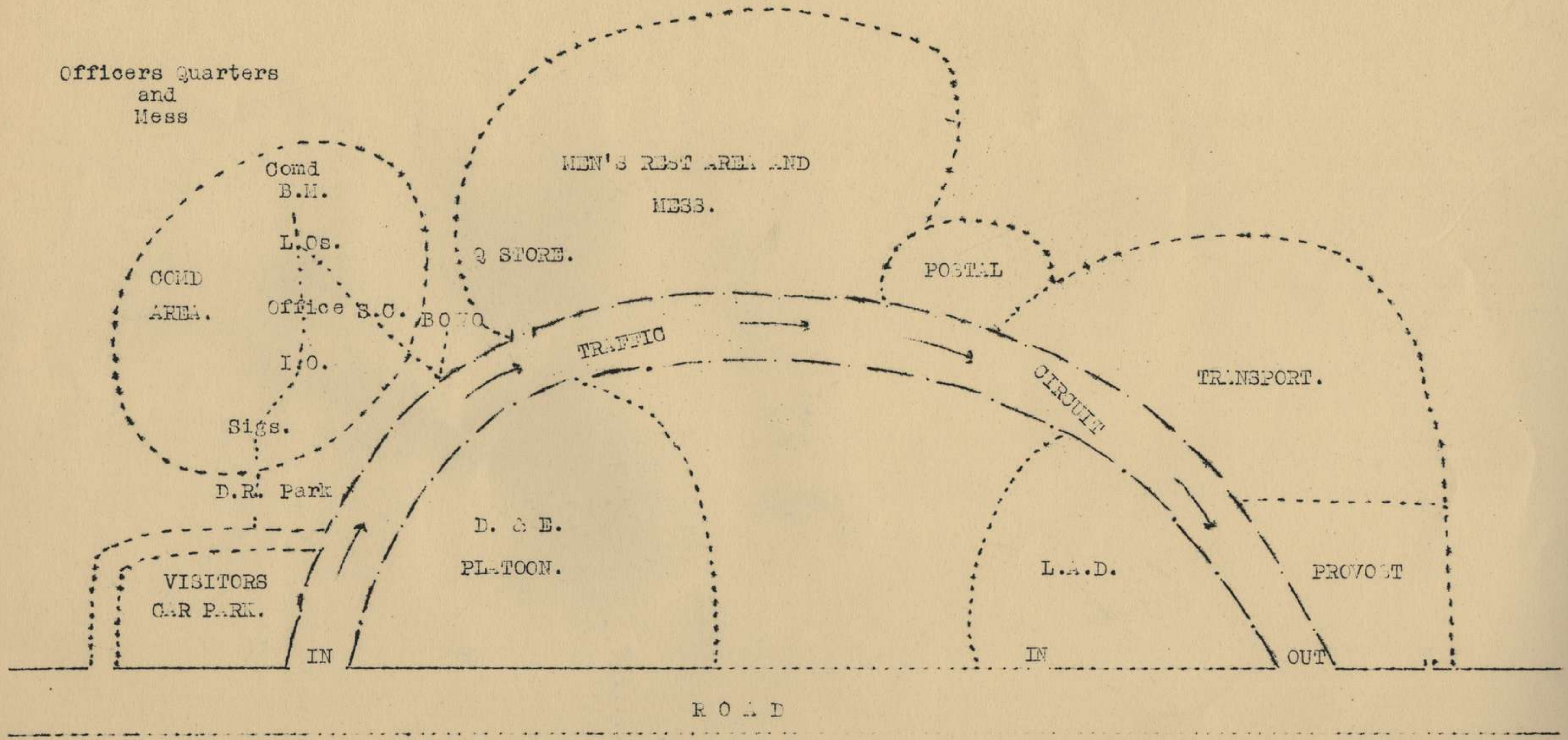
CHAIN OF COMMAND.

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DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT OF BDE H.Q.

Appendix B.



ALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL TO VEHICLES AND NORMAL
ORDER OF MARCH

SERIAL NO	VEHICLE	NO OF PERS	PERSONNEL	REMARKS
1	Car D.S.	4	S.C, C.S.M. Dvr Batman	May travel independently to layout Bde HQ site (if night movement may be 6 M/C Pro for guides into area.
3	Van 1 Ton W/T	4	2 Operators & Sig Orderly	O.C. J Sec may travel in this veh.
4	Car 6 Seater Utility	3	B.M., Dvr, Batman	Interchangeable with Ser 5
5	Car D.S.	3	LO 1, Dvr, Batman	Available to B.M. when car D.S. required.
6	Van 15 cwt	4	I.O., 1 Cpl (if not with Comd) L/Cpl, Batman & Dvr	Int Office.
7	Van 15 cwt	4	B.M(L), Dvr, 2 Batmen	Carries luggage for Bde Comd and L.O.3, Also available to Bde Comd for recee purpose, 1 batman L.O.3
8	Car D.S.	3	L.O.2, Dvr, 1 B'man	Can be used by I.O or L.O.3
9	Van 1 ton (office)	5	W.O. Clerk, Cpl Clerk, 2 Clerks Dr M.T.	One clerk will ride with Comd, and/or B.M. if required.
10	Lorry 3 ton (office)	11	Cpl and 3 Sigs operators for one sig office relief, sig electrician, 4 attached orderlies, Dr MT, 2 cipher ORs.	Sig Office.
11	Van 1 ton W/T	3	O.C. "J" Sec Sigs Dr & 2 batmen	Sig Offr may interchange between sers 3 & 11
12	Van 1 ton W/T	2	2 operators	
13	Van 1 Ton W/T	3	2 Cpl operators, Sig Orderly, Dr M.T.	109 W/T set.
14	Van 1 ton, Cable layers	6	Cpl linesman, 4 sig linemen (mech c/ layer) and Dr Mech.	May travel independently, if ordered by O.C "J" Sec Sigs 5 Div.
15	Van 1 Ton W/T	2	2 Operators	Carries spare 101 set
16	Van 1 ton W/T	2	2 Operators	
17	Car D.S. 4 Str	4	T.O., S.C. (L), B'man Dvr.	Interchangeable with Serial 17a
17a	Car 6 seater Comd	4	Comd, Dvr, Batman (Comd may take confdl clerk or 'I' Sec Cpl)	Interchangeable with Ser 17 May travel independently.
18	Van 1 ton	3	C.Q.M.S., San duties, Dvr M.T	Baggage, stores etc.
19	Van 1 ton	2	Tpt Cpl, Dvr	Petrol etc.
20	Van 15 cwt	5	Amen Offr, Sgt, 2 Batmen, Dvr M.T.	Extra Batman S.C. (L)
21	Van 15 cwt	6	Educ Offr, Sgt, Med Ord, 2 Batmen, Dvr.	Batman & luggage Hys Offr
22	Van 1 ton	4	Arm Sgt, Fitter, Mech Dvr.	

(2)

SER NO.	VEHICLE	NO OF PERS.	PERSONNEL	REMARKS.
23	Lorry 30 cwt Offr Mess	5	Cpl, Cook, 2 duties Dr, M.T.	
24	Lorry 30 cwt Kitchen	3	Cooks 2, Dr M.T.	
25	Car D.S.	4	BASCO, Opl Clerk, Dr M.T., Batmen	
26	Lorry 3 ton stores	4	Sig Cook, Dr M.T., Charging set.	
27	Lorry 30 cwt Water Car t	2	Dr M.T., Water Duty	
<u>L.A.D.</u>				
28	1 Van 15 cwt	3	C.C. L.A.D., Mech M.T. Dr Batmen	
29	1 Van 15 cwt	3	W.O.II, Mech M.T., Dr Mech.	May be detached for special duty in convoy in which case 2 mech would be taken from Ser 30 & 31 and added S/Cgt can be substituted for W.O.II
30	Lorry 3 ton stores	2	Mech M.T., Dr Mech.	
31	Lorry 3 ton stores	2	Tech Storeman, Dr Mech.	
32	Lorry 3 ton Garage	2	Mech M.T., Dr Mech	
33	Lorry 3 ton B/down	3	Cpl Mech, Mech M.T. Dr Mech.	
<u>M/Cs.</u>				
1	M/C	1	Int Sgt	rides in rear Ser 6
2	M/C	1	L.O.3	rides in rear Ser 2 17A
3	M/C	1	Dr Ord from M.T.Sec	Interchangeable with LC 2 when Dr Ord rides in Serial 18
4	M/C	1	Tpt Sgt	rides in rear Ser 4
5	M/C	1	Hyg Offr	rides in rear Ser 1
6	M/C	1	B.O.W.O.	rides in rear Ser 16
7	M/C	1	Sup M/C order ly	rides in rear Ser 25
8	M/C	1	Sig D.R.	rides in rear Ser 2 17A
9	M/C	1	Sig D.R.	
10	M/C	1	Sig D.R.	rides in rear Ser 4
11	M/C	1	Sig D.R.	(rides in rear Ser 3 (or 1 " whichever Sig Offr uses.
12	M/C	1	Sig D.R.	rides in rear Ser 10
13	M/C	1	Sig Electrician)	
14	M/C	1	Sig Off 2 i/c Sec	rides in rear Ser 9
15	M/C	1	Sig Sgt No 1)	ride at the direction
16	M/C	1	Sig Sgt No 2)	of O.C. Sig Sef
17	M/C	1	Cycle fitter LAD	(L.A.D.) rides rear Ser 28.

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4. AUST INF BDE OPS IN TN NO 1
FOR DEFENCE OF IDS AREA

Ref Maps GYMPIE 1/4 in
EUMUNDI } 1 in.
LANDBOROUGH }

INFORMATION

1. (a) GENERAL

1 Aust Mot Bde is located GYMPIE Area, and has been allotted an area of op responsibility, local, and emergency op role by 2 Aust Corps.

(b) Q L of G Area has been allotted the task of the local def of the area, SOUTH of 3 Aust Div, and also the def of BRIBIE Is and the local def of CALOUNDRA.

(c) 7 Grn Bn is located at CALOUNDRA and is under Comd Q L of G Area.

2. V.D.C.

In the event of ops 2, 6, and 12 Bns V.D.C. will come under Comd 3 Aust Div.

3. AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF 3 AUST DIV

Is the coastal area, from PETRIE (6161) KIN KIN (6073) - TANDUR (5973) with Western bndy incl CABOOLTURE (6163) - WOODFORD (5965) - KENILWORTH (5869) - GILLDORA (5873)

4. ROLE 3 AUST DIV

(a) To defend BRISBANE from the NORTH.

(b) To be prepared to move by Bde Gps and concentrate in the MARYBOROUGH Area within 48 hrs.

(c) To be prepared to move by Bde Gps in order to operate offensively in the TWEED HEADS - LISMORE - GRAFTON Area within 72 hrs.

5. POLICY FOR DEF

(a) Keep main body of fd forces concentrated, and mob in the vital areas, and operate offensively from these areas, and attack the enemy wherever he may land.

(b) To avoid dispersion of fd forces, V.D.C. Units should be used in the fwd areas for recce, patrolling, harassing, delaying and maintaining contact with the enemy.

(c) Strong fighting patrols should be maintained fwd in the areas of the most likely landing places to inflict maximum casualties on the enemy before, and during landing, should he choose these places. These patrols may be found from either the fd force or V.D.C.

6. INITIAL AREAS OF OP RESPONSIBILITY

(a) 2 BN V.D.C.

Southern bndy of 3 Aust Div to excl TIBROGARDAN OK - WOODFORD.

(b) 4 AUST INF BDE

Incl TIBROGARDAN OK - WOODFORD - incl MT COOLUM - incl MAROOCHY R - incl KENILWORTH.

(c) 15 AUST INF BDE

Northern bndy 4 Aust Inf Bde - Northern bndy 3 Aust Div.

(d) 8 Aust Cav Regt

Initial disposn - YANDINA

ROLES: (a) Div Res

(b) Whilst located in YANDINA Area responsible for observation and recce in the MT COOLUM - MT PEREGIAN Area.

(c) Be prepared to move either N or S as ordered by H.Q. 3 Aust Div.

7. 6 BN V.D.C.

- (a) Bn less B Coy (YANDINA) will be placed under Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (b) B Coy will be placed under comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

4 AUST INF BDE GP

8. TASKS

4 Aust Inf Bde Gp tasks will be :-

- (a) Attack and destroy any enemy landings in the op area allotted.
- (b) Be prepared to move as a Bde Gp N or S as ordered by H.Q. 3 Aust Div.

9. INITIAL DISPOSITIONS OF UNITS

Units of Bde Gp will be initially disposed as per sketch Appx A.

10. INITIAL ALLOTMENT OF UNITS AND TASKS

(a) 22 Bn: Under Comd V.D.C. (see para 14)

TASK: (i) Attack and destroy any enemy landing from incl MOOLOLAH R to inter Bn Bndy.

(ii) Be prepared to move as ordered by Bde H.Q.

(b) 37/52 Bn - Under comd V.D.C. (see para 14)

In support - One tp 22 A/Tk Bty.

TASK: (i) Attack and destroy any enemy landing from inter Bn bndy to incl MAROOCHY R - PETRIE CK.

(ii) Be prepared to move as ordered by Bde H.Q.

(c) 29/46 Bn (less one Coy)

ROLE (a) Bde Res

(b) Be prepared to support fwd Bns.

(c) Be prepared to move as required by Bde H.Q.

(d) *Z* TASK FORCE - Under direct Comd Bde H.Q.

Comd - O.C.Coy detailed by 29/46 Bn for task.

COMPOSITION

One Coy of 29/46 Bn.

V.D.C. see para 14

In support - one tp of 22 A/Tk Bty.

(Note: 29/46 Bn will name Coy to this H.Q. by the 21 Dec 42)

TASKS: (i) Operate on flanks of 7 Grn Bn and destroy any enemy penetration.

(ii) Maintain liaison with 7 Grn Bn.

(iii) Prevent any enemy penetration to BRUCE HIGHWAY and rl comms.

Comms for this force responsibility of "J" See sigs 3 Div.

DEF OF BEACHES

11. Fwd Bns will each order one Coy fwd in support of V.D.C.

TASK: Deny beaches to enemy.

VITAL GND & COMMS

12. Vital gnd. - MT BUDERIM

Vital comms - BRUCE HIGHWAY and N - S Ry comms.

These are to be denied to the enemy.

V.D.C.

13. EMPLOYMENT

V.D.C. under Comd will be employed as follows :-

(a) The majority of V.D.C. sub-units as outlined in para 5 (b)

(b) Coast watching in accordance with instns laid down.

(c) Small dets to be employed for guarding vital pts., and local protection of H.Q. and army maintenance installations such as Sup, Pet and Amn Pts.

14. INITIAL ALLOTMENT 6 BN V.D.C.

- (a) A Coy (NAMBOUR) - less one Pl under Comd of 37/52 Bn, one Pl A Coy. Protection of Rd and Ry Bns NAMBOUR.
- (b) C Coy. (PALMWOODS - MONTVILLE) Coy (less dets) under Comd 22 Bn. One Pl allotted for def of Bde H.Q. One Det protection EUDLO TUNNEL. One Pl protection Bde "B" Ech.
- (c) D Coy (BUDERIM - MAROOCHYDORE) Under Comd 37/52 Bn.
- (d) E Coy. (MALENY - GALOUNDRA) To be notified later.

(e) F Coy (KILCOY) Less 19 and 20 Pls. under comd "Z" Task Force. 19 and 20 Pls remain under Bde control.

TASKS:

19 Pl (KUREELPA) Location LANDSBOROUGH. Be prepared to recce N or S of GALOUNDRA as ordered.

(f) GUIDES

Guides will be attached as follows :-

22 Bn	2 guides	D Coy V.D.C.
37/52 Bn	2 "	" " " " "
29/46 Bn	{ 2 "	" " " " "
	{ 2 "	E " " " "

(g) COAST O.Ps will report direct to Bde H.Q.

4 FD REGT 15. Initial Disposn. Mt BUDERIM. area. One Bty to be in support of ea 22 and 37/52 Bns.

22 A/TK 16. Bty less two tps initial disposn sq 1686.
BTY ROLE - Bde Res.

4 Fd COY 17. Under Bde Control Initial Disposn sq 2187.

COLLECT- 18. 6 Bn V.D.C. will be responsible for preparation and carrying
ION AND out of plans already made for collection of boats. 4 Fd Coy
DESTRUCT- will be prepared to assist in destruction when ordered.
ION OF
BOATS

ADM 19. Adm Instn will be issued later.

INTERCOMN 20. Initial disposn of Bde H.Q. L 215839. "J" Sec Sigs will arrange for comms with 7 Gm Bn.

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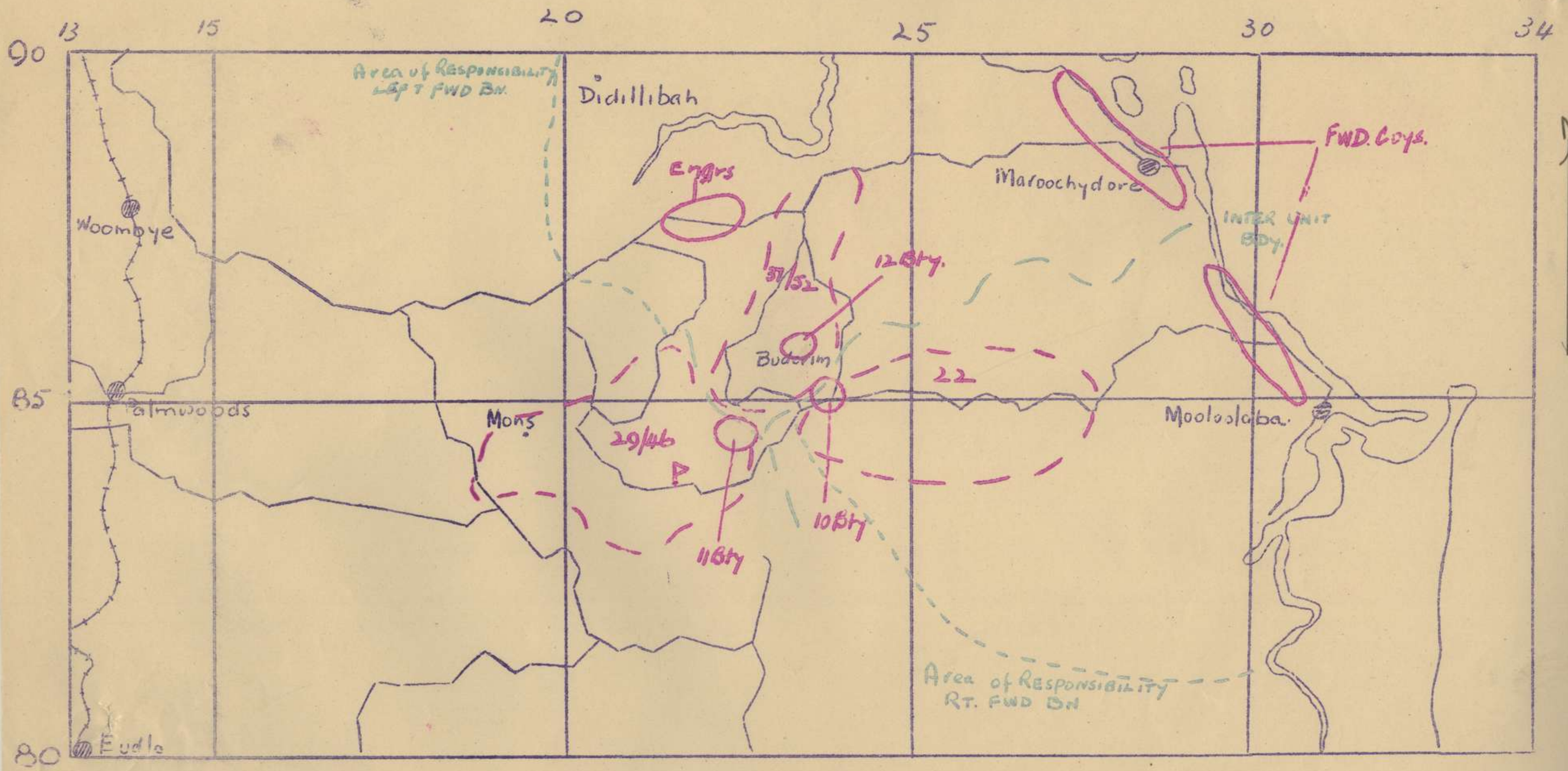
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Scale 1 Inch to 1 Mile

14 Dec 42.

PRECIS ON
JUNGLE FIGHTING

PART I

GENERAL

1. The following is a precis of some of the more important pts brought out recently by the L.H.Q. No 2 Trg Team.

ESSENTIAL POINTS IN THE ADV

2. (a) Aggression
(b) Adv continuing at highest possible speed
(c) Necessity for careful planning.

This incl :-

- (i) Recce of gnd and if available study of maps and or air photos.
(ii) Sound adm arrangements.
(iii) The necessity for limiting speed of adv to the speed of sups.

CONTACT NOT IMM- INENT

3. Flank gd not needed - only van gd. Van gd and main body should adv at maximum possible speed - goverened always by conditions as in Para 2 above. (See Sketch A)

CONTACT IMMINENT

4. Use flank gd in open country., otherwise same as Para 3. The Bn, however, will adv on wider front; and may adv deployed ready for action.
Firm base may be employed during movement.
Res must be held centrally at all times, ready to counter attack. See sketches B, C, D, & E.

JAP CHARACTERISTICS

5. The distances given in sketches are worked out on the assumption and experience that the Jap does not move far to the flanks off the tracks.

ACTION ON CONTACT

6. Usually first contact is an ambush.
Action will be :-
(a) All Units, or sub-units move quickly off track.
(b) As there is no time for recce, or orders, Battle drill must be learnt and acted on automatically. Sig for this drill, should be opening of fire.
(c) If fire indicates strong opposition, the two pls of fwd Coy should encircle. See sketch F.

MINOR OPPOSIT- ION.

7. Sub-unit comd should deal with it. He should feel for enemy's flank - send back infm to C.O. who may decide to bypass it. If any possibility of enemy countering, and is strong, C.O. must occupy firm base - FIRM BASE can be a perimeter camp cleared 30 yds around for fds of fire. Should only take half an hour to accomplish.

STRONG OPPOSITION

8. Against strong opposition it will be necessary for adv gd to deploy and discover location and str of enemy. C.O. should plan the attack.

PRINCIPLES TO BEAR IN MIND

9. (a) No wide encircling moves early in action.
(b) Flanks of enemy must be found.
(c) Res not to be committed until absolutely necessary.
(d) Always have a firm base.

APPLICAT- ION OF PRINCIPLES OF WAR

10. (a) MOBILITY
(i) Sound trg necessary - tps must be fit.
(ii) Supplies must be adequate, and adv contingent on this.
(iii) Equipment must be light to enhance mobility of tps.
(iv) Sound leadership - Jnr and Snr, who must be prepared to act quickly.

(b) SURPRISE

- (i) To achieve must have speed of movement and action.
- (ii) Must have automatic Battle drill, particularly to deal with minor opposition
- (iii) Must have quick use of supporting fire necessary to bolster up fwd tps with supporting fire.
- (iv) The ability to site, and man an ambush quickly.

(c) OFFENSIVE ACTION

- (i) Use of strong fire power - and always ready to clean up with the bayonet.
- (ii) Hunt and kill, once contact made.

(d) SECURITY

- (i) Firm base, and good control
- (ii) Automatic Battle drill.
- (iii) Fwd fire power must be strong.
- (iv) Adv Gd strong enough to fight and beat minor opposition.

COMNS

11. Line is the most reliable in Jungle country, and must be laid as the adv progresses.

PART II

ATTACK

ADVANTAGES OF ATTACK

1. Natural cover afforded in Jungle country, deletes to a large extent the necessity for using supporting fire. Although supporting fire may be used to create noise.
2. Def by Jap in Jungle country is usually unco-ordinated, and consequently easier to deal with.
3. Def posns of enemy of necessity are usually situated in a clearing.
4. Climatic conditions favorable in Jungle country, as rain and wind will usually cover noise.
5. The initiative is with the attacker, who can select any no of pts from which to attack.

DISADVANTAGES OF ATTACK

6. It is difficult to obtain infm, and consequently supporting fire is very rarely effective.
7. Difficult to maintain control and direction, visibility is difficult, and flanking fire from LMG's to cover attack is difficult to bring down. (Brens are usually fired from the hip).
8. Quiet movement through Jungle country is usually difficult.
9. If adv too rapid, sup pt is a very great problem.
10. Encircling or outflanking movements are usually slow (rate about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in the hour)
11. Infm in early stages sent back by Van Gd and patrols, and Comd most often cannot recce fwd. It is essential for Comd to know width and depth of opposition, and this cannot always be determined.
12. The carrying and bringing fwd of amm is difficult.

METHODS EMPLOYED IN ATTACK

13. Comd prepares plan, usually not sending out Warning Order, but may issue W.O. to air Sup if available, stating time it may be required.
14. ISSUE OF ORDERS
R.V. is not often used as time to get there may take too long. Most often issued over phone.

15. TIMING OF ATTACK
Usually governed by directing elements which may be flanking force having most difficult country to traverse.
16. RES
Must be located centrally and be given likely roles - must be kept in picture.
17. OBJECTIVE
Usually given by stating - so far along track - may be 500 yds or one mile.
18. DIRECTION
Arty targets may be used, such as smoke shells. It is necessary whole front of enemy be covered.
19. NO OF TPS IN OPPOSITION.
It is always necessary to use at least the same no of tps for an attack as the enemy's est str.
20. START LINE - rarely given.
21. BNDYS - rarely given also, effective mostly by Liaison.
22. EXPLOITATION - for so long - along track may be given in time, or distance.
23. RES - must not leave firm base until another firm base established.
24. CONSOLIDATION: In all cases firm bases must be established and sited for all round def.

SUMMARY

25. The advs with the attack outweigh the disadvs. Most necessary that Secs be organised into Sec Gps.

INTERCOMN

26. Mostly telephone, W/T and R/T has not been successful, or reliable. Runners are too slow, particularly over difficult gnd.

MEDICAL

27. Necessary that Coys have well trained medical orderlies with them. Suggested scale is seven - one at Coy H.Q. and two to each Pl.
Wounded may be carried fwd, or sent back. Coy Comd will decide which.

(see sketch C)

PART III

DEFENCE.

DEFN

1. The term Defence does not mean a def posn, but a firm base from which offensive action can be undertaken. This is usually sited along comms. The most successful has been Perimeter Def. The big problem is water, and source of this should be within the Perimeter.

RES

2. Res should be kept in a central posn within the perimeter, should be mobile and prepared to move rapidly. Two Res Coys, if possible, dispose to either flank of the perimeter def. Must be held till last minute, and committed when success seems most likely.

FD WORKS

3. If the posn is to be held, construct earth works, but if dug, camflg as much as possible. Dig weapon pits closer together than usual, and in comm onewith the other. They should be sufficiently large to enable 4 men to live in them - two always on duty, and two resting. Personal camflg and camflg

of weapons necessary. Use spoil to construct dummy posns. Booby traps are essential, particularly as warning devices. Construct alternate posns. The Jap likes tracks - clear them, and cover with fire, keeping gun concealed. Conceal tracks to H.Q. Relieve front line tps constantly - the Jap tries to keep you awake at night.

USE OF PATROLS ETC

- 4. If patrols go out at night, let them stay out - challenging at night draws enemy's fire. Never occupy posns he has reced. Deal with enemy patrol with Grenades, - other weapons reveal firer's posn. Use patrol to obtain infm of his posn. Contact should never be lost - maintain by patrolling.

SIZE OF PERIMETER

- 5. About 200x in diameter - no wire used - difficult to carry.

PART IV.

PATROLS

TYPES OF PATROLS

- 1. (a) Standing Patrols are never used. All patrols must be prepared to fight.
- (b) PROTECTIVE. Observation is limited - may be used during Adv in form of Van Gd. At rest, in posn to inform main body of approach of enemy.
- (c) RECCO PATROLS ; may be used to obtain infm concerning topography, tracks, type of country, and do recces for Comd. May also be used for liaison between fwd and rear coys, and H.Q. Essential always to get infm back quickly. If sending runner back, don't send alone- use pairs.
- (d) FIGHTING PATROLS
Must act aggressively, every man to hunt and kill - usually consists of 20 to 30 men.

ROLES: Counter patrolling
Ambushing Enemy.
Covering forming up areas prior to attacks.
Cover occupn of Def Posns.

Establish a firm base, and send further patrols out to seek infm. Used also for wiping out centre of resistance, cover demolition parties, or working parties..Patrols must not operate near noise, such as running streams. It is necessary to put every man in the picture, such as task, route, time out, time in, infm required and infm of own tps in the area. All infm available concerning task should be given to them.

EQUIPMENT

- 2. Cut down essentials to as light as possible, - delete rattling equipment.

WEAPONS ETC

- 3. As many automatic as possible; take 3 or 4 days supply of amm and food of which 50% should be cooked. Sweetened rice is excellent - bully beef and biscuits.

MOVEMENT

- 4. Distance between men, depends on visibility, there may only be two or three paces between each man, when the country is thick. If necessary to go through thick jungle, may proceed in single file, with leading man cutting way through, necessary to change this man often.

AMBUSHES

- 5. See sketches H, I, & J.

ACTION ON CONTACT

- 6. Inside men of secs are usually fired on first - men should see each other - Opening fire should be signal for automatic envelopment.

JAP AMBUSHES

- 7. See sketches K & L for types and counters to them.

DELIBERATE AMBUSHES BY OWN TPS

- 8. See sketches M and N. These must be a drill, and patrols be prepared to form them at very short notice.

PART V

WEAPONS

1. Every man in Pl must be able to fire and maintain the weapons with which the Pl is armed. Skilled marksmanship is necessary, and efficient snap shooting essential.
2. Must be able to fire from the hip.
3. Excellent weapon Japs do not like, also useful for slashing Jungle.
4. Not suitable lower than Bn H.Q. If armed with it keep it concealed. The Jap knows Offrs and NCO's carry them.
5. Excellent weapon in Jungle, but use it with sling - fire single shots until suitable target appears, to conserve amm.
6. Cannot replace L.M.G. but excellent weapon for close fighting. Use mostly from the hip.
7. Excellent for close fighting and patrols. Suitable for night ops. Used at close range will break up enemy infiltration and cause a local withdrawal.
8. Very effective but weight against it. After firing move to alternate site. - outranged by Jap 3 & 4 in mortars.
9. Heavy weapon, has uses mostly in open country, beaches, etc.
10. Useful against med Tks. Those fired at Med Tanks in MILNE Bay penetrated armour.
11. Mountain type from INDIA. Excellent weapon - mule portered. Range 6,500 yds.

RIFLE

BAYONET

REVOLVER

L.M.G.

T.M.G.

GRENADE

3" MORTAR

M.M.G's

BOYES A/TK RIFLE

37 M.M. PACK ARTY

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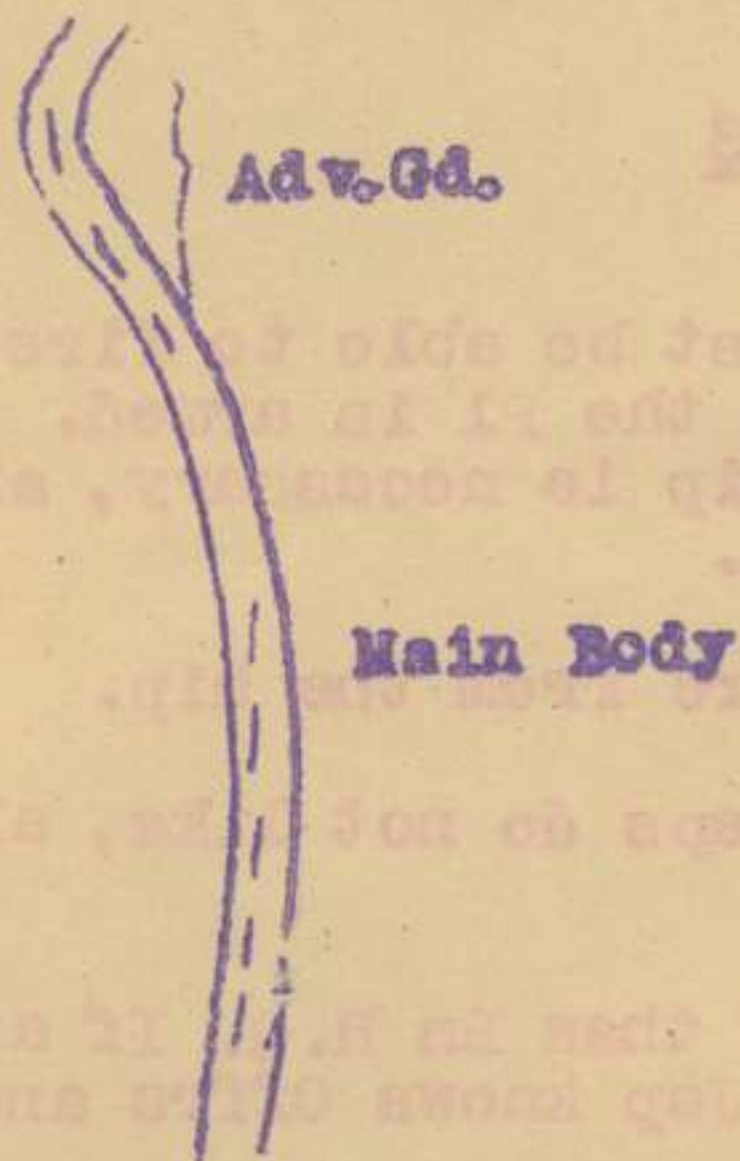
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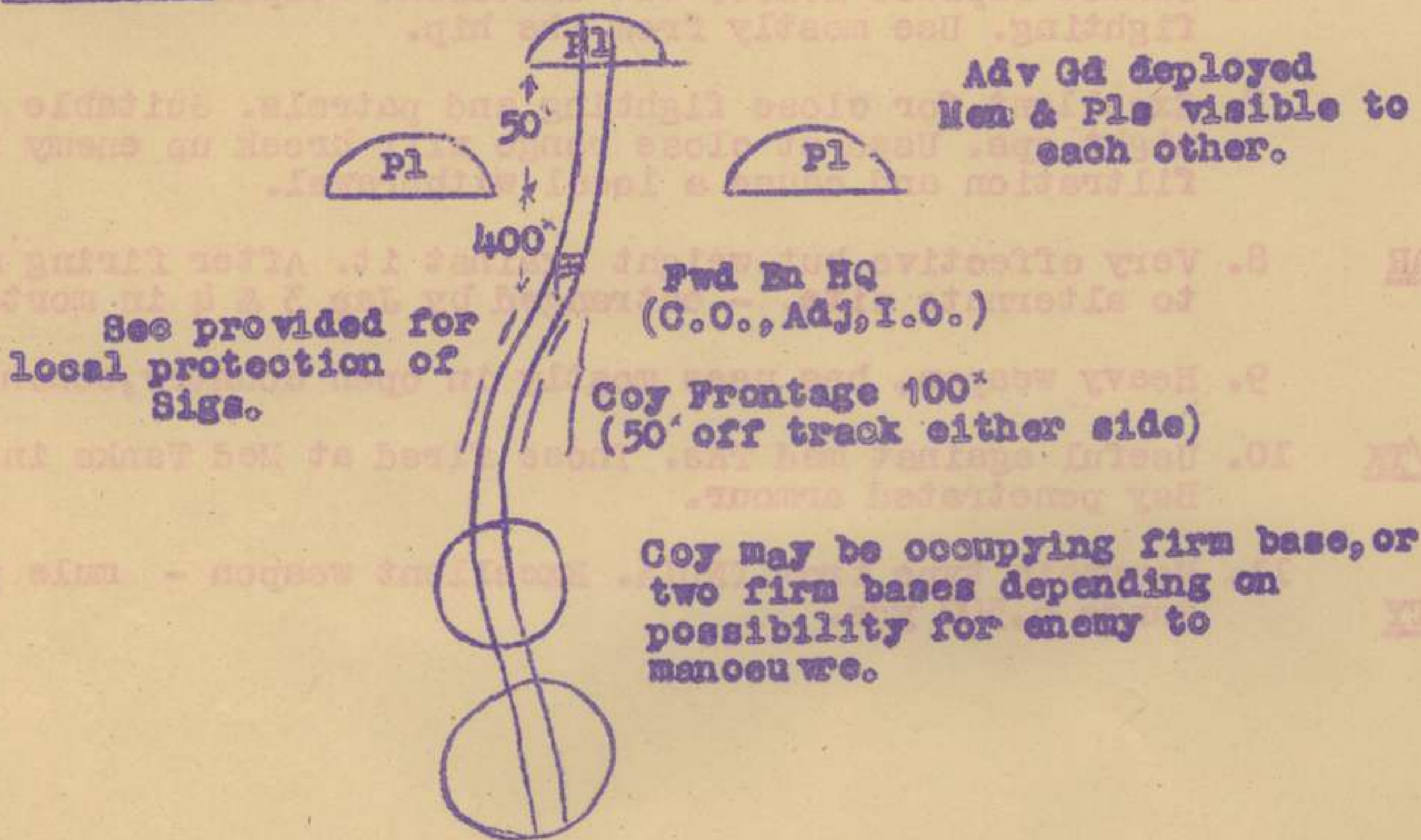


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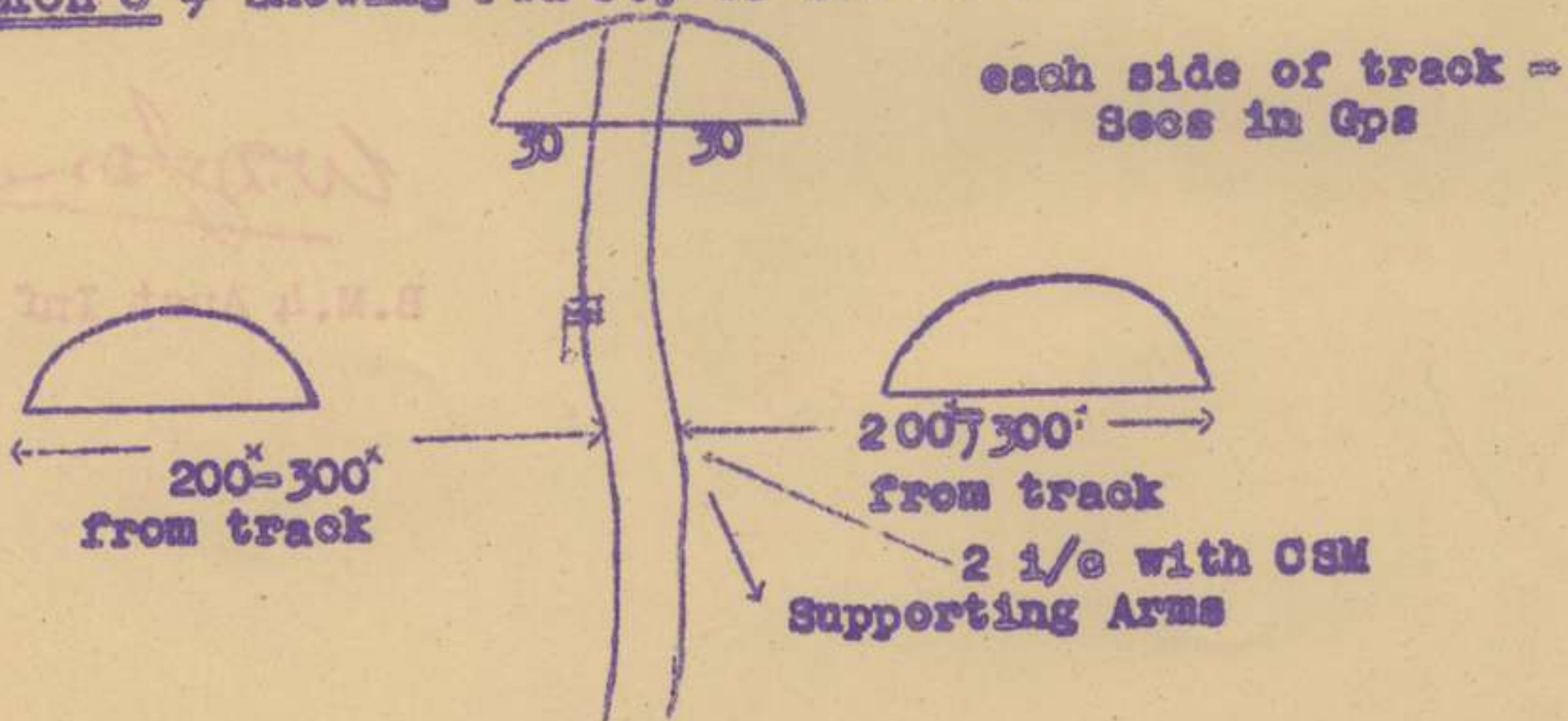


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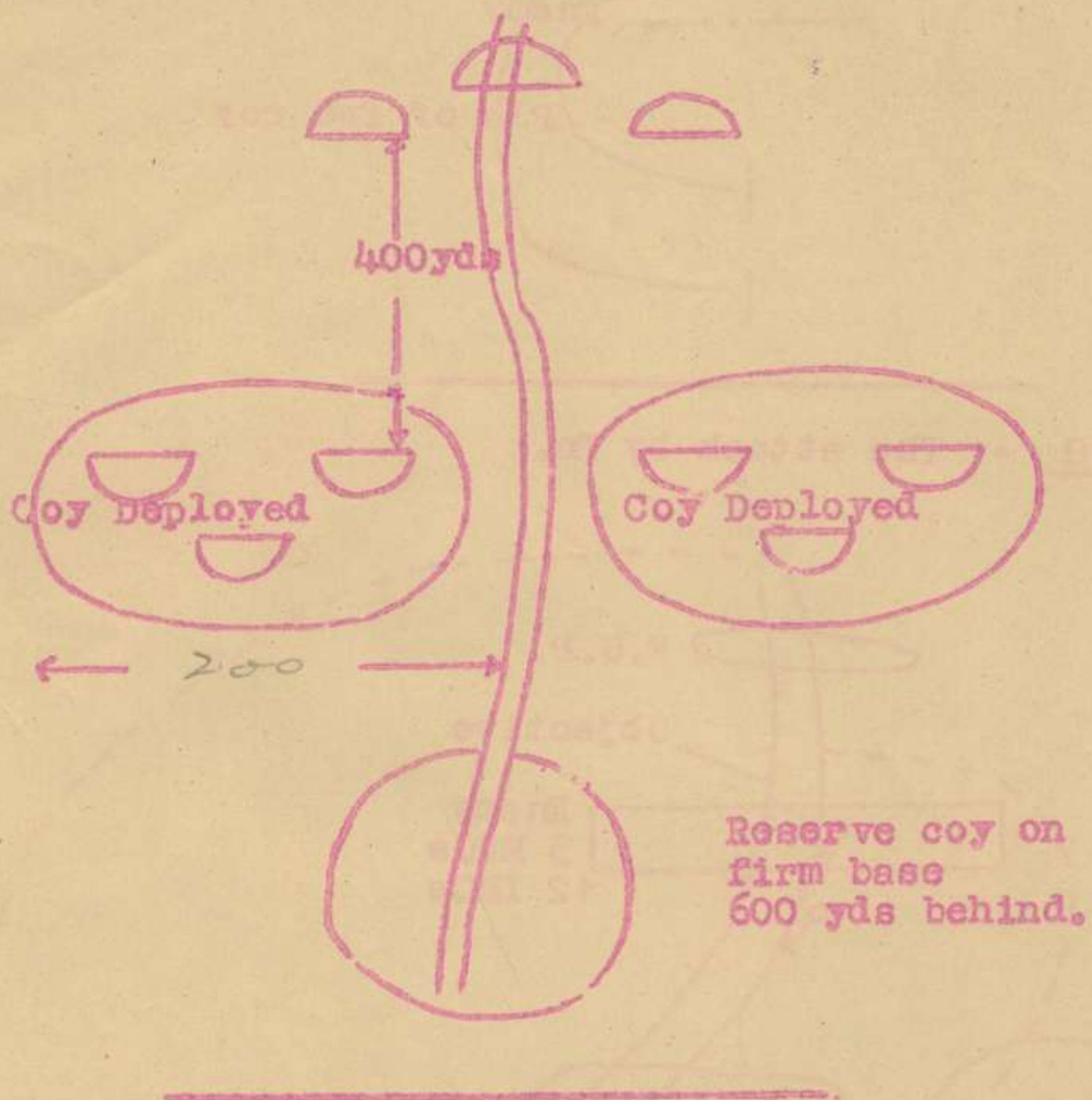
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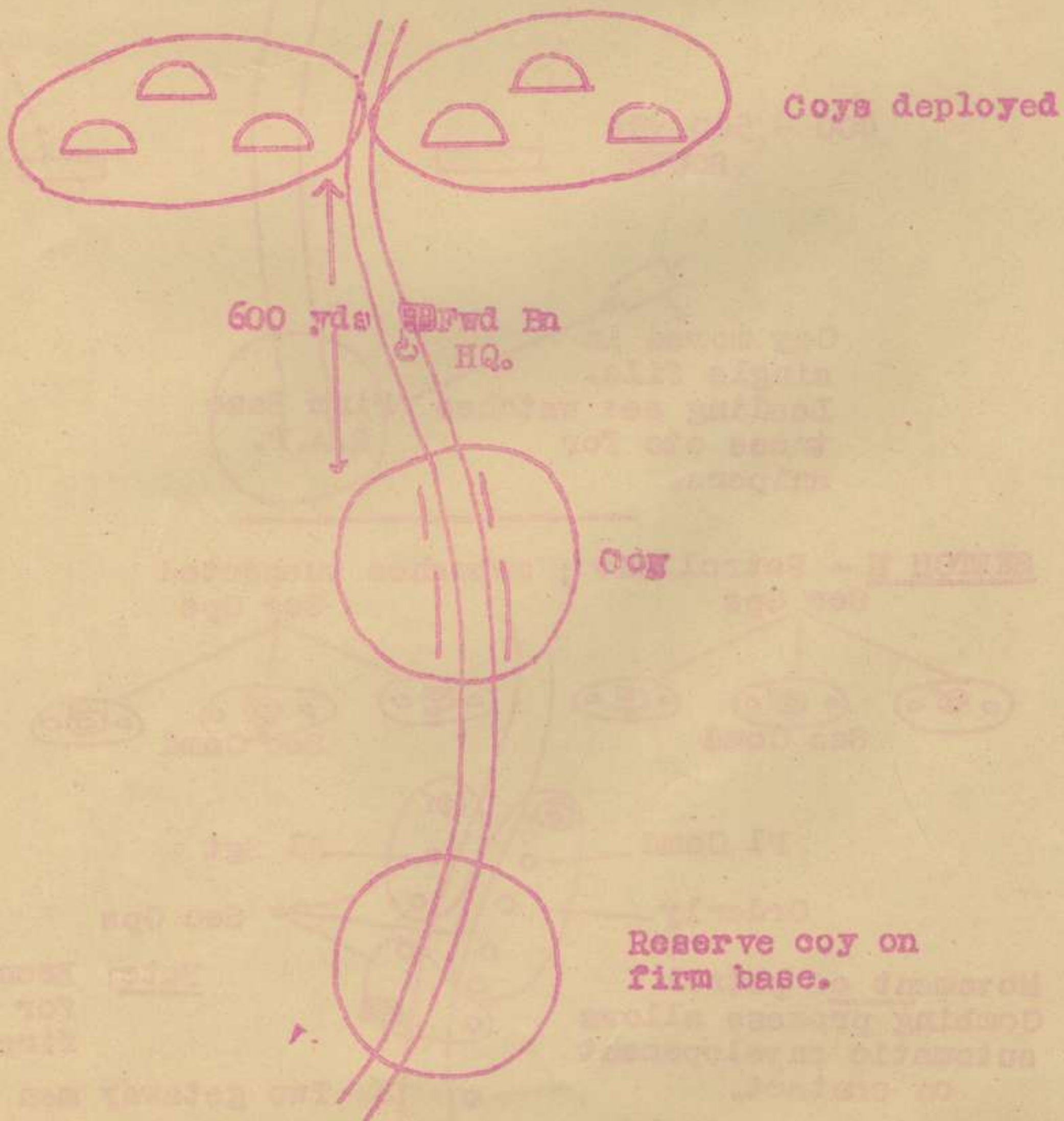
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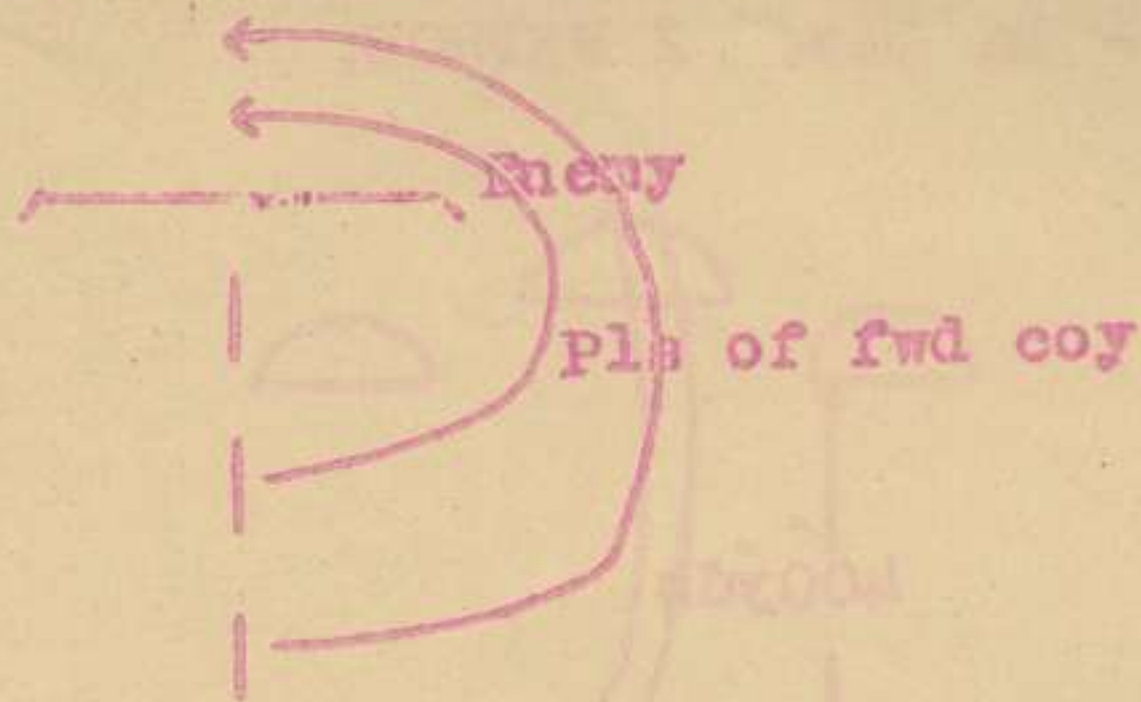


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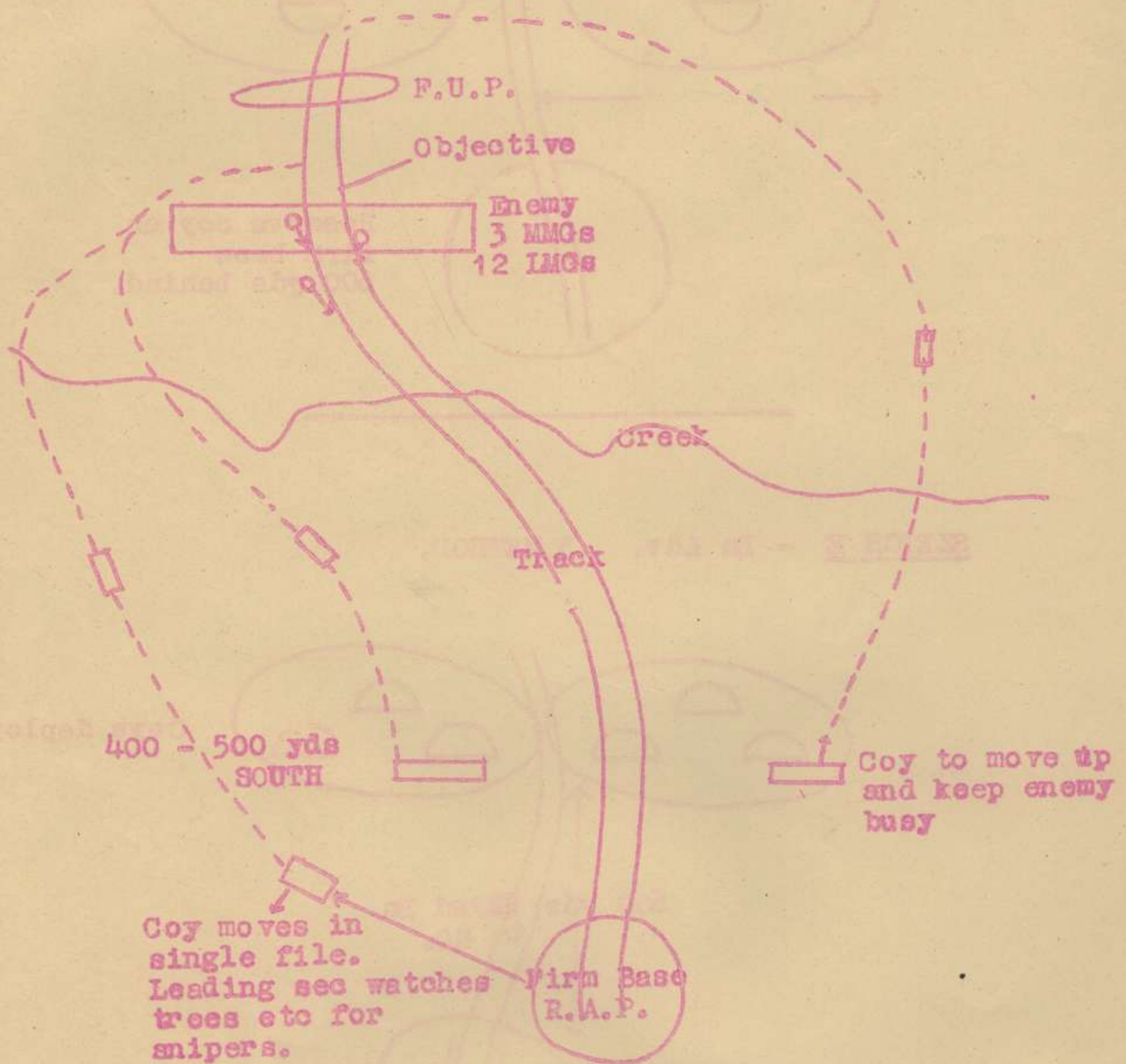


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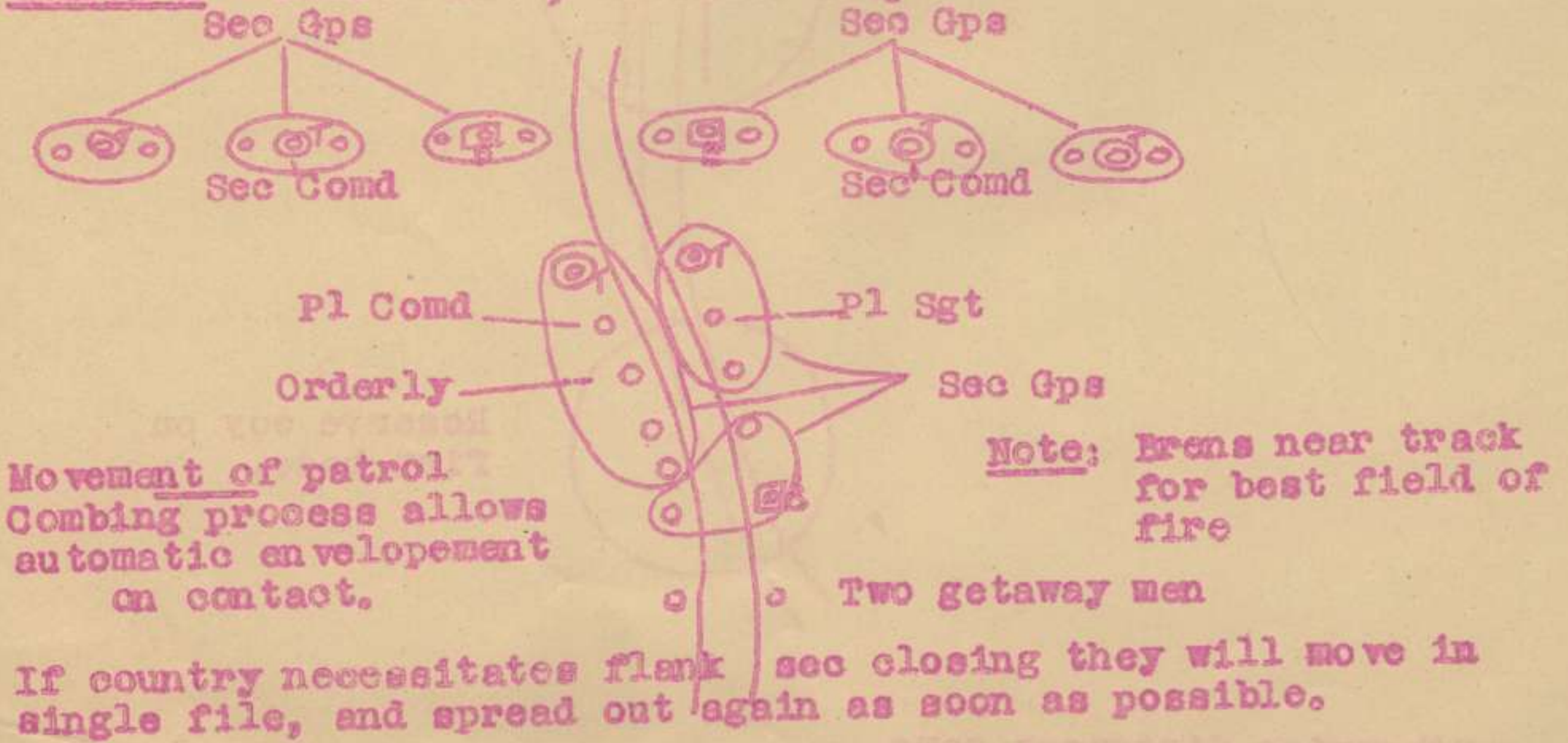
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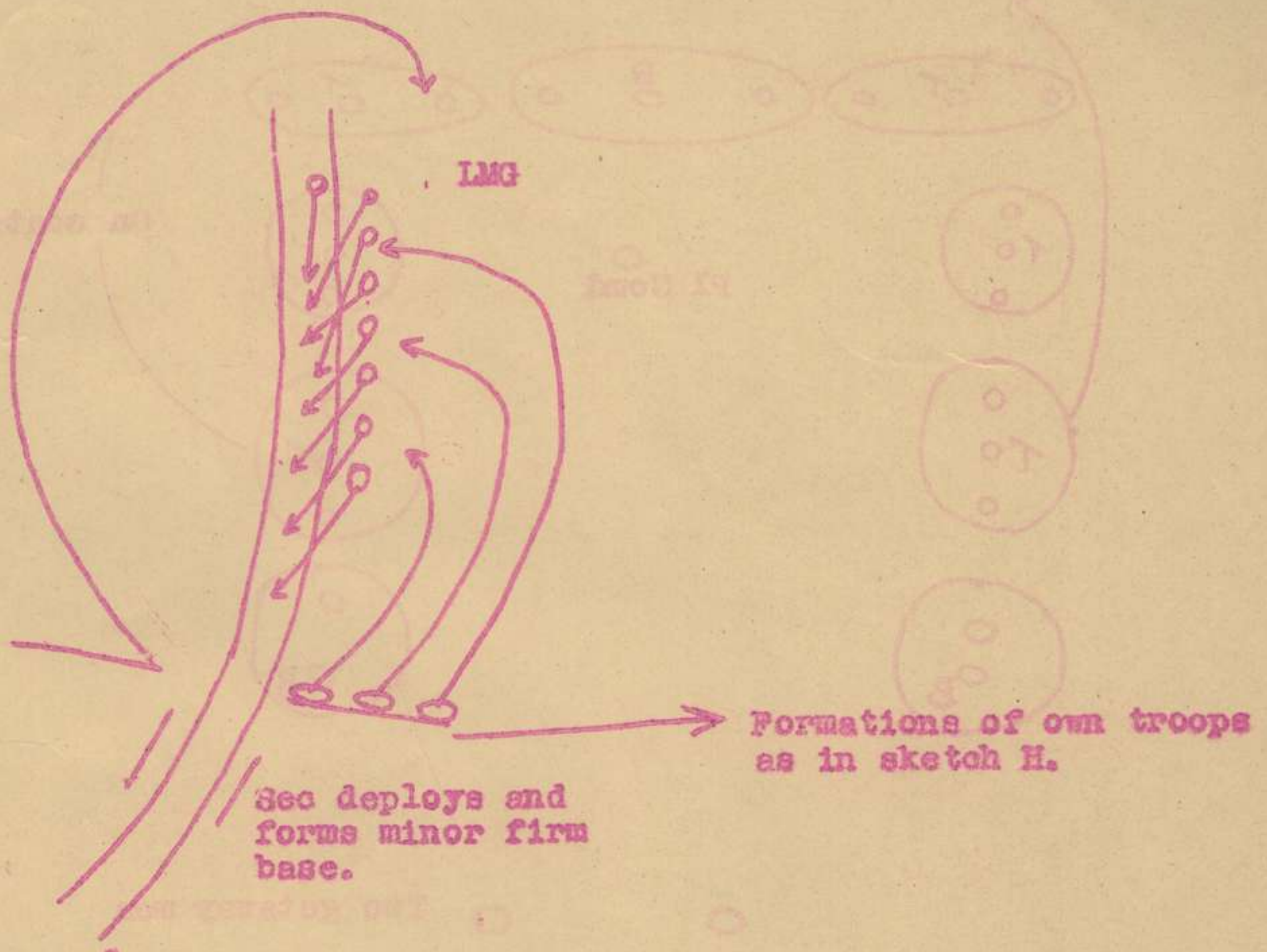
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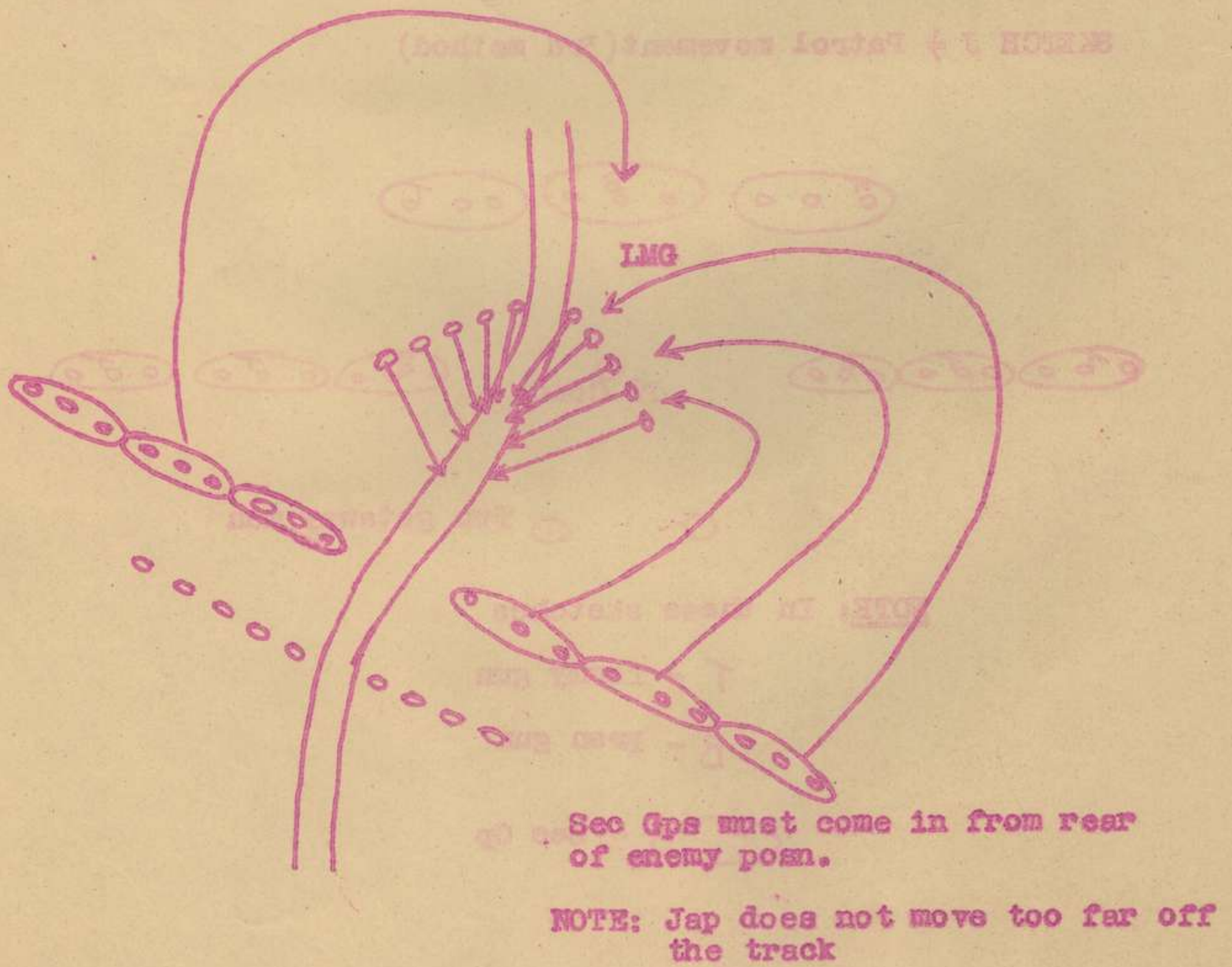
SKETCH H - Patrol adv; ambushes suspected



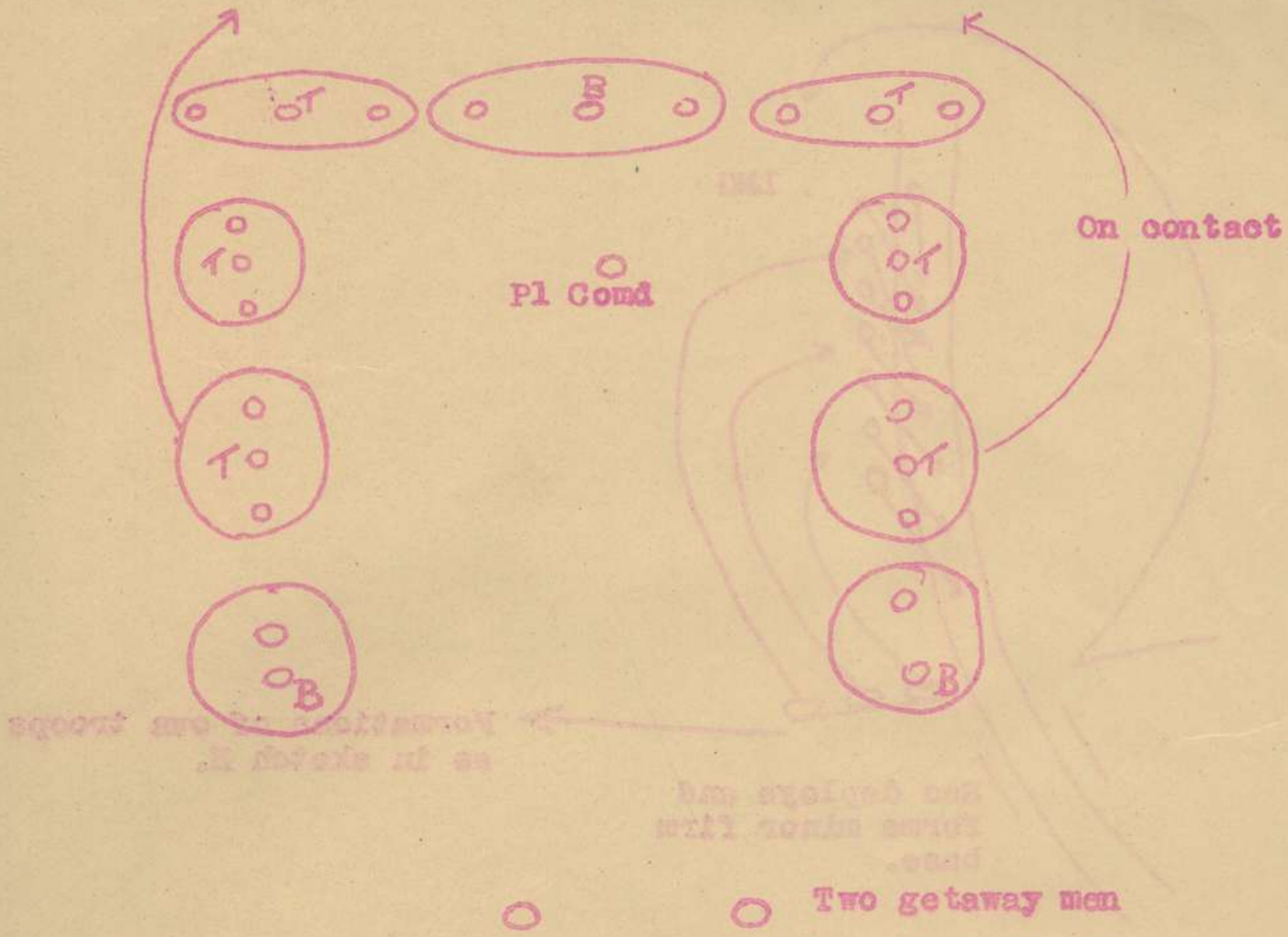
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SKETCH L - COUNTER TO JAP AMBUSH

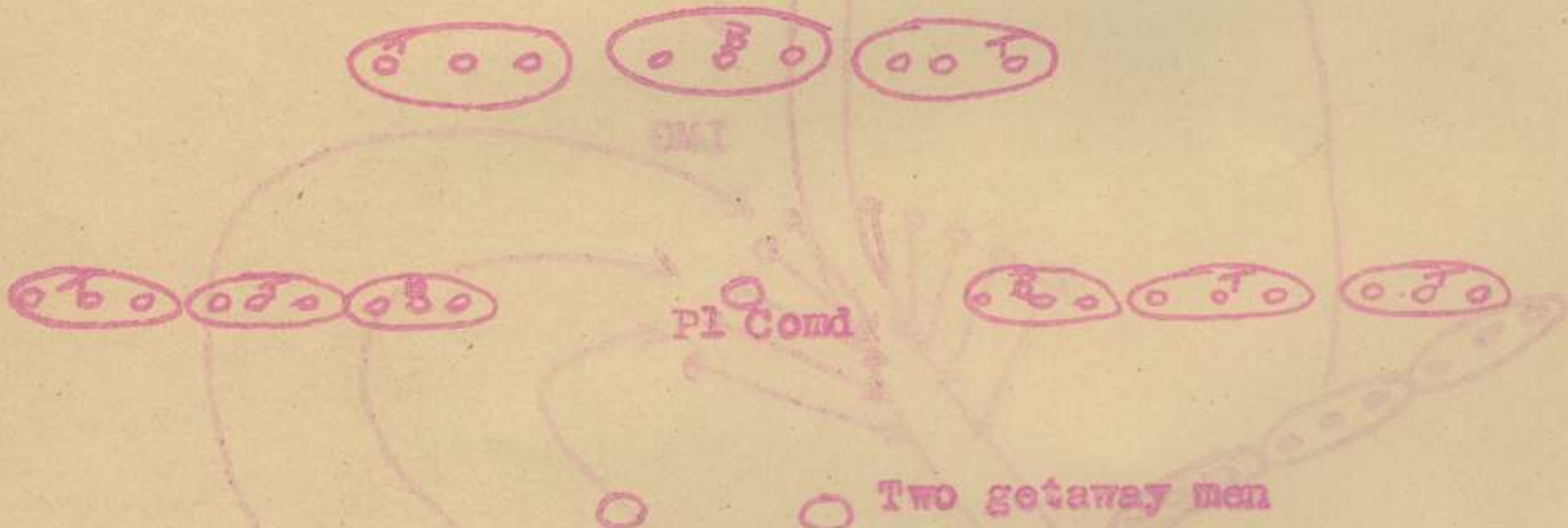


SKETCH I - Patrol deployed - no track



LEADING SEC gives covering fire and forms firm base.

SKETCH J - Patrol movement (3rd method)



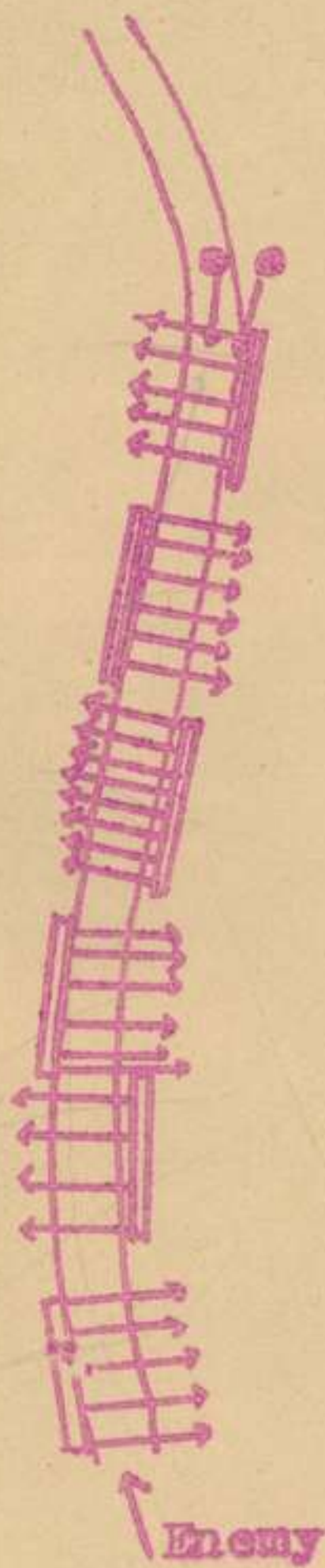
NOTE: In these sketches

T - Tommy gun

B - Bren gun

○ - Sec Gp

SKETCH M - OWN AMBUSH.



Gun gp - 2 Brens

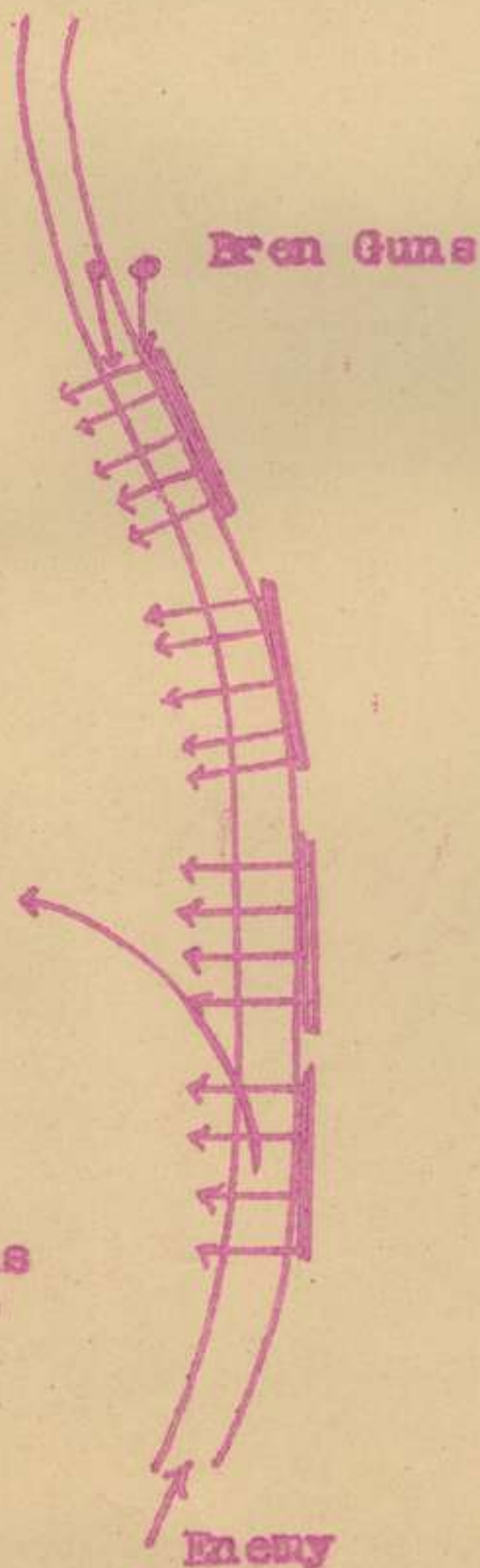
Secs broken up into gps

When Bren opens up signal for everyone to fire

Fields of fire must be carefully defined

TO BE USED outside perimeter of defence, or when time to construct

SKETCH N - Second Method.



Bren Guns

This method not so good as gives enemy opportunity to get away.

Enemy

18 Dec 42.

4 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN NO 14

FOR PERIOD JAN 1 - 19

REF 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 11 OF 6 DEC 42

PHASES OF TRG

1. (a) PHASE 1 : JAN 1 - 9 - COY TRG

During this period, Units will conduct Coy Trg and each Coy will undergo at least one three day exercise in Jungle Country. This can best be arranged with Coy two sided exs. These must be well umpired. It is advised that the practise of taking prisoners be dropped, and men made to fight to a finish.

(b) PHASE 2 : JAN 10-19 - UNIT TRG

Units will undertake one three day ex each - The exercise will be set by this H.Q. and will be one sided, with controlled enemy. Particulars concerning these exs will be issued separately. These exs will provide interesting trg in tactical organisation, and will be of particular interest to Comds, insofar as the testing of the initiative of their staffs is concerned.

VARIETY IN TRG

2. Unit and Coy Comds should concentrate in stimulating and holding interest in elementary trg. A.T.M's give very valuable hints on this subject.

INDIVIDUAL & PL TRG

3. This type of trg will continue, throughout Jan as opportunity offers.

Weapon trg particularly will be continued, in order that the high percentage qualified in Units, will hold during the next visit to the range.

BDE ASSAULT COURSE

4. The Bde Assault Course, now in process of construction, will shortly be available to Units. The allotment will be on a Roster basis.

Units will ensure that Offrs or NCO's are stationed at each obstacle, in order that all personnel go through. It is suggested that tps going through the course, do so the first time, with bayonets NOT fixed, and then through again with bayonets fixed. Fireworks, etc, will be used on the course.

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ADDITIONAL TO 4 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No. 14

ADDITIONAL
TRG

1. In addition to the trg required by instn BM 10/14 of 16 DEC 42, the following trg will be carried out during Coy trg period 1 - 9 JAN 1943.

DRILL FOR
MOVES

2. In view of the speed and mobility necessary to ensure success in Jungle Ops, the clothing and equipment carried on the man must be reduced to a minimum. Also, thought must be given to the stores required by Pl. Coy and Bn HQ. So that moves by the Bde Gp can be carried out smoothly and quickly, and so that Adm necessary is cut down to a minimum, some form of drill for packing must be evolved. This will include

- (a) Standard packing of haversacks and packs for operational requirements.
- (b) Labelling, collection and disposal of kit bags and stores.
- (c) Packing and marking Coy and Bn stores required for Active operations.
- (d) Collection and return of all surplus stores.

EXERCISES

3. To this end units will treat all exercises as operational moves and will practice and perfect the above, concurrently with other trg laid down.

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*Appd XJL*LESSONS FROM HQ COMD AND SIG EXERCISE 19/20 DEC 42.

1. The following are a few of the lessons brought out during the above exercise:-
 - (a) HQ to be sited for protection
 - (b) MP must be parked facing OUT
 - (c) Maintenance to be carried out at every opportunity
 - (d) Track discipline to be enforced
 - (e) Sig offices to be sited near tracks
 - (f) INFORMATION is VITAL to a comd

2. Early and accurate information is of vital importance to a Comd, as his problem will always be one of time and space. To enable a Comd to make correct deductions and plans he must have correct facts, and he must have this reliable information at a time when he can use it to advantage. All officers must be mentally alert at all times, and not be content to sit and wait for information to arrive. Comds should send for information required. Remember that definite questions will produce definite answers.

3. Active measures will immediately be taken with ⁱⁿthe Bde to improve the standard of message writing. Units will devote at least two periods of one hr each per week to instructing offrs in this Subject. It is suggested that exercises, similar to the one attached should be undertaken with the object of improving the ability of every offr to record information VITAL to his Comd.

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EXERCISE: MESSAGE WRITING
Ref Maps EUMUNDI) 1 inch.
LANDSBOROUGH)

Appx XVI

OPENING SIT.

Bn is sited in BUDERIM area with role of countering any enemy landing in the MOOLOOLABA Area. Bn H.Q. is at 252851.

At 0600 hrs today one hundred enemy paratps landed near SIPPY Ck at 2679. This was reported by V.D.C. C.O. ordered B Coy to hold rds in 2734 and 2583 - 2584 and despatched one Coy as a task force to proceed SOUTH on BRUCH HIGHWAY and attack enemy from that flank.

O.C. B Coy placed one pl on each rd and held one in reserve. Coy HQ was located at 265849.

You are O.C. 11 Pl which is on rd in 2784 and your patrols are operating SOUTH of MOUNTAIN CK. Ambushes have been prepared along the track from FORD at 280837 to the NORTH. Carrier patrols are operating in the MOOLOOLABA GOLF LINKS Area.

At 0800 hrs a man from No. 1 Sec, which is in the area of the FORD at 280837 comes into Pl HQ and reports as follows:- "The Cpl sent me back Sir to tell you that SMITHY and I saw about six Japs just in front of our posn where the creeks join. One of them was an N.C.O.

PROBLEM 1

Q.1. As Pl Comd what questions would you ask this man ?

- A.(a) When did you see them? - Ten minutes ago
- (b) Which way were they going? - Heading towards the sec posn
- (c) What is the Cpl doing about it? - He said He's waiting for them to get close and then he's going to let them have it.
- (d) Have they seen you or the sec posn? - I don't think so.

PROBLEM 2

Q.1. Write a message to O.C. B Coy giving this infm.

A.1 Any message which is brief but contains the infm as given in the answers above.

Narrative Contd

You have just sent runner to Coy HQ with message when firing is heard from the direction of No. 1 Sec. Shortly after Cpl No. 1 Sec brings in a slightly wounded P.W. Cpl tells you that two of his sec are dead and two wounded. Nine Japs were killed incl the N.C.O.

PROBLEM 3

Q.1. Would you ask the Cpl any questions?

- A.1 (a) Did any get away? - No
- (b) How were they equipped? - one L.M.G. four SMG's and others had rifles.
- (c) How was their Morale? - Good, fought fiercely.
- (d) Do you think they were a separate group or were they acting with other sections? - Seemed to be working alone.

Q.2. While the stretcher bearer is giving the Jap medical attention write your message to Coy HQ. Time is 0820 hrs.

A. Message MUST contain number of casualties to both sides, time of contact and give notice that PW is being sent in.

Q.3. Do you think any further questioning is necessary?

- A. (a) Have the enemy dead and the P.W. been searched? Are there any documents etc? - Yes, I have them here.
- (b) Where is the enemy equipt? The Sec has it - Then get it and we shall send it back with the PW.

Narrative Contd

You are now the Coy Comd. You have received message No. 1 from 11 Pl. Whilst reading it you hear firing from 11 Pl direction.

PROBLEM 4

Q.1. What message, if any, do you write to Bn H.Q.

A. Any message containing briefly all that has happened incl TIME of contact.

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4 AUST INF BDE DEMOLITION INSTN No. 1
FOR DEFENCE OF BDE AREA

Ref Maps: GYMPIE 1/4")
EUMUNDI) 1 inch
LANDSBOROUGH)

1. (a) Plans for the following demolitions as per sub para (b) have been made by the CRE 3 AUST DIV under the Corps Demolition Plan. CRE is responsible for their preparations when instructed by 3 DIV. Separate instns will be issued by 3 DIV regarding responsibility for firing these demolitions.

(b) Ref GYMPIE 1/4 inch

Rd and Rly Mines	614697, 622673, 609701
Rd Blocks	614698, 603700, 603697, 605693, 592693 584693, 583692, 613690, 623686, 606680 596683, 594682, 595677, 597677, 606678, 605675, 608674, 597668, 598667, 599663, 600667, 606667, 604659, 607658
Rd Brs	613678
Rly Brs	613699, 613693, 613676

2. 4 AUST INF BDE DEMOLITION PLAN

(a) The Bde demolition plan is as set out in sub para (d)

(b) Demolitions will be prepared by 4 Fd Coy R.A.E. upon receipt of orders from this HQ. 4 Fd Coy RAE will ensure that VDC and unit personnel are able to fire these demolitions when orders for same are issued by this HQ.

(c) These demolitions will be fired only on the orders of this HQ.

(d) Allotment of responsibility as hereunder.

Ref EUMUNDI - LANDSBOROUGH 1 Inch	
19 Pl F Coy 6 Bn VDC	
Rly Brs	208973, 185932, 176928, 230907
Rd Brs	216907
Ferry	231932
Jetty	228925
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
Rd Brs	281885, 276885
Rd Mine	235870
22 Aust Inf Bn	
Rd Mine	265847
20 Pl F Coy 6 Bn VDC	
Rd Brs	309748, 312702
Rd Mines	291726

3. These instns are issued in conjunction with 4 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 1.

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(a) LAND

PART 1.
OPERATIONS.

Our ops in BUNA-GONA area have proceeded successfully. Our arty and mortar fir, accurately directed by a/c has been a big factor in successes during the period under review. Since the capture of GONA our tps have been busy mopping up there, BUNA has been entered and mopping up is progressing and our forces have reached the sea in the CAPE ENDAIADERE area, in addition our forces contacted Jap forces landed around the KUMUSI, MAMBARE R areas.

GONA After the entry into GONA, the enemy attempted to break through our cordon. In the fighting 98 Japs were killed and 4 captured, after a systematic mopping up, the area was totally occupied on 10th Dec. It was found that there were 638 Japs dead by 11th Dec. There were ample reserves of food and amm in the area and an inspection of amm disclosed the presence of smoke supplies for all types.

BUNA: In this sector, hard fighting has been taking place. Our tps have been supported by a/c, arty and mortars but the Jap tps put up stubborn resistance in the air strip area and CAPE ENDAIADERE area, casualties on both sides have been heavy. There has been increasing enemy activity along the coast between SALAMAUA and BUNA. It is considered that Jap reinforcements probably for BUNA probably use the mouth of the AMBOGA R as a final staging base. On the 11 Dec our tps killed a Lieut-Colonel & 2 oftrs in a recce party in this area. Our patrols investigated a report that Japs had landed at the mouth of KUMUSI R and inflicted casualties and captured 3 motor boats loaded with eqpt and supplies. On 12 Dec our arty scored hits on the Jap fwd elements between the air strips. Next day supported by arty, a/c and mortars, pressure was maintained on all Jap localities. Our recce parties penetrated to the area SOUTH of GIROPA PT, patrols advanced SOUTH of the rd through the Govt Sta and at 1000hrs on 14 Dec forces occupied BUNA village. After re-organising, Jap posns SOUTH of the Govt Sta were attacked. Our arty destroyed the br SOUTH of the mouth of ENTRANCE CK, leading to the Govt Sta, our a/c bombed the Govt Sta. Our patrols were active on both flanks of the force against the new air strip. Our tps endeavouring to encircle enemy posns and emplacements EAST of the br between the two strips met by enemy MG fire. Our a/c and arty brought fire to bear on these posns. On 16th Dec our tps cleared the enemy from the coconut grove WEST of ENTRANCE CK and captured a food dump, we repulsed a C/attack supported by Hy mortars and arty fire at the SOUTH end of ENTRANCE CK. Our tps from the Govt Sta area attacked an island at the mouth of ENTRANCE CK and our attack on the rd junc SOUTH of ENTRANCE CK continues. An allied attack near CAPE ENDAIADERE captured one enemy posn on 18 Dec. It was later learned that the CAPE ENDAIADERE area had been captured.

Our arty located and silenced enemy guns firing from posns on GIROPA PT area.

AMBOGA: From captured documents, we have learned that 3 coys of 3 Bn, 170 Jap Regt landed between KUMUSI and AMBOGA River from 4 destroyers during the nights 1 and 2 Dec.

Our attack on 11 Dec inflicted 101 casualties. The enemy counter-attacked and were repulsed with casualties and loss of equipment. We attacked and made some advances. On the night 14 Dec we were still slowly advancing but met MG fire from prepared posns. The country is thick jungle and swamps and most difficult to traverse. Patrols were active and reported strong enemy posns NW of the mouth of the river. On the 16 and 17 Dec we cleared a small pocket SE of the mouth of the river and began to close in on the enemy in the village EAST of the mouth of the river.

On the 17 Dec allied tps cleared another enemy strong post and wiped out the opposition in the village SOUTH of the river mouth. Next day our a/c bombed and strafed the area KUMUSI to MAMBARE R. There was NO enemy activity reported.

SANANANDA: Our forces have been actively patrolling the SOPUTA-SANANANDA track. Our arty inflicted casualties on the enemy and one of our ration parties reached a road block 600 yds NE of the SOPUTA - SANANANDA track junction. Jap snipers were busy but several were located and killed. Our a/c are supporting gd tps with strafing on the MANGROVE IS and SURIRAI SPIT areas. On 18 Dec it was reported that enemy arty fire was increasing.

MAMBARE: Tps landed at the mouth of the MAMBARE R from destroyers and our patrols were sent out to contact them. Our a/c attacked the landings during the day of 14 Dec and destroyed many barges and eqpt. In strafing attacks many bodies of the enemy were left floating in the water. Our a/c also attacked the convoy with some success on 15/16 Dec. Our a/c attacked the area from the KUMUSI R-MAMBARE R and also shacks in the TAITUTU village.

SALAMAU: On the morning of the 15 Dec our fighting patrols entered GUADAGASAL and released 19 local natives.

AIR.

In the NEW GUINEA theatre of operations our air activity has been heavier than previously. In addition to bombing and strafing attacks in support of our gd tps our air force has been engaged in arty direction, smashing landing attempts and large scale attacks on convoys off the coast. In addition large quantities of eqpt and supplies have been transported to fwd bases. Any attempts at interception have been disastrous to the enemy.

NEW GUINEA:

BUNA - GONA: our a/c have been active in support of our tps. In one engagement over the fwd areas resulted in 11 bombers and 7 fighters being destroyed. BUNA Govt station has been bombed on numerous occasions and enemy MG posts and arty posns have been put out of action. Barges at SANANDA PT were strafed and destroyed. Enemy in the CAPE KILLERTON area were bombed.

AMBOGA - MAMBARE R - KUMUSI R: Landings in this area came in for attention from our a/c. Barges were smashed and tps disembarking were killed. A direct was scored on one destroyer and near misses on the others. The enemy vessels were driven off. Some tps who reached the shore were strafed and casualties inflicted. Owing to the thick jungle it is difficult to observe results.

SALAMAU and LAE have both been bombed, the aerodromes being the target area.

MADANG: 13 Dec. A Jap convoy was shadowed by our recon planes and near misses were scored on one destroyer.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

NEW BRITAIN - GASMATA aerodromes have been attacked on several occasions and bombs have plastered the target areas. Fires have been started and explosions heard.

At present the aerodrome appears unserviceable.

Six destroyers off JACQUINOT BAY on a southerly course were attacked by our bombers. These vessels were damaged by direct hits and turned back towards the NORTH.

An enemy convoy of 2 merchant vessels and 5 alt cruisers and destroyers was bombed near VITIAZ STR. One cruiser received a direct hit and sank. The rest of the convoy was dispersed. Two of the escorting ZEKES were shot down.

SOLOMONS: Our a/c have attacked shipping in the BUIN-FAISI - BUKA area. Official news is limited in this theatre but it is evident that the Allied air strength has been increased and can strike increasingly heavy blows on enemy shipping and posns.

N. E. I. AREA: Our activity has chiefly been recon. On 16 Dec our a/c attacked MINDELO and MAOBISSE. All the bombs fell in the target area. An enemy vessel was attacked and sunk near KISAR IS.

ENEMY NEW GUINEA AREA:

(a) Rapidly overcome. Enemy forces in the NEW GUINEA area are being rapidly overcome. In the BUNA - GONA areas our forces are mopping up his remnants. He has been driven out of CAPE ENDAIDERE area and following his landings at KUMUSI R - MAMBARE R area, our forces are in contact and making progress. Jap posns have all been

well constructed and well sited and the enemy has fought stubbornly, especially in vicinity of the new air strip at BUNA. Along the SOPUTA - SANANANDA track he is still resisting stubbornly. A feature of his stand has been his MG posts- constructed from concrete and sheet steel. Our a/c spotted these and destroyed some and our tps with the help of grenades seized others. The Japs dispatched an armed party of natives from LABABIA to GUADAGASAL to capture native carriers for MUBO. It is probable that the Jap did not obtain the number of carriers desired. It is reported that the natives are not employed in carrying, they are kept on LABABIA IS. The Japs maintain strong patrols between MUBO to HUGAMA (7 mls NORTH of SALAMAU). The track SALAMAU to LABABIA and inland route to MUBO via KONIATUM has been improved and native replaced by more substantial ones. BRS

TIMOR It has been established that the enemy has moved EAST from HERAI. The recently constructed camp has been dismantled. It is reliably reported that there are 3000 Japs at DILLI and a further 3000 at the Eastern end of the island. Our tps have been active in the MINDELO area. Casualties were inflicted when 7 trucks were ambushed between MANATUTO and BAUCAU on 4 Dec. There has been a noticeable movement EAST since 10 Dec. On 10 Dec 300 Japs moved to SAME from MACISSSE and then to ALAS. This force then attacked in the direction of BAFUUA (? FATUQUAO - SOUTH of ALAS towards the coast) and on the 13 Dec this force was reported WEST of BEFANO. On the 11 Dec MT passed through HERAI in an Easterly direction. 10 Landing craft also moved EAST from HERAI. It is estimated that 2000 - 3000 tps were moved. Further activity was 34 small boats moving from VILA DE MANATUTO to DILLI and on the 13 Dec 62 tp trucks left MANATUTO travelling EAST. On the 15 Dec a force of Japs entered MINDELO and a mixed force of Jap and natives from BEFANI was observed heading towards SAME. Our recce a/c located a F/strip near VILHA DE AVIZ (40 mls EAST of BAUCAU).

(b) SEA:- Jap sea activity has been mainly attempts to reinforce posns in New Guinea. These attempts were frustrated by our air forces. Allied a/c prevented six destroyers which came through ST GEORGES SP on 8th Dec from proceeding further SOUTH than JAQUINOT BAY. Two vessels were damaged and later indications were that they had returned to RABAU. There is evidence to show that there is as many as 8 Jap raiders and supply ships operating with subs in INDIAN OCEAN. Enemy subs are also reported in the ARAFURA SEA - probably trying to interfere with allied vessels in the vicinity of DARWIN.

Off MADANG, 5 destroyers were attacked on 13th Dec, near misses were scored on one destroyer on 13 Dec. Also on 14 Dec, 5 destroyers were seen 6 miles NORTH of CAPE WARD HUNT on a S.W. course. On the 14th Dec our a/c smashed an attempt to land forces at the KUMUSI-MAMBARE R areas. A direct hit was scored on 1 destroyer and near misses on the others. The convoy was seen later near GASMATA on a course N.E.

On 18th Dec made day-long attacks on an enemy convoy of 7 vessels heading towards ALEXISHAVEN, 2 direct hits were scored on these vessels. Later 5 vessels were sighted at MADANG and ALEXISHAVEN. Our a/c attacked a further 2 destroyers entering PENSCHAVEN. Near misses were scored. It was later reported that one vessel, probably a light cruiser had received four direct hits and sank as a result of explosions in the magazine.

An analysis of Jap shipping losses in attempts to re-inforce and supply bases in NEW GUINEA since Nov 1 shows:-

<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>	<u>PROBABLY DAMAGED</u>
SUNK		
2 Lt cruisers	3 destroyers	3 destroyers.
7 destroyers		
1 tp	000	

Sightings in the SOLOMONS area show considerable concentrations in the BUN FASSI area. On 11th Dec, there were 21 vessels in the area. On the same day there were 44 vessels in the RABAU area.

AIR (c). The scale of air activity has been increased in the ~~area~~ period under review. Our fwd tps have been bombed, strafed and dive-bombed and our a/c have encountered fighter interception. However the only noticeable result of this increased activity has been the rapid rise in the scale of Jap losses. Our bombers have shot down Jap fighters on several occasions. On one occasion one of our b/s was shot down 7 fighters. Japs have supplied air escort to these naval movements off the N.G. coast but our attacks were pressed home in spite of this - destroying some of the fighters in each attack. It is evident that the scale of effort involved in this increased activity is beyond the strength available in N.G. Recent revealed signs of ~~activity~~ activity at GASMATA and on a new landing strip near CAPE CUNNINGHAM. Enemy s/c from RABUL used these as fwd bases and it is probable that there are further unlocated strips along the SOUTH coast of NEW BRITAIN.

PORT MORESBY:- has been raided on almost every night 13-18 incl. Main targets have been the 'dromes but the raids have been light and damage negligible.

SOLOMONS:- It is evident that our strength has been increased in this sector but apart from escort to naval forces there has not been much activity.

PART II

II C of B The following is an extract from a Jap diary captured in SANANANDA on 30th Nov.

"Hear talk of the coming of Lt Gen IMAMURA's army while it is probably a popular rumour among the Japanese, the statement does indicate the possibility of relief for the forces in the BUNA area. There is some evidence that Lt Gen IMAMURA is in command of an army- possibly the 18 Army, but not yet identified."

AIR:- Estimate of enemy at land based a/c strength - 8 Dec 42.

Areas	F.	B.	F/B	F/P	Trans & Obsn A/C	Total
NEW BRITAIN)						
x NEW IRELAND)	57	64	12	13	9	155
NEW GUINEA	21	3	-	-	-	24
x SOLOMONS	27	18	8	23	-	76
TIMOR TIMOR	24	29	-	3	4	60
CELEBES	9	4	4	19	6	42
	<u>138</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>357</u>

x Reinforcements proceeding.

ENEMY CASUALTIES: Estimate of Japanese a/c casualties in all theatres resulting from Allied operations from 1 Dec to 7 Dec 42.

Locality	DESTROYED	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
AUSTRALIA STATION	26	7	25
INDIA	1	-	-
SOLOMONS	13	-	-
OUT OF AREA	5	6	-
	<u>45</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>25</u>
Previously estimated to 30 Nov	<u>2937</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>553</u>
	<u>2982</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>578</u>

Total casualties by type in SWPA* included in the above figures are:-

	DESTROYED	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
Fighter	352	163	144
Bomber	165	42	104
Reconnaissance	29	4	14
Unidentified	72	23	31
	<u>618</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>293</u>

v. PERSONALITIES: It is reported that Lt-Gen HORII has been killed in action in the NEW GUINEA area.
(Official communique)

vi. EQUIPMENT:
(a) OWN: Allied tps in the Buna area used Bren carriers in an assault on Jap defences. Owing to exposure to Jap snipers these were considered unsuitable for the task. Stuart
Later our forces used General 1t tanks, which weigh 13 tons and the armament includes a 37mm cannon. These were highly successful in the assault on Buna.

(b) ENEMY.
Japanese respirators: It has been reported from NEW GUINEA that many Japanese respirators, captured in the Buna area, were fitted with United States Army canisters, probably captured in the PHILIPPINES.
The nature of the clip on the connecting tube of the Japanese respirator makes it a simple matter for such canister to be used.

Japanese Cardboard Bomb: Reports to hand state that the Japanese are using a HE bomb with a cardboard outer casing. The purpose of this bomb could be to introduce fright, also for its blast effect against light structure.

PART III.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Rd MONTVILLE - MALINY is under repair and reconstruction. It is closed to all military traffic until 31 Dec 42.
Rd near DAYBORO Rly Sta ref CABOULTURE one inch 978232 now connects with rd at 982245.

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PART IV.

OTHER FRONTS.

LIBYA. The 8th Army has resumed the pursuit of Rommel's African Army and with overwhelming air support has reached SIRTE. Our advance consists of a series of engagements with the German rearguard forces and is over well mined areas. On one occasion when the German army was encircled, sheer weight of armour smashed through our force and continued the retreat.

NW AFRICA: Our forces are still engaged with the Axis Armies, but with increased air support further developments can be expected. BIZERTA has been the chief target for our many bombing attacks.

RUSSIA: The Red Army has begun a heavy offensive. Fierce resistance was encountered on all fronts but the outstanding feature has been the advance on the central front where terrific casualties have been inflicted and many thousands killed or captured. In STALINGRAD area, the Russians are pursuing their encircling action and resisting fierce German counter attacks. It is estimated that 322 enemy planes incl 94 transport planes were destroyed in the week ending 19 Dec.

BURMA:- Our forces commenced a drive into BURMA supported by a/c. HAUNGDAW and BUTHIDAUNG areas and our tps are advancing towards AKYAB. CALCUTTA has had its first air raid.

+ Part III. TOPOGRAPHICAL. (cont).
Attached as Appendix "A" on the coastal area EAST of LAE.

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List "B"
plus 3 Aust Div.
2 Aust Corps.
F. A. A. School of Sigs.

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4 Aust Inf Bde.

TIM COASTAL AREA EAST OF LAE1. GENERAL:

The area includes the coastal strip from LAE east to CAPE GREEN, then north to FINSCHHAFEN.

In general terms the entire coastline is much exposed to the SE, and good harbours are not numerous. The coastline comprises chiefly narrow sandy beaches intersected by rocky headlands and the mouths of rivers.

For the most part there is a fairly narrow coastal plain, backed without exception high rugged mountains.

With the exception of LAE and MALANANG, aerodromes are few and small in extent, but there is one grassed area between SINGAU and HOPOI which probably could be converted into an operational drome with but little labour.

There are no roads in the area, but a coastal foot track connects LAE and FINSCHHAFEN, and another, of which little is known, leads directly west from FINSCHHAFEN and connects with the MARKHAM VALLEY by a roundabout route.

2. COASTLINE:

Beaches between LAE and CAPE GREEN are without exception of black sand, fairly flat with rubble stretches in places. NORTH of CAPE GREEN the beaches are of white coral sand formation, and the shore is more bluff. Tides rise about 4'6" at springs, but are not predictable.

Between LAE and CAPE GREEN the coastline is broken by the mouths of the HUNSU, HUSU, HUIU, HUNEM, HUIENGIN and NONAI Rivers, and by CAPE ANKONA, CAPE GERHARDS, HANISOR HARBOUR AND TIGEDU POINT. From CAPE GREEN the main coastline breaks are LANGEMAK BAY, into which flows the MAPE (ZIMBANG) RIVER, and FINSCH HARBOUR.

anchorage

There are good for vessels up to 5000 tons near the SE corner of the HUON PENINSULA, at DREGER (HUKI) HARBOUR, FINSCH and LANGEMAK BAY. Otherwise the only good shelter is in a few anchorages suitable for small craft.

DREGER HARBOUR lies between the GINGALA ISLANDS and the mainland, and provides room for about four destroyers. It is well sheltered and partly concealed.

LANGEMAK BAY has a clear entrance, but uniformly wooded shores make it difficult to identify. There is anchorage at the head of the bay in 16 to 22 fathoms, reasonably sheltered from both prevailing winds, but in other parts there is some exposure to swell from the SE.

FINSCHHAFEN is also difficult to identify except from the NORTH to which it ~~is~~ is exposed. Otherwise the harbour is concealed. The outer harbour is suitable for several destroyers or one larger vessel, and there is swinging room for a vessel at least 300 ft long.

The middle harbour can be entered at low water by vessels drawing 14 ft. It is completely sheltered, and well hidden from the sea. The inner harbour is suitable only for boats.

3. AERODROMES and LANDING GROUNDS:

The aerodromes at LAE and MALANANG were described in HQ. 4 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4.

(a) HOPOI - Runway 560 yds by 55 yds, running NW-SE, with the SE end on the northern shore of HUON GULF. A small creek at the NW end would make extension difficult, but AAF reports in September indicate that the Japs were working on the inland end of the drome.

(b) FINSCHHAFEN - Runway 600 yds by 70 yds, running N-S along the coast. AAF considers that the ground could be developed only as a possible fighter strip. In OCTOBER, reconnaissance showed that the runway had been overgrown with grass.

(c) FINSCHHAFEN (Seaplane Anchorage) - A winding inlet lying generally N-S, open to the north, classed as an emergency alighting area. Alighting area is open sea north of the entrance.

Water is uniformly deep, except for four coral heads north of the buildings at the west of the entrance. Mooring can be effected on these coral heads. No heavy gales are experienced.

(d) Other Areas - On the eastern side of APO village (shown as AGO on Strat Map) there is a very extensive tract of level ground heavily covered in kumai grass. This could probably be developed into a drome of operational dimensions quickly and inexpensively.

The coastal range commences to flatten out to the SIO coast about 30 miles north of FINSCHHAFEN, and it is stated that although there is some undulating country, it should be possible to construct landing strips at many points in this area.

4. TRACKS:

The main track between LAE and FINSCHHAFEN closely follows the coast for the most part, and in many places it leads along the beach itself. Several years ago there was a track some distance inland between these two places, but with the building of native villages on the coast to facilitate tax-collection, the inland route fell into disuse. In January last it was completely overgrown but residents state that it probably could be put into fair order again with not a great deal of labour.

(a) LAE to FINSCHHAFEN: From LAE the rd leads through CHINATOWN, then across the HUSU RIVER, past MALAHANG Plantation, then down to the mouth of the HUSU RIVER. Up to this point light cars have used the rd, but it is impossible for MT to proceed further.

The HUSU is a difficult river to cross. It comprises several channels, and is chest deep and swift-flowing. Its flooding is unpredictable, as in the normally dry season, when no rain has fallen on the coastal plain, it may suddenly rise as a result of rain in the RAWLINSON Ra, in which it has its source. It is the only serious obstacle to foot traffic between LAE & FINSCHHAFEN.

From this point to SINGAUA the track leads along the beach which is intercepted by numerous small streams. Behind the beach in this sector the land is inclined to swamp, but there is firm ground behind, back for about 3 miles inland, where foothills begin. The country is heavily timbered, but natives with slashing knives have no difficulty in traversing it.

Between APO and HOPOI the track closely follows the beach and in places at high tide, it actually leads through water. In this section of the route there are two rivers to cross - the HUSO and the BULO - neither crossing is difficult. HOPOI mission station is a few hundred yds inland, and the village at which its stores are unloaded is HUKAUA. HOPOI village is about three miles inland on a knoll which provides a splendid view of HJON GULF.

Leaving HUKAUA the track cuts inland about 4 miles from the coast, and traverses a series of hills returning to the coast in the vicinity of TAMIGUDU. Thence it traverses the shores of HANISCH HARBOUR, crosses the MONGI RIVER, and again joins the coast at HUTALA, thence following the coastal plain to HUKI.

From HUKI it turns inland and passes through plantation and garden land practically all the way to FINSCHHAFEN.

(b) FINSCHHAFEN to SATELBERG and the MARKHAM: A good track runs from FINSCHHAFEN, which is the HQ, to SATELBERG (2000) ft the hill station of the Lutheran Mission. The distance is 6 miles, and the hill station is visible from FINSCHHAFEN. It is a rough vehicular rd, with some hairpin bends, well surfaced in places with metal, used a great deal by bullock and hand drawn coconut carts. Leaving SATELBERG the track, which is little known, leads generally west over some very rough country which is sparsely inhabited, and turns SW to approach the MARKHAM via BOANA.

(c) FINSCHHAFEN to SIO: (50 miles to NW). A good track, which could easily be converted into a motor rd, follows the coastal plain closely from FINSCHHAFEN to SIO. It passes chiefly through grassland.

5. RAINFALL:

Rainfall is particularly heavy on the south side of the HUON Peninsular, and the greatest falls occur in the SE season. There is a dry belt from LAKONA NW to MADANG, where most rain falls in the NW season.

The average rainfall at FINSCHHAFEN for the years 1925, 1926, and 1927 was 141.23 in. On the other hand a recent meteorological report by RNZAF states: "Near FINSCHHAFEN, where the annual rainfall reaches 248 in., the heaviest rains come with the SE winds. The year is divided into two seasons, that of the SE trades from May to November, and that of the NW monsoon, from December to April. Changes of season are marked by periods of light and variable winds lasting for about six weeks, when frequent thunderstorms occur."

At SATELBERG THE ANNUAL average fall is 172 in. From this locality northwards the fall diminishes rapidly.

Generally speaking the climate is moist and tropical except at high altitudes. There are but small differences in daily and seasonal extremes of temperatures. The territory has no cool season as such.

6. POPULATION:

Prior to the outbreak of war, considering only areas which were under control, the area LAE - FINSCHHAFEN had a native population of 3400. The area FINSCHHAFEN to SAREJAK Bay (the MADANG boundary) had a corresponding figure of 3900.

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HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
29 DEC 42.

4 AUST INF BDE ASSAULT COURSE

CHEVALLUM AREA Ref Map LANDBOROUGH 1 inch
ASSEMBLY AREA 159823

OBJECT

1. (a) To instil into every man determination to advance and to overcome any obstacles he may encounter.
- (b) To test and improve physical fitness of personnel.
- (c) Accustom men to the noise of battle and the tricks of the enemy.
- (d) To teach groups to function in a correct manner.

GENERAL

2. The Assault course provides a lesson in minor tactics with the above objects in view. It provides scope for the Junior Leaders' initiative, whilst confining him to a set route of advance.

Similar exercise to the one attached could be produced by Junior Comds bringing out lessons in gp and sec leading and patrols both by day and night.

PRELIMINARY TRG

3. Before attempting the assault course, men should have
 - (a) completed weapon trg
 - (b) Had instrn and practice in overcoming various types of obstacles.

ALLOTTMENT

4. Units are allotted the assault course as under

4-5 JAN	37/52	Aust Inf Bn
6-7 JAN	22	Aust Inf Bn
8-9 JAN	29/46	Aust Inf Bn

This will enable units to practice one coy each half day. Part of HQ Coy could be attached to rifle coys if desired.

CONTROL

5. Each Bn will appoint one Offr as OC Assault course for period allotted them. These officers will report to Bde HQ 1400 hrs 2 JAN to recce course. List of duties is attached as appendix A. Three NCOs per Bn will be appointed to act as umpires. These NCOs will be directly under control OC course who will give them detailed instrns.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

6. Live amn, grenades will NOT be used. Bayonets will NOT be fixed until men are ordered to do so by Pl Comd.

DRESS

7. Battle order less A/gas eqpt, old trousers KWD are suggested if possible. Men should be warned to expect water obstacles and barbed wire.

MEDICAL

8. Med Orderly with kit will be supplied by unit using the Course.

TRANSPORT

9. Any extra tpt required will be requisitioned for from this HQ at least 48 hrs in advance.

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22 Aust Inf Bn	6 copies
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3 Aust Div	1 "
War Diary	2 "
File	1 "
Spare	3

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APPENDIX "A"

BDE ASSAULT COURSE

Duties of OC Course:

1. Previous recce under Bde arrangements 1400 hrs 2 JAN 43.
2. Detailed instructions to umpires prior to the commencement of the exercise, including the following tasks -
 - (a) Keep Secs to route defined by Pl Comd
 - (b) Make Secs cross obstacle - NOT by-pass them
 - (c) Note Sec Comds control during approach. Organisation and plan for assault.
3. Safety precautions
4. Repairs to wire etc on completion of exercise.

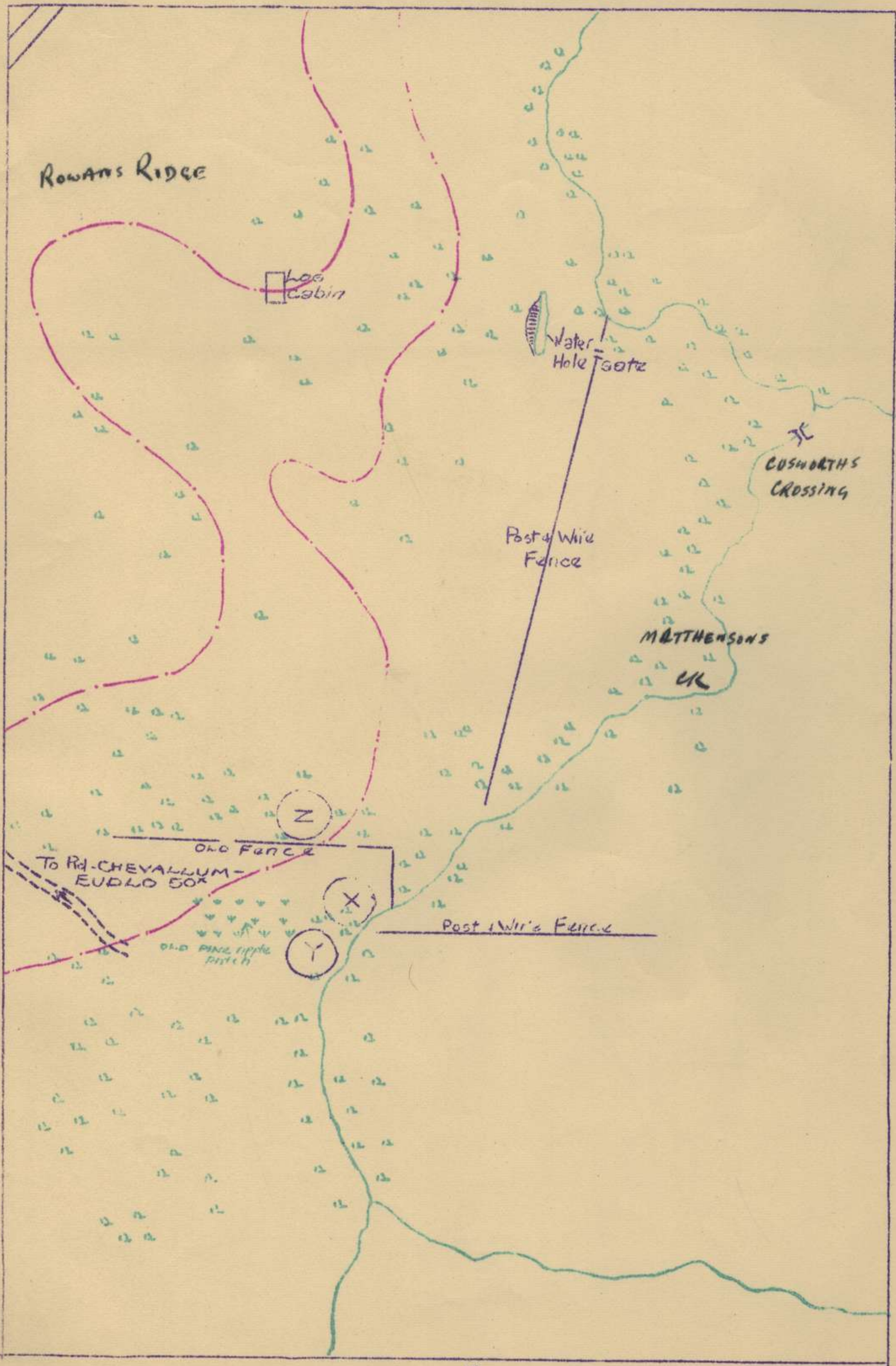
ASSAULT

COURSE

CHEVALLUM AREA

Ref Map LANDBOROUGH 1".

Assembly area:- 159823.



North

SCALE 1/8" to 100x

YARDS 100 50 0 100 200 300 YARDS

4 AUST INF BDE ASSAULT COURSE

EXERCISE No. 1

A Lesson in Minor Tactics.

TROOPS TAK- 1. Pl at War Establishment
ING PART

LESSONS

2. (a) Whatever happens a sec WILL NEVER STOP until every possible means of getting forward has been tried and failed.
I.M.T. 1941 Sec 97.
(b) Correct use of covered approaches
(c) necessity for control by Sec leader throughout the attack.

OPENING OF
EXERCISE

3. Pl is in posn as shown on attached sketch. OC Course will act as Pl Comd. He calls the Sec comds up to V.P. and gives them the following orders.

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OPERATION ORDER

T O P O G R A P H Y

CUSWORTH'S CROSSING
ROWAN'S RIDGE
MATTHEWSON'S CREEK
CHEVALLUM ROAD.

I N F O R M A T I O N

1. ENEMY One sec on ROWAN'S RIDGE in area one week.
NO enemy EAST of MATTHEWSON'S CREEK.
2. OWN TPS Role - destruction of enemy in area. Pl on left responsible for left flank incl CHEVALLUM RD.

I N T E N T I O N

3. Attack and capture ROWAN'S RIDGE

M E T H O D

4. X Sec right followed by Y Sec at 150 yds distance.
Z sec to support the assault from present posn.
5. OBJECTIVES X Sec HUT
Y Sec Enemy posn beyond HUT.
6. ROUTES Cross creek, along WEST bank, cross at CUSWORTH'S CROSSING, up creek thence to objective.
Bayonets will be fixed just prior to assault.
7. SUPPORT Z Sec to support by fire.
Smoke grenade will be fired by X Sec when in posn to assault.
8. RISERVES Z Sec to move up on capture of Y Sec objective.
9. EXPLOITATION X Sec HUT
Y Sec ROAD
Z Sec Gully beyond objective.
10. ZERO 5 minutes from now.
X Sec will move on Pl Comds signal

A D M

11. W.W.C.P. at our present posn.

I N T E R C O M M

12. Pl HQ with Z Sec until capture of Y Sec objective, then with X Sec. Coy HQ at FORD.

Any questions ?

X Sec to repeat route and objective.

[Signature]
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A/ B.M. 4 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
31 DEC 42.

4 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No. 15

FOR PERIOD 15 - 31 JAN 43

Ref 3 Aust Div Trg Instn No. 11 of 6 DEC 42.

- PREVIOUS INSTNS 1. 4 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No. 14 covers the period up to 19 JAN.
- BDE GP EXERCISE 2. Bde Gp will be exercised 20 - 23 JAN. This exercise is to be prepared and directed by 3 AUST DIV.
- CO-OPERATION 3. During the remainder of the period, certain personnel of the Bde Gp may be required to co-operate, and may be called on to provide enemy and for umpires. Trg during this period will consist of recapitulation of individual, sec, pl and coy trg, and will be used to fill in any trg missed due to wet weather, road conditions etc.
- RANGE PRACTICES 4. Arrangements are being made for the use of the NORTH ARM Rifle Range during this period, and units will endeavour to reduce their percentage of unqualified personnel.
- BDE ASSAULT COURSE 5. Units may use the Bde Assault Course to practice Junior leaders and men. Notification is required to this HQ in order to co-ordinate its use.
- DRILL FOR MOVES 6. Attention will be paid to the additional instn for trg issued by this HQ dated 23 DEC, and units will perfect in detail their drill for moves in view of the lessons learned from Bn and Bde exercises.

Distribution:

Bde HQ	4	copies
22 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	8	"
4 Aust Fd Regt	8	"
22 Aust A/Tk Bty (Infm)	5	"
4 Aust Fd Coy (Infm)	1	"
19 Coy AASC	1	"
2/13 Fd Amb	1	"
4 Aust Fd Amb	1	"
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H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde
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4 Dec 42.

Nos 248 - 251

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248. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.
2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.
3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.
4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part 1 Routine Orders, and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation, etc.
5. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

(G.R.O. G 561)

W. Jones

Maj.
B.M. 4 Aust Inf Bde.

"A & Q"

249. IMPROVEMENTS IN ARMY PROCEDURE & ADM

1. In furtherance of the Prime Minister's wishes to eliminate waste and activities not essential to the conduct of the war, there is need to encourage the submission by members of the forces of suggestions for improvements in the system of Army procedure and administration and the saving of manpower, waste materials, etc..
2. Action is to be taken to bring to the notice of all members of the Australian Military Forces that submission of such suggestions or recommendations is invited.
3. Suggestions will be made in writing to the member's C.O., who will forward them, together with his own comments, if any, direct to L.H.Q.
4. To secure the confidence of those with ideas it will be made clear to members that :-

(a) their names will not be divulged without their con-

- (b) The suggestion will be promptly and sympathetically examined;
- (c) They will be given some explanation if their ideas cannot be adopted.

(Extract from G.R.O. A 568)

250. DUTY BNS 29/46 Aust Inf Bn 6 - 12 Dec 42.
 37/52 Aust Inf Bn 13 - 19 Dec 42.
 22 Aust Inf Bn 20 - 26 Dec 42.

251. M.T. - The apparent disregard of instructions issued by this H.Q.
USE OF is causing grave concern.
 All Units and personnel are warned that a check will be made
 to ensure that vehicles are not left unattended and that pic-
 quets in M.T. parks are carrying out their duties.
 Disciplinary action will be taken against any infringement
 of instruction issued re this matter. Attention is also
 drawn to Bde R.O. 196 of 18 Sept 42.

W. Curtis

CHURCH PARADES

Capt.
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde.

PROTESTANT

22 Aust Inf Bn	0900 hrs 22 Aust Inf Bn Area.
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	0800 hrs 29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area.
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	} 0830 hrs 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Area
4 Aust Fd Amb	
H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde	} 0930 Hrs Bde H.Q. Site.
54 Div Ord W' Shops	
54 Div Ord Fd Pk	
22 Aust A/Tk Bty	Unit Arrangements.
4 Aust Fd Regt	Unit Arrangements.
19 Coy A.A.S.C.	0730 Hrs A.A.S.C. Area.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

22 Aust Inf Bn	22 Bn Area Unit Arrangements.
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	} 37/52 Bn Area
4 Aust Fd Coy	
H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde	} 0930 Hrs NAMBOUR CATHOLIC CHURCH
22 Aust A/Tk Bty	
54 Div Ord W' shops	
54 Div Ord Fd Pk	
4 Aust Fd Amb	
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	} 1000 Hrs Map Ref 228757
4 Aust Fd Regt	
19 Coy A.A.S.C.	

LANDSBOROUGH 1 In.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST
 Lost in Bde H.Q. Bivouac Area, BUDERIM, on Monday 23 Nov, complete set
 of web equipment with bayonet attached, and initials "B.H." printed on
 webbing, property of
 VX 106412 Spr HATTAM W.L.
 4 Aust Fd Coy..

FOUND
 Identity discs
 V 210733, HOGBEN E.R.

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11 Dec 42.

Nos 252 - 256

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252. DEMAND OF
AMM FOR
TRG PUR-
POSES

The supply of amm for trg is carried out on the same system as for War, demands being made by signal only and in accordance with F.S.P.B. Pam 9a 1941. Attention is drawn to "g" circ No 20 of H.Q.3 Aust Div dated 22 Oct 42 which states :-

"Units are to furnish demands to H.Q. NOT later than the 15th of each month to cover their expected requirements for the ensuing month, making such demands on the trg carried out and in accordance with unit entitlements as laid down in GRO 161-163. Demands will NOT be submitted to BASCO's, or Div Amm Offr or ADOS"

These demands will be furnished to reach this H.Q. not later than the 12th of each month to cover expected requirements for the following month. These instructions MUST be adhered to.

W.D. Jones

Maj.
B.M.4 Aust Inf Bde.

253. CLOAK
ROOM -
VIC L OF
O AREA

A cloak room has been opened at 66 1/2 Bourke Street, Melbourne near Spencer Street Railway Station where personnel may, on production of leave passes, leave kits, equipment, parcels and other articles free of charge whilst on leave. Information useful to soldiers on leave will also be available at the cloak room especially with regard to concessions to places of entertainment, hostels and accommodation.

(2 Aust Corps R.O. 225)

254. PAYBOOKS
NOT TO BE
WITHDRAWN
FROM MEM-
BERS.

1. Attention is directed to the tendency in all commands for the members' paybooks to be withdrawn for various reasons and in some cases held in orderly rooms indefinitely. This has resulted in members being transferred, evacuated to hospital or being sent on leave without paybooks in their possession.

2. The possession by a member of his paybook at all times is essential for identification and medical reasons, as well as for purposes of pay. Commanding Officers will ensure that paybooks are not withdrawn from members except for official purposes, and when so withdrawn that they are returned as soon as possible.

3. All members will be instructed that paybooks must be in their possession when going on leave or transfer. Commanding officers will carry out check parades periodically to ensure that all members are in possession of paybooks.

4. Cases of loss of paybooks, due to carelessness or willful destruction, by soldiers will be dealt with as a serious breach of military discipline.

(G.R.O. F 623)

255. TRAFFIC DISCS.

Considerable damage has been caused by personnel interfering with and wantonly defacing and removing traffic discs. The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the fact that these discs are to assist drs at night and any further unauthorised interference with them, will be regarded as a most serious offence.

(3 Div R.O. 620)

256. PETTY LARCENIES

Many instances are being reported of petty thieving. While this, in practically every case, is eventually traced to Units NOT of this formation, it is desired that strict control be exercised, particularly while on exercise or bivouac. Officers and NCOs in charge of detachments will be watchful of the behaviour of their troops and check vehicles prior to departure from any bivouac site, to ensure that no unauthorised removals are made. Soldiers will NOT be permitted to approach private homes for refills of water-bottles. This rule is to be STRICTLY observed.

Capt. Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde.

CHURCH PARADES

PROTESTANT

- 22 Aust Inf Bn 0900 hrs 22 Aust Inf Bn Area.
- 29/46 Aust Inf Bn 0800 hrs 29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area
- 37/52 Aust Inf Bn 0830 hrs 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Area.
- 4 Aust Fd Amb
- H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde
- 54 Div Ord W shops 0930 hrs Bde H.Q. site.
- 54 Div Ord Fd pk.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

(Units please note changes)

- H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde
- 54 Div Ord W shops 0930 hrs HAMBOUR CATHOLIC CHURCH
- 54 Div Ord Fd pk
- 4 Aust Fd Amb
- 22 Aust Inf Bn 0645 hrs 22 Bn Area.
- 29/46 Aust Inf Bn
- 19 Coy A.A.S.C. 0800 hrs 29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area.
- 4 Aust Fd Regt
- 37/52 Aust Inf Bn 0830 hrs 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Area.
- 4 Aust Fd Coy

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BM 10/14
ECG/PVH

SECRET
H. Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde.
AUSTRALIA
16 Dec 42.

TRG IN USE OF RECCE AND ASSAULT BOATS

Further to 4 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 11 Para 1.

1. It is essential that all personnel of inf bns receive trg in the handling, maintenance, loading and operation of recce and assault boats.
2. This trg will be included during the coy trg period 3 - 9 Jan 43.
3. NCO and det of sappers will be available with 8 recce boats and 15 assault boats as under :-

22 Aust Inf Bn	-	both incl	4-5 Jan.
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	-	" "	6-7 "
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	-	" "	8-9 "

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16 DEC 42

by

BRIGADIER C.S. BARNER, COMD 4 AUST INF BDE

Nos 257 - 258

"A" & "Q"

257. COMD 22
AUST INF
BN

Maj K. HOPKINS, 22 AUST INF BN is appointed to administer Comd as from 0800 hrs 15 DEC 42.
Appointment of Capt R. RATTRAY to Adm Comd vide R.O. 247 is terminated from above time.

258. COMD
37/52
AUST INF
BN

Capt H.J. MASON, 37/52 AUST INF BN is appointed to administer Comd as from 0600 hrs 15 DEC 42.

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Capt
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

ERIC ADIAR C.S. BARBER, COMD 4 AUST INF BDE

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIA

18 DEC 42.

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259. CAMERAS
AND PHOTO-
GRAPHY

1. All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:-
2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O.i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.
3. Officers and O.Rs. will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O. i/c Photography.
4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.
5. C.Os. of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.
6. The O.i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-
 - (a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.
 - (b) H.Q. L. of C. Area; or
 - (c) O.i/c Base Depot.The O.i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-
 - (a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O. i/c Photography.
 - (b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.
 - (c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.
8. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.
9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to H.Q. L. of C. Area. They will be accompanied by a memo signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.
 - (b) If in the opinion of G.S.I. at H.Q. L. of C. Area

films or prints should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, G.S.I. will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc., accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by officers and O.Rs. for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to H.Q. L. of C. Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, H.Q. L. of C. Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

12. Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

13. Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by:-

- (a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
- (b) Destruction of films and prints.

14. This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant paragraphs of Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 22 - Procedure and Instructions for Unit Censorship.

(To be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders)
(G.R.O. G.645)

E. E. E.
Capt. ~~Inf~~
A/B.M. 4 Aust Inf Bde

"A" AND "Q"

260. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A. the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

- (a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or
- (b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

(To be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders)
(G.R.O. A.652.)

261. TRAFFIC CONTROL - DAZZLING HEADLIGHTS ETC.

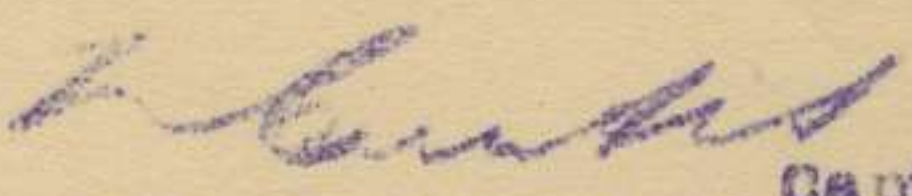
1. The provisions of MBI Q134 are repeated for information of units.

2. If a driver is dazzled by the lights of an approaching vehicle, his duty is to slow down to such a speed that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision. If the dazzle is such that he cannot see at all, he should stop at once. If he fails either to slow down or stop as the case may be, he is guilty of negligence. Similar provisions apply where the driver's limit of vision is cur-

tailed by dust, fog, rain or any other agent.

3. Drivers of all vehicles will be instructed accordingly.
(To be repeated in all unit orders)

(1st A.A.O. Q.384.)


Capt
A. Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

CHURCH PARADES:

PROTESTANT

29/46 Aust Inf Bn	0800 hrs	29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area
22 Aust Inf Bn	0900 hrs	22 Aust Inf Bn Area
H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde) 54 Div Ord W'shops) 54 Div Ord Fd Pk)	0945 hrs	Bde H.Q. site
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	1030 hrs	37/52 Aust Inf Bn Area
22 Aust A/Tk Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt 19 Coy A.A.S.C.	Unit arrangements Unit arrangements 0730 hrs	A.A.S.C. Area

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Bde H.Q.) A.A.S.C. 19 Coy) 54 Div Ord W'shops) 54 Div Ord Fd Pk)	0815 hrs	Bde H.Q. site
22 Aust Inf Bn	0645 hrs	22 Aust Inf Bn Area
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	0900 hrs	MAROOCHYDORE Catholic Church
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	1000 hrs	29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area
4 Aust Fd Amb	0930 hrs	NAMHOUR Catholic Church.

XMAS DAY CHURCH PARADES:

PROTESTANT

37/52 Aust Inf Bn	0800 hrs	37/52 Bn Area
22 Aust Inf Bn	0900 hrs	22 Aust Inf Bn Area
29/46 Aust Inf Bn	1000 hrs	29/46 Aust Inf Bn Area
H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde) 54 Div Ord W'shops) 54 Div Ord Fd Pk)	1040 hrs	Bde H.Q. Site.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA

by

23 DEC 42.

BRIGADIER C.S. BARBER, COMD 4 AUST INF BDE

Nos 262 -

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262. CHRISTMAS
1942

The Bde Comd and staff of HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde have pleasure in extending the season's greetings to all Officers and men of the Bde Gp.

263. POSTAGE
STAMPS FOR
OFFICIAL
MAIL

1. The present system of issue of stamps to units in the field will continue until existing stocks of stamps in the possession of units are exhausted, after which the procedure will be for units to purchase stamps from the Postal Service with funds available in unit petty cash advances.

2. Postage stamp expenditure will continue to be recorded in Postage Book (AAB 22)

3. Reimbursement of the petty cash advance for stamps used as shown by the postage book may be included in the claim for reimbursement of other items of petty cash expenditure. The postage book will clearly show particulars of the stamps used and will be ruled off, the balance of the stamps on hand being brought down. The entries in the postage book will be checked and reconciled by the Paymaster with the item for stamps used as shown on the claim before payment of the claim is made. The Paymaster's stamp will be placed alongside the last entry checked in the postage Book.

(GRO 597)

Pending Postage Book AAB 22 being obtained, a suitable book should be purchased from Petty Cash and improvised for the purpose.

When Postal Expenditure is included in Petty Cash reimbursement, such expenditure will be scheduled and attached to TS 4 as a voucher. Postage book will also be produced for checking.

(DRO 598)

264. LIGHTING
OF FIRES

1. No person shall light or cause to be lighted any fire which, by reason of its proximity to, or the intervening grass or undergrowth or direction of wind etc. may cause damage or destruction to, any government property. In the event of damage or destruction by any such fire, the person by whom and the person or persons by whose authority such fire was lighted will be jointly and severally liable for any damage occasioned thereby, unless proof is furnished that all reasonable precautions were taken.

2. No person shall leave or permit to be left unattended an open fire, either by day or by night.

(DRO 628)

265. DISCIPLINE

1. The mvt of any units between 20 DEC 42 and 10 JAN 43 will be advised to this HQ at least 2 days before commencement.

2. The saw-mill property at MAPLETON is out of bounds to all tps at all times.

3. The MAPLETON Area is within a Forestry reserve and under no circumstances will any trees be cut down or otherwise damaged without first obtaining the written permission of this HQ, so to do.

(DRO 629)

266. HOT SHOWERS FOR TROOPS

The service as supplied by the Mobile Bath Unit has resulted in a marked decrease among troops in this Div of skin infections such as Tinea, Boils, Septic Sores etc. It is apparent from comparison of attendance at bath parades with unit strengths, that many are NOT using these shower facilities to their fullest extent. It may NOT be unreasonable to assume that amongst those missing Bath Parades may be found some pers whose attendance is most desirable. It is suggested that COs arrange for some supervision to ensure that all available pers make use of these hot shower facilities.

(DRO 634)

267. LOCAL PURCHASES

Limited Local Purchase powers are vested in ADOS, 3 AUST DIV to provide articles and equipment NOT available through normal Ordnance channels.

Unless prior approval is obtained from ADOS, purchases by units will be a charge against the CO or CC of the unit concerned.

In all normal cases, ADOS will either obtain the required articles or supply the necessary order form F59. In urgent cases, a 'phone call to ADOS for verbal approval and allotment of order number may suffice.

The TS4 claim, to which will be att the original and duplicate F59 and 3 copies of CRV F22, will be forwarded to ADOS without delay, so that payment to supplier may be authorised through DFO Q. L of C Area.

(DRO 642)

268. TYRES- REPLACEMENT OF

The attention of all COs and TOs is directed to Mech Circ No 308 and DRO 408 re Tyres.

Replacement of tyres before they become so badly worn as to affect the possibility of retreading is a unit responsibility and the LAD or W/shop serving will assist units to carry this out. The following is the procedure that will prevail in 3 Aust Div to obtain necessary replacements of tyres to effect standardisation or for normal replacement due to service.

- (1) The unit will F3a vehicle to LAD attached or to LAD or W/shop usually servicing units vehs.
- (2) LAD or Section W/shops will inspect tyres and demand replacements necessary from Section 54 DOFP normally supplying spares. This demand must be signed by an OME who certifies that replacement is warranted.
- (3) The DOFP will supply to LAD or W/shop who will arrange for proper fitting. Supplies will be on a "One for one" basis, and old tyres removed will be returned to Fd Pk the LAD or W/shop grouping and inspecting tyres, marking as follows:

S indicating serviceable.

R indicating repairable

US indicating unserviceable.

The Fd Pk will deal with the tyres accordingly.

The OME will make any relevant entries in Log Book of Veh concerned.

(DRO 643)

269. AAF G.13 REPORT OF ACCIDENT TO VEH

Attention is directed to the fact that provision is made on pages 2,3 & 4 of AAF G.13 for infm usually forwarded in a separate letter to this HQ by units. Full advantage is to be taken of the spaces provided when reporting accidents.

(DRO 644)

270. USE OF TENT FLYS AS VEH CANOPIES

While it is realised that an acute shortage of veh canopies exists within this DIV, the practise of using tent flys as canopies will be restricted to the minimum required to protect rations, technical stores etc. The damage to tent flys when so used is extensive and cases have been observed where the canopies have been cut to permit of lashing

ropes to be attached. No further supplies of tentage can be anticipated and such misuse if permitted to continue will seriously deplete the Formation's holding of tentage and render persons responsible, liable to disciplinary action.

(DRO 645)

271. <u>DUTY BNS</u>	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	27 DEC 42 to 2 JAN 43
	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	3 JAN 43 to 9 JAN 43
	22 Aust Inf Bn.	10 JAN 43 to 16 JAN 43

L. J. Martin, Capt
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

CHURCH PARADES:

CHRISTMAS DAY

Church of England Holy Communion

4 Aust Inf Bde HQ	0830 hrs	Bde HQ site
22 Aust Inf Bn	0930 hrs	22 Bn area
37/52 Aust Inf Bn	1030 hrs	37/52 Bn area
PALMWOODS - (Midnight)	0001 hrs)	in Local Church
	0745 hrs)	

Communicants of other denominations desiring to make their Christmas Communion may do so at these Services.

Roman Catholic

Midnight Mass 24 DEC NAMBOUR Showgrounds for all units.

For those unable to attend Midnight Mass:-

Bde HQ))))	0930 hrs	25 DEC	NAMBOUR Church
22 A/Tk Bty				
4 Fd Coy				
54 D.O.W.				
54 D.O.Fd.Pk)				
29/46 Aust Inf Bn		0900 hrs		29/46 Bn area
37/52 Aust Inf Bn		0900 hrs		MAROOCHYDORE
22 Aust Inf Bn		0900 hrs		MAROOCHYDORE

CHURCH PARADES SUNDAY 27 DEC 42

Roman Catholic

Bde HQ)))))	0930 hrs	NAMBOUR Church
22 A/Tk Bty			
54 D.O.W.			
54 D.O.Fd.Pk			
4 Aust Fd Amb			
4 Fd Coy			
19 Coy A.A.S.C.		0700 hrs	19 Coy A.A.S.C. area
29/46 Aust Inf Bn		0800 hrs	29/46 Bn area
22 Aust Inf Bn)		0930 hrs	"STAR" Theatre, MAROOCHYDORE.
37/52 Aust Inf Bn)			

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HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA

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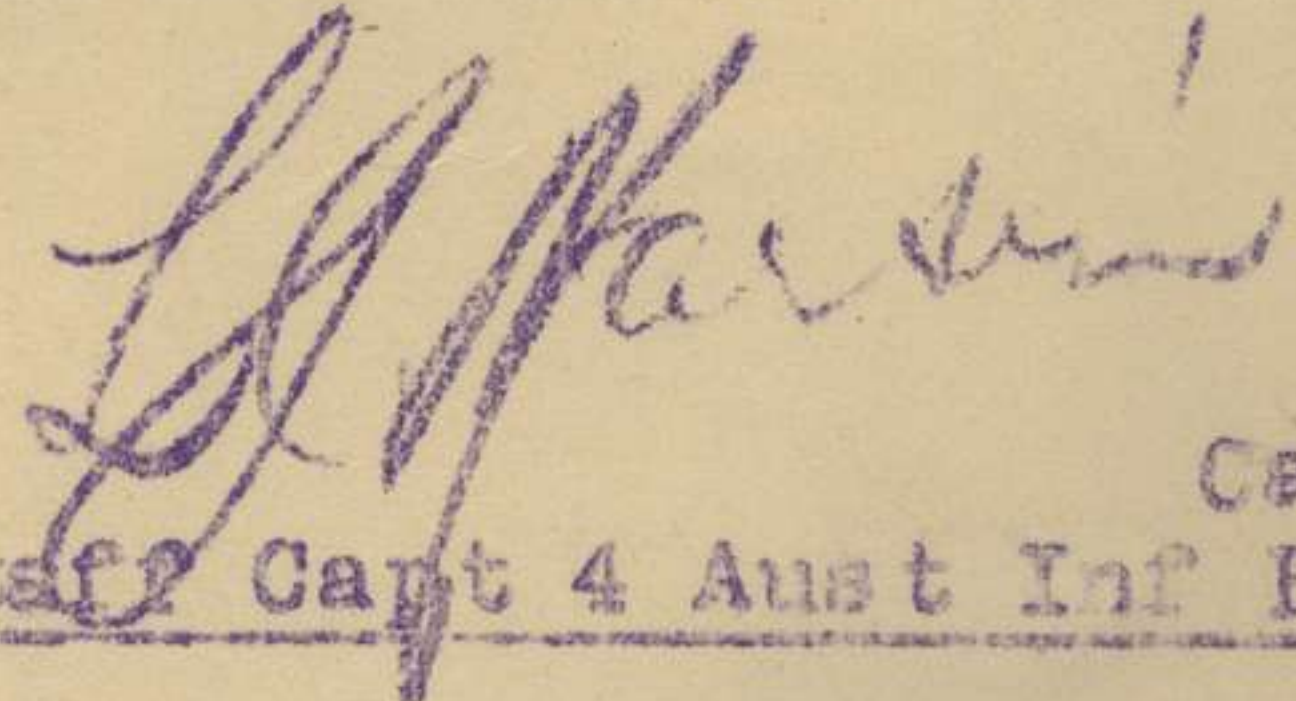
28 DEC 42.

BRIGADIER C.S. BARBER, COMD 4 AUST INF BDE

Nos 272 - 273

"A" & "Q"

- 272 COMD 4
AUST INF
BDE During the temporary absence of Brigadier C.S. BARBER, Lieut-Col E.C.T. MATTHEWSON, is appointed to administer Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde, as from 1400 hrs 27 DEC 42.
- 273 COMD 37/52
AUST INF
BN Major H.E. WRIGHT, 37/52 AUST INF BN is appointed to administer Comd as from 1400 hrs 27 DEC 42.
Appointment of Capt H.J. MASON, 37/52 AUST INF BN, to Adm Comd vide R.O. 257 is terminated from above time.


Capt
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

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Serial No. 9
A.I.F. 11/2/3
W.E. Reference 17 A.M.F. 69
W.E. 17 X 69

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 5 DEC 48

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier *	1		
Chaplains *	3		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2	1	1
Captains	5	2	3
Lieutenants	6	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	17	13	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	YANN K.L.	4 Aust Bde	3/12/48	M/I from 29/48 Aust Inf Bn

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	A.R. CHENET	4 Aust Bde	29/11/48	M/O to 29/48 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut.	S.E.P. GINN	4 Aust Bde	1/12/48	Detached conference

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col 2/Breg	VX108110	C.S. BARBER	Bde Comd	YES	
Lieut 1/Maj		W.D. JONES	B.M.	YES	
Lieut 1/Capt	VX108280	L.J. MARTIN	S.C.	NO	School
Lieut	VX108188	H.A.V. YOUNG	T.O.	YES	
Lieut 1/Capt	VX108120	R.A.C. HUNTER	BASCO	NO	Leave
Lieut	VX108181	H.P. PHENDRIGAST	L.O.1	YES	
Lieut	VX28505	T.S. POWNEY	L.O.2	YES	
Lieut	VX108188	K.L. YARR	L.O.3	YES	
Lieut	V133002	H.C. HENSHALL	Hyg. Offr	YES	
Lieut	VX108090	S.V.P. GINE	Amn. Offr	NO	Det. Conference
Chaplain	VX108119	C.V. WIS	Chaplain	NO	Det. 29/46 In
Chaplain	VX145540	R.T. MASTAN	Chaplain	NO	Det. 37/52 In
Chaplain	VX113078	C.S. CALDER	Chaplain	NO	Det 28 In

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Lieut	VX58217	L.R. McBRATH	22 In	24/10/42	Act. I.C.	NO
Capt	VX8239	H.G. GREEN	22 In	15/11/42	Act. B.M. (L)	NO
Capt	VX108222	H.W.C. CURTIS	37/52 In	26/11/42	Act. S.C.	NO

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

[Signature]
Staff Capt 4 (Signature of Commander.)

5 DEC 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Ser. No. 9

W.E. 1/50/2 - 11/18/2 - 111/700/1

DATE 5 DEC 48.

W.E. 1 x 15

204 L.A.D., A.E.N.E. Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	1		

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE Ref AIP 11/2/3
W.S. 17 x 63

DATE... 12 DEC 62.

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1 *	1		
Chaplain 3 *	3		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors 2	1		1
Captains 5	2		3
Lieutenants 3	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals 17	12		5

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	S.N.P. O'NEIL	4 Aust Bde	5/12/62	from conference

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	S.S. DUNN	4 Aust Bde	7/12/62	transferred to Inf O.T.S. BUNICILLA

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	123456	C. E. BAKER	Bde Comd	YES	
Lieut Col	123457	H. J. SMITH	Bde	YES	
Lieut Col	123458	J. K. DAVIS	Bde	NO	School
Lieut	123459	M. N. WILSON	Bde	YES	
Lieut	123460	P. Q. ROBERTS	Bde	NO	Leave
Lieut	123461	R. S. THOMPSON	Bde	YES	
Lieut	123462	T. U. GIBSON	Bde	YES	
Lieut	123463	V. W. HARRIS	Bde	YES	
Lieut	123464	X. Y. PERKINS	Bde	YES	
Lieut	123465	Y. Z. COLLINS	Bde	YES	
Chaplain	123466	Chaplain	Chaplain	NO	not 20/42 in
Chaplain	123467	Chaplain	Chaplain	NO	not 31/42 in
Chaplain	123468	Chaplain	Chaplain	NO	not 22/42 in

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	123469	R. S. OWEN	Bde	12/21/42	Act B.M. (L)
Capt	123470	H. J. COLLINS	Bde	31/11/42	Act S.C.

P.Q. 4 Aust Div Bde

(Unit.)

12 Dec 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Staff Capt 4 Aust Div Bde
(Signature of Commander.)

3 Aust Division

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Ser. No. 10

WE Ref 1/5a/2 - 11/19b/2 - 111/78d/1

DATE.....12 DEC 42.

W.S. 1 x 15

204 L.A.D., A.E.M.E. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants..... 1	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	1		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Ser No 11

W.E.Ref
1/5a/2-11/18b/2-
111/78a/1

W.E. 1 x 15

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

264 L.A.D., A.E.M.E. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	1		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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Ser. No. 11

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE Ref AIF 11/2/3

DATE....19 DEC 42.

WE 17 x 69

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1 *	1		
Chaplains 3 *	3		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors 2	1		1
Captains 5	2		3
Lieutenants 6	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals 17	12		5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	H.C. HENSHALL	HQ 4 Aust Bde	11/12/42	Det. 107 Mob Bath Unit
Major	W.D. JONES	"	15/12/42	Leave

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col T/Brig	VX108110	C.S. BARBER	Bde Comd	YES	
Lieut T/Maj	VX112178	W.D. JONES	B.M.	NO	Leave
Lieut T/Capt	VX108280	L.J. MARFIN	S.C.	NO	School
Lieut	VX104188	H.A.V. YOUNG	T.O.	YES	
Lieut T/Capt	VX108120	R.A.C. HUNTER	BASCO	NO	Leave
Lieut	VX108161	H.F. FRIENDHOAST	L.O.1	YES	
Lieut	VX104186	K.L. YANN	L.O.3	YES	
Lieut	V133002	H.C. HIRSHALL	Hyg. Offr	NO	Det 107 Mob Bath Un.
Lieut	VX109090	S.W.P. GINN	Amun Offr	YES	
Chaplain	VX108119	C.W. BRIS	Chaplain	NO	Det 29/46 Bn
Chaplain	V143649	R.T. FABIAN	Chaplain	NO	Det 37/52 Bn
Chaplain	VX112076	C.S. CALDER	Chaplain	NO	Det 22 Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX6239	H.G. GREEN	28 Bn	15/11/42	Act B.M. (L)
Capt	VX108222	H.W.C. CURTIS	37/52 Bn	26/11/42	Act S.C.
Lieut	VX47918	K.A. BOYD	29/46	14/12/42	att rations
Capt	VX4050	S. FLETCHER	L.H.Q.	17/12/42	att rations

H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

[Signature]
Staff Capt (Signature of Commander.)

19 DEC 42
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DATE.....26 DEC 42.

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Brigadier	1*		
Chaplains	3*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2	1	1
Captains	8	4	1
Lieutenants	6	4	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	17	13	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	R. A. C. HUNTER	4 Aust Inf Bde	21/12/42	from Leave
Capt	L. J. MARTIN	"	"	from School
Capt	R. J. KENT	"	23/12/42	from "X" List

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	R. J. KENT	4 Aust Inf Bde	23/12/42	Det to 3 Aust Div HQ

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt-Colt. Brig	VX108110	C.S. BARBER	Bde Comd	YES	
Lieut T/Maj	VX112178	W.D.J. BEE	S.M.	NO	LEAVE
Lieut T/Capt	VX108280	L.J. MARTIN	S.C.	YES	
Lieut T/Capt	VX108113	R.H.V. REEF	I.O.	NO	Det 3 Aust Div
Lieut T/Capt	VX104188	L.A.V. YOUNG	I.O.	YES	
Lieut T/Capt	VX108120	R.A.C. BURTON	ASCO	YES	
Lieut	VX108181	J.F. FRENCHCAST	I.O.1.	NO	Leave
Lieut	VX104186	K.L. YAMM	I.O.3	YES	
Lieut	V133002	H.C. MARSHALL	Hyg. Offr	NO	Det 107 Mob Path Un
Lieut	VX109090	B.W.P. GINN	Amn Offr	YES	
Chaplain	VX108119	C.W. REES	Chaplain	NO	Det 20/40 Bn
Chaplain	V145649	R.T. FABIAN	Chaplain	NO	Det 51/52 Bn
Chaplain	VX112 076	C.S.J. ALLEN	Chaplain	NO	Det 20 Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	OX6239	H.C. GREEN	22 Bn	13/11/42	Act. B.M.(L)
Capt	VX108222	H.C. W. CURTIS	37/52 Bn	26/11/42	S.C.(L)
Lieut	VX50217	L.R. McBRATH	22 Bn	25/12/42	Act. I.O.

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit)

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(Date of Despatch)

Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

(Signature of Commander)

3 Aust Division

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

264 L.A.D., A.E.M.E. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	1		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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(adapted.)

Unit J SECTION SIGNALS Date and Time.—From DEC 1 42 To DEC 12 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAMBOUR	DEC 1	0001-2400	SWIM PARADE LINECREW STRINGING UP ALL LINES LT MCLEAVEY 7 HOURS RETURN FROM 1500 28966 7/R POWELL BROKEN DOWN ON EXERCISE	MSA
"	" 2	"	VIOLENT ELECTRICAL STORM LINECREW STILL WORKING ON LINES SIG OFFICE DUTIES	MSA
"	" 3	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES CABLE CREW WORKING ON LINES MARCH	MSA
"	" 4	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES MAINTAINANCE CABLE ACCIDENT TO 12577 NO INJURIES	MSA
"	" 5	"	MAINTAINANCE M/T AND EQUIPMENT M/T INSPECTION BY SGT KEATON	MSA
"	" 6	"	MAKE - MEN'S CHURCH PARADE	MSA
"	" 7	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES 2 WIRELESS DETACHMENTS GO OUT AS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT SHORT	MSA
"	" 8	"	RESPIRATOR PRACTICE SIG OFFICE DUTIES LINE MAINTAINANCE	MSA
"	" 9	"	22 PERSONEL LEAVE FOR RANGE PRACTICE SGT TREHARNE LEFT IN CHARGE	MSA
"	" 10	"	PERSONEL AT RANGE 4 HOME LEAVE PERSONEL RETURN MR MCLEAVEY LEAVES M/C SHOOD SEYTHOUR FOR 3 WEEKS ISSUE CALL SIGN LIST	MSA
"	" 11	"	PERSONEL RETURN FROM RANGE FURTHER RANGE PRACTICE CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN	MSA
"	" 12	"	MAINTAINANCE M/T - EQUIPMENT	MSA

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Unit J SECTION SIGNALS

Date and Time.—From DEC 27 To 31 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAMBOUR.	DEC. 27	0001-2400	MAKE AND Mend CHURCH PARADE AMMENITIES.	MSA
"	" 28	"	ROAD MAKING, BUILDING LATRINE SIGOFFICE DUTIES 3/4 RIGG AND	
"	"	"	BREEDON LEAVE FOR M/C SCHOOL AT SIG 3 DIV HEAVY RAIN.	MSA
"	" 29	"	LT. COL MUNDAY AM) CAPT SPRUEN VISIT SECTION. SIGOFFICE DUTIES	MSA
"	" 30	"	CAPT SPRUEN W.O. WALLACE INSPECT MTS. SIGOFFICE DUTIES HEAVY RAIN	MSA
"	" 31	"	3/4 RIGG AND BREEDON RETURN FROM M/C SCHOOL WITH 2 HUNDRED M.C.	MSA
				Asst Coy Capt of 5 sect sigs Sigs 3 Aust Div.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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(adapted.)

Unit J SECTION SIGNALS

Date and Time.—From DEC 1 42 To DEC 12 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAMBOUR	DEC 1	0001-2400	SWIM TANK LINECREW STRINGING UP ALL LINES. LT McCABE 10095.	
"	"	"	RETURN FROM 15 BDI 28966 7/R POWELL BROKEN DOWN ON EXERCISE	400
"	" 2	"	VIOLENT ELECTRICAL STORM LINECREW STILL WORKING ON LINES SIG OFFICE DUTIES	400
"	" 3	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES CABLE CREW WORKING ON LINES. 17ARCH	400
"	" 4	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES MAINTAINANCE CABLE ACCIDENT TO 14577 NO INJURIES	400
"	" 5	"	MAINTAINANCE M/T AND EQUIPMENT M/T INSPECTION BY SGT HENTON	400
"	" 6	"	MARSH AND (GEN) CHURCH PARADES	400
"	" 7	"	SIG OFFICE DUTIES 2 WIRELESS DETACHMENTS GO OUT AS COMMUNICATIONS FOR 220N AT SHOOT	400
"	" 8	"	RESPIRATOR PRACTICE SIG OFFICE DUTIES LINE MAINTAINANCE	400
"	" 9	"	22 PERSONEL LEAVE FOR RANGE PRACTICE SGT TRENTNER LEFT IN CHARGE	400
"	" 10	"	22 PERSONEL AT RANGE 4 HOME LEAVE PERSONEL RETURN MR McCABE	
"	"	"	LEAVES FOR M/C SHOOK SEE DUTY FOR 3 WEEKS ISSUE CALL SIGN LIST	400
"	" 11	"	PERSONEL RETURN FROM RANGE FURTHER RANGE PRACTICE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF RAIN	400
"	" 12	"	MAINTAINANCE M/T + EQUIPMENT	400

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W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/4/42
A.M.F. 46/1

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 2 X

Date 3/11/42

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

J SECTION SIGINT Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<u>2</u>		

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

J SECTION SIGNALS Unit.

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

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

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

J SECTION SIGNALS Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *5-12-42*

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

Serial No. 2

W.E. Reference A.I.F.

A.M.F.

W.E. X

Date 1/24/44

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

J. Section 1st Div Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	1	1	
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	2	2	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LT	MICHAEL HAW	J. SEC SIGS	10/24/44	detached to school Sydney

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

J SECTION SIGNALS Unit.

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

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

Notes-- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

J SECTION SIGNALS Unit.

FOR OC. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *12/12/42*

J SECT SIGS. 1104145T IMP 200. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____

A.M.F. 11/11/42

W.E. 2 X _____

Date 12/12/42

Attached Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

J. SECTION SIGNALS Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Lieutenants	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

J. SECTION SIGNALS Unit.

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

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

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

J. SECT SIGNALS Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *18/12/42*

J. SECT SIGS HQ 41ST INF BDE.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Allowed by W.E. X

J. SECTION SIGMM Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	/	/	
Lieutenants	/	/	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	2	2	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

