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WAR DIARY

H. Q. 17th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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APRIL-1-42 Maj.Gen.A.J.BOASE called from HQ and spent the night at WELIGAMA REST HOUSE where Bde Comd called upon him.

At approx 1045 hrs the Fort guns opened up with warning shots on a merchant ship which failed to stop when signalled to from the shore. The result was that the ship signalled COLOMBO and a destroyer was sent out to bring the ship into port.

A signal was received at Bde HQ that a parachutist had been landed at DAMBULLA ( 34 Ind Div area ) 60 miles down the COLOMBO road from TRINCOMALEE. Intensive search carried out in the area failed to reveal any further evidence.

Lieut A.M.Hutchinson from 2/7 Bn arrived and took up duty as S.C.(L) vice Lieut H.Brown who had "disappeared" with Bde HQ advance party. The popular opinion seemed to be that the lost party were now high and dry in AUSTRALIA. Misleading statements said to emanate from Australian politicians were now appearing in the Colombo press regarding the arrival of the A.I.F. in AUSTRALIA. The " agreed proportion " mentioned in one statement caused much speculation and argument amongst the troops left to guard this island outpost. Rigid censorship and security regulations were now in force to ensure that the arrival of AUSTRALIAN troops in CEYLON should not become known to the enemy. The postal address of AUSTRALIAN troops on the island remained :-- c/o No.3 AUST BASE P/O A.I.F. ABROAD, and letters written to overseas correspondents must be done in such a manner as to give the impression that the writer was still in the MIDDLE EAST.

APRIL-2-42 Maj.Gen.A.J.Boase G.O.C.,A.I.F. CEYLON inspected the defences in the Bde Gp area during the day. As a result of the Bde Comds discussions with him it was decided to increase the number of troops available for mobile reserve and for the present it was proposed to have not more than three Coys in the Bde in a static role. These would be :--one Coy 2/5 Bn at GALLE FORT and two Coys 2/6 Bn at KOGGALA aerodrome. All other troops in the Bde to remain in the previously determined positions, their functions to be, primarily, that of a mobile striking force.

Brig.LLOYD and his B.M. paid a visit to Bde HQ in the afternoon.

APRIL-3-42 2/7 Bn were ordered to post a security guard on the bridge over the POLWATTA GANGA on rd IMADUWA-AKURESSA, task, anti-sabotage.

Several reports were received during the day of unidentified planes flying West over the FORT area.

A bomb outrage occurred in GALLE Post Office when a parcel thought to have contained a time bomb, exploded causing one injury and slight damage to property.

After half a winter spent in the mountains of SYRIA, Bde personnel were finding it difficult to become accustomed to the humid heat of the Island. Several cases of tinnea and chafing due to excessive perspiring, were noticed. It was now almost impossible to sleep out into the cooler night air owing to the torrential thunder storms which sprang up nightly, indicating that the monsoon season was at hand.

APRIL-4-42 Lieut General POWNELL G.O.C. in C.CEYLON and Maj.Gen.BOASE,G.O.C., A.I.F.,CEYLON inspected 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp area throughout.

An air raid alarm of 1 1/2 hrs duration was experienced during the day. There were no incidents.



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APRIL-4-42 At 1715 hrs a message was received from the RAF that an enemy Naval Force had been sighted 18 hrs sailing time ( 360 ) miles) from CEYLON, off DONDRA HEAD, bearing 115 degrees. Catalinas were out for more information and RAF were standing by. 2/6 Bn also reported that every precaution was being taken at their end. At 2350 hrs no further information had been received at Bde HQ.

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Bussa Camp reported that a fisherman caught signalling had tried to escape and met with an accident. Ceylon Police were now investigating the case.

Lieut D.A.McBride from 2/5 Bn joined Bde Staff as L.O.1.

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APRIL-5-42

The first news of the impending raid on COLOMBO was received at 0800 hrs when Air Raid YELLOW was reported from the Police Station GALLE. At 0805 hrs RAF reported -- Raid on COLOMBO, 50 planes and escort, sea raiders also steaming in fairly close. 8 unidentified planes were seen to fly East over FORT GALLE. The next indication of the raid was when approx 40 planes, later identified as Japanese, were observed flying South off shore from FORT GALLE at 0915 hrs. News received later revealed that the raiders were based on a Naval force reported at 0700 hrs 5 Apr to be 110 miles south of DONDRA HEAD and consisting of one battleship two cruisers, and four other ships ( possibly 2 A/C carriers ). Details of the raid released later were that 25 E/A were destroyed 5 probably destroyed, and 25 damaged. Our plane losses were 12. H.M.S. 2 "TENEDOS" destroyer was sunk and H.M.S. "HECTOR" armoured merchantman set on fire. Minor damage was done in COLOMBO where 32 civilians were killed. No casualty figures were at this time available for Naval, R.A.F., and Military personnel. No attack was made anywhere within the Bde Gp area. As a result of the emergency arising from the raid 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp O.O. No.1 was issued at 1230 hrs. ( See Appendix copy for details ) Under orders from HQ, A.I.F., Bussa Force was instructed that one bty, less one tp 2/2 Aust Fd Regt would move forthwith from Bussa to KATAKURUNDA and come under Comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. 17 Aust Inf Bde to pick up all second line 25 pdr amn less amn for one tp from 16 Aust Inf Bde. A.D.S. was established in the vicinity of the five mile post on rd GALLE - AKURESSA by the 2/2 Aust Fd Amb 1350 hrs. Evening reports from Bns showed that 2/5 Bn had demolitions prepared at hrs 980680 and all personnel were standing by ready to move at 30 minutes notice. 2/6 Bn Coys were at battle stations with weapon pits completed but not revetted. Road patrols were enforcing the blackout on the coastal road. Rd blocks as ordered in O.O. No.1 were not complete at 2125 hrs. 2/7 Bn remained at their posns in the BUSSA area. Arrangements were well in hand for the delivery through HQ, RAE., of cement for use in bitumen drums to be placed as road blocks. As a result of the non completion of rd blocks in the afternoon units were ordered by Immediate message to report progress of work to Bde HQ by 0900 hrs and thereafter every two hours where there was further information to report. Unit I.O.s and I Staffs to be put on an operational basis forthwith. Units to continue coast watching day and night. Four three ton vehicles were ordered to report from 2/5 Bn to 2/6 Bn at 0700 hrs, to be away for some days. This order almost immediately brought a protest from 2/5 Bn that they would then have insufficient transport to maintain one Coy in a mobile role. The matter was subsequently straightened out with the passing of the emergency. The position within the Bde Gp regarding transport, due to the slow rate of unloading in COLOMBO harbour, was at this stage rather serious and the task of putting troops immediately, in to mobile roles, presented many difficulties. Several Japanese who had baled out of damaged A/C were thought to be at large and a reward was offered to civilians for their recapture.



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APRIL-6-42 At 0735 hrs RAF had nothing further to report. Morning Sitreps from 2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns were Normal. Preparation of road blocks and demolitions were continued.

A conference of Bde Staff Offrs was held at Bde HQ in the morning and a conference of unit C.O.s in the afternoon. The discussions centred around flaws in the organisation which had appeared as a result of the emergency operations arising out of the Japanese raid. Ways and means of putting them in order immediately, were discussed and finalised.

A state of nervous tension was now evident amongst the native population who commenced to move to the interior of the Island. The rail service to the N.W. of CEYLON was greatly overtaxed and the ferry service at TALAIMANNAR was flooded with evacuees to INDIA.

Capt D. McLean Smith who had been with Bde HQ Staff but a short time as B.M.(L) and had acted as Ships Adjutant on the voyage from SUEZ to COLOMBO, now left to take up duties at Div HQ as G<sub>2</sub> (L).

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APRIL-7-42 Bde Comd, with Lt Col Cremor 2/2 Fd Regt inspected the 2/6 Bn area and the pin pointing of gun posns was finalised. Comd also inspected the road blocks installed by 2/6 Bn and found them very ineffective. Little or nothing had been done to make them capable of stopping even a push bike.

Capt Chapman S.C. and Lieut D.S. Esplin, 2 Coy A.A.S.C. started out on a recce of the L.ofC. on the back road to AKURESSA area via RATNAPURA which would have to be used in the event of a blockage of the coastal route.

Sitreps from Bns during the day were Normal with work proceeding on defensive positions.

The following memo was received from 2/6 Bn HQ for information only :-- R.A.F. report as follows :--

- (1) 1 cruiser 017 degrees 32 minutes NORTH, 083 degrees 50 mins EAST 0220 hrs 7/4. Course NORTH ( chart position- 100 miles approx EAST of MADRAS ) .
  - (2) 2 battleships, one cruiser, 016 degrees 00 minutes NORTH 082 degrees 20 minutes EAST, 0210 hrs 7/4. Course NORTH. ( chart position - 20 miles South of above )
  - (3) 1 battleship 019 degrees 30 minutes NORTH ,086 degrees 32 mins EAST 0130 hrs 7/4. Course 249 degrees, ( chart position 100/150 miles approx EAST of YANAON )
  - (4) 1 battleship, 1 aircraft carrier, 019 degrees 45 minutes NORTH, 083 degrees 30 minutes EAST. 0215 hrs 7/4, attacking shipping.
- N.B. 3 and 4 appear to be same ships.

Notification was received from A.I.F., H.Q. that the advance party of Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps would move through our area to-day on their way to HAMBANTOTA.

Guns of the Royal Marines in GALLE FORT were once more compelled to fire warning shots across the bows of a small steamer which sailed on serenely and ignored all signals from shore.

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APRIL-8-42 Capt W.M. Maybery, formerly Adjut 2/5 Bn arrived to take up the appointment of B.M.(L) left vacant by the departure of Capt McLean Smith.

Bde Comd visited Brigadier Lloyd, 16 Aust Inf Bde.

S.C. returned to Bde HQ from recce of L. of C.

To obviate the recurrence of tactics used by Japanese invaders in MALAYA and elsewhere, where local fishing craft found on beaches were used to penetrate far up the estuaries of rivers, 2/6 and 2/7 Bns were instructed to make recce of beaches and check up on the numbers and serviceability of all boats in their respective areas.

The following report from RAF was received through AIF, HQ at 2100 hrs :-- 3 enemy battleships and one aircraft carrier 400 miles EAST of CEYLON at 0907 hrs G.M.T. direction of movement not known. This being the prelude to the following days raid on TRINCOMALEE.

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APRIL-9-42 A messenger received at Bde HQ at 0750 hrs reported an air raid in progress over COLOMBO and TRINCOMALEE. Later it was revealed that TRINCOMALEE only was raided with an alert in COLOMBO when two E/A flew over. Some damage was done at TRINCOMALEE but there were no casualties. 7 E/A were destroyed while we lost 8 Hurricanes and one Fulmar. The air raid clear was received at 0845 hrs from GALLE Police Station.

Bde Comd visited HAMBANTOTA and contacted Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps who were holding the S.E. corner of the Island and arranged to have an M/C patrol contact them once or twice a day. At present the C.P.R.C have two Coys at HAMBANTOTA.

Following the recce made by Capt A.P. Chapman S.C. and Lieut Esplin 2 Coy A.A.S.C. on 7 April a memo was produced by Capt Chapman covering : " Maintenance of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp during operations in GALLE area, assuming Railways and Roads along the Coast to COLOMBO are Denied " ( See War Diary Appendix No.3 )

Arrangements were being made by HQ, AIF for a bomb recce course under R.E. instructors to be held in 17 Bde Gp area on 23, 24, 25 Apr.

The situation throughout the day in Bn areas remained normal. The only unusual occurrence being the discovery by 2/6 Bn of a large stone which had been deliberately placed in the middle of the road at the 87 mile post in their area. Investigations failed to produce further information.

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APRIL-10-42 Bde Comd visited 2/6 Bn "A" Coy area and inspected their defences.

A road recce was made by "I" section personnel to UDUGAMA where an effort was made to find a lateral connection or link up with other roads to the West and North which would serve as an alternative L of C in the event of blockage on the coastal route. The result of the recce was negative.

C Coy 2/7 Bn moved to KOGGALA area and one sub sec Engrs were instructed to report to KOGGALA the following morning to assist in RAF work.

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A test, authorised by 17 Bde HQ and C.O. 2/7 Bn, was carried out at BUSSA Camp under the supervision of the Camp Comdt, of a bullet proof shield constructed by the Govt Plywood Factory. The shield consisted of 2 plywood boards 5/8 inch on the front and a 7 plyboard 3/8 inch on the back and filled with a deflecting material such as quartz- the filling being approx 3 inch. Thorough tests with .303 amn fired from the service rifle, Bren repetition, Bren automatic, and .455 pistol at various close ranges illustrated the effectiveness of this shield. Bullets which penetrated the front shield were completely fragmented by the inner filling. In most cases no mark was made on the inner plywood shield. A 36 Grenade exploded three feet from the shield did little damage and there was no ricochet. The Govt Plywood expert recommended the shield for use in the construction of shelters similar to the well known Anderson type. Their lightness and cheapness of construction being the most important points in their favour.

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APRIL-11-42

A report received from 2/5 Bn regarding relations with the Civil population formed the following conclusions reached after interviews with prominent people. The white people in CEYLON welcomed the AUSTRALIANS and considered their behaviour to be exemplary. BURGHERS, TAMILS, and MOSLEMS are pro-BRITISH and will give every assistance. BURGHERS and MOSLEMS in GALLE FORT have gone out of their way to show hospitality to members of 2/5 Bn. The following extract from the report is of great interest in the light of recent events in the East Indies where 5th Column activity was rife :-- The average SINGHALESE is not trustworthy and will always be on the winning side ( as we found the MOSLEMS in the MIDDLE EAST ). We have found them to be chronic liars. The educated SINGHALESE is regarded as being dangerous and in many cases anti-BRITISH. Generally they are the Civil servant class. His present activity is regarded as being confined to rumours and a certain nuisance value, that is he may cut an occasional telephone line or light a bonfire. Opinion is, that, in the event of a Japanese landing this class would give them practical assistance. The ex-Mayor of GALLE is at present imprisoned for anti-BRITISH activity. The BUDDHIST priests have not impressed us favourably. Most residents claim that they are opposed to us. We have had no experience of this as yet, but it has been noticed that one or more of them are generally to be found in areas where defence work is in progress. This may be only coincidental.

17 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No.3 covering Coast Watching activities and M/C patrols issued during the day. ( See War Diary Appendix No.2 ).

Contact with R.A.F. established that enemy warships had left this ~~area~~ area.

A further recce was made by "I" sec personnel to HINIDUMA with a view to investigating the possibilities of the link up across country to UDUGAMA. The result as far as roads were concerned was ~~again~~ again negative. A small paddle steamer service was found to operate up river daily to UDUGAMA.

Padre KYRCHNER, Senior Padre A.I.F. CEYLON, and Lt Col H.M.Fisher, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb called at Bde HQ and stayed for lunch.

One troop of 1 Aust A/Tk Regt was now located at BUSSA CAMP.

Sitreps from Bns during ~~the~~ day were in all cases Sitnor.

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APRIL-12-42

Lt Col Sutherland C.O., C.P.R.C. called and stated that his Bn at HAMBANTOTA had been so depleted by men being withdrawn for various duties throughout CEYLON, his force had now been reduced to one ineffective Coy.

A native who failed to stop when challenged by a sentry of the 2/2 Fd Regt near HABARADUWA was shot in the thigh. Further investigation showed that the native had inadvertently wandered into a military area.

Orders were issued for the formation of 17 Aust Inf Bde Inf Trng Bn on similiar lines to the A.I.F. (ME) Inf Trng Bns, and 17 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.6 covering details of the plan was issued. ( See War Diary Appendix No.2 ) The location of the Trng Bn to be in the vicinity of HULANDAWA.

Private vehicles which had been under hire to the Army pending unloading of M.T. ships were now to be returned at the earliest possible moment.

During the day one of our submarines appeared off FORT GALLE.

A platoon 2/6 Bn was detached for special duty in COLOMBO.

In the evening a minor battle of words ensued between RAF, Royal Marines, and Bde HQ regarding authority to switch on R.M. coastal searchlights to guide in an overdue plane.

With the reporting by R.M. of a light at sea and answering signals from shore, there commenced one of many patrols to locate the elusive lights. In this case 2/5 Bn patrol found nothing to report. The number of reports which nightly began to reach Bde HQ seemed to suggest, that, although in most cases they warranted investigation, the effect of twinkling fireflies on the minds of imaginative sentries seemed to bear some relationship to the reports.

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APRIL-13-42

Bde Comd left for COLOMBO to interview G.O.C. regarding the administrative plan for the supply and maintainance of the Force through rd RATNAPURA-AKURESSA. The plan was approved in principle and it was decided to have DADMS down to survey the problem of medical evacuations and to tee in with the administrative plan. Bde Comd had lunch at the GALLE FACE HOTEL with the G.O.C. Business at this world famous hotel seemed to be proceeding normally in great contrast to the happenings elsewhere. At the GRAND ORIENTAL HOTEL where Bde Comd had dinner all servants had fled and a system of " help yourself " was the rule. Dinner under these conditions cost the exhorbitant sums of Rs4, self cooked, and ready cooked ( ordered 24 hrs in advance ) Rs8. In the afternoon Bde Comd visited the docks and ascertained that some of our ships would still be 10 more days unloading. A call was made on Col Spiers at 4 AGH and the advisibility of putting a 200 bed hospital at HULANDAWA was discussed. Owing to the length of time that it would take to evacuate casualties from the AKURESSA area over the road via RATNAPURA, this scheme seemed to be justified.

A two weeks training syllabus for Bde HQ personnel under a Sgt instructor from 2/7 Bn was commenced. The training included a short daily course in unarmed combat.

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**GALLE FORT** Natives who had been asking pertinent questions were arrested by  
**APRIL-13-42** 2/7 Bn bridge guards on the main BUSSA-GALLE rd, pending the checking of their credentials by the Civil Police. Great care and constant vigilance was being exercised at this stage to combat the possibility of any 5th Column activity.

Sitnor was the rule in Bn areas throughout the day.

**APRIL-14-42** Bde comd spent the day with Lt Col WOOD and Capt TILLEY re-siting dispositions of 2/6 Bn.

HQ, AIF, reported that a Catalina flying boat had been shadowed by two JU88 about 250 miles east of KOGGALA at 1000 hrs local time.

Some movement took place in the Bns during the day, 2/7 Bn reported B and C Coys Rear HQ closing at BUSSA CAMP at 0900 hrs 15 April and opening AKURESSA at 0900 hrs 15 April. Other movements noted in Operations Log (see Serial No. 213)

**APRIL-15-42** Bde Comd had a visit from Col BARKER of CEYLON COMD, who wanted to dump 30 days supply of amm in GALLE FORT for the entire force down here. After discussion of the idea it was pointed out that whoever made the plan had done so without any idea how this force would operate. After being shown what was projected by 17 Bde Gp Col BARKER agreed to put the matter before CEYLON COMD. Meanwhile it was decided to establish dumps at HULANDAWA.

After spending the night at TANGALLA Rest House, G.O.C. called at Bde HQ and talked with Bde Comd.

The signal Air Raid YELLOW, COLOMBO was received at 0935 hrs, the Air Raid WHITE coming through at 1025 hrs.

RAF reported that a Catalina had sighted a number of ships near LITTLE BASSES. At 1215 hrs it was believed that the ~~the~~ ships were an enemy battleship and a destroyer. 2/7 Bn were instructed to have their M/C patrol send back any further news immediately and to warn C.P.R.C. HAMBANTOTA. Owing to rainstorms contact with the enemy was lost. They were last seen at 5 degrees 56 minutes- 81 degrees 79 minutes moving on bearing 185 degrees.

2/7 Bn signalled that their petrol stocks were seriously depleted and that they had placed their transport under rigid control.

The following movements took place during the day :-- 52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt less det returned to our Comd and with 1 Bty 1 Aust A/Tk Regt moved to AKURESSA.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The coast watching station at HAMBANTOTA observed flashes at sea on the night of 14/15 Apr and at the same time flashes from the land areas 096680-096683. There are two BUDDHIST temples in this area. A priest in one is said to be a JAP and may have connection with light.

**APRIL-16-42** Shortly after midnight information was received that contact with the enemy Naval force had been regained at 1713 hrs 15 Apr, position 04 degrees 18 minutes NORTH 81 degrees 37 minutes EAST on a course 280 degrees. By dawn they could be in a posn within a 20 mile radius of COLOMBO. At 1115 hrs RAF reported no further information available.

2 Coy A.A.S.C. moved their advance party to the fwd maintainance centre at 392768.

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GALLE FORT 2/7 Bn continued patrolling beach areas TANGALLA endeavouring to  
APRIL-16-42 locate the source of Verrey lights which had been seen at 0300 hrs  
and 0500 hrs. Coy Comd decided to recce the tracks from main  
road to beach between KALAMETTIYA LAKE and TANGALLA in civilian  
clothes the following night.

The first report of flooding was received when HAMBANTOTA REported  
the road east of ~~from~~ there, one foot under water. It appeared  
that dislocation of communications, particularly in the coastal  
regions, would be inevitable when the monsoon reached its peak.

Bde Comd inspected C Coy ( Capt McGeoch O.C. formerly Bde T.O. )  
area and found that the defences were very soundly constructed..  
This feature standing out as one of the brightest spots in the  
entire show.

In the evening that great uplift of morale - home mail - arrived at  
Bde HQ. Although most letters were very old and out of date it  
promised well for the future. Troops had little or no mail for  
the past three months.

APRIL-17-42 Bde Comd at this time was confined to bed by an attack of fever  
brought about by insect bites.

Arrangements were being made for one day off duty per week for  
all Bde HQ personnel.

2/5 and 2/7 Bns M/C patrols were instructed to enter times of  
arrival and departure in logs maintained by civil coast watchers  
at stations and posts.

Group Capt MacDonald R.A.F. reported through 2/7 Bn and C.P.R.C.  
HAMBANTOTA that when flying over their area he observed that three  
water holes forming an equilateral triangle in the area S.E. of  
KALAMETTIYA TANK appeared to be artificially coloured red.  
He suggested an investigation as these holes were very noticeable  
from the air and could be used to indicate a good landing ground  
which exists there. All other water holes in the area were of  
normal colour

A nominal role of personnel in the Bde Gp inf bns with dock  
labouring or stevedoring experience was forwarded to Div HQ  
for the purpose of obtaining labour to assist in unloading  
ships with essential equipment and supplies in COLOMBO harbour.  
Native labourers had fled to the interior as a result of the  
recent bombing of COLOMBO. It was found that after A.I.F.  
stevedores had taken over the unloading of ships the normal  
time of unloading a ship was cut in half. In the case of one  
ship the rate was cut down to one quarter of the normal time.

APRIL-18-42 2/7 Bn patrol investigating the colouring of water holes reported  
that the colouring was due to iron staining from soil in buffalo  
wallows. The clearing where these water holes were situated  
was large enough for small planes to land or take off. While in  
the area the patrol interviewed the Adj C.P.R.C. at HAMBANTOTA  
regarding the flooding of the main coast road in the vicinity  
of the 6 mile post ( 244769 ) after heavy rains up country.

Chinese sailors from a vessel in GALLE harbour were allowed ashore  
under a system of permits and identity cards.

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GALLE FORT Asmall patrol from 2/7 Bn was to be established nightly at  
APRIL-19-42 TANGALLA until further notice.

2/7 Bn reported that a meeting was held by local fishermen in the WELIGAMA BAY area and the decision reached, was, that they would discontinue the use of lights at sea at night and they would report any lights seen.

Sitnor during the day was the general report throughout the area.

APRIL-20-42 A quiet day throughout Bde Gp area with defensive preparations continuing.

APRIL-21-42 46 Aust L.A.D., 5 pl Aust HQ Gd Bn less det, and det K sec sigs moved from BUSSA CAMP to AKURESSA.

Owing to lack of equipment RAF were unable to undertake the demand for air photographs submitted by 17 Aust Inf Bde but would do so as soon as equipment became available.

April-22-42 At 1524 hrs RAF reported by signal that 6 plus aircraft were approaching from the West and air raid YELLOW was on. Two sections of Hurricanes were sent up to investigate. The air raid WHITE came at 1620 hrs. No further information was received from RAF.

Information was received from HQ, AIF that a test of the INTER SERVICE EMERGENCY WIRELESS ORGANISATION ( Short title - ORGANISATION "BEETLE" ) would be made with the normal broadcast programme from COLOMBO over a period of two days commencing 23 Apr. Units to consolidate reception report for AIF, HQ. The object of the organisation was to ensure that all service authorities were able to continue to render and receive reports and that the lowest formation and the remote outlying stations were kept in touch with the situation in the event of failure of normal line communication. Wireless sets were issued to units for this purpose.

A terrific torrential downpour which lasted all night compelled all Bde personnel to sleep indoors. The S.W. monsoon appeared to be setting in, in earnest.

APRIL-23-42 Bde Comd proceeded to 2/7 Bn area in the AKURESSA district where he inspected the MDS, Supply points, and Amn dumps. He also inspected the Re-inforcement Bn area where all reinforcements were now in occupation under Comd Major GOBLE. In the afternoon torrential monsoonal rains set in. "A" Coy 2/5 Bn were washed out of their camp area and suffered considerable discomfort.

An amusing incident cropped up at KOGGALA ~~where~~ where 2/6 Bn troops were on duty at RAF airport. A party of coolies engaged by RAF were issued with passes. The result was that 2/6 Bn sentry, unaware of this system, bayonatted one of the coolies in the rear when he refused to obey a challenge. We are all sorry that we could not have witnessed this incident as we have frequently felt as this sentry did when being pestered by natives.

Particulars of all proposed demolitions were now to<sup>be</sup> forwarded to HQ, AIF. for approval prior to any work commencing.

Bridge guards mounted by 2/6 Bn and 2/7 Bns at SPILL KOGGALA, rd IMADUWA-AKURESSA 319599, and rd AKURESSA 403671 were withdrawn under orders from HQ, AIF.



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APRIL-24-42 Para No. 6 of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Op Instn No.2 was amended to read -- All other fighting troops will be at 12 hrs notice to move. ( See Appendix No.2 )

2/8 Aust Fd Coy reverted to comd C.R.E.

Lieut J.M.Menzies who had been with Bde HQ as L.O.3 for nearly a year was promoted to the rank of T/Capt.

Heavy rain continued throughout the day with many reports being received of flooded roads. Rd GALLE-COLOMBO was flooded for some time in the vicinity of the 44 mile post causing 2/5 Bn M/C patrol to be long overdue.

Bde Gp scheme of signposting roads which was being put in to operation was now suspended under instructions from AIF HQ, pending the introduction of a unified scheme throughout the Island.

APRIL-25-42 ANANZAC DAY service was conducted by Chaplain Galloway in the evening at Bde HQ in FORT GALLE. Bns and units of Bde Gp held services throughout the day. A full parade was carried out by 2/5 Bn and 2/2 Fd Regt on the GALLE Cricket Ground.

APRIL-26-42 Through a misunderstanding the ban on mention of CEYLON in correspondence was thought to have been lifted, leading many into a spasm of letter writing which had to be held up when it was found out that the ban still applied.

Stevedores who had been assisting in the unloading of ships in COLOMBO harbour were now being returned to their units.

APRIL-27-42 Bde Comd left Bde HQ at noon for COLOMBO where he attended the opening of A.C.S. recreation hut. The hut was opened by Major General A.J. BOASE, G.O.C., A.I.F., CEYLON.

2/6 Bn carried out a test shoot with 3 inch mortars firing out to sea. The purpose of the shoot was to ascertain the bursting effect of 3 inch mortar bombs on the sea. Eight bombs were fired at various ranges. All exploded on hitting the water. Fragmentation appeared to be poor and the danger zone only 40 to 50 yards from point of bursting. One smoke bomb fired at 800 yards gave a good result for one minute. Due to the humidity smoke clung close to the water.

2/8 Aust Fd Coy now moved to AKURESSA where HQ were established.

APRIL-28-42 Bde Comd called at AIF HQ during the day and had an interview with the G.O.C. G.O.C. indicated that during the period of the S.W. monsoon the whole of the S.W. coast line was considered to be out of the bounds of possible landing areas for the Japanese, and there was a likelihood of 16 Aust Inf Bde being withdrawn from the area. In the event of this happening 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp would resume responsibility on a two Bde front.

2 Coy A.A.S.C. moved to F.M.C. in AKURESSA area leaving det, supply pl at BUSSA CAMP.

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1	L1	0930 28 Mar		2/2 Aus Fd Regt	0900	Location statement as at 0600 hrs to day 0 ref map Galle Centralised Sheet one in to one mile @ RHQ and 32 Bty GRAND STAND in sq 0263 3 Bty immed- -ately N of rd and river crossing in sq 1158 4 Bty mile -slope 81 in sq 2053	
2	RS/162	27 Mar		2/4 Bn	0845	location report 0 ref map Galle 1/63360 0 Bn HQ HQ Coy 209540 A Coy 198553 B Coy 207542 C Coy 235527 D Coy 254564	
3		2215 29 Mar		2/7 Bn	2210	St bot Guernon has reported in and will be on scene tomorrow 30 March.	
4	I1	1730		2/5 Bn	1700	Ref Galle 1/63,360 0 "A" Coy 62 lighthouse ST "T" 72 Pedlar ST B Coy 61 lighthouse ST "C" Coy 78 and 80 lighthouse ST Ring Coy 41943. "45" Church ST H.Q. Coy 8, 69, 71 + 100 Lymbaan ST Bn HQ 39 + 41 lighthouse ST D. Coy in area 108590, 120590, 113569 0 2/2 Fd Regt 3 bty 118584. 2/4 Fd Coy 7 Sec 75 Church ST.	
5	C201	1830 30 Mar	All Units			Postal address of members of AIF in Ceylon remains No 3 Base Post Office, AIF Abroad 0 All informed.	
6	I2	1730 31 Mar		2/5 Bn	1930	Location Statement 0 A. Coy 123574 B Coy FORT area 81 light house St C Coy 125563 D Coy 116575 HQ Coy FORT area LEYNBANN St Bn HQ lighthouse St 0 Ref Galle 1/63360	
7	C203		Coast Regt R.M.		1730 10 April	Ref Ceylon Comd 112/124/G 11 Mar Please advise this HQ name of unit or sub unit security off	
8	C204		2/2 Fd Regt 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn		1745 1 April	Name required by 1200 hrs of 2 April of off experienced in high and or field grade cipher Nil returns where applicable	



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9	C205	0900 2 apr	All Units			Security 0 As there are at present no authorised photo-graphers units will ensure that films to be developed are held up until names of authorised photographers are notified.
		1745 30p				Capt PARSONS reported that 1 Coy 2 J 6 Aust Div had moved to MAIVGAMA.
		1815				Asst Sup Police Galle report to say that RAF Sgt had landed via pistol as arranged, & that man had been arrested & taken to PS. Further information later.
10	L5	nil 2 apr		2/27d Coy	0850	(In reply to No C204) - Nil Return
11	D822	nil 2 apr		2/7 Bn	0855	(In reply to No C204) - Nil Return
12	G33	nil 2 apr		2/5 Bn	1003	(In reply to No C204) - Nil Return
13	W/1	nil 3 apr		147 P Coy R.A.	1355	Security Officer for this unit is Capt E.F.L. Hewitt 0 The correct title of this unit is 147/43 RAA Regt RA (In reply to C203)
14	C51	<del>1408</del> 3 apr	2/6 Fd Coy		0845	Ref 4/3/17 of 1 April 0 Arrival of wire postioned indefinitely back
15	FC20	1408 3 apr		2/6 Fd Coy	1020	(In reply to No C51) Ack
16	C52	1020 3 apr	16 Coy Inf Bde			Request information whether Colonel the Asst Inf Bde will visit Galle in immediate future.



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17	C2	1105 3 Apr	2/4 Bn			SECRET @ 2/7 Bn well immediately post security guard on Bridge over POLWATTA GANGA on ISIMADUNA. AKURESSA @ took anti sabotage	
		1720 3 Apr				2/3 Bn passed on report from CW post, Lighthouse, GALLE (Royal Marines) that several unidentified aircraft flew West over Fort at 1705 hrs. Rpt received 1720. No confirmation as to identity	
18		? 3 Apr		Kent City P.M.	1705	The lighthouse look out has just reported a number of aircraft flying on a westerly course over the Fort area. They were unidentified owing to weather conditions	
		2000 3 Apr		2/7 Bn		Mag Break ramp to say that one of 2/7 men has been spoken to by a suspicious character (No. of car X2958, (GTRON:)) referred to AFIP AM	
		1200 4 Apr		2/5 Bn		Report that parcel entering time bomb (?) was left in PO, GALLE. It blew up causing one injury, 1 death & damage. Pieces have water in them. Report sent to Bn.	
		2200 3 Apr		AF Ceylon		GoC in C report C + GoC AF Ceylon will visit PASSA 1300 hrs 4 Apr, arrive GALLE 1530, dep KORSALA 1430. GoC in C report C desues brief with Brig.	



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		1420 4 Apr 1445 4 Apr 1615 4 Apr		2/5 to 40 Police	1410	Report - Had 40 fishing craft approaching GALLE Harbour for WEST 1405. AIRRAID YELLOW. " WHITE - Units informed	Rang RAF KOLGALA, was informed that signal AIRRAID RED had come thro. No word that this was practice. Rang 2/5 2/6 ABUSSA. Rumor 15 RM. Capt LUTTER states that he had no information that this was practice.	
19	C51	1525 4 Apr	2/6 Rm			Please submit names of two O.R.s to take place of Pts Soddie & Goodwin. Personnel nominated should be seen on idea. Please arrange for personnel submitted report this HQ for interview 5 Apr 42 Ask		
20	C207	1540 4 Apr	2/6 Rm			Ask (in reply to RS21)		
		1515 4 Apr	<del>RAF</del>	RAF		Message from RAF that considerable invasion (?) feet had been sighted 18 hrs sailing time (350 miles) from COLOMBO	Unit units informed	
21	RS21	1510 4 Apr		2/6 Rm	132*	Location report - Ref map Galle Cent's Sheet 1/63360 Bn HQ 209540 HQ Coy 210541 A Coy 19554 B Coy 207542 C Coy 240526 D Coy 254564 O Ask		



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22	C 206	1500 4 Apr	1 Cont Regt R.A.			Message from police <i>airaid yellow</i> & they means alert in CBD & RAF Koggala has no information that this is practical
23	RF/3	1925 4 Apr		2/4 Coy R.A.C.	1420	Ask receipt Copy Rom index map Ceylon
24	S/GSFR 11	1845 4 Apr		R.A. AIF	1700	Submit additional demands for air photographs forth with if required
25	FG 14	1715 4 Apr		2/4 Bn	1708	Enemy Naval force approx 360 miles South East approaching & Catalinas out for more information & all precautions taken this eve. Will send further information as to hand.
26	XI	2150 2 Apr		AIF Ceylon	2051	The following message from Bde Truce timed 1826 hrs Lt Col KANDE reports parachute landed at DAMBULLA 60 miles down COLOMBO rd from TRINCOO Units keep watch and report.
27	X 176	2350		AIF	1845	RAF report enemy force approaching C/16011 & posn 360 miles W DONDRADO, bearing 115° & RAF standing by O/R further info not at present.
		2350		BUSWA		Report that fishermen caught signalling from beach tried to escape, net with accident. Inspector J.P. investigating. Further report signalling seen 3 miles SW of BASSA at 2100 hrs approx.



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28	2/G/180	2215		HQ, Air	1930	Amendment to para 5 Galle Command Op HQ's Instr No 8	Message filed Units involved	
		0505 5 apt		1st Bn		2 Trucks arrived to engines. send fuel	R.	
		0510 5 apt		bn		see that arrangements made for distribution of fuel first thing in morning.		
		0805 5 apt		PS		Arrived yellow.	Units involved	
		0805 5 apt		RAF		Raid on CBO 50 planes present. Sea raiders also steaming in fairly close.		
		0815 5 apt				8 planes unidentified seen flying East from Fort Galle		
		0915 5 apt				Approx 40 planes unidentified flying S off shore from Fort Galle		
29	C208	1040 5 apt	Camp Ady Bussak			R.A.F report 0805 hrs O said on COLOMBO 50 planes and escort see raiders also steaming in fairly close		
	Verbal	1105 5 apt		2/5 Bn		Coast guard station reports two boats approx 2000 tons steaming towards Galle harbour approx 2 1/2 miles out.		
30	C209	1106 5 apt	Kent Bty R.M.			Message as above repeated		



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Phone from a/s		1110		Coast Gde		Ref Serial No 30 Boats passed harbour leading towards Colombo. One identified as <del>North</del> <del>bound</del> <del>for</del> <del>port</del> <del>for</del> <del>period</del>	
By runner		1335 5 Apr		2/5 Bn		2/5 Bn Unit Coast Watching Station report for period 0800 a/s to 0800 5 Apr. (See file)	
31	C208	1405 5 Apr	Bussa Force			One Bty less one tpr 2/2 Fd Regt will move forthwith from BUSSA to KATAKURUNDA and come under Comd of 17 Aus Inf Bn. 17 Aus Inf Bde will pick up all second line 25 pds ammo less amm for one tpr from 16 Aus Inf Bde	
32	Q5	1350 5 Apr		HQ AIF	1115	<del>One Bty less one tpr</del> Message as Serial No 31	
33	G125	1245 5 Apr		HQ AIF	1030	ref para 12 CRCAC H25/G01E C/25G dated 31 Mar 0 forward this HQ names affs at your HQ.	
34	NK7	1445 5 Apr		2/2 IAMB	1045	Reply to 37/3/17 O act	
35	C209	1300 5 Apr	Camp Ady Bussa			Please advise following units that list of names of officers on strength further appointment is required. Put this HQ to night by 2200 hrs. 2/2 Fd Regt 2/1 Bn 2 Coy AIBSC 2/2 Fd Amb and units under comd Fd Amb.	
36	J2	1500 5 Apr		2/2 Fd Regt	1350	ADS established vicinity five miles east from Galle on rd GALLE-AKURESSA 6 guards posted at five mile post	
37	RS178	1400 5 Apr		2/6 Bn	1950 H Apr	(By DRRS) Ref your 37/3/17 received (Ceylon M of A)	
38	C211	1640 5 Apr	All Units			Amend 17 Aus Inf Bde O.O. No 1 para 14 to read 2/2 Fd Amb will establish ADS immediately on rd Galle Akuressa at 2 1/2 miles from Galle towards Akuressa	
Verbal				2/5 Bn		Coy across peninsula (S.E. direction) White plums hung for 20 secs	







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45		2400 5 Apr		2/5	2830	Report HQ camp to 4 30m vehicles being sent 10216 Bm as from 0700 bat, insufficient fuel to maintain us by in web role
46	4/33				2057	RAF report for inspection police CHILAW 0524 via RAF 0 plane came in from sea 1800 hrs two planes one 4 a half miles up DE DURU OPP RAPTORA for 2 1/2 hrs <del>5</del> from CHILAW SOUTH of PUTTALAM 0 confirmed by ASP CHILAW
		0735 6 Apr		RAF	0735	RAF. nothing further to report.
47	T 7	0720 6 Apr		2/5		sitrep 0 situation.
		0740 6 Apr		2/6		verbal sitrep 0 situation. one unit at block rights, remainder to be fixed immediately.
48	T 89	0840 6 Apr		2/7	0704	DHWIN REPORT 0 Road blocks 0 2 completed 1 part completed materials at <del>right</del> site 0 bridges 0 serials 9, 10, 11 preparations made to render as an obstacle 0 sitrep
49	AS/184	0850 6 Apr		2/6	0825	all rd block points in posn 0 construction proceeding as expeditiously as tools allow 0 road and rail bridges at ref 286 507 286 508 prepared for demolition



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50 51	T8 I90	0935 6 Apr 1125 6 Apr 1210 6 Apr		2/5 2/7 2/6	0915 1045	works report. ABC logs weapon pit stop. Day weapon pits + some sand trunks. digging continues works report. no blocks 036715 complete, 024713 incomplete, 996684 complete 976677 material prepared. in 9,10,11 no explosives available. debris to be removed when ordered. sit rep. Sit un (verbal)	
52	C2		All units Bole C/A		2150 5 Apr	H3448H inspection this afternoon showed all road blocks ordered were NOT prepared work set out in OO No 1 and present state of readiness will continue @ units will report progress of work to this HQ by 0900 hrs and thereafter every two hours when there is further info to report @ unit I.O.s and I staffs will be put on operational basis forthwith @ units will continue coast watch being night and day	Immediate
53	M1	?		HR AIF	0847 5 Apr	One enemy battleship and two cruisers 110 miles south of DONORA HEAD at 0048 hrs GMT total strength not seen but at least four other ships	
54			2/5 Bm		2145 THI 5 Apr	Four 5 ton vehicles to report to 2/6 Bn at 0700 tomorrow no truck will be away for some days ack	



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55	I.S.1	?		2/6 Pm	0700 6 apt	961/427 Sitrep O Sitnot	
56	AS/184	0850 6 apt		2/6 Pm	0825 6 apt	All road block parties in position & construction proceeding as expeditiously as tools allowed @ road and rail bridges at Ref 286507 & 286508 prepared for demolition	(Already logged under Serial No 49)
57	C214		2/2 fd Regt 2/8 fd Coy 2/5 2/6 2/7 Pm		1015 6 apt	Following will attend conference this HQ 1400 hrs to-day. C.O.'s units and Maj BROCK	
58	AS/185	?		2/6 Pm	1100 6 apt	ref map Galle central 1/633600 Hasty demolitions road bridges 352539 and 370528 preparation complete & preparation deliberate demolitions proceeding @ Ant. - pre-atroop sects formed all coys plus one each troop 4 Bty	
59	I.S.3	?		2/6 Pm	1200 6 apt	187/185 Sitrep O Sitnot	
60	T9	?		2/5 Pm	1200 6 apt	Sitrep O Normal	
61	C215	1215 6 apt	1st WARRING 2 WARRING Unit			Names of officers on strength and their appointments prepared at this HQ as soon as possible ref CRCAC No 425/G WARRING SIGNALS	
62	C216	1620 6 apt	2/7 fd Regt			CO to meet comd this HQ at 0845 hrs 7 apt 20 purpose to examine arty posn at KOGGALA @ check by phone	
63	M1	1635 6 apt		2/27 Pm	1057	ack @ (In reply to C214)	



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<del>64</del>		1430 6 Apr		2/5		Vertical - Paratro post Δ 121573 WC posts - 090579 (light house) (ft)	118558 (watering)	
64	Nil	1835 6 Apr		Kent City P.M.	1815	4 Aircraft (single engine type) flew over GALLE flying EAST to WEST. Est height 15000 ft @ time 1810		
65	T 11	1837 6 Apr		2/5 Bn	1800	SITREP @ Normal		
66	ISL	1850 6 Apr		2/6 Bn	1800	501/971 SITREP @ SITNOR all bridges now prepared for hasty demolition @ Preparation for deliberate demolitions being proceeded with		
67	T 12	1955 6 Apr		2/5 Bn		works report @ A Coy weapon pits complete @ further developments proceeding where necessary @ cleaning fields of fire well advanced @ C Coy weapon pits nearing completion @ Crat trenches started @ D Coy weapon pits completed @ Crat trenches commenced @ B Coy weapon pits nearing completion @ after guns in front @ Work commenced on 1st blocks in A Coy and A Coy alternative front.		
<del>68</del>		2045				Major Capt WITTE who stated 16 B's has received interesting information as result of yesterday's raid. Details being forwarded.		
1		2000		2/4 Bn		Adjutant of C216 Co checks arrangements to go to KODU KLA. 0930	Arrangement made meet with HQ. 11/4	



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						964233 Sitrep 2130 hrs 0		(Message logged 2200hrs 6 Apr)
						contact with enemy naval force lost approx 50 enemy A/C destroyed or damaged several Japanese baled out of damaged A/C toward offered cushions for recapture		
69		2130 6 Apr				D.A.D.M.S. + Col. Spears + AGH called to see Brig		
70	Verbal	0650 7 Apr		2/18m	0640	coast guard reports large craft thought to be battleship sailing w toward COLOMBO.		See Serial 72
71	Verbal	0655 7 Apr		2/6m	0655	SITREP 0 Sitnorm		
72	C217	0637 7 Apr	RAF Koggala			COAST REPORT 0 large surface craft thought to be battleship off BUSSA sailing N 0650 hrs unconfirmed		
73	T13	0650 7 Apr		2/5m	0615	Sitrep 0 Normal		
74	C218	0955 7 Apr	HQ AIF Ceylon			Sitrep 0830 re GALLE centralised and out D.O. No 10 enemy report from RAF KOGGALA that information will be available details follow 0 own troops digging complete to weapon pits GALLE KOGGALA 0 Preparation of blocks and positions ordered being completed and off ready to 2/18m holding exercise against BUSSA path 0 other units to proceed as before emergency		



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	75	2220	1025 7 apt	RAF Ceylon		of your Cpl of 3 apt answer is NO	
			030 7 apt			LOI reply from RAF KOGGALA - PAF information to be given to Comd. wants to be met & telephone code & passing information	to be for Arrange by personal visit to I.O. KOGGALA
	76		1220 7 apt		2/5 1214	action	
			1230 7 apt		2/6	action	
	75	T 14	214/7 apt		2/5 1200	Setup @ Normal	
	76		0700/7 apt		2/6 1245	Setup @ Sitra	
	77	713	1130/7 apt		16 BoE 1245	In Reply to No (C 211) ACK	
	78	T 15	1115/7 apt		2/5 1300	works report @ A Coy rd blocks sited materials required on hand weapon pits completed except for sand bagging @ B Coy LMG ports almost completed and conflated AA pits complete crawl trenches commenced @ C Coy 13 PL rivetting weapon pits and digging crawl trenches 14 and 15 Pcs digging crawl trenches @ D Coy rd beach construction prepared at 115589 @ A/T rifle port completed 108592 ref CALLIE P.T.O	



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78 (cont)						1/63, 360 @ digging crawl trenches and camouflage weapons pits containing	
Verbal	1730 7 Apr.		2/6 Bw.			Re water wells. (.) A B & C Coys have unlimited supply of water. (.) D Coy wells appear to have substantial supply. Further investigations being made. (.) Detailed reports following.	
79	15 10 7 Apr.	1730	2/6 Bw	1600		137/16 (.) ref Galle Centralized 1/63360 Sbcf (.) Sitmar (.) prep demolitions deliberate completed 370528 35253, 285508, 286507, (.) number red plates is still proceeding.	
80	15 9 7 Apr.	1730	2/6 Bw	1200		742/115 Sitmar (.) Sitmar.	
81	15 11 7 Apr.	1730	2/6 Bw	1600		Galle Centralized 1:63360 (.) Location rep Coast watching Star est. 243524, 211537	
82	(53 7 Apr.	1045	2/5, 2/6 2/7 Bw	1015		Units may collect engineer stores at 2/8 Fd Coy dumps GALLE as follows. 2/5 Bw axes 43 (.) 2/6 Bw axes 43 were <del>to</del> 10 tons plus pickets in proportion (.) 2/7 Bw axes 23.	
83	L 20 7 Apr.	1851	2/5 Bw	1745		Please advise where this Unit's 1st cycle is (.) Allegedly delivered to Bet. H. B. (.) Ack.	
84	2 7 Apr.	1803	H.R. A.F.	1534		Are you in possession either on or off carriers of baskets M.M.G. universal or carriers M.G.	



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85	I 221	RAF KOGGALA		1800		7 Apr	Beach patrol reports cargo steamer 2 miles off BUSSA steaming due South 1740 hrs.
86	JAL		RAF 6 DIV 2/6 Feb 23HR	1135	1818	7	metal for making concrete filled drums for road blocks may be taken from heaps beside roads. Itally must be kept and submitted through this HQ to P.W.D.
87	T 15		2/9 bn	1755		7	Beach patrol reports cargo steamer 2 miles off BUSSA steaming due South
88	C 135	2/2 Feb Ref. 2/5 2/6, 2/7 Bn		1840			Are you in possession of either on or off carriers M. APR. 61 universal or Carrier M.B. (C) Call informed.
89	C 134	HQ AIF CEYLON		1830		7	Ref your AQ/1/77 of 3 APR Tentage held at 17 INF BDE HQ 180 lb Type 44 2/5 bn 180 lb Type 51 2/6 Bn 180 lb type 8 coep type 33 2/7 Bn Nil
90		CAPT PARSONS		1620			If you have sufficient cable a can get it on loan from units - run a line tonight to RAF KOGGALA from this HQ. If NOT make an RTO.

message sent out to 2/8 Feb 23 Feb 1 Pk Pj.



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90 (CONT)							immediate demand on the local P.O. for a private line - see <del>over</del> re this first
91	1		HQ A.I.F	1320	1902	7 APR	advance party CEYLON planters rifle corps will move through your area to HBT today
			RM	1930	1935	7 APR	small steamer failed to answer signals 0 shot fired across bows did not answer still kept going duty off informed immediately
92	I 222	1 COAST REGT RM 147 LTAA BTY 2/2 AUST FO REGT 2/8 FO Coy 2/5 AUST 1 INF BN 2/6 2/7 AUST INF BNS 2 Coy AMSC 2/2 FO AMB		1915		7 APR	adv party CEYLON planters rifle corps will move through our area to HBT today



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Serial No	Orig. No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Rec	Date	INFORMATION.	Remarks
93	3		HQ AIF	1625	1927	4 APR	(IN REPLY TO NO C 218) NOT understood	Further message sent
94	RH 8		2/5	1930	2000	4 APR	(IN REPLY TO NO C 135) Not return	
95	I 96		2/7 Bn	1805	2120	7 APR	103/380 sites, 1800 hrs @ beach patrol reports cargo steamer 2 miles out steaming due SOUTH @ fishing vessels still in same position @ 1735	
96	C 223	HQ AIF		2120		7 APR	ref own C 218 @ message should read @ sites 0830 @ ref GALLE centralized and own 00 No 1 @ enemy @ report from RAF KOGGALA that information will be available details following @ own type digging complete to weapon pits GALLE KOGGALA areas @ preparation rd blocks and pans ordered, being completed and kept ready @ 2/7 bn holding exercise against Bussa form @ otherwise units to proceed as before emergency	



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97	Phone mess		Ass Bn Koggala		0645	8 Apr	Situation report - Normal	
98	195		2/1 Bn	1630	0810	8 Apr	ref map GALLE centralised 1 inch to 1 mile pl approach all troops look out 024638	
99	T16		2/5 Bn	0230	0810	8 Apr	SITREP @ Normal	
100	By phone		2/7 Bn		0825	8 Apr	A Coy beach patrol report 0715 @ one cargo boat approx 10,000 tons circled in front of patrol from 2 miles at sea then headed toward COLOMBO	
101	C224	All units Bde S/S		0845		8 Apr	please report to this HQ whether any difficulty is being experienced in obtaining newspapers @ all informed	
				0152		8	LO reports no news from RAF.	
102	L19		2/274 Regt	0930	1200	8 Apr	traces of gun areas will be fixed as soon as available for air photographing	
			2/1 Bn	1150?			MC of 2/5 Bn can be picked up at BUSSA	informed 2/5. KTA



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
103	C224	2/6 + 2/7 Bmb		1240		8 Apr	Following recce is required ① Object first giving exact locations of places where fishing boats are kept when NOT at sea ② second type and number of boats ③ third how many would be of use to enemy after a landing for lift of supplies from ships offshore ④ Areas for recce as follows ref maps RMBALANTOTA GALLE CENTRALIZED 1:63360 2/6 coast from grid 14 to 32 nothing 2/7 coast from grid 94 to 05 nothing ⑤ Reports required by 1800 hrs 10 Apr	
104			1 Coast Regt R.M	1130	1320	8 Apr	Ref your C224 No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining newspapers to date, though a shortage has been noticed ① Local firms will not contridict to supply same Sitreps ① Sitnot	
	Pay Phone	2/6 Bm			1400	8 Apr	Sitreps ① Sitnot	
105	1514	2/6 Bm		0700	1115	8 Apr	121/712 Sitrep ① Sitnot	
104	RH10	2/5 Bm		1200	1220	8 Apr	No difficulty in obtaining news papers	
107	T17	2/5 Bm		1220	1250	8 Apr	SITRER ① Normal	
108	Pay phone	2/7 Km			1415	8 Apr	15 Coy beach patrol reports 1 freighter 1 funnel manufacturing approx 4 miles SOUTH of their posn it appeared to anchor by himself	R.M. unfitness? by himself
109	AS187	2/6 Bm		1220	1415	8 Apr	No difficulty till to day ① received circular demanding fragment week in advance ② No delivery this day	(In reply to C224)
110	L98	2/7 Bm		1215	1545	8 Apr	722/105 SITREP ① Beach patrol reported cargo boat approx 10000 tons circled in front of posn at 0715 hrs headed off in direction of COLON 130 ② Cargo boat 4 miles out at 1010 heading N.W.	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
111	944/478		2/7 Bn		1545	8 Apr	Ref map GALLE Centralised @ 976674 This road block is complete with all material at the road side. 995685 The main block at this point is complete with trees across the road to the height of 6ft. There is another block of Dragons Teeth being built across a track about 100 yds to the right. This is not yet complete. 025713 The main block here is complete and there is another block at 023713 which has just been commenced. 034715 This block is <del>block</del> complete with all material at the roadside.	
112	1515		2/6 Bn	1200	1650	8 Apr	501/440 SITREP @ Sitros	
113	C140	2/8 Fd Coy		1715		8 Apr	Water tanks are now in railway yards GALLE @ Will you contact R.T.O. concerning same	
114	C141	HQ AIF Ceylon		1755		8 Apr	(In reply to No.2) Nil return	
115	TR1		2/5	1835	1845	8	Sitnorm Line through to RAF (K) Speech + Fullerphone	
	verbal BY PHONE		HQ AIF CEYLON		1849		please send 2 three ton trucks report to ADOS early tomorrow morning for stores/WOI LASTELLE	
	verbal BY PHONE		HQ AIF CEYLON		1852		notify staff captain to expect 1 troop Frank Singham's crowd + biday movement order follows/col Bouser	SCL notified names placed on crest
116	JL50	2/8 Ant Fd Coy RAE		1730	1905	8 APR	(IN REPLY TO NO C224) newspapers not delivered this HQ @ have to obtain newspapers from outside Fort Galle	

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
117	51		2/8 Avsr FO Coy RAE	1745	1925	8 APR	(IN REPLY TO NO C217) air photographs required-NIL	
118	1515		2/6 BN	1800	1930	8 APR	litref @ demolition charges removed from bus refs 285507 285507 352539 370528 @ covering parties withdrawn from these points @ ack	
phone			<del>DAAG</del> DAAG	2000		8 APR	Message for S.C(R) re returns steredoring personnel @	S.C(R) notified Rang DAQM
phone			DAQMG	2000			Message for S.C(R) re slowing down of train at BEDANDEWA apparently ordered by 17 Bde	S.C(R) notified Rang DAQM and is now instituting enquiries
phone			Bde T.O.	2020			Message for S.C(R) re vehicle return 8 Apr	S.C(R) notified vehicle return prepared on 8 Apr for use
phone			DAQMG	2025			Message for S.C(R) re returning trucks from this area to kit store loaded with kits	S.C(R) notified he took necessary action
119	4		HQ AIF Ceylon	1910	2100	8 Apr	RAF reports 3 enemy battleships and one aircraft carrier 400 miles EAST of CEYLON at 0907 hrs GMT direction of movement not known	Handed to I O to be passed by hand to My Min 2110 hrs J.M.H.



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>phone</i>			<i>Capt Dunkley 2/7</i>		<i>2130</i>	<i>84pt</i>	<i>I See 2/7 Bn received information from village shopkeeper that he had been told that two Japanese disguised as Buddhist priests were at large. He said rumour had it one had been shot. He declined to give further information</i>	<i>Lt Hay notified 2132 LTO [Signature]</i>
<i>120</i>	<i>J15</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>			<i>84pt</i>	<i>(In reply to C224) No</i>	
<i>121</i>	<i>C228</i>	<i>2/6 Bn</i>		<i>2030</i>		<i>84pt</i>	<i>ack (In reply to IS 15)</i>	
<i>phone</i>			<i>A.S.P 0645</i>			<i>94pt</i>	<i>A.S.P rang said that Pte. Howlett on duty at DODANJWIT Br had been knocked down by long + killed. Long driver in custody.</i>	<i>rang 2/7 Bn ask them to make available off immediately &amp; accompany A.S.P. &amp; search factory [Signature]</i>
<i>122</i>	<i>C230</i>	<i>Reli T.O</i>		<i>2028</i>		<i>94pt</i>	<i>arrange with Aust Bn in your area to send loading party of 1 n CO and 5 ovs on trucks moving out 0700 hrs tomorrow.</i>	
<i>123</i>	<i>T22</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>0645</i>	<i>94pt</i>	<i>step 0 normal</i>	
<i>phone</i>			<i>RAF Koggala</i>		<i>0750</i>	<i>94pt</i>	<i>Air raid in progress over COLOMBO + TRINCOMALEE</i>	<i>Lt Hay informed all units informed</i>
<i>phone</i>			<i>Coast Watching Station 2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0755</i>	<i>94pt</i>	<i>TAIPO SHAN entered harbour 0 armed merchant - man flying red ensign travelling W</i>	<i>R.A.F Koggala informed</i>



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
	VERBAL BY PHONE		GALLE POLICE STA (CIN)		0845	9 APR	received message WHITE (air raid) clear	units informed Lt. COL. PAULSON
124	1518		2/6 Bn	0700	0945	9 APR	911/999 SITREP @ Ref Map GALLE 1/633600 @ Sitnot	W.H.E.
125	I99		2/7 Bn	1835 8 APR	1050 9 APR	9 APR	343/328 SITREP @ Beach patrol reports one freighter (one funnel) manoeuvring approx 4 miles SOUTH of their position @ It appeared to anchor at approx 1400hrs on 8 APR	(Confirmation of phone message)
126	I100		2/7 Bn	0920	1100	9 APR	103/424 beach patrol reports steamer approx 4000 tons sailing bearing 320° at 0755 @ aircraft security ship 0800 hrs flying SOUTH @ 0815 hrs another ship approx 3 miles east of first ship @ 0825 hrs third ship 1 mile east second ship	
127	8		HQ AIF	1115	1200	9	2 EA on CBO then warning @ alert 0750 @ all clear 0835	message to 215, 216 Bussa Camp
	verbal		2/5 Bn	1215	1215	9	C-W station report @ 1150 2 boats SIZE NOT reported approaching from S 1215 1 boat proceeding in the same direction	informal R.M.
128	C232	2/5 2/4 + Bussa Camp		1215		9	Serial No 127 iftd	
129	T23		2/5 Bn	1200	1220	9	SITREP @ Normal	
130			West Beach Patrol	1255 T.M.	1255	9	Small tramp steamer 1 funnel sighted COLOMBO bound 1225 hrs bearing true TR 148° compass	
131			2/7 Bn		1310	9	Location Statement as at 0800 hrs (Less Mortar PL) HQ Coy C. Coy 1000 hrs M/C 0900 hrs Racour 026437 Bn HQ Racecourse 024437 A Coy " " 996662 B Coy " " 026637 C Coy " " 026637 D Coy " " 024437 Mortar PL 319600	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
132	L20		2/2 Aus 2d Regt	0900	1310	9 Apr	(In reply to C224) Great difficulty being experienced usually no papers arrive at all	
Phone		Mag Minis	Capt Carter G II		1325	9	A bomb-recess course will be held in our area 23, 24, 25 April. Instructor will come from R.F.s he will probably be quartered with us for duration of course. Students selected officers N.O.S. N.C.O.s - total all ranks 25. Letter following giving full details	<i>[Signature]</i>
			Lyff off	1530	E	9	R.A.F. line required strength speech + fully phoned	
133	1101		2/7	1200	1140	9	Sitna	
134	47/c	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sec. 2 Aust Anti Material Unit 2/6 Aust inf bn	adv 2 Ech AIF			9	please expedite AFW 3006 of personnel under your command	
135	1528		2/6 bn	1200	1720	9	<p>Retref ① The following report has been received</p> <p>② at approximately 2030 hrs on 8 APR a stone of about two cwt was placed in the centre of the road at the 87 mile post ① This was evidently done with the view to sabotage as it had been rolled there and was most difficult to see. I investigated nothing to report</p>	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
136	1327		2/6 Bn	1200	1720	9	Work report on the material has been carted to existing road blocks. Reces work was carried out re pitting further obstacles on roads from D Coy EAST to WELIGAMA BAY. Improvements and reworking were carried out on beach defensive positions. A Coy wiring has been commenced. B Coy wiring has been traced.	
137	102		2/7 Bn	1800	1845	9	675/905 Sitrep @ Sitros	see O.L.H.
138	T24		2/5 Bn	1800	1820	9	Sitrep @ Normal	
139	C234	HQ AII Ceylon		2145		9	One Coy from BUSSA starts work RAF KGA 0800 hrs 10 Apr until further notice. See engineers worked at RAF several days and continues there.	
140	Q35	2/7		2150		9	Order from SC to 2/7 re working party at RAF KOGGALA - see C235.	sent by SDR.
				2145		9	Capt DUNKLEY ramp with query re "unauthorized movement from area".	informed Bde letter to be filed up morning 10 Apr
		2/7	2/7	2230			Civil ramp - act C235 - no going to send DR at 0730 to collect authority from Bde to move two trucks to CBO to collect supplementary returns.	
		2/7		2245			Message to 2/7 OK for 2 trucks move CBO.	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
1			2/6		0640	10 apr	ADD reported in message 12/12 delivered.	
141			2/5	0700	0730	10 apr	situation	
			2/7		0830	10 apr	Log for RAF working party left BOSSA 0715 - (verbal)	
142	10		HR ATC	1000	1125	10 apr	CODE names will NOT be used over civil telephones	
		2/6			1100	10	very odd to say that Comd would visit Ba area & inspect log pens, visiting H log on way back. CO NOT to be recalled if at with logs	
143	I 103		2/7	0900	1140		ROADS report 0 no block at 526574 prepared with all material at roadside.	marked on Wahs Map
144	C 145	All units Bde Gp		1210		10	Comm return of amm on hand requested by 1200 hrs 11 apr 120 units to carry out inspection of all amm for damage and deterioration as result of voyage	
Phone			2/7 Bn		1315	10	CW station sighted steamer at 177° from their position unidentified. Too far out to determine direction of sailing	No action
Phone			BOSSA		1315		Camp at 1st report that local lat plan for bullet proof screen. 2/7 prepare to try it out, if authority given from Bde.	Bde to be informed on return
Phone			Public GALLE		1345		Comm soldier creating disturbance in SYDNEY HOTEL GALLE.	Room 2/5 - truck sent out with request.



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SHEET NO 28

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
145	T36		2/5 Bn	1300	1550	10/4/50	Sitrep (C) Sitcomms.	
146	H	HQ AIF		1105	1430		8 25 pdr's less tractor trailers being issued to 2/2 Fd Pdr's on loan pending arrival own weapons guns will be used for static role at KTR when hand over completed on bty less one tp 2/2 Fd Pdr's will return under comd 17 Bde suppl when change effected	to Bde check 2/2?
					1430	10	Phone message that bundle of papers had been dropped from military truck & brought to TOSDODE police sta.	check with police to 17th KOSGOM 1/1 Co Truck sent to K at
147	MK 13	2/2 Aust Fd AMB		0900	1310	10	ack (in reply to NO 55/3/17)	
148	B3	2/7 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bn		1130	1310	10	Anti-parachute scheme on roof of main grand stand maintain constant watch during hours of daylight Local warning given by person Bde by telephone Both situated main stand all A/A personal given ANTI PARACHUTE trucks	
149	1529	2/6 Aust INF Bn		1800	1310/10	9	Sitrep (C) REF MAP GALLE 1/63.360 (C) Sitcom (C) ack	
150	1530	2/6 Aust INF Bn			1310	10	Sitrep (C) Sitcom	
					1630		Send on emb sec signals to HQA by 0800, 11/4/50, to assist in RAF work	sent by phone.
					1650		Expect on emb sec signals to HQA by 0800, 11/4/50	



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UNIT 17. Quo Ind Bn  
SHEET No 28A

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken	
151	C236	2/2 H vt			1700	10	message re serial 146		
152	1532		2/6 Bw		1200	1725	10 Strip C Sitnow		
153	1535		2/6 Bw		1205	1725	10 121/870 (1) Ref Galle Centralised 1/63360 (1) amend map ref in report on fishing craft from 247526 to head 247523		
			2/6		1745		phone sitnow		
		2/5, 2/6, 2/7			1745	10	ships touch Bdr HQ by 0630 hrs 1200, + 1730 daily.		
154	C236	HQ AF			1825	10	strip C by 2/7 moved KGA by 0700, otherwise sitnow		
155	T27		2/5		1730	10	sitnow		
			BUSSA		1915	10	camp Adyt reports ATK party gone past BUSSA in train	B.H.H. Instruction to send rpt to TALPE by being the back	
							25 vch No 2 by AAS (1) To report 16 vch (3 - train) } Slave Island 0900 to mission well ring	Informed SC SC	
							6 Bw	DAQ M & BUSSA	
							1915 11	ATK party at 6 Bw	Instructed to send & send to BUSSA

DAQ M & 1915 →

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
		BUSSA			0845 10		Vehicle left BUSSA for TALPE at 1945 hrs.	
15A	I10A	2/78w		1222	1800 10		Sitrep 0 sitrov	
	verbal	R.M.		1010	1010 10		light observed well out to sea 0 R.M.'s signalled to light and put searchlight on it light was immediately extinguished	
		H.Q AIF			0459 10		Coast watching Sta 15a (AA76) sighted light SOUTH of post. It burnt at intervals of 20-mins. It was stationary.	
		AASC			0625 "		AASC part of Lt left for COLOMBO	
		"			0710 "		1 Lt 27 3-ton left BUSSA for CBO	
155	T28	2/5Bw		0620	0630 04/11		SITREP 0 Sitrov	
156	1535	2/6Bw		0625	0630 11		Sitrep 0 Sitrov	
157	E405	2/7Bw			0650 11		SITREP 0 Sitrov	
158	C 237	HQ AIF			0700 "		SITREP 0 Sitrov	
		45		1245	- 11		OP reports 3 large ships approaching from SE 0 R.M.'s informed.	



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UNIT *1st Class Inf Bde*  
SHEET No. 50

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
159	T29		2/5 Bn	1200	1245	11/4/7	SITREP @ Normal	
160	I104		2/7 Bn	1103	1145	11	187/360 SITREP @ Sitnot	
161	I537		2/6 Bn	1218	1300	11	121/870 SITREP @ Sitnot	<i>DLM</i>
162	I538		2/6 Bn	1725	1750	11	187/747 SITREP @ Sitnot	
			2/5	1805		11	Sitrep @ Sitnot	
163	C239	HA ATIF		1825		11	Sitrep @ one hp 1 and a th by now at BUSSA @ Sitnot	<i>KCS</i>
164	T30		2/7 Bn		1730	11	SITREP @ Normal	
			2/7		1900	11	Verbal - VX <del>32386</del> 32386 Lt Col WAZ DUKE will be in party for CBO tomorrow	<i>improved SE</i>
			2/7		2220	11	Rept 2/7 B Coy Beach Patrol Lupt. at sea and shore signalling	<i>RM &amp; 2/5 informed</i>
165	C241	EA AND ATIF BUSSA		1910		11	please inform this HQ which hp of A-TK BTX is now at BUSSA @ answer by phone as soon as possible	
166	C51	2/5 2/6 2/7				11	ref 00. N°3 @ patrol system will come into force at 1400 hrs 12 apr @ during recce advise contacting inspectors coast watching station for indication of ports @ boat will contact units re imp S	
167	C240	RM's, 2/5 Bn		2230		11	2/7 hrs report signalling from sea and shore 2130 @ patrol sent to investigate	
	Verbal		2/6 Bn	0605	0605	12	SITREP @ normal	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
168	T31		2/5 Bn	0630	0635	12	SITREP 0 normal	
169	C241	HQ AIF		0700		12	SITREP 0 normal 0 m/c patrols with object of contacting civil coast watching stations and posts will operate as from 1400 hrs today 0 this HQ. OO N°3 above followed by DR.	Amul LO to query this
170	I107		2/7 Bn	1715	0645 12	11	step 0 snor	
171	1540		2/6 Bn	0630	0812	1204	712/738 SITREP 0 SITNOR	
	verbal		2/7 Bn	2230		11	A-TK Day at BUSSA - 'A' BTY.	
172	I108		2/7 Bn	0445		1204	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
173		RAF		0910	1020	1204	own submarine off GALLE	passed 162/5 H.M. C243
174	1511	HQ AIF			1105	12	lined vehicles will be dispensed with early as possible 0 latest when STAFF cars discharged from ship	to SC
175			2/6 Bn		1300	12	(C.H. station Reports) 24 hrs ending 0630 hrs 1204 - Nil Return	
176	1541		2/6 Bn	1155	1300	12	Ref Op logs 0 Nil Return	(904 - probably 06)
177	phone		2/6 Bn		1215	12	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
178	K109		2/7 Bn		1230	12	SITREP 0 SITNOR 103/837	
179	T32		2/5 Bn	1315	1350	12	SITREP 0 NORMAL	



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SHEET No 32

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
180	14		HQ AIF	1300 1100	1400 1300	12/11	From morning fr 10 apr CBO observatory will send up an observation balloon at about 0200 hrs nightly. All personnel will be informed so that activity in grounds and white light attached balloon will not cause unfortunate incidents.	
181	1544		2/6 Bn	1400	1700	12	LOCATION REPORT of map GALLE CENTRALIZED SHEET 1/63360 of A Coy HQ at 204 5480 90 pl of A Coy detached for duty COLOMBO ack.	acked DPM
182	1542		2/6 Bn	1200	1700	12	SITREP of map GALLE Centralized sheet 1/63360 subm	
183	T33		2/5 Bn	1700	1705	12	SITREP normal of GALLE Centralised 1/63360 A Coy 123574 B Coy FORT area 81 LIGHTHOUSE ST C Coy 125563 D Coy 108589 HQ Coy 122 5850 bn HQ LIGHTHOUSE ST moves to 115576 at 1000 hrs 13 apr 7 see 2/8 Fd Coy 75 CHURCH ST 3 by 2/2 FD REGT 113584	
184	T110		2/2 Bn		1755	12	SITREPO subm	
185	C245 HQ AIF			1800		12	SITREP subm of map GALLE Centralised 1/63360 HQ Coy 2/5 bn moved 122 589 today HQ 2/5 bn moved 115576 1000 hrs 13 apr 0 pl 2/6 bn detached for duty COLOMBO A Coy 2/6 bn 204 548	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
verbal	-	2/7 BN		2000	12.		After personnel now at Hanessa	Passed to K. Sec.
verbal		D A AG.		2005	12.		Ref. personnel for Reception Camp & A.I.F. Detach	Passed to S/C.
verbal				2200	12.		Bde H.Q. sentry reported faint light at sea moving South. no action.	
verbal		2/5 BN		2205	12.		Royal Marine report light at sea off BUSSIT & following reports from coast. 2/5 sending parties up coast to endeavour trace any signalling from shore.	Passed to 2/7 BN
verbal		2/5 BN		2225			2/5 report coastal searchlight may be switched on next few minutes.	Passed to 2/7 BN
verbal		Lieut Boyer R.M.					R.A.F. Koggalla have reported one plane not returned & requesting searchlight to be turned on. R.M. will shine light across bay & not to see as signalling has been reported from sea & coast.	
verbal		R.A.F.		2345			Requesting searchlights to be switched on to guide overdue planes	Passed to R.M.
verbal	R.M.			2302			Asking if light has been switched on. Answer Yes! & R.A.F. has reported plane has returned	
verbal		KASGODA Police		2307			Parasol & Blanket found - dropped off pullover of M/c belonging off proceeding GALLE. Parcel at police st.	Passed to S/C



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*54557-13-55*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
	<i>verbal</i>		<i>2/5 BN</i>		<i>2358</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Reporting returns of patrol to sign of signalling from shore.</i>	
	<i>PHONE</i>		<i>2/6 BN</i>		<i>0640</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Sitrep O Sitnorm</i>	
<i>187</i>	<i>T 34</i>		<i>2/5 BN</i>	<i>0630</i>	<i>0645</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Sitrep O Normal O ref light reported vicinity BUSSA last night patrol has nothing to report</i>	
	<i>verbal</i>		<i>2/7 BN</i>		<i>0720</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Sitrep O Sitnorm 1250</i>	
<i>182</i>	<i>C214</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>0715</i>		<i>13</i>	<i>SITREPO SITNOR</i>	
<i>183</i>	<i>REC</i>		<i>2/7 Report Centre</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>0807</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>216/359 afternoon patrol returned at 0345 hrs @ nothing unusual to report</i>	<i>John</i> <i>Alan</i>
<i>VF</i>	<i>Message</i>		<i>Police Station HIKKADUPA</i>		<i>1105</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Alt 1100 sighted planes flying very high in southerly direction - unidentified</i>	
<i>184</i>	<i>C219</i>	<i>RAF KOGGALA</i>		<i>1120</i>		<i>13</i>	<i>VF message above repeated</i>	
<i>185</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>HQ AIF</i>	<i>0930</i>	<i>1140</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Normal rolls of personnel with FIELD security experience of personnel suitable for FIELD security work to be rendered to this HQ by 1300 hrs 14 April</i>	<i>Willis</i>
<i>186</i>	<i>T 35</i>		<i>2/5 BN</i>	<i>1130</i>	<i>1250</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Location statement O A Coy 123574 B Coy fort area 81 Lightland St. C Coy 125573 D Coy 108589 HQ Coy 122580 Bn HQ in posn 117579 at 1030 hrs O B Echelon at 1215700 7 Sec 2/8 Fd Coy 75 Church St O 3 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt 118584 O altrol</i>	



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UNIT: 5th Div. No. 34

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
187	ISA5		2/6 Bn	1800 12	1230 13	13 Apr	964/107 SITREP O SITNOR	
188	ISA7		2/6 Bn	0630	1219	13	675/365 SITREPO SITNOR	
189	ISA8		2/6 Bn	0730	1219	13	121/412 GALLE Centralised 1/63360 Visual comm est between ants para see Trig 37th 218587 and RAF hence to this HQ L/T	
			2/7 BN			"	<del>phone</del> verbal message informing change of location HQ Coy less 2 pbs to 022 mile post Rd Akurusa Galle 391653.	Notified HQ A.I.F WJZ.
190	IA		HQ. A.I.F	1210	1520	13	for after section from cipher officer's code names will NOT be used in cipher's ack	
191	T 37		2/5 Bn	1A30	1630	13	ref T. 35 of 13Apr HQ Coy should read "7587" if GALLE centralised sheet 1/63360	
192	ISA50		2/6 Bn	1215	1100	13	SITREP O SITNOR	
193	W1		R.A.F		1720	13	be on lookout for red saloon car Z. 721 occupied by Europeans suspected to be using wireless set on the TRINCO AMURADHA PERA road possible 5 columnist they should be detained	Noted Tel PRO GALLE 2/7 BN CAMP ADIT BUSSA
			2/6		1740		Verbal Rpt to SITNOR	
			2/7		1735		Verbal rpt SITNOR	



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<u>194</u>			<u>2/7</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>13</u>	Capt Bentley rang to say that two natives had been asking pertinent questions of men guarding bridge on main road between Bussa + GALLE. Men arrested placed in guard rooms, women police notified: Evidence by checked	Recorded in the path report J.R.
<u>195</u>		<u>DAAG.</u>			<u>0830</u>		The General will be down tomorrow. He will let the Brigadier know the time he will hear the case against Lieut Leask. Lieut Leask is to be available tomorrow. The statement to be obtained by S. Captain from Lieut Leask was dictated over the phone.	<del>no</del> action taken, B.M. notified. Statement placed on S.C. table, notification sent to Lieut Leask to appear at H.Q. before 0900 hrs tomorrow
<u>194</u>	<u>102</u>		<u>2/7</u>	<u>2115</u>		<u>13</u>	SITREPO <u>what.</u>	
<u>195</u>	<u>C 252</u>	<u>NR HIF</u> <u>CEP</u>		<u>1800</u>		<u>13</u>	SITREP (1) <u>Nothing to report</u>	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
196	RC2		2/7 bn	2000	2045	13 APR	412/553 afternoon patrol returned 1930 hrs (1) Nothing unusual to report	Marked on Map
197	T39		2/5 bn	1730	1800	13	Sitrep (1) Sitnorm	
198			2/6 bn	0634	0645	14	Sitrep (1) Sitnorm	
199	D874		2/7 Bn	0615	0655	14	Sitrep. 2 natives questioned bridge guard road Bussa GALLE no number men seen guided action when alarm given (1) Sentry arrested same and they were brought to B.H.Q (1) handed over to civil police for establishment of credentials otherwise Sitnorm	
200	T41		2/5 Bn	0130	0715	14	Sitrep (1) normal	
201	C254	HQ AIF CEYLON		0715		14	Sitrep (1) nothing to report	
202	C253	2/5 Bn		2100		13	VX: 7403 Lieut Leask will report to Capt Chapman 0830 hrs 14 Apr.	Amn A. H. M. D. A. H.
			2/7		0900		Verbal - Coast watching patrol 2/7 at Bussa ceased 0630 14 Apr. with move of Buss.	
203	RC3		2/7 Bn REPORT CENTRE	0940	1050	14	night patrol report 0930 hrs O DONORA reports unidentified plane flying west well out to sea at 0945 hrs	
204	T41		2/5 Bn	1130	1205	14	SITREPO NORMAL	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
			2/76N	1215		14 Apr	Verbal Rpt Sitnorm	
205	1553		2/6	0700	1320	14/APR	Sitrep O Sitnorm	
206	15.51		2/6	1735/13	1320	14/APR	Sitrep O Sitnorm O ack	
207		HQ AIF	1445	1330		14/APR	to LIEDT HAY from LIEDT MALRAE O LIEDT COL QUHORN will call on you tomorrow Wednesday re authorized photographers.	
208	L33		2/5 En	1206	1355	14 Apr	Please advise this HQ by 1500 hrs 14 Re's and name of reg's who have been detached for duty O strength of Reg Pl less detachments O accuracy is essential.	J.S.C.
			2/5		1450	14	Blay 2/5 AM at 41 Lighthouse St, GYLE	
		A/H			1555		1000 H of line through to 5 Bns - speech + further phone	
209		HQ AIF	1410	1600		14	Catalina reports being shadowed by two JU88 about 250 miles east of KOGERAK at 1000 hrs local time	Rpt to units
			2/5		1807	14	2/5 reported seaplane dropped message bearing 92° mag from HQ - search party out.	informed RAF KGA
210	TA3		2/5	1750	1800	14	SITREP O NORMAL	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
211	C260	RAF KGA		1840		14 apt	Object dropped from seaplane proved to be pilot's cap marked E A GOOD	
212	D875		2/7 Bn B Coy + C Coy	1500	1840	14	Real HQ closing BOUSSA 0900 hrs 15 apt HQ. Opening AKURESSA 0900 hrs 0 Staff ACK	
213	C257	HQ AIF Ceylon		1830		14	SITREP 0 of GALLE centralised 0 following movements are notified 0 2/5 Bn HQ Coy to 14587 0 2/7 Bn adv HQ 22 mile front rd GALLE AKURESSA 391653 0 A Coy South of 12 mile front rd AKURESSA MATARA 406651 0 B Coy 91 mile front rd GALLE WELIGAMA 365513 0 D Coy near Police station AKURESSA 397658 0 HQ Coy less Motor Pl near 12 mile front rd AKURESSA MATARA 406654 0 Adv party Training Bn at 395779	
214	RCH		2/7 Bn Report Centre	1925	1955	14	113/94h afternoon patrol returns 1925 hrs 0 Nothing unusual to report	Amms MPC 2025
	Telephone		ADC		2105	14	Cmde spending night rest house TANGALLA Will keep appointment with Brigadier tomorrow 0	
					2215		Units notified that map red code word for week 15 to 21 of is CENTRIFUGAL	
215	TH1		2/5 Bn	0635	0655	15 apt	SITREP 0 Sitnormal	
216			2/6 Bn		0730	15	SITREP 0 NORMAL	
217	C264	HQ AIF Ceylon			0730	15	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
			217		0730		(Blow) sitnor	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.C.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<del>217</del> 218	1554		2/6 BN	1200 14/4	0920 15/4	15	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
<del>219</del> 213	148		2/7 BN	0840	0920	15	ACK in reply to C 263.	
<del>220</del> 214	1555		2/6 BN	1835 14/4	0920	15	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
<del>221</del> 215	1556		2/6 BN	0635	0920	15	Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
					0935	15	air-raid yellow Colombo	re message to units. 10/4/43
222	149		2/5 BN	0915	1010	15	M/C patrol night 14/15 nothing to report	
					1025	15	air raid - White Colombo	to units
223	RC5		2/7 BN report centre	0940	1120	15	964/106 night patrol returned 0930 hrs HAMBANTOTA reports two flashes approximately 10 miles out to sea 2145 hrs	to units
			RAF	1150		15	Catalina reports a number of ships near LITTLE BASSES.	
224	I142		2/7 BN	1109	1200	15	742/844 at 1100 hrs sitnorm	
			RAF		1215	15	Ships off LITTLE BASSES believed to be enemy battleship & destroyers	to be phone delayed sent by Capt. D. B. M.
225	T50		2/5 BN	1130	1245	15	SITREP @ Normal	
phone			2/6 BN		1310	15	SITREP @ Sitnorm	
226	C211	Report Centre 2/7 BN		1250		15	Report that one enemy battleship was off SW Ceylon this morning & instruct by our M/C patrol to send back immediately any fathos news obtained @ patrol will also inform WARR CP RC HAMBANTOTA	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
227	TJ 108		2/8 Aust Fo Coy	1315	1400	15	Ack (IN REPLY TO C 263)	
228	MK 19		2/2 Aust 1 Fo Amb	1000	1410	15	Ack (IN REPLY TO C 263)	
229	B4		2/7 BN	1015	1416	15	petrol stocks depleted supplies required urgently transport under rigid control	
230	15 37		2/6 BN	1100	1405	15	Location report @ ref map GALLE CENTRALIZED 1/63 360 location before @ 217 547 218 543 217 541 220 543 226 538 227 521 218 532 203 541 239 542	
251	MKI		REPORT CENTRE 2/7 BN	1355	1420	15	No information at present @ expect report approx 1630 HRS (IN REPLY TO C 271)	
	BY PHONE		RAF				Contact with enemy lost owing to rain storms lost run at 5 56 - 81 79 - bearing on bearing 180° (IN REPLY TO C 271)	to div C 273
232	C 271	RAF KOGGARA		1445		15	ref your report of this morning @ please advise if any further information to hand	
233	C 273	HQ BULF		1505		15	RAF reported 1505 hrs that contact with enemy battleship and destroyer had been lost owing to storm	

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234	IS 58		2/6 BN	1119	1330	15	ack (in reply to C 263)	
235	C 276	2/7 BN		1545		15	confirming phone call @ patrol with truck @ to proceed to FG NRFR near posthouse @ locate light seen on posthouse last night @ patrol will investigate light and if suspicious detain persons responsible @ send report COMMO immediately on completion of patrol	
236	JU 110		2/8 Fd Coy	1615	1632	15	please inform what ranges and details of same available for use	
237	C 275	HQ AIF		1550		15	following movements are reported @ GALE less det returned to our comd 14 APR @ GALE and det GUME moved AIKURESSA 15 am	
238	IS 59		2/6 BN	1230	1628	15	Sitrep @ sitmor	
	WITONE		2/6 BN	1730	1730	15	Sitrep @ sitmor	
239	B7		2/7 BN	1710	1730	15	further to B3 @ bulk supplies of petrol depleted @ vehicles dependent on petrol remaining in own tanks only	
240	C 184		2/7 BN	1700	1720	15	732/382 Sitrep as at 1700 hrs. Sitmor	
			2/5 BN	1800			Verbal message @ sitmor	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
241			RAF	1	1800	15	Plus - Nothing further re Japs warships	
242	(278)	All units			1815	15	Ship (C) RAF reported 1515 hrs that contact with Japs battleship and destroyer was lost owing to storms (C) No further report by 1800 hrs.	
243	(279)	H & AIF CEYLON			1815	15	Ship (C) nothing further from RAF re Jap warships (C) suspicious lights reported on coast east of TANGALLA 'AIR' 179053 night 14/15 Yps (C) Patrol from 2/7 Bw proceeding TANGALLA tonight to investigate	TO RM via C 280
244	281	2/7kn			1940		I O suggest you make further inquiries @ we shall take necessary action here	C. L. H.
245		Offs Mess			230	15	RM report BISHOP 4° 23' NORTH 81° 46' EAST course 280°	Notified 2/5/62/17 BUSSA
246		RAF K			2315		Enemy force 1 BS + 1 CR Obs last saw CR at 1309 GMT in posn 04° 27' NORTH 81° 43' EAST course 270 approx 15 KNOTS	No further action



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
241A	JH4		2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1015	1438	15 Apr	SECRET @ Change effected 52 Bty moving to allotted area to-day @	
242A	RC6		2/7 Pan Report Centre	1945	2005	15 Apr	103/950 afternoon patrol returned 1945 hrs @ nothing unusual to report	
243A	25		HQ AIF	2037	2100	15 Apr	HQ Ceylon Comd advise 1945 hrs as follows @ KOGGALA CATALINA report 1113 hrs GMT regained contact with ENEMY force 64° 23' NORTH 81 deg 46 min east COURSE 280 deg @ exact composition unknown believed one battleship and one cruiser @ Composition later confirmed by RAF @ RAF evening patrols have nothing to report	
244A	C282	HQ AIF		2145		15 Apr	ref map AMBALANTOTA 1/63360 @ following for information @ Coast watching station HBT observed flashes at sea at 2145 night 14/15 Apr @ At same time flashes observed from land areas 096680 096683 @ There are two Buddhist temples in area @ priest in one said to be Jap and may have connection with light @ No details given re name of priest @ Any further information will be forwarded	
<del>245A</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>HQ AIF</del>		<del>2035</del>	<del>2030</del>	<del>15</del> <del>Apr</del>		



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
247	26		HQ AIF	0025	0400	16	contact regained 1713 hrs 04° 18' NORTH 81° 37' EAST. Course 280° By dawn enemy can be posed within radius approx 20 miles (BO).	Informant 10.
248			5 Bn CWS		0500	16	green Very lights sighted from CWS at Massey Pt. One 130° the other 90° both at same time (0309 hrs)	Notified R M  2/S asked to report in next detail & investigate
249			5 Bn	0635	0710	16	Sitrep O Sitnorm	
250	T185		2/7 Bn	0631	0712	16	742/134 SITREP as at 0630 hrs SITNORM	
251	D876		2/7 Bn	0715	0735	16	Patrol sent to coast NOT returned yet O will signal report immediately they return	
252	C283	HQ AIF		0715		16	964/427 SITREP O Sitnot	
			2/5 Bn	0710		16	Verbal report. Sitnorm	
			RAF	0745	0745	16	No further	

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J. M. H.



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
253	D877		2/7 Bn	0822	0850	16 Apr	673 101 ref maps sheet 4 1/2 miles to inch @ One fil sent TANGALA as instructed @ Report back every lights fired from beach 0300 hrs and 0500 hrs @ Unable contact fires @ Pl withdrawn to 3 way junction WIRAKETIYA 175074 @ Rem coy moving same place by 1600 hrs @ Coy comb civilian clothes will see tracks from MAIN rd to beach between KALAMETIYA LAKE 9190060 and TANGALLA @ Coy task patrolling beach area night 16/17 Apr	(IMPORTANT) I.O. passed info to HQ AIF
254	RC7		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0900	0935	16 Apr	840/526 night patrol return 0900 hrs @ HAMBANTOTA reports road EAST from there is one foot under water	Patrol rd report to HQ AIF
			2/6 Bn		1015	16 Apr	enquiry as to Navy lights, most likely from planes	
			RAF		1115	16 Apr	NO further news re enemy Battleship + Destroyers	Satellite info to RUSSA, 2/5 2/6 2/7. C286.
255	I186		2/7 Bn	1150	1200	16 Apr	742/105 SITREP Nothing to add to D877 sitrep as at 1130 hrs	
256	IS60		2/6 Bn	1735	1200	16 Apr	742/340 SITREP @ SITNDR @ Cuck	
				1545	1645	16 Apr		
257	IS61		2/6 Bn	0635	1200	16 Apr	742/134 SITREP @ SITNDR @ Cuck	
phone			2/6 Bn		1200	16 Apr	SITREP @ SITNDR	
258			OC Kent Bty RM		1200	16 Apr	Kent Bty's alarm siren will sound one long blast 0945 to morrow 17 April for practice only @	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
259	JU 11A		2/8 Aus Fd Coy	1110	1215	16	40 6ft bamboo pickets @ 20 3ft bamboo pickets available to 2 Coy U.G.S.C for amm dunnage @ Inform OC 2 Coy AASC @ Ordson dump attached	
260	D29		2/5 Bn	1340	1350	16	This units photography officer is Lieut W.T. SMITH	
261		RAF			1415	16	Five ships sighted off coast bearing 148 degrees from Galle Lighthouse @ Time of report 1415 hrs	RAF informed
		R/S				16	Ships in 261 are neture fishing craft.	passed to RAF
	1	RAF		1512	1512	16	Unraid yellow. 2 unidentified planes over RATMALANA	<del>to units</del>
				15	1515		Amair White	Cancelled above messag.
262		2/7 Bn		1630		16	The following road recess required (1) Ref map PEYLON 1" : 1 mile (2) Rd HAKMANA to TANGALLA from MATARA to TANGALLA. from TANGALLA to WIRAKETIVA (3) Roads given in order of priority.	
263	1562		2 Coy AASC		1615	16	2 Coy U.G.S.C. (Detachment 46 ORs) Location 892768	
264	1563		2/6 Bn	1200	1415	16	675/421 @ Location report @ ref map Galle Central Sheet 1/6 3360 @ Before gun est at 2215520 ack	
265			2/6 Bn	1315	1615	16	142/105 SITREP @ SITNOR	
265			2/11 Bn		1415	16	Para Watchers Report Location (a) 394646 (b) 394644 1 N.C.O. 3 ORs	no planes of unusual movements seen



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
266	T53		2/5 Bn	1725	1725	16/4	SITREP @ NORMAL	
Verbal			2/6 Bn	1810	1810	16	SITREP @ Sitmor	
267			2/7	1755		16	sitrep @ other	
268		HQ AIF		1800		16	sitrep @ other	
269	C294	HQ AIF		1845		16	following movements reported @ ref CEYLON one inch to one mile sheets 187 94 @ patrol 2/7BN strength one coy to area TANCALLA returning morning 17 APR @ adv party NO 2 Coy AASC to fuel maintenance centre 392 768	
270	I188		2/7BN	1714	1845	16	742/340 Bn @ 39 1653 A Coy 408 651 B Coy 365513 C Coy 210540 HQ COY 406 654 mortar platoon 317600 @ D Coy CEYLON SHEET 4 175 074 first city first troop ANTI TANK 406 654 @ 2/2 FO REGT 52 <sup>nd</sup> city HQ 399658 F troop 394 656 E troop 400 683	
271	1567		2/6BN	1934	1952	16	location report @ ref map GALLE (centralized) sheet 1/63 360 @ location RAF clearing 219543 218544, 210545, 209543 @ ack	
272	RC8		2/7BN	2040	2010	16	Waligame Hambantota patrol left at 1400 hrs everything normal	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
273	TH3		2/5BN	1950	2020	16	M/C patrol 0600 hrs to 1800 hrs nothing to report @ CWS alert	
274	C295	2/6BN		2035		16	ack (In reply to 1567)	
	verbal		HQ AIF	2055	2057	16	REF C 284 What was colour of lights @ Were the signals upwards or outwards	Contacting 47BN
	verbal		2/7BN	2102	2104	16	advise message was verbal and will not be able to contact informant until returned from patrol tomorrow morning 17 APR. Will forward information as requested	HQ Advised
275	S18		2/6BN	1500	1600	16	message received (In reply to B16)	
	verbal		17 BDE	2130	230	16	2 lights observed degrees from 17 Aust mt Bele HQ	Reported to Bde who is alert 2/5 BN
	Verbal	2/5BN		2140		16	parachute patrol to investigate lights and report <del>to be</del> to be submitted to this HQ	
<del>275</del>	verbal	<del>17 BDE</del>	R.M.		2310	16	2250 KENTY BTY fired shots at unidentified craft which had been under observation for 1hr @ craft disappeared when fired upon.	
276	THA		2/5BN	2315	2328	16	report on gunfire @ 4 bty fired on suspicious light craft query submarine @ bearing from gun 175 range approx 8000 yds @ NO result observed	reported HQ AIF RAI KGA
277	C295	HQ AIF RAF KGA		2335		16	4 bty R.M. fired on unidentified suspicious light craft 2250 hrs range approx 8000 x @ reported may have been submarine @ no result observed	



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UNIT 17400 INF BDE

SHEET No 47

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
277	0010	patrol report from sea	patrol 2/5 Bw		0130 hrs	17	patrol proceeded by M.T. to 66 MP. GBO rd & <del>observed</del> continued by foot along beach the two lights still visible in S-W direction. Patrol then observed what appeared to be a light signalling out to sea, behind them a little inland & when cautiously approaching the signalling light the patrol took into custody a native who tried to avoid them & reaching the light which appeared to be coming from the vicinity of two small houses the native whom they had arrested made considerable <del>noise</del> noise & the light went out. Patrol found nobody in either of the houses so returned to GALLE & lodged prisoner in civil goal for <del>the</del> questioning whereas an interpreter would be available. Lights at sea were still visible when patrol returned.	RAF & R.M.S. informed
278	1189		2/7 Bw	0620	0645	17	sitrep as at 0600 hrs. sitnorm	
279			2/6 Bw	0632	0645	17	sitrep & sitnorm	
280	756		2/5 Bw	0645	0700	17	sitrep & normal & ref T54 of 16 Apr patrol report following.	
281	C296 HQ AIF			0700		17	SITREP & sitnorm & ref a/c 295 16 Apr nothing further to report	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
			Marinao		0905	17	Repnt (verbal) that warship (NOT BRITISH), may be gap or allied seen moving towards CBO. Bearing 230, approx. 10000' from Lighthouse	Informed RAF Capt CARTER (HQ AF) asked HQ for information
			2/7		0945	17	verbal patrol report. No lights seen TANGALAN area	
282	RC9		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0920	1013	17	103/724 patrol left 2400 hrs returned 0900 hrs @ DONDRA reports 2 unidentified planes and search light due West @ Other stations nothing to report.	
283	I191		2/7 Bn	1125	1235	17	1053 * ship identified as <del>Submarine</del> <sup>allied</sup> - HQ informed. 6/2/929 Official report from B and D Coys being forwarded otherwise SITNOR	RAF informed
284	N58		2/5 Bn	1230	1255	17	SITREP @ Normal	
285	J146		2/7 Bn	1300	1315	17	(In reply to C187) yes	
286	1564		2/6 Bn	1800 1640	1500 1740	17	103/380 SITREP @ SITNOR	
287	1565		2/6 Bn	0630	1500	17	187/414 SITREP @ SITNOR	
288	C297	2/7 Bn		1720		17	Confirming verbal instruction @ anti sabotage guard will be mounted forthwith at Lt 4 03671 @ Strength of one sec	
289	C298	2/5 + 2/7 Bns		1730		17	Report 00 No 30 MC patrols will enter time arrived and departure in logs maintained by civil coast watchers at stations and posts ack	
Verbal			2/6 Bn	1735		17	SITREP @ SITNOR	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
290	T39		2/5 Bn	1720	1737	17	SITREP @ NORMAL	
291	T38		2/5 Bn	1712	1737	17	M/C patrol 1800 hrs 16 Apr to 1200 hrs 17 Apr reports @ Nothing to report	
292	I192		2/7 Bn	1705	1737	17	673/806 SITREP paratrooper watchers report nothing amiss as at 1705 hrs SITNORM	<i>[Signature]</i>
			2/7		1840	17	Ref Serial 288 - br patrol in pm.	<i>[Signature]</i>
293	T60		2/5 Bn	1700	1840	17	Location statement @ detachment 2/2 Fd Amb occupied position at 116580 at 1200 hrs to-day	
294	C299	HQ AIF		1845		17	103/879 SITREP @ patrol 2/7 Bn TANGALLA area night 16/17 Apr saw light caused by natives at work @ light NOT signalling @ natives warned @ further patrol same area to-night @ Det 2/2 Fd Amb moved 2/7 Bn area 116580 at 1200 hrs to-day	
295	D31		2/5 Bn	1810	1840	17	Ack (In reply to C298)	
296	J46		2/7 Bn	1821	1900	17	Ack (In reply to C298)	
297	B8	HQ AIF		1412	2000	17	(In reply to C285) please check information and report conditions today	2/7 already asked to check.
		<i>HP</i>			2030		Verbal - check on Serial 297 already asked for further information as soon as it arrives	
			2/5		2129		Verbal report Lieut Martin B Coey reports suspicious light 1 MI. E of fort Patrol report 2253 hrs @ mil report. Confirmation in morning 18 APR	Patrol sent out.
		<i>verbal</i>						



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SHEET NO 5017 APR INF BDF  
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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
298	R18		2/7 BN CPRC HBT	1645	2115	17	Group Captain MACDONALD RAF flying over area reports that 3 water holes forming almost equalateral triangle in the area SE of KALAMETIYA tank appear to be artificially coloured red. He suggests investigation as these holes are very noticeable from the air and could be used to indicate a good landing ground which exists there. All other water holes in the same area are of normal colour.	1.0 took necessary action
299	RC 10		2/7 BN REP CENTRE	2035	2130	17	742/610 afternoon patrol returned 2030 reporting to report	
300	B8		2/7 BN	2210	2225	17	reporting loss of one 30 cwt office truck by fire	
	verbal		2/6 BN		0630	18	Sitrep. 0 no change	
301	T61		2/5 BN	0640	0700	18	SITREP 0 Normal. Report of patrol in BUSSA area following	
302	I193		2/7 BN	0625	0700	18	501/314 SITREP paratfi watches dawn report SITNORM as at 0600 hrs	
303	C401	HQ AIF		0705		18	SITREP 0 re your message 38. no further information to hand report immediately 2/7 BN send signals otherwise situation normal	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
304	5192		2/6 BN	0830	0845	18	2/6 bn closes present location and reopens 252566 1500 hrs	
305	phone		2/7 Bn Capt Dunkley		0740	18	Pl patrol - Nil return	
306	T61		2/5 Bn	0930	0950	18	M/C patrol 1200 hrs 17 to 0600 hrs 18 report nothing unusual detailed report following	
307	RC11		2/9 Bn	1019	1100	18	742/410 Patrol left at 2200 hrs returned 1015 hrs nothing to report.	
308	1/193		2/7 Bn	1131	1150	18	674/421 Sitrif 'A' Coy reports no unusual incidents during night patrols ref 592 575 para-watchers STW reports nothing amiss as at 1131 hrs sit on	
309	E 51	H. G. A. I. F.		1155		18	R.A.F. report 3 water holes artificially coloured red, forming equilateral triangle S.E. 'AIR' 197067 vicinity good landing ground - we are investigating	
310	IS68		2/6 Bn	1740 1745	1125 1845	18 Apr	633/996 SITREP @ SITREP	
311	IS69		2/6 Bn	0625	1120	18	742/138 SITREP @ SITREP	
312	T62		2/5 Bn	1200	1240	18	Sitrif @ Normal	
Memo			2/27 Amb		1400	18	(1) 9 O/Rs have moved to KOGGAMA 205546 17/4/42 (2) on 20/4/42 1 Off and 18 O/Rs proceed same destination. (3) 1 Off 17 O/Rs located 2/5 Bn area 118581	
313	IS89		2/6 Bn	0930	1200	18	742/446 location report stop D Coy HQ new location 235557	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
314	1569 (2)		2/6 Bn	1530	1620	18 Apr	102/372 location report @ this HQ now east 252566	
315	1/195		2/7 Bn	1445	1620	18	673/880 Beach patrol report left MOUA 1400 hrs 17 April arrived 759 591 and dispersed recce made in area 792575 865 609 left for patrol area 1900 hrs contact made with Police at TANGALLA reported to Bn by phone through GALLE 84 area split into three 1 NCO 11 ORs to each section having 4 men on duty at all times No fishing boats moved during night light reported well out to sea in SE direction did not appear again number of boats moved at 0600 hrs afternoon of 17 most fishermen reported having seen something like sub at approx 1600 hrs on 17 flying boat patrolled same area looking for small plane seen apparently in difficulty @ Patrol saw no sign of either	(message being checked back 1730 hrs)
316	TL3		2/5 Bn	1700	1700	18	SITREP @ Normal	
317	1/195		2/7 Bn	1705	1705	18	673/804 SITREP beach patrol report forwarded frata watchers report NORMAL @ Ab at 1700 hrs SITNORM	
Verbal			2/6 Bn		1740	18	SITREP @ SITNOR	
318	1/146		2/7 Bn	1715	1750	18	673/806 work report southern sector parts 11 12 dag camouflaged @ Ports 15, 15a/16, 16a recd @ Some ports 22a to be visited 22 recd @ Work started 23 26	

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
	verbal		2/5 Bw	1835	1835	18	I.O (m <sup>s</sup> Smith) 2/5 Bw reports CHINESE sailors from boat in harbour ashore and asked if we could check on them.	Harbour Police report all crew going ashore must have identity cards they are also
	verbal		2/7 Bw	1840	1840	18	of RAF R18 Capt Dunkley reports that waterholes reported near KALAMETIVA are coloured red through natural causes.	clocked ashore & back onboard by harbour police Dunks
319	C300	HQ.A.I.F.		1905		18	of our CST investigation proved colouring in waterholes attributed to natural causes	
320	C301	RAF		1905		18	of information on coloured waterholes investigation proved colouring attributed to natural causes	
321	1570		2/6 Bw	1730	1800	18	175/806 Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
322	300	HQ.A.I.F.		1800		18	Sitrep @ Sitnorm @ H/C & beach patrols have nothing unusual to report @ Rf Gall Central Sheet 2/6 Bw moved to 252566 1500 hrs today.	
323	0195	HQ.A.I.F. CEYLON.		1915		18	Reporting death by drowning at KOGGALA today of VX 63416 Srv JOLLY @ 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.	
324	RCV		2/7 Bw	1905	1933	18	964/785 Afternoon patrol left at 1345 hrs returned at 1900 hrs (.) Nothing to report.	
<del>325</del>	verbal		R M	2205	2205	18	R M's reported bright light shining from officers mess but to sea	officers mess informed
	verbal		2/5 Bw	0410	0410	19	2/5 Bw report green very light observed from 016577 & seen at 113503 <sup>3</sup> at 0313 hrs.	R M RAF & 2/5 Bw investigated
325	7/14		2/7 Bw	0615	0630	19	101/710 SITREP (.) as at 0600 hrs SITNORM	



Serial No	Orig No	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
326	1571		2/6 Bn	0630	0647	19	SITREP @ SITNORM	
327	T64		2/5 Bn	0650	0710	19	343/213 Sitrep @ Normal @ 0313 hrs green very light observed inland at 123563 @ Patrol has nothing to report.	
328	C300	H.R AIF CEYLON		0713		19	454/235 Sitrep @ Normal.	
329	1573		2/6 Bn	0745	0815	19	724/736 location report @ ref map GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET 1/63360 @ 13 Coy rd block parties with drawn all file (P) Coy note in area 1235557 @ ack	
330	RCB		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0915	1000	19	964/457 night patrol left at 2235 hrs returned 0900 hrs @ nothing to report	
		2/7		1110		19	Small patrol to be stationed at TANUALLA same area as previously, each night until further notice. (verbal)	
331	T62		2/5 Bn	1200	1202	19	246/959 SITREP @ Normal	
332	1575		2/6 Bn	1340	1425	19	Coast watching stations report for 24 hrs ending 0630 hrs @ nothing to report	
333	7/198		2/7 Bn	1130	1215	19	673/421 SITREP as at 1130 hrs SITNOR	
334	7/199		2/7 Bn	1400	1430	19	964/901 SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ para watchers report NORMALO SITNOR	
335	D888		2/7 Bn	1725	1735	19	NX26233 L/Cpl MULLARD H.C. will report 7100 hrs to morrow	



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UNIT *17th Air Sqd RAAF*

SHEET No. *55*

Action Taken

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
336	IS77		2/6 Bn	1722	1740	19	917/260 ref map Galle 1/63360 location report @ 2/6 Bn BHR cot 251542	
337	IS76		2/6 Bn	1720	1746	19	964/901 Sitrep @ Sitnor	
<del>338</del>			2/7 BN	1755			Rpt that meeting was held by local fisherman in WELIGAMA BAY AREA and in future will discontinue the use of light at sea at night and will report any seen.	<i>J.L.H.</i>
338	I66		2/5 BN	1745	1800	19	103/380 SITREP @ Normal	
339	C1001 HQ AIF			1820		19	SITREP SITNOR R of CSI JIMI report water holes coloured naturally full report and sample of water follows	
340	H2		HQ AIF	1205	1933	19	H boom defence craft towing 8 motor landing craft appeared flat bottomed barges along stretch coast and others on WEST side of CEYLON sometime to-day @ These are own craft @ going from SOUTH to NORTH	Rptd to RMA 2/27d Regt 2/5 2/6 2/7 R.A.F. C2003 9L 2017
341	RC14		2/7 Bn Report Centre	1920	2000	19	742/298 afternoon patrol left 1215 hrs returned 1915 hrs @ nothing to report	
342	T67		2/5 Bn	1935	2005	19	645/326 M/P patrol to 1700 hrs 19 Apr @ nothing to report	
343			2/5		2000		Lighthouse of reports flashing light at sea @ time seen 0930, bearing 140° & origin of light below horizon @ gave impression of circling beam or slow Morse (verbal. filmed by serial 343)	informed RAAF



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UNIT *17 Ass Coy Bde*

SHEET No *56* Action Taken

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
			<i>2/6 Bn</i>		<i>0640</i>	<i>0640 20</i>	<i>SITREP 0 normal</i>	
<i>344</i>	<i>T69</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0645</i>	<i>0650 20</i>	<i>SITREP 0 normal</i>	
			<i>2/7</i>		<i>0700</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>TANGALLA patrol - nil report</i>	
<i>345</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>	<i>2/11</i>	<i>2310</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>15 cat FORDSON pickup vehicle number 715286 STOLEN CHATHAM STREET COLOMBO 18 Apr 0 Camouflaged dark green and DIS sign number 74 REP STAR back and front 0 if located please inform this HQ</i>	<i>Rpd to units</i>
<i>346</i>	<i>7/199</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>		<i>0635</i>	<i>0700 20</i>	<i>964/225 SITREP C Coy at 233532 from watching report aeroplane heard at 2330 hrs last night also lights that may have been guiding beacons as at 0400 hrs</i>	
<i>347</i>	<i>C1005</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>			<i>0700</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>121/712 SITREP SITNOR</i>	
<i>348</i>	<i>T70</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0850</i>	<i>0930 20</i>	<i>M/C patrol report to 0650 hrs 20 Apr 0 nothing unusual</i>	
<i>349</i>	<i>RCV5</i>		<i>2/4 Bn</i>		<i>0945</i>	<i>1025 20</i>	<i>964/410 night patrol left at 2255 hrs returned 0945 hrs 0 nothing to report</i>	
<i>350</i>	<i>C1007</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>			<i>1/20</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Code names 0 could code names be allotted to 17 Aust training bn and BUSSA camp 0 it is further noted that no code name of first Coast Rgt RMA affords in your S/G/390 14 Apr</i>	
<i>351</i>	<i>T72</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>1140</i>	<i>1220 20</i>	<i>742/105 SITREP 0 Normal</i>	

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UNIT 17. Area of Bala...

SHEET No 57

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
352	7/200		2/7 Bn	1130	1220	20	102/337 SITREP A Coy reports 2 fishing boats out when area 792575 reached 0 boats did not return 0 140 boats counted 0 plane passed over 792575 area at 2310 hrs with navigation lights 0 A Coy proceeding to area 365513 B Coy to area 418 SATNORM	
				1300		20	Units informed re use of authentic numbers. Only for use in intelligence and/or operational reports or messages	
353	IS70		2/6 Bn	1200	1330	20	712/105 location report 0 ref map GALLE CENTRALISED 92 A 2/6 Bn 23567 2/6 Bn 232567 A Coy 201582 B Coy 231063 C Coy 239527 D Coy 235557	
354	IS78		2/6 Bn	0435	1400	20	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
355	7/201		2/7 Bn	1155	1500	20	Location state of Coys A Coy 365513 B Coy 408651 C Coy 233537 D Coy 394658 HQ Coy 456654 B A Q 391653 Motor PL 319600 2/7 Bn HQ 399658 F 2/7 394656 E 2/7 400683 2/7 A/T A 400654	
			2/7		1600		Verbal report from Panfala - 2/7 patrol reporting in	
VE			2/6 Bn		1720	20	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
356	JU 164		2/8 74 Coy	1620	1630	20	2 Sub sections of 9 2cc now located at air 161018	
357	T3Y		3/5 Bn	1710	1720	20	275/806 sitrep 0 Normal	
358	7/202		2/7 Bn	1715	1730	20	742/372 SITREP para watcher report normal 0 SITNORM as at 1700 hrs	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
359	T74		2/3	1415	1440	20	m/c patrol to 1445 hrs @ CWS 15 reports one unidentified aircraft at 1508 hrs fired few rounds into air @ probably testing guns	Passed to RAF RM NA + HQAIF
360	IS81		2/4 Bn	1725	2000	20	742/342 SITREP @ SITNOR	
361	C1011 HQAIF		1440			20	Following movements reported @ 1st GALLE Central - used @ 2/6 Bn @ Bn HQ to 253547 B Coy 251542 HQ Coy 252547 @ 2/7 Bn @ A Coy WELIGHT MP. 365513 B Coy AKURESSA 1086510 det 2/2 Fel Amb to 205546 @ Detailed location statement as at 1200 hrs to-day follows	
362	C1012 HQAIF		1805			20	964/107 SITREP @ patrol 2/7 Bn TANGALLA night 14/20 nil report further patrol same area to night @ 2 sub-sections of 4 sec engineers now located at air 161098 @ otherwise sitnorm	
363	1016	2/7 Bn		2005	2030	20	119/553 afternoon patrol left at 1300 hrs returned 2000 hrs @ Nothing to report	
364	Verbal rpt	2/6 Bn		0630	0630	21	Sitrep @ sitnorm.	ALSO BY MESSAGE 1582 0640-0715hrs
365	7/203	2/7		0640	0650	21	Sitrep as at 0630 hrs. para patches normal SITNORM	
366	T75	2/5		0640	0655	21	Sitrep @ NORMAL	
367	C1014 HQAIF			0715		21	Sitrep @ sitnorm	
		2/7		0810	1810	21	TANGALLA patrol - Nil report.	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
368	T.76		2/5 Bn	0835	0850	21	M/C patrol to 0655 hrs @ nothing to report posts alert.	
369	C1015	HQ AIF		1100		21	742/844 ref Galle centralised @ 46 Aust LAD 5 pl HQ 9d Bn less det and det K see sigs moved AKURESSA 397683 1000 hrs to-day	
370	RC17		2/7 Bn Report Clearance	0925	1205	21	840/526 night patrol left at 2300 hrs returned 0920 hrs @ nothing to report	
371	C2	HQ AIF		1108		21	SECRET @ ref map code @ suggest second H in CHRYSANTHEMUM be not used avoid repetition @ please confirm	Not sent - new code word received.
372	2/20A		2/7 Bn	1157	1210	21	742/105 SITREP para watchers report normal at 1130 hrs SITNOR	
373	T77		2/5 Bn	1240	1310	21	103/922 SITREP @ NORMAL	
			2/7		1700	21	TANGALLA patrol - reporting in	
374	2/20B		2/7 Bn	1645	1705	21	742/372 Location Changes @ B ech 401669 ag from 0800 hrs 22 @ E Hq 52 Bty 2/27d Regt 389645 ag from 1200 hrs 21	
	Y.E		2/6 Bn		1745	21	SITREP @ nothing to report	
375	T79		2/5 Bn	1614	1632	21	921/128 projected D/F stn RAF 120573	
376	T80		2/5 Bn	1705	1730	21	154/920 Sitrep @ Normal	
377	2/20C		2/7 Bn	1705	1732	21	742/372 SITREP para watchers report normal as at 1700 SITNOR	
378	C1017	All units		1735		21	964/107 46 LAD 59d Gd Bn less det and det 6 Div Postal now at 397683 @ all informed	
379	C1018	HQ AIF		1800		21	SITREP @ SITNOR @ det DARI now at 397683 Bid 2/7 moving 401669 0800 hrs 22	



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380	1385		2/6 Bn	1740	1817	21	187/540 SITREP @ SITNOR	
381	T81		2/5 Bn	1935	1947	21	675/322 M/C patrol report to 1650 hrs @ nothing to report	
Telephone			sgt = N.O.H	2030	2030	21	wanted to know if he could please 'out of Bounds to OR's' notice on downstairs fan =	answer <u>yes</u>
Telephone			Capt Rawson	2035	2035	21	could we inform if a truck carrying Hunt Nicholsons' gear, could be located tonight. It left 12 AM for I.T.B: not important.	answer <u>No</u>
Phone			2/6 Bn		0645	22	SITREP @ Sitnor	
382	RC18		2/7 Bn	2005	0702	21	afternoon patrol left at 1400 hrs returned 2000 hrs @ nothing to report.	
383	C1019	HQ A.I.F.		0716		22	SITREP @ nothing to report.	
384	2/207		2/7 Bn	0640	0700	22	673/613 SITREP para watchers report normal as at 0630 hrs SITNORM	
Verbal			2/5 Bn		0715	22	SITREP @ Sitnor	
385	<del>2/1</del> T81		2/5 Bn	0953		22	M/C patrol to 0800 hrs @ nothing of importance	
386	RC19		2/7 Report Centre	1030	1115	22	187/600 night patrol left at 2400 hrs returned 1025 hrs nothing to report.	
387	1576		2/6 BN	1106	1145	22	675/929 location report @ ref map Galle 1/63360 co-ords Charlie TP. 124280052324 alt 400123526 052741 Don TP. 119658059226	

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UNIT 1734 HQ

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
388	2/209		2/7 Bn	1155	1210	22	121/870 SITREP PARA Watchers report normal as at 1150 hrs Sitnorm	
389	1876		2/6 Bn	1100	1155		729/890 SITREP 0 Normal	D.H. 2
389	182		2/5 Bn	1155	1215	22	SITREP 0 SITNOR	
Verbal			2/6 Bn		1210			
390	C1020	HQ AIF			1250		121/261 2/2 Unit Fd Regt less sub-units detached moved 393675 0900 hrs 0 opened new location 1200 hrs	units also informed
391			RAF		1524	22	6 plus aircraft approaching from WEST 0 yellow 0 two sections hurricanes coming down on patrol	Infant Bucca 2/5 2/4 2/14 989
392			RAF	1600	1620	22	Warning White	Units informed
393	2/210		2/7 Bn	1400	1716	22	742/372 SITREP para watchers report normal 0 SITNORM 00 at 1700 hrs	
			2/6 Bn		1730		Verbal Message, Sitnorm	
394	145		2/5 Bn	1735	1750	22	246/185 Sitrep 0 normal	
395	C1022	HQ AIF			1800	22	840/621 Sitrep 0 Sitnor	
			R.M.		1900		Galle lighthouse has been exposed by order RAF KOGGALA	units informed
			2/5 Bn		1900	22	Galle Patrol reporting out.	
396	186		2/5 Bn	1925	2000	22	187/561 M/C patrol report to 1650 hrs 0 nothing to report	
397	C1023		2/7 Bn		2005	22	840/216 M/C patrol reports requested	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
398	RC20		2/7 Bn Report Centre	1955	2035	22	412/914 afternoon patrol left at 1255 hrs returned 1950 hrs @ nothing to report	
399 PART I	47		HQ A.I.F	1440	2000	22	Test C.F. battle system will be made with normal broadcast programme Colombo over period 2 days commencing 0900 hrs 23 Apr during following times 10700 hrs to 0730 hrs 1130 hrs to 1415 hrs. Part II follows	B.M. info. 21. 16. 27 info. 50. info K see sigs PASC
verbal			2/5	0645	0645	23	litrep @ litnorm	
verbal			2/7	0645	0647	23	litrep @ litnorm	
verbal			2/7		0650	23	Sgt Thomas TANGALLA patrol reported in @ nothing to report.	
400	2/211		2/7	0631	0700	23	litrep unidentified plane heard at 2100hrs 22 @ 3000 ft over ARURESA travelling SW unable to distinguish para watchers report at 0600 hrs normal litnorm	message: litrep to HQ A.I.F
401		HQ AIF		0700		23	litrep @ litnorm	
402	T87		2/5 Bn	0850	0910	23	187/234 M/C patrol to 0730 hrs @ Nothing of importance	
<del>399</del> 399 PART II	H7		HQ AIF	1440 22 Apr	2000 22 Apr	23	1630 to 2215 hrs @ (PART II) frequencies 5700 kilocycles 55.5 metres 700 kilocycles 428.6 metres @ units will consolidate reception report for this HQ @ details following @ All informed	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
401	RC31		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0850	1020	23	742/446 night patrol left at 0015 hrs returned 0845 hrs @ reports unidentified plane flying west over WELIGAMA at 2125 hrs signed IFJ RUMPPF	
Phone			RAF		1100	23	Party of coolies engaged by RAF were issued with passes yesterday at Koggala. Result - 3/6 Bn sentry bayoneted one of the coolies on the bottom when refusing to obey challenge.	All personnel instructed to become conversant with passes issued by RAF.
402	2/212		2/7 Bn	1140	1214	23	742/105 SITREP para watchers report normal @ SITNOR as at 1130 hrs	
verbal			2/5 Bn		1220	23	SITREP @ Situr	
403	2/213		2/7 Bn	1350	1435	23	643/880 WELIGAMA BAY PATROL REPORT 22/23 unidentified flare flew over bay no navigation lights westerly direction height unknown 2121 hrs At 2200 police reported bright lights MIRISSA @ investigated and two natives detained @ standing patrol MIRISSA nightly 1830 0600 hrs	10
404	149		HQ AIF	1150	1530	23	Particulars of all proposed demolitions will be forwarded this HQ for approval prior to any work commencing.	J.M.
405							2/8 Fd Coy revert to Comd CRE from 0600 24 Apr	
406	C1026		HQ AIF		1600	23	Following movement is notified @ "A" Lt 1 Unit A/SK Regt now at 208540 81 mile post Rd Galle - Koggala	J.P.
407	C51	2/6 Bn 2/7 Bn			1650	23	742/372 Withdraw guard on bridges SPILL KOGGALA @ Road / MADUNA AKURESSA 319599 @ 2d AKURESSA 403641	



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SHEET NO *17* *17 Aug 1945*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
408	C1037	2/2 Fd Reg 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1715		23	187/747 intelligence offrs to report 17 Feb 1945 0930 hrs 24 Apr for conference re road recon @ all informed	
409	2/214		2/7 Bn	1705	1725	23	673/806 SITREP as at 1700 hrs SITNOR	
Verbal			2/7 Bn		1720	23	Tangalla patrol reporting in - Nothing to report	
Verbal			2/5 Bn		1800	23	SITREP @ normal	
410	C53	2/5 Fd Coy 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns		1810		23	Fd Coys revert comd C.R.E. as from 0600 hrs 24 Apr.	Ordered by 2/7 1925 hrs
Verbal			2/6 Bn		1820	23	SITREP @ Normal	
411	T88		2/5 Bn	1910	1945	23	964/785 m/c patrol report to 1810 hrs @ posts alert @ rd GALLE COLOMBO flooded for distance of 100 yds in area 1/4 mile front depth of flood two feet approx	No action taken.
412	C1028	A 7 HQ		1815		23	SITREP @ SITNOR	
413	C22		2/7 RC	2105	2125	23	742/610 afternoon patrol left 1245 hrs returned 2100 hrs ( ) nothing to report.	
414			2/7		2145	11	Ans identified planes reported on a bearing of 270° from Bn. HQ.	Rang RAF probably CAT
415			PO	2224		11	2 soldiers drunk in GALLE FO	advised pro
416	52		HQ AIF	2008	2235	23	From police RATNAPURA ( ) KALUGANGARA ( ) N.G. ( ) floods in RATNAPURA and likely to extend to KALUTARA	No action taken.



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
417			PO GALLE		2305	23	P.O reports drunkards removed from premises. Damage done. Report to be taken by officers (?) who removed soldiers.	
Verbal			2/6 Bw		0630	24	Sitrep (.) Sitnorm.	
418	2/15		2/7 Bw	0645	0705	24	121/712 Sitrep (.) as at 0630 hrs SITNORM.	
149	T89		2/5 Bw	0710	0725	24	187/213. Sitrep (.) Normal	
150	C1029	H.Q. AIF CEYLON.		0730		24	Sitrep (.) 2/5 Bw reports flooding of Galle-Colombo road for distance of 100 yds in area of 44 mile post but 1810 hrs 23 Apr otherwise Sitnorm	
421	RC23		2/7 Bw	0920	1020	24	121/239 night patrol left 2400 hrs returned 0915 hrs @ nothing to report.	
422	53	HQ, AIF		1010	1145	24	Hold all action on your memo 5/4/8 of 21 Apr @ Standard system will be issued to whole CEYLON (Important)	
423	2/16		2/7 Bw	1140	1215	24	840/480 Sitrep as at 1130 hrs Sitnorm.	
42A	T/90		2/5 Bw	1225	1235	24	M/C patrol for night 23/24 due 2/5 Bw 0730 hrs not yet returned @ could you contact CW 5 regarding send out truck to CW stalls	
425			2/7 Bw	1155	1720	24	840/480 location change A TP 1/4 Aust AIF Bn moved to 2/6 Bw area.	

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have CRO out 2/5 Bw

send out truck to CW stalls

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
426	1592		2/6 bn	1642	1744	24	BCoy HQ now sta at 248 566 @ 10 Pl 252 562 11 Pl 247 567 12 Pl 247 568	
427	2/220		2/7 bn	1710	1745	24	343/444 Setup as at 1500 hrs sitom	Phes
	Verbal		2/5		1800		Setup normal	
			2/6		1800		Setup normal	
428	11030	HQ A.I.F	1	1712		24	921/110 following movement notified 2/6 bn BCoy now at 248 566 @ Rd Akurusa Galle 6" under water at 120 573 for 100 yds @ back 275 539 14" for 400 yds @ civil line down Colombo Galle Galle Abatara otherwise sitom	
429	T91		2/5 Bn	1905	1925	24	383/596 m/c patrol report to 1720 hrs @ Nothing of importance @ Galle - Colombo flooded in areas 4 1/2 mile front depth of flood two ft six inches	
			DAAG		2020	24	20 bodies to be picked up 12 AQH at 1400 250hrs	Ref to S.C.
							Ref sig CH7 Wants to know what is signal all about	
			DARMG		2030	24	Have all British vehs been returned as instructed	Inquiries being made
			2/5 bn I.O.		2035	24	Reports Galle - Colombo rel good	
430	55		HQ AIF		2055	24	Ref CRCAC 208/C of 25 Mar stated readiness @ Amend para 6 to read 12 hrs in lieu of 3 hrs	Marked on Coy Comd Op Instr No 8
431			AZP/Cant AFK Regt		2055	24	owing to condition of rd it was not possible to reach 6 pdr range this morning	



*SECRET Next*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>PAAG</i>		<i>2105</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>3. 1 ton vehs to report Massey College as early as possible 25 Apr. Drivers to take all gear, duty temporary attachment S.H.Q.</i>	
<i>432</i>	<i>54</i>		<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>1610</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>RATNAPURA NANGAPANA first mile 6 inches water subsiding @ second mile 2 inches subsiding passable @ flood report @ Hospital report road RATNAPURA 18 inches water subsiding @ PANADURA/RATNAPURA 12 inches water rising midday @ possible flooding GOVINNA area to mortars</i>	
					<i>2215</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Verbal message to Bde TO, requesting 1 ton truck at this HQ. 2015.</i>	
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/4 Bn</i>		<i>0630</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>SITREP @ SITNOR</i>	
<i>433</i>	<i>2/221</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>		<i>0635</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>966/127 SITREP as at 0630 hrs SITNOR</i>	
<i>434</i>	<i>792</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0655</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>103/423 SITREP @ NORMAL</i>	
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0720</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Ground too wet to hold 0900 hrs parade - What are they to do?</i>	<i>Advised to use their own judgement</i>
<i>435</i>	<i>C1031</i>	<i>HQ AIF</i>			<i>0710</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>371/251 SITREP @ SITNOR</i>	
<i>436</i>	<i>1591</i>		<i>2/4 Bn</i>		<i>1611</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Coast Watching station 212537 formerly manned by HQ Coy is no longer an operation</i>	
<i>437</i>	<i>VT5</i>		<i>2 Coy ASC</i>		<i>0900</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Advice is not coming through regarding changes of locations of units also transfers from one command to another advance information to allow us to make the necessary alterations would be appreciated</i>	



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UNIT *17 Aus Inf Bde*  
SHEET No. *28*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>138</i> <i>to</i> <i>Base</i> <i>Sup 0</i>			<i>2 Coy AISC</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>0955</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Intend establishing SP at AKURESSA for units in that area. Please advise us what units will use this SP.</i>	<i>advised verbally by Sup 0.</i>
<i>139</i>	<i>T93</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>	<i>0950</i>	<i>1020</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>964/640 m/c patrol to 0620 hrs 25 Apr. Nothing unusual. Rd COLOMBO GALLE had only small amount of water in region 1.3/1.4. Indicators at 0550 hrs passable to m/c.</i>	<i>Q.</i>
<i>140</i>	<i>C1035</i>	<i>2 Coy</i>	<i>2 Coy</i> <i>QA.S.C.</i>	<i>1055</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>Location following units 17 Bde Sp B Ech 4 Bty 2/2 7d Regt 245525 3 Bty 2/2 7d Regt 118584 52 Bty 2/2 7d Regt <del>399658</del> 399658 2/2 Aus 7d Regt 393675 A 2/1 1 Bty 1000 A/TK 208540 2/5 Bn 117579 2/6 Bn 253567 2/1 Bn 391658. <del>2/1 Bn</del> 2/1 Bn B Ech 401669</i>	
<i>141</i>	<i>IS94</i>		<i>2/6 Bn</i>	<i>0845</i>	<i>0920</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>742/446 Location report. Below follows 22055529 21765475 21785431 22045425 22675383 23905433 22825386 21835350 20485403 20305409 21775418 under const 20965530</i>	
<i>142</i>	<i>RC94</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i> <i>Report Centre</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>1055</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>121/635 afternoon patrol left at 1155 hrs returned 2000 hrs. Nothing to report.</i>	
<i>143</i>	<i>RC25</i>		<i>2/4 Bn</i> <i>Report Centre</i>	<i>0920</i>	<i>1055</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>454/847 night patrol left at 2245 hrs returned 0915 hrs. Nothing to report.</i>	<i>W. M. M.</i>
<i>144</i>	<i>2/2</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>	<i>1150</i>	<i>1208</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>944/136 SITREP at 1130 hrs SITNOR</i>	<i>W. M. M.</i>
			<i>2/5 Bn</i>	<i>1230</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>Subst None</i>	<i>W. M. M.</i>
<i>145</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>AHQ AIF</i>	<i>1045</i>	<i>1430</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Rd COLOMBO/HANWELLA 094165 17th mile 3 inches water rising. Rd Ceylon 4 miles to 1 inch 19th mile 3 feet water rising. Rather flood can be bypassed without serious already in form. Rd HOPANA. ANGURU WATOTA 013133 21st mile 2 1/2 ft water impassable. ANGURU WATOTA ferry NOT working. Rd PANADURA KATNAPURA 18th mile 1 1/2 feet water rising. 22nd mile 3 1/2 feet rising. Rather flood expected subside this evening.</i>	



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UNIT *1st Battalion P.M.*

SHEET NO: *69*

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>446</i>	<i>1020</i>		<i>HQ A.I.F.</i>	<i>1215</i>	<i>1529</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>employment pl for this HQ. will report to W.O.I ARNOLD at MATUGAMA 26 apr 0 pl Aust HQ 2nd Bn will report same persons and place 27 apr.</i>	
			<i>2/6 BN.</i>			<i>25</i>	<i>C.W Sta at 212537 <del>with house</del> abandoned coy moved out, this sta was previously manned by H.R. Coy</i>	
	<i>Verbal</i>		<i>2/6 ?</i>	<i>1730.</i>			<i>Sitrep sitnorm</i>	
			<i>2/9 J.</i>					
	<i>Verbal</i>		<i>2/7 B.</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>TANGALLA beach patrol reported out.</i>	
<i>447</i>	<i>2/225</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>	<i>1705</i>	<i>1750</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>SITREP at 1700 hrs. @ SITNORM.</i>	
<i>448</i>	<i>C1036</i>	<i>HQ A.I.F.</i>		<i>1815</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>SITREPO sitrep @ SASA M/C patrols reports roads all clear of water.</i>	<i>W.H.M.</i>
<i>449</i>	<i>793</i>		<i>2/5 BN</i>	<i>1740</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>M/C patrol to 1650 @ nothing unusual @ roads all clear of water @ roads rough at bridge</i>	
<i>450</i>	<i>RC26</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>2040</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>offshore patrol left at 1325 hrs returned 1945 hrs @ warships and tanker travelling west reported from KUILA DICKWELLA at 1800 hrs and DONDRA at 1835 hrs.</i>	<i>RAF &amp; R.M.F. informed.</i>
<i>Telephone</i>			<i>16 Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>2110</i>	<i>2100</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>banked to know if their operation instruction No 1 has been acknowledged yet. If not could it be done as soon as possible.</i>	<i>For action 26 apr.</i>

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
			2/6 Bn		0630	26	sitrep @ sitnorm	
451	2/26		2/7 Bn	0630	0702	26	sitrep as at 0630 hrs @ SITNORM	
			2/5 Bn		0700	26	sitrep @ sitnorm	
452	C1039 HQ AIF			0705		26	sitrep @ sitnorm	
			2/7 Bn		0750	26	TANGALLA beach patrol reported in - nothing to report	
453	RC27		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0905	1010	26	501/834 night patrol left at 0001 hrs returned 0900 hrs nothing to report	
454	T95		2/5 Bn	1025	1102	26	917/330 Ref maps GALLE AMPALANGODA @ Roads flooded possible 089612 200 yards depth 3 inches 81020 roads 086681 150 yds each road 9 inches 085422 150 yds 3 inches 084665 100 yds 9 inches 054742 200 yds 7 inches 378372 200 yds 3 inches roads flooded impassable from south 894873 local est 2 miles 3 ft 882372 local est 440 yds 1ft 6 inches	
		HQ AIF			1200	26	Capt Smith report re S/9/592 (Report on results of BREITKE trial)	
455	2/27		2/7 Bn	1150	1205	26	712/108 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	
			2/6 Bn		1217	26	SITREP @ sitnorm	
456	T96		2/5 Bn	1220	1255	26	121/870 SITREP @ NORMAL	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
	verbal		DAQMG	1320		26	To Lieut. Gould 2/7 Bn to be informed that his wife is in Colombo & will be leaving late this afternoon. If he comes in specially he may see her.	Lieut Gould informed
	verbal		DAQMG	1330		26	The beer, wine & spirit returns are not yet to hand from 2/2 Ed Regt. & 2/5 Aust Inf Bn also the arrival on the adequacy of the meat & vegetable ration.	Referred to SC(L)
	verbal		DAQMG	1335		26	Transport is required today to report to the Reclamation Service station for 93 men (stevedores returning to units)	Trucks sent from 25 A
457	2/228		2/7 Bn	1350	1410	26	673/880 TANGALLA beach patrol light reported in jungle visible sea wards NW of beach. May have been signalling & extinguished when shot fired	
	Verbal.		2/7 Bn	1705		26	Reporting morning of TANGALLA Beach Patrol	file
458	T97		2/5 bn	1415	1725	26	121/317 SITREP @ NORMAL	
459	2/229		2/7 bn	1700	1725	26	454/920 SITREP at 1700 hrs @ SITNOR	
	Verbal		2/6 bn				SITREP @ NORMAL	
	phone message		HQ AF		1830	26	the required report 12 AGH 1400 hrs 27 Oct to pick up 15 men ready for discharge (from DAAG)	W.H.M. 10 SC(L)
460	by hand		2/8 fd Coy		1400	26	Location as from 1200 hrs 27 HQ 395674 & see as before 8 see files detachment from 7 see as before 9 See RAKWANA sheet 641018	



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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>Recd Thomas AIF HQ</i>			<i>26</i>	<i>Ran on mention of Ceylon in written correspondence has been lifted</i>	
<i>461</i>	<i>C1040</i>	<i>AIF HQ</i>		<i>1855</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>181/810 SITREPO no main roads in area reported impassable @ intermittent rain all day</i>	
<i>462</i>	<i>1597</i>		<i>2/6 Bn</i>	<i>1809</i>	<i>1905</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>ref arty tasks @ primary task "C" to west along beach front alternative task west along rd and by @ primary task "D" to east along beach front @ alternative task east along rd and by @ creek</i>	<i>Capt Mayberry advised message taken</i>
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>2/6 Bn</i>		<i>1905</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Capt Sheldrick Major Morris refers C.O. at opening of Rest House in CBO to morning</i>	
<i>463</i>	<i>AC28</i>		<i>2/7 Bn Report Centre</i>		<i>2000</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>112/553 afternoon patrol left 1345 hrs @ returned 1945 hrs @ nothing to report</i>	
<i>464</i>	<i>CH</i>	<i>2/2 Aust 7d Regt (Immediate)</i>		<i>2024</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>Personal Col Clement from Brig @ Depute previous instructions and our letter yesterday your W/T continues to day in clear @ Several intercepts made @ Please investigate and stop immediately</i>	
	<i>Verbal</i>		<i>2/6 Bn</i>		<i>0630</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Sitrep received</i>	
			<i>2/5 Bn</i>		<i>0640</i>		<i>Sitrep received</i>	
			<i>2/7</i>		<i>0700</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>121/702 sitrep received</i>	
<i>465</i>	<i>T98</i>		<i>2/5 Bn</i>	<i>0745</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>451/873 M/C patrol report to 0635 hrs @ nothing unusual</i>	
<i>466</i>		<i>HQ AIF</i>		<i>0710</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>SITREPO SITNOR</i>	
<i>467</i>	<i>Thoro</i>		<i>2/1 Bn</i>	<i>0845</i>	<i>0905</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>917/144 night patrol left at 2359 hrs @ returned 0845 hrs @ Nothing to report</i>	<i>Am</i>



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SHEET No 73

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
468	2/231		2/7 Bn	1142	1200	27	678/421 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNOR	
VE			2/8 7d Coy		1230	27	2/8 Aust 7d Coy at new site and now operating	
Verbal			2/5 Bn		1235	27	SITREP @ SITNOR	
Verbal			2/5 Bn		1340	27	C.O + Adj gone to opening of test house CBO	
			2/8		1330	27	M/C patrol reported out	
469	C1042	HQ AIF		1505		27	792/902 From 1200 hrs 27 2/8 7d Coy at 395676	
470	2/232		2/7 BN	1607	1630	27	742/600 location change @ "A" Coy moved to 394655 D Coy to 365513 as from 1400 hrs.	
		2/7 bn	(Verbal)		1640	27	Query as to location of "A" Coy, as relieving Coy needs relieved Coy's HQ, + will read 397655	
471		HQ A.I.F		1655		27	639/914 change of location by No 2 "A" Coy 397658 D Coy 365513.	
			2/6		1700	27	Setup situation	
472	2/234		2/7 Bn	1704	1720	27	712/372 SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ SITNOR	
473	C1043	HQ AIF		1810		27	SITREP @ SITNOR	
474	T99		2/5 bn	1815	1820	27	668/735 M/C patrol report to 1715 hrs @ nothing unusual	
475	RC58		2/7	1915	2000	27	Afternoon patrol left 1400 hrs returned 1915 hrs @ nothing to report	
				21	2115		For Lieut M'BRIDE, from Capt SHERWIN, RAE, from JAMBURUPITIYA PS unable to meet you as arranged, as he was down. Will wait at MR 705153 till you come. M/C can manage to, but not sure.	Pass to M'BRIDE when he rings.

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Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
		Phone	HQ AF		2115	27	from DAQMG - send the report Capt PEARSON, FIRE STA, CBO, to pick up 25 men working on docks, at 1000 hrs. 28 Apr	BA TO had done 2/5 instructed to meet men
		Phone	HQ AF		2245	27	from DAQMG - please advise no of staff cars in BA HQ 1800	to duty clerk
		Phone HQ AIF			2210	27	Phoned message to DAQMG. No of Staff Cars + Battle Buggies. 4 + 5 respectively	also refer to BOS HQ 2/5 2/6 12/7. reply
		Phone	Police Sta SALLE (PC 249)		2300	27	from HQ, Inspector, SALLE. Please warn P F DARDET Gnr, MX 129841, and MR HARRIS DODD, VX 656 AIF SALLE, to appear in Magistrate's Court, SALLE, on 29 Apr at 0900hrs in connection with case No 33730 O Day has detected case of theft whilst on duty at BOUSSA CAMP O Theft was of 2 blankets, property of military authority.	Fr SC in morning
		Phone	HQ AIF		2315	27	from DAQMG - following vehicles from your BGS will report HQ AIF by 1500 hrs. 28 Apr: Cars on Battle Buggies 3 (incl one on way) 15 cart 1 for 2, 30 cart 3, 2 for 4 (all each of these already detached), also 1 m/c to report Camp Cont MATUGAMA on 30 Apr. Drivers will remain with vehicles, & will be attached to HQ AIF.	Fr SC in morning
		Phone	KAMBOR, P. TIYA PS		2200	27	Message to S/P SHERGWIN to check map ref - but he had left PS.	



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UNIT 17 Assault Bde

SHEET No. 75

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
		Phons	Lt Col MURPHY		0030	28	from WAKASMULLA @ Quarry re Dr Ellis report. Request for extra day to complete job. Will ring from 2/7 later today.	RV at MULHAY @ 153075, call at HARM ANA on way. If he does not find trucks, RV at 2/7 Bn + Sgt Shegson will be told to proceed there if he rings.
			2/5			28	2/7 hrs.	
			2/6		0645	28	Sitnor	
			2/6		0640	28	Col Woods - Query did we have Smokers by phons all night? 2/6 had incident to report, but was not able to raise Bk between 2000 to 500. Incident not now in file.	my report to confirm.
476	2/235		2/7	0651	0705	28	Sitrep @ 0630 hrs @ Sitnor	
477	15100		2/6	0215	0705	28	C Troop DOX @ report green light bearing 220 deg 0040 hrs while out to sea possibly star not certain.	
478	01041	2 AIF			0705	28	SITREP @ SITNOR	
479	7100		2/5 Bn	0805	0815	28	792/873 M/C patrol reports to 1020 hrs. All reports today.	
480			2/2 7d Regt	1020	1032	28		
480	RC31		2/7 Bn Report Centre	0945	1045	28	712/410 night patrol left at 2350 hrs returned 0945 hrs @ nothing to report.	

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Serial No.	Orig To	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time	Date	Information	Action Taken
481	2/236		2/7 Bn	1535	1200	28	121/870 SITREP as at 1130 hrs @ SITNORM	
482	Verbal		2/5 Bn		1245	28	Sitrep (.) Normal.	
482	C/DHQ AIF HQ			1220		28	792/890 2 Coy AASC moved 1200 hrs 28 @ Dufours Coy HQ 404722 B C E pl FMC area on rd AKURESSA MORAWAKA from 26 to 30 mile posts @ D pl remains 025640	Units also advised
483	T/101		2/5 Bn	1415	1435	28	561/833 location statement C Coy 14 pl HQ 130559 15 pl HQ 137554 corrects 109588	
484	2/238		2/7 Bn	1620	1640	28	location change MORTAR PL now located at 406654	
485	61	<del>HR AIF</del>	HR AIF	1501	1600	28	Rd PANADURA RNP now clear of floods Road MORANA ANGURU WATOTA 5th mile 1 ft 6th mile 2 ft RMB ferry not working Rd CBO MANWELLA 19 mile clear	
486	2/239		2/6 Bn		1700	28	SITREP @ SITNOR	
486	Phone		2/7 Bn	1707	1730	28	154/920 SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ SITNOR	
487	I/5101		2/5		1745	28	Ref HQ	
487	I/5101		2/6 Bn	1740	1750	28	ref out 80 of 20 Apr @ location C Coy HQ 239526	
488	C/DHQ HQ AIF			1810		28	964/107 SITREP SITNOR 2/7 Bn mortar pl now at 406654	
489	I/102		2/5 Bn	1810	1820	28	412/996 M/C patrol report at 1655 hrs (.) Nothing unusual.	
490	C/2/5		6 Bn Prov. Coy	1700	1830	28	Sgt <del>Sanstall</del> Sanstall and Cpl Linsell NOT available until 1400 hrs 29 Apr. (.) Will arrive your H.Q. that time.	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
			<i>Capt Garrison Ofc 2 DCD</i>		<i>1845</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>(To Staff Capt) Return of detached personnel - Under instrns from HQ AIF Ceylon above det is being disbanded and all personnel under my control have been returned to respective units. Direct advices have been sent to units accompan- ied by nominal rolls as under: 2/5 Bn 1 Offr 1 OR 2/6 Bn 25 OR 3/3 Fd Regt 1 OR</i>	<i>Placed opinion etc Sch MAD</i>
<i>491</i>	<i>62.</i>		<i>HQ AIF CEYLON</i>	<i>1630</i>	<i>1905</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>HQ AIF closes MUSEAUS COLLEGE CBO 1600 hrs 24 Apr (-) Opens same time at MATUGAMA ref map 4 miles to South 097116(-) Following remain present location 3 Aust Base Post-Office Advance 2 Fd Det Finance and Audit AIF Kit Store (-) All informed.</i>	<i>I O Infor units attached MAD</i>
<i>492</i>	<i>RC 32</i>		<i>2/7 Bn</i>	<i>1915</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>741/298 Afternoon patrol left 1300 hrs returned 1950 hrs @ Nothing to report.</i>	
<i>Verbal</i>			<i>W/Cpl Garrison F.S.S.</i>		<i>2030</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Reported breach of security by soldier unknown who was on guest at a D's house in Galle Fort The unknown soldier, it is alleged is giving away information re strengths, situations and code names</i>	<i>I.O. informed (1) Two M.P.s detailed in conjunction with F.S.S. 1/cpl to watch D's house and detain soldier voluntarily in departure</i>

*Soldier to be brought  
to HQ for interrogating*

*to HQ for interrogating*



Map Ref :-

GALLE (cont)

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OPERATIONS LOG

Sheet No 78

UNIT..... 17 Aust Coy

Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
493		047 All Units			2105	28	Signal 491 repeated to All Units	
					2100		Order to R. Regiments 15 Coy 2/5 apprehended a suspect & interrogate taken in place 2300 hrs. Handled over statement - name is I Officer.	John
		Phone	2/6 Bn		0630	29	Sitrep (C) Sitnorm	
		Phone	2/5 Bn		0645	29	Sitrep (C) Normal.	
494	2/240		2/1 Bn	0630	0650	29	742/134 SITREP at 0630 hrs (C) SITNORM	
495	C1048	H.Q. AIF.			0700	29	187/414 SITREP (C) SITNOR.	
			DA 606		0800	29	Order re third staff car that was to go to division	Informed L.O. 1700 hrs 1300 hrs 1700 hrs
496	T103		2/5 Bn	0830	0840	29	742/734 M/C patrol report to 0818 hrs (C) nothing unusual	
497	R533		2/7 Bn	0905	1005	29	742/444 night patrol left 0130 hrs returned 0900 hrs (C) nothing to report	
498	2/241		2/7	1134	1155	29	764/134 SITREP as at 1130 hrs SITNORM	
499	JU 280		2/87 Day	1430	1610	29	herewith plan tubular scaffolding beach defence (C) after the demonstration has been given to 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns send set up to this HQ	Handled to B.M. (L)



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Ta
	Verbal	2/6	1735		29		Sitrep @ Sitnorm	
500	7/43	4/4	1715	1725	29	742/372	Sitrep as at 1700 hrs @ Sitnorm	
501	T104	2/5 Bn	1805	1817	29	103/330	M/C patrol report to 1715 hrs (.) nothing unusual	
Phone		2/5 Bn	1830		29		SITREP @ SITNOR	
502	C1051 HQ AIF		1835		29		SITREPO @ SITNOR	W to be
503	RC 34	2/1 Bn	1935	2045	29	454/677	Afternoon patrol left 1245 hrs returned 1935 hrs (.) nothing to report.	
Verbal		2/6 Bn	0625		30		SITREPO @ SITNOR	
Verbal		2/5 Bn	0645		30		SITREPO @ SITNOR	
<del>504</del> 504	2/21 Bn	2/7 Bn	0631	0706	30	742/134	SITREP as at 0630 hrs @ SITNORM	
505	C1052 HQ AIF		0710		30	201/143	SITREP SITNOR	W to be
506	T105	2/5 Bn	0735	0815	30	383/221	M/C patrol report to 0635 hrs (.) nothing to report.	Aly
Phone		2/7 RP	0840	0950	30	412/930	night patrol left 1200 hrs returned 0835 hrs (.) nothing to report.	



Serial No.	Orig No.	Outward To	Inward From	T.O.O.	Time Recd	Date	Information	Action Taken
507	2/246		2/1 bn	1735	1750	30	673/221 SITREP as at 1730 hrs SITNORM	
508	2/247		2/7 bn	1710	1738	30	964/901 SITREP as at 1700 hrs @ SITNORM	
Verbal			2/6 bn		1755	30	SITREP @ SITNORM	
Verbal			2/5		1755		Setup @ Sitnorm	
509	C1054 HQ AIF			1805		30	181/400 Nothing to report.	
510	T108		2/5 bn	1750	1830	30	227/335 M/C patrol report to 1715 hrs @ nothing unusual	
VERBAL			2/7 Bn		2110	30	Patrol ordered carried out early this morning @ everything normal @ all posts excepting one were alert at this CW's officer found asleep. Full report by early DR in morning.	
PHONE			DHONG		2220	30	CONRAD phone. at 26 at 15 for 26 and on at the correct destination	Handover phone passed on to S. Capt 45/46 09/01/45
verbal			2/5 Bn	0600		1	sitrep @ Sitnorm	
			2/7 Bn	0700		1	setup @ nothing to report	
511	2/248		2/7 Bn	0725		1	Ship at sea observed @ Sitnorm	
512	HQ AIF			0700		1	nothing to report	
			DHONG		0800	1	Rt. Ver. 100. 1000 to 11/TV	
513	T109		2/5 bn	0908	1030	1	540/526 M/C patrol reports to 0930 hrs. @ nothing unusual.	

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*



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April 1942

O.O.s - Op Instructions -

Adm Instructions - R.O.s etc

Appendix No 2



SUBJECT: HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
RO 177 (1)(2) of 22 Apr 42

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
TEL: GALLE 84  
I MAY 42

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HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
12 APR 42

17 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 6

FORMATION OF 17 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION CEYLON

Ref Map MORAWAKA 1" to 1 mile -

GENERAL :

1. An Inf Tng Bn is to be formed under Bde arrangements.
2. The functions of the Tng Bn will be :-
  - (a) To receive and train reinforcements.
  - (b) To constitute a depôt for "X" List personnel returning to units.
  - (c) Generally similar to A.I.F. (ME) Inf Tng Bns.

NOTE : "X" List personnel from units other than Inf Bns will return direct to their respective units and will not march in to the Tng Bn.

COMPOSITION :

3. In the first instance the Tng Bn will comprise all Inf Bn reinforcements in excess of Bn WE with the addition of a permanent staff to be appointed.
4. Personnel will be drafted to the Tng Bn in the inverse order to that of their posting to their units - i.e. the first draft to the Tng Bn will comprise those who most recently joined their unit.
5. With the exception of the permanent staff no personnel other than reinforcements will be drafted direct from units to the Tng Bn.

ORGANISATION :

6. (a) Bn HQ
- \* C.O. Major N.L. GOBLE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
  - \* Adjutant Lieut C.A.DAVIS 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
  - \* Q.M.
  - \* R.M.O. Capt F.W. WILLIAMS 2/2 Aust Fd Amb
  - \* R.S.M. W.O.I.A.A. CRAIG 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
  - \* R.Q.M.S.
  - \* Sgt Clerk
  - \* Ord. Room Clerk
  - \* "Q" storeman
  - 3 orderlies
  - \* Cook
  - Cook's Assistant
  - \* 5 Batmen
  - \* 3 Drivers M.T.
  - \* Medical Orderly.

No 5 Coy Coy HQ

No 6 Coy Coy HQ

No 7 Coy Coy HQ

- \* O.C. Captain
- \* C.S.M.
- \* C.Q.M.S.
- \* Orderly
- \* Batman

\* denotes permanent staff.



No 1 Pl HQ	No 2 Pl HQ	No 3 Pl HQ
O.C. Lieut		
Pl Sgt		
Batman		
Orderly		

No 1 Sec	No 2 Sec	No 3 Sec
Cpl		

- (b) The strength of sections will vary as the Coy strength varies.
- (c) The permanent staff will be drawn from personnel normally left out of battle.
- (d) The initial strength of the Tng Bn will be approx 16 offrs and 420 ORs.

LOCATION :

7. 395779.

M.T. :

- 8. Vehicles allotted as set out hereunder will be held at the Tng Bn until further notice :-
 

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1	15 cwt
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	30 cwt
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	1 ton.

ACCOMMODATION STORES :

- 9. Until sufficient stores are available it will be necessary for units to equip their respective coys with cooking utensils, tents and certain other accommodation stores. A detailed list of requirements will be forwarded to units later.

ARMS AND AMN :

- 10. Rifles and personal arms only will accompany personnel drafted to the tng bn. Units will transfer 150 rds .303 S.A.A. for each rifle to Q.M. Tng Bn for issue as required.
- 11. 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will arrange that all rifles and equipment of inf personnel evacuated from the Bde area are forwarded to the Tng Bn for re-issue.

PICKS AND SHOVELS :

- 12. The number of picks and shovels which will accompany personnel to the Tng Bn will be proportionate to the quantity held by the parent unit and the number of personnel drafted to the Tng Bn.

SUPPLIES :

- 13. Supplies will be drawn from D.I.D. BUSSA.



MEDICAL :

- 14. 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will arrange for evacuations from R.A.P. and for the temporary equipping of the R.A.P. Permanent equipment will be issued when available.

RECORDS :

- 15. Personnel detached as permanent staff to the Tng Bn will NOT be replaced in their unit.

Personnel drafted to the Tng Bn will be shown on AF W3012 as detached to 17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Bn.

AF W3009 will be submitted each Friday by units to the Tng Bn. Unit requirements will be fulfilled from Tng Bn in order of drafting priority and will march out to units on the following day.

The Tng Bn will submit all records and returns required of an Inf Bn.

ADM :

- 16. The Commanding Officer will have the powers of a battalion commander.

INTER-COMN :

- 17. Until L/T is established a DR service will be maintained by "K" Sec Sigs.

MOVEMENT :

- 18. In accordance with instructions already issued to 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, an advance party will be prepared to move at 1300 hrs 13 APR 42. Times of future moves will be notified.

Signed at 2100 hrs.  
Issued by Sigs.

*W. Chapman*  
Capt  
S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE

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W.D.1

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET  
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29 MAR 42

17 AUST INF BDE GP OP INSTRUCTION NO 2

STATE OF READINESS

- 1. (a) A.A. units
  - (b) Inf. unit and sub-units deployed in defensive positions for the protection of KOGGALA Aerodrome
  - (c) All other units and sub-units deployed in beach defence positions
- will at all times be ready to open fire on hostile air or marine craft as soon as they are in range.

2. On arrival of M.T., Artillery and Infantry units and sub-units employed in a mobile role for aerodrome defence will keep 75% of their personnel and "A" Echelon first line transport at 30 minutes notice to move. Until arrival of M.T. this percentage of these personnel with their personal weapons will be organised to move at 30 minutes notice, as patrols against air-borne attack.

3. Units and sub-units detailed to man beach defences, but not actually deployed, will be at one hours notice to move.

4. COAST DEFENCE UNITS.

All C.D. Btys will be at the "Immediate" state of readiness; that is (a) Day - one gun instant readiness. Remaining guns 30 minutes notice.

(b) Night - all guns instant readiness.

5. STAND TO.

All units in categories 1 to 4 above will stand to from one hour before sunrise until sunrise. Sunrise is now at 0650 hrs.

6. All other fighting tps will be at <sup>12</sup>3 hrs notice to move.

7. All other A.A. weapons will be at 5 minutes notice.

8. P.A.D.

Fire picquets, First Aid and Rescue parties will be at 5 mins notice. Other P.A.D. arrangements will be at 15 mins notice.

Ack

*Manuel*

Major

29 MAR 42  
Time of Signature 2220 hrs  
Issued by L.O.

B/M 17 AUST INF BDE GP

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43 Lt AA Bty RA	2	L.O.1 16
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2/3 AUST FD COY	4	L.O.3 18
2/5 AUST INF BN	5	O.M.E. 19
2/6 AUST INF BN	6	O.C. 5 Pt Aust HQ GD BN 20
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ROUTINE ORDERSBYBRIGADIER M.J. MOTEN. COMMANDING 17 AUST INF BDE GP

No 20

IN THE FIELD

22 Apr 4

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED"G"174. PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE

(a) Personnel on duty will continue to carry out their normal duty unless bombing is taking place in their immediate vicinity or they are directly attacked from the air. In this case they will take cover. On cessation of attack they will immediately resume normal duties.

(b) One of the party will be posted as air sentry and will give the necessary warning.

(c) Where IMGs are sited for AA Defence, these will engage the enemy only when planes are within effective range of the weapon.

175. AIR RAID or BOMBARDMENT of COLOMBO

Following instruction has been issued to CEYLON Police :-

## (a) In event of "YELLOW" warning

- (i) Stop all COLOMBO bound motor traffic, except vehicles bearing "essential services" identification on headlight, and vehicles driven by Naval, Military and RAF in uniform at nearest strategic point to Police Station.
- (ii) Enforce a TOTAL blackout of all lights, internal, external and on vehicles, in all towns and places in which a partial blackout is in existence, in event of "all clear" NOT being received before lighting up time, or "YELLOW" being received after.

(b) ALL CLEAR

- (i) Release all COLOMBO bound traffic.
- (ii) Lift TOTAL BLACKOUT, reverting to partial blackout where imposed.

176. ARMS-RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES

(a) All members of AIF are forbidden to have any arms, weapons or ammunition other than W.D. Service Types unless they are in possession of a certificate signed by the C.O. of the unit, authorising the retention of such weapons.

(b) C.Os are authorised to sign such certificates only when :-

- (i) exigencies of the service require that the member should be armed with a weapon not of "Service Type.
- (ii) the weapon is personal property obtained from a legitimate source or,
- (iii) is unserviceable and its only value is as a souvenir.

(c) In the case of sub para (ii) these arms are to be held only in addition to, and not in lieu of W.D. issue.



(d) All ranks will hand in arms and weapons for which a certificate is not granted. Units will be responsible for returning these to the nearest Ordnance Depot.

(e) THIS ORDER WILL BE REPEATED IN ALL UNIT ORDERS AND READ ON PARADE TWICE MONTHLY.

(f) The certificate will be in the following form:-

<u>NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
		is authorised to be in possession of (full description of weapon)	as { Private property souvenir a weapon

*Mauger*

Major

B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

"A & Q"

177. POWERS OF C.O.

1. For the purpose of discipline B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE will be the Commanding Officer of HQ 17 AUST INF BDE and of detachments attached from time to time to HQ 17 AUST INF BDE. AMR 237(5). (excluding K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div)

POWER OF COMPANY etc COMMANDER

2. For the purposes of discipline S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE will be the Company etc Commander of HQ 17 AUST INF BDE and of detachments attached from time to time to HQ 17 AUST INF BDE. (excluding K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div)

178. M.T. - HEADLAMPS

It has been noticed that Unit vehicles are being used with a single headlamp. In future no vehicle will be driven unless it has two effective lamps and if replacement lamps are not available the necessary exchanges will be made from one vehicle to another.

179. WATER

Boiled water only may be used for drinking.

180. FOOD

Troops will take great care in cleaning eating utensils. Food will NOT be consumed in sleeping quarters. All waste food will be burnt or kept in covered containers until emptied.

181. DRESS

Owing to the danger of intestinal infection troops will at all times wear shoes or boots, when moving out of doors or in billets or huts with earthen floors.

182. QUARTERS

All kits and bedding and sleeping quarters will be in inspection order by 0830 hrs. Troops detailed for cleaning billets and area will have this completed by 0830 hrs. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

183. HIGH PRESSURE LAMPS

Would any Officer knowing where any of the above type of lamp may be purchased please advise this HQ.



184. FERRY TOLLS

Military personnel when on duty are exempt from payment of ferry charges. The senior i/c party will hand to the Ferry Keeper a certificate stating the number of personnel and vehicles for whom free transport has been provided.

185. BOUNDS

All shops and taverns in towns and villages through out CEYLON selling Arrack or Toddy are placed out of bounds to troops.

186. POSTAL

The selling rate of Australian Postage Stamps is as under :-

1d.....	5 cents
2d.....	9 cents
3d.....	13 "
6d.....	26 "
9d.....	39 "
1/-.....	52 "
2/-.....	Rs.1.03 "
5/-.....	Rs.2.61 "
10/-.....	Rs.5.22 "

187. COMPLIMENTS

Motor cars of the following when flying the distinctive flag will be saluted by all ranks. The flag will be carried on the radiator cap and will only be flown when the officer for whom it is authorised is present in the car.:-

H.E., C in C , CEYLON	White Ensign
H.E., The Governor	Union Flag
C in C, E.I.	St. George's Cross with one red ball in top quarter nearest flagstaff.
GOC, CEYLON	Red, Black, red horizontal stripes with gold elephant in centre.
GOC, AIF	Red swallow tail
BDE Comd AIF	Blue pendant
AOC	Blue with two red stripes
C in C, Netherlands Forces in the East	Red, white, blue horizontal stripes with 3 white stars in triangle in top corner nearest flagstaff.

*ap Chapman*  
 Capt  
 S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

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CEYLON COMMAND OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Aerodroms Defence.

It is considered that:-

1. The greatest danger of attack on aerodromes in Ceylon at present is from hostile aircraft.
2. As only a limited number of L.M.Gs. are at present available for defence of aerodromes all those available will be sited primarily for A.A. defence.
3. Posts for A.A. L.M.Gs. will receive first priority when constructing aerodrome defences. As large a number of alternative positions as feasible for A.A. L.M.Gs. will be constructed.
4. Aerodrome defence boards will bear the above in mind when planning A.A. defences of aerodromes.
5. Acknowledge.

*R. H. Schenck*

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S.O.1.  
Ceylon Command.

COLOMBO.  
20 Mar. 42.  
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CEYLON COMMAND OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Aerodroms Defence.

It is considered that:-

1. The greatest danger of attack on aerodromes in Ceylon at present is from hostile aircraft.
2. As only a limited number of L.M.Gs. are at present available for defence of aerodromes all those available will be sited primarily for A.A. defence.
3. Posts for A.A. L.M.Gs. will receive first priority when constructing aerodrome defences. As large a number of alternative positions as feasible for A.A. L.M.Gs. will be constructed.
4. Aerodrome defence boards will bear the above in mind when planning A.A. defences of aerodromes.
5. Acknowledge.

*R. B. Subramanian*

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S.O.I.  
Ceylon Command.

COLOMBO.  
20 Mar. 42.  
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# Demolition

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E.N.C.A.C. No. 78

GENERAL COMMAND OF THE AIR FORCE IN CEYLON

ATTENTION: AIR FORCE

It is considered that:

1. The greatest danger of attack on aerodromes in Ceylon at present is from hostile aircraft.
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3. Posts for A.A. L.M.G.s will receive first priority when constructing aerodrome defences. As large numbers of alternative positions are feasible for A.A. L.M.G.s will be constructed.
4. Aerodrome defence posts will bear the above in mind when planning A.A. defence of aerodromes.
5. Acknowledge.

Ceylon Command  
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 P.I.  
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17 AUST INF BDE GP O.O. NO 3COAST WATCHING PATROLS

Ref Map (CEYLON 4 miles = 1 in, Sheets 3 & 4  
 ( " 1 in = 1 mile series. Sheets 80, 86, 88, 89, 92A, 93

INFORMATION

1. A Civil Coast Watching System operates in all coastal areas of CEYLON. The coast has been divided into C.W. Circles, of which the three in S.W. CEYLON are KALUTARA, GALLE, and SOUTHERN EXTENSION. Each C.W. Circle has a number of C.W. Stations, which, in turn, are responsible for from two to four C.W. Posts. The latter do the observation and reporting, the C.W. Station serving as local HQ which verify reports and then forward them to the FIRE CHIEF, CBO. Trace and details of stations and posts are att as Appx A & C.
2. Duties of C.W. Posts are :-
  - (a) Unidentified ships
  - (b) Aircraft
  - (c) Gunfire at sea
  - (d) Preparations for enemy landings
3. Reports are written on special pro-formas, taken by cycle to C.W. Station, verified by Inspector on duty and forwarded to FIRE CHIEF, Majority of stations have no telephone, and reports have to be made from nearest Police Station. Consequently there is considerable delay in communicating information. In an emergency, reports are passed by priority call to FIRE CHIEF and to BDE HQ.
4. Coast Watching Personnel are drawn from CEYLON EXCISE & EDUCATION DEPTS. They are stated to be reliable, but they lack training and equipment. They have shown desire to be of as much assistance as possible to the Army.
5. Subject to the possibility of any 5th Coln influence it is considered that these coast watchers would be inclined to exaggerate any unusual incident. While recognising this tendency units must be prepared to investigate many false alarms in the offchance that one may be real.

INTENTION

6. 17 AUST INF BDE GP will immediately establish M.C. patrols to contact existing Coast Watching Stations. & establish coast watching posts where necessary.

METHOD

7. Areas to be Patrolled by BNS

See Trace Appx "A"

8. Report Centres

- (a) 2/5 AUST INF BN : BN HQ
- (b) 2/7 AUST INF BN : WELIGAMA BAY (exact location to be selected by 2/7 AUST INF BN & signalled to this HQ)



9. Composition of Patrols

Patrols will be drawn from Carrier Pls and consist of :-

- (a) By Day : one M/Cyclist
- (b) By Night : two M/Cyclists

10. Times of Patrolling

On each of the following times one patrol from each of 2/5 & 2/7 AUST INF BNs will be despatched from unit Report Centres.

- (a) Nightly between 1800 & 0300 hrs (to commence homeward run at dawn)
- (b) Daily at 1400 hrs

11. Duties of Patrols

- (a) On leaving unit Report Centres patrols will proceed to far boundary of unit area contacting en route all Coast Watching Stations and at least half of the Coast Watching Posts.
- (b) All Coast Watching Stations will be visited on the home-ward run.
- (c) Patrols will :-
  - (i) Collect from Coast Watching Stations or Posts reports of any unusual occurrence.
  - (ii) Ensure that Coast Watchers are alert.
  - (iii) Maintain a log showing time each Post visited, whether watcher alert, and situation normal or otherwise.
  - (iv) Return and report direct to unit Report Centre without delay.
- (d) In the event of emergency :
  - (i) By Night : one M/Cyclist will return to unit Report centre immediately and the second continue the patrol to the end of the run.
  - (ii) By Day : the M/Cyclist on patrol will contact his unit Report Centre by the quickest method to report and receive instructions.
- (e) Patrol from 2/7 AUST INF BN will contact HQ of BN of CEYLON PLANTERS RIFLE CORPS at REST HOUSE, HAMBANTOTA at 0600 hrs daily.

12. Report Centres will submit patrol reports to BDE HQ immediately upon receipt.

13. These patrols will NOT alter the responsibility of BNs for coast watching on the fronts of their unit areas.

14. (a) 2/6 AUST INF BN will immediately establish the following M/C coast watching posts, to be on duty from 0400 to 0630 hrs each day :-

- (i) POINT 150548
- (ii) YAKNIGE DUWA 284504

(b) Reports by these posts will be made to BDE through BN HQ.

INTERCOMN

15. (a) Reports from unit Report Centres to BDE HQ by telephone (Civil or Military)

(b) Secondary means : by wireless when sets available and distributed.

16. BDE HQ remains NW corner GALIE FORT.



- 17. Communications with all Coast Watching Stations in CEYLON are att as Appx "B"
- 18. Reports from unit Report Centres to this HQ will be verified by authenticity code (CRCAC No 425/G)

*Paul Harris*  
Major  
B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

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APPX "C" to 17 ART INF BDE O.O. No 3 - LIST OF CIVIL COAST WATCHING STATIONS AND POSTS

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(a) Serial No of Station	(b) Name	(c) Map Ref	(d) Remarks
13	BENTOTA	Rest House 820065	Mouth of BENTOTA GANGA navigable for fishing boats, except in S.W. monsoon, Coast from BENTOTA to KOSGODA is reefless. Night post. Day post only. Night post.
	Warahena	Near 40 M Post 82704I	
	Yaklahagala Yalagana	Promontory 8202 Near 42 M Post 830I	
14	KOSGODA	8596	Sta is 600 yds N. of Police Sta on a track leading back from main rd. Day post. Night post. E. of Duwemodera.
	Arangala Nape	844980 850970	
15.	AMBALANGADA	8883	Night post. Night post. Day post. Two gaps in reef here. Harbour suitable for small craft and ship boats. Night post.
	Waturugama	869I	
	Wetlakoda	8689	
	Batapitiya	Promontory 865880	
	Usmudawa	8980	
16.	HILKADAWA	945710	Small harbour for fishing schooners. Station is opposite rest house. Day post. Reefless area 3/4 mile broad. Night post. Small harbour, narrow entrance but deep. From here to BUSSA is reefless.
	Telwatta	9275	
	Dodand uwa	975676	
	GALLE.		HQ of Superintendent of Excise. Posts in this area no longer manned by civil personnel.
17.	VELIGAMA	345I	Narrow opening in reef, 200 yds broad. Day post. Mirissa Bay suitable for ships to 10,000 tons to within 1/4 mile of shore. Night post.
	Katalawa	2352	
	Mirissa (a)	Promontory 3747	
	Mirissa (b)	369497	



(a) Serial No of Station	(b) Name	(c) Map Ref	(d) Remarks
18	DONDRA Dondra Head Gandara	5346 5345 5647	Day Post. Night Post.
19.	DICAVTELLA Hiriletaya Nilwella	6650 6850 696515	Day Post. Night Post.
20.	NAKULAGANULA Suriyaglawella Kolonnakanda Lawella	7054 717524 717519 725540	Day Post only. Night post. Reefless but not deep. Ships can approach to 1 mile. Night post.
21.	AMBALANTOTA Gurupokuna Katametiya Wapipetanwila	0669 9464 9665 0367	Harbour for small craft and ship boats. WEIawe GANGA reported to be navigable as far as ANICUT. Day post. Reefless but rocky. Rocks show. Night post. Reefless but rocky. Rocks show. Night post.
22.	HAMPANICIA Mirinda Papatupana	1870 4381 4985	Day post on MARTELLO Tower. Good harbour used by small sailing vessels. Night post. Too shallow for ships, but suitable for landing craft. Night post.

NOTE. Except where otherwise stated posts are also occupied at night.



SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION COAST WATCHING STATIONS CEYLON

No. & Name of Coast Watching Station.	Nearest Telephone Office	Type of Exchange or Call Office	Normal working hours with Sunday & holidays in brackets.	Remarks.
1. Kalpitiya	Puttalam (28 miles)	Rural Automatic Exchange Parent exchange Chilaw	7-18.30 (8-10)	The nearest Telegraph office is situated at Puttalam, 28 mls distant. No arrangements have been made for the provision of telephonic comms. with Kalpitiya.
2. Puttalam	Puttalam	-do-	-do-	-----
3. Mundel.	Mundel	Call Office only	8-12, 13-17 (9.30-10)	This is a one man office
4. Chilaw.	Chilaw	Manual	7-20 (8-10)	An officer sleeps in the office for night calls
5. Marawila	Marawila	-do-	8-12.30 13.30-17 (9-10)	A one-man office
6. Wennappuwa	Wennappuwa	-do-	8-12 & 13-17.30 (9-10)	Wennappuwa Police are extended to Negombo Exchange during closed hours. Wennappuwa messages can be handed in at the Wennappuwa exchange. An officer sleeps in the office for night calls.
7. Negombo	Negombo	Automatic	7-21 (8-10)	
8. Ja-Ela	Ja-Ela	Manual	7-20 (8-10)	
9. Mt. Lavinia	Rural Lavinia	Rural Auto-Exchange Parent Ex. Colombo.	7-20 (8-10)	Rural automatic exchange in direct comm with CBO
10. Panadure	Panadure	Manual	7-20 (8-10)	Officer sleeps in for night calls.
11. Kalutara	Kalutara	-do-	7-20 (8-10)	-do-
12. Beruwela	Beruwela	Rural Auto-Exchange Parent Ex. Kalutara	7-20 (8-10)	-----
13. Bentota	Bentota	Rural Auto-Ex. Parent Ex. Kalutara	7-20 (8-10)	-----
14. Kosgoda	Kosgoda	Rural Auto Ex. Parent Ex. Ambalangoda	8-12, 13-17 (9-10)	The Police telephone is extended to Ambalangoda Exchange during the night. Calls can be made from Kosgoda Police Station.
15. Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda	Automatic	7-20 (8-10)	-----
16. Hikkaduwa	Hikkaduwa	Manual	8-18 (9-10)	A one-man office
17. Weligama	Weligama	Rural Auto-Ex. Parent Ex. Matara.	7-20 (9-10)	
18. Dondra	Dondra	Manual	8-12.30 13.30-17 (9-10)	A one-man office
19. Dikwela	Dikwela	Manual	8-12, 13-17 (9-10)	Arrangements already exist for 24 hrs service
20. Nakulugamuwa	Dikwela (3 1/2 mls)	Manual	-do-	-do-



No. & Name of Coast Watching Station.	Nearest Telephone Office	Type of Exchange or Call Office	Normal working hours with Sunday & holidays in brackets	Remarks.
21. Ambalantota	Ambalantota		8-12, 12.45-17 (9.30 - 10)	Not connected to the General trunk system.
22. Hambantota	Hambantota		8-18 (8.30-10)	-do-
23. Arugam Bay	Akkaraipattu		8-12, 13-17 (9.30-10)	-do-
24. )				
25. )	will be informed later.			
26. )				
27. )				
28. Batticaloa	Batticaloa	--	7-20 (8-10)	Telephone comms between Batticaloa & Mullaitivu are non-existent at present.
29. Kalkudah	Kalkuda Sub-Post "A"		8-12.30 13.30-17 (9.30-10)	-do-
30. Mankoni	-do-		-do-	-do-
31. Vakarai	-do-		-do-	-do-
32. Mutur	China Bay		7-18 (9-10)	The most RAF telephone can perhaps be utilized as no telephone connection is available from the Post Office.
33. Nilavelli	Trincomalee	Auto.	7-20 (8-10)	) (a) Arrangements exist at Trincomalee for a 24-hour service. ) (b) Telephone comms to places between Batticaloa & Mullaitivu are non-existent at present.
34. Nilavelli Ferry	Trincomalee	-do-	-do-	
35. Kuchchaveli	Trincomalee	-do-	-do-	
36. Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	-	8-17 (9-10)	(i) See note (b) above (ii) Earth return telephone circuit between Mullaitivu and Vavuniya.
37. Marutankēvi	Marutakkevi	-	-	-
38. Valvedditurai	Valvedditurai	-	-	-
39. Karai Nagar	Karai Nagar	-	-	-
40. Talaimannar.	Talaimannar	-	-	-



17 AUST INF BDE O.O. NO 1

5 Apr 42

Ref Map : GALLE Centralized Sheet, Scale 1 mile to 1 inch

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) At 0800 hrs today an enemy naval force was reported off COLOMBO.
- (b) COLOMBO was raided at the same time by 50 small enemy aircraft.

2. Own Tps

See Location Statement 1 Apr 42. issued by 17 Aust Inf Bde.

INTENTION

- 3. 17 AUST INF BDE GP will defend areas now occupied and be prepared to move in any direction to attack the enemy.

METHOD

4. BUSSA FORCE

- (a) Comd - Lt-col .E. CREMOR.
- (b) Tps - all tps now at BUSSA less Mobile Coln if such is ordered under BDE COMD.
- (c) Task -
  - (i) Defence of BUSSA area and approaches.
  - (ii) Provide a Mobile Coln of one coy (Motorised) and all available Motorised Arty at BUSSA, to be ready to move as ordered by Bde.
  - (iii) *f demolitions* All tps at BUSSA (other than dets covering Rd Blocks) to be at 30 minutes notice to move, in any direction, Motorised or on foot.
  - (iv) To block rds at following places immediately:-
    - rd WEST of ferry crossing 036715, rd junction 024713, rd junction 996684.
    - To prepare rd block on Coast rd at RATGAMA LAKE entrance ( 976677 ) immediately ready to be placed in position on order by Bde.
  - (v) BUSSA FORCE will recce and prepare demolitions as per Appx "A". 2/8 AUST FD COY may be called upon for assistance, if this task should prove beyond resources of BUSSA FORCE

5. GALLE FORCE -

- (a) Comd - Lt-col D.P. STARR
- (b) Tps - 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, 3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, 7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy.
- (c) Task-
  - (i) Defence of GALLE FORT with one coy static
  - (ii) Provide Mobile Coln of one coy (Motorised) and motorised Arty under comd, ready to move as ordered by Bde.



- (iii) Be prepared to defend GALLE HARBOUR from existing dispositions, unless otherwise ordered by Bde.
- (iv) All tps under comd (less static coy in GALLE FORT) /notice to be at 30 minutes/ to move, in any direction, Motorised or on foot.

#### 6. KOGGALA FORCE -

- (a) Comd - Lt-col F.G. WOOD
- (b) Tps - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, 8 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy
- (c) Task -
  - (i) Defence of KOGGALA aerodrome with two coys static.
  - (ii) Provide Mobile Coln of one coy (Motorised) and available Arty under Comd, to be prepared to move as ordered by Bde.
  - (iii) Whole Force, *+ dets covering rd blocks & demolitions.* less two coys static, to be at 30 mins notice to move, in any direction, motorised or on foot.
  - (iv) Block rds immediately at following places :-  
Coast rd 286506, rd junction 276539, rd junction 284556, X rds 281571, rd junction 266592.
  - (v) Prepare demolitions at br as per Appx "A"
  - (vi) Provide det<sup>s</sup> of Engineers to be in posn to blow demolitions when ordered by Bde and dets of Inf to guard demolition parties.

#### 7. 2/8 AUST FD COY

Task -

- (a) Prepare demolitions as set out in Appx "A".
- (b) Contact BUSSA FORCE re assistance required in demolitions to be carried out by BUSSA FORCE.

#### 8. DEMOLITIONS

- (a) Demolitions will NOT be fired without orders from this Hq
- (b) The following code will be used by Bde to units in orders to fire demolitions:-  
"Break Serial....."  
Serial Nos of demolitions will be as Appx "A".
- (c) If and when the situation becomes more serious, this Hq may issue further orders as to responsibility for firing demolitions.



9. RD BLOCKS.

Rd blocks laid down will be covered by fire from concealed posns. Dummy posns will be built to draw enemy's fire.

10. STATE OF READINESS.

All other tps in the Bde Gp will remain in "Immediate" state of readiness.

11. VEHICLES.

Vehs for motorised cols will be kept in state of readiness.

12. BICYCLES.

Units may immediately commandeer any bicycles required for maintenance of commn with rd blocks and outlying coys only. In every case, receipts must be given to persons from whom cycles are commandeered, and a list kept.

Further requirements may be earmarked, but NOT commandeered unless, in opinion of unit CO, this action becomes immediately necessary for purposes of mobility.

ADM.

13. SUPPLY & AMN.

All units moving out from their areas will carry front line amn, and also 2 days rations on the man.

14. MEDICAL.

2/2 AUST FD AMB will form an A.D.S. immediately, at 5 mile post on back rd GALLE-AKURESSA (156585).

INTERCOMN.

15. BDE HQ remains at NW Corner GALLE FORT.

16. Should L/T fail, D/R in vehicle will be used.

17. Authenticity Code will be used to verify all operational signals or telephone conversations.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

ISSUED BY

SIGNED AT 1230 hrs.

*Thompson*  
Major  
B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE



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SERIAL	PRIORITY	PLACE	NATURE	RESPONSIBILITY		GUARD FOR DEMOLITION PROVIDED BY	REMARKS
				To prepare	To fire when ordered by BDE		
I.	8	AKURESSA 40367I	Rd Br	2/8 Fd Coy	2/8 Fd Coy	2/8 Fd Coy	
2	5	318600	Rd Br	KOGGALA FORCE	KOGGALA FORCE	KOGGALA FORCE	
3	6	352539	Rd Br	do	do	do	
4	7	369528	Rd Br	do	do	do	
5	1	286507	Rd Br	do	do	do	
6	2	286508	Ry Br	do	do	do	
7	3	977677	Rd Br	2/8 Fd Coy	2/8 Fd Coy	BUSSA FORCE	
8	4	978677	Ry Br	do	do	do	
9	9	CI67I3	Rd Br	BUSSA FORCE	BUSSA FORCE	do	
IO	IO	020705	Rd Br	do	do	do	
II	II	0367I6	Ferry Crossing	do	do	do	) ) ) assistance to be ) provided by 2/8 ) Aust Fd Coy ) if required.



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Memo - on Establish-  
-ment of F.M.C.

Appendix No 3



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MEMO : MAINTENANCE OF 17 AUST INF BDE GP DURING  
OPERATIONS IN GALLE AREA, ASSUMING RAILWAY  
AND ROADS ALONG COAST TO COLOMBO ARE DENIED.

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Map Ref :- CEYLON 1.253.440 SHEET 3.

GENERAL.

1. Owing to the distances involved and the difficult nature of the country, the normal method of supply from RH to SRP and thence to SP is considered impractical, and it is proposed to establish a Forward Maintenance Centre (FMC) in rear of AKURESSA 139067.
2. A suitable RH exist at KAHAWATTA 151126
3. ESTABLISHING OF FMC.

While present conditions prevail it is considered desirable that the formation should be maintained by FSD BUSSA. 2 Coy AASC to move to and to establish the FMC immediately, leaving a small detachment to operate DID BUSSA. The opportunity however should be taken to transfer the reserves at BUSSA (less 3 days) to the FMC, and to build up reserves there to the following scale :-

  - AMN. (a) Two 2nd line refills to incl 2nd line refill at present on AASC MT.
  - PETROL. (b) 100 miles for each veh in the formation.
  - SUPPLIES (c) 21 days ( Non-Perishable).
4. GALLE should be used as RH if the FMC is stocked as above.
5. (While present conditions prevail,) an AP and SP should be established at places to be selected and maintained by 2 Coy AASC from DID BUSSA. In the event of operations, the DID would elc and the AP and SP maintained from FMC. This course would enable units to become familiar with alterative routes to these points, having in mind that operations would involve a change from supply by day, to supply by night.
6. There is a suitable area for FMC on Rd AKURESSA - KAHAWATTA three miles north of AKURESSA at 27 mile post and extending to 30 mile post. Sufficient facilities are available for storage and parking purposes.
7. A <sup>two</sup> 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  schedule one way could be maintained from FMC to RH in daylight. This schedule would allow for replenishment of FMC as follows . :-
  - AMN. (a) 2nd line refill at rate of one third daily.
  - POL. (b) 25 miles for all vehs in Gp daily.
  - SUPS. (c) One days rations for all troops daily.
  - MAIL and MFO. (d) Daily.
  - ORD STORES. (e) (3 tons) daily.
  - ENG STORES. (f) Not exceeding 3 tons daily.



8. Night running should not be resorted to except in extreme emergency.
9. This schedule could be maintained after making allowance for the vehs necessary to make 2/7 Aust Inf Bn fully mobile. If vehs are required to make two coys 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and three coys 2/6 Aust Inf Bn mobile, a further 35 x 3 ton vehs would be required from an outside source.
10. RAILHEAD - KAHAWATTA  
Existing facilities are :-  
(a) Siding - 10 x 14 ton railway trucks can be off loaded simultaneously.  
(b) Goods shed - 100 x 20 feet.  
(c) Bulk Petrol - 11000 Galls  
(d) Bulk kerosene - 11000 Galls  
(e) Bulk diesel oil - 6850 Galls  
(f) Petrol Pump.  
(g) Sufficient buildings are available to allow for dispersal of stores and for billeting of RH det and convoy drivers. It is anticipated that at most 20 vehs would stay at RH overnight.
11. RESERVES AT RH.  
In addition to building up 21 days reserve at FMC it is considered advisable to establish further reserves at RH as follows :-  
AMN (a) Two 2nd line refills  
POL (b) Two categories.  
1. 200 miles for each veh in Gp tinned for replenishing FMC.  
2. 5000 galls bulk for AASC and Pd Amb convoy refills for round trip.  
SUPPLIES (c) 14 days (Non-Perishable)
12. These reserves are considered necessary to allow for :-  
1. interruption of L of C in rear of RH.  
2. to maintain GUINNFORCE if called on to operate East of RATNAPURA. 132148 *3/2 Aust Inf Bn and all 4*
13. It is proposed to operate RH with detachment of 2 Coy AASC
14. BILLETING AND STORAGE.  
(a) FMC.  
i MARAMBA 28 Mile Post  
School buildings.  
Schoolmasters residence  
Various native buildings.  
ii House  
iii HULANDAWA 139078  
Estate buildings  
Native buildings  
(b) RH.  
i Goods shed  
ii Various native buildings  
iii POL installations

It would be necessary to evacuate the present tenants as soon as possible from the above to enable the AASC Coy to establish the FMC and RH immediately.



15. RECOVERY.

- (a) W/Shops Platoon would be established at FMC forthwith but in the event of ops would move to DENIYAYA 150097 where a suitable area has been selected.
- (b) 46 Aust LAD att 17 Aust Inf Bde and 40 Aust LAD att 2/2 Aust Fd Regt would then carry out necessary running repairs to AASC vehs operating at FMC.
- (c) If an Ord Fd Park Section is att to the Gp, it would move to DENIYAYA with the AASC W/Shops Platoon.
- (d) Vehs requiring repairs beyond the capacity of LADs or AASC W/Shops would be evacuated through RH to COLOMBO.

16. MEDICAL.

In the event of operations - The following method of evacuating sick and wounded is suggested.

2/2 Aust Fd Amb to establish.

- (a) Two AD stations forward of AKURESSA (Mobile)
- (b) An MDS (or equivalent) in HULADAWA area - evacuation to CCS Hospital or Amb Train at RATNAPURA.

The Amb Convoy would travel with AASC Convoy departing FMC approx 0700 hrs daily. Hospital supplies to be carried as back-loading by Amb vehs. 3 x3 ton vehs would be available if required to make the Amb fully mobile.

17. PROTECTION.

AIR.

- (a) The question of Air Defence is linked very closely with the fact that RD - FMC - RH is suitable only for travel during daylight. The road is very well screened by trees most of the way, the exception being about 9 miles on either side of BULUTOTA PASS 156113. A system of staggered times past this point would lessen the chances of air attack. It is recommended that all br approaches and stone copings on rd corners at present painted white be neutralised with the exception of small guiding marks on the road-side vertical surfaces.

SABOTAGE and PARATROOPS

- (b) Standing and mobile patrols may be considered necessary at RH and vulnerable points on the road.

19. SUPPLY CONTRACTORS.

In the event of ops all contracts would lapse and all sups would be non-perishable.

19. ROAD CONTROL.

- i The FMC has been sighted with a view to keeping the sup route clear of all traffic other than AASC and Fd Amb Vehs.
- ii It is essential that the RD - FMC - RH be cleared and kept clear of all civilian traffic once this route comes into use.
- iii The Pro Det could be placed under command 2 Coy AASC to assist rd control.
- iiii Control of the supply route for block timings etc should be given to 2 Coy AASC O6.



20. WATER.

Local supplies are adequate and available throughout the Bde Area.

21. COMMUNICATIONS.

The civil line connects AKURESSA with RH . It would be of great value if this line could be used to maintain comm between FMC and RH.

22. All estimates are based on the assumption that vehs and stores loaded in MT ships at SUEZ will be delivered to units.

23. Staff tables used in compiling the foregoing are attached hereto and marked appx "A"

24. RAF.

No allowance has been made for the maintenance for RAF KOGGALA.

25. The trace showing the proposed supply layout is attached hereto marked Trace "A".

26. The recce was carried in conjunction with Lieut D.S. ESPLIN of No 2 Coy AASC, his practical knowledge has been of great assistance in compiling the foregoing.

*apc.* Capt.  
S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.



SECRET.

9 APR 42.

MEMO : SITE FOR REINFORCEMENT BN.

1. An area at HULANDAWA has been selected for the following reasons. :-

- (a) To provide local protection to the FMC.
- (b) AASC vehs are readily available in the event of movement.
- (c) Rd repair parties could be drawn at short notice.
- (d) Rear protection to Bde HQ
- (e) Accessibility to fwd units.

*ap Chapman*  
CAPT.  
S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.



STAFF TABLE

RATIONS

Troops in Area  
5400

Average Weight of Daily  
Ration per man  
5 lbs (incl canteen stores)

Total daily weight of  
rations  
27000 lbs = 4 vehs

Ordnance Stores } 1 veh  
Mail }

Engineering Stores - 1 veh

PETROL

No of gallons required for 25 miles  
for all units in Bde Gp

2000 galls plus 6% oils and  
kerosene } 3 vehs

AMN

No of vehs required to carry  
2nd line ammunition

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NO OF VEHs</u>
.303	4
2 pr A/Tk	1
25 pr	10
Mortar	5
Grenades	1
Explosives	1
Mines	1
	<u>26 vehs</u>

Allowance has been made for 2 x 3  
ton vehs for Coast Bty and AA Bty.

SUPPLIES AT PRESENT WITH UNITS (AIF)

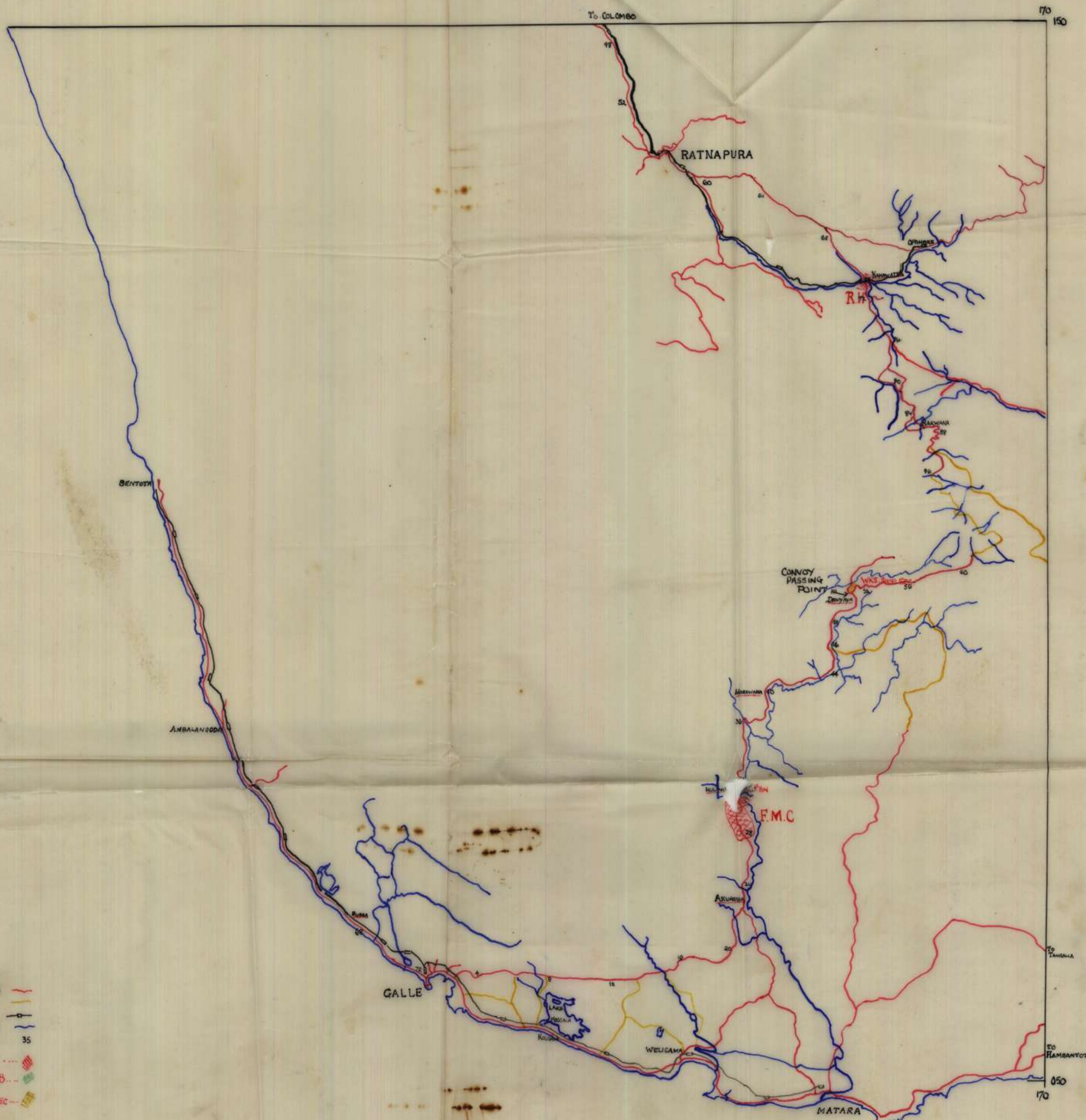
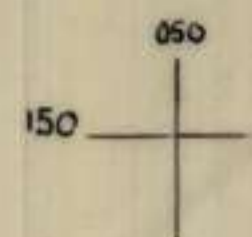
AMN. First line plus emergency supply already forwarded from COLOMBO.  
In some cases, notably 25 pr and .303 SAA, this emergency supply is in excess of 2nd line load tables.  
ENGINEERS are carrying only first line EXPLOSIVES.

(NOTE - 2nd line amn for all units at present on vehs of 2 Coy ASC.

PETROL/ Full tanks and reserve tins normally carried on the vehicle.

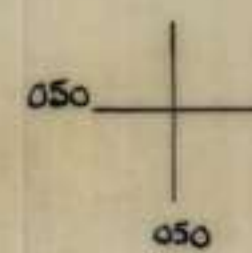
RATIONS. Four days reserve ration.





**LEGEND**

- 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS. RDS ————
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS. RDS ————
- RY ————
- RIVERS & STREAMS ————
- MILES 35
- F.M.C. - R.H. ————
- R.H. BN I.T.B. ————
- WKS SHOP Sec ————



SCALE 4 MILES = 1 INCH



Official War Diary

April 1942

Code Names & Loc Stats

Appendix No 4



WAR DIARY 1

## 17 AUST INF BDE GP

## LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1200 HRS 3 MAY

REF MAPS : GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET : RAKWANA : 1: - 1 Mile

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO
H 17 AUST INF BDE "K" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div "L" Aust LAD 5 Pl Aust Hq Gd Bn	NW Corner FORT GALLE AKURESSA	085586 397683	GALLE 84
1 COAST REGT RM, RHQ Kent Bty	75 Lighthouse St. Eglington House	GALLE 087580 GALLE 089582	GALLE 125 GALLE 83
147 BTY 43 LT AA REGT RA	rd GALLE-KOGGALA 73 Mile Post	097596	GALLE 118
2/2 Aust FD REGT ( less 3 Btys) "F" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div 40 Aust LAD 3 Bty 4 Bty 52 Bty	Rd and track junct rd GALLE-KOGGALA East of rd ry crossing Near rd junct	393675 118584 245525 399658	
"A" Tp 1 AUST A/TK REGT	Near 81 Mile Post Rd GALLE-KOGGALA	208540	
2/8 AUST FD COY (less 3 secs) 7 Sec ( less det) 8 Sec ( plus det 7 sec) 9 Sec	75 Church St GALLE rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA near Dispensary	395676 087582 233529 641018	In Support.
3 SEC 20 ARTISAN WORKS COY INDIAN ENGINEERS	rd GALLE-COLOMBO near 72 Mile Post	097593	
2/5 AUST INF BN "A" Coy "B" Coy "C" Coy "D" Coy "HQ" Coy	Near Orphanage Near rd junc 39-41 Lighthouse st GALLE rd GALLE-KOGGALA 76 Mile Post Promontory GALLE HARBOUR	117579 123574 083584 125563 108589 117587	
2/6 AUST INF BN "A" Coy "B" Coy "C" Coy "D" Coy "HQ" Coy	Termination of track School Termination of rd Termination of track	253567 204547 248566 239527 235557 252567	
2/7 AUST INF BN "A" Coy "B" Coy "C" Coy "HQ" Coy "B" ECH "D" Coy	Near 22 Mile Post rd GALLE-AKURESSA AKURESSA near Police Station South 1 1/2 Mile Post rd AKURESSA-WELIGAMA KOGGALA Lake area Nth 1 1/2 Mile Post Rd MATARA-AKURESSA Near 91 Mile Post rd WELIGAMA-MATARA	391653 397658 408651 233537 406654 401669 397658	PTO



UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	
NO 2 COY AASC (less det)	Near 27 Mile Post rd AKURESSA- HULANDAWA	404722	
det 2 Coy AASC	BUSSA Camp	025640	
2/2 AUST FD AMB (less det)	BUSSA Camp	025640	
det (MDS)	Near DEEGALA	388752	
A Coy (CRS)	BUSSA Camp	025640	
B Coy (ADS) less det	KOGGALA Area	205546	
B Coy det		118581	
2/3 AUST FD HYG SEC	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
2 AUST DENTAL UNIT	39 Lighthouse st GALLE	086584	
Det 6 AUST DIV PRO COY )	62 Lighthouse St GALLE	086584	
" " " " FIN SEC )	PORAMBA	397683	
" " " " POSTAL UNIT			
E DIV SEC 1 AUST ORD FD PARK )	rd track junc	388755	In Supp ort
6 AUST REC SEC			
17 AUST INF TNG BN	HULANDAWA	395779	



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LOCATION STATEMENT OF AIF(CEYLON) AND TPS UNDER COMD

COPY No. 2

As at 2359 hrs 15 Apr 42

File S/G/439

Ref Map CEYLON 4 miles to 1 inch

1. HQ	Place Name.	Map Ref	Remarks
HQ AIF(CEYLON)	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO		Tel CBO 9583
2. ARTY			
1 Aust A/Tk Regt (less two btys)	Military Hospital Thurston Rd, COLOMBO		under comd HQ Ceylon Comd.
49 Aust LAD	do		
1 Bty (less two tps)	HOROWALA		under comd HQ AIF(CEYLON)
3 Bty	Richmond Castle, KALUTARA SOUTH		under comd HQ Ceylon Comd.
3. ENG			
HQ RAR 6 Aust Div	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO	970118	Tel CBO 9583
22 Aust Fd Pk Coy		091118	
80 Aust LAD		091118	
4. SIGS			
HQ SIGS 6 Aust Div	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO		Tel CBO 9583
1 Coy Sigs	MATUGAMA		
HQ 2 Coy Sigs	Musaeus College		
42 Aust LAD	MATUGAMA		
5. MED			
4 AGH	St Peter's College CBO		
12 AGH	RAGAMA		
2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit		102064	
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec		102064	
6. ORD			
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	Victoria Park CBO	093115	
D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	do		
E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	do		
F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	do		
7. MISC			
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less two dets)	Musaeus College, Barnes Place, CBO		
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	do		
No 3 Aust Base P.O.	do		
Det AIF Kit Store	do		
Det AIF Finance & Audit Sec	do		
Adv 2 Echelon AIF	do		
Aust Military Liason Offr	do		
AACS (Major E.W.HAYWARD)	209 Union St, CBO		
8. 16 AUST INF BDE GP.			
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	HORANA	091142	Tel HORANA 2
5 Sec Sigs	do	091142	
45 Aust LAD	do	091142	
7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	do	091142	
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	KTR	080123	Tel KLA 11
2/2 Aust Inf Bn (less three coys)	HORANA	092141	
B Coy	KLA	078127	
C Coy	BENTOTA	082106	
D Coy	ANGURUWOTOTA	092133	

COMD	
B.M.	---
B.M.(L)	---
S.C.	---
S.C.(L)	---
LO.	---
L.O.1	---
L.O.2	---
L.O.3	---
S.G.O.	---
T.O.	---
SUPP.O	---
GD PL. COMD.	---
O.M.E.	---
MEN.O	---



2/3 Aust Inf Bn (less two coys)	ANGURUWOTOTA	092141	
A Coy	PELMADULLA	149130	
C Coy	RATNAPURA	130141	
2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	HORANA	092143	
E Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	do	092143	
43 Aust LAD	do	092143	
51 Bty	PEMBROKE	083124	
D Tp 1 Bty 1 Aust A/Tk Regt	KTR	079122	under comd
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less one sec)	HORANA	092142	
2/1 Aust Fd Amb	KTR	080123	
No 1 Coy ASC	HORANA	093143	
	do	092144	No 1 DID 064169 No 2 DID 078124
6 Aust Dental Unit	do	092141	
4 AGH Dental Unit	do	092141	
Det 6 Aust Pro Coy	do	093143	
<u>Under Comd</u>			
148/43 Lt AA Regt RA	KTR	079122	
<u>9. 17 AUST INF BDE GP</u>			
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	NW corner FORT GALLE	108058	Tel GALLE 84
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	do	108058	
46 Aust LAD	BUSSA CAMP	102064	
5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	do	102064	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	GALLE	112058	
A Coy	do	112057	
B Coy	81 Lighthouse St	108058	
C Coy	rd GALLE-KOGGALA	112056	
	76 mile post		
D Coy	promontory GALLE HARBOUR	110059	
HQ Coy		111058	
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	81 mile post rd KOGGALA-WELLIGAMA	<del>120054</del>	1500 hrs 18 Apr
	near school	120055	
A Coy	do	121054	
B Coy	83 mile post	124053	
C Coy	near rd junc	125056	
D Coy	rd KOGGALA-WELLIGAMA	121054	
HQ Coy	22 mile post rd	139065	
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	GALLE-AKURESSA		
A Coy	12 mile post rd	140065	
	AKURESSA-MATARA		
B Coy	91 mile post rd	136051	
	GALLE-WELLIGAMA		
C Coy	KOGGALA	122054	
D Coy	Police sta AKURESSA	139065	
HQ Coy (less Mortar Pl)	12 mile post rd	140065	
	AKURESSA-MATARA		
Mortar Pl	Br on rd GALLE-AKURESSA	131060	
Tng Bn		139077	
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less three btys)	BUSSA CAMP	102064	
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	do	102064	
40 Aust LAD	do	102064	
3 Bty	rd GALLE-KOGGALA	111058	
4 Bty	east of rd-ry crossing	124052	
	22 mile post rd	139065	
52 Bty	GALLE-AKURESSA		
A Tp 1 Bty 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt		139065	
2/8 Aust Fd Coy (less three secs)		108058	
7 Sec		109058	
8 Sec		123052	
9 Sec		140066	



No 2 Coy AACSC  
2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
2 Aust Dental Unit

BUSSA CAMP  
do

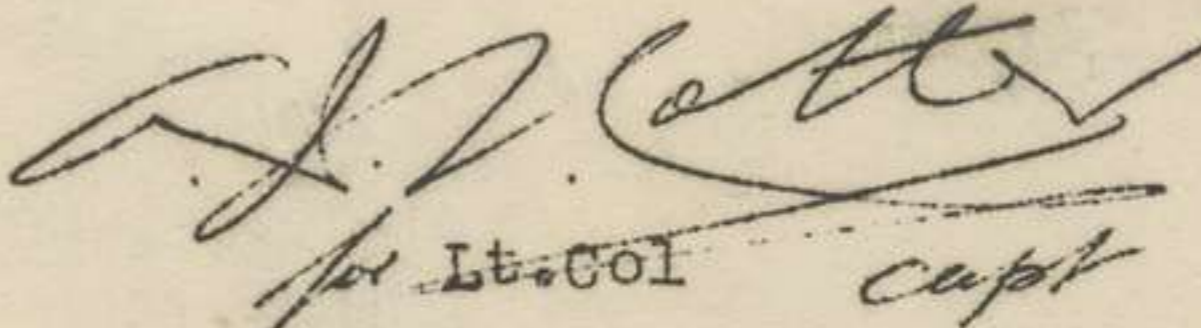
102064  
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108058

Under Comd

1 Coast Regt RM  
RHQ  
Kent Bty  
147/43 Lt AAC Regt RA  
3 Sec 20 Artisan Works Coy  
Indian Engineers

Lighthouse St GALLE

108058  
109059  
108059

  
for Lt. Col *capt*

General Staff

Distribution:

	<u>Copy No</u>
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**HQ AIF (CEYLON)**

**Tel: COLOMBO 9583**

**5 Apr 42**

**File No: S(G)/189**

Subject: CODE NAMES

Code names are allotted to units AIF (CEYLON) as attached for use until unit call signs are issued.

2. These will be used in all messages except in the addresses of messages being despatched by Post Office channels when telegraphic addresses will be used if available.

3. Care must be exercised in initiating messages that incorrect use does not compromise the code names.

4. Acknowledge

*[Signature]* Major  
Lt. Col  
General Staff

Distribution:

- |                   |    |   |
|-------------------|----|---|
| HQ CEYLON Command | 10 |   |
| 16 Aust Inf Bde   | 17 | (all units HORANA less 2/2 Aust Fd Wkshops)   |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde   | 14 | (all units GALLE area)  |
| CRE               | 2  |   |
| Sigs              | 20 |   |
| G                 | 10 |   |
| AQ                | 20 | (for issue to 4 AGH, 12 AGH, 2 Aust Anti Malaria Unit, 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop, D E F Secs 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Pro Coy, 6 Div Postal, Adv 2 Ech, Kit Store, Finance & Audit, AACS and AMLO) |
| File War Diary    | 4  |   |
| 34 Ind Div        | 3  |   |
| COLOMBO Base Area | 2  |   |

*(Return to me) Plan.  
Capt Parsons.  
Draft note re code names.  
The note should NOT be used by civil telephone service as various units are down to the postal staff + telephone nos. will compromise the code. H.A.*



Serial No	Formation or Unit	Code Name	Code Name	Formation or Unit
1	HQ AIF (CEYLON)	ATEM ✓	ANTE ✓	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
2	Adv HQ	LULLA ✓	ARAB	2/2 Aust Fd Regt
3	Reas HQ	FAGO ✓	ATEM	HQ AIF (CEYLON)
4	RAE 6 Aust Div	BATA		
5	6 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit	BOKA	BAKU	42 Aust LAD
6	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	LOXA	BATA	RAE 6 Aust Div
7	80 Aust LAD	SITE	BERO	AACS AIF (CEYLON)
8	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	BETA	BETA	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
9	No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	CUSA	BITU	5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
10	HQ No 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	TATE	BIKA	No 2 Coy AASC
11	42 Aust LAD	BAKU	BOKA	6 Div Cam Tng Unit
12	12 AGH	LOCA	BOLO	6 Div Pro Coy
13	4 AGH	COCO	BULA	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
14	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit	DERO		
15	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	LUSA	COCO	4 AGH
16	2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	COLO	COLO	2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
17	"D" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	TULO		
18	"E" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	TUPE	COLO	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
19	"F" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	LADI	CUSA	No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div
20	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BOLO		
21	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	DARI	DARI	6 Div Postal Unit
22	Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)	OMBO	DERO	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit
23	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)	GOSA		
24	Finance & Audit Det AIF (CEYLON)	PADA	ENGA	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
25	AACS Det AIF (CEYLON)	BERO		
26	ALLO	NICE	FAGO	Rear HQ AIF (CEYLON)
27	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	MIKE ✓	FUGI	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
28	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	ENGA		
29	45 Aust LAD	LORI	GALE	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
30	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	JAKO		
31	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	RANE	GAMU	2/1 Aust Fd Coy
32	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	FUGI	GOSA	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)
33	2/1 Aust Fd Regt	TUDA		
34	43 Aust LAD	SILO		
35	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	GAMU	HORA	Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
36	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	PARI		
37	6 Aust Dental Unit	SEKU	JAKO	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
38	No 1 Coy AASC	TOBI	JIMI	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
39	Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	SATI		
40	Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	LADI	F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
41	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	NOKO		
42	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	BULA	LATU	2 Aust Dental Unit
43	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	TIRO	LOCA	12 AGH
44	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	COMO ✓	LORI	45 Aust LAD
45	5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	BITU ✓	LOXA	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
46	46 Aust LAD	NERA ✓	LULLA	Adv HQ AIF (CEYLON)
47	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TICE ✓	LUSA	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
48	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	ROXA ✓		
49	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	JIMI ✓	MARE	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
50	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	ARAB ✓		
51	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	ANTE ✓	MIKE	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
52	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	POLI ✓	MULO	D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
53	2 Aust Dental Unit	LATU ✓		
54	No 2 Coy AASC	BIXA ✓	MUPE	E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
55	Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	SULLA ✓		
56	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	MARE ✓		
57	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	NOTU ✓	NERA	46 Aust LAD
58	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	VARI ✓	NICE	AMBO COLOMBO
59	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	GALE ✓	NOKO	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
			NOTU	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt



OIIBO Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)  
 PADA Finance & Audit Det  
 AIF (CEYLON)  
 PARI 2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
 POLI 2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
 RANE 2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
 ROXA 2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
 SATI Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
 SEKU 6-Aust Dental Unit  
 SILO 43 Aust LAD  
 SITE 80 Aust LAD  
 SUHA Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
  
 TATE No 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div  
 TICE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
 TIRO 51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
 TOBI No 1 Coy AASC  
 TUDA 2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
  
 VARI 4 Dty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt



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Subject - CODE NAMES.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : COLOMBO 9583

14 Apr 42

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Herewith abbreviated code list covering all units and formations in CEYLON.

2. It will be noted that code names of units of 34 Ind.Div. and Ceylon Command are changed. Previous code name lists for these formations will be destroyed.

3. There is NO change in AIF code names and therefore AIF lists will not be destroyed.

*J. J. M. M. M.*  
Lt. Col.

General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ CEYLON COMMAND	10	
16 AUST INF BDE	17	(all units HORANA less 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshops)
17 AUST INF BDE	14	(all units GALLE area)
1 AUST A/TK REGT.	1	
GRE	2	
SIGS	20	
G	10	
AQ	20	(for issue to 4 AGH, 12 AGH, 2 Aust Anti Malarial Unit, 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop, D E F Secs 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Pro Coy, 6 Div Postal, Adv 2 Ech, Kit Store Finance & Audit, AACS & AMLO.)
File, War Diary	4	
34 Ind Div	3	
COLOMBO Base Area	2	











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HQ-17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Tel GAILL 84  
Ref No ~~55/3/17~~  
10 Apr 42

I Coast Regt Royal Marines  
I47 Lt AA Bty 43 Regt RA  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/8 Aust Fd Coy  
2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
No 2 Coy AASC  
2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
RAF KOGGALA

~~55/3/17~~  
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C/47

I. Ref S(G)/I89 of 5 Apr 42, the following code names will be added to list :-

Ceylon Army Comd	BONO
" " " Adv HQ	TOXI
" " " Rear HQ	SANA
HQ Colombo Base	BETE
43 Lt AA Regt Ra	FOLE
Fortress HQ TRN	EROS
Camp Hospital BUSSA	RUXI

Major  
B.M. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

SUBJECT : CODE NAMES



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SUBJECT : CODE NAMES

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Tel GALLE 84  
Ref No C/102  
19 Apr 42

Herewith abbreviated Code List covering AIF Units in 17 Aust Inf Bde Area.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)	ATEM
" " (Adv HQ)	LUMA
" " (Rear HQ)	FAGO
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	COMO
Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	SUMA
Rear HQ " " " "	MARE
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TICE
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	ROXA
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	JIMI
2/2 Aust Pd Regt	ARAB
2/8 AustPd Coy	ANTE
2/2 Aust Pd Amb	POLI
No 2 Coy AASC	BIXA
6 Aust Div	BOLO
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	DARI
Camp Hospital BUSSA	RUKI

*W. L. L. for.* Major.  
B.M. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.



SUBJECT : CODE NAMES

SECRET

Bussa Camp

Det Finance Sec, 6 Aust Div.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Tel GALLE 84  
Ref No ~~G/102~~  
19 Apr 42

S/G 2/5

Herewith abbreviated Code List covering AIF Units in 17 Aust Inf Bde Area.

COMD	✓
B.M.	<i>Alu</i>
B.M.(L)	—
SC.	—
S.C.(L)	—
L.O.	—
L.O.1.	—
L.O.2.	—
L.O.3.	—
S.G.O.	—
T.O.	—
SUPP.O.	—
GD.PI. COMD.	—
O.M.E.	—
AMEN.O	—

HQ AIF (CEYLON)	ATEM
" " (Adv HQ)	LUMA
" " (Rear HQ)	FAGO
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	COMO
Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	SUMA
Rear HQ " " " "	MARE
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TICE
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	ROXA
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	JIMI
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	ARAB
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	ANTE
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	POLI
No 2 Coy AASC	BIXA
6 Aust Div	BOLO
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	DARI
Camp Hospital BUSSA	RUXI

10 note. *WJ*

*W. In. Mayberry Capt*  
for Major.  
B.M. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

*10/11*



Subject - CODE NAMES.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: COLOMBO 9583

13 Apr 42

File No. S/G/370

C/102

ADDENDUM TO AIF (CEYLON) CODE NAME LIST.

Serial	60	FOLO	1 AUST A/TK REGT.
"	61	DET GUME	1 BTY. 1 AUST A/TK REGT. A TO
"	62	GANA	2 BTY. 1 AUST A/TK REGT.
"	63	TIKI	3 BTY. 1 AUST A/TK REGT.
"	64	VERA	4 BTY. 1 AUST A/TK REGT.

Acknowledge.

*J. J. J. J.*  
 Lt. Col. Major  
 General Staff.

Distribution :-

HQ Ceylon Command	10	
16 Aust Inf Bde	17	(all units NORANA less 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshops).
17 Aust Inf Bde	14	(all units GALLE area.)
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CRE	2	
Sigs	20	
G	10	
AQ	20	(for issue to 4 AGH, 12 AGH 2 Aust Anti Malarial Unit, 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop, D E F Secs 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Pro Coy, 6 Div Postal, Adv 2 Ech, Kit Store Finance & Audit, AACCS and AMLO.)
File, War Diary	4	
34 Ind Div	3	
COLOMBO Base Area	2	



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SECRET.

Subject - CODE NAMES.

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: COLOMBO 9583

12 Apr 42

File No. S/G/347

This HQ S/G/314 of 10 Apr 42 is cancelled and the following substituted .

List of Code Names is amended as follows:-

Serial 12.	12 A.G.H.	Delete LOCA and insert EMTO
Serial 13.	4 A.G.H.	Delete COCO and insert HORT

Acknowledge.

*J. M. W. M. W.*  
Lt. Col. *W. W.*  
General Staff.

Distribution :

HQ Ceylon Command	10	
16 Aust Inf Bde	17	(all units HORANA less 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshops).
17 Aust Inf Bde	14	(all units GALLE area)
GRE	2	
Sigs	20	
G	10	
AQ	20	(for issue to 4 AGH, 12 AGH 2 Aust Anti Malarial Unit, 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop, D E F Secs 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Pro Coy. 6 Div Postal. Adv 2 Ech. Kit Store Finance & Audit, AACS and AMLO)
File, War Diary	4	
34 Ind Div.	3	
COLOMBO Base Area	2	



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Subject: CODE NAMES

HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel: COLOMBO 9583

5 Apr 42

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Code names are allotted to units AIF (CEYLON) as attached for use until unit call signs are issued.

2. These will be used in all messages except in the addresses of messages being despatched by Post Office channels when telegraphic addresses will be used if available,
3. Care must be exercised in initiating messages that incorrect use does not compromise the code names.
4. **Acknowledge**

*W. H. Matthews* Major  
Lt. Col  
General Staff

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Serial No	Formation or Unit	Code Name	Code Name	Formation or Unit
1	HQ AIF (CEYLON)	ATEM	ANTE	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
2	Adv HQ	LULLA	ARAB	2/2 Aust Fd Regt
3	Rea# HQ	FAGO	ATEM	HQ AIF (CEYLON)
4	RAE 6 Aust Div	BATA		
5	6 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit	BOKA	BAKU	42 Aust LAD
6	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	LOXA	BATA	RAE 6 Aust Div
7	80 Aust LAD	SITE	BERO	AACS AIF (CEYLON)
8	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	BETA	BETA	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
9	No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	CUSA	BITU	5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
10	HQ No 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	TATE	BIXA	Hc 2 Coy AASC
11	42 Aust LAD	BAKU	BOKA	6 Div Cam Tng Unit
12	12 AGH	<del>EMTO</del>	BOLO	6 Div Pro Coy
13	4 AGH	<del>HORT</del>	BULA	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
14	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit	DERO		
15	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	LUSA	<del>HORT</del>	4 AGH
16	2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	COLO	COLO	2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop
17	"D" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd	PKTULO		HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
18	"E" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd	PKMUPE	COMO	No 1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div
19	"F" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd	PKLADI	CUSA	6 Aust Div Postal Unit
20	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BOLO		6 Div Postal Unit
21	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	DARI	DARI	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit
22	Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)	OMBO	DERO	
23	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)	GOSA		
24	Finance & Audit Det AIF (CEYLON)	PADA	ENGA	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
25	AACS Det AIF (CEYLON)	BERO		
26	ALLO	NICE	FAGO	Rear HQ AIF (CEYLON)
27	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	MIKE	FUGI	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
28	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	ENGA		
29	45 Aust LAD	LORI	GALE	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
30	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	JAKO		
31	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	RANE	GAMU	2/1 Aust Fd Coy
32	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	FUGI	GOSA	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)
33	2/1 Aust Fd Regt	TUDA		
34	43 Aust LAD	SILO		
35	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	GAMU	HORA	Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
36	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	PARI		
37	6 Aust Dental Unit	SEKU	JAKO	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
38	No 1 Coy AASC	TOBI	JIMI	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
39	Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	SATI		
40	Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	LADI	F Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
41	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	NOKO		
42	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	BULA	LATU	2 Aust Dental Unit
43	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	TIRO	<del>EMTO</del>	12 AGH
44	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	COMO	LORI	45 Aust LAD
45	5-Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	BITU	LOXA	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
46	46 Aust LAD	TERA	LULLA	Adv HQ AIF (CEYLON)
47	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TICE	LUSA	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
48	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	ROXA		
49	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	JIMI	MARE	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
50	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	ARAB		
51	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	ANTE	MIKE	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
52	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	POLI	MULO	D Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
53	2 Aust Dental Unit	LATU		
54	No 2 Coy AASC	BIXA	MUPE	E Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
55	Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	SULLA		
56	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	MARE		
57	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	NOTU	TERA	46 Aust LAD
58	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	VARI	NICE	ALLO COLOMBO
59	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	GALE	NOKO	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
			NOTU	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt



1 Coast Regt R.M. ( )

DET FOLE

ARAB

1 Aust a/zh Regt (FOLO )

ANTE

TICE

ROXA

JIMI

BIXA

POLI



OMBO Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)  
 PADA Finance & Audit Det  
 AIF (CEYLON)  
 PARI 2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
 POLI 2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
 RANE 2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
 ROXA 2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
 SATI Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
 SEKU 6 Aust Dental Unit  
 SILO 43 Aust LAD  
 SITE 80 Aust LAD  
 SUIA Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
  
 TATE No 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div  
 TICE 2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
 TIRO 51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
 TOBI No 1 Coy AASC  
 TUDA 2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
  
 VARI 4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt



















UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF
2/7 AUST INF BN(Cont)		
HQ Coy(less Mortar Pl)	NORTH 12 Mile Post rd	
	MATARA-AKURESSA	406654
Mortar Pl	Bridge rd AKURESSA-	
	GALLE	319600
"B" Echelon		401669
NO 2 COY A.A.S.C.(less det)	<del>BUSSA CAMP</del>	<del>025640</del> 404722
det 2 Coy A.A.S.C.	<del>BUSSA rd GALLE MORAWAKA</del>	<del>392768</del> 025640
2/2 AUST FD AMB (less dets)	BUSSA CAMP	025640
det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	MALAGAMA	205546
" " " " "	Near School	118581
2/3 AUST FD HYGIENE UNIT	BUSSA CAMP	025640
2 AUST DENTAL UNIT	39 Lighthouse St GALLE	086584
det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit		397683
det 6 Aust Div Fin Sec )	62 Lighthouse St GALLE	086583
det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy )		
17 AUST INF BDE TNG BN	HULANDAWA	395779

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17 AUST INF BDE GP

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HRS 18 APR 42

REF MAP : GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET 1 " = 1 Mile

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO
HQ 17 AUST INF BDE	NW Corner of FORT GALLE	085586	GALLE 84
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" " " " "		
46 Aust LAD	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
5 Pl Aust Hq Gd Bn			
L COAST REGT RM			
RHQ	Lighthouse St GALLE	087580	
Kent Bty	Near Lighthouse GALLE	087580	
147 BTY 43 LT AA REGT RA	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA	097596	GALLE 118
	73 mile post		
2/2 AUST FD REGT (less 3 Btys)			
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
40 Aust LAD			
3 Bty	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA	118584	
4 Bty	EAST of Rd Ry crossing	245525	
52 Bty	Near <del>2</del> rds AKURESSA-junc GALLE	399658	
A TP 1 AUST A/TK REGT	Near 12 mile post Rd AKURESSA-WELIGAMA	405653	
2/8 AUST FD COY (less 3 secs)	9 Rampart Street GALLE	085583	
7 Sec	75 Church Street GALLE	087582	
8 Sec	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA near dispensary	233529	
9 Sec	AKURESSA	401669	
3 SEC 20 ARTISAN WORKS COY INDIAN ENGINEERS	Rd GALLE-COLOMBO near 72 Mile post	079593	
2/5 AUST INF BN	near ORPHANAGE	117579	
A Coy	Near rd Junction	123574	
B Coy	39-41 Lighthouse St GALLE	086584	
C Coy	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA 76 Mile Post	125563	
D Coy	Promontory GALLE HARBOUR	108589	
HQ Coy		117587	
2/6 AUST INF BN		252566	= 251562/24/42
A Coy	Near SCHOOL	198554	
B Coy	" "	206543	
C Coy	83 Mile Post	240526	
D Coy	TERMINATION OF RD.	235557	
HQ Coy	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA	210541	
2/7 AUST INF BN	Near 22 mile post Rd GALLE-AKURESSA	391653	
A Coy	SOUTH of 12 milepost Rd MATARA-AKURESSA	408651	
B Coy	WELIGAMA Bay Area near 91 mile post	365513	
C Coy	KOGGALA LAKE area	210658	233532
D Coy	AKURESSA near Police Sta	397658	
HQ Coy (less Mortar PL)	NORTH 12 mile post rd MATARA-AKURESSA	406654	



UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO
Mortar Pl	14 mile post rd AKURESSA -GALLE	317600	
NO 2 COY A.A.S.C. (less det )	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
Det 2 Coy A.A.S.C.	Rd GALLE-MORAWAKA	392768	
2/2 AUST FD AMB (less dets)	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	MALAGAMA	205546	
" " " " "	NEAR SCHOOL	118581	
2 AUST ANTI MALARIAL UNIT )	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
2/3 AUST FD HYGIENE UNIT )			
2 AUST DENTAL UNIT	39 Lighthouse Street GALLE	086584	
Det 6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
Det 6 AUST DIV FIN SEC)	62 Lighthouse Street GALLE	086583	
Det 6 AUST DIV PRO COY)			
17 AUST INF BDE TNG BN	HULANDAWA	395779	



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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : COLOMBO 9583

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2/2 Fd Regt	Rm
2/8 Provoy	10/43 AA
2/3	a Atp Cth
2/6	RAF
2/7	26/AAAC
2/2nd Amb.	2/4/42

Herewith abbreviated code list covering all units and formations in CEYLON.

2. It will be noted that code names of units of 34 Ind.Div. and Ceylon Command are changed. Previous code name lists for these formations will be destroyed.

*Destroyed  
AIF list*

3. There is NO change in AIF code names and therefore AIF lists will not be destroyed.

*J. M. S. Raju*  
 Lt. Col.  
 General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ CEYLON COMMAND	10
16 AUST INF BDE	17
17 AUST INF BDE	14
1 AUST A/TK. REGT.	1
GRE	2
SIGS	20
G	10
AQ	20
File, War Diary	4
34 Ind Div	3
COLOMBO Base Area	2

(all units HORANA less 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshops)  
(all units GALLE area)

(for issue to 4 AGH, 12 AGH, 2 Aust Anti Malarial Unit, 2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec, 2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop, D E F Secs 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Pro Coy, 6 Div Postal, Adv 2 Ech, Kit Store Finance & Audit, AACS & AMLO.)

COMD	
B.M.	<i>Alu</i>
B.M.(L)	
S.C.	
S.C.(L)	
X I.O.	X
L.O.1	
L.O.2	
L.O.3	
X SIG.O.	X
T.O.	
SUPP.O	
GD.PI. COMD.	
O.M.E.	
AMEN.O	

*Issue to all units in Bde area +*  
*RAF. Koggala.*  
*16/4/42*  
*Alu*







<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Formation or Unit.</u>	<u>Code Name.</u>	<u>Code Name.</u>	<u>Formation or Unit.</u>
61	2/2 AUST FD REGT.	ARAB	MARE	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.
62	2/8 AUST FD COY.	ANTE		
63	2/2 AUST FD AMB.	POLI	MIKE	HQ 16 AUST INF BDE
64	No.2 COY. AASC.	BIXA	MENA	1/2 K.A.R.
65	Adv.HQ 17 AUST INF BDE.	SUMA	METO	51 FD REGT.
66	Rear HQ 17 AUST INF BDE.	MARE	MONE	Rear HQ. 21 E.A. BDE
			MOTA	H.Q.R.E. 34 IND DIV.
			x NATE	8 PUNJAB
			OBID	2 LEICESTERS
			PORO	4 C.L.I.
			PANA	34 IND DIV SIGS
			PARI	2/1 AUST FD AMB
			POLI	2/2 AUST FD AMB
			RAXA	55 LT.A.A.REGT. R.A.
			ROTI	15 COAST BTY R.A.
			RUXI	CAMP HOSP. BUSSA
			RANE	2/2 AUST INF BN
			ROXA	2/6 AUST INF BN
			RONO	14 F.F.REGT.
			SABO	1 C.L.I.
			SALO	CAMP HOSP. DYT.
			SANA	Ceylon Army Command Rear HQ.
			SATI	Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
			SUMA	Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
			TOXI	Adv HQ Ceylon Army Comd
			TATO	6 COAST REGT R.A.
			TOPE	165 LT.A.A.BTY.
			TICE	2/5 AUST INF BN.
			TOBI	No. 1 COY AASC.
			TUDA	2/1 AUST FD REGT.
			TUTE	HQ 21 E.A. BDE
			TORO	9 F.F. Rif.
			UNED	D.A.D.O.S. 34 IND DIV.
			WANA	1 North.Rhodesia Regt.
			x NOTA	Rear HQ 100 Inf Bde.
67	HQ. 34 IND. DIV.	ENID		
68	Adv.HQ. 34 IND DIV.	FINO		
69	Rear " " " "	HOPA		
70	H.Q.R.A.34 IND DIV.	KONE		
71	H.Q.R.E.34 IND DIV.	NOTA		
72	H.Q. 34 IND DIV SIGS.	PANA		
73	D.A.D.O.S.34 IND DIV.	UNED		
74	HQ. 16 INF. BDE	GINO		
75	Adv HQ. 16 INF BDE	BOBI		
76	Rear HQ " " "	GOKO		
77	51 FD REGT	METO		
78	2 FD COY.	FANI		
79	2 QUEENS.	DAPI		
80	2 KINGS.	HOME		
81	2 LEICESTER.	OBID		
82	HQ. 21 E.A. BDE.	TUTE		
83	Adv.HQ. 21 E.A.BDE.	ANUS		
84	Rear " " " "	NONE		
85	1 NORTH RHODESIA REGT.	WANA		
86	1/4 K.A.R.	EBOR		
87	1/2 K.A.R.	MENA		
88	HQ. 100 INF BDE.	HATE		
89	Adv HQ. 100 INF BDE.	ETOR		
90	Rear " " " "	NOTA		
91	9 F.F. Rif.	TORO		
92	14 F.F.REGT.	RONO		
93	14 PUNJAB.	APUD		
94	HQ 99 INF BDE.	FENI		
95	Adv HQ. 99 INF BDE.	GITO		
96	Rear " " " "	LUNE		
97	8 PUNJAB	NATE		
98	15 PUNJAB	LATI		
99	16 PUNJAB	KATE		



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17 AUST INF BDE GPLOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HRS 18 APR 42REF MAP : GALLE CENTRALISED SHEET 1 " = 1 Mile

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO		
HQ 17 AUST INF BDE	NW Corner of FORT GALLE	085586	GALLE 84		
K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" " " " "				
46 Aust LAD	BUSSA CAMP				
5 Pl Aust Hq Gd Bn					
025640					
L COAST REGT RM					
RHQ	Lighthouse St GALLE	087580			
Kent Bty	Near Lighthouse GALLE	087580			
147 BTY 43 LT AA REGT RA	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA				
	73 mile post	097596	GALLE 118		
2/2 AUST FD REGT (less 3 Btys)					
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	BUSSA CAMP	025640			
40 Aust LAD					
3 Bty				Rd GALLE-KOGGALA	118584
4 Bty				EAST of Rd Ry crossing	245525
52 Bty				Near X rds AKURESSA-GALLE	399658
A TP 1 AUST A/TK REGT	Near 12 mile post Rd				
	AKURESSA-WELIGAMA	405653			
2/8 AUST FD COY (less 3 secs)	9 Rampart Street GALLE	085583			
7 Sec	75 Church Street GALLE	087582			
8 Sec	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA near				
	dispensary	233529			
9 Sec	AKURESSA	401669			
3 SEC 20 ARTISAN WORKS COY	Rd GALLE-COLOMBO				
INDIAN ENGINEERS	near 72 Mile post	079593			
2/5 AUST INF BN	near ORPHANAGE	117579			
A Coy	Near rd Junction	123574			
B Coy	39-41 Lighthouse St				
	GALLE	086584			
C Coy	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA 76 Mile				
	Post	125563			
D Coy	Promontory GALLE HARBOUR	108589			
HQ Coy		117587			
2/6 AUST INF BN		252566			
A Coy	Near SCHOOL	198554			
B Coy	" "	206543			
C Coy	83 Mile Post	240526			
D Coy	TERMINATION OF RD.	235557			
HQ Coy	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA	210541			
2/7 AUST INF BN	Near 22 mile post Rd				
	GALLE-AKURESSA	391653			
A Coy	SOUTH of 12 mile post Rd				
	MATARA-AKURESSA	408651			
B Coy	WELIGAMA Bay Area near				
	91 mile post	365513			
C Coy	KOGGALA LAKE area	210658			
D Coy	AKURESSA near Police Sta	397658			
HQ Coy (less Mortar PL)	NORTH 12 mile post rd				
	MATARA-AKURESSA	406654			



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2/2 AUST FD AMB (less dets)	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	MALAGAMA	205546	
" " " " "	NEAR SCHOOL	118581	
2 AUST ANTI MALARIAL UNIT )	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
2/3 AUST FD HYGIENE UNIT )			
2 AUST DENTAL UNIT	39 Lighthouse Street GALLE	086584	
Det 6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
Det 6 AUST DIV FIN SEC)	62 Lighthouse Street GALLE	086583	
Det 6 AUST DIV PRO COY)			
17 AUST INF BDE TNG BN	HULANDAWA	395779	



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(as at 2359 hrs - 2 Apr 42)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP SHEET</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. <u>HQ</u>			
HQ AIF (CEYLON)	Musaous College Barnes Place COLOMBO		Tel: COLOMBO 9583
2. <u>ARTY</u>			
2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	922436		
"E" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	922436		
42 Aust LAD	922436	do	
51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	799225	do	
2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less two btys)	023640		
"F" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	025640		GALLE-CENTRALISED 1/63360
40 Aust LAD	023640	do	
3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	118584	do	
4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	208540	do	
3. <u>ENG</u>			
HQ RA2 6 Aust Div	Musaous College Barnes Place COLOMBO		Tel: COLOMBO 9583
2/1 Aust Fd Coy (less one sec)	920423		
1 Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy	795225		HORANA 1/63360
2/8 Aust Fd Coy (less three secs)	<del>087583</del> 023640	do	
8 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy			GALLE-CENTRALISED 1/63360
7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	233529	do	
9 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	087582	do	
22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	401669	do	
80 Aust LAD	920423		HORANA 1/63360
6 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit	920423 Musaous College Barnes Place COLOMBO	do	Tel: COLOMBO 9583
4. <u>SIGS</u>			
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	Musaous College Barnes Place COLOMBO		Tel: COLOMBO 9583
1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	919439		
HQ 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	920431		HORANA 1/63360
42 Aust LAD	920431	do	
		do	



5. INF

HQ 16 Aust Inf Dde

919423

HORANA 1/63360

Tel:

HORANA 2

"J" Sec Sigs 6 Aust  
Div

919423

do

45 Aust LAD

919423

do

7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn

919423

do

2/1 Aust Inf Bn

795225

do

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

920419

do

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

920415

do

HQ 17 Aust Inf Dde

085586

GALLE CENTRALISED  
1/63360

Tel:

GALLE 84

"K" Sec Sigs 6 Aust  
Div

025640

do

46 Aust LAD

025640

do

5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn

025640

do

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Light House St

GALLE

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

205540

GALLE CENTRALISED  
1/63360

(less four coys)

A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 198553

do

B Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 207542

do

C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 235527

do

D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 254564

do

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

025640

do

near X roads

6. MISC

No 1 Coy MISC

924440

HORANA 1/63360

No 2 Coy MISC

025640

GALLE CENTRALISED  
1/633607. MEDICAL

4 AGH

St Peter's College

Tel:

COLCIBO

COLCIBO 8281

12 AGH

RAGAMA

Tel:

RAGAMA 801

2/1 Aust Fd Amb

930432

HORANA 1/63360

2/2 Aust Fd Amb

025640

GALLE CENTRALISED  
1/633602 Aust Anti Malarial  
Control Unit

025640

do

2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec

025640

do

2 Aust Dental Unit

025640

do

6 Aust Dental Unit

920415

HORANA 1/63360

8. CRD

2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop

920443

HORANA 1/63360

"D" Div Sec 1 Aust Crd  
Fd Pk

Musaeus College

Barnes Place

COLCIBO

"E" Div Sec 1 Aust Crd  
Fd Pk

do

"F" Div Sec 1 Aust Crd  
Fd Pk

do

9. MISC6 Aust Div Pro Coy  
(less two dots)

Musaeus College

Barnes Place

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1 Det 6 Aust Div  
Pro Coy

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Coy~~HORANA~~ 62 Lighthouse St, GALLE.

6 Aust Div Postal Unit

Musaeus College

No 3 Aust Base P.C.

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Det AIF Kit Store

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Aust Inf Dde

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Aust Inf Dde



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AICS (Major HAYWARD)	209 Union St COLMDC

*Major*  
Lt. Col Major  
General Staff

Distribution:

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16 Aust Inf Bde	9	1 - 9
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Sigs	3	23 - 25
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17 AUST INF BDE GP

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 hrs 17 APR 42

REF MAP : GALLE CENTRALIZED SHEET 1 IN = 1 MILE

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO
HQ 17 AUST INF BDE	NW Corner of FORT GALLE	085586	GALLE 84
K-Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" " " "	"	" "
46 Aust LAD	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
5 Aust HQ Gd Bn			
1 COAST REGT RM			
RHQ	Lighthouse St GALLE	087580	
Kent Bty	Near Lighthouse GALLE	087580	
Lt AA Bty	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
147 BTY 43 LT AA REGT RA	Rd GALLE - KOGGALA 73 Mile Post	097596	GALLE 178
2/2 AUST FD REGT			
RHQ	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
F Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div			
40 Aust LAD			
3 Bty			
4 Bty	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA EAST of Rd Ry Crossing	178584 245525	
FTP 52 BTY	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
"A" TP 1 AUST A/TK <del>BTY</del> <i>Regt</i>	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
2/8 AUST FD COY			
HQ	9 Rampart St GALLE	085583	
7 Sec	75 Church St GALLE	087582	
8 Sec	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA Near Dispensary	233529	
9 Sec	AKURESSA	401669	
3 SEC 20 ARTISAN WORKS COY INDIA N ENGINEERS	Rd GALLE - COLOMBO near 72 Mile Post	079593	
2/5 AUST INF BN			
HQ	39-41 Lighthouse St GALLE	086584	
A Coy		123574	
B Coy	81 Lighthouse St GALLE	086581	
C Coy	Rd GALLE-KOGGALA 76 Mile Post	125563	
D Coy	Promontory, GALLE HARBOUR	108589	
HQ Coy	69 Leynbaan St GALLE	088583	
2/6 AUST INF BN			
HQ	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA 81 Mile Post	208540	
A Coy	Near school	198554	
B Coy	" "	206543	
C Coy	83 Mile Post	240526	
D Coy	Near Rd Junction	253564	
HQ Coy	Rd KOGGALA-WELIGAMA	210541	
2/7 AUST INF BN			
HQ	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
A Coy	Near school	996662	
B Coy	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
C Coy	KOGGALA	025640	226537
D Coy	Rd WELIGAMA-MATARA near 90 Mile Post	346518	
HQ Coy (less Mortar Fl)	BUSSA CAMP	025640	(PTO)

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UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	TEL NO
Mortat P1	Br on rd GALLE- AKURESSA	319600	
2 COY A.A.S.C. ) 2/2 AUST FD AMB ) 2 AUST ANTI MALARIAL UNIT ) 2/3 AUST FD HYGIENE UNIT ) 2 AUST DENTAL UNIT	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
	39 Lighthouse St GALLE	086584	
DET 6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT	BUSSA CAMP	025640	
DET 6 AUST DIV FIN SEC ) DET 6 AUST DIV PRO COY )	62 Lighthouse St GALLE	086583	



2/4 West Inf Bn  
14 April 42.

Location Plate.

R. HQ.	391 653.	Near 22 MILE PORT GALLE - AKURESSA ROAD.
A Coy.	408. 651.	South of 12 MILE PORT MATARA - AKURESSA RD.
B Coy.	365 513.	Veligama Bay. Near. 91 Mile Port
C Coy.	210 540.	Roggala Lake Area.
D Coy.	397 658.	Akuressa Police Station area.
HQ Coy	406 654	North 12 MILE Port. MATARA - AKURESSA
MORTAR. PL	317 600	14 MILE BRIDGE.



Operations Table

17 Aust. Inf. Bde

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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

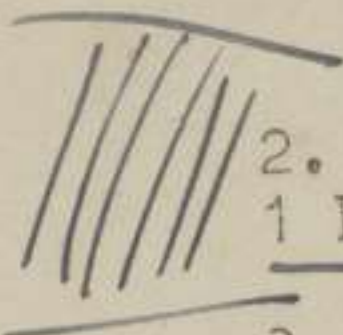
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28 Apr 42

File No.: S/G/700

Herewith the following Lists of Code Names -

- (i) Cey. Comd, CBO Base Area and AA Comd Units
- (ii) 34 Ind Div
- (iii) AIF (CEYLON)



2. These Code Names will be taken into use at 0001 hrs on  
1 May 42.

3. Present lists of Code Names will be retained for 24 hours  
and then be destroyed by burning. Destruction certificates will  
be rendered.

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. Major

General Staff

DISTRIBUTION

<u>Unit</u>	<u>List (i) Copy No.</u>	<u>List (ii) Copy No.</u>	<u>List (iii) Copy No.</u>
16 Aust Inf Bde	19	116	16 - 30
17 Aust Inf Bde	20	117	31 - 50
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	21	118	51 - 54
CRE	22	119	55 - 57
Sigs	23 - 24	120-21	58 - 67
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	25	122	68
AQ	26	123	69 - 88
File	27	124	89 - 90
War Diary	28	125	91 - 92



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17 Bde

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HQ AIF (CEYLON)

Tel : MATUGAMA 04

1 May 42

File No : S/G/745

The following correction is made in AIF Alphabetical Code List, S/G/700 28 Apr 42:-

Code Name

NOPO

- 2/1 Aust Fd Coy

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General Staff

DISTRIBUTION

16 Aust Inf Bde	15
17 Aust Inf Bde	20
1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt	4
CRE	4
Sigs	10
2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop	1
AQ	20
File	2
War Diary	2

*distributed as per ~~steps~~ list attached ~~forward~~ under paper.*

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B.M.(L)	<i>W. L. L.</i>
S.C.	
S.C.(L)	
I.O.	<i>AM</i>
L.O.1.	
L.O.2.	
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CEYLON ARMY COMMAND  
CODE NAMES  
A.I.F. (CEYLON) UNITS  
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Serial No.	FORMATION/UNIT.	Code Name.	Code Name.	FORMATION/UNIT.
1.	H.Q. A.I.F. (CEYLON)	TITO.	BULO.	R.A.E. 6 Aust. Div.
2.	*Adv.HQ -do-	VAPO.	*BURA.	Rear HQ. AIF (CEYLON).
3.	*RearHQ -do-	BURA.		
4.	R.A.E. 6 Aust Div.	BULO.	*DATA.	Adv.HQ. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.
5.	1 Aust A/Tk Regt.	LUVO.	DATU.	3 Bty. 2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.
6.	1 Bty. Aust A/Tk Regt.	NIRA.	DINU.	5 Pl. Aust. HQ. Gd. Bn.
7.	2 Bty. -do-	DUDO.	DUBA.	6 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.
8.	3 Bty. -do-	SELA.	DUDU.	2 Bty. Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
9.	4 Bty. -do-	HUMA.	DUMO.	2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn.
10.	6 Aust. Div. Cam. Tng. Unit.	ROTO.		
11.	22 Aust. Fd. Pk. Coy.	LITO.	FAPU.	7 Pl. Aust HQ. Gd. Bn.
12.	80 Aust. LAD.	VELA.	FATO.	2 Coy. A.A.S.C.
13.	HQ. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.	NOHO.	FAZA.	Spare.
14.	1 Coy. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.	GAVO.	FEMA.	Adv. 2nd. Ech. AIF (CEYLON).
15.	HQ. 2 Coy. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.	GAGA.		
16.	42 Aust. LAD.	TAGO.	GAGA.	HQ. 2 Coy. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.
17.	2 Aust. Anti-Malarial Control Unit.	JIKA.	GANA.	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON).
18.	2/3 Aust. Fd. Hyg. Sec.	NOFA.	GAVO.	1 Coy. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.
19.	2/2 Aust. A Fd. W/Shop.	TEVO.	GAXA.	2 Bty. 2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.
20.	"D" Div. Sec. 1 Aust. Ord. Fd. Pk.		GUPO.	Spare.
21.	"E" -do-	JAPA.	HELA.	52 Bty. 2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.
22.	"F" -do-	LUDO.	HIJA.	Spare.
23.	6 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.	VAMA.	HORO.	Spare.
24.	6 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.	NORA.	HUMA.	4 Bty. Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
25.	Adv. 2nd. Ech. AIF (CEYLON)	DUBA.		
26.	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)	FEMA.	JAPA.	"D" Div. Sec. 1 Aust. Fd. Pk.
27.	Finance & Audit Det. A.I.F. (CEYLON)	GANA.	JAXA.	2/3 Aust. Inf. Bn.
28.	AACS Det. AIF (CEYLON)	SUVA.	JEDA.	HQ. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.
29.	A.M.L.O.	TUNO.	JEDO.	2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn.
30.	17 A.I.T.B.	MEXA.	JIKA.	2 Aust. Anti-Malarial Control Unit.
31.	Camp, BUSSA.	VAGA.	JOXO.	Spare.
32.	H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.	TALO.	JUSA.	Spare.
33.	*Adv.HQ -do-	JEDA.	JUSO.	51 Bty. 2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.
34.	*Rear HQ -do-	TABO.		
35.	1 Bty. 2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.	NISA.	LETA.	43 Aust. LAD.
36.	2 Bty. -do-	NEBA.	LIBO.	2/2 Aust. Fd. Amb.
37.	51 Bty. -do-	GAXA.	LIGO.	Spare.
38.	7 Pl. Aust. HQ. Gd. Bn.	JUSO.	LITO.	2/2 Aust. Fd. Pk. Coy.
39.	45 Aust. LAD.	FAPU.	LUDO.	"E" Div. Sec. 1 Aust. Ord. Fd. Pk.
40.	2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn.	TAHA.	LUHO.	2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.
41.	2/2 -do-	JEDO.	LUVO.	1 Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
42.	2/3 -do-	DUMO.		
43.	2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.	JAXA.	MESO.	2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.
44.	43 Aust. LAD.	MESO.	MEXA.	A.M.L.O.
45.	2/1 Aust. Fd. Coy.	LETA.		
46.	2/1 Aust. Fd. Amb.	NOPO.	NEBA.	1 Bty. 2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt.
47.	6 Aust. Dental Unit.	TEXO.	NIPU.	2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.
48.	1 Coy. A.A.S.C.	SECA.	NIRA.	1 Bty. Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
49.	HQ. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.	PIRO.	*NISA.	Rear HQ. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.
50.	*Adv.HQ -do-	NODU.	NODU.	H.Q. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.
51.	*Rear HQ -do-	DATA.	NOFA.	2/3 Aust. Fd. Hyg. Sec.
52.	3 Bty. 2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.	NUXO.	NOHO.	HQ. Sigs. 6 Aust. Div.
53.	4 Bty. -do-	DATU.	NOLO.	Spare.
54.	52 Bty. -do-	VIKA.	NOPO.	2/1 Aust. Fd. Coy. NOPO
55.	5 Pl. Aust. HQ. Gd. Bn.	HELA.	NORA.	6 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.
56.	46 Aust. LAD.	DINU.	NOZO.	2/6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
		TAMA.	*NUXO.	Rear HQ. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Serial No.	FORMATION/UNIT.	Code Name.	Code Name.	FORMATION/UNIT.
57.	2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.	NIPU.	PIRO..	1 Coy. A.A.S.C.
58.	2/6 -do-	NOZO.		
59.	2/7 -do-	RONA.	RAGO..	"Kent" Bty. 1 Coast Regt. R.M.
60.	2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.	LUHO.	REXO..	Spare.
61.	2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy.	VUBA.	ROMA..	Spare.
62.	2/2 Aust. Fd. Amb.	LIBO.	RONA..	2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.
63.	2 Aust. Dental Unit.	TESO.	ROTO..	6 Aust. Div. Cam. Tng. Unit.
64.	2 Coy. A.A.S.C.	FATO.	ROVO..	Spare.
65.	Spare. <i>R.I.P Base Jabulu</i>	REXO.		
66.	"	ROVO.	SECA..	6 Aust. Dental Unit.
67.	"	HORO.	SELA..	3 Bty. Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
68.	"	NOLO.	SUVA..	Finance & Audit Det.
69.	"	ROMA.		AIF (CEYLON).
70.	"	JOXO.		

Additional.  
 "Kent" Bty. 1 Coast Regt. R.M., RAGO.

\*TABO.. Adv. HQ. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
 TAGO.. 42 Aust. LAD.  
 TAHA.. 45 Aust. LAD.  
 TALO.. Camp BUSSA.  
 TAMA.. 46 Aust. LAD.  
 TESO.. 2 Aust. Dental Unit.  
 TEVO.. 2/2 Aust. A Fd. W/Shop.  
 TEXO.. 2/1 Aust. Fd. Unit.  
 TITO.. H.Q. AIF (CEYLON).  
 TUNO.. A.A.C.S. Det. AIF.  
  
 VAGA.. 17 A.I.T.B.  
 VAMA.. "F" Div. Sec. 1 Aust. Ord. Fd. Pk  
 \*VAPO.. Adv. HQ. AIF. (CEYLON).  
 VELA.. 80 Aust. LAD.  
 VIKA.. 4 Bty. 2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.  
 VUBA.. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy.

NOTE. \* When operating separately.

Addendum :-  
 4 A.G.H. .... GULA.  
 12 A.G.H. .... TUXO.



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CEYLON ARMY COMMAND  
CODE NAMES

COMMAND, CBO BASE AREA AND A.A. COMMAND UNITS

Serial	UNIT/FORMATION	Code Name	Code Name	UNIT/FORMATION
1.	C-in-C, CEYLON	DIVU	BORO	11 Depot Med. Stores
2.	Sig. Office C-in-C, CEYLON	FOBO	BOTO	9 Fd. Depot, I.A.O.C.
3.	CEYLON ARMY COMMAND	RAZO	BUTO	Spare
4.	#Adv. H.Q. -do-	FODA	BUVA	Sig. Office Rear HQ Army Comd.
5.	#Rear H.Q. -do-	JILO	DATO	1 Sec. 4 Ord. Mob. W/S Coy.
6.	H.Q.R.A.	NEMO	DAYA	R.M. Sigs. CBO.
7.	H.Q.R.E.	NIGO	DEFO	H.Q. CBO Base Area.
8.	Command Sigs.	SISA	DIVU	C-in-C, CEYLON.
9.	Sig. Office Army Command	MAGA	DIXO	Regt. H.Q. C.L.I.
10.	# " Adv. H.Q.	DOBO	#DOBO	Sig. Office Adv. HQ Army Comd.
11.	# " Rear H.Q.	BUVA	DOKO	C.T.G.
12.	Ord. (O)	GEMA	DOXA	27 Cattle Conducting Sec.
13.	Ord. (E)	MEGA	FABA	Spare
14.	S.&T.	TIDA	FAXA	1 Fortress Coy. C.E.
15.	2nd. ECHELON, CEYLON	HIRA	FAZU	Sig. Office CBO Base Area.
16.	H.Q. COLOMBO BASE	DEFO	FIDO	Sigs. 55 Lt. A.A. Regt.
17.	Sig. Office, Colombo Base	FAZU	FITO	A.A.D.C. CBO.
18.	1st. Coast Regt. C.G.A.	VAGU	FOBO	Sig. Office C-in-C, CEYLON.
19.	12 (F) Bty.	RETO	#FODA	Adv. HQ, Ceylon Army Comd.
20.	2 A.A. Regt. C.G.A.	GARA	FUTO	74 F.P.O.
21.	Regt. H.Q. C.L.I.	DIXO	GARA	2 A.A. Regt. C.G.A.
22.	2 C.L.I.	RAXO	GAVA	4 C.L.I.
23.	4 C.L.I.	GAVA	GEMA	Ord. (O).
24.	C.P.R.C. CBO.	LUSO	GEPO	264 Bty. 43 Lt. A.A. Regt.
25.	C.A.S.C.	NOTA	GOKO	5 Pioneer Bn.
26.	C.T.G.	DOKO	GOSA	Spare
27.	Ceylon Engineers	SOBA	GULA	4 A.G.H.
28.	C.M.C.	VEDA	HIPO	35 General Hosp.
29.	A.P.M.	RUDA	HIRA	2nd. ECHELON, CEYLON.
30.	C.A.A. CEYLON	PASA	JEXO	12 Fd. Depot, I.A.O.C.
31.	A.A.D.C. CBO.	FITO	#JILO	Rear HQ Ceylon Army Comd.
32.	A.A.D.C. TRN.	LEXO	JINO	118 Fd. Butchery Sub. Sec.
33.	A.A.D.C. RTM.	NUDA	JITO	1 A.A. Regt. R.M.
34.	1 A.A. Regt. R.M.	JITO	JUGU	6 Sup. Personnel Coy.
35.	"B" Bty. -do-	MIGO	JUSU	R.M. Sigs. TRN.
36.	"C" -do-	MAPA	LABO	55 C.G.H.
37.	"D" -do-	SODO	LAVA	Camp Hosp DYT.
38.	22 Lt. A.A. Bty. R.A.	NUBU	LEXO	A.A.D.C. TRN.
39.	43 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.	MARO	LIMA	55 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.
40.	147 Bty. -do-	MINA	LOBO	Spare.
41.	148 -do-	LUVA	LOSO	1 M.T. Coy. C.A.S.C.
42.	264 -do-	GEPO	LOVU	163 Bty. 55 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.
43.	55 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.	LIMA	LUFA	Det. X Fd. Bakery.
44.	Sigs. -do-	FIDO	LUGO	120 Sub. Sec. Fd. Bakery.
45.	163 Bty. -do-	LOVU	LUJA	183 Bty. 65 Hy. A.A. Regt.
46.	164 -do-	NEPA	LUSO	C.P.R.C. CBO.
47.	"A" Tp. 164 Bty.	TIDO	LUVA	148 Bty. 43 Lt. A.A. Regt.
48.	"B" -do-	NEPO	MAGA	Sig. Office Army Command.
49.	165 Bty.	NATA	MAPA	"C" Bty. 1 A.A. Regt. R.M.
50.	65 Hy. R.A. Regt. R.A.	RIMO	MARO	43 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.
51.	181 Bty. -do-	NOSA	MATU	24 M.A.S.
52.	183 Bty. -do-	LUJA	MEFA	20 Artizan Wks Coy.
53.	196 Bty. -do-	NEGA	MEGA	Ord. (E).
54.	R.M. Sigs. CBO.	DAYA	MIFO	86 P.O.L. Sec.
55.	R.M. Sigs. TRN.	JUSE	MIGO	"B" Bty. 1 A.A. Regt. R.M.
56.	Spare.	LOBO	MILU	Det. X Fd. Butchery.
57.	"	NITA		
58.	"	VENA		
59.	"	RAVO		



Serial.	UNIT/FORMATION.	Code Name.	Code Name.	UNIT/FORMATION.
<u>COMMAND UNITS.</u>				
60.	1 Fortress Coy. C.E.	JAXA.	MIMA.	2 M.T. Coy. C.A.S.C.
61.	3 Fd. Coy. C.E.	MOPA.	MINA.	147 Bty. 43 Lt. A.A. Regt.
62.	31 Fortress Coy. R.E.	VOPO.	MIVO.	46 D.I.D. R.I.A.S.C.
63.	5 Pioneer Bn.	GOKO.	MOPA.	3 Fd. Coy. C.E.
64.	20 Artizan Wks. Coy.	MEFA.		
65.	2 Sig. Coy. C.E.	PIDU.	NALO.	Spare.
66.	4 -do-	TOFO.	NATA.	165 Bty. 55 Lt. A.A. Regt.
67.	39 Line Sec. R. Sigs.	SORA.	NEGA.	196 Bty. 65 Hy. A.A. Regt.
68.	40 G.P. Tpt. Coy.	RIMU.	NELO.	157 Sup. Personnel Sec.
69.	19 M.A.S.	RILU.	NEMO.	H.Q.R.A.
70.	24 M.A.S.	MATU.	NEPA.	164 Bty. 55 Lt. A.A. Regt.
71.	6 Sup. Personnel Coy.	JUGU.	NIGO.	H.Q. R.E. -(NEPO. "B" Tp. 164 Bty. Lt. A.A.)
72.	111 Sup. Personnel Sec.	NUGA.	NITA.	Spare.
73.	150 -do-	SOXO.	NONA.	Ind. Fd. Accounts Unit.
74.	156 -do-	TIHO.	NOSA.	181 Bty. 65 Hy. A.A. Regt.
75.	157 -do-	NELO.	NOTA.	C.A.S.C.
76.	Railhead Supply Det.	REGO.	NOXA.	119 Sub. Sec. Fd. Bakery.
77.	one POL Sec. R.I.A.S.C. TRN.	SUPA.	NUBA.	2 Sup. Personnel Sec. C.A.S.C.
78.	61 P.O.L. Sec.	RUFO.	NUBU.	22 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.
79.	86 P.O.L. Sec. R.I.A.S.C.	MIFO.	NUDA.	A.A.D.C. RTM.
80.	87 -do-	RIGO.	NUGA.	111 Sup. Personnel Sec.
81.	37 Cattlestock Sec.	ROPO.	NUGO.	70 Ord. Fd. Park Coy.
82.	27 Cattle Conducting Sec.	DOXA.		
83.	46 D.I.D. R.I.A.S.C.	MIVO.	PASA.	C.A.A. CEYLON.
84.	68 -do-	PIXA.	PIDU.	2 Sig. Coy. C.E.
85.	1 Sub. Sec. 20 Fd. Bakery.	TANO.	PIRA.	68 D.I.D. R.I.A.S.C.
86.	119 Sub. Sec. Fd. Bakery.	NOXA.	PITO.	Camp Hosp. BUSSA.
87.	120 -do-	LUGO.	PUGO.	115 Fd. Butchery Sub. Sec.
88.	R.A.S.C. Training School.	SEGA.		
89.	1 M.T. Coy. C.A.S.C.	LOSO.	RAPO.	54 C.G.H.
90.	2 -do-	MIMA.	RAVO.	Spare
91.	1 Sup Personnel Sec. C.A.S.C.	TAPA.	RAXO.	2 C.L.I.
92.	2 -do-	NUBA.	RAZO.	Ceylon Army Command.
93.	3 W/S Coy. C.A.S.C.	VUDO.	REGO.	Railhead Supply Det.
94.	115 Fd. Butchery Sub. Sec. RIASC.	PUGO.	RETO.	12 (F) Bty. 1st. Coast Regt. C.G.A.
95.	118 -do-	JINO.	RIGO.	87 P.O.L. Sec.
96.	Det. X Fd. Bakery.	LUFA.	RILU.	19 M.A.S.
97.	Det X Fd. Butchery.	MILU.	RIMO.	65 Hy. A.A. Regt.
98.	216 Pet Depot. R.A.S.C.	RUDO.	RIMU.	40 G.P. Tpt. Coy.
99.	one Aux. Pioneer Bn. CBO.	VABA.	ROPO.	37 Cattlestock Sec.
100.	70 Ord. Fd. Park Coy.	NUGO.	RUDA.	A.P.M.
101.	9 Fd. Depot I.A.O.C.	BOTO.	RUDO.	216 Pet. Depot. R.A.S.C.
102.	12 -do-	JEXO.	RUFO.	61 P.O.L. Sec.
103.	1 Sec. 4 Ord. Mob. W/S Coy.	DATO.		
104.	35 General Hosp.	HIPO.	SEGA.	R.A.S.C. Training School.
105.	54 C.G.H.	RAPO.	SISA.	Command Sigs.
106.	55 -do-	LABO.	SOBA.	Ceylon Engineers.
107.	4 A.G.H.	GULA.	SODO.	"D" Bty. 1 A.A. Regt. R.M.
108.	12 A.G.H.	TUXO.	SORA.	39 Line Sec. R. Sigs.
109.	11 Depot Med. Stores.	BORO.	SOXO.	150 Sup. Personnel Sec.
110.	Camp Hosp BUSSA.	PITO.	SUPA.	one P.O.L. Sec. TRN.
111.	Camp Hosp DYT.	LAVA.		
112.	5 Brit. Convalescent Depot.	NALO.	TANO.	1 Sub. Sec. 20 Fd. Bakery.
113.	5 Ind. -do-	FABA.	TAPA.	1 Sup. Personnel Sec.
114.	Ind. Fd. Accounts Unit.	NONA.	TIDA.	S. & T.
115.	Deputy Chief Fd. Censor.	ZIDU.	TIDO.	"A" Tp. 164 Bty.
116.	74 F.P.O.	FUTO.	TIHO.	156 Sup Personnel Sec.
117.	Spare.	BUTO.	TOFO.	4 Sig. Coy. C.E.
118.	"	ZEXO.	TUXO.	12 A.G.H.
119.	"	GOSA.	VABA.	one. Aux. Pioneer Bn.
120.	"		VAGU.	1st. Coast Regt. C.G.A.
			VEDA.	C.M.C.
			VENA.	Spare.
			VOPO.	31 Fortress Coy. R.E.
			VUDO.	3 W/S Coy. C.A.S.C.
			ZEXO.	Spare.
			ZIDU.	Deputy Chief Fd. Censor.

Note. # When operating separately.



CEYLON ARMY COMMAND  
CODE NAMES  
34 IND. DIV. AND FORTRESS TRN UNITS.

Serial No.	FORMATION/UNIT.	Code Name.	Code Name.	FORMATION/UNIT.
1.	H.Q. 34 IND. DIV.	LEFA.	BANO.	370 Fd. Bty.
2.	*Adv. HQ. -do-	HOTO.	BANU.	34 Ind. Div. Pro. Unit.
3.	*Rear HQ. -do-	ZENA.	BARA.	H.Q. R.E. 34 Ind. Div.
4.	H.Q. R.A. 34 Ind. Div.	HISO.	*BASA.	Adv. HQ. 21 E.A. Bde.
5.	H.Q. R.E. -do-	BARA.	BAVU.	Port Base Reinforcement Camp.
6.	R.E. Det. MAHAWELI GANGA.	JUZA.	BAZO.	54 Fd. Coy.
7.	34 Ind. Div. Sigs.	BOPA.	*BOHA.	Adv. HQ. 99 Inf. Bde.
8.	Sig. Office KND.	DIPA.	BOPA.	34 Ind. Div. Sigs.
9.	H.Q. RIASC. 34 Ind. Div.	NUTO.	BUMA.	B Sec. 34 Ind. Div. Rec. Coy.
10.	Ord. 34 Ind. Div.	PAXO.		
11.	24 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	MEMO.	DENO.	one Tp. A. Fd. Bty. L.Y. (with 100 Inf. Bde).
12.	34 Ind. Div. Pro. Unit.	BANU.	DIMO.	53 E.A. Fd. Bty.
13.	34 Ind. Div. F.S.S. Sec.	DIZA.	DIPA.	Sig. Office KND.
14.	B. Sec. 34 Ind. Div. Rec. Coy.	BUMA.	DIZU.	34 Ind. Div. F.S.S. Sec.
15.	550 F.S.S. Sec.	LOMA.	DOMO.	8 Punjab.
16.	H.Q. 16 INF. BDE.	TAVO.	DUVA.	67 Fd. Coy. S. & M.
17.	*Adv. HQ. -do-	VUZO.		
18.	*Rear HQ. -do-	PUPA.	FABU.	Fortress H.Q. TRN.
19.	51 Fd. Regt.	TETA.	FEBA.	21 E.A. Bde. Sig. Sec.
20.	203 Fd. Bty.	ZELA.	*FEPO.	Rear HQ. 100 Ind. Inf. Bde.
21.	370 -do-	BANO.	FIFO.	2 Fd. Coy.
22.	2 Fd. Coy.	FIFO.	FODO.	H.Q. 21 E.A. Bde.
23.	2 Queens.	HONA.	FOTO.	21 E.A. Bde. Gp. Coy. EAASC.
24.	2 Kings.	NUJA.		
25.	2 Leicesters.	SERA.	GADA.	61 Coy. R.A.S.C.
26.	61 Coy. R.A.S.C.	GADA.	GAGO.	H.Q. 99 Ind. Inf. Bde.
27.	215 Fd. Amb.	HADA.	GEBO.	99 Inf. Bde. W/S Sec.
28.	16 Inf. Bde. W/S Sec.	VOSA.	GOXU.	Spare.
29.	16 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	METO.		
30.	Det. B.I. Bn. VALAICHCHENAI PALO.	IPALO.	HADA.	215 Fd. Amb.
31.	H.Q. 21 E.A. BDE.	FODO.	HEGA.	100 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.
32.	*Adv. HQ. -do-	BASA.	HISO.	H.Q. R.A. 34 Ind. Div.
33.	*Rear HQ. -do-	RISO.	HONA.	2 Queens.
34.	53 E.A. Fd. Bty.	DIMO.	*HOTO.	Adv. H.Q. 34 Ind. Div.
35.	54 "N" Fd. Bty.	NAMU.	HUGO.	1 North Rhodesian Regt.
36.	54 Fd. Coy.	BAZO.		
37.	58 -do-	ZETU.	JEGA.	1 C.L.I.
38.	21 E.A. Bde. Sig. Sec.	FEBA.	JEMO.	"A" Fd. Bty. L.Y.
39.	1 North Rhodesia Regt.	HUGO.	JEPO.	Spare.
40.	1/4 K.A.R.	ZEPO.	JEVA.	16 Punjab.
41.	1/2 K.A.R.	SEVA.	JUXO.	Spare.
42.	21 E.A. Bde. Gp. Coy. EAASC.	FOTO.	JUZA.	R.E. Det. MAHAWELI GANGA.
43.	2 Zanzibar Fd. Amb.	TERO.		
44.	Port Base Reinforcement Camp.	BAVU.	LEFA.	H.Q. 34 Ind. Div.
45.	E.A. P.O.	VOPU.	LEMA.	Adm. Comd. TRN.
46.	E.A. Ord. Mob. W/S.	NAXO.	LOGA.	Spare.
47.	H.Q. 100 Ind. Inf. Bde.	SESU.	LOLO.	one Sec. 67 Fd. S.M. (with 100 Inf. Bde.).
48.	*Adv. HQ. -do-	SILO.	LOMA.	550 F.S.S. Sec.
49.	*Rear HQ. -do-	FEPO.	LONA.	100 Inf. Bde. Tpt. Coy.
50.	one Tp. A. Fd. Bty. L.Y.	DENO.		
51.	one Sec. 67 Fd. Coy. S.M.	LOLO.	MEMO.	24 Fd. Hyg. Sec.
52.	100 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	HEGA.	METO.	16 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.
53.	9 F.F. Regt.	VOTA.	MILA.	99 Inf. Bde. Tpt. Coy.
54.	14 F.F. Rif.	ZERO.	MIMO.	3 C.L.I.
55.	14 Punjab.	ZEKO.		
56.	100 Inf. Bde. Tpt. Coy.	LONA.	NAMU.	54 "N" Fd. Bty.
57.	100 Inf. Bde. W/S Sec.	TERU.	NAXO.	E.A. Mob. Ord. W/S.
58.	FORTRESS H.Q. TRN.	FABU.	NIXO.	18 Coast Bty. R.A.
			NUJA.	2 Kings.
			NUTO.	H.Q. RIASC. 34 Ind. Div.

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Serial No.	FORMATION/UNIT.	Code Name.	Code Name.	FORMATION/UNIT.
59.	6 Coast Regt. R.A.	PERO.	PALO.	Det. B. I. Bn. VALAICHCHENAI.
60.	15 Coast Bty.	VORA.	PAXO.	Ord. 34 Ind. Div.
61.	18 Coast Bty.	NIXO.	PEBA.	42 Fd. Amb.
62.	1 C.L.I.	JEGA.	PERO.	6 Coast Regt. R.A.
63.	3 C.L.I.	MIMO.	*PUPA.	Rear HQ. 16 Inf. Bde.
64.	Adm. Comd. TRN.	LEMA.	*RISO.	Rear HQ. 21 E.A. Bde.
65.	H.Q. 99 Ind. Inf. Bde.	GAGO.	SERA.	2 Leicesters.
66.	*Adv. HQ. -do-	BOHA.	SESU.	H.Q. 100 Ind. Inf. Bde.
67.	*Rear HQ. -do-	ZAXO.	SEVA.	1/2 K.A.R.
68.	A Fd. Bty. L.Y.	JEMO.	*SILO.	Adv. HQ. 100 Ind. Inf. Bde.
69.	67 Fd. Coy. S.M.	DUVA.	SINA.	C.P.R.C. HBT.
70.	99 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	VOBA.	TAVO.	H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde.
71.	8 Punjab.	DOMO.	TEPO.	Spare.
72.	15 Punjab.	VIMU.	TERO.	2 Zanzibar Fd. Amb.
73.	16 Punjab.	JEVA.	TERU.	100 Inf. Bde. W/S Sec.
74.	99 Inf. Bde. Tpt. Coy.	MILA.	TETA.	51 Fd. Regt.
75.	42 Fd. Amb.	PEBA.	VIMU.	15 Punjab.
76.	99 Inf. Bd. W/S Sec.	GEBO.	VOBA.	99 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.
77.	C.P.R.C. H.B.T.	SINA.	VOPU.	E.A. P.O.
78.	Spare.	GOXU.	VORA.	15 Coast Bty. R.A.
79.	"	JUXO.	VOSA.	16 Inf. Bde. W/S Sec.
80.	"	TEPO.	VOTA.	9 F.F. Regt.
81.	"	LOGA.	VUSO.	Spare.
82.	"	JEPO.	*VUZO.	Adv. H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde.
83.	"	VUSO.	*ZAXO.	Rear HQ. 99 Ind. Inf. Bde.
			ZEKO.	14 Punjab.
			ZELA.	203 Fd. Bty.
			*ZENA.	Rear HQ. 34 Ind. Div.
			ZEPO.	1/4 K.A.R.
			ZERO.	14 F.F. Rif.
			ZETU.	58 Fd. Coy.

Note. \* When operating separately.



CEYLON ARMY COMMAND  
CODE NAMES  
A.I.F. (CEYLON) UNITS.

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NOTE: This list of code names will be taken into use at 0001 hrs. on 23 April. Previous lists will be retained for 24 hrs. after that time and then destroyed by burning.

Serial No.	Formation / Unit	Code Name	Code Name	Formation / Unit.
1	HQ AIF (CEYLON)	BOTO	BAPA	Spare.
2	*Adv HQ	Jexo	BEDA	6 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT
3	*Rear HQ	DATO	BOJA	Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)
4	RAE 6 Aust Div	HIPO	BOKO	6 Aust DENTAL UNIT
5	1 Aust A/TK Regt	RAPO	BOLA	AACS Det AIF (CEYLON)
6	1 Bty Aust A/TK Regt	LABO	BORO	4 A/TK Bty
7	2 Bty Aust A/TK Regt	GULA	BOTO	HQ AIF (CEYLON)
8	3 Bty Aust A/TK Regt	TUXO	BUTO	HQ 2 Sig Coy
9	4 Bty Aust A/TK Regt	BORO	DATO	*Rear HQ AIF
10	6 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit	PITO	DETA	Spare
11	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	LAVA	DIBA	2/6 Aust Inf Bn
12	80 Aust LAD	NONA	DOXO	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
13	HQ SIGS 6 Aust Div	ZIDU	FABA	2/2 Aust A Fd W/shop
14	1 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	FUTO	FANO	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)
15	HQ 2 Coy Sigs 6 Aust Div	BUTO	FAPO	"F" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Park
16	42 Aust LAD	ZEXO		
17	12 AGH	MABA	FAXO	2/1 Aust Fd Regt
18	4 AGH	POHO	FEDA	2/2 Aust Inf Bn
19	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit	GOSA	FUTO	1 Sig Coy
20	2/3 Aust Fd Hgy Sec	NALO	GERO	2 Aust Dental Unit
21	2/2 Aust A Fd W/shop	FABA	GOBO	6 Aust Div Pro Coy
22	"D" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	LOVA	GOSA	2 Aust Anti Malarial Control Unit
23	"E" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	SIDU	GULA	2 A/TK Bty
24	"F" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	FAPO	GUTO	1 Coy AASC
25	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	GOBO	HERA	46 Aust LAD
26	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BEDA	HIPO	RAE 6 Aust Div
27	Adv 2 Ech AIF (CEYLON)	BOJA	HOKO	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
28	Kit Store AIF (CEYLON)	FANO	HONO	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
29	Finance & Audit Det AIF (C)	ZEDA	HOVA	2 Coy AASC
30	AACS Det AIF (CEYLON)	BOLA	JEXO	*ADV HQ AIF
31	AMLO	ZIBU	JILA	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
32	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	LASO	LABO	1 A/TK Bty
33	*Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	SETO	LASO	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
34	*Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	VILO	LAVA	22 Aust Fd Pk Coy
35	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	SIBO	LOVA	"D" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
36	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	NODA	MABA	12 AGH
37	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	VESA	MILO	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
38	7 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	MILO	MOJO	2/7 Aust Inf Bn
39	45 Aust LAD	NENO	NALO	2/3 Aust Fd Hygine Sec
40	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	JILA	NENO	45 Aust LAD
41	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	FEDA	NODA	2 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
42	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	PISA	NOFO	Spare
43	2/1 Aust Fd Regt	FAXO	NOKA	43 Aust LAD
44	43 Aust LAD	NOKA	NONA	80 Aust LAD
45	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	ZIBA	PISA	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
46	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	VOTU	PITO	6 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit
47	6 Aust Dental Unit	BOKO	POHO	4 AGH
48	1 Coy AASC	GUTO		

\* When operating separately.

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CEYLON ARMY COMMAND  
 CODE NAMES  
 A.I.F. (CEYLON) UNITS

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Serial No	Formation / unit	Code Name	Code Name	Formation / Unit
49	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	HOKO	RAFO	1 Aust A/TK Regt
50	*Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	RIKO	RIKO	*Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
51	*Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	TADA	SAGO	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
52	3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	HONO		
53	4 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	DOXO	SASA	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
54	52 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	SAGO	SETO	*Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
55	5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	SITO	SIBO	1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
56	46 Aust LAD	HERA	SIDU	"E" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
57	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	SASA	SITO	5 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn
58	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	DIBA	SOZA	Spare
59	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	MOJO		
60	2/2 Aust Fd Regt	ZEGA	TADA	*Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
61	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	VULU	TATA	Spare
62	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	VIBA	TUXO	3 A/TK Bty
63	2 Aust Dental Unit	GERO	VESA	51 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
64	2 Coy AASC	HOVA		
65	Spare <i>17 A.I.T.B.</i>	DETA	VIBA	2/2 Aust Fd Amb
66	Spare <i>RUSA camp</i>	ZEDU	VILO	*Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
67	Spare	NOFO	VOTU	2/1 Aust Fd Amb
68	Spare	SOZA	VULU	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
69	Spare	TATA		
70	Spare	BAPA	ZEDA	Finance & Audit Det. AIF (Ceylon)
			ZEDU	Spare
			ZEGA	2/2 Aust Fd Regt
			ZEXO	42 Aust LAD
			ZIBA	2/1 Aust Fd Coy
			ZIBU	AMLO
			ZIDU	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div

\* When operating separately.



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Field Returns

Appendix No 5



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

**46. Aug E.A.D.** (Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			
Majors ... ..			
Captains ... ..	1		
Lieutenants ... ..			
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	1		

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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**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.

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
...	*		
...	*		
...	*		
...	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1 5		
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	12	—	—

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

**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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**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
COL	T/BRIG	MOTEN. M. J.	AIF	YES	
CAPT	T/MAJOR	MUIR. R. A. C.	"	"	
CAPT.		MAYBERRY. W. M.	"	"	
CAPT		CHAPMAN. A. P.	"	"	
CAPT		SCOTT. C. E.	"	"	
CAPT		DEAN. G. A.	"	"	
LIEUT	T/LAPT	MENZIES. J. M.	"	"	
LIEUT		HITCHISON. R. M. C.	"	"	
LIEUT		PARSONS. J. H.	"	"	
LIEUT		MCBRIDE. D. A.	"	"	
LIEUT		GURNEY. J. A.	"	"	
LIEUT		HAY. J. O.	"	"	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PARSONS. C. P.	6 Div Sig	31.1.42	Sig. O.
LIEUT		GODFREY. E. J.	" "	25.1.42	" "
LIEUT		SIMPSON. P. W. R.	Aust. HQ GDB	29/6/42	GD OFFER
LIEUT		ROBSON. N.	6 Div Fin Sec	30/4/42	PAI OFFER

HQ 17 Aust Inf DDE  
25 APR 42  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

A.P. Chapman Capt  
6 AUST DIV.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).







HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..				*				/			*									
Cooks ... ..				*				/			*									
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..								/												
Fitters ... ..								/												
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
ARMOURER				/																
General duty personnel ...								23												
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).				2				35	10		1								1	

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Unit.  
Date of Despatch 25 Apr 42

Signature of Commander: [Signature]  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving: 6 Aust Div



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
<b>BRIGADIER</b>	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		1
Lieutenants ...	6	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	12	1	1

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

**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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**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
COL.	T/BRIG.	MOTEN. M. J.	6 Aust Div	YES	
CAPT.	T/MAJOR	MUIR. R. A. C.	"	"	
CAPT.		MAYBERRY. W. M.	"	"	
CAPT.		CHAPMAN. A. P.	"	"	
LIEUT.		HUTCHISON. A. M. C.	"	"	
LIEUT.		HAY. D. O.	"	"	
CAPT.		SCOTT. G. E.	"	NO.	MT. SHIP.
CAPT.		DEAN. G. A.	"	YES	
LIEUT.		MENZIES. J. M.	"	YES	
LIEUT.		PAWSON. J. H.	"	YES	
LIEUT.		MCBRIDE. D. A.	"	YES	
LIEUT.		GURNEY. D. A.	"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.		PARSONS. C. R.	6 Div Sigs	31-1-42	Sig O.
LIEUT.		GODFREY. E. J.	" "	25-1-42	" "
LIEUT.		SIMPSON. P. W. R.	AUSTHQ	29-6-41	
LIEUT.		ROBSON. N.	6 Div FWS		

17 Aust Inf Bde  
 18 APR 1942  
 (Unit.)  
 (Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 6 Aust Div  
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).











# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

46. Aust. L.A.D. (Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
.....*	.....	.....	.....
.....*	.....	.....	.....
.....*	.....	.....	.....
.....*	.....	.....	.....
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Majors ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Captains ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Lieutenants ... ..	.....	.....	.....
2nd Lieutenants ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Quartermasters ... ..	.....	.....	.....
District Officers ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Totals ... ..	.....	.....	.....

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

**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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.....	.....	.....	.....
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A.1.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

17 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
<b>BRIGADIER.</b>	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
T/ Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	7		
2nd Lieutenants ...	-		
Quartermasters ...	-		
District Officers ...	-		
Totals ...	13		

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT.	MAYBERRY.	6 AUST. DIV	8.4.42	SM. (L) VICE. CAPT.
LIEUT.	HUTCHINSON. A.M.C.	" "	21.3.42	McLEAN-SMITH.
LIEUT.	McBRIDE. D.A.	" "	5.4.42	A/S.C. (L)
				L.O. VICE LIEUT LINCOLNE.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT.	McLEAN-SMITH. D.	6 Aust Div	5.4.42	G-II (L) HQ AIF. CRYLON.
LIEUT.	LINCOLNE. J.G.	" "	27.3.42	Returned. To 2/5 Bn.

## 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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIGADIER		MOTEN. M. J	6 Aust. Div	YES	
CAPT.	T/MAJOR	MUIR. R. A. C	" " "	"	
CAPT.		MAYBERRY. W. M	" " "	"	
CAPT.		CHAPMAN. A. P.	" " "	"	
LIEUT.		BROWN. H. V.	" " "	No.	ADV. PARTY.
LIEUT.		HUTCHINSON. H. M. C	" " "	YES	
LIEUT.		MENZIES. J. M.	" " "	"	
LIEUT.		PAWSON. J. H.	" " "	"	
LIEUT.		McBRIDE. D. A.	" " "	"	
LIEUT.		GURNEY. D. A.	" " "	"	
CAPT.		DEAN. G. A.	" " "	"	
CAPT.		SCOTT. C. E.	" " "	No	MT. SHIP.
LIEUT.		HAY. D. O.	" " "	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.		PARSONS. C. R.	6 Div Sig	31-1-42	Sig. O.
LIEUT.		GODFREY. E. J.	" "	25-1-42	" "
LIEUT.		SIMPSON. P. W. R.	" "	29-6-41	Job. OFFR.
LIEUT.		ROBSON. N	FINANCE Sq.	30-4-42	

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

11 Oct. 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

A. P. Chapman Capt.  
(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)











Subject: PRECIS OF BDE COMD'S CONFERENCE

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Tel : GALLE 84  
1 May 42

2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/5 Aust INF BN  
2/6 Aust INF BN  
2/7 Aust INF BN  
HQ AIF (CEYLON)  
17 Aust INF Tnc BN

1. The Bde Comd held a conference 1600 hrs 30 Apr 42, which was attended by the following officers :

- Lt-col W.E. CREMOR
- Lt-col H.G. GUINN
- Lt -col F.G. WOOD
- Lt-col P.D. STARR
- Major N.L. GOBLE
- B.M.
- B.M.(L)

2. Object

To discuss training and field works.

3. Bde Comd stated that :-

(a) Recent coy exercises had shown coys enthusiastic but lacking in appreciation of the basic problems involved in jungle warfare.

(b) Bde policy would be :

- (i) Units to cease all tactical training temporarily and concentrate on weapon training and unarmed combat, compass and map reading and range practices.
- (ii) All Bn Officers to attend Bde Tactical Schools on elementary jungle tactics.
- (iii) The object of the Bde Tactical School is to form a common basis throughout the Bde, on which to instruct troops in jungle tactics.
- (iv) When sufficient officers have attended Schools, unit Tactical ~~Training~~ Training to recommence, with units concentrating solely on section and Pl training.

(c) (i) Two whole days each week to be allotted to training.

(ii) In event of a day being missed, it is to be made up by an additional days training the following week.

(iii) Coy training days to be staggered, so that maximum supervision by officers, who have attended Tactical Schools can be obtained.

(d) Pending solutions to various carrier Pl tactical problems, at present under discussion between Comd and Bde Carrier Officers there will be no Tactical carrier training.

4. Bde Comd continued to explain what Schools be proposed to have initiated within Bde.

(a) Junior Tactical School

Object : To set a common standard for sec and Pl tng in jungle warfare.

Location: AKURESSA

Duration : Three days ( 4 courses 4-15 May incl) commencing 4 May 42.

Staff : G.I. Major G.H. BROCK, DSO, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
School Adjt Capt J.M. MENZIES, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

Allotment of Vacancies



2/2 Aust Fd Regt	3	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	6	) to include
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	6	) 2 majors or caps
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	6	) from each Bn.
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	2	

(b) Senior Tactical School

(i)

Object : To teach Senior Officers Coy and Bn and att arms tactics in jungle warfare and beach defence and to give all students an idea of adm plans for maintenance of 17 Bde Force in this area.

Location : AKURESSA

Duration : Seven days (2 courses 16-29 May incl) commencing approx 16 May 42.

Staff : C.I. Lt-col W.E. CREMOR, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
 Inf Instructors : Maj G.H. BROCK, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
 a Capt to be nominated by 2/5, 2/6 or 2/7 Aust Inf Bns.

Carrier Offr : Capt G.R. WARFE, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Gunnery Offr : Capt J.C. TATCHELL, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt

School Adjnt : Capt J.M. MENZIES, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Allotment of Vacancies

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	5	2 i/c Bns,
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	5	Bty & Coy OsC &
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	5	2 i/es.
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	5	
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	1	
2/2 Aust Fd Amb )		
2/8 Aust Fd Coy )	?	

(ii) Vacancies may be given to 2/2 Aust Fd Amb and 2/8 Aust ~~Inf~~ Fd Coy nearer to date of commencement of first course.

(iii) When the staff of this School is finally decided upon, it will meet and prepare exercise and TEWTS.

(iv) COs Bns will pass on both to Lt-col CREMOR and Maj BROCK any points brought out, in recent coy exercises, and any ideas they may have on jungle warfare, which could profitably be included in lessons to be taught at Schools. During Senior Tactical Schools COs will make day visits regularly and study tactics being taught.

(v) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will provide a Pl for adm duties.

(c) Bde Weapon Tng School

(i) The Weapon Tng and Unarmed Combat School at present being run by Capt H.G. SWEET for NCOs of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, will, at the conclusion of the present course, be enlarged, from capacity of 20 students to take 60 students and will become a Bde School.

(ii) In view of the fact that 2/5 Aust Inf Bn have already sent 40 students, (including those at present attending) this unit will have a smaller allotment than other units.

(iii) Staff of School will be increased by 3 NCO instructors each from 2/6, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns and Lieut BARR 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will assist Capt SWEET. In view of the proposed Bde Tactical Schools, Weapon Tng School will cease to teach theory of jungle warfare.

(iv) Bde Weapon Tng School

Duration : 14 days, commencing approx 7 May 42.

Object : To teach NCOs a thorough knowledge of all weapons of a rifle coy and unarmed combat and how to instruct in those subjects.

Location : GALLE FORT.



<u>Staff : C.I.</u>	Capt H.G. SWEET,	2/5	Aust Inf Bn
Instructor	Lieut F.A. BARR,	2/7	Aust Inf Bn
"	6 NCO	2/5	Aust Inf Bn
"	3 NCO	2/6	Aust Inf Bn
"	3 NCO	2/7	Aust Inf Bn

Allotment of Vacancies

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	6	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	10	Senior and Junior
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	15	NCOs
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	15	
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	10	

(d) Joining Instructions for all Schools will be issued later.

(e) Carrier Training

A conference of Bde Carrier Officers with the Bde Comd took place 1600 hrs 29 Apr 42. At this meeting the various difficulties of Carrier Pls were discussed and a number of problems set by Bde Comd. Carrier Officers will consider these problems, and give their views, and reasons for such at a further discussion on 4 May 42. On 5 May these problems will be tried out in the field with carriers.

Object of Discussion :-

- (i) Form an elastic doctrine for the handling of carriers in jungle warfare.
- (ii) Bring out all problems involving the movement and use of the carrier Pl down to the use of an individual carrier and Bren gun.
- (iii) Form a common basis for all carrier Pl training.
- (iv) All problems and ideas brought out will be passed on by the Carrier Instructor at the Senior Tactical School.

5. Field Works

Lt-col WOOD suggested that exercises be introduced at Senior Tactical Schools, embodying the use of Bicycle Pls and coys. Bde Comd agreed and explained that.:

- (i) At present there is one cycle Pl to each Inf Bn.
- (ii) A further issue is to be made shortly which will give two rifle coys each one mobile Pl.
- (iii) Any further issues to be allotted to remaining rifle coys for mobile Pls.
- (iv) When all rifle coys have cycle Pls, further issues will go to mobilising one entire rifle coy.

6. Field Works

(a) Comd stressed lack of "finish" to most defence localities, and in particular :-

- (i) To the number of crawl trenches still existing as such. A crawl trench is the initial stage of a full trench, and should be developed to such at first opportunity.
- (ii) It is essential that section posts be developed so that men may ~~live~~ live in them if necessary e.g. provision of latrines, sleeping and cooking accomodation.
- (iii) Possibility of coys, acting in mobile role, being unable to provide daily maintenance for defences, and certainty of further bad weather, make it essential that all defences be rivetted with logs, to prevent them becoming completely ruined.
- (iv) To the lack of preparation of Bn and Coy HQ, also lack of parking positions for vehicles under active operations.
- (v) Weapon pits must be drained, or built up to prevent their excessive flooding during "the rains".



(vi) The best method to be used for completion of defences in their present stage, is for a whole Pl to concentrate on completion of the section locality before proceeding to the other two in its area.

(vii) It is essential that each section post, on completion, be carefully inspected to ensure that all work is satisfactory, and that post has all round defence.

(b) Wire

(i) The erection of wire is, in many cases, a wasted effort; without cutting the wire, enemy could throw grenades into section posts, or could cut the wire without being engaged by weapons from the post.

(ii) Wire should never be closer to section post than 50 - 80 yards and should always be covered by small arms fire.

(c) Road Blocks

(i) Blocks must be defended from positions forward and not only behind them (see attached sketch of a suggested method for defence of a road block).

(ii) First enemy elements should, if possible, NOT be fired upon and an endeavour made to ambush and engage his main guard.

(iii) Most road blocks in Bde area will take too long to position; all units will carry out test alarms on certain roads near defensive localities to see how long actual positioning will take. Bde will be informed prior to tests so that Police may be contacted and arrangements made for clearing of roads to civilian traffic for period required.

(iv) To speed up the positioning of blocks in an emergency units will consider more extensive use of barrels filled with cement, and narrowing of block; at present some are 18' or more across; 11'6" is sufficient for 3 ton vehicles to clear.

(v) Carriers will be tried out against road blocks, when positioned, and necessary alterations made to height of block etc.

7. Surplus Vehicle Park

(a) For the purpose of reducing congestion of transport in forward areas consistent with the present Bde role, COs will send to a rear vehicle park, all spare vehicles other than the following :-

(i) Vehicles required for present maintenance of Btys and Coys.

(ii) Vehicles required for other essential adm duties.

(iii) Vehicles required for road reces and patrols.

(iv) "A" Echelon vehicles required for training.

(b) In determining what shall remain, vehicles will NOT be retained for troop carrying purposes other than for the mobile anti-paratroop Pl supplied by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) The rear vehicle park will be situated approx 8 miles NORTH of AKURESSA, and will be under command Bde T.O.

(d) These vehicles will NOT be "lost" to the unit and may be recalled at short notice should they be required for a special job.

(e) Drivers will remain at rear vehicle park with their vehicles.

8. Information to attached Sub Units : Bns are NOT passing on adm instructions to Btys and other attached tps. Comd directed COs to investigate this matter and give necessary instructions to their staffs.

9. Nomination for CO Gd Pl ; Comd requested nomination for an officer to be OC a Corps Gd Pl. Qualifications - over 35 - good, keen energetic subaltern.

Lt-col GUINN submitted Lieut BOSWELL's name. Lieut BOSWELL is reinf't officer at present with 17 Aust Inf Tng Bn.

10. Lt-col GUINN stated that he still had a coy working at KOGGALA aerodrome. Comd stated that he would take this up with Wing Comd BUTLER.



11. Lectures to Officers on Field Engineering

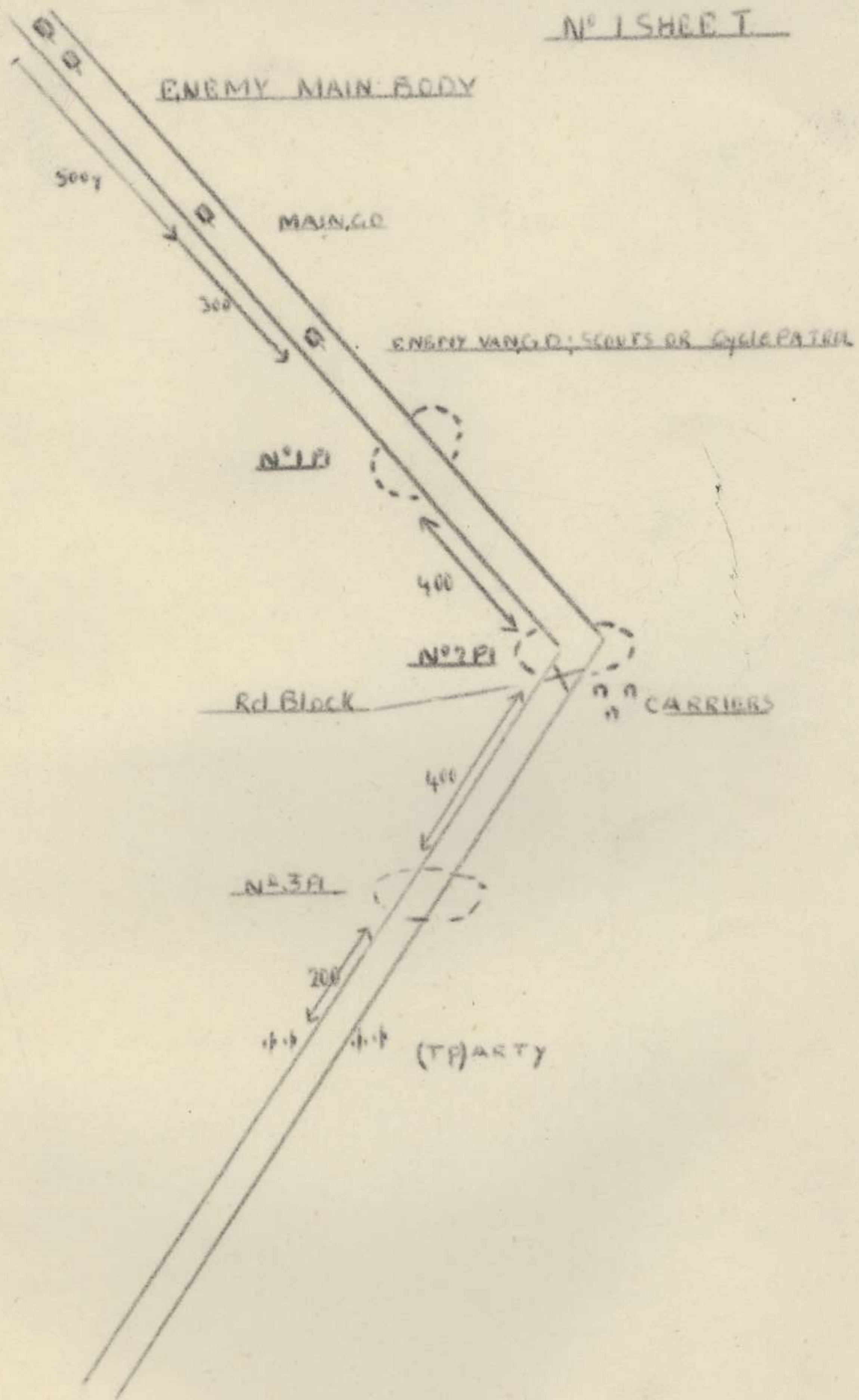
Lt-col CREMOR suggested that lectures and demonstrations by RAE Officers, on simple engineering subjects, would prove beneficial to all Officers. Comd will discuss this idea with OC 2/8 Aust Fd Coy

12. Compasses for 17 Aust Inf Eng Bn

Major GOBLE stated that he had great difficulty in obtaining compasses for reinf officers at 17 Aust Inf Eng Bn. It was decided that each unit/supply its own reinf officers with compasses.

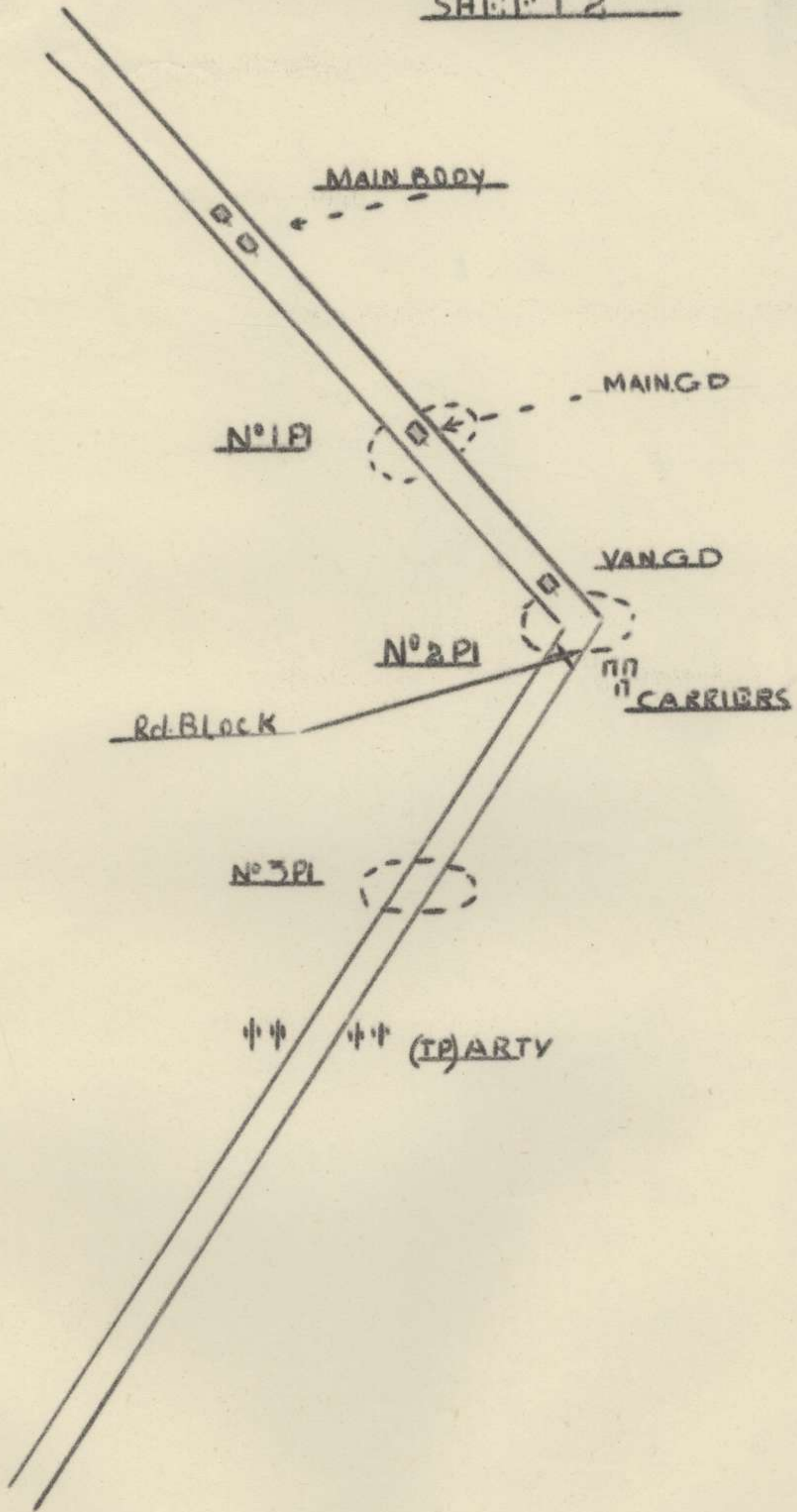
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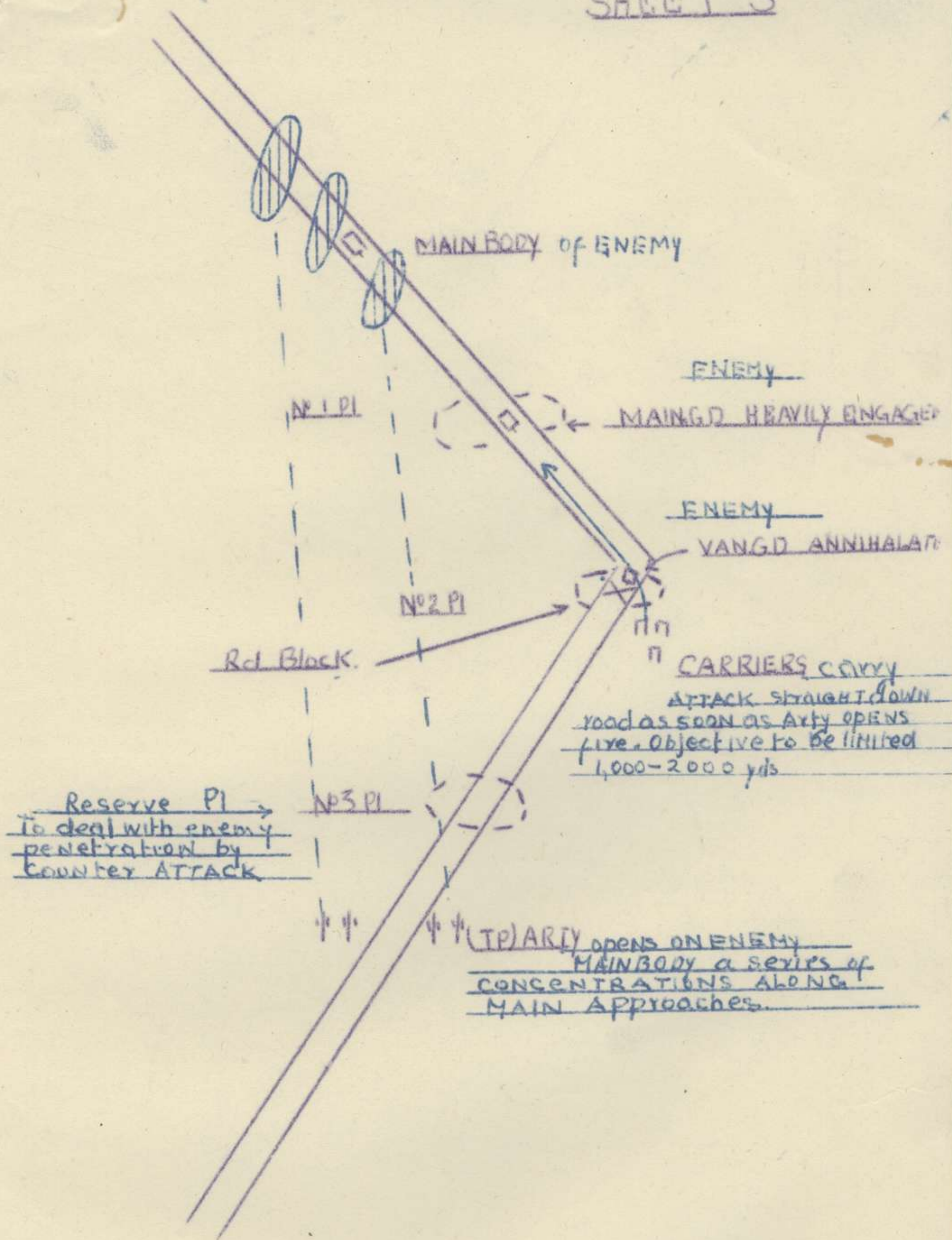




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Miscellaneous  
Documents

APPENDIX No. 7



14/4/42  
unit

CONSOLIDATED PARADE STATE.

EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL.  
STRENGTH. ATTACHED  
OFFRS ORS OFFRS ORS.

PERSONNEL  
SICK EVACUATED to  
OFFRS ORS. HOSP.

GALLE. AREA.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	31	847	3	16	1
3 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.	12	192			3
7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy.	1	45			
2 Aust Dental Unit.	1	4		4	
Det 6 Aust Div Prō Coy		12			
Det 6 Aust Div Fin Sec	1	7			
HQ. 17 Aust Inf Bde.	11	48		2	
"K"-Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div.	1	18		5	
5 P1 Aust HQ Gd Bn.		16			
147 Lt AA Bty.	10	231			
1 Coast Regt RM.	4	105			
3 Sec 20 ARTISAN WORKS COY IND ENG.	1	33			
HQ. 2/8 Aust Fd Coy.	3	21			
	72	1579	3	16	4

BUSSA AREA.

2/2 Aust Fd Regt (less 3 & 4 Btys)	10	141	4	40	
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	10	342			
2/8 Aust Fd Coy					
2 Coy AASC.	5	246		3	
2/2 Aust Fd Amb.	8	178			
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	1	24			
2 Aust Anti-Mal Con		6			
HQ. 17 Aust Inf Bde.		16			
"K"-Sec Sigs.	1	11			
5 P1 Aust HQ Gd P1.	1	21			
46 Aust IAD.	1	12			
Det 6 Aust Postal Unit.		3			
A Tp 1 Aust Atk Regt.	1	32			
CRS and VD Section		74			
RASC	1	11			
BUSSA CAMP HOSP (British	2	44			
	41	1231	4	43	

AKURESSA AREA.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn	14	311	2	10	
Det "K" Sec Sigs		2		2	
9 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy.	1	57	7		
	15	370	2	12	

KOGGALIA AREA.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn	36	867			
4 Bty 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	9	197			
8 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	1	91			
<del>No. 3 Sec 20 A.W. Coy</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>33</del>			
Det 2/7 Aust <del>Inf</del> Bn	5	124			
	51	1279			

Grand Total

179 44 59  
179 - 4459.



NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

H.Q. A.I.F. (CEYLON)

18 March 1942.

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*17/4/42*

*C/46*

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ABBREVIATED PLACE NAMES.

The following abbreviated place names are being used in CEYLON in the text of military messages and letters and for the address headings in letters.

They will NOT be used as code names.

ANURADHAPURA	A N A
AVISAWELLA	A V L
BATTENBURG	B T B
BATTICALOA	B T L
BANDARAWELLA	B N D
COLOMBO	C B O
CHAMPALATIVU	C P R
CHINA BAY	C H B
CHILAW	C H L
DHANUSHKODI	D N K
DIYATALAWA	D Y T
FORT FREDERICK	F C K
GALLE	G L L
HAMBANTOTA	H B T
JAFFNA	J F N
KANDY	K N D
KALPITIYA	K L P
KOGALLA	K G A
KINNAYAI FERRY	K N Y
KATUKURUNDA	K T R
KODDIYAR BAY	K D B
KOLLONAWA	K N W
KUCHCHAVELI	K C H
LABUGAMA	L G M
MATARA	M T R
MULLAITIVU	M L T
MUTUR	M U T
NILAVELI	N L V
NEGOMBO	N G B
NUWARA ELIYA	N Y L
OESTENBURG	O S T
PERADENIYA	P R Y
POLGAHAWELA	P L G
PUTTALAM	P T L
RATMALANA	R T M
TRINCOMALEE	T R N
TALA IMANNAR	T L N
TAMBALAGAM BAY	T A B
VANDALOOS	V D L

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*G. G. Pollard* Major  
Lt. Col.  
(G. G. POLLARD)  
AG. S., A.I.F. (Ceylon)

DISTRIBUTION:

H.Q.	6	Aust. Div.	15
16	Aust. Inf. Bde.	10	
17	" " " "	10	



FOR. Brigadier B.M. I.O. information  
only.

6 Br H.Q.

1045 hours. 7 Apr 42

R.A.F. report as follows:-

1. 1 cruiser 017° 32 mins NORTH, 083° 50 mins EAST 0220 hours 7/4 Course NORTH.  
 (Chart position - 100 miles approx. EAST of Madras.)
  2. 2 battleships 1 cruiser 016° 00 mins NORTH 082° 20 mins EAST. 0210 hours 7/4. Course NORTH. (Chart position - 20 miles south of above).
  3. 1 battleship 019° 30 mins NORTH 086° 22 mins EAST. 0130 hours 7/4. Course 249°.  
 (Chart position 100/150 miles approx. EAST of YANAMON).
  4. 1 battleship 1 aircraft carrier 019° 45 mins NORTH, 083° 30 mins EAST. 0215 hours 7/4 - attacking shipping.
- N.B. 3 and 4 appear to be same ships.

Recd DRLS 1715 hrs 7 Apr.

Marked List  
 L.O.1

ORIGINAL HELD IN CASE BRIG. CALLS THIS H.Q.



SUBJECT : ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Tel GALLE 84  
Ref No 130/17  
19 Apr 42

2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
"A" Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt  
2/8 Aust Fd Coy  
2/5 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
17 Bde Tng Bn (CEYLON)  
No 2 Coy AASC  
2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
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1. Enclosed is copy of the form of ceremony for Anzac Day 25 Apr 42.
2. It is directed that the ceremony as set out be observed down to the smallest detached unit, i.e. a platoon or equivalent.

*Aschman* Capt.  
S.C. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ AIF (CEYLON)  
Apr 42

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE  
ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 1942

- (1) ADDRESS - by O.C. or Chaplain  
(2) "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"

Australia's sons, let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is gift by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia fair.

CHORUS: In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.

Should foreign foe e'er sight our coast  
Or dare a foot to land  
We'll rouse to arms like sires of yore  
To guard our native strand;  
Brittania then shall surely know,  
Beyond wide ocean's roll  
Her sons in fair Australia's land  
Still keep a British soul.

CHORUS: In joyful strains, etc.

3. THE BIDDING (given by O.C. or Chaplain)

Comrades in arms, I bid you commend to the care and guidance of Almighty God, His Most Gracious Majesty "THE KING" together with the "Prime Minister of Great Britain" and all who with them bear the burden of guiding our Commonwealth through war to victory.

Particularly I bid you hold in prayer the "Governor General of Australia"; the "Prime Minister" and all who with him share the government of our country; the leaders of our Australian navy, army and air force; and above all, the common people of our nation, our own kith and kin; that all in their various capacities may serve our country faithfully and courageously in the hour of danger.

I bid you have in thankful remembrance all our comrades in the fighting forces of the Empire; that our commanders may be brave and wise and that all may serve with complete devotion.

I bid you remember also the nations who are allied with us in the cause of freedom, especially the peoples of America, Russia, China and the Dutch; that they and their leaders may be granted wisdom and courage.

I bid you have in sympathy those who are sick or wounded, those who are prisoner of war and all who are in bereavement.

Finally I bid you hold in proud remembrance, those of our comrades who, in the last war and this, have given their lives in the service of their country; commending their souls to Almighty God and praying that we in our turn may carry on their cause in a way worthy of their sacrifice.



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(4) THE REMEMBRANCE

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor years condemn;  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

(ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE)

(5) THE HONOURS

Such ceremonial as desired at the discretion of O's C.

LAST POST     )  
                  )     (if possible)  
REVEILLE     )

(6) THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



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30 Apr 42

17 AUST INF BDE GP TACTICAL SCHOOL

1. Object and Scope

The School is designed to prepare Coy and Pl Comds to teach jungle warfare to their Commands. The scope of the course will cover Pl and Sec Tng.

2. Staff

C.I.....Major G.H. BROCK, DSO, 2/7 AUST INF BN  
Adj. ....Capt J.M. MENZIES HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

3. Duration

Each Course will last three days.

4. Location

AKURESSA (Bde HQ site) Map Ref 397683 (Galle Centralised Sheet 1" to 1 mile)

5. Vacancies

Allocation of vacancies for each Course is as follows:-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	3 Offrs
2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns	6 Offrs each (to include 2 Majors or Cpts & 4 Lieuts)
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	2 Offrs.

6. Records

Officers attending courses will be shown on AFW3012 as detached to 17 Aust Inf. Bde Gp Tactical School.

7. Nominal Rolls

Nominal rolls for first and second courses will be submitted to Bde HQ not later than 1200 hrs on 2 MAY 42. Nominal rolls for third and fourth courses will be submitted not later than 9 MAY 42. A copy of nominal roll will be handed to School Adj. on arrival of students at the School.

8. Courses

4 courses will be held as under :-

Course No 1	4 May - 6 May (incl)
" " 2	7 " - 9 " "
" " 3	11 " - 13 " "
" " 4	14 " - 16 " "

9. Assembly

Students will report to School Adj. at School HQ at 1600 hrs on day prior to commencement of each course.

10. Dispersal

Each course terminates at 1600 hrs on last day of course.

11. Transport

Tpt will be by unit arrangement. At the commencement of second and fourth courses same tpt will be used for conveying students to and from course.

12. Batmen

Batmen will be brought to the School on the scale of 1 batman to three Officers.

13. Messing

A messing fee of 1 Rupee per day, payable to School Adj. on arrival at School, will be used to supplement Army Rations. Students for first course will bring unexpended portion of days



ration for evening meal 3 May.

14. Laundry

No arrangements can be made for laundry by the School.

15. Arms and Equipment

Students will bring to the School the following arms and equipment :-

Rifle and Bayonet  
 Pistol  
 Binoculars  
 Compass and Protractor  
 Map board and Case  
 Map - MORAWAKA 1" = 1 mile  
 Note Book and Pencils  
 Pamphlet - Tactical Methods - Characteristics of Japanese Operations  
 Valise and Camp Equipment

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Major  
 B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP

DISTRIBUTION

2/2 Aust Fd Regt	1.	1
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2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
17 Aust Inf Tng Bn	1	1
17 Aust Inf Bde Gp Tactical School		3
Comd		1
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Handing Over File		1

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APPENDIX "A"

DISTRIBUTION OF COAST WATCHING STATIONS & POSTS.

WEST SECTOR.

KALPITIYA TO HAMBANTOTA.

- STATION No.1. KALPITIYA, at Kalpitiya R.H. Posts at (i) Talavilla (ii) Musalpitti (iii) Kandakadamunai. Strength 6 Ipr. 14 Guards.
- STATION No.2. PUTTALAM, at Puttalam R.H. Posts at (i) Mukkuwa Toduwa (ii) Sinna Toduwa North. (iii) Norakkali. Strength 6 Ipr. 14 guards.
- STATION No.3. MUNDAL, to be housed in a building to be obtained at Mundal. Posts at (i) Udappuwa, (ii) Sinnapadu. Strength 4 Ipr. 10 guards.
- STATION No.4. CHILAW, at Chilaw R.H. or Chilaw Circuit bungalow. Posts at (i) Chilaw South. (ii) Chilaw North. (iii) Karukupone. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.5. MARAWILA, at Marawila Circuit bungalow. Posts at (i) Marawila (ii) Tawila, (iii) Mattakotuwa. Strength 5 Ipr. 13 guards.
- STATION No.6. WENNAPPUWA, at Wennappuwa Excise Station. Posts at (i) Nainamadama West (ii) Ulhitiyawa (iii) Lansigama. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.7. NEGOMBO, at Negombo R.H. Posts at (i) Duwa (ii) Kattuwa (iii) Porutota. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.8. JA-ELA, at Ja Ela R.H. Posts at (i) Lanciawatta, mouth of Kelani River (ii) Panunugama (iii) Settampaduwa. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.9. MOUNT LAVINIA, at Moun. Lavinia Hotel and Mount Lavinia Excise Station. Posts at (i) Moratuwa (ii) Angulana (iii) Mount Lavinia (iv) Dehiwela. Strength 6 Ipr. Guards 15.
- STATION No.10. PANADURA, at Panadura Excise Station. Posts at (i) Wadduwa (ii) Pinwatte (iii) Panadura. Strength 4 Ipr. 13 Gds.
- STATION No.11. KALUTARA, at Kalutara R.H. Posts at (i) Katukurunda (ii) Kalutara North (iii) Waskaduwa. Strength. 5 Ipr. 13 Guards.
- STATION No.12. BERUWELA, at Beruwala Customs Premises and Beruwala Circuit bungalow. Posts at (i) Barberyn Island (ii) Maggona (iii) Kuda Paiyagala. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No. 13. BENTOTA, at Bentota R.H. Posts at (i) Yakgahagala (ii) Godagala (iii) Kalawile. Strength 5 Ipr. 13 Guards.
- STATION No.14. KOSGODA, to be housed in a private building. Posts at (i) Egodamulla (ii) Arangala (iii) Kaikawalagala. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.15. AMBALANGODA, at Ambalangoda R.H. Posts at (i) Telwatte (ii) Akurala (iii) Urawatte. Strength 4 Ipr. 11 Guards.
- STATION No.16. HIKKADUWA, at Hikkaduwa R.H. Posts at (i) Deminigoda (ii) Dodanduwa and (iii) Hikkaduwa. Strength 5 Ipr. 13 Guards.
- STATION No.17. WELIGAMA.
- STATION No.18. DONDRA - Post at Dondra and Gandara.



STATION No.19. DICKWELA, Posts at Dickwella, Nilwella, Suriyagahawella, and Kolamnakanda.

STATION No.20. NAKULAGAMUWA. Post at Mawella.

STATION No.21. AMBALANTOTA. Posts at Kalametiya and Welipatanwilla.

STATION No.22. HAMBANTOTA. Posts at Hambantota, Kirinda, Palatupara, and Yala.

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STATION No.23. ARUGAM BAY. Posts at Arugam Bay and Panama.

STATION No.24. KARAITIVU. Posts at Karaitivu.

STATION No.25

STATION No.26

STATION No.27

STATION No.28, BATTICALOA, at Batticaloa R.H. Posts at (i) Sanmuganthan Estate (ii) Batticaloa Bar (iii) Muhattuwarem. Strength 5 Iprrr and 12 Guards.

STATION No.29 KALKUDAH, at Kalkudah R.H. Posts at (i) Passekudah (ii) Kalkudah (iii) Kalurankeni. Strength 6 Iprrr. 14 Guards.

STATION No.30. MANKENI, at Mankeni C.B. Posts at (i) Panichankeni (ii) Mankeni (iii) Elephant Point. Strength 6 Iprrr. 13 Guards.

STATION No.31. VAKARAI R.H. and Kattirarchi C.B. Posts at (i) Kattirarchi (ii) Panditivu (iii) Vakarai. Strength 6 Iprrr. 13 Guards.

STATION No.32. MUTUR

STATION No.33. NILAVELLI.

STATION No.34. NILAVELLI FERRY.

STATION No.35. KUCHCHAVELI

STATION No.36. MULLAITTIVU, at Mullaittivu R.H. and Alampil C.B. Posts at (i) Vellamullivaikal (ii) Mullaittivu (iii) Alampil and (iv) Kokkutoduvai. Strength 9 Iprrr. 20 Guards.

STATION No.37. MARUTANKEVI. Posts at Talaiadi

STATION No.38. VALVEDDITURAI. Posts at Pt.Pedro, Valvedditurai and Kankesanturai.

STATION No.39. KARAI NAGAR. Posts at Kovilam.

STATION No.40. TALAIMANNAR. Posts at Talaimannar.



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CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SMALL

COLOMBO AND THE SUBURBS WERE ATTACKED YESTERDAY AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING BY SEVENTY-FIVE ENEMY AIRCRAFT, WHICH CAME IN WAVES FROM THE SEA.

Twenty-five of the raiders were shot down for certain by British fighters, whilst five more were probably shot down and twenty-five more were damaged.

The civilian casualties were small. In the words of Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief, who broadcast later in the day, "due to the manner in which the population behaved and acted, these casualties were far below what might otherwise have been incurred."

Over half the deaths were patients in one of the medical establishments in the suburbs. The material damage was comparatively slight.

MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT HIT

THE following communique was issued by the Department of Information at 11 a.m. yesterday: "Colombo was attacked by a large force of Japanese aircraft at 8 this morning. Dive-bombing and low-flying machine-gun attacks were made on the Harbour and Ratmalana areas.

The following communique was issued at 12.40 in the afternoon: "During this morning's raid, damage done was comparatively slight.

"A small number of civilians were killed and wounded. The enemy were successfully intercepted by our fighters and heavy losses inflicted. "Twenty-five enemy aircraft were shot down for certain by our fighters, whilst five more were probably shot down and twenty-five more damaged.

ENEMY AIRMEN WHO BALED OUT

The following broadcast communique was issued by H.E. the Commander-in-Chief: "As already announced in an earlier official communique, 25 Japanese aircraft were destroyed for certain and numbers of others were damaged in this morning's raid on Colombo.

"It is known that the crews of some of these aircraft baled out and some of them may therefore have succeeded in landing alive on the island.

"Information which might be obtained by interrogation of these enemy airmen would be of vital importance to the defence of Ceylon, and every effort must be made to capture them and bring them to the nearest police station or Military Headquarters as soon as possible. Suitable rewards will be paid for their capture or for any information leading to their capture."

TREATMENT OF CASUALTIES

More than half the civilian casualties in the raid were the patients in a medical institution in the outskirts of Colombo.

The injured were immediately attended to by the staff of the institution being supplemented by two medical officers sent from the General Hospital in order to expedite treatment.

The arrangements made for the treatment of casualties at the General

New Japanese Flame Bomb

U.S. War Department Mystified

WASHINGTON, APRIL 5 (AP)—Details so far received of the new flame bomb which is being used by the Japanese against Corregidor are scanty, and the U.S. War Department is still somewhat mystified as to just what it is.

A spokesman of the Department expressed the opinion that it is most likely some type of incendiary bomb designed to burst over an inflammable target and throw the flames on to it. He expressed surprise that such incendiaries should be used against Corregidor, where there is little or nothing of an inflammable nature above ground on which it could be effective.

He remarked that it was probably something similar to the bomb used by the Germans over Britain earlier in the war, which had not been much heard of lately.

Probably the bombs mentioned in today's communique were tried out on Corregidor mainly for the purpose of deciding their range and fixing detonators, which are probably still imperfectly set, since the bombs burst too high in the air to be effective.—(Reuter).

SOVIET SUCCESSES IN LENINGRAD AREA

Nazi Communications Menaced

KUBYSHEV, APRIL 5 (AP)—REUTERS' Special Correspondent writes: Any successes on the eastern front today could be termed big successes. In the Leningrad sector the Russian army claims several important successes, including important places and what is more important they have seized control of the main road which has been one of the principal lines of German communications.

Moreover the activity of partisan bands in the German rear in this sector grows steadily more menacing for the Germans. They are constantly in touch with the city itself. The part these civilian fighters in the Leningrad sector play in the general scheme of the war here in Russia goes far beyond that of traditional guerrilla warfare. The main road which the Russian troops have captured from the Germans in the Leningrad region was the Nazi route for taking more men to the front. The mortar is the principal German weapon for which the Red soldiers have any respect.

I talked with some troops who were thankful for British tanks which have supplemented the Russian machines already there. Soviet troops are full of praise for British machine guns and cannon. And if they want more of them with more armour and more guns, who can blame them. These men are in fighting mood.—(Reuter).

ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C. E. Jones Appointed

The Governor has appointed Mr. C. E. Jones, Deputy Financial Secretary, to act as Financial Secretary from April 4 to 15 in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. H. J. Husham.

Mr. Jones will also perform the duties of a member of the Public Services Commission during the same period. The above notification appears in a Gazette Extraordinary issued on Saturday.

IN THE CHURCHES

In almost all the churches in Colombo the services were being celebrated when the alert was sounded.

The churches were crowded, but there was no excitement, men, women and children seeking shelter inside the churches.

In one church in a poor area of Colombo one or two pieces of splinters from bombs and bullets pierced through the tiled roof, but the congregation remained quite calm and unexcited.

ALERT SOUNDED AT GALLE

An alert was sounded in Galle at 7.55 a.m. yesterday. The air clear was given at 9.30 a.m. No incidents have been reported.

COLOMBO'S "MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE"

Commander-in-Chief's Congratulations

THE following broadcast speech was made yesterday evening by Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief, Ceylon.

"I am speaking now to the people of Ceylon, and more particularly to the people of Colombo. I want you to know how pleased and proud I am to be your Commander-in-Chief today.

"You have had your first air raid and the people of Colombo have set an example of courage and calmness which is second to none, rivaling that of the people of Great Britain, who have set such a high standard.

"You were attacked this morning by about 75 enemy aircraft, who dive-bombed the harbour area and Ratmalana.

OWING to disorganisation and difficulties of transport following yesterday's raid, combined with enhanced circulation and the need of getting the paper out early, today's issue contains four pages only. Our apologies are due to readers who may miss some of the usual features and to advertisers whose advertisements have been sacrificed to enable

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Some damage was caused, and a few casualties were, I am sorry to say, inflicted, but due to the manner in which the population behaved and acted, these casualties were, I am thankful to say, far below what might otherwise have been incurred.

THIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER "We had made careful preparations to meet such an attack, and all credit and honour is due to the Civil Defence Commissioner, Mr. Goonetilleke, and his enthusiastic band of helpers in the A.R.P. organisation. I know he has sometimes been criticised for having so many dummy raids and A.R.P. test drills, but we cannot appreciate his work and the success which he has achieved.

"You will be glad to know that, being so well prepared, we were able to give the enemy a warm welcome, the result of which is that we destroyed 25 of his aircraft for certain, probably 5 more, and damaged many others which may never have reached their aircraft-carriers. Two of these were brought down by A.A. fire and the remainder by our fighters. It is a great piece of work, and I am sure we all join together in tendering our congratulations to the Air Vice-Marshal and his gallant officers and men who are responsible for this outstanding success.

C.G.A. HOW THEIR METTLE "Among the anti-aircraft gunners, the Ceylon Garrison Artillery showed their mettle in this morning's attack. One bomb fell within twenty yards of a gun site, but the battery continued in action without a pause.

RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS

Rs. 70,000 Given In Donations

DONATIONS amounting to Rs. 70,000 have been given to the Civil Defence Commissioner in aid of the victims of yesterday's air raid and their dependants. These donations are from the following:

The Hawkes Trust Fund (per Mr. A. G. Ramasinha Public Trustee Rs. 50,000.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. A. Fernando Rs. 10,000.

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. Rs. 5,000.

Messrs. E. G. Adamally and Co. Rs. 5,000.

In acknowledging these donations, the Civil Defence Commissioner stated that he was grateful to those who had made these contributions.

"May I look to the Press to acknowledge other attempts that are certain to come in as a practical gesture from the people of Ceylon," he added.



ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON

although the gunners were covered with sand and small debris. Many incidents of individual courage will come to light but the following is one I cannot let pass without bringing to your notice. A Ceylonese officer of a Light Anti-Aircraft Battery at Ratmalana by his courage and presence of mind rescued the pilot of a British plane which was burning on the ground. He sent the pilot to hospital in an ambulance.

You have now had your first air raid, and I trust and hope most sincerely that it will have given you confidence in yourselves, in our organisation, and in our preparation to meet any further attacks of a similar sort. Anticipation of the first attack naturally causes uneasiness and anxiety as to what an air attack really means. Well, you have seen it, and I am quite sure that there will be no one amongst you who will not have been considerably relieved by his experience this morning.

It is not a matter of luck that we got off so lightly. It is entirely due to the manner in which we have prepared ourselves to meet this danger, and so long as we do not relax our vigilance to work together with firm determination to succeed, and avoid all signs of panic, we need have no fears as to the future.

I visited most of the damaged premises immediately after the air raid, together with His Excellency the Governor, and we were both immensely impressed by the spirit of quiet confidence and cheerfulness which we met everywhere.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my deepest sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives, but they may feel proud in the fact that those lives have not been wasted, but have been given in the defence of their beloved Ceylon. I am sorry to say that over half of those who were lost were patients in one of our Medical establishments. It is sad indeed that such an institution should have been selected by our barbarous enemy as a target, and particularly so on such a day as Easter Sunday.

"Before closing, I wish once more to congratulate you, one and all. You, people of Colombo, have set the whole of Ceylon a magnificent example, and you may well be proud, as I am sure you are, of your gallant behaviour today, for which I can only say—thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I look forward with confidence after today's experience to whatever further air attacks we may have to face together."

TO ACT AS LABOUR MINISTER

Election of Mr. Sri Pathmanathan

Mr. B. Sri Pathmanathan, Member for Mannar, was elected yesterday to act as Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce, during the absence from the Island of Mr. G. C. S. Corea, who has left for India to make transport arrangements for Indian exports of food supplies to Ceylon.

Mr. D. S. de Fonseka, Deputy Speaker, presided at the special meeting of the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce which was held for the purpose on Good Friday.

Mr. Sri Pathmanathan was contested by Mr. Balsh Hewawilarnne, each of whom has previously acted as Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Sri Pathmanathan was elected by three votes to one.

Besides the two candidates the other members of the Executive Committee present were Messrs. K. Natesa Iyer and H. E. Newbann.

The acting Minister was later presented to the Governor by the Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Corea is expected to be away for about a fortnight.

MAJOR-GEN. POWNALL PROMOTED

LONDON, APRIL 3. The Gazette notices that Major-General Sir Henry R. Pownall has been appointed Lieutenant-General. He is fifty-four, was formerly Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and assumed the Ceylon Army command on March 14.—(Reuter).

ENEMY CONCENTRATING ON WEST BANK OF IRRAWADDY

NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN SITUATION

BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW TO PRE-ARRANGED POSITIONS

LONDON, APRIL 5 A BURMA communique issued today states: "There has been no substantial change in the situation on the Irrawaddy front since yesterday. Our forces have been withdrawn successfully to their prearranged positions.

"Enemy air activity was heavy throughout the day. Our troops were subjected to dive bombing and machine-gunning. From a report it appears that the enemy is concentrating troops and motor transport on the west bank of the Irrawaddy. Our artillery was active in this direction and enemy troops on the west bank were effectively shelled."

Further information can now be given of the circumstances which led to the Chungking announcement of the alleged Japanese landing at Akyab, as an official announcement of the bombing of the Japanese invasion fleet off the Andaman Islands has been made.

The first information concerning the presence of a Japanese invasion fleet in the Bay of Bengal was given to the Chinese military authorities by United States naval authorities who reported on March 27 that American aircraft had sighted a Japanese invasion fleet in the Bay of Bengal near Akyab. Details were given concerning the types and numbers of vessels. According to a report of British aircraft sighted by the R.A.F. The Chinese military authorities were further informed of a Japanese landing at Akyab which however later proved to be incorrect.

The intentions of the Japanese invasion fleet however cannot still be ascertained, whether they are preparing to land at Akyab or on the Indian Coast, perhaps even at Calcutta. The Chinese authorities are making preparations to meet any eventualities, including using some other centres in India instead of Calcutta for air communication between China and India.

FIVE ENEMY BOMBERS DESTROYED OVER DARWIN

During an air raid over Darwin on April 4 anti-aircraft guns brought down two enemy bombers and fighter planes accounted for two more. Two enemy fighters were probably destroyed. The attacking force, according to an official announcement was intercepted before reaching its objective. Only a few bombs were dropped. Two civilians were killed. There was no damage to property and all British aircraft returned safely.

Later details suggest that the results of the Darwin raid were even better than at first thought. It is now believed that five of the 7 Japanese bombers were brought down as well as possibly four zero fighters. According to an unofficial estimate four bombers and two zero fighters were destroyed and one bomber and one zero probably destroyed and one zero fighter possibly destroyed. The Japanese flew in strict formation, but the first salvo from the anti-aircraft guns hit one and the second salvo hit two others. All the planes dropped into the sea. A search is being made for three Japanese who are believed to have baled out.

PORT MORESBY RAIDED

It is officially stated in Melbourne that "seven Japanese bombers with fighter escort raided Port Moresby on April 5. One enemy fighter was shot down. The R.A.A.F. destroyed seventeen Japanese planes and damaged ten aircraft in raids over Lae and Koepong and on Darwin on April 4. Two Allied planes were lost and one damaged."

THREE DAY BATTLE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

A battle lasting three days on the Leningrad front is reported in a supplement to Saturday night's Soviet communique. During these three days the Germans lost 3,400 officers and men in killed alone as well as a number of prisoners. The Russians captured a very large and widely varied quantity of war equipment, ranging from 28 guns with three thousand shells to over 115,000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Considerable German losses are again reported from the Kalinin front. On one sector alone it is stated that the Germans lost five hundred killed in one engagement. The supplement also reports a number of Russian air raids. In one of these about seventy railway waggons were destroyed. Some of these waggons were carrying troops.

A Soviet communique states: "During April 4 no substantial changes occurred at the front. During April 3, 23 German planes were destroyed. Our losses were three planes. Our ships in the Barents Sea sank two enemy transports with a displacement of seven thousand and 35,000 tons respectively.







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