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**2/43 Infantry Battalion**

**August 1945**



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	1 AUG	0900	CO & Adj't moved to SOUTH bank of PADAS R to inspect B Coy defences	
		1400	CO visited A Coy area Normal deep patrolling during day	
	2 AUG	0900	CO attended weekly BDE Comd conference at BDE HQ	
		1530	Coy Comd conference at BHQ relevant details of Bde Comd conference passed on. Tram service now to be controlled by AASC	
			2/43 Bn to relieve 2/28 Bn commencing 9 AUG	
			C Coy 2/43 Bn to relieve C Coy 2/28 Bn 9 AUG	
			A Coy 2/43 Bn to relieve B Coy 2/28 Bn 10 AUG	
			B & D Coys 2/43 Bn to complete relief of 2/28 Bn 11 AUG	
			Recce party from C Coy 2/43 Bn consisting of C Coy 2 1/c and rep from each section to move to	



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Date and Time.—From 2 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	2 Aug		area 2/28 Bn 5 Aug	
		1945	Cinema programme BEAUFORT Theatre	
			RSM A/WOI H. CRELLIN evacuated with dermatitis	
			News was received that Maj G. HENDRY formally 21/c	
			2/32 Bn had been promoted to rank of Lt Col and	
			appointed to comd 2/28 Bn	
	3 Aug		Extensive patrolling continues	
		1000	Sgt D. CAMPBELL of B Coy took over duties as	
			A/RSM, on of his first duties being to assist in	
			organizing an extensive Orderly Room	
		1400	RMO gave lecture on venereal disease — med aspect	
			only. Similar lectures have been given to all	
			Coys during the week	
		1945	Cinema programme at Theatre	
	4 Aug		Normal patrol activity	
			Preparation for childrens carnival well in hand	



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Unit 2/43 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 4 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	4 Aug	0830	Op inst received from BDE ref change with 2/28 BN	
		1200	Capt G D COMBE left for LABUAN where he has certain commissions to perform for SC	
		1945	Fourth presentation of "Borneo Babbles" in theatre — a highly successful performance	
		2200	Heavy rainfall	
	5 Aug		Normal church services	
			Apart from patrol activities a rest day	
		1230	MOJ CAHILL left for PAPAR where he will visit 2/32 BN and make certain arrangements ref change over and childrens carnival	
		1430	CO attended conference at Bde HQ Various changes have been made in offr postings to enable learners for various posns to become acquainted with their new duties prior to the release of the 5 Year personnel	Appx 586



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Date and Time.—From 5 AUG 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	5 AUG		C Coy recon party under Capt RR McKEE moved out to A Coy. 2/28 BN	
	6 AUG	0845	CSO 1 AUST CORPS Col BOWDEN and CSO 9 AUST DIV Lt Col LAMBERT plus BDE Sig O visited CO ref Sig problems	
			Maj NEWBERRY 2/28 BN visited BHQ	
		1630	GOC Maj Gen G. WOOTEN arrived in BEAUFORT area A Coy supplied qd for OFFICERS CLUB C Coy to supply train qd for GOC's visit to 2/32 BN at PAPAR 7 Aug	
		1730	CO visited GOC at OFFICERS CLUB	
	7 Aug	0900	Representative from MDS visited BHQ to arrange the attendance of personnel to MDS to obtain stools and blood slides to check for hookworm & malaria.	
		0930	CO moved with GOC & Brig by train on visit to 2/32 BN at PAPAR	
		1530	IO & Sig O 2/28 BN visited BHQ ref change over	



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Unit 2/43 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 7 AUG 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	7 AUG	1630	CO returned from BONGAWAN where 2/32 BN relieved C Coy train guard.	
	8 AUG		BEAUFORT Childrens Carnival. Programme commenced at 1000 hrs and continued until concert in evening	Appx 21
		1930	Capt R C CRONIK 2/32 BN visited BHDQ and stayed overnight. Atomic bomb, news received of this new and terrifying weapon being used on the Japanese home islands.	
	9 AUG	0845	CO attended Bde Comd conference	
		0900	News received of RUSSIAN declaration of war against JAPAN	
		1200	Lt Col HENDRY CO 2/28 BN visited BHDQ for lunch. Photographs of LABUAN campaign came to hand from BDE	
		1400	C Coy first to move in change over with 2/28 BN	



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Unit 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 9 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BEAUFORT	9 Aug		in posn at 43678885 13 PI 437889 14 PI 436888 15 PI as standing patrol at 432888	
MONTENIOR	10 Aug	0900	Congratulatory message to unit on success of Childrens Carnival 8 Aug	
		0930	CO moved out to Officers Club to meet Cin C Gen Sir T BLAMEY & GOC Maj Gen G WOOTTEN	
		1415	C Coy sniper post killed one enemy and another at 1730 hrs	
		1500	BHQ opened at new location 411894	
		1900	HQ Coy details & supporting arms moved to new area. Sec & dets joining coys as per Appx	Appx 1
		1915	A Coy in posn Coy HQ 425895 7 PI 426894 8 PI 426896 9 PI 429889 4 PI 425905 with 1 sec 424899. Sec MMG 427894 & 428889 MB 424894	
	11 Aug	0900	CO & Adjt. moved out to C Coy. CO then visited BOE	
		1135	B Coy in posn Coy HQ & 10 PI 407891 12 PI 407893 11 PI 424885 as out post.	



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Army Form C. 21.8  
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Unit 2/43 Avst Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 11 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	11 Aug	1135	Considerable noise reported at 428883 by 11 Pl	
		1345	CO returned to BHQ	
		1630	1 Jap seen vic 9 Pl engaged by LMG but with NO results	
		1700	Relief of D Coy 2/29 Bn completed by D Coy 2/43 Bn	
			Cor less 1 Sec general area 410895 1 Sec outpost 413907	
		1800	Some mvt by Japs fwd of C Coy vic 433885	
		1855	1 Jap shot vic 431884	
		1900	M3" shoot on suspected Jap positions up till last light	
			Patrols as projected were NOT sent out due to <del>████</del> likelihood of early peace.	
			12 Aug	0845
		0900	Church service at BHQ the padre visited Cors	
		0930	11 Pl outpost at 424885 fired on one Jap at 426884 <sup>result</sup> NOT KNOWN	
		1900	A Coy sighted 3-4 Japs moving SOUTH vic 428877	
			local patrols—protective—only carried out.	



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Date and Time.—From 13 Aug To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	13 AUG		Quiet day with restricted patrolling only	
		0930	One Jap killed at 430884 from sniper post 432886	
		1530	A Coy reported a man on raft floating down stream appeared to land at approx 401893 NO further mt seen	
		1730	Sniper post killed one Jap at 430884.	Appx 9
		1900	Japs fired 2 riflshots at snipers post 432886 Bn retaliated with 250 M3 bombs & 400 rds arty	
	#		Many conflicting reports regarding surrender reports	
	14 Aug		Another quiet day with protective patrolling the main activity A Coy contact patrol with 2/28 Bn in sq 4696 struck very heavy going and progress very slow	
		1100	Lt W. BURNS OC 15 Pl and 10R wounded by own booby trap	
		1500	Corps Comd Lt Gen L. MORSEHEAD & GOC Maj Gen G. WOOTTEN visited Bn area during heavy rain. visited BHCQ for afternoon tea	



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Date and Time.—From 14 Aug 45 To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1530	11 Pl 424884 relieved by 12 Pl. 11 Pl now at 407892	
MONTENIOR	14 Aug	1905	2 Japs seen at 424897	
		1915	1 Jap seen at 427895 fired upon with NO result	
	15 Aug	0845	News received of surrender of JAPAN. News was received very quietly by troops for they realize there is still much to be done.	Appx
		1530	4 Japs seen washing at 427880	
		1830	Capt J C COEN RTU from AUSTRALIA where he attended BEENLIEGH TAC SCHOOL	
		1915	A Coy patrol reached MEMBAKUT after 2 days of very heavy going local protective patrols only. Little activity anywhere	Appx 50
	16 Aug		CO attended BDE conference.	
		1245	A Coy patrol returned to coy area from MEMBAKUT by train	
		1940	Native report signs of Japs at house 412892	
			Generally a very quiet day with short protective patrols only	
	17 Aug	1025	12 Pl outpost 425882 reported 2 Japs approached the posn. 1 Jap fired pistol knocking one man's hat off. Japs then fled.	



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Date and Time.—From 17 Aug To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
MONTENIOR	17 Aug	1100	Padre held Thanksgiving service at BHQ then visited Coys		
		1230	12 PI saw 3 Japs at br 427881 moving NORTH. Carried rifles packs + camouflaged with grass		
		1240	a very agitated native came to BHQ with a report <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> that Japs were in his house at 412892. B Coy sent a small patrol to investigate and returned with a native, badly slashed with sword. On interrogation it proved that he escaped from Japs after slashing by floating downstream on log (See 13 Aug) to house 412892 (see 16 Aug)		
		1535	Jap seen at br 427881 moving South.		
		1430	Jap seen by patrol at 437880. Was building shelter but fled South		
		2200	Reports from Eng that river is rising rapidly. People living in low lying areas warned in case of flood		
			Capt JC COEN moved to B Ech to understudy QM		
			Capt ANDERSON returned from 2/3 Tr A RECT where he has been instructing in inf tactics and took over duties as 2/c B Coy		



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Unit 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 18 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	18 Aug	0830	CO + Adj't moved out to visit C Coy.	
		1345	Bnq PORTER + SC Capt NEWTON visited BTRQ. Then C B 2 D Coys with CO	
			Patroling limited to short protective patrols all NMS River ceased to rise and <del>          </del> danger past.	
	19 Aug	<del>          </del> 1000	Padre held BDE thanks giving service on AUSTER strip at BEAUFORT. Due to situation only a limited number could attend.	
		1000	CO visited 10 Pl area by FBE while change over with 12 Pl in progress 10 Pl at 424884 12 Pl at 406892	
			Some mut by enemy seen in vicinity Br 427881 throughout day. appeared to be moving SOUTH generally all carried packs or bags. 9 seen during day 2 moved NORTH 7 SOUTH.	
		1655	Chinese family came in to ACoy posn from area 4490 reported 5 Japs visited their house 18 Aug in search of food.	
			Chinese had NO knowledge of JAPANS surrender.	



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Date and Time.—From 19 Aug To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	19 Aug		Capt G. D. COMBE moved out to BDE to take up his new duties as BDE IO	
	20 Aug	1400	Brig PORTER visited Bn area. SPI & C Coy	
		1415	Protective patrol made contact at 436885 with 2 Japs enemy cas 1 killed our cas 1 killed. Most unfortunate in view of the war being over technically at least.	
		1645	4 Japs moved NORTH over br 427881 followed by 3 more during the next half an hour also over this period 3 moved SOUTH over br down rly line	
		1850	2 Japs approached 15 Pl 432888 in <del>an</del> aggressive manner 1 killed other fled	
	21 Aug	0830	6 Japs moved NORTH up rly line and over br 427881 one moved SOUTH prior to this.	
		0930	2 1/c moved over river to 10 Pl 424885	
		1400	During afternoon approx 12 Japs were in vicinity of house 427880 8 of them sitting on hill to rear of house	



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Date and Time.—From 21 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	21 Aug		and remainder dug in garden	
		1715	6 Japs moved down rly line SOUTH and 7 more arrived at house from EAST	
		1945	12 Japs from house area moved SOUTH along line, all laden with bags and packs. Very few carried rifles	
	22 Aug	0830	7 Japs who had been in house area for 1/2 hour moved SOUTH along line	
		0915	Brig PORTER visited BHQ then moved to SPI 428889	
			5 Japs seen up stream apparently washing	
			3 Japs in house area digging in garden, remained there all day	
		1400	3 Japs one who appeared to be offr moved down to house from EAST	
			At last light Japs still appeared to be in area.	
	23 Aug	0845	CO 2 Adjut moved out to BDE CO attended BDE conference then Courts Martial.	
		1145	First batch of 516 personnel. 6 offr 56 OR's moved out to B Ech where they will stage awaiting onward movement.	
		1500	Unconfirmed report from Radio SAIGON that Japs in BEAUFORT were given "cease fire" order as from 221600I	



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Unit 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 23 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	23 Aug	1520	First train smash in bn area CO, Brig. & BM passengers. The torn trousers of the BM being the only casualty.	
			Considerable enemy <del>at</del> movement in house area 427880. Several enemy were seen reading what were apparently pamphlets.	
	24 Aug		Plans and arrangements for Bn Education and Vocational Trng Center well in hand. 7 box cars and carriages being used to accomodate school. at present school will be located at the JIMPANGA siding.	Appx 16
			During the morning and afternoon an amplifier was used from 9 PI posn 428889 to contact Japs. Some news from Table Tops relating to Jap surrender was also read out	
			Some Jap movement seen in house area. 427880	
		1900	CO moved out to offr Club for farewell to 5 Yr offr	
	25 Aug		Some activity during day mostly by lone Japs.	
		1300	Chinese boy came into our lines. had been employed by Japs for 12 months as a clerk. Sent to Bn.	



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Date and Time.—From 25 Aug 45 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MONTENIOR	25 AUG		56 OR's and 6 offrs moved out to LABUAN on the first stage of their journey to AUSTRALIA. All these 5Yr personnel had over 237 points in the system of priority, to attain this figure one dependant. was necessary. the 5Yr personnel with out dependants are now anxiously awaiting news of the next draft. The offr who moved today were	
			Capt D C SIEKMAN Lt T NOONAN Lt N. GEORGE Lt M AGARS Lt R. B. DAVIS Lt C. H. CAWTHORNE	
		2000	CO + Adjut moved to BEAUFORT OFFICERS CLUB to meet reps from AGH's. as no train ran at midnight they walked home arriving in the wee small hours. D Coy changed over with C Coy Dispositions as per	Appx 58
	26 Aug	0930	Padre held service at BHQ then throughout Bn area at various times during day.	
		0930	Maj FULLTON of 1 Aust Corps, small arms expert, visited Bn area.	



WAR DIARY AUG 45

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
MONTENIOR	25 Aug	1100	Meeting of Education and Vocational Centre Staff to make final arrangements for school. APPX 16
		1615	7 Japs moved NORTH with full equip 6 rifles and 1 LMG to SOUTH bank of MONTENIOR KECHIL then EAST.
	27 Aug		One Jap only seen during morning in house area 427880
		1100	Some instructors and staff for Education school moved to school area.
		1215	Indian PW brought in had pay book and remnants of uniform in his possession. Was captured in SINGAPORE Feb 42 and was moved together with 300 other Indian PWs to MIRI where he worked as a labourer for 2 yrs. Was then moved to JESSELTON for 12 months thence to BEAUFORT area. Was left by Jap forces owing to illness when our arty drove Japs out of area MONTENIOR BETAR where Indian had been hiding for approx 1 month. Some Jap activity around house area during afternoon. 7 Pl changed over with 8 Pl 425894 7 Pl now 424884
	28 Aug		Remainder of staff for Bde Ed School moved out.
		1000	Brig Porter and Capt Rose from Bde and CO visited bn area incl outpost pl 424884 then returned to BHQ for lunch. Capt E.G. ANDERSON taken over comd D Coy from Capt K HOWARD who is transferred to 1 AUST REINF BDE at MOROTAI. Normal activity by Japs in house area 427880 throughout day Sightings numbered 22 13 Pl now 412895 14 Pl 408895 Maj Thomas & Lt DOBBINS of 2/16 Fd Coy visited BHQ and remained for dinner
	29 Aug	0730	3 Japs seen on ridge at 430885 in front of 17 Pl but due to haze unable to see if armed.
		1300	Jap seen in house approx 427880
		1500	4 Chinese came into D Coy lines from MONTENIOR KECHIL area where they had been hiding since their parents were killed by Japs 16 June also husband of one woman. They had seen 5 Japs in house approx 434884 on 27-28 Aug. Chinese did NOT know anything of condition of rly or if in use by Japs. Normal activity in house area 427880 during day sightings numbering 21 Capt K HOWARD marched out to 1 AUST REINF BDE. <del>Appx</del>
	30 Aug	0830	CO moved out to Bde for weekly conference
		1010	One Jap well dressed wearing helmet Steel moved to bn area 427881



PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
MONTENIOR	30 Aug	1035	This Jap accompanied by another moved down rly line SOUTH in great hurry
		1100	One Jap moved from SOUTH up MONTENIOR KECHIL and much shouting was heard in area. During day the activity in house area 427880 was somewhat above normal, a total of 40 sightings being made during day. CO moved up to D Coy area in afternoon B Coy moved into Bn Coy rest area at 417894 Appx 59 Capt W LONNIE OC of Bn Mobile Education and Vocational Training Centre which is the designation wished upon the Bn school, moved to JIMPANGA. Capt McINTYRE Sal Army Rep of 2/32 Bn moved into Coy rest area for few days to inspect amenities situation within Bn. CO returned to BHQ.
	31 Aug		During morning only 2 Japs seen in house area.
		1210	16 Pl 436880 reported what appears to be a notice approx 4' x 1' made of yellow material at house but may be a weather board off house. 11 Japs seen during afternoon in house area two of whom crossed br moving NORTH and disappeared at NORTH bank of MONTENIOR KECHIL 13 Pl now at 406891 7 Pl relieved by 9 Pl Appx 60
		2230	Due to landslide vicinity JIMPANGA loop the late picture train could not proceed and personnel walked home in the rain.



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7 Aug 45

Ref Maps : 1:50000 - BINSOLUK  
 PAPAR  
 LUMAT  
 LUMADEN  
 TANDOI  
 KIMANIS  
 1:25000 LUMAT SE  
 LUMADEN NE

INFM1. Enemy

- (a) EAST of PADAS RIVER, in squares 4288 4388, an enemy force of estimated str 50/60, with at least 1 HMG and several LMGs, continues to engage our patrols which probe SOUTH. It is probable that this is an outpost to delay any adv of our tps SOUTH of MONTENIOR KETCHIL RIVER.
- (b) There is no infm of enemy str in the area immediately SOUTH of MONTENIOR KETCHIL RIVER, but it may be up to 400 with an additional 500/600 between those tps and TENOM
- (c) It is unlikely that the enemy will commence any large scale offensive action but it is believed that he would stubbornly resist any adv by our tps towards TENOM.

2. Own Tps

No change

3. Additional tps in sp

Two FOOs and parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will be in sp

INTENTION

4. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

METHOD5. Summary

Relief will be carried out on a coy for coy basis, commencing 9 Aug 45.

6. Fwd Tps(a) RIGHT - A Coy(b) LEFT - C Coy



7. Groupings

(a) A Coy

with under comd

No 2 (MMG) Pl  
No 4 (Tk A) Pl

with in sp

FOO and party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt  
No 3 (Mortar) Pl less three dets

(b) CGoy

with in sp

FOO and party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt  
Two dets No 3 (Mortar) Pl

8. Areas of responsibility

(a) Coy of 2/28  
bn relieved

To be relieved by coy  
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date of Relief

C Coy  
B Coy *+ 1 PL 9 coy.*  
Bn HQ - HQ  
Coy Details  
A Coy *- 1 PL*  
D Coy

C Coy  
A Coy *+ 1 PL B Coy.*  
Bn HQ - HQ Coy  
Details  
B Coy *- 1 PL*  
D Coy

9 Aug  
10 Aug  
10 Aug  
11 Aug  
11 Aug - (anticip-  
ated)

(b) One pl **B** Coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will relieve one pl **A** Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn SOUTH of PADAS RIVER by 101200I ; crossing to be effected by FBE in coy area.

9. Arty

(a) DF tasks - as for 2/28 Aust Inf Bn. Details issued separately.

(b) HF tasks daily as ordered by bn HQ.

(c) FOO and parties in sp of each A and C Coys.

10. MMGs

(a) One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will come under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn 10 Aug 45.

(b) No 2 (MMG) Pl comes under comd A Coy 10 Aug 45

11. Mortars

(a) No 3 (Mortar) pl less three dets in sp A Coy

(b) Two dets in sp C Coy

(c) One det under comd B Coy

12. Tk A

No 4 (Tk A) Pl comes under comd ACoy.

13. Pioneers

(a) No 5 (Pioneer) Pl comes under comd Bn HQ



(b) Tasks in priority

- (i) Repair of rly
- (ii) Improvement and maintenance bn L of C
- (iii) Water development and conservation

14. Res

(a) Mob - B Coy

with under comd

one det No 3 (Mortar) Pl

(b) Local - D Coy less one pl

15. Probable role of res

(a) B Coy - will be prepared to move at short notice to -

- (i) act as mob force to counter enemy activity at any point in bn area when ordered or
- (ii) come into bde res if required

(b) D COY - will act as bn local res and less one pl be prepared to counter enemy activity at any pt in bn area when ordered. In event of B Coy being ordered to act as in para 15 (a) (i) or (ii) above D Coy will assume B Coy's present disposns and be prepared to act as bn local res as already stated continuing to maintain outpost pl at 413908

(c) A COY - in event of B and D Coys being ordered to act as in paras 10 (a) and 10 (b) A Coy will relieve D Coy pl outpost at 425890

16. Patrols

(a) Details of patrols will be advised daily by bn HQ

17. Outposts

Outposts at present occupied by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will be taken over and maintained

18. Rly Protection

Tasks to be taken over from respective opposite numbers in 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

19. Timings

- (a) Comd of area B passes from 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn when relief of two fwd coys of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn is completed
- (b) Time of mov of coys from this area to be advised by bn HQ

20. Rece parties

Bn HQ A B and D Coys will send fwd rece parties one day prior to relief being effected.



ADM

21. Sups

QM to liaise with QM 2/28 Aust Inf Bn; arrangements subject to concurrence of COs

22. Rly Tpt

TO will arrange for special trains for mov of stores and, if possible personnel, 24 hrs before each relief and advise 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

23. Furniture

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn to take on charge all furniture with D Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Other coys will make mutual arrangements re furniture

(c) 2IC will liaise with 2 IC 2/28 Aust Inf Bn re Bn HQ furniture

24. Hand Over Certificates

2 IC to issue separate instrs

25. Arm

RSM to liaise direct with RSM 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and obtain approval of Adjnt.

26. Med

RAP will take over site 2/28 Aust Inf Bn RAP 10 Aug 45

INTERCOMN

Sig Offr to issue separate instr

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 07.500 I....

Issued by ORDERLY

*J. Bourke Capt*  
for Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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SUBJECT : HANDOVER D AND G COYS 25 AUG 45

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
24 Aug 45

GENERAL

D Coy will take over responsibilities of G Coy and 9 Pl A Coy 25 Aug 45 and G Coy will move to area at present occupied by D Coy.

1. 14 Pl and Coy HQ G Coy will move to railhead by 2508451. 13 Pl will assume temporary responsibility for the area.
2. 16 Pl B Coy will move by SBS from En HQ at 2508201 and will take over responsibilities of 13 and 14 Pl, & Coy HQ G Coy
3. 14 Pl and Coy HQ G Coy will move by return SBS. 14 Pl will relieve 15 Pl in rest area, and 15 Pl and G Coy HQ will move to D Coy area, where 15 Pl will relieve 18 Pl. 15 and 16 Pls and Coy HQ G and D Coys will lunch under arrangements D Coy.
4. HQ D Coy and 18 Pl will move from En HQ on 1420 train and 18 Pl will relieve 9 Pl A Coy. Coy HQ will establish at railhead.
5. 13 Pl will lunch in own area and will take over 16 Pl area leaving railhead on 1445 train.
6. 9 Pl will move by march route to A Coy area on relief.
7. Comds G and D Coy will mutually arrange change or handover of rations, water, tentage etc.

*K. L. Hettage* Lt  
A Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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SUBJECT : ENTRIES OF SERVICE CHEVRONS AND RIBBONS IN AAB 83

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Aug 45

1. All coys will bring individual records of entitlement of service chevrons and ribbons up to date in accordance with the following instrs.

- (a) All records of service chevrons, wound chevrons and campaign awards will be entered in ink on the inside back cover of the AAB 83.
- (b) Where there is not sufficient space on this page, new page or pages will be affixed in appropriate place in AAB 83's.
- (c) Pro forma for this page will be as follows :

SERVICE CHEVRONS

Embarked HQ	28/12/40	)	
Disemb. Aust	28/2/43	)	- 27 mths
Embarked HQ	8/3/43	)	
Disemb. Aust	1/2/44	)	- 6 mths
Embarked Borneo	8/4/45	)	
Disemb. Aust		)	-

ENTITLEMENT SERVICE CHEVRONS ...4....

WOUND CHEVRONS

W.I.A. ALAMIN 17 Jul 42

Approved to wear following campaign awards subject to verification by Snd Ech LHQ :

Africa Star - 6th Army Clasp

Dated.....

.....  
Signature

- (d) Entries on this page must be signed and dated by an offr.
- (e) It is pointed out that no authority exists at present for the inclusion of 1939-45 and PACIFIC STARS as campaign awards.

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SUBJECT: WAR SERVICE LEAVE

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
15 Aug 45.

GENERAL

- (a) For the purpose of this instr "service abroad" will be defined as service at a place outside the Commonwealth of Australia and the territories (including mandated territories)
  - (b) Service in New Guinea is therefore not to be taken into account in the computation of War Service Leave.
1. The calculation and entering on AAF A63 and AAB 83 of War Service Leave will be commenced forthwith in accordance with the following instrs.
    - (a) Members of the AMF who have returned to AUST after service abroad may be granted, immediately prior to discharge or termination of appointment, - War Service Leave.
    - (b) War Service Leave will be at the rate of 7½ days for each six months of aggregate service abroad.
    - (c) A broken period of over 4 mths service abroad will count as 6mths.
    - (d) Maximum amount of WAR SERVICE LEAVE will be 60 days.
    - (e) Personnel with under 4 months service abroad will NOT be entitled to WAR SERVICE LEAVE.
    - (f) WAR SERVICE LEAVE will NOT be granted to members returned for disciplinary reasons or because their services overseas are no longer required.
  2. WAR SERVICE LEAVE will be recorded on AAF A63 and AAB 83 in conformity with the following example:-
 

<u>AUTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LEAVE PERIOD</u> <u>FROM</u>	<u>CREDITS</u> <u>TO</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>(EACH ENTRY TO BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER)</u>
GR0598/43	Serv	23/12/40	28/12/45	30	

NOTE : War Service leave credits will NOT be shown in "CREDIT BALANCE" column as leave due.
  3. No credit will be calculated for period spent abroad on the present operations.
  4. Priority will be given to AAF A63 and AAB83 of personnel who are eligible for release.

*H. L. Vantage* Lt  
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SUBJECT : RE-POSTING OF OFFICERS - 5 YEAR RELEASE PLAN

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
4 Aug 45

1. In conformance with the policy of training all personnel for possible posting to higher appointment, the changes set out hereunder will be effected by 061700I without any further orders from this HQ.

2. (a) As Coy Comd Learner

A Coy - Capt A J MITTY  
B Coy - " H B LANGFORD  
C Coy - " R R McEER  
D Coy - " E D HOWARD


(b) As 2 IC Learner

A Coy - -  
B Coy - Capt E G ANDERSON (when available)  
C Coy - -  
D Coy - -

(c) As Learner

(i) Adjt - Lt E L HOTTAGE  
(ii) IO - Lt P J WELLS  
(iii) QM - -  
(iv) TO - Lt D A RYAN

3. Offrs at present holding these appointments will hand over all responsibilities as early as is found practicable, and will give every assistance to the officer assuming the learner appointment.
4. Capt J A POLLOCK, on relinquishing his posting as Town Major, will assume comd of HQ Coy for the time being.
5. Where not otherwise mentioned, offrs will continue in their present appointments. Where an offr becomes supernumerary because of a learner posting, he will assume such tasks as may be determined by his Coy Comd, and by this HQ, from time to time.
6. It is again stressed that these appointments are for the purpose of providing for only one of several contingencies, and have, at the present, no intention of permanency.
7. All ranks who are eligible for release will, as far as is possible, be withheld from contact with the enemy in any future moves or operations.

  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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5 YEAR RELEASE PLAN - OFFICER SITUATION

2/43 Aust. Inf Bn  
4 Aug 45

Tentative Appointments  
as from 6 Aug 45

For Release up to  
1 Jan 46

BN HQ

CO	Lt Col M R JEANES	Lt Col M R JEANES (decision deferred)	31 Jul
2IC	-	Maj W M CAHILL	"
Adjnt	Lt K L NOTTAGE	Capt G D COMBE	"
IO	Lt F J WELLS	Lt R B DAVIS	"
QM	-	Lt B L HARVEY	Aug

HQ COY

OC	Capt J A POLLOK	Capt J A POLLOK	31 Jul
1 Pl	-	Lt R SCOTT	"
2 Pl	-	Lt GIBBS	"
3 Pl	-	Lt A R GLUSS	"
4 Pl	-		
5 Pl	-	Lt T NOONAN	"
6 Pl (TO)	Lt D A RYAN		

A COY

OC	Capt A J MITTY	Lt C H CAWTHORNE	31 Jul
2IC	-	Lt M J AGARS	"
Pl Comds	Lt T S BUTTERWORTH Lt L L BERRY	Capt W S LONNIE	31 Aug

B COY

OC	Capt H B LANGFORD	Lt N G GEORGE	31 Jul
2IC	Capt E G ANDERSON	Lt A KENNEDY	"
Pl Comds	Lt J S FOSTER		

C COY

OC	Capt R R MCKEE	Capt W R BRAY	31 Jul
2IC	-	Capt R R MCKEE	31 Oct
Pl Comds	Lt R B WATERS Lt A G EVERITT		



D COY

OC Capt K D HOWARD

Capt D C SIEKMANN

31 Jul

SIC

-

Lt D H S MOORE

F1 Comds Lt R L BROWNLIE

Lt W J KEANE

Supernumerary

Lt P H W JONES



NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE  
AND EXPECTED TO RTU

Lt C A BELL

Lt W C BURNS

Total 18

NOT WITH UNIT BUT ELIGIBLE  
FOR RELEASE AND PROBABLY  
EXERCISE OPTION

Maj J D GORDON

T/Maj J A FLEMING

Capt J C COEN

Capt M H E C GLOVER

Lt R H GREASLEY

Total 22

Note: None of the above offrns are  
suitable for promotion

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VACANCIES IN OFFR POSTINGS NOT ABLE TO BE FILLED FROM  
BN RESOURCES

	<u>Maj</u>	<u>Cepts</u>	<u>Lts</u>
Bn 2IC	1		
OC HQ Coy	1		
Coy Comd	1		
QM		1	
Coy 2IC		3	
Slg Offr			1
WMC Offr			1
Mortar Offr			1
Tk A Offr			1
Par Offr			1
Pl Comds Rifle Coy			5
	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 10



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SUBJECT : RELEASE OF LONG SERVICE PERSONNEL

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
14 Aug 45

1. GENERAL

This order will be read in conjunction with RELEASES FROM ANP instr dated 27 Jul 45 and does NOT supersede that order.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Members claims will be verified as far as possible from unit records, interrogation of the individual and personal knowledge of CO or other officers in the unit. Finally claims may be supported by Statutory Declaration.

3. ACCELERATED DISCHARGE ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

(a) Applications received from relatively low priority personnel for early discharge based on compassionate grounds will be forwarded by this HQ direct to HQ Comd L of C area in which ~~the~~ the discharge is desired.

(b) HQ Comd or L of C area will then inform unit direct of recommendation.

4. LEGAL RESTRICTIONS

(a) Personnel charged with any offence under the army act will NOT be available for movement until cleared of pending charges

(b) Personnel undergoing detention or field punishment will complete sentences prior to movement from this area.

(c) Witnesses on investigations, summaries of evidence and courts martial will NOT be included in drafts without prior permission of this HQ.

(d) This para does not preclude the submission of names of personnel affected by sub-para (a) (b) (c) on nominal rolls compiled by coys

(e) Appropriate notations in monthly returns will be made in respect of people so concerned.

5. MOVEMENT

(a) Arrangements are in hand to move the majority of personnel by sea. Full details will be advised later.

(b) Personnel warned for movement in a draft in pursuance of this instruction will be informed that their movement may be postponed to allow for personnel whose applications under para 3<sup>a</sup> above have been recommended by L of C and approved by 9 Aust Div.

6. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

(a) All ranks returning to the mainland by sea will move with rifles and personal equipment, mosquito nets, cots folding and one blanket

(b) Personnel moving by air will move with one blanket and personal equipment less personal arms and helmets steel

(c) Tents shelter half, capes shelter and controlled stores will be withdrawn from all personnel by sub units and returned to GH.

(d) Controlled Stores - Immediately personnel have been warned for movement, coys will render to this HQ a certificate showing that all controlled stores have been withdrawn. Coys will pay particular attention to the handing over of controlled stores



and records in the event of movement of the person responsible for them.

- (e) Kit inspections will also be held for all personnel warned for movement in order to ensure that equipment shown in AAB 83 and P204 is actually in possession of the member.

Certificates as for controlled stores in sub para (d) above are also required by this HQ.

#### 7. DISCHARGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

- (a) Personnel who are returned to Aust pursuant to this order, on arrival at RR & GDD of the Comd or L of C Area in which they desire to be discharged will be subjected to a medical examination (including Xray) the result of which will be recorded on AAF D20
- (b) Where as a result of such medical examination it is indicated that a final medical board will be required, action will be taken to have the member concerned examined by such board as soon as may be practicable. Where however clinical documents relating to recent hospitalization which may be required are not available leave not exceeding the period considered necessary for these to be obtained may be granted but should in no case exceed 14 days unless compassionate or other special circumstances warrant a longer grant.
- (c) Immediately after preliminary medical examination all personnel from overseas who are not required to be examined for a final medical board will be granted 24 days leave irrespective of the entitlement shown in AAB83 or AAP63.
- (d) The grant of 24 days leave will be entered in members AAB 83 and AAP 83 as a debit against any leave standing to the members credit other than War Service leave
- (e) All members granted leave in pursuance of sub para (c) above will be required to take such leave prior to finalization except in very exceptional circumstances. Pay will not be issued in lieu of such leave.
- (f) Arrangements will be made during the member's period of leave to have all necessary records available by the date on which he is due to return for finalisation of discharge.

#### 8. REHABILITATION

Members being released on long service grounds who have employment in view will be permitted to engage in such employment and will NOT be subject to compulsory direction in regard to nature of employment.

Members who desire assistance in obtaining employment will be given assistance from Manpower Employment Section at RR & GDD

#### 9. WAR SERVICE LEAVE

Credits for War Service leave in accordance with instrs issued separately will be entered forthwith in AAB83 and AAP63 of members who have elected discharge.

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Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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Bn HQ 8 Aug.

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2/43 Aust. Inf. Bn.,  
6th August, 1945.

### CENSORSHIP.

The object of censorship can only be obtained by the rigorous suppression of certain classes of subject matter in correspondence.

Reference shall not be made in private correspondence to any of the following matters :-

- (a) Strength, morale, organisation of our own or Allied Forces.
- (b) Location or movement of any naval, military or air force unit or detachment, including reference to reinforcements.
- (c) Armament or equipment.
- (d) Identification signs of formations, units and their transport.
- (e) Plans, forecasts or orders for current, future or cancelled operations or movements, whether known or surmised.
- (f) Use, condition or proposed extension of any communication facilities.
- (g) State of maintenance services, reserves.
- (h) Casualty figures before official publication.
- (i) Effect of any action by the enemy.
- (j) Criticism or statements calculated to bring into disrepute our own or Allied forces.

Private correspondence in the field will be in plain language. Codes, ciphers or shorthand are not permitted. Picture postcards will be suppressed by franking officers if they may in any way disclose the writers present or past location or route of movement.

A member will not, except in the course of duty, include in communications :-

- (a) Any captured document or equipment unless stamped with the War Souvenir Stamp (GRO G473/1943).
- (b) Official documents (Orders, maps, etc.) whether our own or belonging to civil authorities in any Allied or enemy territory.
- (c) Propaganda leaflets whether issued by the enemy or our own or Allied forces.
- (d)

A member will not carry, convey, send or post any communication from a member whose communications are subject to censorship.

Green envelopes will be issued on the scale of one per 10 days per member. Letters contained in green envelopes will contain private and family matters only. The C.O. of a unit may withdraw the privilege of using green envelopes from any member guilty of a breach of security.

Headed unit notepaper may be used whilst the unit is within Australia but not otherwise.

Strict secrecy will be observed by franking officers, but in case of doubt an officer may refer a letter to another officer of his unit for franking or send same to Base Censor or a det. of 1 Aust Pd Censorship Coy.

Parcels will include a slip of paper showing the sender's number, rank, name and unit, and slip will be signed by franking



officer. Unit will not be disclosed on the outside of the parcel.  
The sender of a telegram will write on the back his number, rank,  
name and unit.

*R. Davis*  
.....Lt.  
I.C., 2/43 Bn.

*609 24*



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- SNIPERS POST 431886 -

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
15 Aug 45

Between 10 Aug and 13 Aug 15 Pl Snipers' Post 431886 have killed 6 enemy without loss to themselves. Bombing and shelling have cleared the area NORTH HOUSE KNOLL, the houses 430884 having been razed. Fallen timber and the slightly higher elevation of the snipers' posn affords some measure of protection to the snipers and all the enemy fired on have been killed. The sniping party consists of 5 men, 2 riflemen using telescopic sights an Owen and Bren, and kills have been made as under :

10 Aug	-	2
11 Aug	-	1
12 Aug	-	1
13 Aug	-	2

In spite of losses enemy has shown his characteristic failure to profit by experience and it is inconceivable that the enemy should continue to use a route which could easily be avoided by moving 30 to 40 yds further back. This alternative route providing both cover from fire and view.

The only offensive action taken by the enemy during our period of occupation were 2 rifle shots fired at 131830I from the vicinity of the house. These shots fell very short. The snipers modus operandi is as follows.

A sniper hits the enemy with the first shot, after which further rifle shots and a burst or two of Bren ensure the enemy's total indifference to the future course of the war.

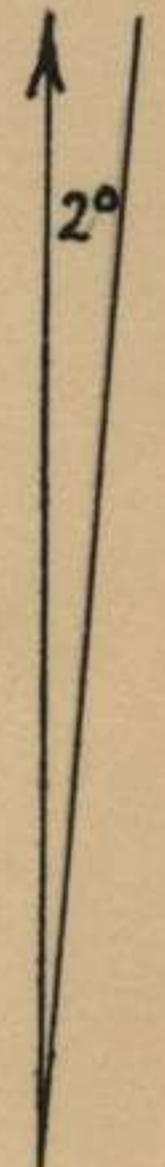
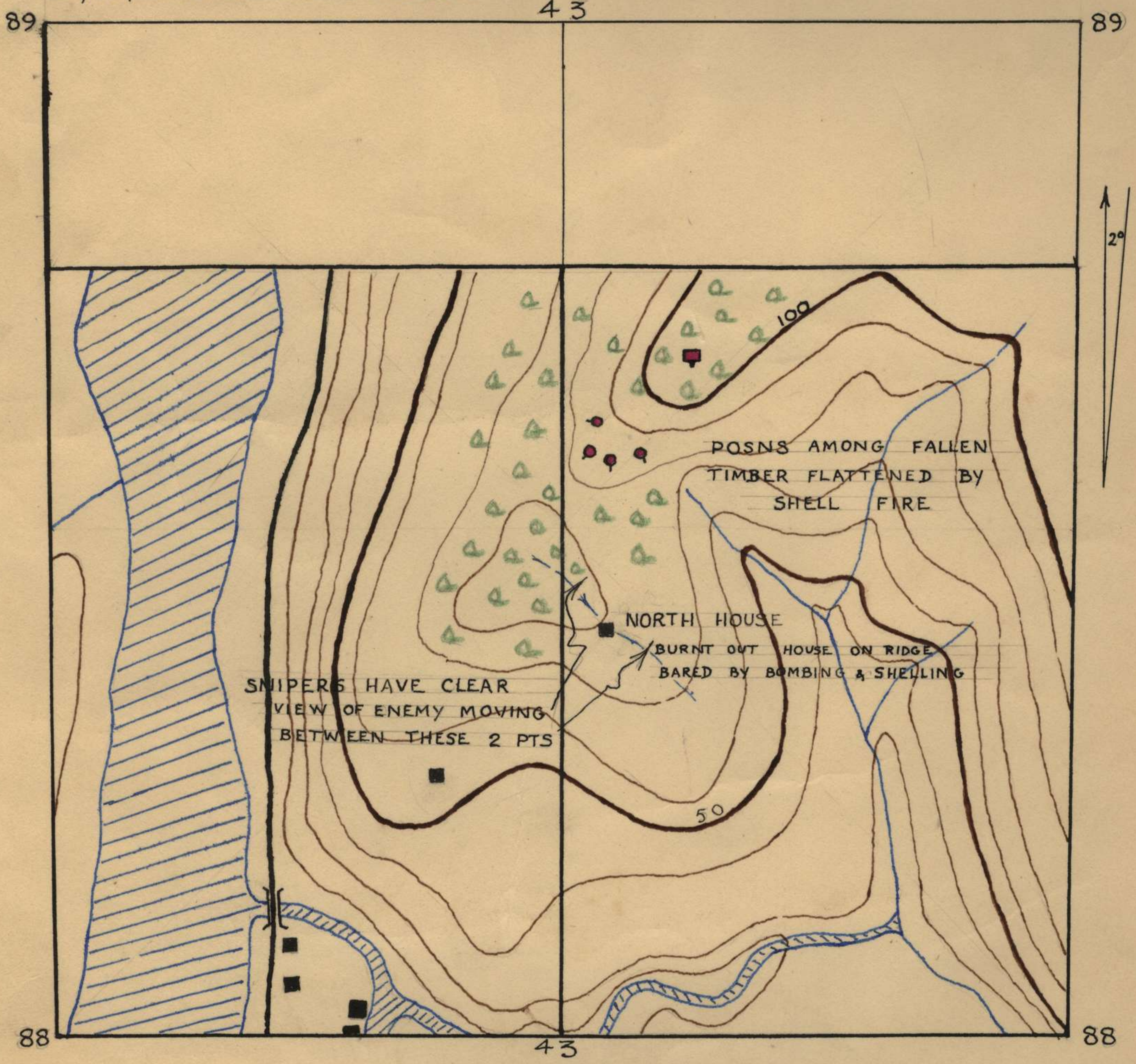
This consistent movement of single enemy tps from WEST to EAST suggests an outpost of some type and it has been noted that movement is always before 0900 and after 1600. Arty or mortar concentrations fired onto NORTH house ridge result in enemy avoiding ridge for some hours. This fact is substantiated by members of the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn who formerly occupied the post.



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# SNIPERS POST 15 PL AREA

Ref Map LUMADAN NE 1:25000



SCALE: 1:6250

*1800 hrs  
14 Aug 45*



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Ref maps : KIMANIS 1:50,000  
PAPAR 1:50,000

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Description	Map. Ref	Code Name
KUALA LUS village	552088	CAT
AMBATUAN village	sq 5608	CAM
Feature	564096	HEAD
"	531097	PLAT
BONGAWAN RIVER		HUNTER
BONGAWAN village	495115	DUNLOP
Feature	540116	MATT
"	546118	DRIP
"	563086 - 558155	CROC
"	538105	KEY
"	563110	JOHN
"	560121	LUKE
"	559135	MARK
"	560142	TAIL
MANDAHAN village	521162	CLACTON
Feature	567165	LAMB
KIMANIS RIVER		SWAN
SERPANGAN KANAN village	sq 6116	PAUL
SERPANGAN KIRI village	sq 6017	PETER
Feature	617167	JILL
"	618178	JACK
DALINGIN village	sq 5819	DIGBY
Feature	549189	EYE
"	556187	FIDDLE
"	564187	PROP
"	553191	JUMP
"	554194	STEP
"	555198	HOP
"	559200	ADAM
KIMANIS village	531201	BRISTOL
ANDONG village	sq 5521	BATH
Feature	597209	TEETH
"	554217	HEEL
"	544223	BALL
"	540231	DOUGHNUT
"	536233	KIDNEY
BAUTA village	sq 6122	WELLS
KILATUAN village	sq 6123	RYE
PALU village	sq 6024	WALLOP
BT KILATUAN	sq 6125	TRUMPER
Feature	611269	GRIMMET
ANGAWIT village	sq 5828	BOWES
Feature	607276	HASSET
ANDUS village	sq 5528	FENDER
Trig BENONI	587288	WHITTY
Feature	602289	CARTER
BENOM village	sq 5629	JARDINE
Feature	587299	PARKIN
TANGKONGAN village	sq 5930	OLDFIELD
PAPAR RIVER		DARLING
PANGAKAYAN village	sq 5530	HENDREN
Feature	586306	WARNER
"	621308	ARMSTRONG





Description	Map Ref	Code Name
Trig KINGANDUKAN	544315	WALL
Feature	600310	RYDER
"	543319	VERITY
TG KINANDUKAN	540327	COTTER
KILANHAN village	sq 5632	WALTER
IMBAHAU village	sq 5932	PANJI
Feature	613324	TRUMBLE
LAPUTONG village	sq 6032	LARWOOD
LAUT village	sq 5735	CHAPMAN
PAPAR Town	573335	DARWIN
Trig DUBAI	619338	GRIFFIN
KUALA village	sq 5534	GRACE
BAUN village	sq 6034	DOUGLAS
Tg PAPAR	551352	SNOUT
Trig PALUAN	576356	HACK
BANDUSAN village	sq 5835	MAILEY
Feature	627356	PELLEY
BANDUSAN RIVER	sq 6036	PONSFORD
PANGALAT RIVER	sq 6036	FLEETWOOD
PANGALAT village	sq 6136	GREGORY
Feature	625370	BLACKIE
Feature	627374	HITCH
MALINGSON village	sq 6337	HOBBS
Feature	637380	AMES
Trig PANGALAT	626381	SUTCLIFF
Tg PANGALAT	627391	RHODES

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Ref maps : LUMAT SE 1:25,000  
LUMADAN NE 1:25,000

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>CODE</u>
FEATURE	Sq 3996	DIXON
FEATURE	Sq 4096	DOWN
FEATURE	Sq 3994	MARTIN
FEATURE	Sq 3892	DINNY
FEATURE	380912	BARNEY
FEATURE	Sq 3990	HULK
FEATURE	Sq 3989	ELLIS
FEATURE	Sq 4088	BARLING
FEATURE	Sq 4188	ORLIK
RIVER	388892	DUNHILL
RIVER	398896	IKE
SPUR	410897	BUZZ
ISLAND	413893	PERRINS
ISLAND	415894	LEA
ISLAND	427889	LURCHER
RIVER PADAS		BIRDIKEN

*[Signature]*  
Maj  
B M 24 Aust Inf Bde



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 TG NOSONG )  
 KARUKAN ) 1 : 50,000  
 WESTON )  
 BINSULOK )  
 LUMAT )  
 LUMADAN )

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>CODE</u>
KIBIDANG	295964	DONALD
KANDU	310948	DUCK
Junc HACK and PADAS R.	320923	RAT
LIMBAWANG	340926	MICK
BINGKUL	336908	MOUSE
PADAS RIVER		TORRENS
LUMAT	383970	TOMO
MEMBAKUT	427037	GAMBIER
MANDAYA	410055	MILLICENT
ANGSAM	396043	GUM
BEAUFORT		HOBART
TG KLIAS (Cape)	928847	CLEM
MEMPAKUL	934839	PERTH
P BALANGKASAN Island	sq 9383	KANGAROO
S KLIAS RIVER		MURRAY
FEATURE	956855	PIMP
MEMUMBOK	962854	TUMBY
FEATURE	944859	JILL
"	949862	EMU
"	946863	JACK
"	957861	CASCADE
"	960865	JIM
KINANAP	957874	WOODVILLE
FEATURE	963877	MARY
"	954881	CONNIE
"	958884	BLANC
"	967881	GREEN
"	974887	PAT
"	979884	MIKE
"	960898	BLACK
"	973896	RED
BAMBAGAN	979899	LOXTON
SPUR	964906	BONE SPUR
FEATURE	973902	BOB
"	984907	BASH
"	985910	SWAN
"	967918	TOM
SPUR	975924	FINGER
FEATURE	985925	TED
"	983920	FOX
MELIKAI	999922	SYDNEY
FEATURE	989930	TINY
FEATURE	997936	DIG
SIKABAN	969939	UNLEY
Tg SAKAT (Cape)	954940	YORK
SUP PT	038947	MUNGA



<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>CODE</u>
BAYONG	001948	MOONTA
BELANOT	999966	BALDY
FEATURE	018954	MINA
"	035953	INA
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"	035967	MO
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Village	335871	GORDON
" LUMADAN	300811	PYMBLE
Feature	sq 3487	TRI
"	sq 3386	BIRD
"	sq 3284	DOG
"	sq 3183 & 3182	CHICK
"	sq 3079	EAR
Village BUKAU	262797	CROFT
" MARABA	254761	THING
" LINKUNGAN	237735	GOON
" WESTON	209752	WILSON
" PADASDAMIT	150880	BLAST
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" MARAKANG	218865	WILUNA
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OPERATIONS OBOE SIX.

War Diary

REPORT ON LONG RANGE RIVER PATROL  
MEMPAKUL TO KOTA KLIAS 21 JUN 45.

Appx 11

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1. During the early planning period of OBOE SIX, it had been appreciated by higher authority that the KLIAS RIVER would probably provide a suitable L of C for operations inland towards BEAUFORT. During the operations in the MEMPAKUL area, therefore, orders were received to patrol the river with a view to determining if the river was, in fact, suitable for this purpose.
2. TASKS  
The following questions were required to be answered -
  - (a) Is the KLIAS RIVER navigable to SINGKORAP
  - (b) Is the river suitable for two way barge traffic.
  - (c) What is the turn around for craft.
  - (d) Is the area of SINGKORAP suitable for -
    - (i) The concentration of a force
    - (ii) The deployment of guns
  - (e) Are the tracks in the area jeepable, in particular the track SINGKORAP - NUKOHAN. If tracks are not jeepable, what amount of work is required to make them so.
  - (f) What is the general nature of the terrain.
  - (g) What information is there of enemy strength, movement, intention.
3. The patrol was required to move at first light, 21 Jun, and be prepared to maintain itself for up to four days. Communications by 22 Set, 208 Set and by 108 Set to AUSTER A/C. were arranged. The patrol was ordered to return if communications failed.
4. Fluorescent panels were displayed on all craft for easy recognition from the air.
5. COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE
  - (a) B Coy., 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
  - (b) One pl., C Coy., 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn.
  - (c) Eng/r. Recce. Party
  - (d) Rep. of R.A.N. Beach Commandos
  - (e) Native interpreter.
6. CRAFT USED
  - (a) One gunboat
  - (b) Three L.C.Ms. - one mounting a section of M.M.Gs. on the platform aft. This craft acted as a subsidiary gunboat.
7. DISTRIBUTION OF PATROL TO CRAFT
  - (a) Gunboat - Patrol H.Q.
  - (b) L.C.Ms. - One pl. to each craft with the reserve pl. on the subsidiary gunboat.
8. The craft were disposed in line ahead with the gunboat leading - the subsidiary gunboat bringing up the rear.
9. EXECUTION OF THE TASK  
The patrol left MEMPAKUL at 0715 hrs., 21 Jun., and proceeded towards SINGKORAP. Some distance below this village, natives on the bank signalled to the patrol. Leaving the L.C.Ms. swinging in the stream, the gunboat moved over to investigate and to learn that 2 enemy had moved upstream in a native prau 24 hours before. The patrol then moved upstream at top speed, but when approaching SINGKORAP, speed was reduced to half in order to lessen engine noise.



10. A landing was made astride the village with two pls. forward, the gunboat covering the landing, whilst the subsidiary gunboat covered the opposite bank. The two pls. landed simultaneously, deployed, and established a bridgehead, the craft remaining on shore with ramps down. The reserve pl. then landed, and one section of M.M.Gs. were positioned, the gunboat remaining in midstream in order to assist in the extrication of the force if necessary. Small recce. patrols were sent out from this platoon.
- Native reports indicated that NO foot-tracks existed between SINGKORAP and NUKOHAN, nor was there a track which had any likelihood of being made jeepable along the telegraph line which passed through NUKOHAN. Natives moved from SINGKORAP to NUKOHAN by water buffalo. The area was found to be extremely swampy, becoming more so as distance from the river bank increased, 300 yds. from the bank being knee deep in mud. There were no enemy in the area, nor had it any possibilities as a gun or concentration area.
11. It was therefore decided to move six miles upstream to determine the suitability of the area in the vicinity of KOTA KLIAS. Sounding the river proved that further movement upstream was practicable.
12. Some three miles below KOTA KLIAS, a party of natives on the bank informed the patrol that enemy were located further upstream in a large white house on the south bank of the river near the KOTA KLIAS jetty.
- Taking one informer aboard, the patrol proceeded upstream at full speed. Nearing the objective, speed was again reduced. The enemy occupied house was around a bend in the river, thus permitting of complete surprise being achieved.
- On reaching the river bend, the craft proceeded at full speed and, under cover of the gunboat's fire, two craft beached simultaneously and, firing from the hip, the troops assaulted the house and the area in the immediate vicinity. In a sharp encounter, ten enemy were killed, and the remainder fled into a nearby swamp. Only a few shots were fired by the enemy; one of the patrol was slightly wounded.
- The reserve pl. then landed and patrols penetrated some distance inland, but no further contact was made.
13. Among the equipment captured were a number of rifles (Aust. & Japanese pattern), a quantity of ammunition, maps, documents and food and clothing.
14. Owing to the deep penetration of the patrol, all communications with the exception of that to A/C had cut out some time previously, and at 1500 hrs., the A/C was forced to return to LABUAN because of lack of fuel. The patrol commander, therefore, decided to return, reaching NEMPAKUL at 1745 hrs., its tasks, however, having been satisfactorily accomplished.
14. LESSONS BROUGHT OUT.
- (a) The manoeuvrability of the L.C.M. in restricted waters and its suitability for river operations of this nature, was, during this operation, found very satisfactory.
  - (b) It was thought and later proved that, for effective mobility and deployment, one pl. only should be carried in each L.C.M. Unless sufficient craft are available to permit of this, the tactical employment of the coy. becomes a very difficult problem.
  - (c) It was found that, by reducing the craft to half speed, a considerable reduction in engine noise resulted. Even then the craft were very noisy, particularly while turning in the stream, and as is well known, when retracting. The gaining of surprise consequently becomes difficult.



14. LESSONS BROUGHT OUT (Contd.)

- (d) It was found that M.M.G. can be effectively mounted on the existing platform aft on the L.C.M. By raising the front canvas screen of this after structure, section fire can be produced on 180° arc. While the subsidiary gunboat was not employed in actual firing, there is no question but that it could have effectively neutralised the opposite bank had the occasion arisen. Furthermore, the guns can be positioned ashore without any difficulty.
- (e) For the execution of tasks given, it was found that the constitution of the patrol was quite satisfactory and that the capacity of the craft would have permitted the inclusion of additional recce. parties of other arms and services had they been required.

15. SUGGESTIONS

- (a) Engine noise interfered greatly with the efficiency of wireless communications, except on short range. From the experience gained on the patrol, it would seem that the inclusion of a set of the "22" type, which appears to have less of the disadvantages encountered in other types, would be desirable. However, it is also suggested that communications by air, as in this patrol, is the most satisfactory means and should be included as the primary means of communication.
- (b) In cases of prolonged river work on these craft, it is suggested that a more reliable set be included in each craft for intra convoy communication. The SCR 536(b) proved unsatisfactory because of engine interference. In a large force, the absence of reliable communications would undoubtedly result in loss of control.
- (c) It is considered that carrier pigeons would assist greatly in maintaining communications from patrol to base, and, from base to patrol, when the patrol itself remained static for a period. It is suggested that these be carried as a reliable alternative means.

APPENDICES

- (a) Tactics employed in landing.
- (b) Route covered by patrol.

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INFORMATION ON ALLIED PW IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO AND SARAWAK

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

1. Of 2400 Allied PW known to have been in the SANDAKAN area in Nov 44, it is estimated that a maximum of 300 now remain alive. Approximately 20 PW are believed to be in RANAU area and approximately 200 in the general BOTO (BAUTU) - BELURAN area whose exact whereabouts is unknown. Of the 20 in the RANAU area it is believed that only 6 survivors were left on 15 Aug 45.
2. Their physical condition is known to be very low. The fact that they are probably scattered over a large area will complicate their early recovery. It is believed that they comprise British and Australian PW only.

SARAWAK

3. Estimate of numbers

It is known that there were 2600 Allied PW and internees in the KUCHING area in Nov 44. NO information of their present strength is available but, allowing for deaths due to malnutrition and disease, it is estimated that between 2000/2500 are still in the KUCHING area.

4. Composition of PW and civilians

They comprise British and Australian PW, Dutch and Indonesians and civilians, the majority of whom are Europeans. A few American flyers and Indians may also be there.

5. In Oct 42 there were approximately 235 women and children and 600 males interned at KUCHING. This number was subsequently augmented by internees from SANDAKAN. As a rough estimate as many as 1000 civilian internees may be at KUCHING.

6. In Oct 44 it is believed that there were approximately 1520 PW including 12 AIF officers at KUCHING. It is NOT known whether this figure includes Indonesians.

7. A captured Japanese document covering the period Nov 42-Jan 43 lists a total of approximately 100 males and 475 females (of whom 250 odd are nuns) as being in the internment camp.

8. On information up to Sep 44, the administration of the women in the camp was under Mother BERNADINE and the men were under an Englishman named IE GROS CLARK.

9. To summarise, it is believed that there are a maximum of 1500 Allied PW and 1000 civilians at KUCHING. The latter are subdivided into approximately 500 males and 500 females of whom 250 odd are nuns.

10. Location of PW compounds

There are two PW compounds at KUCHING

- (a) LINTANG BARRACKS ( SOUTH end of town)
- (b) A compound approximately 7 miles SOUTH of KUCHING near KUCHING airfield.



# DISPOSITIONS FOR RECEPTION JAPANESE ENVOYS

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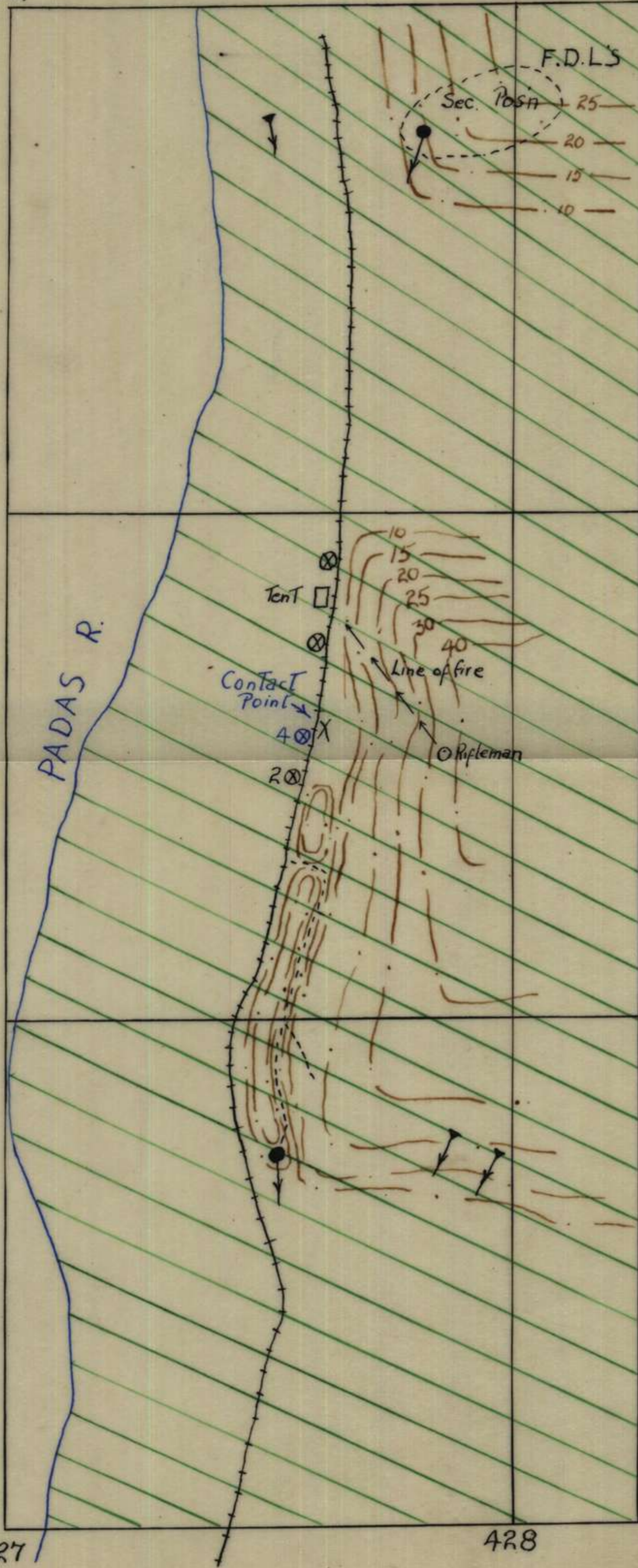
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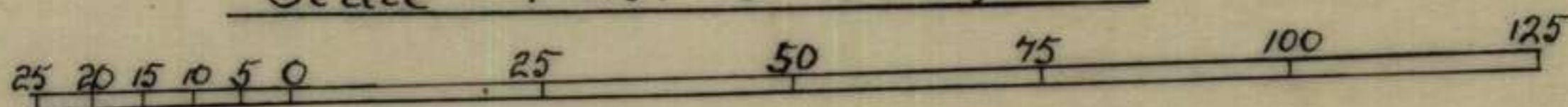
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SUBJECT: LAWS AND USAGES OF WAR - EXTRACTS FROM MANUAL  
OF MILITARY LAW, CHAPTER XIV

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
21 Aug 45.

1. The extracts from Chapter XIV of Manual of Military Law attached as Appendix "A" are reprinted for information.
2. The numbers at the beginning of text of paragraphs refer to the relevant paragraphs of Chapter XIV of Manual of Military Law.
3. In connection with the surrender of the Japanese Armed Forces the Laws and Usages of War will be studied by all officers. All ranks will receive instruction in these to ensure as far as possible that breaches of such laws do not occur.

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LAWS AND USAGES OF WAR  
(Extracts from Manual of Military Law, Chapter XLV)

(1)

**Infractions  
of Laws of  
War**

52. Few wars have occurred without both belligerents making mutual charges of breaches of the laws of war; Such charges as have been proved have almost invariably been shown to have been the deeds of subordinates who have acted through ignorance or excess of zeal; they have less often been deliberate acts. Care must therefore be taken that all ranks are acquainted with the laws of war, and that they endeavour to observe them.

(2)

**Duty of  
officers as  
regards legal  
status of  
combatants.**

37. It is not for officers or soldiers in determining their conduct towards a disarmed enemy to occupy themselves with his qualifications as a belligerent. Whether he belongs to the regular army or to an irregular corps, is an inhabitant or a deserter, their duty is the same; they are responsible for his person and must leave the decision of his fate to competent authority. No law authorizes them to have him shot without trial, and international law forbids summary execution absolutely.

(3)

**Killing of  
surrendered  
combatants.**

50. It is forbidden to kill or wound an enemy who, having laid down his arms, or having no longer means of defence, has surrendered at discretion.

(4)

**Persons who  
may claim  
privileges  
of prisoners  
of war.**

56. The following can claim to be treated as prisoners of war if they fall into the hands of the enemy -

- (a) Every member of the armed forces, unless he has committed a war crime.
- (b) Followers of armies - such as newspaper correspondents, reporters, sutlers and contractors - provided they can produce a certificate of authorization from the military authorities of the army they are accompanying.
- (c) Private enemy individuals and enemy officials whom a belligerent thinks it necessary to make prisoners. Although the League Rules and Prisoners of War Convention do not contain anything regarding the treatment of these individuals, they are not civil prisoners, because they are taken into captivity for military reasons and are therefore prisoners of war. While in captivity they are classified either as persons of status equivalent to that of an officer, or as equivalent to persons below the rank of an officer, and are treated accordingly.
- (d) Wounded and sick.
- (e) Deserters from the enemy, unless special circumstances render it desirable to liberate them.

(5)

**Civilians who  
are liable to  
be made  
prisoners.**

57. The following are also liable to be made prisoners -

- (a) The Sovereign and male members of the Royal



Family, the head of a Republican State, and the ministers who direct the policy of a state, although as individuals they may not belong to the army.

(b) Civil officials and diplomatic agents attached to the army.

(c) Persons whose conduct of service in the war such as higher official, diplomatic agents, couriers, guides etc., also all persons who, being at liberty, may be harmful to the opposing state - prominent and influential political leaders, journalists, local authorities, clergymen and teachers - in case they incite the population to resistance.

(d) The mass of a population who rise to defend their territory before it is invaded by the enemy.

(6)

Persons who cannot be made prisoners

56A. The following shall not be made prisoners of war:

(a) Chaplains attached to armies, so long as they confine themselves to their spiritual duties.

(b) Members of the medical personnel.

(7)

General position of prisoners

59. (a) Belligerents are required to notify each other of all captures of prisoners as soon as possible through the intermediary of the Information Bureaux.

(b) Prisoners of war are in the power of the hostile government and not of the individuals or formation which captured them.

(c) They shall be humanely treated and protected, particularly against acts of violence, from insults and from public curiosity.

(d) Measures of reprisal against prisoners of war are forbidden.

(e) Prisoners of war are entitled to respect for their persons and honour.

(f) Women shall be treated with all consideration due to their sex.

(g) Prisoners of war retain their full civil capacity as citizens of their own country.

(h) The detaining power is required to provide for the maintenance of prisoners in its charge. Differences of treatment between prisoners are permissible only if such differences are based on the military rank, the state of physical or mental health, the professional abilities, or the sex of those who benefit from them.

(8)

Private property of prisoners on capture.

61. All personal effects of prisoners of war - except arms, horses, military equipment, and military papers - shall remain their property. Metal helmets, gas-masks, identity tokens, badges of rank, decorations and articles of value may not be taken from them.

(9)

Money.

62. Sums of money may only be taken from prisoners of war on the order of an officer and a receipt should be given. Sums thus impounded should be placed to the account of each prisoner.

(10)

Unportable property.

63. The captor is not responsible for personal belongings of prisoners which they are unable to take with them.



**Food.**

69. The food ration of prisoners should be equivalent in quantity and quality to that of the depot troops of the detaining power. Due allowance should, if possible, be made for differences of habits, and captured supplies should be used if they are available. Prisoners should also be afforded sufficient means of preparing additional articles of food. Sufficient drinking water should be supplied to them. The use of tobacco should be authorized. Prisoners may be employed in the kitchens. All collective disciplinary measures affecting food are prohibited.

(12)

**Prisoners of War Camps.**

67. Prisoners may be interned in a town, fortress, fenced camp or other place, and may be required not to go beyond certain fixed limits. They shall not be confined or imprisoned except as a measure indispensable for safety or health, and only so long as circumstances exist which necessitate such a measure.

(13)

**Hygiene.**

72. Belligerents should take all necessary hygienic measures to ensure the cleanliness and salubrity of camps and to prevent epidemics. Prisoners should have for their use, day and night, conveniences which conform to the rules of hygiene and are in a constant state of cleanliness. They should be provided with sufficient water for their bodily cleanliness, and, if possible, with baths and shower-baths in the camps. They should have facilities for engaging in physical exercises and obtaining the benefit of being out of doors.

(14)

**Medical treatment**

73. Prisoners who have contracted a serious malady, or who need important surgical treatment, should be admitted, at the expense of the detaining power, to any military or civil institution qualified to treat them.

Medical inspections of prisoners should be arranged at least once a month, in order to supervise the general state of health and cleanliness, and to detect infectious and contagious diseases, particularly tuberculosis and venereal complaints.

(15)

**Internal discipline of camps.**

75. Each prisoners-of-war camp shall be under the authority of a responsible officer. In addition to external marks of respect required by regulation with regard to their own nationals, prisoners shall salute all officers of the detaining power. Officer prisoners shall salute officers of that power who are their superiors or equals in rank.

The wearing of badges of rank and decorations shall be permitted.

Regulations, orders, announcements, questions and publications of any kind shall be communicated to prisoners in a language which they understand.

(16)

**Work of prisoners**

80. Belligerents may employ as workmen prisoners of war who are physically fit, other than officers or persons of equivalent status, according to their rank and capacity. But if officers or persons of equivalent status ask for suitable work, this shall be found for them as far as possible. Noncommissioned officers can only be compelled to undertake supervisory work, but if they expressly ask for remunerative work, they may be given it.



Representatives of prisoners of war.

103. In any locality where there are prisoners of war, they shall be authorized to appoint representatives to represent them before the military authorities and the protecting powers. Such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the military authorities.

(18)

93A. In camps of officers and persons of equivalent status the senior officer prisoner of the highest rank shall be the intermediary between the camp authorities and the prisoners. He may appoint an officer prisoner to assist him as interpreter.

(19)

Penal sanctions.

94. Prisoners of war shall be subject to the laws, regulations and orders in force in the armed forces of the detaining power.

(20)

108A. Prisoners of war may be fired upon if they offer violence to their guard or to any of the captor's forces or officials, or if they attempt to give active assistance to their own forces, or if they attempt to escape; but a previous summons to desist and to surrender should be given if possible.

(21)

Parlementaires

224. The usual agents in the non-hostile intercourse of belligerent armies are known as parlementaires.

(22)

225. Their duties include every form of communication with the enemy in the field. For example, the conveyance of a letter, or of a simple verbal message; a summons to surrender; negotiations for suspension of hostilities or for capitulation; settlement of the exchange of prisoners. Arrangements may be made through parlementaires for the appointment of plenipotentiaries or agents for any purpose of special importance.

(23)

Inviolability.

226. Whilst in the performance of their duties, provided their conduct is correct, they are entitled to complete inviolability.

(24)

227. It is of the utmost importance that every soldier in an army, from the highest to the lowest, should be thoroughly acquainted with the privileges of parlementaires and with the proper mode of receiving them, so that no untoward incident can possibly arise.

(25)

The authorization.

233. The authorization given to the parlementaire should be in writing and signed by the commander of the force.

(26)

235. It is permissible for commander to declare the formalities and conditions under which he will receive a parlementaire, and to fix the hour and place at which he should appear.

(27)

Arrival in enemy's lines.

243. On arriving in the vicinity of the piquet or detached post, the parlementaire should dismount with his party, leave it to wait for him, and proceed



alone on foot to the officer on duty and state his wishes. His attendants should not attempt to enter the lines with him, and they must obey any directions given to them by the enemy.

(28)

Measures of  
precaution.

248. All measures necessary to prevent the parlementaire from making advantage of his mission to obtain information are allowable. Care should be taken that he and his party are prevented from communicating with anyone except the persons nominated to receive them. If permission is given for the parlementaire to enter the lines for the purpose of negotiation, or if the officer of the piquet or post, or any superior officer, thinks it desirable for any special reason to send him to the rear, he may, and invariably should, be blindfolded, and be taken to the destination by a circuitious route.

(29)

249. The parlementaire should be permitted to retire and return with the same formalities and precautions as on arrival.



SUBJECT: UNIT EDUCATIONAL CENTRE.

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2/43 Aust. Inf Bn  
Ref  
26 Aug 45.

REF: CIRCULAR- EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR PRE-RELEASE PERIOD ISSUED 19 AUG  
Para 1 (b)(ii)

OBJECT: To conduct pre-release courses of instruction in Educational and Vocational subjects, as a basis for re-entry to civilian life.

COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED:

1. Business Course to include Bookkeeping (Intermediate Standard) typing, arithmetic revision and English.
2. Clerical Course Elementary shorthand, typing, business letter-writing.
3. Elementary Course English, Maths, Arithmetic.
4. Building Construction Elementary quantity surveying, plan reading and drawing, specifications.
5. Mechanical Course. Theory, practice and maintenance of motor vehicles, to include stripping and assembling of "jeep" engine. Theoretical instruction on diesel engines.

COMMENCING DATE Monday 3rd September

DURATION OF COURSE Three weeks

STAFF - Director Capt W.S. Lonnie  
Asst Director Lt T.S. Butterworth  
Instructors -  
English, Maths, Arithmetic - Cpl R. Smith & Pte D. Hart  
Shorthand, typing - Sig P. Collins  
Bookkeeping - Pte W. Mapperson  
Motor Engineering to be supplied by LAD  
Building Instruction by Lt T.S. Butterworth  
School Secretary - Cpl J. Baker  
Clerical Staff - Pte G. McCardle, Pte Dibbs, L/Cpl Gear  
School QM- Cpl King

ACCOMODATIONS Students will be billeted at Educational Centre.

LOCATION OF EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

On Railway loop East of Jimpanga Siding.

STATIONERY AND TEXT BOOKS

Every effort will be made to have these supplied by the school, but students will be requested to bring all available pencils, note books etc with them.

MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS - To be advised later.

In view of the importance of pre-release training to the future welfare of our troops, it is requested that Coy etc. comd give above courses the widest possible publication and every effort be made to ensure that all ranks are made familiar with the essential details.

Complete nominal roll of personnel desirous of attending the above courses and the course interested in to reach this HQ by 291200I.

*K. J. McKeage* Lt  
A Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
17 Aug 45

To All Ranks of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary Aug 17

Two days ago ended one of the most disastrous periods in world history. Two days ago, all of us achieved in our minds the hopes and desires of many years and the desire to end this thing and return home to live our own lives again.

It is hard to realise that it has come. I think you all feel the same. It has come, however, and within the next few months, many of you will see the fulfilment of those hopes and desires. Many of you will need to wait for a while before that time comes, but the fact of knowing that the ultimate step is "home" and nothing can alter that, is all that, I think, most of us wish to know.

There have been many things that one could have said to you during the life of this bn. Some of it would have been accepted, I don't doubt. I don't doubt, also, some of it, possibly most of it, would have been taken as an expression of self-glorification, of insincere praise and of wishful thinking.

What I have to say now, is none of these.

This bn, like all others, has had its trials of birth and growth. Some may say we had more than our share of it. I don't know. What I do know is that the growing pains we did experience were borne, not by the Commanders alone, but by all those loyal and staunch supporters of the unit who now, even after so long, have received little recognition for their work. To these men, the "old hands" the thanks of all of us is due. The word "old hands" is sometimes misinterpreted as a special mention for those referred to. It is not quite that. Just as one hears the term "the new lads" used by them in reference to those of you who could not join us earlier, one hears the term "the old hands". Both of them are a form of grouping into two categories and both are terms of affection.

I think you will agree that some people both you and I could name, who enlisted with the bn in 1940, are never referred to as "old hands". Although they deserved the title because of service they did not and never will, deserve the affectionate title of "old hands". Because of this they are no longer with us.

Then, of course, the "new lad" of today becomes the oldhand of tomorrow. The transition is not noticed until one day one finds that the "new lad" is now an old stager.

We can say now, I think, that there are no new lads in the true sense of the word. All of you have been blooded in battle. All of you have just taken part in the unit's finest effort. Perhaps there wasn't so much blood, or so much fire, or so much sickness as the bn has known before, but what existed this time was something which proved to any Doubting Thomas that this bn of yours is unequalled in fighting quality and in teamwork.

I shall never expect to see even a top grade football team play better than you fellows did in this campaign. Your reputation is high. Your name is outstanding in the record of good bns of the 9th Aust Div. I venture to say that it goes further than that. If it hasn't, it will, because these things can't be hidden.

The reason for it? Hard work, the ability to give all and receive little in exchange, and above all, I think, the welding of the "old" and the "new" to make a team whose equal I do not remember even having seen, anywhere before.

It has been said that "A unit is only as good as it's Commander". It is often quoted, and I disagree. I agree that our late CO was responsible for reinstating us in the eyes of authority after one of our rather grim periods. I agree that without his work, the bn would not be as good as it is, but I do say this - that no matter how skilled the workman is, he cannot produce gold from lead, or a polished mahogany table from Australian stringy bark, or produce a top grade bn from poor grade material.

The credit is due to "the old" and "the new". To those who enlisted in the early days of 1940; to those who joined us in Tobruk, in Syria and Palestine, and right through to those who came to us at MOROTAI.



To the earlier ones the credit goes for the building up of the bn during its infancy and later; to the latter goes the credit for the utmost cooperation in endeavouring to play to the full and to maintain the high level reached and achieved by the others.

There have been times, when, because of ~~misfortune~~ you have not been able to say "I should like to see the bn that is better than the 43rd"

I think you can offer that challenge now with absolute justification for your words.

In later months when you are no longer restricted by the wearing of gaiters and shirts, when you are the sole arbiter as to the type of hat you wear, then I want you to remember the bn always.

I think that will be natural. However, there is more than just the thought. We must keep the old unit alive in our Clubs in every state, and in our homes, just as we keep it alive here. The comradeship you have come to know, the wide understanding that comes of that comradeship is too valuable a thing to toss aside as a thing no longer required.

By the very fostering of that spirit we pay tribute to a grand bn; to men who, because of circumstances, became united in a common cause. We pay tribute to those of our comrades who died alongside us in the furtherance of that cause.

All of us have gained much from the war and we have lost much too. But we have received strength of character; the ability to assume responsibilities; true understanding of the other fellow's point of view. We have come to learn that a common cause can erase the petty jealousy of States and of parties; that there is just reason in one man's claim for recognition of his state, just as there is just reason in the pride that each one of us has in his own part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

If we can engender that same thought in the minds of the people now at home, then we will have achieved much to further the leadership and the ultimate betterment of our country.

Finally I would say this. I consider myself the most fortunate CO in the AMF. There are many reasons why I say it, but predominant among them is the knowledge that no CO was ever appointed to command a better battalion.

*M. J. Kane* Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



War Diary Appendix 13

SUBJECT : CHANGEVER B AND C COYS 25 AUG 45

2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
24 Aug 45

GENERAL

D Coy will take over responsibilities of C Coy and 9 Pl A Coy 25 Aug 45 and C Coy will move to area at present occupied by DCoy.

1. 14 Pl and Coy HQ C Coy will move to railhead by 250845I. 13 Pl will assume temporary responsibility for the area.
2. 16 Pl D Coy will move by SDS from Bn HQ at 250820I and will take over responsibilities of 13 and 14 Pl and Coy HQ C Coy.
3. 14 Pl and Coy HQ C Coy will move by return SDS. 14 Pl will relieve 18 Pl in rest area, and 15vPl and C Coy HQ will move to D Coy area where 13 Pl will relieve 16 Pl. 15 and 16 Pls and Coy HQ C and D Coys will lunch under arrangements D Coy.
4. HQ D Coy and 16 Pl will move from Bn HQ on 1420 train and 15 Pl will relieve 9 Pl A Coy. Coy HQ will establish at railhead.
5. 13 Pl will lunch in own area and will take over 16 Pl area leaving railhead on 1445 train.
6. 9 Pl will move by march route to A coy area on relief.
7. Comds C and D Coys will mutually arrange change or handover of rations, water, tentage etc.

*K. L. Nottage*  
K.L. NOTTAGE Lt  
AAjdt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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War Diary Appx 18

SUBJECT : 1. ALLOTMENT VACANCIES 24 AUST INF HQS SCHOOLS  
2. EXTRA COURSES AVAILABLE

2/45 Aust Inf Bn  
 26 Aug 45

1. Commencement dates, locations and boy allotment of schools are as follows:
2. Allotments have been made in accordance with returns previously submitted by boys and HQF on a pro rata basis.

SCHOOL	DATE COMMENCEMENT	LOCATION	ALLOTMENT					TOTAL
			A	B	C	D		
Electricity & Magnetism	To be notified	2/122 Aust Bde Wkps			1		1	
Telegrams	"	"	1				1	
Shorthand & Typing	Six weeks 29 Aug 45	24 Aust Inf Bde School	1				1	
Elem. Book-Keeping	"	"	2		4		6	
English & Maths - Elem.	"	"		1		2	3	
English & Maths - Revision.	"	"	2	1	2		5	
English & Maths - Higher	"	"				1	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	

3. Nominations for all above courses to be sent to HQ HQF by 230000L.
4. (a) Other courses as laid down in our circular 19/1/- will commence as soon as instructors become available.  
 (b) Students will march in to designated school by 1500 hrs on the day previous to the date of commencement. All students will have in their possession :  
 (i) Unexpired Atabrin ration  
 (ii) Bed, Bedding, Mosquito Net, Personal gear etc.  
 (iii) Pen, Pencil, notebook, any text books which they may possess.  
 (c) All courses will be of 28 days duration  
 (d) Instrs for movement will be advised later
5. In addition, other courses are available if sufficient students are available. It is felt that greater response in the following subjects would eventuate if they were more widely publicised.  
 (a) Elementary Book-Keeping. This is NOT an accountancy course but is intended to give a foundation to any person who may find it necessary to open a set of books in the future.  
 (b) Theory and practice of Steam Engines  
 (c) Wool Classing. A competent instr is available in this subject but only three nominations have been received to date.  
 (d) Bakery - Applicants will be attached to 20 Bakery. This is intended to be a refresher course for bakers & apprentices.  
 (e) Ticket Writing



6. Further applications for these courses will be accepted up to 1800 hrs 29 Aug 45.

7. In addition, personnel with some previous civil experience could be attached to Engr Coys for experience in the following trades:

- (a) Blacksmithing
- (b) Plumbing
- (c) Electrician
- (d) Sign-writing
- (e) Saw-milling

8. Opportunity exists for tutorial classes at night in the following subjects by RAE instrs :

- (a) Draughting
  - (i) Architectural
  - (ii) Structural
- (b) Surveying

9. Nominations for subjects as in paras 7 and 8 above should be forwarded to reach this HQ before 1800 hrs 29 Aug 45.

*[Signature]*  
Lt  
A 4616 2/45 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- HQ Coy
- QH
- Capt Lonnie
- Capt Bray
- RAM
- Int Sec (S/D)
- File



2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Aug 45

PERSONAL - TO ALL OFFERS

1. This bn has been in a static position for nearly 30 days, during which time the amount of work completed has indicated a decided distaste for manual labour, and further, a deplorable lack of pride in living quarters and personnel areas.
2. Endeavour has been made to encourage effort and pride by personal visits to secs and platoons. Whilst some sub-units cooperated, most did not, and those who earlier showed an inclination to work, quickly lost their taste for it after a short lapse of time. Following this, orders were issued that certain works would be completed to a certain stage by a certain time. Some effort was made, but not one coy completed the task. Further not one Coy reported this fact or sought permission for an extension of time. It was known, of course, that I could not personally check all sec posts on that day. Cf for some days.
3. Despite constant reminders on the subject, the attitude adopted by some officers, and most certainly the vast majority of the men is "We've done an excellent job - the CO told us so. Now we can sit back and take it easy". Because of this outlook, the total amount of work done in the time is NOT worthy of the effort of half the number of fourth rate native labourers. If, when you have read this, you go and look at the defences you have dug; the drains, the tidying up, the salvage, and all the other tasks, and assess that work in man hours, you will realize just how it appears to anyone visiting your area, even taking into account the man hours spent in patrolling and other bn works tasks demanded of you.
4. I have visited a total of approx 50 sec posts over the period of three weeks. In that time I have found men working on defences on three occasions only. This fact is proof of the utter and complete lack of control exercised by comds. The excuses given are "The pl is going out on patrol this afternoon" "They are about to change over with another pl or sec" "There's only three men left, -the others are on a working party" and so on. These evasions are indicative of weak spirit on the part of those uttering them, and do not deceive me, although I have accepted them for a long time, in view of the excellent work done by the men in all other aspects. However, it is NOT proposed to accept this any longer, and in view of the lack of earnest cooperation in this particular matter I have no alternative but to ensure that the work is done by other means.
5. In future work will be carried out as follows:
  - (a) On the basis of a 6 hour day.
  - (b) Working hrs will be from 0830 - 1130 and from 1330 - 1630
  - (c) All members of the coy without exception will work at least 6 hrs each day until further notice.
  - (d) Work will include :
    - (i) Progressive and continuous digging
    - (ii) rehabilitation of buildings and areas
    - (iii) digging of drains

(over)



- (iv) collection of salvage and removal of refuse
- (v) re-aligning of tents and shelters
- (vi) preparation of sports areas
- (vii) completion of all hygiene works and
- (viii) any other tasks as may be necessary from time to time

6. Coys will submit a return by 0900 hrs daily showing the work carried out on the previous day, and will include the following by platoons and equivalent areas:

- (a) Progress made during the day under the headings shown in para 5 above, and indicating the stage reached in sec posts and other construction and works
- (b) Projected works for that day
- (c) Details of the number of men engaged in duties outside the coy, including place, nature and duration.

7. Personnel att or under comd of coys will be considered as of that coy for the purpose of this instr.

8. Any person found NOT engaged in works during the period laid down, NOT carrying an authority from the RMO, will be dealt with.

9. All offrs are warned that failure to carry out this instr to the full will, without question, result in consequences which, for some, have long been delayed.

I will expect that this work will continue even if I do not constantly visit your areas.

*R. James*  
Lt Col  
Comd 243 Aust Inf Bn

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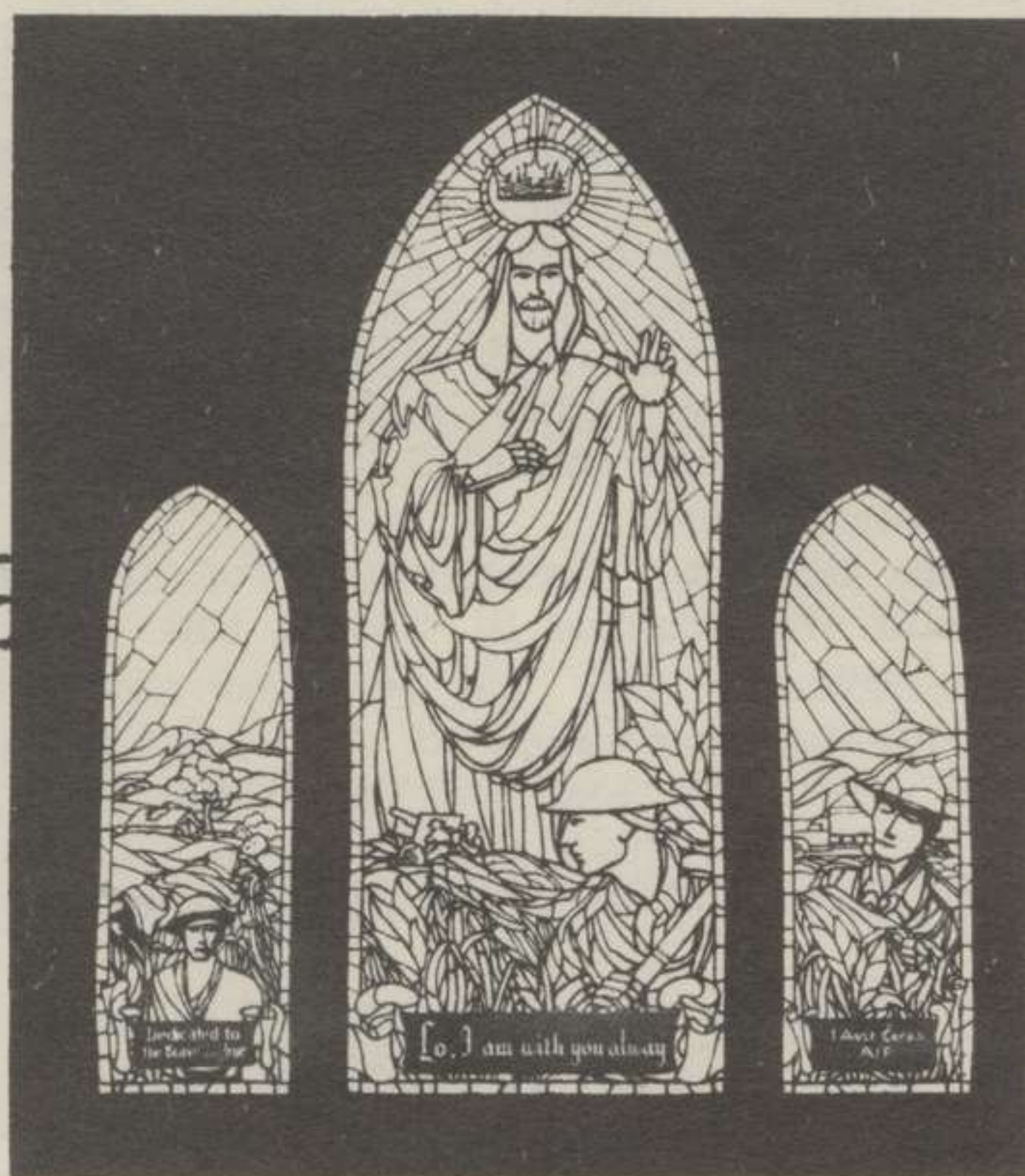
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HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL WINDOW  
HQ, 1 AUST CORPS

*To Commemorate*  
THE ALLIED VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC



## HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful  
voice  
Him serve with fear, His praise  
forth tell,  
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.  
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us  
take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts  
unto!  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name  
always,  
For it is seemly so to do.  
For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age en-  
dure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heav'n and earth  
adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Amen

### CHAPLAIN :

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is gracious: and His mercy  
endureth for ever. Ps. 107. 1.

Brethren we have come together at the end of a period of unparalleled  
anxiety and trouble to offer our humble thanks to Almighty God for His  
great mercies in causing war to cease with the hosts of Japan.

With deepest gratitude we remember—our preservation through all  
the dangers of these years, those who have carried the great burdens of  
responsibility, those who have braved the greater dangers of land, sea  
and in the air, those who, by labour and industry, have contributed to the  
necessities of our forces and the needs of our peoples, the concord which  
has existed between us and our allies and the manifold mercies which  
have been bestowed on us until this glad moment when we can humbly  
say that Victory has been granted.

We humbly realise our own unworthiness of all these mercies and  
desire in our joy and thankfulness to confess this to God.

May the remembrance of all His goodness never depart from us,  
may it lead us to greater worthiness of life, may it quicken our sense  
of deep dependence upon Him and may we show forth His praise not  
only with our lips but in our lives by giving up ourselves to His service  
and by walking before Him in holiness and righteousness all our days.

## A PSALM OF VICTORY

If the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say: if the Lord  
Himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us:  
They had swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased  
at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul:  
the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord: who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.  
The Lord hath wrought: a mighty salvation for us.

We got not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that  
saved us: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy  
countenance, because Thou hadst a favour unto us.

The Lord hath appeared for us: the Lord hath covered our heads, and  
made us to stand in the day of battle.

The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath overthrown our enemies,  
and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us: but unto Thy name be given  
the glory.

The Lord hath done great things for us: the Lord hath done great things  
for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord: who hath made heaven and  
earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without  
end.—Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### THE RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers, known of old—  
Lord of our far-flung battle line—  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings de-  
part—  
Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice.  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her  
trust

In reeking tube and iron shard—  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding calls not Thee to  
guard—

For frantic boast and foolish word,  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

Far called our navies melt away—  
On dune and headland sinks the  
fire—

Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Ninevah and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we  
loose

Wild tongues that have not Thee  
in awe—

Such boasting as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the  
Law—

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

## THE ADDRESS

### LET US PRAY

CHAPLAIN: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.

CHAPLAIN: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But  
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.



CHAPLAIN: Almighty God we beseech Thee give to us such a lasting and lively sense of what Thou hast done that we may not presume upon Thy great and undeserved goodness and that nothing may mar or spoil the happiness which Victory has brought to us.

May the remembrance of Thy goodness lead us to repentance and move us to greater sincerity and earnestness of heart and life.

May truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, devotion and piety, concord and unity mark all endeavors to bring about a lasting peace.

All this we humbly beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Unto thy loving kindness, O Lord, we commend all those who are now stricken and suffering: the wounded and the sick, the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed; all who have been bereaved, or are in anxiety and fear; all whose faith in Thee has been shaken by what they have seen or suffered. Bind up their wounds, O God, and comfort them with Thy Holy Spirit; and help us to do our part in ministering to them; for the sake of Him who bore for us the pain and desolation of the Cross, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, we thank thee for those who, even at this time of strife and loss, are seeking a more excellent way for the nations of the world, whereby justice and order may be established and the differences of peoples be resolved in unity. We pray thee to set their purpose on sure foundations and to prosper their labours, that thy will may be done; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the righteous judge, strong and patient, who by the words and wounds of thy dear Son hast bidden us pray for them that despitefully use us: we beseech thee so to turn the hearts of our enemies that, when this tyranny be overpast, the divisions of all peoples may be healed, in the bond and by the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord our God, whose name only is excellent and thy praise above heaven and earth: we give Thee high praise and hearty thanks for all those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves but laid them down for their friends; and grant to us that, having them always in remembrance, we may imitate their faithfulness, and with them inherit the new name which Thou hast promised to them that overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath bless'd us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplex'd,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest Heaven,  
The One Eternal God,  
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



BEAUFORT CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL - 8 AUGUST, 1945.

Due to association with some of the local youngsters and knowledge of the unhappy times through which they have passed, Capt. Lonnie and Lt. Cawthorne suggested to the C.O. that the children be given a treat. The C.O. concurred and the function became the BEAUFORT CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL 1945.

Prior to the morning of 8 August, much hard work of an administrative and manual nature had been carried out by the Bn., particularly A Coy., which coy. had originally been charged with the sole responsibility, but conferences held of a newly formed Carnival Committee indicated that the Carnival would be on a scale originally not contemplated, and it was therefore thought desirable to make it a Bn. show.

See Saws and Swings were erected and painted a bright, pink colour, 2 slippery dips and booths for the dispensing of cordial drinks, food, sweets and for Hoopla and Darts. The civilian population were very enthusiastic and set about erecting a Chinese Pagoda like arrangement for the official guests. 3 water buffalo were to be cooked for the throng - this, in addition to the efforts of the Bn. cooks. The scene of activities was the Auster Strip, and on the strip itself tapes were laid for the pedestrian events.

The Carnival Committee included Malayan, Filipino, Indian and Chinese representatives, and worked in perfect harmony for the common cause. Many sweets were made. The troops had agreed to forego their canteen supplies for the week in order that the children might have the benefit (to them) of such unaccustomed delicacies.

Heavy rain fell during night 7/8 August, and it was feared that rain may mar the show. The coy. cooks had worked magnificently to provide food for the expected multitude.

The morning of the 8 August dawned overcast and many natives who had come from far and near the day before (some by train) were soon on the ground and by 0930 hrs. the 2/28 Bn. band were playing in front of the Chinese Pagoda. At 1000 hrs. the Brig. arrived and with Lt. Col. Jeanes and Lt. Col. W.E.H. Stanner of B.B.C.A.U., together with other officers and representatives of the civilian committee, took their places in the pagoda.

A huge string of Chinese crackers near the dais were set off. These, the Chinese had retained for 4 years in anticipation of the time when festive occasions were once more. The Brig. then opened the carnival by making a short speech - Mr. Henry Chong giving the Chinese and Malayan version over the microphone.

Then the Chinese community presented the Brig. with a silken banner, the Chinese characters being translated, meaning "Right will always prevail 9 Aust. Div. 24 Bde Best wishes from the Chinese community of Beaufort.

The troops then took charge of the youngsters and the colourful spectacle which the costumes of the native population provided became more animated. Children were sliding down the slippery dips, swinging, drinking cordial, playing hoopla and darts, eating sweets and buns and watching the pedestrian events. Several stages had been erected and on these Malaysians of varying ages and stages of senility, performed their shuffling national dances to the rhythm of the cymbal like instruments which resembled more than anything else the upturned covers of a number of land mines. This Malayan music could be heard all day and few Malaysians failed to tread a measure or so.



Between 1030 and 1200 hrs., on a small stage erected near the pagoda, a continuous variety programme, featuring Chinese, Malayan, Filipino and Aust. artists, attracted an ever changing audience, and the 2/28 Bn. band gave numerous short recitals. Meanwhile, more children rode on less jeeps than ever before, one jeep having 25 aboard, and the American Boat and Shore Bn. were busy running river trips on L.C.Ms.

At 1020 hrs., a Chinese procession arrived at the dias and to the clashing of cymbals, some Chinese solo dances of a very athletic and martial variety were performed to a very appreciative audience.

At 1215, the official buffet luncheon commenced, an excellent repast. The luncheon arrangements were in charge of the Bn. Q.M., Lt. B.M. Harvey, and chicken, buns, scones and sausage rolls were in evidence.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the Bn. Comd., Lt. Col. M. R. Jeanes, spoke. His speech was delivered in Chinese and Malayan to the diners per medium of Mr. Chong. The Brig. then spoke and again Mr. Chong ensured that all those present understood.

Chinese, Indian, Filipino and Malayan representatives responded. The first three gentlemen spoke in English, the Filipino making a particularly sincere, eloquent and impassioned speech.

The Beauty Contest was quite a feature, being in two age groups - 4 to 8 and 9 to 16, and the winners in each case were presented with a sash suitably proclaiming their success by the Brig. The Brig. and Lt. Col. Jeanes were then each given a basket of artificial flowers, which they in turn presented to the Runners Up.

And so the day went on - music, dancing, fun and games with cameras clicking the while.

During early afternoon, 24 Kittyhawks bombed and strafed the area forward of 2/28 Bn., and returning, assisted the carnival, by formation flying, and some aerial acrobatics. This activity was very much appreciated, and the R.A.A.F. are commended for their co-operation.

At 1700 hrs. a Cinema programme suitable for the Children was screened in the Beaufort Theatre, and from 1800 until 2200, a United Nations Concert was held near the airstrip. Unfortunately, steady rain commenced at last light.

It is certain that the Beaufort Children's Carnival of the 8th August, 1945, will long be remembered by parents, children and troops alike.

On the afternoon of the 9th August, the following congratulatory message was received from 24 Aust Inf Bde. -

"AG453 RESTRICTED. bde comd sends his congratulations to CO and members 2/43 inf bn on the outstanding success of the childrens carnival(.) it was a worthy thought, carried to fruition in a manner of which only the A.I.F. is capable."



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FROM: 24 INF BDE

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TO : 2/43 INF BN

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*A. Hewston*  
Capt

SDS

*Prsm  
Remulgate to Bn HQ  
Alan I 11/1/45*



# BRADFORD CHILDREN

## DAY CAMP

WED 8 AUG 45      SPONSORED BY 2/43 AUSTR INF BN  
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PATRON - Lt Col M R JEANES

### COMMITTEES

#### WORKS

Lt C H CAWTHORNE  
Sgt HIEFFERNAN D  
Mr Charlie JAYASHURIA

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Sgt DRAKE A.T.  
Mr CHONG SCHUNG FAH

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# CAMP

WED 8 AUG 45

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A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE EXPERIENCES OF A CIVILIAN ON THE  
BEAUFORT CHILDREN'S DAY CARNIVAL HELD AT BEAUFORT  
ON 8th AUGUST, 1945.

A couple of months ago, Beaufort was in a sorrowful plight. But since the A.I.F. troops came and pitched their tents in triumph in Beaufort Town and District on 25.6.45, the whole feature of Beaufort has begun to change. It is discernible that the civilian population, who had suffered varying hardships and bad treatment during the Japanese occupation --- and other animate and inanimate objects --- such as houses, trees, grass, beasts and birds &c --- which had also shared the same vicissitudes of life as the civilian population, have begun to recuperate from the damaging effects of warfare. Beaufort is liberated; it is gradually growing healthier and stronger through medicine and food from Australia; and richer and happier in many respects in comparison with the Japanese regime.

Whilst witnessing this state of recuperation in progress one afternoon towards the end of July, a civilian observed that the Town Major's Office was visited by Capt. W.S. Lonnie of the 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Capt J.A. Pollok, the ever-ready to help Town Major, said to the civilian; "Here's Capt W.S. Lonnie of the 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. He wants to talk to you about something." At this, the civilian was perplexed as he recalled to mind how the thousands of unsavoury surprises had sprung upon him during the past three and half years. But it wasn't anything unpalatable of course. Capt Lonnie (with His Secretary by his side and his ever-smiling face which speaks of friendship that gives courage back to those who had suffered inferiority complex during all these years) said briskly: "How do you like the idea of a Children's Day Carnival for the people of Beaufort given solely by the A.I.F. troops themselves?" As surely as the sparks fly upwards, the suggestion flashed out like a joke to the civilian who was unprepared for entertaining a discussion upon such a big and perhaps impossible event that had never been attempted before in the history of Beaufort, considering also that the A.I.F. troops have not even acclimatized themselves to the temper of Beaufort, and re-habilitation has only commenced. However, the idea of a children's Day Carnival being a spontaneous one from the troops themselves, it was hard NOT to accept it in the spirit in which it was given. Thus, within half an hour's time the Children's Day Carnival was fixed for the 8th August '45; the shape and foundation of a Carnival-to-be was built in the little T.M.'s office that afternoon and a conglomeration of colourfully dressed children with their parents who would come to the Carnival could be seen, so to speak, looming ahead before one's eyes.

Time passed rapidly. The news of the Carnival had gone to the villages.

The civilians thought few could come; but, of course, many would come. They felt a sensation of the old times flying back --- they searched all their bags & trunks --- old & rusty now --- to find if their fascinating clothes and jewellery were still there in good condition. Now, they wanted to put them on their erstwhile malarial & anemic frames to grace the Carnival. Now, they are full of good blood --- the work of "liberation".

We heard everybody was talking of the coming Carnival. The hundreds of labourers working at the BECAU said they would go on strike to see the Carnival.

We saw that Capt Lonnie and his Secretary had cast away all redundancies that were usually involved in the organization of sports and games in North Borneo; thereby everything was run in as smooth a manner as possible. In doing so, his Committees were all select men whose names are worthy of recording for remembrance of their good work for the kids:-



PATRON: Lt Col M.R. JEANES ORGANIZER: Capt W. S. LONNIE  
SECRETARY: PTE J. HENSCHKE.

COMMITTEES

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- Lt C.H. Cawthorne  
Sjt Hefferman D.  
Mr. Charlie Jayasuria

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Mr. Chong Tshung Fah

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Mr. Thomas Chung  
Mr. J. Medrena  
Mr. N. Rahavan  
Mr. Mohiddin  
Mr. Ah Min  
Inche Asni  
" Sali Ambah  
" Abdul  
" Md Sirat  
" Tingabas  
" Isim

SPORTS

- WO Webber H.  
WO Meckay J.  
S/Sgt Turner F.J.  
Sgt Harkness A.E.  
Sgt France R.  
Mr. S. Lourdes  
" Dusing  
" Charlie Aston.  
" P.C. Clements  
" Abdul Karim

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Pte Pickford E.N.J.  
Pte Counsel W.J.

L.O. to BEGAN:

Sgt Squibb A.C.

MILITARY LIASON OFFICER:

John Voon

LUNCHEON:

Arranged by Lt B.L. Harvey and  
2/43 BN B Echelon.

We saw the above committees had generously prescribed numerous funs for the kids and grown-ups. Here is a list of them for the sake of convincing the sceptics:-

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#### SPORTING EVENTS

100 yards championship (Leets)  
Scramble  
75 yards children's handicap  
Broad Jump Championship  
Wheelbarrow Race - children  
Sack Race - open  
100 yards championship (final)

#### INTERVAL

High Jump Championship  
Picking up Potatoes -- children  
Sack Race - children  
220 yards championship  
Fishing bottle - children  
100 yards backwards race - open  
Egg & spoon race - Ladies  
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Bun race - children  
Musical Chairs - open.

It is wondered how many people had ever enjoyed so much in one day in any country.

Through sheer Carnival consciousness, it was observed that from the 7th morning, natives & Chinese children and grown-ups had begun to come in to Beaufort in numbers. There was rain but they didn't mind at all. More people from Mambakut, Papar, Mempokul, Sipitang and Weston Railway line which are miles away from Beaufort, were coming in. It seemed there would be no room for such an exodus of civilians to Beaufort.

Then came the Carnival Day -- 8.8.45. Although there had been rain the previous night, the day was clear and full of sunshine. It meant more enjoyment for the kids - more fest and nice cool drinks for their long-starved bellies. Beaufort Padang (now the airstrip) was the scene of a great Pic-nic and games. The guests of the Pic-nic were surging into the Carnival at a great pace.

At 9.30 A.M. the Military Band arrived first and quickly commenced to entertain the Pic-nic with music which the civilians had not heard for years. As they stood by listening, they were unconsciously absorbing a tonic which soothed away their cares.



At 10 A.M. the Bde Comd --- Brig S.H.W. PORTER --- arrived to open the Carnival. He spoke briefly but plainly in a fine style. In fine, he said the Pic-nic was given from the hearts of the Troops who love children --- all Australians love children --- and trusted the children who had come would enjoy the Pic-nic as if the children were "at Home" with their parents. Thus said, the Carnival started with every soldier kindly adopting a child, boy or girl, for a day of Pic-nic and games as mentioned above. Troops of no Troops --- all forgot that there is a war still going on. There were nearly 4,000 people in the Carnival. And you could imagine what a large family the A.I.F. had to look after on this day. The world, too, seemed to look with admiration from the boundaries the way the A.I.F. became foster parents to so many in so short a time. On this day, the civilians were mentally absorbing everything that is Australian. Their sentiments for the Australians spread as far as Australia. Did Australia know this? --- one wonders.

The attractions of the Carnival were non-stop. The children were tireless. Look at the amount of things that had been given out to the Picnics and you will see why they were so strong and happy to walk and play all day long:--

Goldfish & Bully Beef Cafeteria which provided  
22,000 sandwiches.  
3 water-buffaloes which were converted into 3,000  
hot luncheons.  
30,000 biscuits  
2,000 buns  
1,500 cakes etc.  
3,500 packets of sweets.  
3,000 chocolates  
5,000 Chinese toffees  
30,000 Fruit drinks  
20,000 Cups of Tea  
& many other things such as mirrors, soap,  
face-powder etc.

One could see there was no limit set for the appetites of the children.

Towards sunset the children with their parents reluctantly plodded their way home, having enjoyed so much at the Picnic so generously given by their foster parents. In their hearts they spoke thankfully, "Our foster parents really love us ..."

Night fell and those whose time permitted remained further to enjoy the last crumbs of the Carnival --- at the Cinema Theatre

The following day - 9.8.45 --- when morning awakened & perhaps a little "grazy", all thought soberly of yesterday's Carnival --- the essence of it --- the international love in it --- the meaning of the FUTURE in it --- their hands pressed to their hearts, they exclaimed their gratefulness for lots of things that had come to them, with liberation, from the A.I.Force. They can not forget this --- for years and years. It clings to AUSTRALIA --- it is inseparable, it is indelible from their minds.

In note they hope the Australians will remain with them. Could this be the case after this?

BY JOHN VOON  
August, 1945.



- REPORT OF OPERATIONS AGAINST BEAUFORT - NE BORNIO -

2/43 AUST INF BN

22 - 30 JUN 45

MEMPAKUL      11      KOTA ELIAS      11      PADAS RIVER      11      BEAUFORT

Ref Maps :  
 SAVAT            1:50000  
 HOSONG        1:50000  
 LUMAT SW      1:50000  
 LUMAT SE      1:25000  
 TRACE - BEAUFORT AREA 1" - 180 yds. Note: As this trace is prepared from Aerial photographs there will be certain variations in map refs. All refs to ops in the Beaufort area are made to this trace.

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TASK OF THE BN

1. Following immediately upon a successful recon in strength to KOTA ELIAS on 21 Jun, the bn was ordered that night to proceed to the KOTA ELIAS area on the following day. Tasks given were :
  - (a) to establish a base in the KOTA ELIAS area with a view to subsequent ops against BEAUFORT from the WEST
  - (b) to recon WEST towards the PADAS RIVER and determine
    - (i) the suitability of the route KOTA ELIAS - PADAS RIVER for the movement of the force
    - (ii) the suitability of the terrain for the movement of tanks and vehs
    - (iii) whether suitable gun areas existed within range of BEAUFORT

EXECUTION OF THE TASK

2. C and D Coys were still engaged in ops in the MEMPAKUL area and the bn less these two coys and elements of HQ Coy commenced moving early on 22 Jun, and completed some three miles beyond KOTA ELIAS, in sq 2699, by 1630 hrs that day.
3. During the voyage, a meeting took place in midstream between the Sde Comd and CO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Orders received the previous night were confirmed, and the tasks given. The gen situation and the Sde Comd's policy were also outlined.
4. On 23 Jun extensive local patrolling was initiated, and a recon in str commenced SE on the axis of the telephone line, towards the PADAS R. This patrol was charged with the task of determining:
  - (a) the suitability of trks for the mov of vehs and guns
  - (b) the existence of suitable gun areas within range of BEAUFORT
  - (c) the general suitability of this route for the sup of a force op in the BEAUFORT area

and to establish a patrol base at RAT (380223) on the PADAS R

Two Coys were considered necessary for the completion of these tasks.

By mid-afternoon however, it was apparent from reports received from the patrol, that it would be possible to concentrate the whole force further to the SE that day.



Following a conference with the Bde Comd the force was again on the move at 1615 hrs and by 1930 hrs that night, A Coy was in posn at RAT and in contact with A Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, with patrols from the recon force operating in semi darkness towards LIMBAWANG and BINGKUL, and with B Coy astride the SW track system from KANDU.

Such bn sp weapons as could be manhandled over the difficult track were positioned for close sp of the coy localities.

The Bn HQ was stranded by the falling tide on the ELIAS R until 0700 hrs on 24 Jun. Comms, however, were maintained throughout the night.

5. By early afternoon 23 Jun, it was apparent, from the frequent track and terrain reports received, that mov of other than inf with their close sp weapons by the land route, was impracticable. Further, it was clear that the adv was capable of proceeding at such speed as to render the further use of the ELIAS R L of C unnecessary.

Further fwd mov of saps from MEMPAKUL were therefore held, and the decision made to maintain the force from the existing sap P at 273986 for a sufficient time only, to carry through to the PADAS R, plus one additional day, and to divert the main L of C incl guns vehs and engr eqpt, to the PADAS R.

This op was completed by midnight 24 Jun and the necessary res of saps and gen saps was built up by 25 - 26 Jun.

6. Here, the future role of the bn was given and the tasks outlined as follows:

- (a) to complete conc of the force in the area of RAT as early as possible.
- (b) patrol the western approaches to BRAUFORT and gain all available info regarding tracks, approaches and terrain gen.
- (c) gain info of enemy str and dispositions

7. In the execution of these tasks the force completed concentration at RAT on 24 Jun. C Coy having embarked at MEMPAKUL the previous night, landed at the sap P 273986 at 0800 hrs and moved to KANDU where they relieved B Coy, this coy then moving to, and concentrating at, RAT.

B Coy, Main Bn HQ and elements of HQ Coy commenced moving from MEMPAKUL via the PADAS R the same day.

8. With the arrival of the remainder of the essential elements of the bn, concentration was completed by 1800 hrs on 25 Jun.

At first light 24 Jun, A Coy had commenced patrolling the western approaches to BRAUFORT as far EAST as the railway line, and SE to square 3593.

No contact was made with the enemy, but much valuable info was gained of the nature of the terrain and going for tks, vehs and inf.

By last light 25 Jun, intensive patrolling had covered all the ground to the WEST of BRAUFORT as far NORTH as the 96 Northing grid, with an OP and patrol base established at 347918. See Appx A.

Continuing on 26 Jun, contact was made on the NORTH bank of the river in sq 3490, and patrols penetrated to the area of the high ground 353908 where further light contact was made, and to the spur 353912. With the exception of minor clashes in the KOTA ELIAS area and on the KOTA ELIAS track, this was the first contact for several days.

Info derived from patrol reports over this period, in many cases substantiated by active reports, indicated that the enemy had few defts covering the western approaches to the town NORTH of the river, and that he had no certain knowledge of our str or intentions.

The possibilities of exploiting this sit therefore received careful consideration. As saps and eqpt of all types were now held in sufficient quantity, the Bde Comd decided to exploit the initial surprise gained and attack as soon as possible.



10. Following this decision, it appeared necessary to seize a suitable base, and at the same time gain as much info of enemy str and dispositions as quickly as possible. To this end, C Coy was ordered to seize the western approaches to BEAUFORT in square 3590, and patrol to contact in the areas EAST and NE.

At the same time, and in conjunction with a similar move by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn SOUTH of the river, the remainder of the bn concentrated further to the EAST in the general area of BINGKUL.

11. The effort of C Coy was resisted from the spur at 352912, but by 1715 hrs 26 Jun the coy was firmly established on the spur 358912 and astride the railway line, with strong patrols fwd. These patrols regained contact at 1750 hrs on the track juncs 361909 and 360906. See Appx "B"

12. By this time, recon of approaches were complete, and it was not considered feasible to commit the bn in str any further NORTH than the 91 Northing grid, owing to the swampy nature of the terrain in that area. This opinion was submitted to the Bde Comd and confirmed, and a decision made to build up the str in that area.

At 1800 hrs 26 Jun, D Coy moved through C Coy to the area of the rd and rail junc 356907, and assumed the responsibility of maintaining contact.

13. The enemy made several weak attempts to dislodge these two coys during the night and suffered a considerable number of casualties.

14. Patrol info, native reports, and a close study of maps and the excellent aerial photographs available, had already portrayed a reasonably clear picture of the general situation, and a plan in outline had already been partly formulated, based on the tasks given by the Bde Comd for the capture of the town.

The plan was submitted on the morning of 27 Jun and approved; the start time to be determined by the progress made by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn SOUTH of the river.

Good patrolling, following speedy mov and conc of the forces, had made it possible to complete the planning stage in a short time.

The ready supply of all stores, amm, guns and eqpt from the rear, made it possible to commence the final stage of the op with practically full str.

In view of the sit, the plan took the form of an encounter, rather than a deliberate attack. The utmost flexibility was aimed at and a sufficient res was maintained to permit of this.

OUTLINE PLAN - PHASE I

15. The plan in brief was as follows: See Appx C
- (a) B Coy: with att 13 pl C Coy, to adv NORTHERD astride RUNDLE, seize the track and rd junc at 373913 and prepare for Phase II.
  - (b) D Coy: to move in rear of B Coy, seize the track and rd junc at 371911, and prepare for PHASE II
  - (c) A Coy: as in res in area 353908 and prepare for PHASE II
  - (d) Pl C Coy 2/2 HQ Bn protection to the WEST and NORTH from gen area 352912.
  - (e) C Coy less 13 Pl: for provision of a firm base and protection of the axis in gen area 361908
  - (f) 13 Pl C Coy: left flank and rear protection to B Coy from gen area 373922

PHASE II

16. (a) B Coy: to adv against BARNBY (380912) and BARNBY SPUR from the SE, capture the southern extremity of the spur, and gain control of the eastern end of the town and its approaches.
- (b) D Coy: to adv against OCTOPUS (370905) and capture the spurs overlooking the town and its western and southern approaches.
- (c) A Coy: to secure the track and rd junc 371911 during the adv of D Coy and prepare to sp that coy in its capture of the OCTOPUS SPURS.
- (d) C Coy less 13 Pl: as bn res in gen area 357905 with the probable roles -



- (a) mopping up the town area on completion of Phase II
- (b) exploitation to the east following Phase III
- (c) G Coy 2/28 AIB (now in sp): for provision of a firm base, and for protection of the axis in gen area 361908.
- (f) Pl G Coy 2/2 MG Bn: as for Phase 1
- (g) 13 Pl G Coy: rear protection to B Coy from area of track and rd junc 373918.

### PHASE III

17. (a) G Coy : for mopping up of town area following Phase II
18. EXPLOITATION  
G Coy for exploitation to the EAST following Phase III
19. SUPPORTING FIRE
- (a) Arty  
In all phases, arty FOOs to move with the fwd coys, with one OPO available at Bn HQ for mov to any other coy as required
  - (b) Mortars  
Mortar fire controllers to move with the fwd coys with a res held at Bn HQ.
20. As a preliminary to the attack, D Coy was ordered to adv at first light on 27 Jun, secure a bridgehead astride the rd juncs 361909 and 360906, and in conjunction with G Coy, exert deceptive pressure EAST towards BEAUFORT town. With the exception of recon patrols to the NE along the RUNDLE track (366907 - 366944), no move was to be made in that direction.
21. At 0800 hrs 27 Jun D Coy, against opposition on the Northern track junc seized its objective, and by 0830 hrs, strong patrols were exerting pressure in the area of the high ground 363906, and at 365902. Contact was made in these areas, and the patrols remained in contact against stiffening resistance until the afternoon when they were withdrawn for ops with their respective coys.  
A and B Coys had now assembled immediately to the WEST of G Coy, and all sups were being offloaded at the new barge offloading point established at 350907. Tanks had been requested, and these were now moving upstream to the offloading point. See Appx D.

### EXECUTION OF THE PLAN

#### PHASE I

22. At 1400 hrs Phase 1 of the attack commenced. B and D Coys encountered only minor opposition in their advance along RUNDLE, and Phase I was completed by 1535 hrs.

#### PHASE II

23. Phase II commenced at 1600 hrs and at 1640 hrs, B Coy reported that they were then cutting their way over extremely difficult terrain and through thick jungle, and at 1730 hrs reported their posn at approx 380908.  
The coy was ordered to proceed SOUTH as far as possible before last light.  
From that time onward until 1030 hrs next day, the Coy was out of comm with Bn HQ.
24. D Coy, advancing from the NORTH, encountered strong opposition in the area 370903. Resistance was overcome however, and by 1815 hrs the Coy had gained control of the spur 372901.  
With the light now failing, and in heavy rain, the coy was ordered to move eastward to seize the high ground in area 372896, and gain control of the track running NE to BARNEY SPUR.  
This objective was captured by last light against uncoordinated but strong opposition.
25. In conjunction with this further adv by D Coy, A Coy moved due SOUTH to capture the spur 368901 and gain control over the track system in that area. One sec No 2 (MMG) pl and elements of HQ Coy secured the track



and rd junc at 371911.

The adv of A Coy was also strongly opposed from well constructed positions in the area 368902, but, as in the case of D Coy, the enemy appeared disorganized by the pressure on his flank and rear, and the opposition, while strong, was to a great extent disorganized.

Shortly before last light, the spur was captured, and the coy immediately carried the momentum of the attack SOUTH and WEST to the high ground covering the track system and western part of the town, at 368902.

#### MOPPING UP AND CONSOLIDATION

26. Although mopping up continued into the night, both coy objectives were reported secure by last light, with consolidation proceeding under constant fire and in incessant rain.

#### COUNTER ATTACK

27. The enemy made six determined efforts to dislodge the coys during the night, during which a number of additional cas were received. This was due in part to the ability of the enemy to close with our tps under cover of the intense darkness and heavy rain.

Several cases of hand to hand encounters were reported from time to time.

28. At 2100 hrs 27 Jun, one pl C Coy, operating from the WEST, successfully cleared the rd to A Coy and enabled the cas of that coy to be evacuated. An attempt to break through to D Coy proved unsuccessful.

29. Shortly after first light 28 Jun, the enemy made two more attempts to recapture the ground lost, but was again repulsed, but at full light, heavy LMG fire was brought to bear on both coy positions from the ground NE and EAST of D Coy and NE of A Coy. Both coys continued to receive cas.

3" Mortar and HMG fire on the posns NE of A Coy in the late morning successfully neutralised the enemy in that area, and he was later observed withdrawing to the NORTH.

30. 15 Pl C Coy, still at 372918, was withdrawn at 1030 hrs. Request was made for the retention of C Coy, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, which was acceded to by the Sde Comd and C Coy less one pl then moved through A Coy with the task of forcing an L of C through to D Coy in order to evacuate cas.

D Coy was reached at 1100 hrs, after several small pockets of the enemy located between A and D Coys had been met and dealt with. However the Coy came under fire from the posns beyond D Coy and from a small feature to the EAST, and were unable to move back without suffering by cas.

31. At approx 1030 hrs, B Coy, with whom there had been no contact since 1715 hrs the previous day, reported its posn by wireless. The fwd elements of the Coy had then contacted a number of tracks running SOUTH, SE and NE from a junc at 377899.

The coy had cut its way to this point over extremely hazardous country and through thick jungle.

At 1100 hrs the coy was ordered to secure the trk junc with one pl and move SE with the remainder of the force to effect a junc with D Coy.

Contact was made with the enemy at 1400 hrs, in posns disposed in depth along the SE track. Steady progress was made throughout the afternoon, and several strong enemy posns were cleared.

At 1715 hrs, owing to a very precipitous creek and several strong enemy pockets between the two coys in the area 374895, further adv was considered impracticable that day. At this stage, only 300 - 400 yds separated this coy and the fwd pl of D Coy, with B Coy at 377897 and 18 Pl D Coy at 373894.

By this time, the situation of 18 Pl had become serious. They had been subjected to constant LMG and rifle fire throughout the day and had suffered nearly 50% cas. Attempts to reinforce them had proved unsuccessful.



32. At 1800 hrs, the decision was made to withdraw the main body of B Coy to the area of the vital track junction, and 18 pl to the feature 300 yds to the NW. This was effected forthwith and immediately the area was clear, by cones of Arty and 3" Mortar were brought down on the enemy positions.

Under cover of these cones, C Coy evacuated the cas from D Coy and came into pos in its original posn in area 357205.

Arty and 3" Mortar HF continued during the night.

33. By 1715 hrs 27 Jun, engs had succeeded in getting the tanks ashore and assembled in the area 364905.

34. At first light 29 Jun, B Coy patrolled SW and SOUTH to regain contact but it was soon evident that the enemy had withdrawn under the shelling of the previous night. B Coy without opposition accordingly effected a junction with D Coy at 1130 hrs.

PHASE III

In the meantime C Coy, sp by lks, adv to mop up the town area. Several enemy were dislodged from hiding, and at 1230 hrs contact was made, and a junction effected, with B Coy on BARNBY SPUR.

At 1000 hrs 29 Jun all organized resistance was reported as having ceased.

35. Dispositions as at 1230 hrs 29 Jun are shown in Appendix C.

EXPLOITATION

36. Following arty cones on enemy reported withdrawing in the area 380889, C Coy continued the adv eastwards at 1500 hrs and regained contact with enemy in str at 391889. In conformance with the Bde Comd's policy at this stage, the fwd elements of the coy were withdrawn from contact and the enemy was subjected to very by Arty and mortar cones.

During the night 29/30 Jun, Arty and Mortar HF was brought down on the area, the latter searching the tracks in depth to the EAST with excellent results.

37. Following an air strike further to the EAST and sp by Arty cones, C Coy successfully occupied the area 391889 at 1055 hrs 30 Jun, against minor opposition. The enemy showed evidence of great distress and bewilderment following the HF of the previous night.

Continuing the adv eastward, the coy secured the high ground 382891 against light opposition and by 1500 hrs was patrolling to the EAST and NE.

38. No further major adv was made by the bn but patrolling to contact continued until C Coy was relieved by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn on 2 Jul.

39. During the period 22 - 30 Jun a total of 154 known cas was inflicted on the enemy.

APPENDICES

- 40. Appendix A - Patrol programme 24 - 26 Jun
- " B - Advance to contact. Sit at 1750 hrs 26 Jun
- " C - Outline plan and dispositions at 1230 hrs 29 Jun
- " D - Sit on completion preliminary moves 0830 hrs 27 Jun

LESSONS LEARNT AND SUGGESTIONS

41. So far as the land ops were concerned there is little that has not been covered in previous reports, and lessons learnt as the result of the LABUAN ops were found of great value. From the aspect of river ops, however, there were many points brought out which are considered of importance. These have already been covered in full in a previous report on Small Craft Patrol, relevant extracts of which are repeated in this report.



42. Suitability of the Craft used

- (a) The manoeuvrability of the LCM in shallow and restricted waters and its entire suitability for river operations was proved during this op.
- (b) The supply question was also entirely satisfactory as the capacity of the LCMs made the handling of heavy stores in sufficient quantities relatively easy. What would have been a very difficult problem with a land L of C of the same length was made relatively easy by the use of these craft.

43. (a) Availability of craft

From experience gained it was apparent that without sufficient craft, the force is restricted in mobility and loses many of the advantages which river ops could afford with craft provided in sufficient numbers.

Deployment of the force is restricted and the tactical employment of pls becomes an almost insolvable problem where no land routes whatsoever exist as in the case of the ELIAS R ops.

Craft on the basis of one per pl str would, of course, be the ideal.

(b) Suitability of craft

This has already been discussed, but stress is again placed on their entire suitability to the needs of this bn. The only disadvantage noted was the engine noise which precludes any possibility of surprise, either by day or night.

(c) Gunboats

The type used to sp the ops of this bn was considered unsuited to the close confines of rivers.

The gun crews were inadequately protected, and on one occasion suffered cas as the result of very close fire from the river bank. It is understood that a more suitable craft is available, with improved protection. The use of the first mentioned craft is NOT recommended for river work.

(d) Use of native praus and FBE

The carrying of a proportion of native praus and FBE fitted with outboard motors is desirable - patrols, cable laying and liaison, being tasks which would be greatly facilitated.

(e) Interpreters

An adequate number of competent interpreters is considered most desirable.

(f) Supply

The tactical loading of stores requires much thought and the division of craft into A Ech and B Ech during the ops proved most successful.

(g) Comms


The need for suitable reliable wireless comms between all craft was made apparent. The lack of such, precludes adequate control by the Force Comd. The inf 108 Mk III proved unsatisfactory while the craft was under way, due to engine interference.

(h) Comd Craft

A fast craft for the Force Comd is considered a requirement for the efficient control of river ops. The provision of such would enable the comd to control his force more easily and would be invaluable for liaison purposes.

(i) Cable Laying

FBE fitted with cable laying apparatus and outboard motor would assist L/T comms considerably.

  
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Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



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OPERATIONS OBOE SIX.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS MEMPAKUL AREA, 19 - 22 JUNE, 1945.

2/43 AUST INF BN

REF. MAPS: LABUAN NORTH SPECIAL 1:25000  
LABUAN SOUTH SPECIAL 1:25000  
NCSONG 1: 5000<sup>0</sup>  
SAKAT 1:50000  
LUMAT 1:50000

TASKS

1. Following immediately upon the securing of the Div. covering position, & the capture of the TIMBALAI airstrip during the LABUAN operation, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn was ordered to prepare for operations on the KLIAS PENINSULA.

A small planning staff accordingly moved to Bde. H.Q. on 16 Jun to prepare plans for the operation, to be carried out on or about 23 Jun. Owing to the heavy demands made on craft by the operations of 20 Aust Inf Bde in the south and 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at WESTON, it was not considered possible to launch a bn. operation before that time.

2. However, in view of reports received of the lack of enemy strength in the area concerned, the Bde Comd recommended that an earlier landing be effected with a strong patrol, to be exploited in strength on success. This would reduce the number of craft required to a minimum, and because of the short L of C from LABUAN to the mainland, would still permit of the requisite strength being built up in a short time.

This plan was agreed to in the late afternoon of 18 Jun, the landing to be effected during the morning of the next day.

3. At approx. 1900 hrs. 18 Jun, Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn received the tasks for the operation as follow :
  - (a) To land at MEMPAKUL BEACH (936838 - 930839) named SCARLET BEACH, on the morning of 19 Jun.
  - (b) The landing to be effected initially with one coy. in the form of a strong patrol



- (c) On success, to land the remainder of the force and seize a beachhead, with a view to operations NORTH to CAPE NOSONG, and the securing of the MEMPAKUL and NOSONG PENINSULAS.
- (d) 2/11 Cdo Sqn to be given the exploitation role to the NORTH.
- (e) The bn. then to prepare for operations towards BEAUFORT or NORTH in the KIMANIS BAY area.
- (f) If the patrol were strongly opposed, the force to return to LABUAN.

4. At 2200 hrs., verbal orders were issued by Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn with the representatives of all supporting arms present.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE LANDING FORCE

- (a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, less B & D Coys and elements of HQ Coy.
- (b) 2/11 ~~XXX~~ Bde Sqn
- (c) O.P.O. and party 2/12 Fd Regt
- (d) S.F.C.P.
- (e) Recce. Party, 2/16 Fd Coy., R.A.E.
- (f) Two secs. 2/16 Fd Coy., R.A.E.
- (g) Det. 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sect.
- (h) Det. 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec.
- (i) Recce. Party, 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
- (j) L.O., 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (k) Det. R.A.N. Cdo. 1 Aust Bch Gp.

6. Subsequent to the landing, the remainder of the bn. group ~~XXXX~~<sup>was</sup> to be ferried from LABUAN on a detailed priority, commencing immediately on the return of the first craft from MEMPAKUL.

7. Two L.C.Is., one gunboat and six L.C.Ms. were made available for the operation. These were sufficient to land two coys. and the 2/11 Cdo Sqn, with the required elements of HQ Coy. and supporting arms and services.

The tasks given were -

- (a) A Coy., in two L.C.Ms. to land at 1030 hrs. and secure a beachhead.
- (b) C Coy., also ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> two L.C.Ms., to land on orders, and, with A Coy., extend the beachhead to include the line of the MEMPAKUL creek.



- (c) Engr. personnel and stores to move in one L.C.M., land on orders and prepare the necessary beach exit and tracks.
- (d) Tac Bn HQ. to move in the remaining L.C.M.
- (e) 2/11 Cdo Sqn (as reserve) in the two L.C.Is. to land when the beachhead was reported secure.

8. The landing was to be supported from LABUAN by 62 Bty., 2/12 Fd Regt. and 6 H.A.A. Bty., 2/3 Comp A.A. Regt.

9. EXECUTION OF THE TASK

The forces commenced loading on BROWN BEACH at 0700 hrs. Some delay was incurred in moving heavy engineer equipment to the beach during the night and early morning, thus delaying departure for some time, but the force sailed at 0930 hrs. complete with all personnel and stores.

10. The small convoy proceeded at speed towards the BORNEO mainland, but at 1000 hrs. it was evident that the landing time would need to be adjusted. The preliminary artillery bombardment of the beach area was therefore postponed and the time of landing fixed at 1100 hrs. Some difficulty was experienced in informing all craft of the altered timing, but this was satisfactorily accomplished by 1030 hrs., at which time the convoy had entered the extremely narrow and tortuous channel leading in to the beach. This channel had been buoyed the previous day under arrangements made by the Bde Comd.

11. Because of the nature of the approach, the arty. supporting fire was lifted from the beach area at 1040 hrs. At this time, the craft were running in line ahead, parallel to the beach and only 400 yds. off shore.

12. At 1045 hrs., with no opposition yet encountered from shore defences, A Coy was ordered to land, the remainder of the force laying off shore.

13. The Coy landed unopposed at 1050 hrs., and making fast progress, secured the initial beachhead at 1100 hrs. Tac HQ. beached at 1045 hrs., with C Coy. following four minutes later. The bulldozer was already clearing a beachhead and stores were being handled ashore.



14. With both coys and supporting arms ashore, orders were now issued for the securing of the MEMPAKUL CREEK line. No opposition had yet been encountered. The Bde Comd, who had accompanied the force, came ashore during this phase, & the Cdo Sqn were ordered ashore, landing and completing assembly by 1126 hrs.

15. The creek line was reported secure at 1120 hrs. with no contact, and infantry and engineer patrols were operating on the NORTH and EAST track systems.

Following this report, the Cdo Sqn was moved to a forward assembly area on the MEMPAKUL - MENUKUM track, with orders to move NORTH of MENUKUM immediately and patrol to KININAP (957873). At the same time, A & C Coys were ordered to secure a covering position on the line MENUKUM - CLEVE (956855) - MOUNT (950854) - LOFTY (940852) when one tp of the Cdo Sqn had moved NORTH of CLEVE.

16. By 1425 hrs., the covering position had been secured. A Coy. encountered very minor opposition from the area 959852 during the advance, killing one enemy.

The leading troops of the Cdo Sqn had not moved NORTH of CLEVE at this stage, as was expected, but it was deemed inadvisable to wait for this area to be cleared before moving the two coys fwd. By 1500 hrs., however, E Tp Cdo Sqn had reached 956854, killing two enemy in that area.

17. At 1420 hrs. a river patrol was ordered to proceed up the KLIAS RIVER with a view to finding a suitable exit which could be developed into a supply point for a force operating NORTH on the eastern side of the peninsula.

This patrol made a close recce. of the river north to TONGUE (982885) and at 1700 hrs. reported the river navigable to that point; that L.C.Ms. were able to beach at MENUKUM and that a supply point could be established at TONGUE with minor engr. work. Inf. personnel of the patrol had gone ashore and found no sign of enemy.

Preparations were immediately put in hand to develop a supply point in this area early next day.



18. By 1920 hrs. E Tp Cdo Sqn had reached 959858 and was making slow progress against minor opposition. By last light, however, the enemy showed that he intended to resist any further advance and at 2130 hrs., both A Coy., which had moved forward at last light to conform with the disposition of the Cdo Sqn, and the leading tp of the sqn, were in contact. Thirteen enemy were killed during the night.

Dispositions as at 2130 hrs. are shown in Appendix 'A'.

19. At 1320 hrs. the ferry service operating from LABUAN, landed the first of the re-supply troops and stores and continued throughout the day. By last light the position with regard to re-supply was most satisfactory. The craft had worked extremely well, and those responsible for the movement of the personnel and stores from LABUAN had met all requirements of the force for that day in a most gratifying manner.

20. At 0900 hrs., 20 Jun, TOMFORCE, consisting of the bn. Pioneer Pl. and one sec. M.M.G. and engr. recce. parties, landed on TONGUE and secured this feature ~~X~~ the MENUJOK - BAMBANGAN track. Work was commenced immediately on the development of the supply point.

At 1200 hrs., C Coy., less two pls. & with under command F Tp 2/11 Cdo Sqn (known as RONFORCE), also landed at TONGUE and proceeded NORTH to occupy BOB (9790) and RED (9789). This effectively closed the main route NORTH to the enemy encountered the previous night, and who were reported as having broken contact at first light that morning.

2/11 Cdo Sqn, less F Tp, reported its position at 1000 hrs as 957870 and was then patrolling forward to KIHANAP. Light contact was reported.

At 1700 hrs., the remainder of C Coy. moved to TONGUE, having been relieved by a pl. of C Coy., 2/2 M.G. Bn. which had landed shortly before.

21. In the meantime, in addition to the pl. of 2/2 M.G. Bn., B Coy. and fwd. elements of D Coy. plus all necessary stores, had been landed from LABUAN and were positioned for defence of the beachhead.



22. The L.C.M. which had landed TOMFORCE on TONGUE in the morning, proceeded upstream to recce. further landing points. Engrs. and a proportion of inf. accompanied this patrol, together with a representative from the R.A.N. Cdo Det. The patrol reported at 1730 hrs. that the area MUNGA (038945) was suitable for the purpose, with some labour. The inf. patrol had penetrated to the main track and had moved over the feature INA (0395). There were no signs of enemy or enemy occupation.
23. During the night 19/20 June, several enemy were killed by C Coy. on BOB and RED as they attempted to escape NORTH.
24. Following orders received from Bde HQ., a strong river patrol left at 0645 hrs. 21 Jun to determine the suitability of the KLIAS & RIVER as a supply route ~~XX~~ the area of SINGKORAP (1900), as a conc. area for operations against BEAUFORT. Details of this patrol are attached ~~XX~~<sup>as</sup> Appendix 'D'.
25. At first light this day, F Tp Cdo Sqn reverted from comd. C Coy and proceeded north. At 0950 hrs. that tp was reported at 991917 with the Sqn at DIG (9993). The fwd troops had now encountered very swampy and difficult country. Contact was made in the MELIKAI area at 1600 hrs, several enemy being killed.
26. Work on the off loading point at MUNGA had commenced early in the morning and A & D Coys (the latter having arrived from LABUAN at 1045 hrs.) embarked at 1330 hrs. and moved to this point, taking up positions on the feature INA and astride the main track. Stores were landed and arrangements made to supply the Cdo Sqn from this point.
27. During the day, a coast recce. was made in the area of SABANG (0905) with a view to establishing a supply point for supply of the Cdo Sqn through KARUKAN when necessary. Owing to a mishap to the L.C.V.P., a further patrol was despatched in a L.C.M. in the early afternoon. This patrol reported favourably on both the sea approaches and the exits and tracks inland from the beach.
28. At 2300 hrs., a warning order was received to establish one coy. with the necessary supplies in the SABANG area for further operations



to KARUKAN and CAPE NOSONG and to cover the possible concentration of the bn. in the SABANG - KARUKAN area.

29. In view of this, it was decided to carry out a further recce. of the coast in the area sq. 1614 in order to supply a force operating on the NOSONG PENINSULA. This was ordered to leave at first light 22 Jun. The patrol proved to be a very successful one and the beach was found suitable, the inf. patrol moving as far EAST as KUALA PENYU with no sign of enemy in the area.
30. The night 21/22 Jun passed without incident. Last light dispositions are shown in Appendix 'B'.
31. At 0430 hrs. 22 Jun., confirmation of the warning order was received. In addition, the bn., less two coys. was ordered to move to <sup>&</sup> conc. in the area of KOTA KLIAS with a view to operations against BEAUFORT. This followed the success of the deep patrol to KOTA KLIAS on the previous day.
- The necessary orders were issued at 0530 hrs., through, by now, a very unreliable signals system, the force, KX XXX, being so dispersed as to render communications by the normal channels very difficult indeed, despite Herculean effort by the Signals Pl.
32. By 0800 hrs., the bn., less one coy. was on the move, A & D Coys were concentrating at MUNGA, with Tac Bn HQ., & B Coy embarking at MEMPAKUL. All bn. supporting arms were either embarked, conc. or repositioned. Responsibility for the defence of MEMPAKUL beachhead passed to C Coy. 2/2 M.G. Bn. with certain elements of HQ Coy. & 2/43 Aust Inf Bn L.O.B. under command. 2/11 Cdo Sqn passed to command. HQ. 24 Aust Inf Bde having first been ordered to reach KARUKAN that day.
33. At 1035 hrs., Tac Bn HQ. moved to R.V. with the remainder of the KOTA KLIAS force off MUNGA and at 1153 hrs., Comd 2/43 Bn. gave his orders to O.C. D Coy, moving downstream to carry out the SABANG operation.
34. During the move from MEMPAKUL to the R.V., personnel, stores, weapons and equipment were transferred from one craft to another in midstream in order to obtain the required composition of the two main forces moving NORTH and SOUTH respectively. Weapons and



personnel were also transferred from craft to shore and from shore to craft at TONGUE and MUNGA.

At 1200 hrs., both forces, now properly constituted, were moving to carry out their separate tasks.

35. At 1630 hrs., the bn., less C & D Coys. landed and concentrated 3 miles beyond KOTA KLIAS and by 1700 hrs. D Coy. was firmly established at SABANG, with fifty native porters already moving stores to KARUKAN. A junction was effected with the Cdo Sqn that night.

36. This completed the MEMPAKUL operation for the bn. C & D Coys. and the remaining elements of the bn. commenced moving on 23 June to take part in the BEAUFORT OPS.

37. During the operation, the following casualties were inflicted on the enemy -

Killed	54
Probably killed	16
Wounded	-
P.W.	1

38. APPENDICES

- Appdx. A - Dispositions at 2100 hrs., 19 June
- " B - { Dispositions at last light 20 June }  
{ Dispositions at last light 21 June }
- " C - River and coastwise patrols
- " D - Report on LONG RANGE RIVER PATROL -  
MEMPAKUL - KOTA KLIAS 21 June.

39. LESSONS LEARNT & SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

As this was the first advent of the bn. into operations of this nature, involving both coastwise and river movement, many lessons were learnt which proved of extreme value later. Most of these have been covered in later reports. However, quite a number of points have not yet been reported on.

40. The most outstanding feature of the operation was the rapidity with which it was mounted. In the short space of 16 hrs., the operation was planned, personnel, stores and equipment assembled and embarked, and the landing effected.



This was due to the careful and extensive training in such operations carried out in the past and the willing and enthusiastic co-operation of all arms and services.

41. As has been remarked in other reports, the lack of a suitable wireless set for intra convoy communication presents many problems of control. Engine interference renders the present sets virtually useless unless the craft stops its engines, or merely idles them.
42. The value of a flexible fire plan, as arranged by the Bde Comd, again proved its value during the approach to the beach.
43. As has been mentioned in the report, the re-supply of the force was most satisfactory and proved the value of a firm allotment of craft to the force for a fixed period. Together with expert handling and despatch from the far shore, this enabled the force to be built up in personnel, stores and equipment in a very short time.
44. The inclusion of representatives of the Services in the landing force proved of great value and problems of supply normally arising in coastwise operations were reduced to a minimum as a result of this. Direct liaison by the A.Q. staff of H.Q. 9 Aust Div was both appreciated and helpful.
45. The landing of <sup>mech.</sup> ~~XXXX~~ equipment as early as possible after the landing again proved of great value. The shortage of arc mesh, however, handicapped the work of the engr. to a noticeable degree.
46. The use of the L.C.M. for river work has been fully reported on in REPORT ON LONG RANGE RIVER PATROLS and REPORT ON SMALL CRAFT PATROLS already submitted. This bn. found these craft entirely suited to its needs in this and the later operations. River and coast patrols were carried out with entire satisfaction and produced excellent results, enabling the force to be supplied throughout the operations.
47. With the dispersion of the bn. over a large area, communications became a real problem, it being necessary to use L.C.Ms. in one case for liaison and communication purposes. In this case, the turn around of the craft was approx. 5 hrs. and as a consequence, delay was experienced in the execution of orders issued.



As the force moved and dispersion became greater, problems of communication increased and almost failed completely. On the morning of 22 June, the force was disposed at distances beyond the normal range of the 108 MKIII Set and in some cases beyond effective range of the 208 Set.

Respective coys and the <sup>Cde</sup> ~~XXX~~ Sqn were then 4½, 9, 17 & 7 miles distant. However, with the exception of two sub-units, communications were not entirely lost at any time. One 108 MKIII Set performed notably to work R/T to another set 17 miles away over undulating, timbered country at full strength. Generally speaking, all sets performed well under difficult circumstances. However, for similar operations in the future it is suggested that a more powerful set be provided.

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SUMMARY OF OPS - LABUAN - NW BORNEO

War Diary Appx 2

SUBMITTED BY "B" COY - 2/43 AUST INF BN

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June 10 '45 and it's DOG minus five for those of us in the first wave now churning in to assault another Jap held beach. An easy show? "Sure it's to be an easy show" Haven't they been telling us for weeks now? Weeks of pre-invasion scrutiny of maps and aerial photographs. Information? Tons of it. Lectures, enlightening geographical and historical talks, by officers who had spent years in the territories to be invaded. Study of models, perfect in relief and detail to the most minute and inconspicuous native hut. "Yes we had plenty of that vital to operations - Information. We could fit together the pieces of this "topographical jig saw" that was Labuan, and there was never a doubt but that this "show" would be a push over. Yes, a "push over" on paper thought many of the old hands! We had seen these pushovers before. Wait until we drive inland a little and those one thousand misbegotten sons of Nippon eventuate into three or four thousand. So ran the thoughts of many a B Coy man as each turn of the over eager LVTs 'screws' drove us another yard of spewing, boiling, South West Pacific into - anything.

And we crouched and wondered just how things would go this time.

Again that cording and balling of your entrails, as that old familiar howl of heavy shells scalds its way across the top of your scalp. Again that cold sick apprehension, as you squat in your boat team position and watch with wonder the eager, excited movements of the "new boys". The Coy is made up, almost entirely of new men now, and you wonder how they will shape. Not much to wonder about, nor to doubt, though. Those two kids fussing over the twin Brownings they have been detailed to man. Those on the big Yank point fives proud of their all too temporary appointment, and even now scowling at the still distant flying mess of debris that is "Brown beach II", hoping for a target. Over the bedlam created by our own HOBART, and another heavy cruiser, sundry destroyers, and rocket vomiting LCIs, we wisecrack at each other, and pass quite irrelevant back chat across the craft.

"Wind up?" No. Just that infernally doubtful state of mind best described as wondering, and the back chat, an endeavour to create the impression that you might well be on a fishing trip with an 18 of "West End" aboard, for all you cared about an amphibious operation. Steel helmets are taken off in a contemptuous gesture meant to challenge fate. You wish to Christ you had guts enough to keep yours jammed well and truly on your head, which you imagine is a target as large as your craft. But you can't, because a couple of the new boys have donned their battered old slouchies and out of sheer bravado we must all do the same.

As we approach the beach now, and prepare to dash off, the eager boys on those Brownings and point fives have opened up with all the ferocity mustered in those jerking barrels, and have shot away belt after belt of the heavy slugs into the smoke wreathed tangle that is Brown Beach. Did they see any Nips? Certainly not. We'd have gone through under that barrage. But who cared? They were told to blaze away and they had done just that.

'B' Coy. is to land on the right of their sister Coy, 'Don', in the initial landing. Ramps down and its on. This is 'it'. Its your turn now. Gone now that sickly clutching which gripped your guts. It was only made apparent in the first place anyhow by the memories revived, with the roar of the big guns you have not heard for so long a time. You take the initiative now and take your rightful place alongside your Coy. Cmdr. to lead this new Coy. off. You are happy in the knowledge too that those boys will be mighty close behind you too.

The beach is rushed, and carried, and green clad men of the first wave swarm over the "splinter strewn corpse" of a beach. Unopposed. No sign of Tojo. He must be back further waiting in his stinking little round fox holes. Well, he won't be able to get back far



enough to escape the big "hell belching six inchers" which are even now lifting and searching him out. They are well able to lift and blast every inch of this island too, conforming to carefully laid fire tasks. We exult in the knowledge of this fact and decide that we would not be in the Nips "two fold seven-fives" for quids. And now we proceed to devour all contained in PHASE ONE. Completed to schedule; and Bert Higginbottom destroyed the only two Japs encountered, but is in turn given the doubtful honor of being the Ba's. first casualty. No enemy to speak of to this stage, unless you'd call the vile, stinking, sucking, quagmire, which reduced us all to sweaty shirts full of grease, an enemy.

Preparing to move off to prosecute PHASE TWO, and many wondering exclamations as our old friend and leader 'Ali Baba' Morshead strides into our midst, and, abreast of him none other than the man whose ingenuity, infusion of confidence, strength of purpose, and wealth of backing in men and materials has done so much to disillusion these "unwashed Sons of Heaven", and to set them running so far from Australia - General Macarthur. We knew Gen. Morshead, and were not dismayed by his presence. And we were by no means overawed by the Allied leader, but not a man present could help but sense the impression of his personality. Not dynamic. No. Rather a quiet looking man who appeared to be all sun glasses, cigarette holder and emblazoned cap. He was casualness personified. But it was easy to feel, by observing his gestures, questions, and his very presence here where he ought not to be, that this great man, whom the whole of the Allied peoples of the world opposed to the one common enemy and had come so much to admire, was one to look into things for himself and take a chance alongside the next man.

The two generals left behind them on their departure the thought firmly implanted in our minds that if it were good enough for them to be up here just having a "shufti", well it was plenty good enough for us to be up and getting on our way and getting stuck into those yellow so & so's somewhere ahead.

Were the Nip to know the confidence and the will to do well so firmly embedded in our heads now, they might have departed there and then for parts unknown. All troops were eager to come to grips now, and hence the completion of PHASE TWO, incorporating capture of STRIP I was finalised on schedule, and for the loss of only one man wounded with the only three Japs available all sent to the doubtful heaven that Japs imagine they do go to. We called it a day on the capture of this strip and an amazingly successful day's work it had been too.

Morning of DAY TWO saw the Nips first determined effort at a stand, and his greeting to Cpl. "Zubble" Smith's patrol moving along Able Road was about as friendly as a private soldier would receive if he went to the R.A.P. with pneumonia. A very temporary hold up, delivered from the jungle covered feature to become known as FOX. Several patrols were unable to penetrate into this post and DAY TWO was spent by our Coy. watching our RAAF boys blowing divers pieces of trees and Japs to a most uncomfortable and encouraging altitude.

DAY THREE produced the perfect encircling movement. One such as we had hitherto only read about in Training Pamphlets. Whilst A and C Coys. contained the enemy in FOX and beyond, B Coy. were sent in the perfectly planned and admirably executed pincer. Forcing a track over some hilly country, and crossing a vast track of vile, leech infested, stinking swamp, we struck Macarthur Rd., as ordered, and closed the back door and escape route from FOX.

Instructed to settle down and hold our ground by a vastly satisfied S.O., our eye was caught by a likely looking feature 200 yds. on our right, which appeared to house, among other things, a wireless station. Lt. Allan Kennedy, scenting much possible scrounging, must perforce take along five men to have a look-see. What he found was to prove later to be a Japanese HQ housing extraordinary intricate and deeply dug defensive works.

Lt. Kennedy and his men put in a nice show, eliminating several toothy gentlemen and gaining much information of subsequent value before retiring without loss.



On a feature only 80 yds. on our left, two other most honourable and exalted ones were observed sitting quietly just watching everything we did. Probably captivated by the sight of Coy. orderly Gibbons with his pants off, angrily endeavouring to detach an affectionate leech from the very rearmost portion of his anatomy. Messrs. "Mousy" Meade and "Spitty" Large took up arms and crased our spectators.

We entrenched ourselves for the night quite easy of mind and never dreaming that we were sleeping on the tip of a virtual volcano.

DAY FOUR saw "C" Coy. begin a process of elimination of FOX, and it also showed us close air support that was closer than a singlet on a tramp's back. We lay on the off side of a not too high road crown while two waves of Beaufort bombers pounded the feature 200 yds. away. The bomber's run took them directly over our heads, and the world stood still until we saw the tail fin of each plane disappear.

This afternoon, D Coy passed through us and joined a troop of Commandos on several convenient features west of what eventually came to be known as "the pocket of resistance west of the air strip".

A Coy occupied a feature north of us and thus concluded the perfect encircling movement with the Jap HQ trapped and hopelessly surrounded.

Tonight B Coy. experienced its first taste of attempted Jap infiltration tactics in the campaign and vigilant sentries proved this bogey to be as futile as it really is. First one and then a second ambitious warrior had very large indentations punched into their mid riffs for foolishly announcing themselves to 10 Pl. by tapping grenades on their tin hats. After their timely demise, the enemy decided to stay at home and a quiet night was spent by all.

At breakfast on DAY FIVE, Capt. (Pencils) Pollock, was seen to be casting a speculative and "big sword job" eye upon the pocket of resistance. However, his hopes were dashed when we were ordered to prepare to move and pass through D. Coy again. This move carried us to a spot just made for Bn. HQ. and over F.O.R. meal no.2, we could easily visualise further movement this day if the C.O. and his staff ever caught sight of this place. They did, and even as Colonel James, with his Adj. and I.O. moved into sight, we prepared to move.

The order for B and D to prepare at once to move and capture STRIP II was greeted by loud howls from Nicky and his men who were contemplating diverse pots full of duck slowly cooking over camp fires. However, move it was, and move we did, and 10 Pl presented a comical sight marching along with trophies of the chase in all stages of cooking, rung round their persons and dripping fat.

STRIP NO.2 proved to be an elongated strip of nothing held together here and there by pieces of muddy earth. This was a close up of what we often read of as being "another air strip neutralised". Capture unopposed of STRIP NO.2 was heralded by myriads of howling, mangy dogs and squawking feather shedding chickens, who formed the advance party to a crowd of open mouthed locals whose shy "Tabeh Teuan" came from wondering mouths, till then nourished with the poison of collaborat-ionist propoganda, which had assured them that allied attacks of five days before, were merely bombardments intended to frighten them, and that we, the enemy, had since retired in disorder owing to the approach of the Imperial Japanese Navy. Their subsequent disbelief and relief was manifest by their poorly afforded offerings of poultry, eggs, fruit, etc. and the Coy. waxed fat here for four days.

Our pleasant interlude in this area was quite undisturbed by Nip, and the only untoward incident was the approach one night of two unidentified landing craft, which refused to acknowledge any recognised signal and occasioned the Coy @ side a timely (?) bath when he swam out to check up on them.

Virtually, the Labuan campaign was over for us. Information had been absolutely correct and the Island had fallen to us with the ease and in the time predicted. Thanks not alone to the Nips' inability to offer any sort of fierce opposition, but rather to his having been completely outwitted and out manouvred by our splendid leaders.



Tactics adopted on Labuan were refreshing to those of us who "gave it away" during those days of futile blunderings in New Guinea, and our success was an inspiration of revelation in what you may achieve if led correctly.

LABUAN! - A remarkable show which must clinch a wee notch in the annals of S.W.P.A. history for 2/43 Bn. Progressive scores for Labuan were - NIPPON all out in five days - caught 24 Bde. - bowled PORTER - JEANES 2/43 - lost one man only - killed. B Coy's batting was bright, and Nippon lost 35 wickets for no hits when he retired before Capt. Pollock's spinners.

Our sunbathing and poultry eating days could not last forever though, and answering a summons from Bn HQ, we packed our goods and chattels, and numerous native recruits, and shifted camp, to exist for five "back to Ravenshoe days" in correctly aligned doovers, and with a constant eye peeled for the ever menacing approach of he with the "pantry content nom de plume", so intent on reducing the Coy. to a state of miserable unhappiness. Now we blessed the dual advent of an attack of skin disease and our embarkation for Borneo proper.

Mempakul Peninsula and Borneo didn't seem so wild from here. B Coy., after two days "spino" prepared to take up an entirely new to infantry role, and one the prospects of which delighted the entire Coy., as well it might any Coy. We were to sail in L.C.Ms. manned by nine extra eager of our gallant allies. A new manning table was drawn up at once and Capt 'Pencils' with his extraordinary aptitude for acquiring new roles and titles, now became "Admiral of the Klias Flotilla" and he at once directed that C.S.M. Curly Bourne accompany to the flagship bridge, after detailing batman "Dead Loss Dix" to the galley with instructions to maintain a constant flow of brew.

Dawn of 'D' day saw the fleet weigh anchor and shrink away upstream, all noble of vision as even Nelson's frigates. Only much more noisy. In fact, small wonder no Nips were located in the first villages; they must have heard us leave Mempakul. However, Kota Klias afforded much good hunting. We were just in time for lunch, but our hosts decided that discretion was the better part of valor and left by the shortest possible route via the back door. American gunners on the Gunboat got first punch in with their twin Brownings, aimed at a house on the steps of which, a since departed citizen had been spotted dreamily contemplating the tough break his exalted Emperor had handed him. The Yanks missed this Nip, but made a nice job of ventilation on the "roumah", and probably would even still have been shooting it up but for the fact that, led by a grenade flipping "Snowy" Porter, B Coy. was surging into the house now. Through the back door they were just in time to dust up the disappearing pants seats of the late residents so intent upon "going bush". It turned out to be their unlucky day however, and their demise was both sudden and satisfying. Score - seven for none, with three sundries. Moans of chagrin to view the resplendent lunch all despoiled. However, this small detail was more than offset by the good scrounging to be had and some nine pens and watches are now on strength B Coy. The "Admiral of the Fleet" at this, decides to exploit his initial gains and so enlists the aid of Sgt. Dan Campbell and ventures on a patrol. Great was his jubilation to find his first big "sword job" in a not far distant hut, where he came upon the Swords, Samauri, Two, of some quickly decamped and still hurrying warriors of the "Rising Sun". Any gaudy were the decorations on the Flagship and its cortege, as it returned that evening to base and hands were piped ashore by the RSM. The Admiral of the Fleet was jubilant as he marched in to make his report to the Colonel, brandishing his big "Hari Kiri Job" the while.

The river having been proven navigable, the whole Bn. prepares to move up its length on the first stages of our long trek to BEAUFORT town, our objective, known mecca of many evil Japanese and containing therein one rail junction very large and vital. The current furphy has it that we shall rest awhile if we capture Beaufort quickly.

All was plain sailing, and B Coy. led the Bn. convoy to the village of KOTA KLIAS, late residence of some eminent citizens who had found



the locality not to their liking.

One day and one night spent here and on to Beaufort. It could be wagered upon with all assurance of winning that the trail running from our newly formed barge off loading point right in to Beaufort would be easily the very toughest, containing more natural pitfalls for the big feet than any we have previously encountered in operations, including even that eventful night march on the Bonga track from "Oriental" to "Scarlet Beach". That was a stroll up "Lovers Lane" in comparison to this elongated hazard upon which we all literally sweated out a "pub crawl". Never have so many fallen so often in so few miles. The highlight, and Daddy of all gutters was come by Capt. Langford and Lt Foster who dived from a breaking bridge at one stage of the game amid loud cheers from the column. To add to our mortification, an appreciation of the distance to be covered had been made all in blissful ignorance of the fact that one complete 1:25000 map covering midway along the route was missing. That was truly a long, long trail.

Arrived duly at RA1 on the banks of the Padas river.

We are now within reach of Beaufort and prepare to move in to take that town. Preliminary patrols from RA1 by B Coy. were highly successful. Most noteworthy was the one by Cpl "Bubbles" Smith and his section, who penetrated 6000 track yards through enemy held Woodford estate and reached the approaches to Twin Spurs, before being halted by the presence of many enemy. Cpl. Smith's observations and the information derived therefrom proved to be of much subsequent value.

Lt. Neil George's fighting patrol which surprised a houseful of the enemy along the Padas bank and almost into Beaufort, was a "honey". Betrayed to the patrol by their own sing song jargon, the Nips never knew what hit them, and four died and fried in the house which was hotted up with a phosphorus grenade. The highlight of this encounter was Cpl. "Buff" Awege's flying shot at the gentleman who floated through a convenient side window. That bird now used wings in the true sense of the word. Results of this skirmish were five enemy killed and counted, several probables and wounded, with no loss to ourselves. Bobby Homes took a .32 pistol slug between the eyes and miraculously walked unaided out of the fight and is now doing well. On our way into Beaufort later, we were privileged to see our late warriors, and they were most certainly cooked to a turn.

Our trail into the objective from this time on was littered with the shattered corpses of many of Tojo's braves, who bore mute and messy evidence of the true aim of C Coy and the Bn. MMGs.

Some people - not of us - ran amok today and endeavoured to perforate the C.O. and his I.O. Col. Jeanes got his mad up at this and decided there and then to capture Beaufort without further ado, and thus let it be known to all and sundry who was who, and where. Whilst the enemy were contained by our sister Coys., B were sent at 1400 hrs. to reach the apex of Mt Lawley, 5000 yds. along and up. "Up to Lawley" the C.O. said. We said it was just "upta altogether". But we said it without a thought, other than that it was to be just another hard march and a damned hard climb. Actually from the outset we were to realise that our Coys was in the act of clinching the perfect left flank encircling movement. As a setup designed to cut the enemy line of retreat towards Jesselton via the safety of his beloved jungled hills, this move was a "gem among strategical pastes". We were to prove that our C.Os. appreciation was faultlessly assessed and it showed an uncanny prediction of just what he expected the Japs to do when faced with the prospects of a frontal attack by the remainder of the Bn.

We set out and reached our destination on Lawley just in time to dig hasty doovers by the last of a drizzly, fading light. But 15 minutes there, and much to our horror our imperturbable C.O. ordered us to prepare to move. What a howl! But the admirable "Honest John" might have been going on leave for all the dismay shown on his face. Nip had already shown signs of retiring under pressure from our forces around Beaufort, and it was imperative that we occupy



at once a feature containing the junction of three vital tracks.

We got going anyhow, and that trip of almost 2000 yds. as the P.B.I. stagers was a black nightmare. For unadulterated devilry it fair took the bun and a bloke needed to be mighty careful to refrain from taking a tumble that would have carried him down into Beaufort town itself. And yet Coy. orderly Squeaker Spry made the entire distance, carrying a full "billy of brew" which remained unspilled to the end. This mountain march I would venture to guess would in all probability be the first undertaken by night in Australian operations and to complete it, occupied 3 hours of alpine antic. However, first light found us needing to move only a couple of hundred yards to the spot where "Buff Awaga" toed a snoring citizen of Tokyo into wakefulness, and then gave him a dozen rounds of breakfast. Shortly afterwards, and a few yards further on, Bron Gunner Barle Gehrig despatched a Jap guide awaiting to direct his fleeing comrades over the trail.

The way now clear, we dug in and awaited the approach of all outward bound traffic. There were quite some, and they evidently thought "St. George's Pl." were nature students or something and would not debar their exit, anyhow. Were their faces red when they were made very dead for intruding upon our territory. Our first night in this position was one filled at the beginning with the usual sibilant whisperings of night creatures, and the bangs and crashes relative to herds of charging Japs on straining and imaginative ears.

At midnight however, new sounds rent the air when a lone Jap crashed our gate and came to rest in the midst of No.1 section, 10 Pl. Began then a ghostly stalk by Cpl "Bubbles" Smith, "Bluey" Tatterball and the elusive Hip, with the remainder of the section standing to and barracking from the boundary. The outfield was a picture of virgin green, the wicket easy after the late afternoon shower, and the light quite as illuminating as the insides of a native's stomach, when "Bubbles" and "Bluey" went in to bat. Hip started the game with a howl and a wild leap when "Bluey" approached him. "Blue" swung and missed, and fell upon his face, and both he and Hiro Hite remained prone, gently sizing the situation up. "Bubbles" in the meantime was perfecting an encircling movement on his stomach, and now came within range. A startled grunt, and a cautiously raised head on his right, and "Smithy" played a smashing cover drive to score the full count on "Bluey's" chin. A beautiful shot it was, and "Blue", imagining he had played his last innings, promptly retired and slept the sleep of the injured. "Bubbles" waved his trusty butt and in acknowledgment of the umpires decision, and the crowd roared. "The lost one", recognising everyones error and his own luck, quit the game in a huff and took off in a magnificent leap which carried him clear of the perimeter and away to the cotton woods. Arguing over the rules, both sides decided upon no further play until next day.

It became quite evident by the number of Japs endeavouring to use these tracks and being turned into stiffs for their trouble, that this was indeed the way out for the enemy now being so hard pressed by the En. which had now carried the high ground above Beaufort and were moving down on the town. "PONG HILL" as our resident successors from C Coy. so very aptly named this contested feature, was now safe and under control and the G.O. ordered B Coy. this afternoon to make a sortie which would carry them to the hard fighting D Coy., who were "copping something for their corner" in a fierce encounter just beyond Beaufort station and 1200 yds. S.W. of "Pong Hill". Before setting out, our ever shrewd G.O. sought, and was granted, permission to leave 11 Pl. to hold "Pong Perks" - the vital tracks. Our way to D lay along a tortuous, jungle flanked, one-man pad, affording no room or ground whatever for any strategy other than a straight forward approach march. 12 pl. led Coy HQ. and 10 Pl. out onto the track at 1530 hrs. Only 300 yds. after setting out, we made first contact with the enemy who was comfortably and cunningly ensconced in well dug and concealed weapon pits along the track side.

It was here on "SEANON'S TRACK" that Pte Tom Starcevic put on such a magnificent effort as to equal and possibly surpass most individual



feats of arms previously performed, indisposing of three enemy machine gun posts single handed.

As the occupants of this first post opened fire, and pinned our forward elements temporarily, Pte Starceovich came through his forward scouts, and firing his Bren from the hip, lifted their scalps from their heads with a burst of remarkably aimed fire. Fired upon at once by a second L.M.G., Starceovich, standing in full view of the gunners, coolly charged his magazine and then advanced upon this second post. Starceovich is possessive of a method of approach which in itself must be most disconcerting to an enemy. Firmly and confidently believing that he can never be hit, he walks in to an enemy post preceded by a single and unbroken stream of pellets. He is quite unmoved by returning fire and stops only when the enemy has been annihilated. The enemy in this second post must have been quite unable to "take it", for as Starceovich neared them they endeavoured to leave their fox holes, and, caught in Starceovich's fire, were at once killed. The Coy. now proceeded along the track, meeting in a further 200 yds. only single riflemen.

These included a large and fearsome looking one with a flowing ten hair face fungus, dubbed the "Bearded Lady" by "Sluggo" Farrer, who handed him what he terms a "green-ade". A most ghastly mess ensued. Leaving the "Bearded Lady", we proceeded and came upon a third LMG post, this time with in support, a section of rifles and grenade tossing coves intent on halting us. Even the now mighty Starceovich knew better than to take an immediate seat in this "Jack pot". He contented himself instead with merely going forward of the Coy. with his No.2 "Snowy" Porter, and subjecting the enemy LMG to a hail of lead that forced their heads lower than their navels, whilst a plan of attack was formulated to wipe out this obstacle.

The plan, owing to the restrictions placed upon easy and elementary movement by the nature of the country, did not materialise for some minutes. In the interim, Starceovich diverted all the enemy's wrath upon himself and his 2 I/C, who received a slight arm wound. Eventually, an admirably handled section was led by Cpl. Ken Mason to the enemy's right flank who proceeded to engage them. Quick to size up the situation, the Japs directed small arms fire and grenades upon them, but wisely or unwisely, saved their LMG for Starceovich. Sensing the movement afoot, Starceovich clapped a full magazine on his hot weapon, and standing again, adopted his typically ruthless attitude and advanced upon the luckless inhabitants of this last pit and eliminated them. Ken Mason carried on and completed the destruction of the riflemen, and our way lay clear to pursue.

Nearing D Coy's position, we really ran into bother. Our advance was frustrated by ugly, deep wounds in the earth which we could not possibly negotiate without great delay in the fading afternoon, sufficiently well to come to close grips with the many enemy entrenched between ourselves and D Coy. Most disconcertingly close to our right flank was the familiar sound of our own Bren guns.

But for the untiring and ever smart signaller Les Mann, we may have walked to these Brens imagining them to belong to D Coy. Actually, Nippon was using them, and he further dismayed us when he suddenly lashed out with our old friend the Thompson Sub Machine gun.

I hope never again to hear the nerve wrecking crack of those 600 to the minute .45 slugs searing the air above me. One is prone to remember to vast cavity a .45 can rip in a man's scone, where he takes other small arms fire for granted. Sig. Mann was most admirably lying flat on his back and carrying on an unhurried conversation with Bn HQ over his 108 set, whilst this T.S.M.G. sought to sever his aerial.

Nearing dusk, we decided that the treacherous nature of the country forbade our further progress without a new approach, and so we were ordered to retire in favour of our staunch supporter MASY TROOP, directed by the fierce and reliable Capt. Sam Stewart. Now was evidenced the foresight shown by our C.O. and O.C. when they decided to leave 11 Pl. guarding Fong Tracks. Our movement from that



feature of abnoxious snorts had been taken by Mip as the cue for him to move in and occupy. Subsequently 11 Pl. in our absence, had taken advantage of much target practice and strewn before their position lay the persons who contributed so largely to the Pin Fong. Had 11 Pl. not remained, B Coy. would never have regained their position that night. However, return we did, and no sooner so than to have a most amazing and hitherto unknown gauntlet flung in our faces.

A gentleman of the Imperial Japanese Army chose an extraordinary and novel way to commit Hara Kiri. He calmly walked to the centre of a track 50 yds. from "Snow" Temple's Bren position, and invited the Coy. in quite good English to realise that we had "had it" and best we "give it away" and come with him. In fact, his own words were "Surrender Piz, Ossie. You come No?" Yes, we "no comed" or something when we recovered, but after a super effort at outdoing a bullock driver, "Smiler" Needs literally shot that Jap to pieces. When it was said that the impertinent Mip was an officer, some voice in the dark suggested that it must surely have been a Lieutenant to have tried such a silly thing. That remark caused much glee, but not as much as when the late one proved to be a lowly Sgt. The men said "well, of course, now they did understand".

The work and devastating aim of the 2/12 Fd. Regt. gunners this night proved, as it generally does, far too much for our enemy and their departure from the area between ourselves and D. Coy by next morning was no great surprise. We were able now without further ado to establish and maintain contact with the rest of the Bn. On our way down we encountered only one live Mip. He was a willing Hara Kiri job, feigning slumber on the track-side below D Coy. He was approached by our attached Bde. armoured who let him know what was coming to him by poking him in eye with his most carefully aligned foresight, and then blowing him up.

2/43 Bn. now had the game "sewn up" and it was all over bar the shouting, with the exception of the task along the railway line set before C Coy. C Coy. duly "cleaned up" this area and Beaufort Town and the country in its' immediate vicinity was ours, and our task then to consolidate and hold on until further orders. A remarkable show had been concluded with full honours to our Bn. and yet another niche must be carved for us in the annals mentioned before in this summary. In the extraordinarily short time of less than a fortnight we had left Labuan and captured Beaufort.

A brief survey of events brings most forcibly to notice several points. One of them could be most difficult to overlook. That is the proportion of casualties to our own troops as against those inflicted on the enemy. This point may well be noticed when revising the exploits of this Coy. alone. For the negligible total of only six men wounded, all slightly, one remaining on duty, and not a single man killed, we were able to claim 81 enemy definitely killed by Coy. weapons only. In addition to these men who were counted, we make a conservative estimate of 35 probables, which same count is justified in view of the difficulty often presented in assessing a count of kills. In addition to these, we found on all occasions enough gore in former Jap positions to suggest any number of wounded, as others did.

One is always obliged of course, to speak of the job "done" by his particular Coy. or sub unit, as being something bigger and better than that by the next fellow. We must invariably too, speak of, with an unfortunate touch of pride, the particular hellis we encountered as evidenced by the number of casualties we incurred. If your Coy. suffered so many more killed than others, then it is the firm belief generally that it fought so much harder and were up against so much more. It must be proven now beyond a doubt that this is not so.

It can be safely assumed that the argument about what you "did" because you lost more men is quite irrelevant, and you look elsewhere to find the reason for success without undue losses.



The buck then must be passed to the men leading you. This summary of course, is not being compiled for the express purpose of throwing bouquets or brick bats at one's Commanding Officer, so I will refrain from saying more than that the encircling of the Jap Ics on Labuan was an all time winner, and the next one over Lawley was a strategical gem.

Never reluctant to call upon the ample and devastating supporting arms available, we were at no time committed to anything too hot to handle, without a constructive and unhurried appreciation and the necessary preparations having first been made. Likened unto these attributes are those endowed upon our own Capt. Pollock, to whom all men in the Coy. hand the palm for our success. Likeable, and with an understanding for his men of a rare kind, every move made by "Honest John" was a page from the C.Os. book, and his unhurried decisions, cool demeanour, and cheerfulness were inspiring.

This remarkable campaign proves beyond doubt that if you are properly led and you have confidence in your leaders, it is not necessary for you to sustain casualties to do a good job, and thus the merits of a body of men need not be gauged by its casualties.

We rest now then in and around Beaufort. "rapidly returning to pre-war" Beaufort. We won the Town and the Bn. have now won the hearts of the Town's people, who are thriving visibly under their new lease of life. We take pride in our achievement and well we might do so. There are those fortunate among us who confidently hope soon to leave Beaufort for Australia and a return to civilian life. We shall do so of course, without a qualm, reassured in ourselves that we are doing the right thing. Happy as we will be however, to return home, we will probably for a time have some misgivings. For my part, and those others of us in B Coy. who will leave, I say confidently that the Coy. as it is today is equally as good as it ever was and the aggressive spirit manifest has never been greater. The loss of the few old blokes will in no way be detrimental, and the Coy. with the Bn. must and will go on to further successes.



Serial No - D32  
Str - 1 NCO 1 OR  
TO - 0900I

Comd -  
TI - 1100I

Task - To contact 2/32 bn at BONGAWAN

Route - 438038 by rail to BONGAWAN and return same route

Report - Patrol contacted 2/32 bn at 495113. 1 Coy dug in at 495113 otherwise nothing to report.

Serial No C39  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORS  
TO - 0910I

Comd - Cpl KERR  
TI - 1145I

Task - To contact 2/28 bn patrol

Route - 376892 - 381892 - 384901 - 386902 - 400904 return same route.

Report - Patrol contacted 2/28 bn at 400904 at 1040 hrs

Serial No - D33  
Str - 1 NCO 9 ORS  
TO - 0900I

Comd - Cpl LEATHERBY  
TI - 1400I

Task - ABC

Route - 428038 - 442057 - 437073 return same route.

Report - NMS. Track from 442057 - 437073 in bad condition. Track ends in deep swamp at 437073. No canoes available to cross swamps to coast so patrol returned to SP.

Serial No - B35  
Str - 1 NCO 6 ORS  
TO - 0900I

Comd - Cpl GEAR  
TI - 1630I

Task - Protective recce.

Route - 367894 - 376885 - 369869 - 366869 - 369869 - 384870 via track to 12 pl area 385890 and return via river bank.

Report - NMS. Track is not as marked on map from 369869 - 364871 but runs from 369869 to 366869 otherwise nothing to report

Serial No - D34  
Str - 1 NCO 5 ORS  
TO - 0900I

TI - 1540I

Task - To investigate native report of 2 or 3 Japs in vicinity of WHISTLE

Route - 424034 - 406014 thence to WHISTLE thence to 403989 - 407003 - 406014 - to SP

Report - NMS. Patrol reced complete area of square 4099 and features WHISTLE SMITH and 403989. No signs of enemy this area.

Serial No - C40  
Str - 1 NCO 4 ORS  
TO - 0930I

Comd - Cpl BARNARD  
TI - 1445I

Task - Recce for enemy

Route - SP 376901 - 383914 - 387923 - 393943 - 386938 - ~~373904~~<sup>373940</sup> - 365944 thence via rly line to SP

Report - NMS. From SP to 383914 going good. From 383914 to 393943 going fair. Patrol waded along creek from 394940 to 386936 going difficult. From 386936 patrol moved by track to rly at 365944 returned via rlyline

*Redavis Ct  
To 2/43 Aust Inf Bn*



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2/43 AUST INF BN PATROL REPORTS

2 Aug

Serial No - D35  
Str - 2 Offrs 34 ORs  
TO - 010900I  
Task - To contact 2/28 bn patrol at 463967.  
Route - 425036 via NORTH bank of river to 470995. One Sec to 463967 return same route.  
Report - NMS. Patrol arrived at 463967 received information that 2/28 bn patrol had left one hour previously. Track from 428038 to 466000 good condition and serviceable for jeeps. From 466000 to 470000 track very muddy not suitable for jeeps. From 470000 to 463967 well defined footpad. Forded at 469982 18 inches of water with gravel bottom. Footpad continues to 466965 growth rubber and rainforest. Gravel all the way along the river from 465998 to 463967. Dumps and labour nil.

Comd - Lt BROWNLIE R L  
TI - 021125I

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Serial No - C41  
Str - 1 NCO 4 ORs  
TO - 0930I  
Task - To contact 2/28 bn at 400904  
Route - 376892 - 381892 - 384901 - 386902 - 400904 return same route  
Report - NMS. No signs of enemy activity. Patrol contacted 2/28 patrol at 400904 at 1030 hrs.

Comd - Cpl BLORE F A  
TI - 1130I

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Serial No - B36  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Local protective patrol  
Route - 385890 - 393886 via creek to 382857 return same route  
Report - NMS. No signs of enemy activity in this area.

Comd - Cpl BURT  
TI - 1230I

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Serial No - D36  
Str - 1 NCO 6 ORs  
TO - 0845I  
Task - A B C  
Route - 424034 - 418026 - 413993 - 420995 - 419982 - 414986 - 414993 to SP  
Report - NMS.. Good footpad from 418026 to 422990 other tracks followed by patrol were heavily overgrown footpads. Timber. Rubber and heavy under growth. Deposits of gravel and rubber resources - Nil

Comd - Cpl HANDKE  
TI - 1445I

*R B Davis*  
IO, 2/43 AUST INF BN



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2/43 AUST INF BN PATROL REPORTS

3 AUG 45

Serial No - C41  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORS  
TO - 0945I  
Task - To contact 2/28 patrol at 400904 at 1100 hrs  
Route - 376891 - 381892 - 384901 - 386902 - 400904 return same route to SP  
Report - NMS. Contacted 2/28 patrol at 400904 at 1100 hrs

Comd - Cpl O'SHANNESY  
TI - 1200I

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Serial No - D37  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - To contact 2/32 bn patrol at 495113 and recce for recent signs of enemy.  
Route - 428038 - 495113 - 520055 return via same route to SP  
Report - NMS. Contacted 2/32 bn patrol at 495113.

TI - 1430I

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C Coy Local Patrols from 385902 NMS.

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B Coy Local Patrols NMS.

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*R.Davis* Lt  
IO, 2/43 AUST INF BN



Serial No - 042

Str - 4 ORs

TO - 0915I

Task - To contact 2/28 bn patrol at 400904

Route - 386902 - 400904 return same route

Report - Contacted 2/28 bn patrol at 1040 hrs NTR.

Comd - Pte TONKS

TI - 1115I

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Serial No - B37

Str - 1 NCO 6 ORs

TO - 0800I

Task - To contact 2/3 Tk A Regt at LUMADEN

Route - 367894 by rail to LUMADEN return by rail to PADAS VALLEY 336873 thence to 348874 - 354891 - 367894

Report - NMS. Track from 336873 to 348874 is overgrown. From 348874 to 354891 good footpad. From 354891 - 367894 slightly overgrown.

Comd - ANTHONY

TI - 1500I

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Serial No - D38

Str - 1 NCO 6 ORs

TO - 0900I

Task - A B C

Route - 428038 along track to 450021 to 465029 to 456025 - 460033 - 450021 - 428038

Report - NMS. (a) Track from 428038 to 450021 good jeep track. From 450021 to 465029 overgrown jeep track 6 feet wide. Cross country from 465029 to 456025 fairly easy going, From ~~456~~ 456025 to 460033 fairly heavy going due to secondary undergrowth. From 460033 to 450021 a good footpad. (b) No water supplies, gravel or stone deposits. Nil dumps. Nil timber resources and Nil natural products. (c) Male members of village at 445020 already working other wise no further labour resources

Comd - LCpl SMITH

TI - 1530I

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Serial No - C Coy Local patrol from 385902 to 383914 and 395909 NMS.

- B Coy Local patrols from 386890 NMS.

*RR Davis*

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5 AUG 45

Serial No - B38  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Recce of tracks vicinity 356874 and 358873  
Route - 367894 - 362880 - 358871 - 354874 - 364897 - SP  
Report - NMS. Track swampy from 364880 to 358877. Recce house area 358871 revealed no tracks running EAST AND WEST  
- - -

Serial No - C43  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Recce for enemy or signs of enemy  
Route - 376901 - 383908 - 383914 and return same route  
Report - NMS. No signs of enemy activity in this area.  
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Serial No - C44  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Task to contact 2/28 bn patrol at 400904  
Route - 376892 - 381892 - 384901 - 386902 - 400904 and return same route  
Report - NMS. Patrol arrived at contact point 400904 at 1015 hrs remained till 1145 but did not contact 2/28 bn patrol  
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Serial No - B39  
Str - 7 ORs 2 native guides  
TO - 0900I  
Task - B C  
Route - 424034 via river to 419039 via track to 415074 to PIM-PING by prow to ANGSAN to 411035 thence by track 418037 - 423033 to SP  
Report - NMS. No signs of enemy activity. No dumps or deposits of gravel stone etc. Some labour could be obtained at PIMPING and ANGSAN  
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B Coy local patrol from 386890 NMS.

*R. Davis* .....Lt  
IO, 2/43 AUST INF BN



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6 AUG 45

Serial No - B39  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Recce for enemy or signs of enemy  
Route - SP 386891 - 388894 - 404888 - 400887 - 400881 - 396875 via track to 391882 back to SP  
Report - NMS. NTR.

Comd - Cpl HUDDY  
TI - 1230I

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Serial No - B40  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Recce for enemy or signs of enemy  
Route - SP 367894 via rly line to 358900 to 354891 - 358887 - 357874 - 363875 - 367875 - 373875 - 376887 back to SP  
Report - NMS. Patrol followed tracks except between refs 357874 to 373875  
At 376887 is an unexploded 25 pr shell.

Comd - MOLYNEUX Cpl  
TI - 1545I

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Serial No - C45  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Recce for enemy or signs of enemy  
Route - SP 386902 - 399921 - 394926 - 402924 - 399921 back to SP  
Report - NMS. NTR

Comd - Pte TONKS  
TI - 1200I

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Serial No C46  
Str - 1 NCO 3 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - Contact 2/28 bn patrol  
Route - SP 386902 along track to 400904. Return same route  
Report - Contacted 2/28 bn patrol at 1030 hrs

Comd - Cpl HEWITT  
TI - 1130I

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Serial No D40  
Str - 3 ORs  
TO - 1030I  
Task - Contact 2/32 bn at BONGAWAN  
Route - Via rly line to BONGAWAN return same route  
Report - NMS. Patrol contacted 2/32 bn at BONGAWAN at 1200 hrs

Comd - Pte DABNER  
TI - 1330I

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Serial No - D41  
Str - 1 NCO 7 ORs  
TO - 0900I  
Task - A B C  
Route - 428038 via rly line to 452071 by track to 451034 to 453013 to SP  
Report - NMS. From 452071 to 451034 very heavy going swampy and mangroves. From 451034 to 453013 track in good condition. Gravel and stone deposits NIL  
Labour resources NIL

Comd - Cpl MILLER  
TI - 1600I

*R.R. Davis* ..... Lt

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PATROL REPORTS

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7 AUG 45

B41

STR: 1 NCO 4 OR

Cpl GEAR

Time Out: 0900

Time In: 1400

TASK: Recce for enemy

ROUTE: 367894 - 358871 - 342871 - 336874 - via rly line to SP

REPORT: NMS no signs of enemy activity in this area

B Coy local patrols 386890 - 390880. NMS No signs of enemy activity in this area

G47

STR: 1 NCO 3 OR

Cpl TONKS

Time Out: 0930

Time In: 1330

TASK: To contact 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at 400904.

ROUTE: 428038 - 400904 return same route

REPORT: NMS patrol contacted 2/28 Patrol at 1015

D42

STR: 1 NCO 6 OR

Cpl FREELAND

Time Out: 0830

Time In: 1500

TASK: A B C

ROUTE: 428038 - 411018 - 404019 to village at 418037 to 415075 to PIMPING return by trk to BRUNEI 438081 to 438073 to rly at 442057. Return to SP via rly line

REPORT: NMS. From 411019 to 418037 heavy going. From village 418037 - trk junc at 415075 fairly heavy going. PIMPING to BRUNEI good going. BRUNEI to rly good foot track. NIL gravel and stone deposits. NIL labour

D43

STR: 1 NCO 3 OR

Cpl HARRIS

Time out: 0900

Time In: 1500

TASK: B and C and contact 2/32 at BONGAWANG

ROUTE: 425035 - 494110 - KADAGAN return same route

REPORT: NMS patrol contacted 2/32 at BONGAWAN then proceeded to KADANGAN - NIL gravel and stone or food dumps. NIL labour

D44

STR: 1 NCO 7 OR

LCpl LEATHERBY

Time Out: 0900

Time In: 1600

TASK: Recce area for enemy

ROUTE: 428037 - BONGAWAN. Thence along trk to river to coast at 456120 return same route

REPORT: NMS no signs of enemy activity in this area

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9 AUG 45

B43

STR: 1 NCO 4 OR

Time Out: 0900

Time In: 1300

ROUTE: 386889 - SOUTH along PLANTATION flat to trk end 381858 and return same route

REPORT: NMS -

D47

STR: 7 OR

Time Out: 0900

Pte Teylor

Time In: 1330

TASK: ABC

ROUTE: 427037 - along track to 444032 - 447041 - 445050 - 455065 thence via trk to rly 452068 and return along line to SP

REPORT: NMS From 444032 to trk bend 447041 fairly good going but no track. From 445050 to 455065 through plantation good going. NIL deposits food stone gravel. NIL labour resources

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IG, 2/43 AUST INF BN



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PATROL REPORTS

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10 AUG 45

D48

STR: 1 NCO 3 OR

Time Out: 1030

TASK: Contact 2/32 Bn at BONGAWAN at 1200 hrs

ROUTE: 426038 along rly line to BONGAWAN Return same route

REPORT: NMS patrol contacted 2/32 Bn at BONGAWAN at 1200 hrs

L Cpl SMITH

Time In: 1300

D49

STR: 1 NCO 6 OR

Time Out 0900

Time In 1300

TASK: ABC

ROUTE: 424034 along SOUTH bank of MEMPAKUT to BRUNEI  
440080 thence along trk to rly line at 442057 thence  
to SP via Rly line

REPORT: NMS - From 424034 along bank of river to BRUNEI very  
difficult going. From BRUNEI to 442057 fairly good  
going. NIL food dumps gravel stone deposits.  
NIL labour

*R.R. Davis*

IO, 2/43 AUST INF BN



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PATROL REPORTS

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1 Offr 200Rs

EO 140900I

Comd Lt BUTTERWORTH

TI to D Coy 2/28Bn 151900I

Task: Contact 2/28 D Coy at village 465965

Route: 426894 - 431897 - 435899 - 436903 - 437905 - 437903 - 438912 - 444917 - 452918 - 453922 - 461919 - down spur to 470950 - 468954 - by track to village 465965 - 470970 forded river and followed track to MEMBAKUT.

Report: Pt 1 Contact made with 2/28 Bn patrol at 468954 at 151230I

Pt11 From 435899 patrol sighted 1 Jap OP in a tree on the side of a hill at approx 443897. Jap positions at 438904 have been unoccupied for some time. Patrol saw two Japs with rifles at 439905. Japs escaped. Whole route to contact point very hard going.

Patrol arrived back to Coy area by train on 16 Aug.

Str 1 NCO 5 ORs

TO 1350I

Comd Cpl KEOGH

TI 1500I

17 Aug 45

Task: To recci area covered for signs of enemy and enemy movement.

Route: 436883 - 43758815 - 43758805 - returned via same route

Report: Patrol saw one Jap wearing a pack and building a shelter at 43758805. Jap escaped on approach of our patrol.

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IO, 7/43 AUST INF BN



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No B7/45  
Nos 42 - 45

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART 1

by

Lt Col M R JEANES

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

12 Aug 45

42. ILLEGAL USE OF AIRCRAFT BELLY TANKS

1. It has been noted that many Army personnel are in possession of belly tanks which are used as water storage containers, canoes etc.
2. Belly tanks are the property of the RAAF and the unauthorised possession of such tanks is strictly forbidden.
3. All ranks will be advised that this equipment is in critical short supply and that even unserviceable belly tanks can often be repaired for use as containers for dropping incendiary mixtures.

43. USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN WATERS OF BRITISH BORNEO

1. Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div Routine Order 178 of 20 Jun 45 which reads as follows:

" Personnel at all times will take such action as is possible in accordance with operational necessities, to conserve sources of native food supplies and to prevent destruction of native property. The native population has suffered considerably under Japanese rule. Little food was provided for them and in many cases their gardens and paddy-fields have been destroyed and their stock confiscated and killed. In order that the natives may become self-supporting in the shortest possible time when practicable they are being returned to their villages. Where this is not practicable they are to be given employment as labourers from compounds under arrangements BBKAU. Owing to the shortage of food and to conserve the remaining livestock in this area neither food nor livestock will be purchased from natives. GOC 9 Div feels sure that he will have the full co-operation of all ranks in this matter which will materially assist in the rehabilitation of the native population in British North Borneo"

2. One of the principal sources of food for natives in British Borneo in the coastal areas is fish, and in many localities fishing is the main industry.
3. The use of explosives of any kind for the purpose of obtaining fish has serious effects, often of a permanent nature, owing to the destruction of large numbers of small fish and the fact that normal feeding and breeding grounds are abandoned.
4. All ranks will appreciate the serious effects that will result as far as the native population is concerned if the use of explosives to obtain fish is permitted. Therefore the use of explosives of any description whatsoever is prohibited for the purposes of obtaining fish, or for any purpose whatever other than actual action with enemy, in the waters and streams of British Borneo.
5. Severe disciplinary action will be taken for breaches of this order.

44. VENEREAL DISEASE

One case of VD has occurred amongst tps in this area. Attention is again drawn to previous instr and DRO which states :

Intercourse with women in BORNEO is forbidden. Many of these women are suffering from venereal diseases of a virulent kind and protection cannot be guaranteed. The fact that a soldier develops VD in this area will be taken as *prima facie* evidence of disobedience of this instr.



DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING  
FULL - TIME EDUCATION (GRO 200/45)

45. 1. Approval has been given for continuing the payment of dependants allowance in respect of children dependent upon a member after they have reached the age of 16 until they are 18 years of age if they are receiving full-time education at a school or University
2. The approval will take effect on and from 11th July 1945 and will apply to children who have reached the age of 16 years at that date or who subsequently attain that age. Payment will be subject to the conditions of War Financial Regulations.
3. As regards children who have not yet reached the age of 16 years, the DFO paying the allotment will advise the allottee of the extension now notified some time prior to each child attaining the age of 16 years and the allottee will be invited to make application for payment if applicable.
4. Any member whose children have already attained the age of 16 years and who are entitled to receive dependants allowance in accordance with this approval should arrange for his allottee to make application to the DFO paying his allotment.

Part 1 (b) PUNISHMENTS

A DCM convened by Maj Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on the 26 Jul 45.

President: Maj A J GREVILLE - HQ 9 Aust Div

SX29460 Pte AITKEN L.A.C. - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

1st Charge WOAS using violence to his superior officer being in the  
AA8(1) execution of his office  
in that he

WOAS at the Sabatai River Bridge at or about 1845 hrs 13 May 45 laid hands on and pushed down an embankment VX91945 Cpl BRAND D.A. of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy who was at the time directing traffic.

2nd Charge WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer  
AA 8(2) in that he

WOAS in the field at or about 1845 hrs 13 May 45 when spoken to by VX91945 Cpl BRAND D A of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy said to the said Corporal "You can go and get fucked" or words to that effect.

3rd Charge WOAS when in arrest escaping  
AA 22 in that he

WOAS in the field at or about 1905 hrs 13 May 45 after having been placed under arrest by VX91945 Cpl BRAND D.A. of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy and when proceeding under escort to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn broke away from his escort and escaped.

He pleaded NOT GUILTY to all charges and was found NOT GUILTY of the 1st charge but is GUILTY of the 2nd and 3rd charges.

On 26 Jul 45 he was sentenced to suffer field punishment for twenty eight (28) days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of twenty eight (28) days.

The accused was NIL days in arrest waiting trial.

On 5 Aug 45 Maj Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

Promulgated to accused in the field on the 11th day of Aug 45.



A DOM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on the 26 July 45.

President: Major A J GREVILLE - HQ 9 Aust Div

SX7364 Pte WEAR E.W. - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

1st Charge WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline  
AA Sec 40

in that he

WOAS at the Sabatani River Bridge at or about 1245 hrs on 13 May 45 struck with his fist in the face VX151150 Spr Glass E E of 14 Aust Fd Coy RAB.

2nd Charge WOAS striking his superior officer being in the possession  
AA Sec 8 (1) of his office

in that he

WOAS at the Sabatani River Bridge at or about 1345 hrs on 13 May 45 struck with his fist in the face VX91945 Cpl BRAND D A of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy who was at the time directing traffic.

3rd Charge WOAS when in arrest escaping

in that he

WOAS in the field at or about 1905 hrs 13 May 45 after having been placed under arrest by VX91945 Cpl BRAND D.A. of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy and when proceeding under escort to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn broke away from his escort and escaped.

He pleaded GUILTY to the 1st and 2nd charge and NOT GUILTY to the 3rd charge, and was found GUILTY of all charges.

On 26 Jul 45 he was sentenced to suffer field punishment for seventy-five days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of seventy five (75) days.

The accused was NIL days in arrest awaiting trial.

On 5 Aug 45 MajGen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

Promulgated to accused in the field on the 11th day of Aug 45.

*G. J. ...* Capt  
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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#### NOTICES

#### VACANCIES IN COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

##### COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Department of Interior - Northern Territory Administration Branch -  
Native Affairs Section

Cadet Patrol Officer (4 vacancies)

Department of Labour and National Service - War Housing Division -  
Planning Assistant (Vacancies - 3 Melbourne, 1 Sydney, 1 Brisbane)

Architect Grade I (Vacancies - 3 Melbourne, 1 Sydney, 1 Brisbane)

Grade II Vacancies - 1 Brisbane)

##### NSW STATE PUBLIC SERVICE

Technical Education Branch - Commonwealth Reconstruction Training  
Scheme.

Full Time Teachers in: Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, French  
Polishing, Floor and Wall Tiling, House Painting, Motor Body building,  
Motor Body Painting, Motor Body Trimming and Upholstering, Plastering,  
Slating and Tiling, Motor Mechanics, Panel Beating, Plumbing, Watch and  
Clock Repairing, Electrical Instrument Making and Repairing, Radio  
Servicing Mechanics, Electrical Illumination and Luminous Discharge  
Lighting.

Full particulars are obtainable from Bn HQ. GROs of 27 Jul 45 refer.



2/43 AUST INF BN REGIMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS JUNE - 31 JUL 45

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Brought Forward			
Trust Book	307	12	1
Cash	30	0	0
Profit AACs April	49	16	5
" " May	62	7	3
Received from FFCF			
June	100	0	0
July	100	0	0
Refund from Amenities	4	14	6
	<u>£654</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

Free Issue			
Canteen Goods	239	14	7
Prizes Bn Concert	5	2	1
Quiz	2	18	4
Sundries		10	2
	<u>248</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Cash in hand	80	19	0
Trust Book	325	6	1
	<u>£654</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

We certify that we have examined the cash book, trust book and vouchers relating to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Regt Trust Funds Account and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 31 Jul 45.

*Robert Lott*  
*Bracey*

Auditors  
2 Aug 45

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

2/43 AUST INF BN UNIT CANTEN

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 11 JUL - 31 JUL 45

Stock 11 Jul 45	167	17	0
Purchases	732	18	6
General Expenses		19	1
Profit for period	54	14	5
	<u>£956</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

Sales	876	9	9
Stock	79	19	3
	<u>£956</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JUL 45

Liabilities

Assets

<u>Sundry Creditors</u>			
D Coy	76	15	1
Profit for Period	54	14	5
Balance	295	6	11
	<u>£426</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

Canteen Trust A/c	337	14	9
Cash on hand	2	8	5
Stock	79	19	3
<u>Sundry Debtors</u>			
CO	6	14	0
	<u>£426</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

We certify that we have examined the cash book, trust book and vouchers relating to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Unit Canteen Accounts and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 31 Jul 45.

*Robert Lott*  
*Bracey*

Auditors  
2 Aug 45

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No 43/46  
Nos 46-53

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

by

Lt Col M R JEANES

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

16 Aug 45

46. DISCHARGE ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUNDS

1. Eligibility.- Application for discharge for the purpose of resuming civil employment in essential industries (hereinafter called "discharge on occupational grounds") will be accepted from members included in any one of the following categories:-

- (i) Those, irrespective of age, medical classification or area in which serving, who have completed 4 years' full time service, some of which has been service overseas.
- (ii) Those, irrespective of medical classification, length of service or area in which serving, who have attained their 35th birthday.
- (iii) Those, irrespective of age, length of service or area in which serving, who are medically classified B1 or B2.

2. Restrictions on approval.- An application for discharge on occupational grounds will not be approved unless -

- (i) it is recommended by the Director-General of Man Power or his deputy in the State in which the member desires to resume civil employment;
- (ii) the member does not come within the category of "key personnel", as defined by para 3 of this order;
- (iii) the application for discharge having been initiated by a prospective employer or the Director-General of Man Power or one of his deputies, the member himself concurs in writing;
- (iv) in the case of a member serving outside the mainland of Australia and Tasmania, his discharge is approved by LHQ;
- (v) special approval is given by LHQ which indicates that other factors will not be applicable.

Key personnel.-

3. The term "key personnel" includes any member whose discharge, in the opinion of the appropriate formation commander, would seriously prejudice the efficiency of his unit.

4. For the purposes of para 3 of this order, "formation commander" means the DA & CMG Adv LHQ or the Comd First Aust Army, Second Aust Army, 1 Aust Corps, NT Force, W Comd, 4 Aust Armd Bde or Qld, NSW, Vic, SA and Tas L of C Areas.

47. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIA - VACANCIES FOR STAFF CADETS

Applications are invited for admission, by way of normal entry, to the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Successful candidates will enter the College early in 1946 and, on graduation, will be appointed to the Australian Staff Corps.

Forms of application and particulars of eligibility, examinations etc, may be obtained from the HQ L of C area in each capital city. Applications must reach the HQ L of C area by 30th September 1945.

To be eligible for admission to the College as a cadet, a candidate must-

- (a) be medically fit;
- (b) be unmarried;
- (c) be a British subject permanently resident in Australia;
- (d) be over 16 years of age and under the age of 20 years on 23rd February 1946
- (e) have the following educational qualification



a pass or higher certificate at a public examination for "Leaving" (or "Senior"), or the "Intermediate" (or "Junior") in English, Mathematics, one other language, Physics and any one of the following subjects:-

History  
Geography  
Chemistry  
Book keeping  
Economics  
Geology, Botany  
Physiology, Biology or Zoology  
Mechanics  
Elementary Science  
Physical Science  
Surveying and Astronomy.

Further particulars from this HQ.

**48. TRAVEL OF AMF PERSONNEL WHEN ON LEAVE.**

1. In accordance with GRO A598/1943, Part XVI, free leave travel is granted only between unit location and the member's "home town" as defined in para 3 (d) of that Order, or to some other place not further distant.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order, however, a member while on leave is permitted to travel at his own expense anywhere within the mainland of Australia and Tasmania.

3. AMF personnel therefore travelling in accordance with para 2 above will be subject to the ordinary civilian travel priorities and will not be classed as "Defence personnel travelling on leave" where travel is to a prescribed area a "permit of entry" must be obtained.

4. Except in the case of travel by rail from another State to Western Australia (or vice versa), a member while on leave may travel by any means available to civilians but not by those controlled by the Department of the Army. He will be responsible for arranging his own priorities and securing his own travel accommodation and for paying his own expenses.

5. In the case of travel by rail from another State to Western Australia (or vice versa), the member will be required to arrange his movement with the HQ L of C Area concerned or Western Command as appropriate, and in the event of travel being approved will be required to:-

- (i) report to LTD for on movement as directed by the HQ L of C Area or Western Command.
- (ii) travel by troop train on such parts of the journey as the HQ L of C Area or Western Command directs.
- (iii) pay his own fare.
- (iv) come under command of the appropriate COs from the time of reporting at the first LTD until marched out from the LTD at the conclusion of the journey.

6. The fares charged by the Railway Systems concerned for travel pursuant to this Order, by troop train to or from Western Australia will not include the charges normally raised for sleeping berths or meals.

7. Members will be warned that in all cases where they travel from the leave destination authorised in accordance with GRO A598/43 it will be their own responsibility to report back punctually on expiration of leave to the unit, LTD, or Staging Camp by which they were released on leave. Failure to obtain the necessary travel accommodation is not an excuse for failing to report back by the due date nor is it a defence to a charge of absence without leave. However, if owing to lack of transport facilities, a member is unable to report back to his unit on due date after travelling to or from Western Australia, his papers will be endorsed accordingly by the HQ L of C Area or Western Command as appropriate at the commencement of the return journey and in such cases the member has not committed the offence of absence without leave.

**49. BERETS, BLACK.**

1. Instances have been brought to notice of unauthorised personnel wearing the abovenamed item of clothing. The authority for the wearing of Berets, black, is laid down in MGO Equipment Order No 2 (previously numbered Clo-Gen/1) as amended.

2. Berets, black, on issue to unauthorised personnel will be withdrawn and returned to appropriate RSDs.



50. WATER IN PETROL

1. Complaints have been received that water has been found in filled petrol containers, particularly in the case of captured drums.
2. In the event of water in petrol, units will decant the petrol from the 4 gal drums into an open container before filling petrol tanks, thus preventing water interfering with the fuel system.
3. Before decanting from 44 gal drums into 4 gal drums, units will ensure that the container is free from water.

51. RUBBLE AND STONE

1. In future rubble, stone, concrete or similar material from damaged buildings or from sites of demolished buildings will not be removed except,
  - (a) if in 8 Aust Base Sub Area, with the approval of 9 Aust CRE (Wks)
  - (b) if outside 8 Aust Base Sub Area, with the approval of CRE 9 Aust Div.

52. CIVIL EMPLOYMENT ON BRITISH BORNEO OILFIELDS

1. Applications are invited from personnel for civil employment on the British Borneo Oilfields by the Shell Oil Coy, of Australia. Intending applicants will be informed that no guarantee of release from the AMF can be given to any applicant.
2. Applications are invited for employment in the categories and on the terms mentioned hereunder:

Mechanical Engineers } Graduate and  
Civil Engineers } non-graduate

Machinery Erection Foremen  
Steel Erection Foremen  
Welding Foremen  
Electrical Foremen

Further information from this HQ

53. DDT AERIAL SPRAY

1. The effect of DDT Aerial Spray on an area is transient, lasting for a period of up to seven days only. It is not a substitute for normal anti-malarial precautions, which will at all times be fully carried out. As the DDT Aerial Spraying is very wasteful in DDT, it is not proposed to re-spray areas that have already been sprayed.

*A. J. Village* Capt  
Adj. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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FOUND

A brown leather wallet, containing money and canteen orders payable to G. GORDAN, has been found along track in sq 8189. Owner may collect the wallet from orderly room 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt Col M R JEANES

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

22 Aug 45.

54. DISCHARGE ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUNDS (GRO 206/45)

Amendment to GRO 206/45 para 1 (Bn RO No. 46 of 16 Aug 45) may be anticipated to provide that all members AMF are eligible for discharges on occupational grounds irrespective of age medical classification length service or area of service.

Para 1 of Bn RO 46 is therefore amended and the following rules will apply.

(a) Restrictions on approval will still apply.

(b) Applications will only be accepted from personnel desirous of employment in the following industries until further advised.

- (i) Building materials and fittings
- (ii) Housing
- (iii) Industrial chemicals and fertilisers
- (iv) Railways tramways and omnibus services
- (v) Rubber manufacturers, tyre retreading
- (vi) Sleeper cutting, timber getting sawmilling and seasoning yards
- (vii) Water supply and sewerage
- (viii) Gas and electricity
- (ix) Wet batteries

(c) Manpower will also initiate limited number recommendations for other industry from applications already in hand but do not desire applications for other industries to be submitted from individual army personnel.

55. PROHIBITED ARTICLES (DRC 320/45)

1. It is apparent from censorship of parcels that neither troops nor franking officers are conversant with current regulations dealing with prohibited articles. The following list of prohibited articles will be brought to the attention of all ranks

Films

Exposed undeveloped film other than film of official unit photographers.

Plants

Plants, shrubs, cuttings, bulbs, seeds and coconuts are prohibited for medical reasons. Exception is granted only for supply to Herbaria or Scientific bodies subject to approval of Director General of Health (Quarantine Section Plant-CANBERRA)

Military Equipment

Any articles issued by or belong to the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

Canteen or ACP goods

Any articles, sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Army or Allied Forces Canteen Services or Australian Comforts Fund. The inclusion of canteen goods, particularly cigarettes, has been prevalent recently and in most cases senders particulars have been insufficient to trace the owner.

Loot

Any item of local or enemy origin which may be of use to the civil authorities for the rehabilitation of the territory. The most common breach in this category is the inclusion of cloth.

It is stressed that full military address must be included on a slip of paper in all parcels.



56. BEAUFORT OFFICERS CLUB (24 Bde RO 1/45)  
 (a) As from 15 Aug 45 the BEAUFORT Officers Club will be available for the use of all officers in the area. Facilities at present exist for reading and writing. Arrangements are in hand for the provision of evening meals.  
 (b) Full accommodation also exists for four officers and this will be allocated to units on a roster system. Officers will be accommodated for two clear days.  
 Hours of opening are from 1000 to 2000 hrs daily.

57. BEAUFORT OR CLUB  
 (a) The OR Club BEAUFORT is now in part operation. Showers and sun room may now be used. In addition facilities exist for reading, writing and indoor games. Bde Education Centre is located on the first floor.  
 (b) Hours of opening are from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

58. ROADS (24 Bde RO 3/45)  
 All roads in BEAUFORT area will be closed to vehs until 1100 hrs daily. In case of emergency vehs will apply to this HQ for permission to use roads before that hour.

59. REST DAY  
 As from 19 Aug 45 Sunday will be a rest day within the BEAUFORT - PAPAR area.

60. SALUTING (24 Bde RO 6/45)  
 (a) It has been noticed that troops in the Brigade Area are not paying compliments.  
 In future all ranks will pay particular attention to this recognised form of military greeting.  
 All ranks will salute cars flying pennants.  
 (b) 9 Aust Div RO 199 of 27 Jun 45 is repeated hereunder:  
 "The standard of saluting throughout the Force continues to be poor. GOC 9 Aust Div directs that commanders will give this matter their personal and immediate attention. It is the responsibility and duty of all officers to ensure that the correct compliments are paid by all ranks at all times. All officers will be warned that neglect of duty in this regard will be severely dealt with. Failure to pay correct compliments will be treated as an offence."

61. NATIVE COMPOUNDS (DRO 319/45)  
 All native compounds are out of bounds to all ranks except on duty.

*W. J. H. H. H. H.*  
 Lt  
 A Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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## ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt Col M R JEANES

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

25 Aug 45

62. FLOODING OF CAMP SITES (Bde RO 19/45)  
All sub units in areas liable to flooding will ensure that tent floors and stores areas are built up. Hard standings above flood level must be provided for vehicles. The safe guarding of stores and equipment against loss or damage is the personal responsibility of COs and OsC sub units. A contour plan showing known flood levels is available for reference at this HQ.
63. NATIVE PRODUCE (Bde RO 17/45)  
(a) Attention is again directed to previous Div and Bde Orders and instructions in regard to trading with civilians. Individuals and units will NOT trade with civilians. All local surplus products may be purchased by BBKAU who in turn will make available to AASC, such requirements that can be issued as part of the ration scales.  
(b) Under no circumstances will army personnel consume food or drinks prepared by civilians.
64. CINEMA (Bde RO 15/45)  
(a) Civilians are NOT permitted to attend sessions of the cinema reserved for army personnel.  
(b) A special session will be reserved each week for civilians.  
(c) All ranks attending the evening sessions will strictly observe anti-malarial dress regulations. The programme will NOT commence if this regulation is disobeyed.
65. CIVILIAN BUILDINGS (Bde RO 13/45)  
All occupied civilian buildings irrespective of type are out of bounds to all ranks. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
66. PENDING CHARGES (Bde RO 12/45)  
Coys will ensure that witnesses required in the hearing of charges are NOT marched out for disposal.
67. VP DAY SALUTE (Bde RO 11/45)  
A salute of 101 guns will be fired by the 2/12 Aust Fd Regt in BEAUFORT on VP day. VP day will be notified later.
68. DISCIPLINE (Bde RO 10/45)  
The standard of discipline in the Bde area has shown marked improvement. Further improvement is necessary. As it is probable that there will soon be Jap prisoners in the area all ranks must maintain a high standard of dress and soldierly bearing in keeping with the highest tradition of the AIF.
69. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF WEAPONS (Bde RO 9/45)  
Many cases of the indiscriminate firing of weapons have occurred recently.  
No unit or individual will carry out any firing practice without prior approval from this HQ.



Part 1 (b) PUNISHMENTS

A FGCM convened by Brig S H W C PORTER comd 24 Aust Inf Bde was held in the field on 22 Aug 45.

President: Major P MASEL - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

SX6052 Cpl FAWK R - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

1st Charge

AA9(2) WCAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he in the field on 10 June 45 having been ordered by Lt Col M R JEANES his CO to take his atebtrin in the presence of an officer daily and to have his atebtrin card signed by that officer at the same time did not do so.

2nd Charge

AA9(2) WCAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he in the field on 21 Jun 45 having been ordered by Lt Col MR JEANES his CO to take his atebtrin in the presence of an officer daily and to have his atebtrin card signed by that officer at the same time did not do so.

3rd charge

AA9(2) WCAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he in the field on 22 Jun 45 having been ordered by Lt Col M R JEANES his CO to take his atebtrin in the presence of an officer daily and to have his atebtrin card signed by that officer at the same time did not do so.

4th Charge

AA9(2) WCAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he in the field on 23 Jun 45 having been ordered by Lt Col M R JEANES his CO to take his atebtrin in the presence of an officer daily and to have his atebtrin card signed by that officer at the same time did not do so

He pleaded NOT GUILTY to all charges and was found NOT GUILTY of ALL charges. The finding of NOT GUILTY is read in open court.

The accused was NIL days in arrest awaiting trial.

*A. L. Mottage* Lt  
A Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt Col M R JEANES

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

30 Aug 45

70. FOURTH VICTORY LOAN (GRO 218/45)

1. The Fourth Victory Loan of £85,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 25th September 1945 and close not later than 31st October 1945.

2. Arrangements have been made for unit pay representatives to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the AMF who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

Particulars of Loan

3. Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10.

4. Treasury bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1000.

5. Inscribed stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.

6. Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for five years and at 3½% per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a member's savings bank account or current account, if desired.

7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a state. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2s. in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

8. Any bank nominated by a member will, if requested, hold the bonds in safe custody.

Procedure for lodging application

9. Application forms will be available from unit pay representative and are required in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.

10. Sufficient credit must be available in the member's pay book to cover the amount he desires to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the pay book.

11. Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and a pay sergeant's or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.

12. Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where members desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO 303/1944 will be observed.

13. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

14. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for a member if desired.

71. CUTTING OF RUBBER AND COCONUT TREES (DRO 335/45)

Cutting of rubber and coconut trees will cease. No rubber or coconut trees will be cut down without the prior approval of this HQ.

72. BINOCULARS (GRO 115/45)

Recent inspection of binoculars held in unit stores reveal an excessive growth of fungus inside these instruments.

Until all binoculars have been tropic treated all such instruments not in use will be inspected and exposed in a dry atmosphere weekly.



73. TRANSFER AND/OR DISCHARGE ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS SOLE SURVIVING MALE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES (GRO 114/45) (Ref GRO 159/45)

1. An application for transfer on compassionate grounds will be approved without regard to any other circumstances, where the soldier concerned is the sole surviving male member of the family, the others having been killed or having been officially classified as missing or have been taken prisoners of war and not having since been recovered.
2. If all the brothers of a member have been killed or have been taken prisoner of war or officially classified as missing but have not been recovered, the member will be deemed to be the sole surviving male member of his family for the purposes of para 1.
3. In cases of application for discharge on compassionate grounds the fact that the soldier concerned is the sole surviving male member of the family, (the others having been killed or taken prisoners of war) will be given special consideration, and, if the circumstances of the case cannot be met by transfer of the member, it will be sufficient to warrant discharge on compassionate grounds.

74. DISCHARGE ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUNDS (Ref EN RO'S 46 and 54)

1. En RO No. 54 notified certain amendments to GROs which could be anticipated forthwith.
2. From applications already received, it has been found necessary to bring to notice the following points which must be included with each application:
  - (a) Specific detail of branch of industry as well as trade and calling of applicant.
  - (b) Name and address of former employer or name and address at which investigations may be made.
  - (c) Full details of previous experience and length of employment in particular trade or calling.

*K. J. McHale* Lt  
A Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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- N O T I C E S -

VACANCIES IN COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

TUTORS

The Reconstruction Training Authorities are anxious to secure the services of teachers competent to assist ex-servicemen who are eligible for university training at the Melbourne University under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme but who have not yet reached matriculation standard. Experience has shown that quite a large number will require to take advantage of the period of qualifying training which is offered. Existing tutorial facilities will be unable to meet future demands for such tuition, especially in mathematics, physics and chemistry.

The Reconstruction Training Authorities will offer a salary of between £400 and £500 p.a. according to qualifications, and the appointments will be made to cover the years 1946 and 1947 at least. It is expected that about 12 tutors will be appointed. Teaching experience is required in mathematics, physics or chemistry, up to matriculation standard. An applicant need not necessarily have a university degree.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited from male members of the AMF for Rhodes Scholarships for 1946. Scholarships for 1946 will be open to competition by Service candidates only.

Interested personnel to apply to this HQ by 3 Sep 45.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / Aug / 1945 2/43 AUST INF BN (Unit)

29 45

W.E. 11 / 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

FIRST RPT 8 OFFRS

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.												
1	2	3	4	DETAIL.					6	7	8	9	10			
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.						Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
				* *												
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels												
3	3		-	Majors												
1			10	Captains												
28	6	2	22	Lieutenants					AAMC	1						
1	1			Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
42	10	2	33							1						
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										34		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
			NIL
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2/43 AUST INF BN Unit

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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (TLtCol)	SX9364	JANES	M R	Comd	Yes		
Capt	SX8896	SIEKMANN	D C	CC D Coy	"		
"	SX8977	POLLOCK	J A	CC B Coy	"		
"	NX11325	LANGFORD	H S	210 B Coy	"		
"	NX101884	MITTY	A J		"		
"	SX6977	COMBE	G D	Adjnt	"		
"	WX6423	BRAY	W R	CC G Coy	"		
"	WX8972	McKEE	R R	210 "	"		
"	WX10089	LONNIE	W S	CC A Coy	"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	B G		No	Instr 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	23 Jul 45
"	WX11084	HOWARD	K D	210 D Coy	Yes		
Lt	NX128900	RYAN	D A	TO	"		
"	NX117866	BERRY	L L	CC 9 Pl	"		
"	VX104042	KEANE	W J	CC 18 Pl	"		
"	WX10816	KENNEDY	A		"		
"	WX7395	HARVEY	B M	CC 14 Pl	"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A G	CC 14 Pl	"		
"	SX5399	CAWTHORNE	C H	210 A Coy	"		
"	SX6994	DAVIS	R B	IO	"		
"	TX5012	BROWNLIE	R L	CC 16 Pl	"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T S	CC 7 Pl	"		
"	NX126063	MECKIFF	C G		No	LO 9 Aust Div	20 Oct 44
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R	CC 1 Pl	Yes		
"	VX8830	NOONAN	T	CC 5 Pl	"		
"	NX4246	CLUES	A R	CC 3 Pl	"		
"	NX9124	GEORGE	N G	CC 11 Pl	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F J	CC 4 Pl	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R B	CC 13 Pl	"		
"	SX23927	FOSTER	J S	CC 12 Pl	"		
"	SX4288	AGARS	M J	CC 8 Pl	"		
"	SX21747	NOTTAGE	K L	A Adjnt	"		
"	SX12560	JONES	P H	CC 10 Pl	"		
"	VX21151	MOORE	D H	S	No	Special Leave	17 Jun 45
<b>ATTACHED ALLOWABLE</b>							
Capt	NX146280	McINERNEY	J F	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap	WX33547	MACLIVER A	AACHD	24 Jun 44	
Maj	VX12007	CAHILL N M	2/32 Bn	26 Jun 45	

22 / Aug / 45  
Date of Despatch

*Keane*  
Signature of Commander

Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



2/43 AUST INF BN

- (a) Int Cpl Deficient - In hospital and expected back
- (b) Sig Cpl deficient - In hospital and expected back
- (c) Sjt Clerk Deficient (2 Adv 2 Ech) - Replacement to be made
- (d) 2 TG3 Clerks Surplus - posted surplus to establishment
- (e) Driver Mechs etc. no allocation on WE
- (d) 5 Gunlayers surplus - posted surplus to establishment
- (f) 1 WO1 deficient - In hospital and expected back
- (g) 1 WO2 CSM deficient - In hospital and expected back
- 1 " " " - Recommendation for promotion under consideration
- (h) 1 Sjt Rifleman surplus - carried surplus to establishment
- (i) 1 Cpl Rifleman surplus - carried as Canteen Sjt (now allowed by WE)
- (j) 1 Cpl Mortar No. " - carried surplus to establishment
- (k) 1 Sjt Stretcher Bearer deficient ) Application for promotion
- 1 Cpl " " " ) under consideration
- (l) 1 Tk A Sjt Deficient ) Application for promotion
- 1 " Cpl " ) under consideration
- (m) 1 WO2 Caterer deficient ) Replacement of WO2 Caterer under consider-
- 1 S Sjt " surplus ) ation Catering Adviser 9 Aust Div
- (n) 1 TG3 Cook surplus - 1 carried surplus re deficiency WO2 Caterer
- (o) 1 RP Sjt deficient) promotion to Sjt under consideration
- 1 RP Pte Surplus )



Unit: 2/45 AUST INF BN  
WE - 11/120/3

APPENDIX "A"  
Date: 4 Aug 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u> Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u> Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1 (b)		
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1 (b)		
" "	Pte	22	22			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u> Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	1	1 (c)		
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	6		2 (d)	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<b>Gunlayers</b>	<b>Pte</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>5 (a)</b>	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u> RSM	WO1	1	-	1 (f)		
CSM	WO2	5	3	2 (g)		
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	5			
Pl Sjts (Riflemen)	Sjts	12	13			1 (h)
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	37			1 (i)
" "	Pte	361	279	32		82
MMG Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjt	5	5			
" "	Cpl	5	6			1 (j)
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1 (o)		
" "	Pte	6	7			1 (o)
Storemen	Pte	56	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1 (k)		
" "	Cpl	2	1	1 (k)		
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	2	1 (l)		
" "	Cpl	4	3	1 (l)		
" "	Pte	287	7			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Observers Post Asst	Pte		1			1)
Dvr Mech	"		7			7)
Mason	"		1			1)
Sig DR	"		1			1) (e)
Tailor	"		1			1)
HT Driver	"		1			1)
Total carried forward	"	769	1			1)
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1			1)
<b>TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>769</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>82</b>



APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		769	700	93	24	82
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAMC</u> Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACG</u> Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPostS</u> Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
<u>AAPC</u> Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACG</u> Caterer	WO2	1		1 (m)		
Cooks	Sjt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	14			
<del>S Sjt Caterer</del>			1		1 (n)	
		801	733	94	26	82

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

Clerks  
Gunlayers  
Observers Post Asst  
Dvr Mechs  
Mason  
Sig DR  
Tailor  
HT Dvr  
Dvr Peck Tpt

2  
5  
1  
7  
1  
1  
1  
1  
1

2  
5  
1  
7  
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1  
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1

PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A187/44

Army No	Rank	Name	Trade	Special Qual.	Med Class

DATE OF DESPATCH: 4 AUG 45

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



SURPLUS NCOS AND SPECIALISTS

1 Sjt Rifleman	SX10229	A Sjt	BROWN C.J.	P1 Comd
1 Cpl Mortar No	SX11235	Cpl	SCOTT W.H.R.	Rifleman
1 Mason TG2	SX6291	Pte	MITCHELL J.	"
5 Gunlayers TG3	VX14561	"	O'CONNOR W.F.	"
	VX142709	"	MORDANT W.S.	"
	VX107614	"	NOTTAGE W.A.	"
	VX107636	"	POWER R.W.	"
	WX17430	"	WILLIAMSON S.G.	"
1 Observers Post Asst	VX107638	LCpl	MOLLYNEUX E	"
7 Drivers Mech TG3	WX9953	Pte	WHITE C.J.	"
	SX6605	"	SUTTON E.J.	"
	SX17349	"	DAY A.T.	Driver
	SX2761	"	McPHAIL J.F.	Pioneer
	SX6378	"	LAMBERT P.J.	SB
	VX78179	"	CAMPBELL D	Rifleman
	NX36413	"	GRAHAM R.J.	"
2 Clerk TG3	NX403046	"	HOGAN J	"
	QX61466	"	McINNES C.R.	"
HT Dvr TG3	NX113679	"	HUGHES W.F.	"
Sig DR TG3	VX83818	"	JENKIN H.M.	"
Tailor TG3	SX6314	"	CHURCHETT G.R.	Driver
Dvr Pack Ppt TG3	NX112893	"	STOKES K.R.	Rifleman

LEAVE

Compassionate - NIL  
 Considered AWL - NIL







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / AUG / 1945.**

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

SEE APPENDIX ATTACHED

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

4 AUG 45  
Date of Despatch

*Signature*  
Signature of Commandet Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



2/43 AUST INF BN  
ANNEXURE TO APEX A  
11 Aug 45

- (a) Cpl Int Deficient - Application for promotion submitted
- (b) Cpl Sig Deficient - Hosp and expected back
- (c) Sjt Clerk " - Promotion to be submitted on transfer to  
Ech & Rec.
- (d) WO1 RSM " - Hospital and expected back
- (e) WO2 CSM " - Promotion to be submitted
- (f) SSjt CQMS " - " " "
- (g) Sjt Rifleman " - Hospital and expected back
- (h) Sjt RP " - Promotion under consideration
- (i) Sjt SB " - " "
- (j) Cpl SB " - " "
- (k) Sjt Tk A " - Hospital and expected back
- (l) Cpl Tk A " - " "
- (m) Carried surplus to establishment
- (n) Posted as reinforcements but no allocation allowed on WE
- (o) Deficiency of WO2 Caterer filled by surplus S Sjt



Unit: 2/43 AUST INF BN  
 WE - II/120/3

APPENDIX "A"  
 Date: 11 Aug 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1 (a)		
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1 (b)		
" "	Pte	22	22			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	1	1 (c)		
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	6		2 (m)	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
Gunlayers	Pte	8	13		5 (m)	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1	-	1 (a)		
CSM	WO2	5	4	1 (b)		
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1 (f)		
Pl Sjts (Riflemen)	Sjts	12	11	1 (g)		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	37		1 (m)	
" "	Pte	361	274	87		87
MMG Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjt	5	5			
" "	Cpl	5	6		1 (m)	
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1 (h)		
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	5 <sup>x</sup> 6	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1 (i)		
" "	Cpl	2	1	1 (j)		
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	2	1 (k)		
" "	Cpl	4	3	1 (l)		
" "	Pte	15 <sup>x</sup> 7	7			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Observers Post Asst	Pte		1		1	
Dvr Mech	"		7		7	
Mason	"		1		1	
Sig DR	"		1		1	(n)
Tailor	"		1		1	
HT Driver	"		1		1	
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1		1	
Total carried forward		769				
Total carried fwd		769	692	99	22	



APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		769	692	99	22	87
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AAMC Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	2		1 (m)	
AAOG Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPostS Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
AACC Caterer	WO2	1	-	1 (o)		
Cooks	Sjt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	14		1 (m)	
	Sjt	3	1		1 (o)	
		801	726	100	25	87

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

Clerks	Pte		2		2	
Gunlayers	"		5		5	
Obs. Post Asst	"		1		1	
Dvr Mech	"		7		7	
Mason	"		1		1	
Sig D.R.	"		1		1	
Tailor	"		1		1	
HT Dvr	"		1		1	
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1		1	

PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A187/44

Army No	Rank	Name	Trade	Special Qual.	Med Class

DATE OF DESPATCH: 11 Aug 45

*McCann* Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



SURPLUS NCOs AND SPECIALISTS

1 Cpl Mortar No.	SX11235	Cpl	STOTT W.H.R.		Mortar No.
1 Cpl Rifleman	SX6187	Cpl	DENNIS H.C.		Canteen
1 Mason TG2	SX6291	Pte	MITCHELL J.		Rifleman
5 Gunlayers TG3	VX14561	"	O'CONNOR H.F.		"
	VX142709	"	MORDANT W.S.		"
	VX107614	"	NOTTAGE W.A.		"
	VX107636	"	POWER R.W.		"
	WX17430	"	WILLIAMSON S.G.		"
1 Observers Post Asst	VX107638	LCpl	MOLLYNEUX E.		"
7 Driver Mechs	WX9953	Pte	WHITE C.J.		"
	SX6605	"	SUTTON E.J.		"
	SX17349	"	DAY A.T.		Driver
	SX2761	"	McPHAIL J.F.		Pioneer
	SX6378	"	LAMBERT P.J.		SB
	VX78179	"	CAMPBELL D		Rifleman
	NX36413	"	GRAHAM R.J.		"
2 Clerks	NX403046	"	HOGAN J		"
	QX61466	"	McINNES C.R.		"
HT Dvr TG3	NX113679	"	HUGHES W.F.		"
Sig DR TG3	VX83818	"	JENKIN H.M.		"
Tailor TG3	SX6314	"	CHURCHETT C.R.		Driver
Dvr Pack Tpt TG3	NX112893	"	STOKES K.R.		Rifleman

LEAVE

Compassionate - NIL  
 Considered AWL - NIL

Army No.	Rank	Name	Specialist Class	NGS Class

1st Lt Col  
 1st Lt Col

DATE OF DISPATCH: 11 APR 45



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

33      769      1      32      /      (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit) 31/45

W.E. 11/120 3 OFFRS. 390 R's. 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
WE				*												
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels												
3	3		-	Majors												
1			11	Captains	AAMC	1										
28	6		22	Lieutenants												
1	1			Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
12	7	10	3	31		1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.			35							35		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
TX2604	Capt	CORN JC	LHQ Tac School	15 Aug	<del>Cessation of Instr appt</del>
			Beenleigh	45	COMPLETION of SCHOOL

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX118212	Lt	BURNS WC	2/3 MDS	14 Aug 45	WIA

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 AIB (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 18 Aug 1945 5

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A)

**WD**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj(TLtCol)	SX9364	JEANES	M. P.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	SX 896	BIEKMANN	D. C.	OCDCoy	"		
"	SX8977	POLLOK	J. A.	OCHOCoy	"		
"	NX119325	LANGFORD	H. B.	OCBCoy	"		
"	NX101884	MITTY	A. J.	2ICACoy	"		
"	SX6977	COMBE	G. D.	Adjt	"		
"	WX6423	BRAY	W. R.	OCCoy	"		
"	WX8972	McKRE	R. R.	2ICCoy	"		
"	WX10089	LONNIE	W. S.	OCACoy	"		
"	TX2694	COEN	J. C.		"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	E. G.	2ICBCoy	"		
"	WX11084	HOWARD	K. D.	2ICDCoy	"		
Lt	NX128900	RYAN	D. A.	TO	"		
"	NX117866	BERRY	L. L.	OC9P1	"		
"	VX104042	KRANE	W. J.	OC18P1	"		
"	WX10816	KENNEDY	A.		"		
"	WX7395	HARVEY	G. L.	QM	"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A. G.	OC14P1	"		
"	SX5399	CAWTHORNE	C. H.		"		
"	SX6994	DAVIS	R. B.	IO	"		
"	TX5012	BROWNLIE	R. L.	OC16P1	"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T. S.	OC7P1	"		
"	NX126063	MECKIFF	C. G.		NO	10 9 Aust Div	20 Oc
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R.	OC1P1	Yes		
"	VX8830	NOONAN	T.	OC5P1	"		
"	NX4246	CLUES	A. R.	OC3P1	"		
"	NY9124	GEORGE	H. G.	OC11P1	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F. J.	OC4P1	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R. B.	OC13P1	"		
"	SX23927	FOSTER	J. S.	OC12P1	"		
"	SX4288	AGARS	M. J.	OC8P1	"		
"	SX21747	HOTTAGE	K. L.	AAAdjt	"		
"	SX12560	JONES	P. H.	OC10P1	"		
"	VX21151	MOORE	D. H.	S.	NO	Special Leave	17Jun
<b>ATTACHED ALLOWABLE</b>							
Capt	NX146280	McINERNEY	J. P.	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap	WX33547	MAGLIVER	A AACHD	24 Jan/44	
Maj	VX12007	GAHILL	HM 2/32 Bn	26 Jun/45	

18 Aug 45  
Date of Despatch

*W. Jeanes* Lt Col  
Commandant  
2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
Signature of Commander



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 Aug 1945 5.2/43 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 3 OFFRS. 320 R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

**FIRST DET A 8 OFFRS**  
Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					A	A	A	A	A	A	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																							
								Arm	or	Corps.	Posted Strength																												
WE				W.Os. Class I.				C	C	S	C	C																											
1	1			W.Os. Class II.																																			
6	1		5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.														1AACC								1													
5	1		4	Staff Sergeants														1 1AACC																					
				Sergeants				2		1	1	5														9													
32	4		28	Corporals				1	1		1	5														8													
67	2	3	68	Troopers, Privates, etc.				2										14 (1AACC)								14													
658	86	19	591	Civilians counting as O.R.														(1AACC)																					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				5	1	1	2	25	3		1											* 32													
769	*	95	22	696	*																																		

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	729		1							730
B(1)										
B(2)										

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	24 Aust Inf Bde			2	HQ9 Aust Div		
1	AAAS			1	2/32 Aust Inf Bn		
1	34 Aust FSsee EE			4	HQ 9 Aust Div		
				1	"C" Det AACB		
				1	2 Aust Adv 2 Ech		

**Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 18 Aug 45**

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



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 Aug /1945 .**

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

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18 AUG 45  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander Lt Col



Unit: 2/45 AUST INF BN  
WE - II/120/3

APPENDIX "A"  
Date: 18 Aug 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1 (a)		
" "	Pte	22	22			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	1	1 (b)		
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<b>Gunlayers</b>	<b>Pte</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>4 (1)</b>	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1	-	1 (c)		
CSM	WO2	5	4	1 (d)		
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1 (e)		
Pl Sjts (Riflemen)	Sjts	12	11	1 (f)		
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	38		2 (k)	
" "	Pte	361	275	86		86
MMG Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjt	5	5			
" "	Cpl	5	6		1 (k)	
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1 (g)		
" "	Pte	6	7		1 (g)	
Storemen	Pte	x56	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1 (h)		
" "	Cpl	2	1	1 (i)		
" "	Pte	18	19		1 (i)	
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	xx7	7			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Observers Post Asst	"		1		1	
Dvr Mech	"		1		1	
Mason	"		1		1	
Sig DR	"		1		1	
Tailor	"		1		1	
MT Driver	"		1		1	
Total carried forward		769				
Dvr Pack Tpt			1		1	
<b>Total Carried Fwd</b>		<b>769</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>86</b>



APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rpts Required
Total brought forward		769	696	95	22	86
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AAMC Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	2		1 (k)	
AAOS Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPOs Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
AACU Caterer	WO2	1	-	1 (j)		
Cooks	Sjt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	14		1 (k)	
	Sjt		1		1 (h)	
		801	730	96	25	86

<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
Clerks	Pte		2		2	
Gunlayers	"		4		4	
Obs. Post Asst	"		1		1	
Dvr Mech	"		7		7	
Mason	"		1		1	
Sig DR	"		1		1	
Tailor	"		1		1	
HT Dvr	"		1		1	
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1		1	

<u>PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A187/44</u>						
Army No	Rank	Name	Trade	Special Qual.	Med Class	

DATE OF DESPATCH:

*W. J. Keane*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



SURPLUS NCOs AND SPECIALISTS

1 Cpl Mortar No.	SX11235	Cpl	STOTT	W.H.R.	Mortar No
1 Cpl Rifleman	SX6187	Cpl	DENNIS	H.C.	Canteen
1 Mason TG2	SX6291	Pte	MITCHELL	J	Rifleman
4 Gunlayers TG3	VX14561	"	O'CONNOR	H.F.	"
	VX142709	"	MORDANT	W.S.	"
	VX107614	"	NOTTAGE	W.A.	"
	VX107636	"	POWER	R.W.	"
1 Observers Post Asst.	VX107638	LCpl	MOLLYNEUX	E.	"
7 Driver Mechs	WX9953	Pte	WHITE	C.J.	"
	SX6605	"	SUTTON	E.J.	"
	SX17349	"	DAY	A.T.	Driver
	SX2761	"	McPHAIL	J.F.	Pioneer
	SX6378	"	LAMBERT	P.J.	SB
	VX78179	"	CAMPBELL	D	Rifleman
	NX36413	"	GRAHAM	R.J.	"
2 Clerks	NX403046	"	HOGAN	J	"
	QX61466	"	McINNES	C.H.	"
HT Dvr TG3	NX113679	"	HUGHES	W.F.	"
Sig DR TG3	VX83818	"	JENKIN	H.M.	"
Tailor TG3	SX6314	"	CHURCHETT	C.R.	Driver
Dvr Pack Tpt TG3	NX112893	"	STOKES	E.R.	Rifleman

LEAVE

Compassionate	NIL
Considered AWL	NIL



2/43 AUST INF BN

ANNEXURE TO APEX "A"  
18 AUG 45

WD

- (a) Cpl Sig Deficient - Hospital and expected back
- (b) Sjt Clerk - Application for promotion herewith
- (c) WO1 RSM - Hospital and expected back
- (d) WO2 CSM - Application for promotion herewith
- (e) SSjt CQMS - Application for promotion herewith
- (f) Pl Sjt Rifleman - Application for promotion herewith
- (g) RP Sjt - Deficient )  
RP Pte - Surplus ) promotion to be submitted
- (h) SB Sjt - Deficient - application for promotion to be submitted
- (i) SB Cpl - deficient )  
SB Pte - surplus ) application for promotion to be submitted
- (j) WO2 Caterer - deficient - filled by surplus S Sjt
- (k) 2 Cpl Rifleman surplus )  
1 Cpl Mortarman " ) carried surplus to establishment  
1 Med Orderly AAMC " )  
1 TG2 Cook " )
- (l) personnel posted as rfts and no allocation allowed on WE



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 Aug 45 /1945 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 30/45

W.E. 11/1203 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
1 3 1 8 28 1	3  5 1	2	1 - 10 23	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
42	9	2	34			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										35		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX168212	Lt	BURNS W.G.	9 A et Div Rec Camp	4 Aug 45	RTU ex hospital

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 AIB (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 11 Aug 45 /1945

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



## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 Aug/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj(TLtCol)	SX9364	JEAVES	M. R.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	SX8896	SIEKMANN	D C	CCDCoy	"		
"	SX8977	POLLOK	J A	OCBCoy	"		
"	NX119325	LANGFORD	H B	2ICBCoy	"		
"	NX101884	MITTY	A J		"		
"	SX6977	COMBE	G D	Adjnt	"		
"	WX6423	BRAY	W R	CCCCoy	"		
"	WX8972	McKEE	R R	2ICCCoy	"		
"	WX10089	LONNIE	W S	CCACoy	"		
"	TX5137	ANDERSON	E G		No	Instr 2/3 TKA Regt	23Jul45
"	WX11084	HOWARD	K D	2ICDCoy	Yes		
Lt	NX118212	BURNS	W C		"		
"	NX128900	RYAN	D A	TO	"		
"	NX117866	BERRY	L L	OC9P1	"		
"	VX104042	KEANE	W J	OC18P1	"		
"	WX10816	KENNEDY	A		"		
"	WX7395	HARVEY	G L	QM	"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A G	OC14P1	"		
"	SX5399	CAWTHORNE	C H	2ICCCoy	"		
"	SX6994	DAVIS	R B	IO	"		
"	TX5012	BROWNLIE	R L	OC16P1	"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T S	OC7P1	"		
"	NX126063	HECKIFF	C G		No	LO 9 Aust Div	20 Oct 44
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R	OC1P1	Yes		
"	VX8830	HOONAN	T	OC5P1	"		
"	NX4246	CLUES	A R	OC3P1	"		
"	NX9124	GEORGE	N G	OC11P1	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F J	OC4P1	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R B	OC13P1	"		
"	SX23927	FOSTER	J S	OC12P1	"		
"	SX4288	AGARS	M J	OC8P1	"		
"	SX21747	HOTTAGE	K L	AAAdjnt	"		
"	SX12560	JONES	P H W	OC10P1	"		
"	VX21151	MCORE	D H S		No	Special Leave	17Jun45
<b>ATTACHED ALLOWABLE</b>							
Capt	NX146280	McINERNEY	JF	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap	WX33547	MACLIVER A	AAGHD	24Jun44	
Maj	VX12007	CAHILL N	M 2/32 Bn	26Jun45	

11 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn







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Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
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Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
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Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
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Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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11 AUG 45  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander Lt Col



2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
ANNEXURE to APPX A  
25 Aug 45

- (a) Cpl Sig Deficient )  
Cpl TKA " " ) - Hospital and expected back
- (b) Sjt Clerk - deficient - application for promotion submitted
- (c) WO1 RSM deficient )  
Sjt Stretcher Bearer Def.)  
Cpl " " " " ) - application for promotions herewith  
Pte " " Surplus)
- (d) SSjt CQMS deficient - application for promotion has been submitted
- (e) Sjt Regt Police Deficient )  
Pte " " Surplus ) - promotion under consideration
- (f) WO2 Caterer deficient - rft being effected by Catering Adviser  
9 Aust Div
- (g) Carried surplus to establishment
- (h) Posted as rfts but no allocation on WE



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

32 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 Aug/1945 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 120/3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.  
FIRST RFT - 8 OFFRS

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED				ALLOWED BY W.E.																											
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					A	A	A	A	A	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																								
				W.Os. Class I.				Arm	Ar	Comp.	Posted Strength																												
1	3			W.Os. Class I.				C	C	S	C	C																											
6			6	W.Os. Class II.								1 AACC				1																							
5	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
				Staff Sergeants																																			
32	3		29	Sergeants				2		1	1	5					9																						
67	3	3	67	Corporals				1	1		1	5					8																						
658	84	20	594	Troopers, Privates, etc.				2				15	2 AACC)				14																						
				Civilians counting as O.R.								1 AAMC)																											
769	* 92	23	700 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				5	1	1	2	25*	3	1		32																							

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	733		1							734
B(1)										
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	24 Aust Inf Bde			3	HQ 9 Aust Div		
1	AAAS			1	2/32 Aust Inf Bn		
1	34 Aust FSsec EE			4	HQ 9 Aust Div		
				1	2 Aust Adv 2 Ech		

### Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested 25 Aug/1945

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 Aug /1945 .**

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

SEE APPENDIX ATTACHED

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

25 AUG 45  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Commanding Officer of 2nd Inf Bn



APPENDIX "A" (cont)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def icit	Sur plus	Rfts Required
Total brought forward		769	700	92	23	84
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AAMC Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sjt	1	1			
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	2		1(g)	
AACG Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
AAPOSTS Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1			
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
AACG Caterer	WO2	1	-	1 (f)		
Cooks	Sjt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	15		2(g)	
		801	734	93	26	84

<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
Clerks	Pte		2		2	
Gunlayers	"		4		4	
Obs. Post Asst	"		1		1	
Dvr Mech	"		7		7	
Sig DR	"		1		1	
Tailor	"		1		1	
HT Dvr	"		1		1	
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1		1	

PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRC A187/44

Army No	Rank	Name	Trade	Special Qual.	Med Class

DATE OF DESPATCH: 25 AUG 45

*W. Beames*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



SURPLUS NCOs AND SPECIALISTS

1 Cpl Mortar No.	SX11235	Cpl	STOTT	W.H.R.	Mortar No.
1 Cpl Rifleman	SX6187	Cpl	DENNIS	H.C.	Canteen
4 Gunlayers TG3	VX14561	Pte	O'CONNOR	H.F.	Rifleman
	VX142709	"	MORDANT	W.S.	"
	VX107614	"	NOTTAGE	W.A.	"
	VX107636	"	POWER	R.M.	"
1 Obs. Post Asst	VX107638	LCpl	HOLLYNEUX	E	"
7 Driver Mechs	NX9953	Pte	WHITE	C.J.	"
	SX6605	"	SETTON	E.J.	"
	SX17349	"	DAY	A.T.	Driver
	SX2761	"	McPHAIL	J.P.	Pioneer
	SX6378	"	LAMBERT	P.J.	Gen Duties
	VX78179	"	CAMPBELL	D	Riflemen
	NX36413	"	GRAHAM	R.J.	"
2 Clerks	NX403046	"	HOGAN	J	"
	QX61466	"	Mc INNES	O.H.	"
HT Dvr TG3	NX113679	"	HUGHES	W.F.	"
Sig DR TG3	VZ63818	"	JENKIN	H.M.	"
Tailor TG3	SX6314	"	CHURCHETT	C.R.	Driver
Dvr Pack Tpt TG3	NX112893	"	STOKES	H.R.	Rifleman

LEAVE

Compassionate )  
 Considered AWL )      **NIL**



Unit: 2/43 AUST INF BN  
WE - II/120/3

APPENDIX "A"  
Date: 25 Aug 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u> Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u> Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	3		1 (g)	
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1(a)		
" "	Pte	22	22			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u> Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerk	Sjt	2	1	1(b)		
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	6		2(g)	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range Taker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<b>Gunlayers</b>	<b>Pte</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>4</b>	
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u> RSM	WO1	1	-	1(c)		
CSM	WO2	5	5			
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
CQMS	S Sjt	5	4	1(d)		
Pl Sjts (Riflemen)	Sjts	12	12			
Batmen	Pte	35	35			
Drivers MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	11			
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	3			
Hygiene Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	37		1(g)	
" "	Pte	361	277	84		84
MMG Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Sjt	5	5			
" "	Cpl	5	6		1 (g)	
" "	Pte	68	68			
Orderlies	Pte	32	32			
Pioneers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1(e)		
" "	Pte	6	7		1(e)	
Storemen	Pte	5	6			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1(c)		
" "	Cpl	2	1	1(c)		
" "	Pte	18	19		1(c)	
Tk A Gun Nos	Sjt	3	3			
" "	Cpl	4	3	1(a)		
" "	Pte	7	7			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
Observers Post Asst	"		1		1 )	
Dvr Mech	"		7		7 )	
Sig DR	"		1		1 )	
Tailor	"		1		1 )	
WE Driver	"		1		1 )	
Dvr Pack Tpt	"		1		1 )	
Total carried forward		769				
			700	92	23	84



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

32/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 Aug 1945 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 3 OFFRS. 330 R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

FIRST RPT 8 OFFRS

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
WE 1 3 1) 8) 28 1			1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1			
42	10	3	34			1			

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	35									35
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/43 AIB (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 25 Aug 1945

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NIL			
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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 Aug./1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (TLtCol)	SX9364	JEANES	M.R.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	SX8896	SIEKMANN	D.C.	OCDCoy	"		
"	SX8977	POLLOK	J A	OCHCoy	"		
"	VX119325	LANGFORD	H B	OCBCoy	"		
"	VX101884	MITTY	A J	2ICACoy	"		
"	SX6977	COMBE	G D	Adj't	"		
"	VX6423	BRAY	W R	OC Coy	"		
"	VX8972	McKEE	R R	2IC Coy	"		
"	VX10089	LONNIE	W S	OCACoy	"		
"	VX2694	COEN	J C		"		
"	VX5137	ANDERSON	E G	2ICBCoy	"		
"	VX11084	HOWARD	K D	2ICDCoy	"		
Lt	VX128900	RYAN	D A	To	"		
"	VX117866	BERRY	L L	OC9P1	"		
"	VX104042	KEANE	W J	OC18P1	"		
"	VX10816	KENNEDY	A		"		
"	VX7395	HARVEY	G L	OM	"		
"	VX81082	EVERITT	A G	OC14P1	"		
"	VX5399	CAWTHORNE	C H		"		
"	SX6994	DAVIS	R B	IO	"		
"	VX5012	BROWNLIE	R L	OC16P1	"		
"	VX107920	BUTTERWORTH	T S	OC7P1	"		
"	VX126063	MECKIEP	C G		NO	20 9 Aust Div	20 Oct
"	VX11486	SCOTT	R	OC1P1	Yes		
"	VX8830	NOONAN	T	OC5P1	"		
"	VX4246	CLUES	A R	OC3P1	"		
"	VX9124	GEORGE	N G	OC11P1	"		
"	VX88362	WELLS	F J	OC4P1	"		
"	VX106057	WATERS	R B	OC13P1	"		
"	SX23927	FOSTER	J S	OC12P1	"		
"	SX4288	AGARS	M J	OC8P1	"		
"	SX21747	NOTTAGE	K L	A Adj't	"		
"	SX12560	JONES	PHW	OC10P1	"		
"	VX21151	MOORE	DHS		NO	Special Leave	17 Jun45
<b>ATTACHED ALLOWABLE</b>							
Capt	VX146280	McINERNEY	J F	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chap	VX33547	MACLIVER A	AACHD	24 Jun45	Padre
Maj	VX12007	CAHILL NM	2/32 Bn	26 Jun45	A/2 IC

25 Aug 45  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn



WAR DIARY  
 APPY 48

NORTH BORNEO 1:25,000

# LUMAT SOUTH EAST

FIRST EDITION

SHEET 3347-III SE



### LEGEND

- Trail
- Light Railway Line
- Railway Bridge
- Telephone or Telegraph Line
- Buildings or Huts
- Streams
- Swamps
- Scattered Trees
- Forest
- Secondary Growth
- Plantation (Gum)
- Plantation (Rubber)
- Scrub
- Sand



APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTRE OF SHEET  
 ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 3 INCREASE  
 Use diagram only to obtain numerical value. To determine magnetic north line connect the pivot point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH, as plotted on the degree scale at the north edge of the map.

#### RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

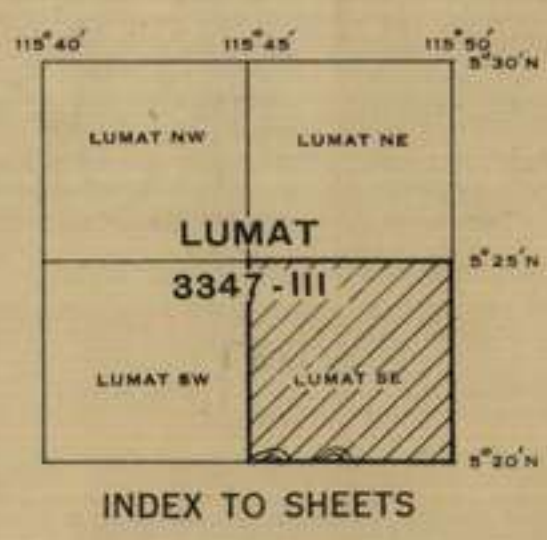
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 B. Sketchy: from oblique photos & clouded vertical photos.

### GLOSSARY

S SUNGAI (RIVER)

### CONVERSION TABLE

METRES	FEET
3000	11800
2500	11000
2000	10000
1500	9000
1000	8000
500	7000
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0	2000
0	1000
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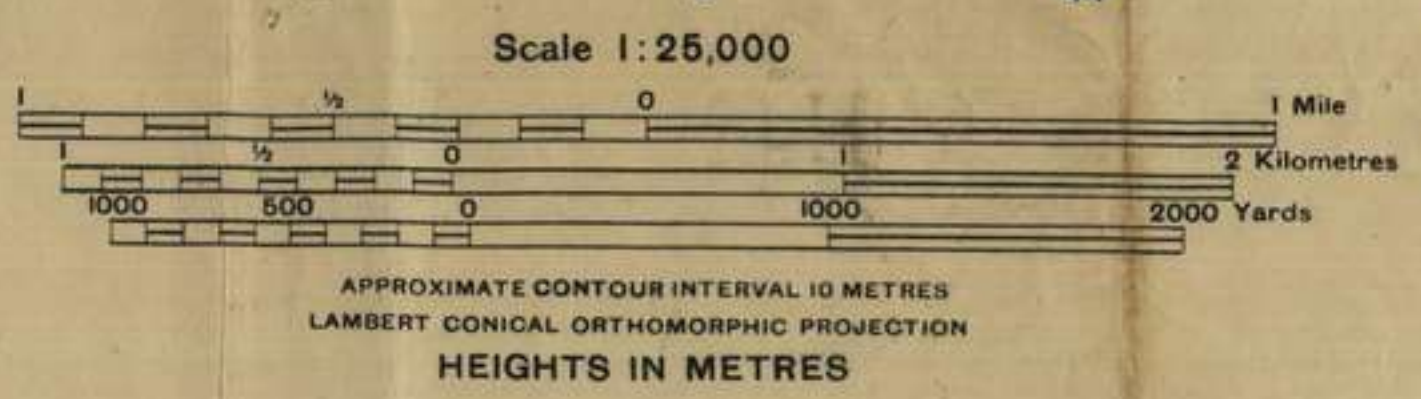
### NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET ALWAYS QUOTE THE SHEET NAME. PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES ONLY.

POINT RAILWAY BRIDGE	
EAST	NORTH
TAKE WEST EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH POINT LIES AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON NORTH OR SOUTH MARGIN	TAKE SOUTH EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH POINT LIES AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON EAST OR WEST MARGIN
Estimate North Eastwards	Estimate South Northwards
EAST 438	NORTH 823
REFERENCE LUMAT BE 428892	

UNIT SQUARE NEAREST SIMILAR COORDINATE REFERENCE DISTANT 100 KILOMETRES

ICO/1081/3724 S.W.P.A. T831  
 CONTROL: British Hydrographic Chart No. 2660  
 AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 2 Photo Charting Sqn, 311 Photo Wing, U.S.A.A.F. Missions 5MC8-3, 5MA122-1 Feb '45, 17 Photo Recce Sqn, 6 Photo Group, U.S.A.A.F. Mission 5MP192 (8V) & (9V) May '45  
 COMPILATION & DRAWING: 21 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy, Aust Svy Corps from Air Photos, Terrain Study No 90 by A.G.S. S.W.P.A. and 1:253,440 Map of LABUAN prepared by Aust Svy Corps  
 REPRODUCTION: 905 Engr. A.F. H.Q. Co. 281 June '45. Corps June '45.



DUE TO LACK OF ACCURATE GROUND CONTROL, DISTANCES ON THIS MAP MAY BE AT VARIANCE WITH ACTUAL GROUND DISTANCES

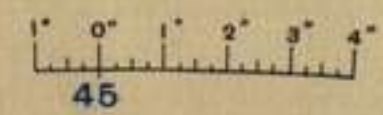
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LUMAT SOUTH EAST  
 NORTH BORNEO  
 N650-E11545/5 (Greenwich)

FIRST EDITION

WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS



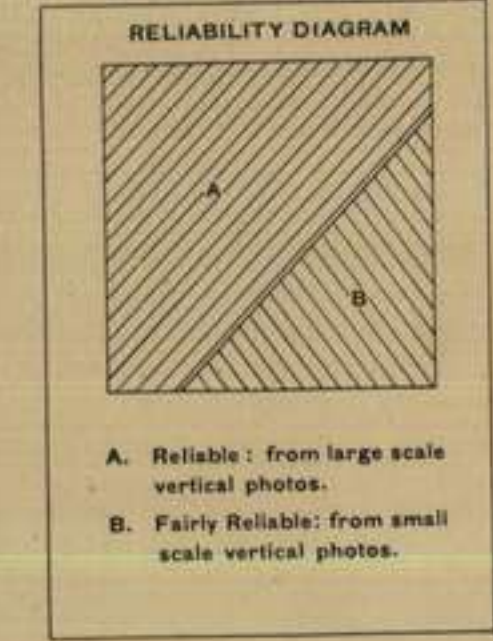


LEGEND

- Trail
- Railway, Single Track
- Railway Bridge
- Telephone or Telegraph Line
- Buildings or Huts
- Streams
- Scattered Trees
- Forest
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APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTRE OF SHEET  
ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 5' INCREASE  
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GLOSSARY

S SOENGAI (RIVER)

CONVERSION TABLE

METRES	FEET
3,000	115.00
2,500	11,000
2,000	10,000
1,500	9,000
1,000	8,000
500	7,000
0	6,000
0	5,000
0	4,000
0	3,000
0	2,500
0	2,000
0	1,500
0	1,000
0	0



INDEX TO SHEETS

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

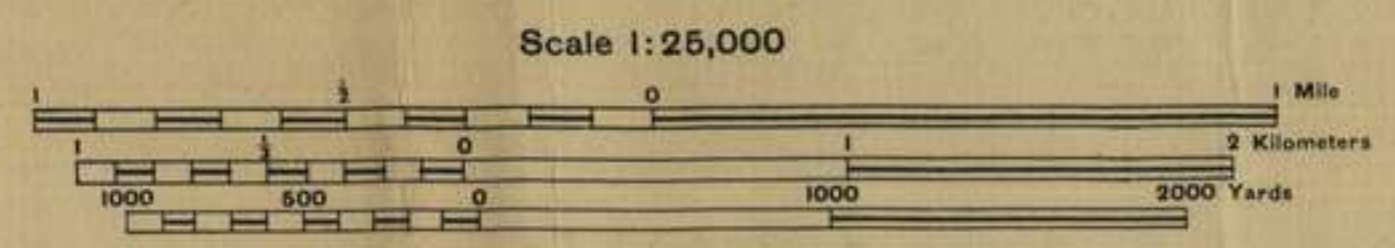
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POINT	EAST	NORTH
RAILWAY BRIDGE	427	881
REFERENCE	LUMADAN NE 427(B)	North 881

UNIT SQUARE METRE  
NEAREST SIMILAR CO-ORDINATE REFERENCE DISTANT 100 KILOMETRES

CONTROL: British Hydrographic Chart No. 2660  
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 2 Photo Charting Sqn, 311 Photo Wing, U.S.A.A.F. Missions 5MA122-1 Feb '45, 17 Photo Recon Sqn, 6 Photo Group, U.S.A.A.F. Missions 5MP132 (8V) & (9V) May '45  
COMPILATION & DRAWING: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy, Aust Svy Corps from Air Photos, Terrain Study No 90 by A.G.S. S.W.P.A. and 1:253,440 Map of LABUAN prepared by Aust Svy Corps 1944  
REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy, Aust Svy Corps June '45.

FIRST EDITION



Scale 1:25,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL APPROXIMATELY 10 METRES  
LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION

HEIGHTS IN METRES

WARNING: FORM LINES ONLY, NOT CONTOURS

DUE TO LACK OF ACCURATE GROUND CONTROL DISTANCES ON THIS MAP MAY BE AT VARIANCE WITH ACTUAL GROUND DISTANCES

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LUMADAN NORTH EAST NORTH BORNEO

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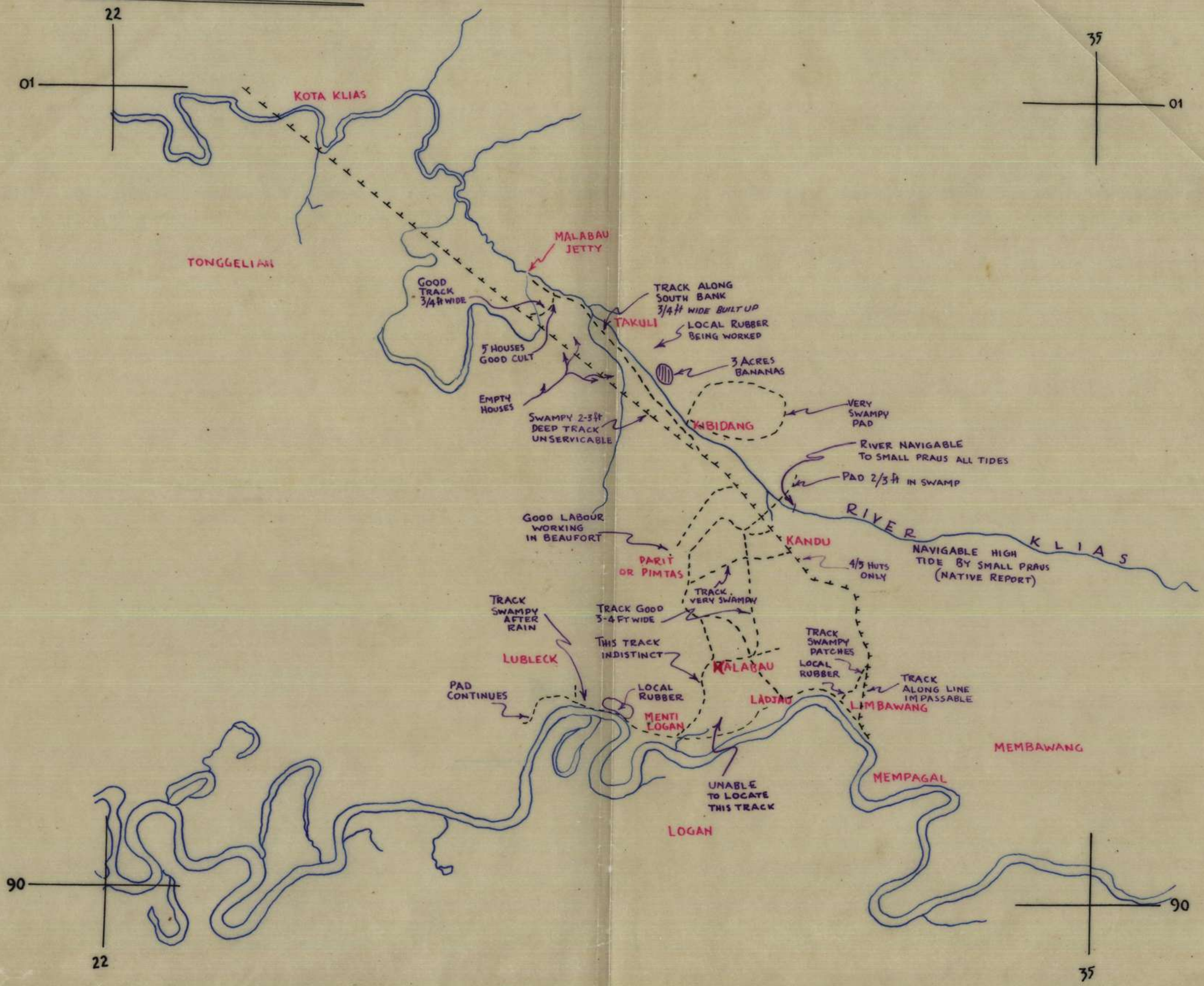


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# PATROLS BY A COY 2/43 BN 29-31 JUL 45

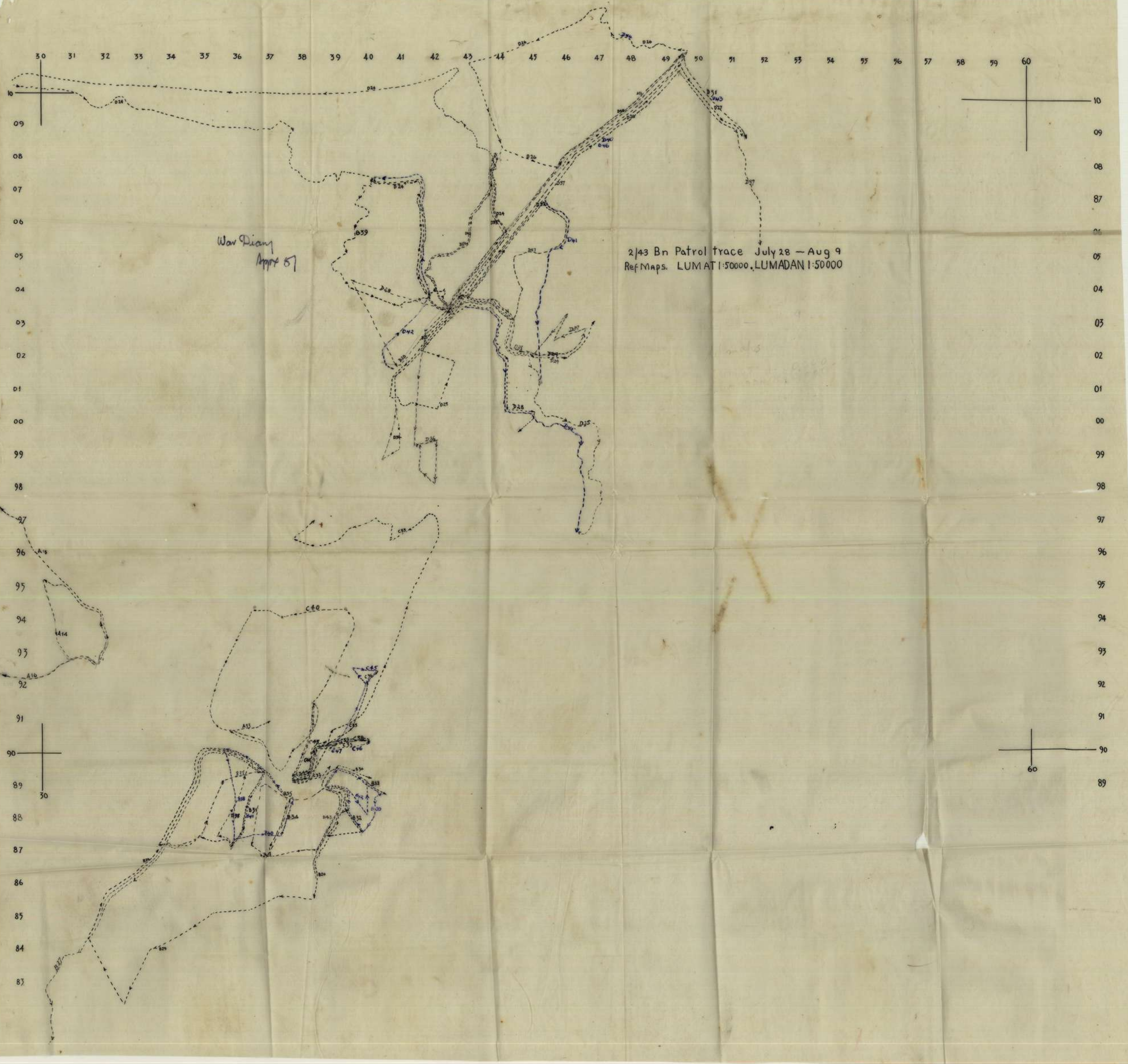
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4 Aug 45  
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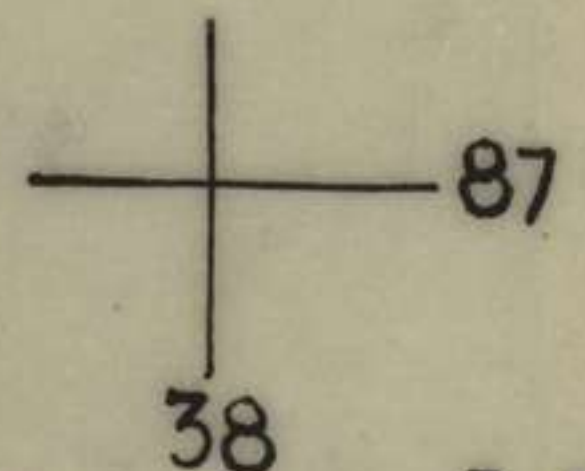
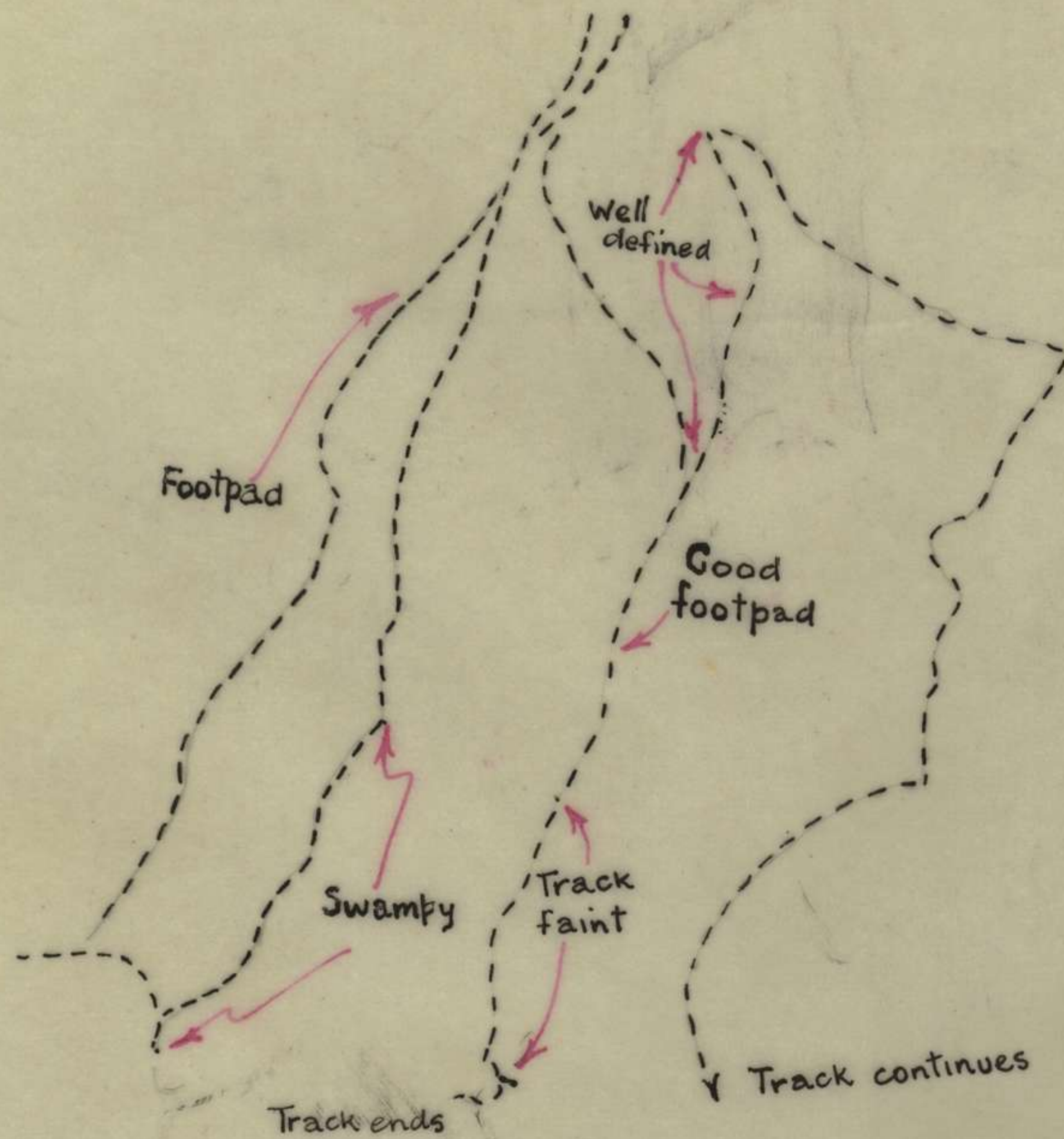
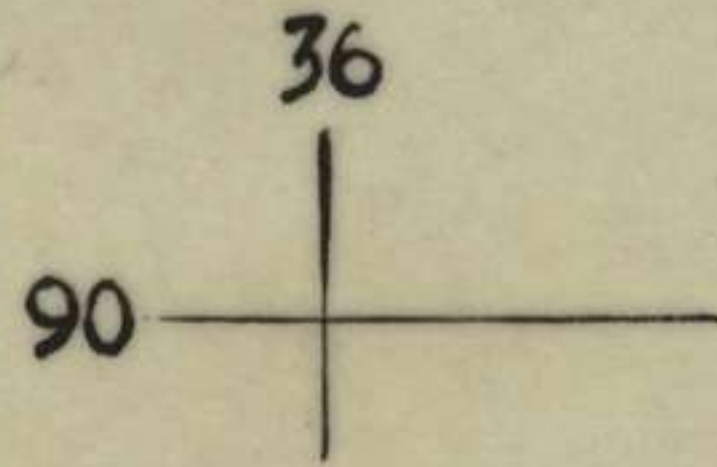




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# TRACKS TRAVERSE BY B COY 2/43 BN

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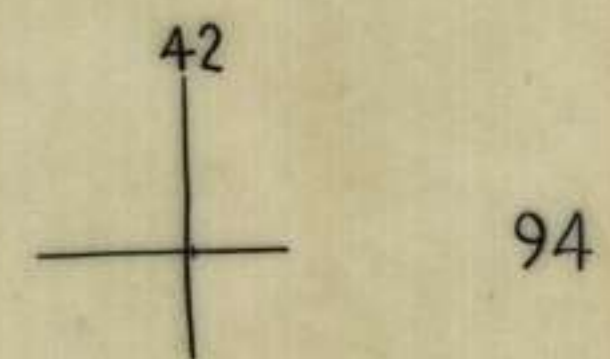
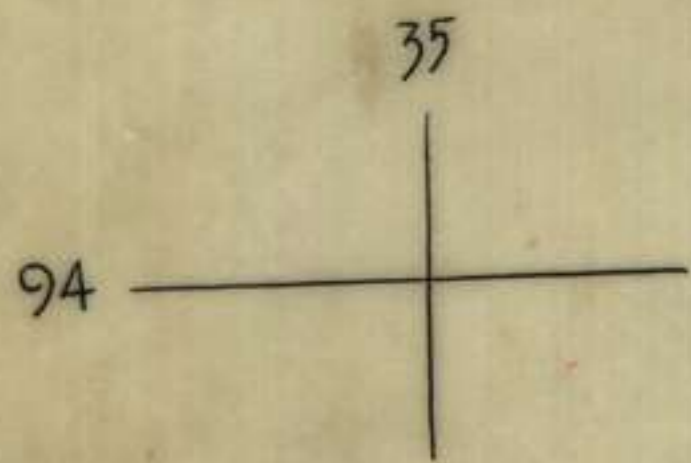
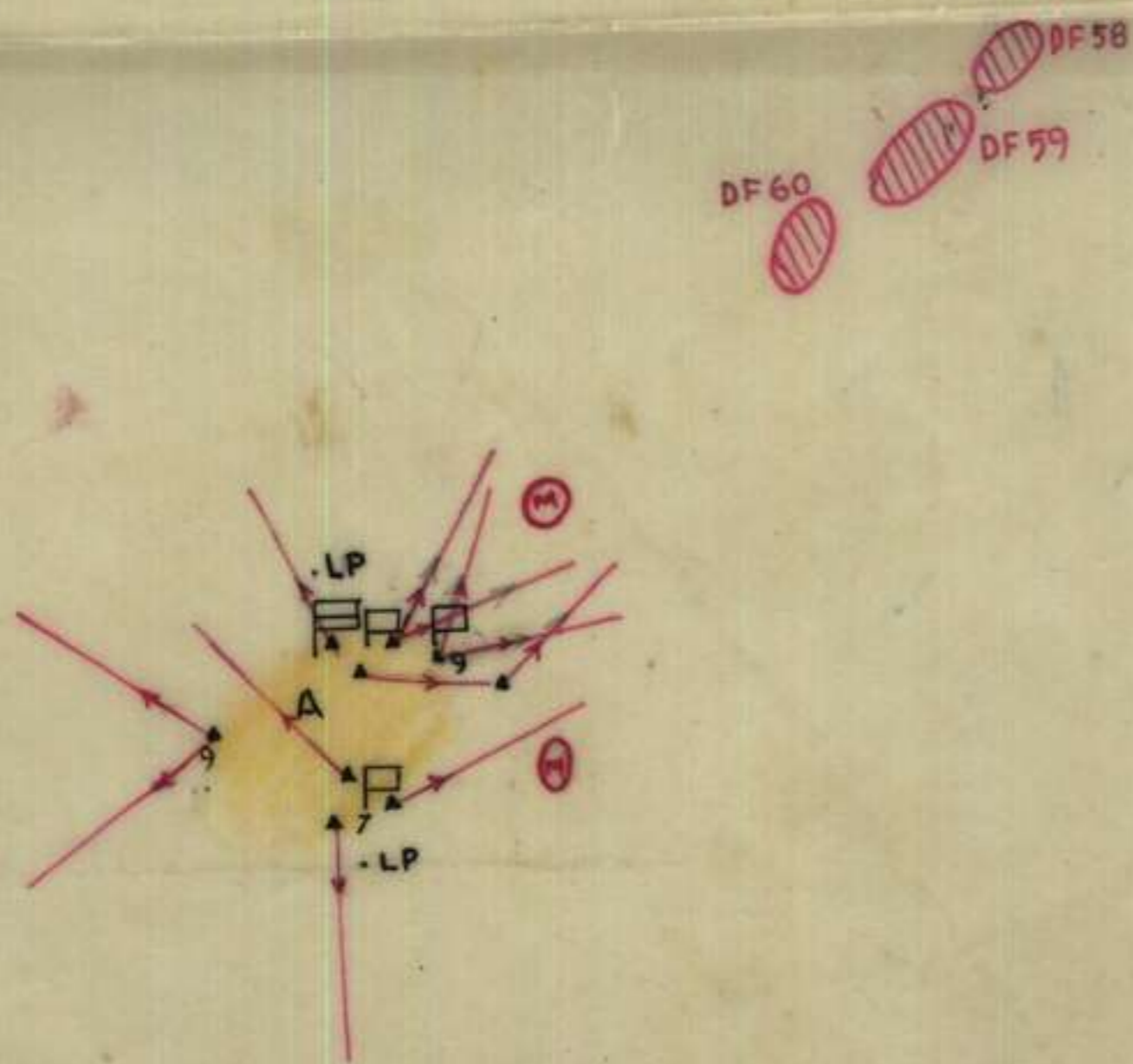
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16 Jul 45

Thomas  
Kohlhoff Pte.



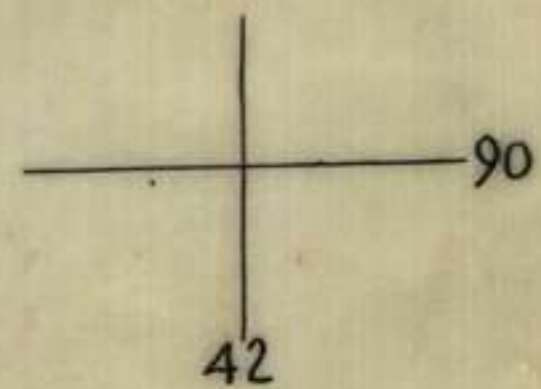
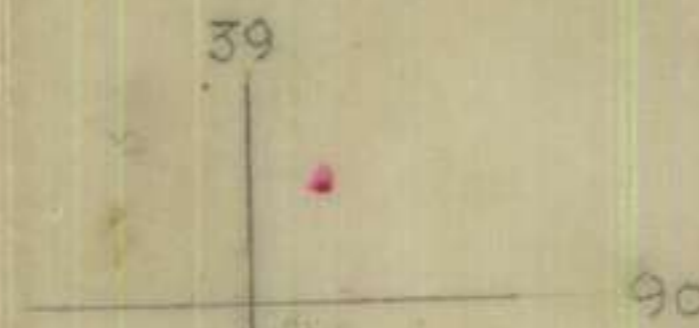
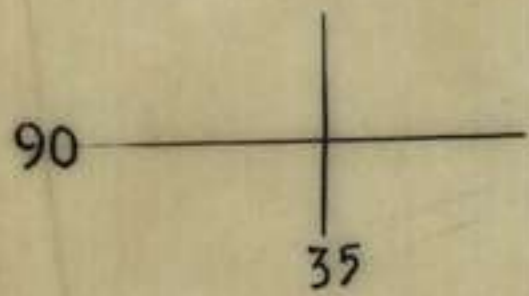
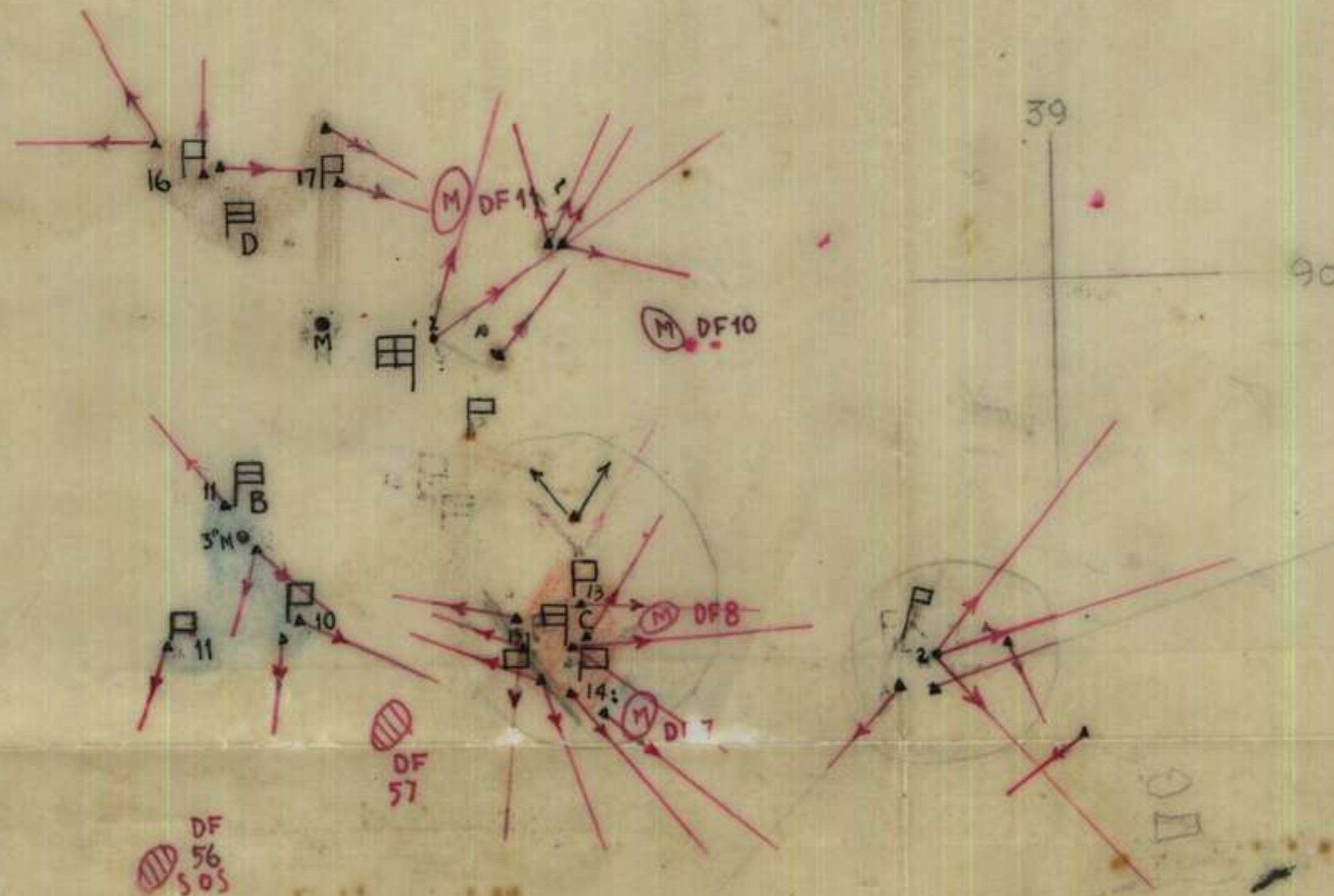
# 2/43 BN DISPOSITIONS 16 JUL 45

Ref Maps LUMAT SOUTH EAST & SOUTH WEST 1:25000



## LEGEND

A Coy	—	
B Coy	—	
C Coy	—	
D Coy	—	
ARTY DF	—	
MORTAR DF	—	



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2/43 Bn  
16 Jul 45  
*Thomas Komhoff Pte*

*Handwritten notes:*  
Please refer to  
Appendix 23



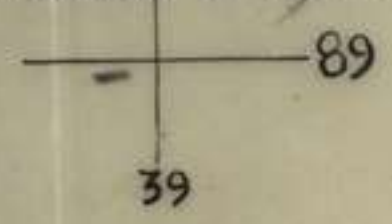
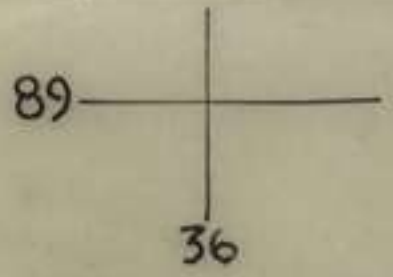
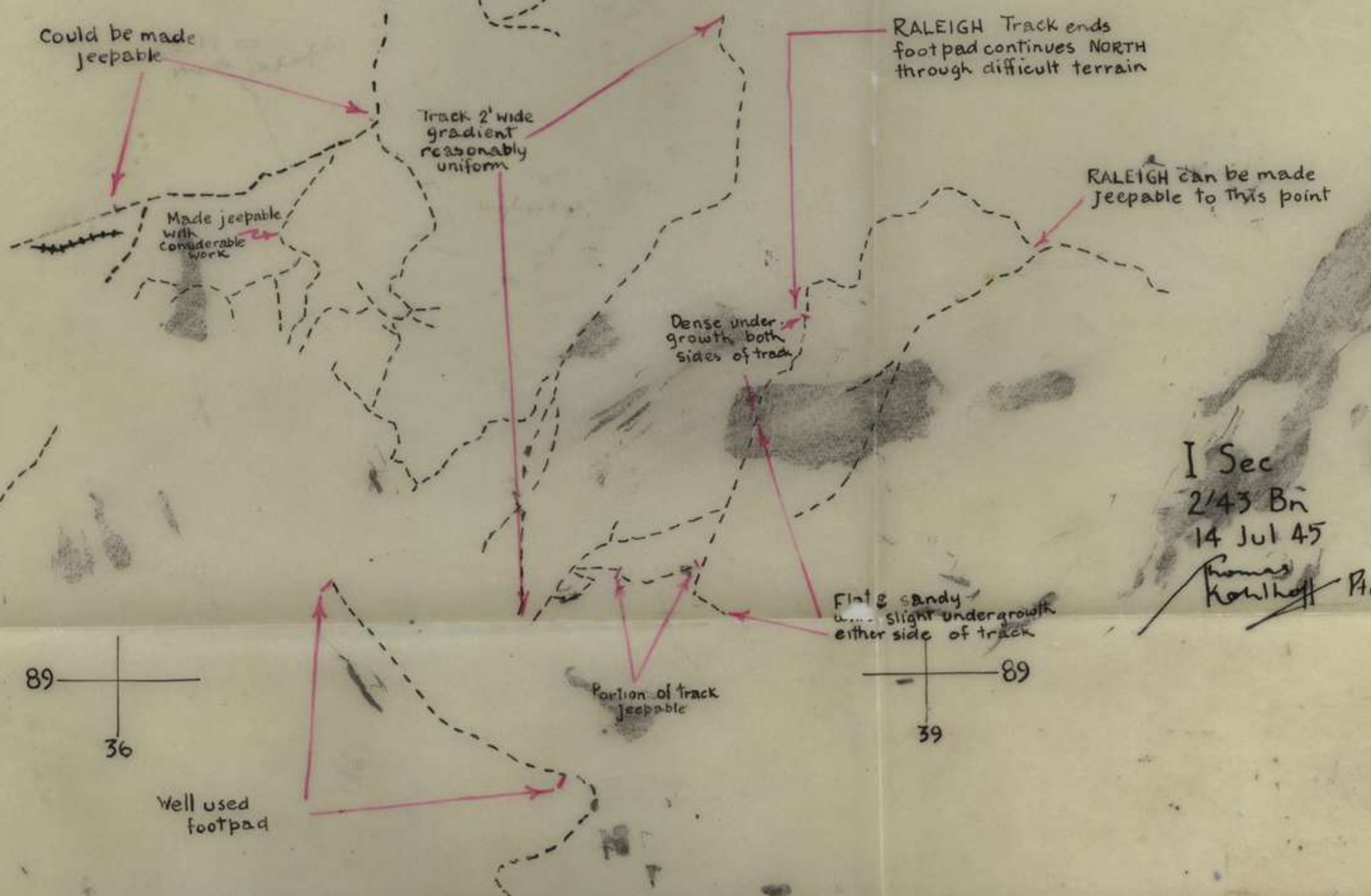
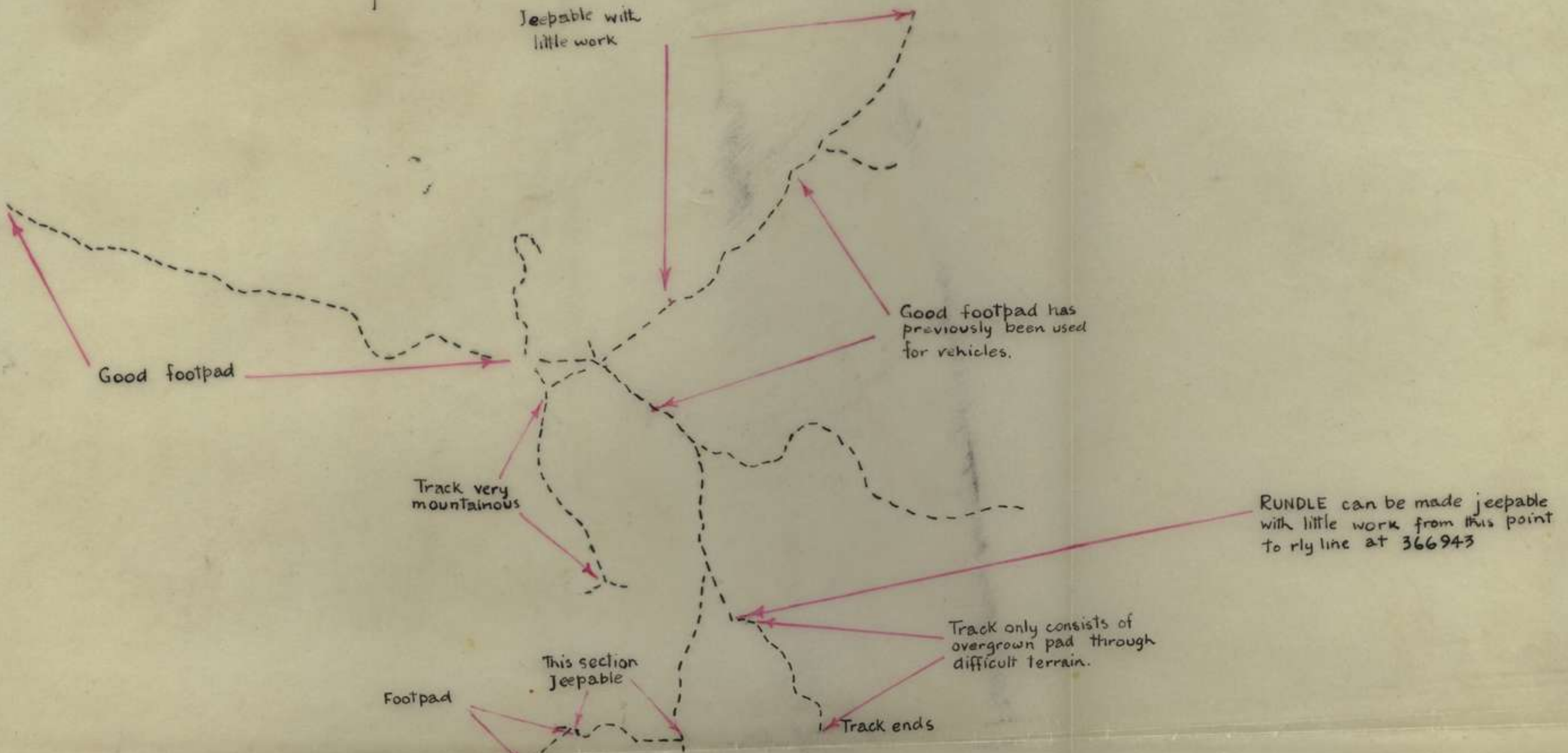
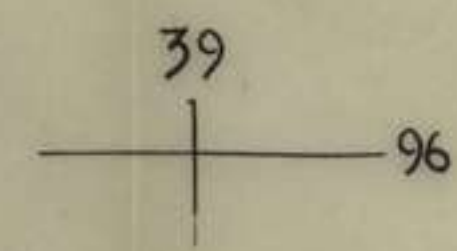
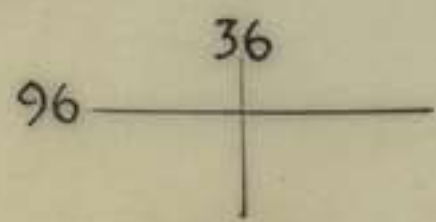




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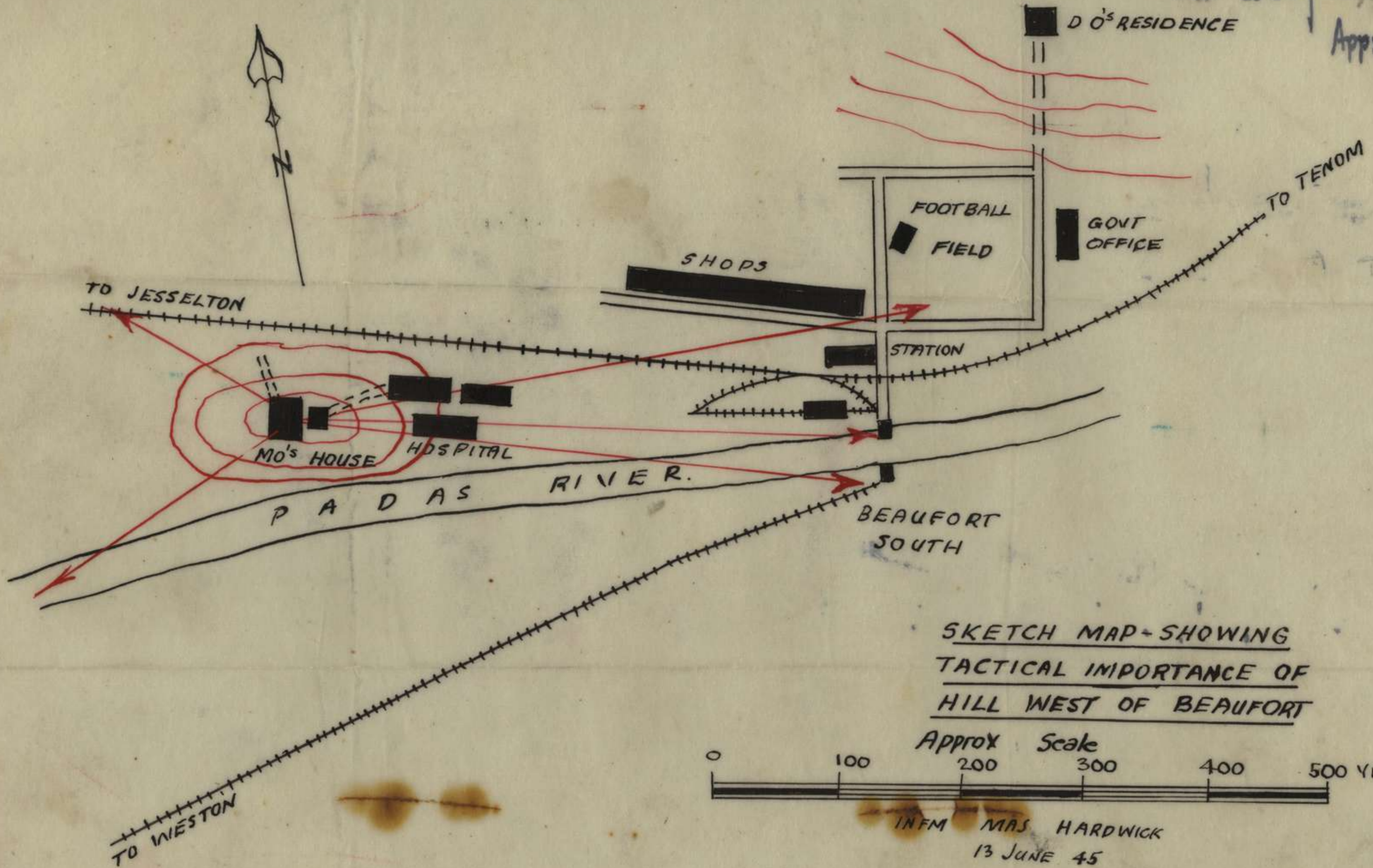
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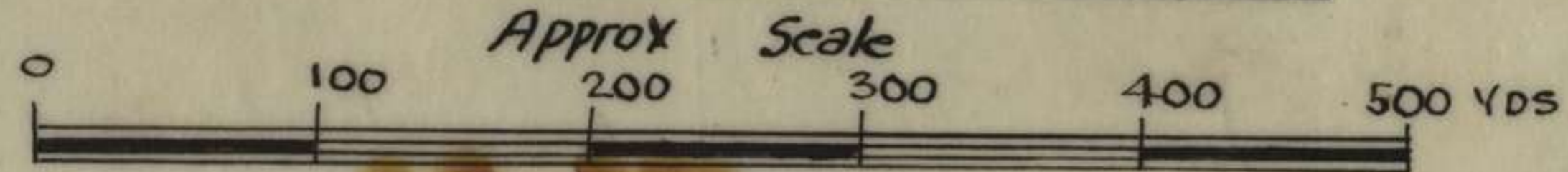
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James Kohlhoff Re.



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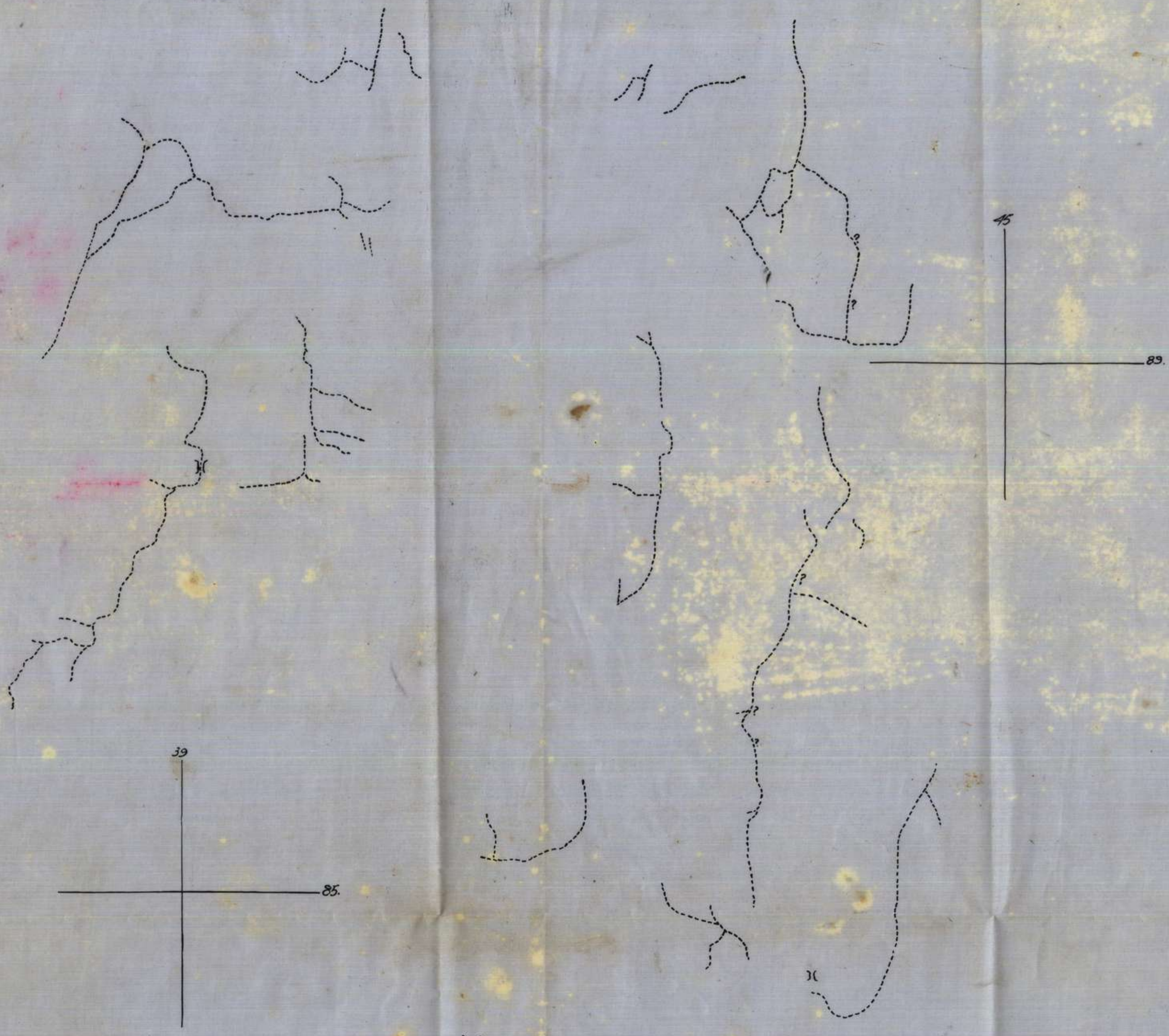
SKETCH MAP - SHOWING  
TACTICAL IMPORTANCE OF  
HILL WEST OF BEAUFORT



INFM MAS HARDWICK  
13 JUNE 45



POSSIBLE TRACKS TAKEN FROM AIR PHOTOGRAPHS DATED 30 JUNE 45  
Ref. Maps. LUMAT SE. & LUMADEN NE 1/25,000.



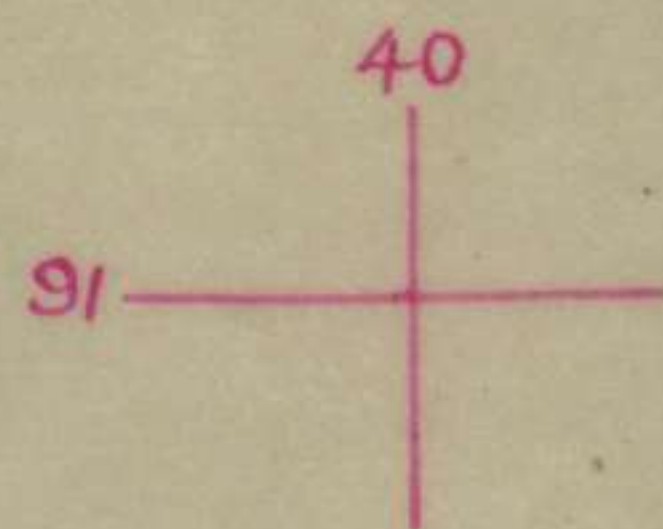
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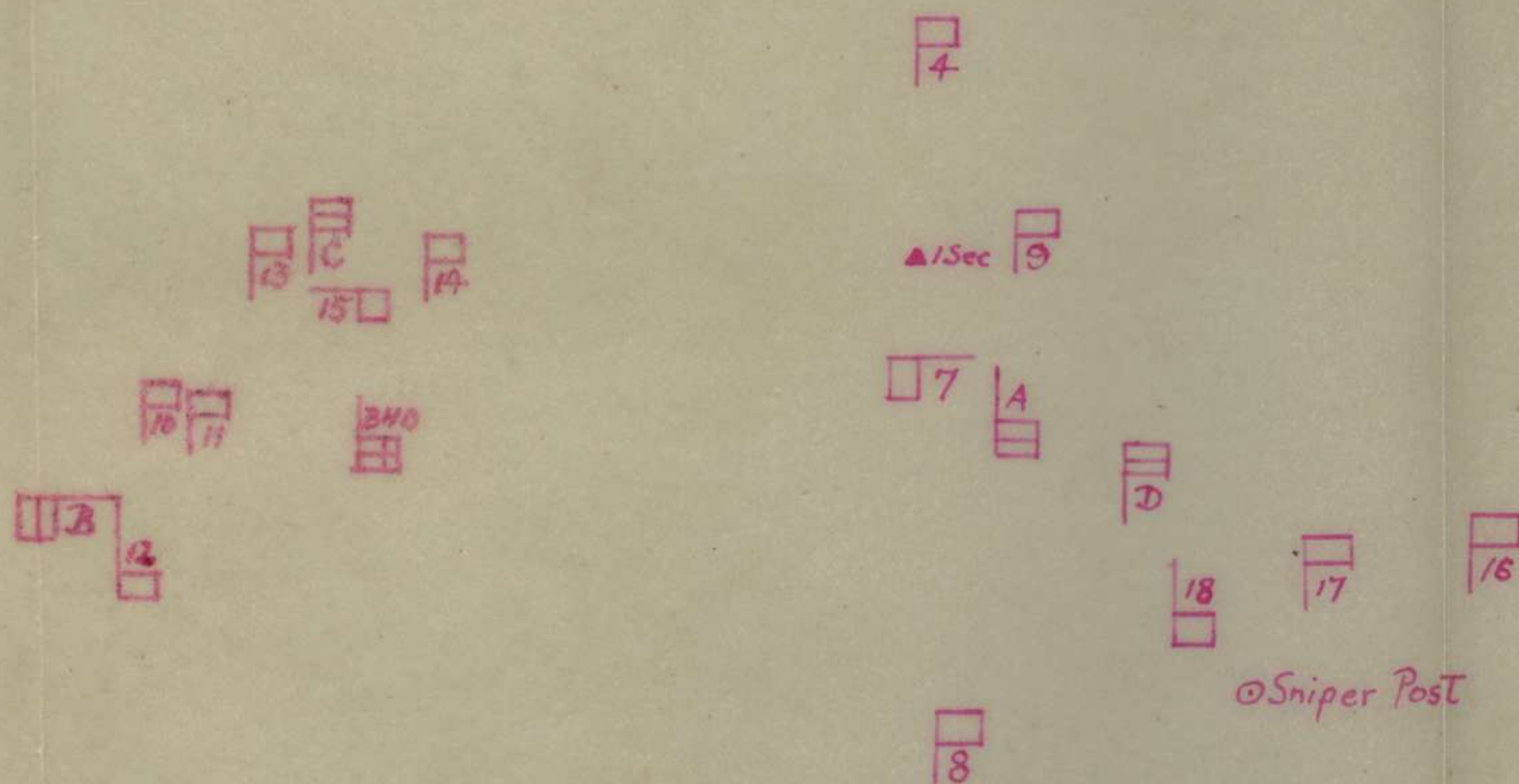
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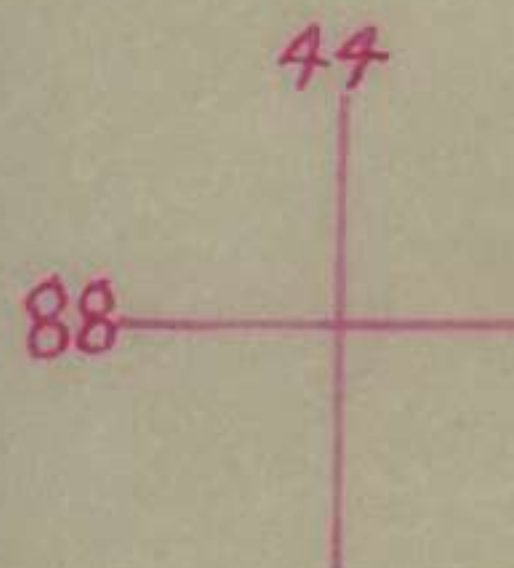
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▲ Standing Patrol



Scale 1:25000



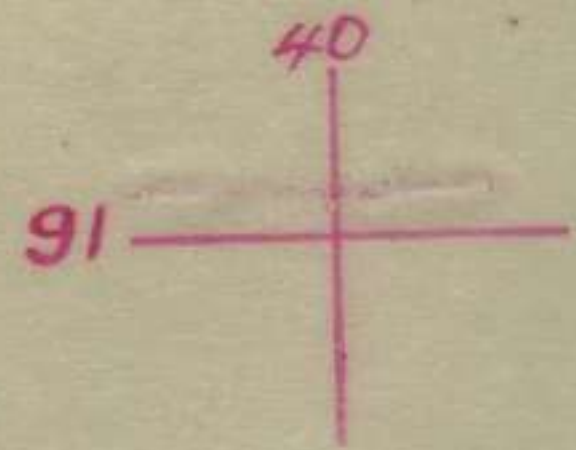
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Int. Sec 2/43 Bn  
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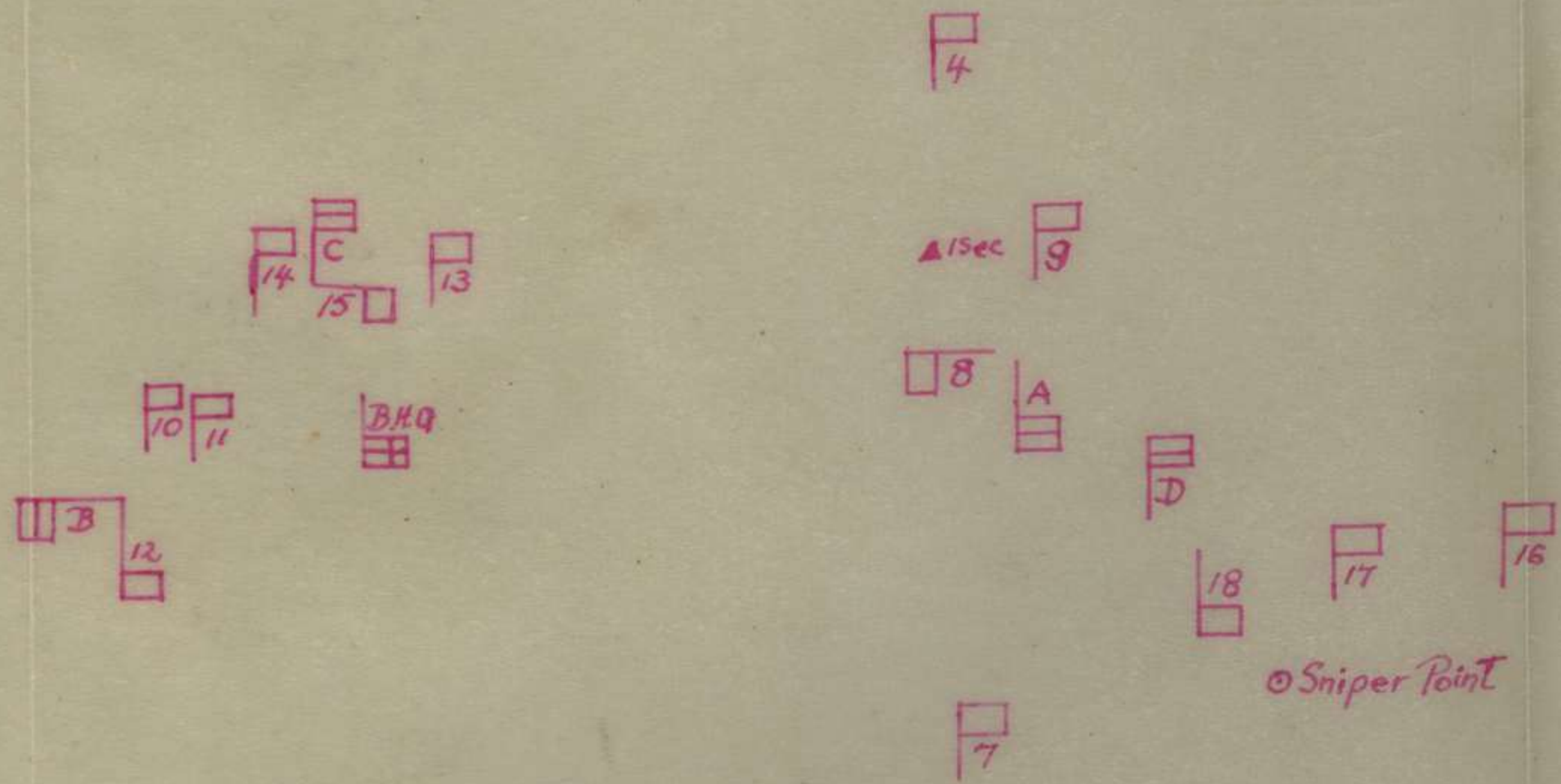
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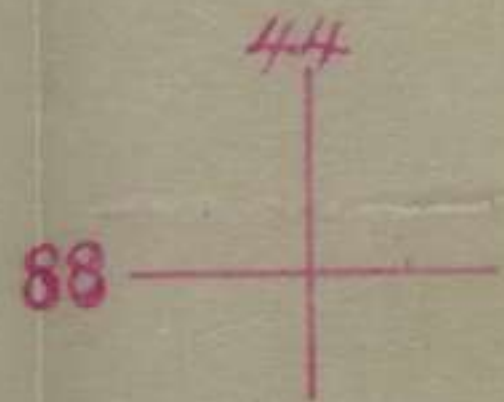
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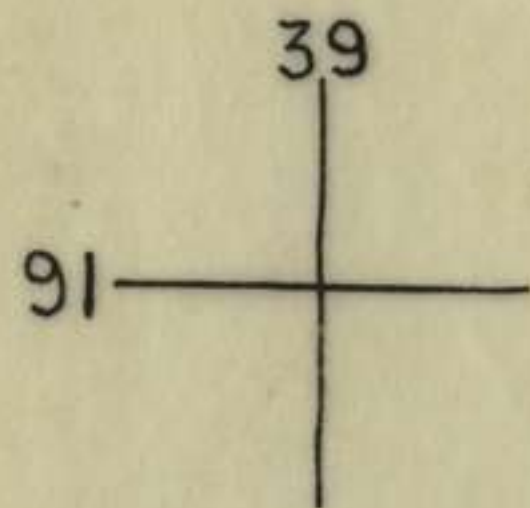
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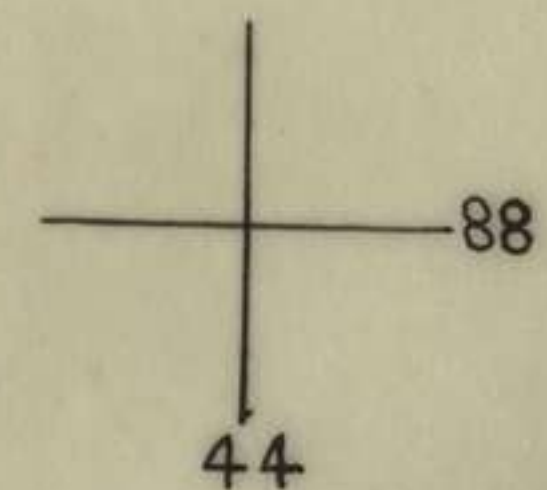
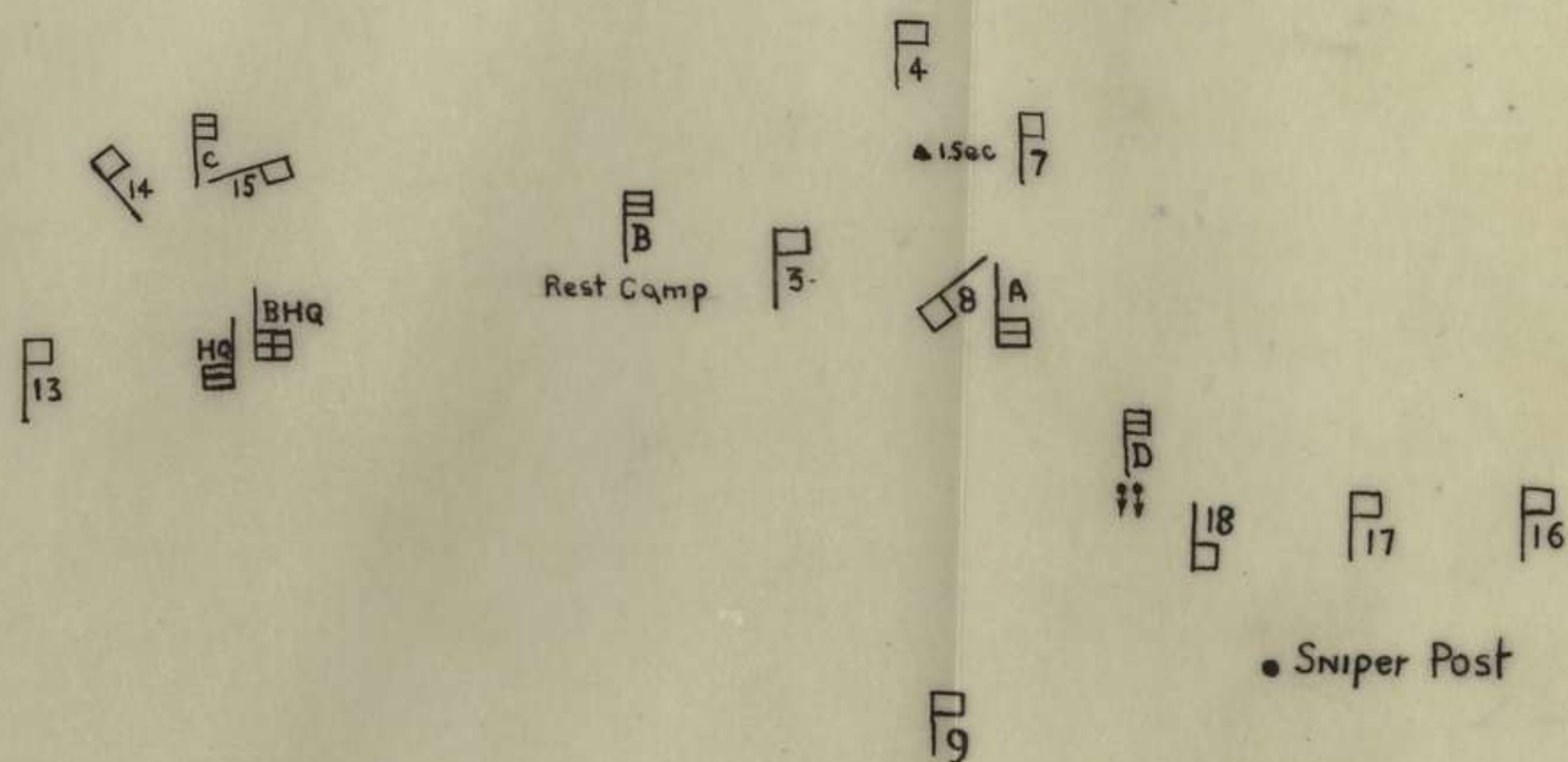
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▲ standing Pat

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Pte J. Matthews  
2/43 BN I Sec  
31 Aug 45