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**December 1943**



27 JAN 1944

FROM: 2/9 AUST INF BN.

DECEMBER 43.

- DEC' 1. Major FLEMING and Capt TAYLOR proceeded to Forward Area per Plane. Lieut TIPPETTS went to Mainland to I.T.B. left at very short notice. Major PEEK preparing for his return to A. Wing Tactical School. Coys on working Parties and Indiv Trg. Gp System to be dropped as from to-morrow.
- " 2 Major PEEK for Mainland to A. Wing Tactical School. Previously mentioned Officers still in forward Area. Coys continued on working Parties and Indiv Trg. Tpt was made available for Personnel to attend Picture Show at Eggys Corner. Choir practice in evening, chaps still very keen.
- " 3 Bn Officers attended TEWT in Zero Hill Area, Personnel engaged left Camp Area 0815 and returned 1600 hrs. Previously mentioned personnel still in fwd Area. Bn played 2/5 Fd Amb Cricket to-day winning by 100 Runs in first innings. Pictures in Bde Area to-night. 'Sing You Sinners' being the Programme.
- " 4 Coys on NGF working Parties, Pioneers on working Party in 2/1 AGH Area to-day. Major FLEMING Capt SUTHERS, TAYLOR and MARSHALL returned from Fwd Area. Bn played Cricket against 18 Bde Team and WON. So far the Bn Team has not been defeated. Pls are still endeavouring to make their various areas as comfortable as possible. Cement floors are being put in, comfortable beds are being made from what salvage they can scrounge. I Office is nearing completion and it is expected to be ready next Tuesday. Lieut McREADY and 3 members of I Sec Plus 1 man from each Coy went to Bde I School near Swimmers Drome, terribly damp out there but the LALOKI Ck and its facilities for swimming should help them in their down moments. Once again Bing CROSBY comes to attend our Area and bring cheer to many. No doubt to some his sobbing voice is becoming monotonous, this making it two nights in succession he has been showing.
- " 5 Sunday Church Parade as usual at 0900hrs. Small party from Bn went on a cruise to-day. Lugger was lent by ANGAU very pleasant day until lack of wind began to make all concerned dubious about home coming. Luckily our Allies in thier Mine Layer predicted our plight and towed the calmed Lugger back to Moresby.
- " 6 Recce by Adjt of Area for Bn Exercise. Attack and co-operation with Tanks. 0730hrs A and B Coys leave for Quarry Hill and ERIAMA Area, to carry out Coy Exercises.
- " 7 A and B Coy still on exercise with B Coy returning at 1400hrs. C Coy departed as 0830 hrs to carry out 2 day Coy Exercise. D Coy carrying out Indiv Trg and on the Range. Major FLEMING, Capt MARSHAL and TAYLOR returned from Fwd Area.
- " 8 A Coy returned from Exercise at 1330 hrs to-day. ~~Coy~~ Coy still out. B and D Coys Trg in Camp Area.
- " 9 C Coy returned from Manouvre and continued Trg. A Coy trg in Camp Area. B Coy departed 0700 hrs to train in Pl Tactics in Bootless Bay Area. D and HQ Coy depart per MT to Area 998432 for Coy exercises.
- " 10 D and HQ Coy returned from exercises. usual Routine Trg for other Coys. 2/9 Bn played 2/10 Bn Aust Rules for Bde Championship and were de eated 19 Goals 6 to 9 Goals 7 Points. Very poor Footbal in first half our Team not scoring 1 point. Few changes made but were too late. Pictures for Friday Night were cancelled.
- " 11 Bn Cricket Team departed to play 2/2 Pnr Bn Cricket on the Latters bground. Bn won by 1 Innings and 150 Runs. HQ Coy moved out for a day exercise. H SWAIN carried off his fight at PORT MORESBY KO. his opponent in the second Round. (U.S. SAILOR)
- " 12 Bn Church Parade. 2 scratch Cricket Teams, Capt By Cpl LALCHERE defeated Pte Robbins team by 5 Runs. One Pl of C Coy moved out to Patrol for Bn Exercise, with MMG8s as Enemy.
- " 13 0830 hrs, C Coy? C.O. and Adjt left for Bn Exercise Area and also advanced Pl of D Coy. C.O. 2 i/c, Adjt and Umpires moved to Bn Exercise Area at 0545hrs each morning and returned at 0830 hrs after completion of Co y Exercise. Bn Choir has commenced trg for Bde Competition which takes place on 26 Dec '43.
- " 14 D Coy left for stunt Area at 0700hrs and C Coy returned at 1400 hrs. B Coy advanced Pl moved to Area at 1800hrs. Adjt Q.M. Ass Adjt I.O. attending Staff School at Bde every afternoon.



- Dec 15 B Coy moved to Area at 0700hrs D Coy returning to Camp during the afternoon. A Coy advanced Guard moved out during afternoon. First Round Bde Boxing competition, Bn had seven Reps fighting, who were Trained by Sgt CHRISTIE and their condition was far above the other contestants. Of the seven the first five won their fights. First Fighth of the night J.MADDEN 118lbs D Coy 2/9Bn defeated POULTER 114lbs of the 2/12 Bn. The next 2/9 Bn to come into the ring was SWAIN of B Coy who K.O. FORBES 147lbs of 2/5 Fld Amb in the first Round of the Welter Weights. GALLAGHER 149lbs of B Coy defeated LAMBERT of the same weight 2/10 Bn on Points. Johnnie KING of B Coy proved too clever for RUTHERFORD in the same class as swain. It looks as if these two may meet in the Final. The next 2/9 Bn contestant was HART of BnHQ, who defeated WAGNER of the 2/5 Fld Amb on points. This now leaves MADDEN and HART to Contest the Final for the BANTAM WEIGHT CHAMPOINSHIP. From here the rot set in and FITZGERALD dereated CASSELS from BNHQ by K.O. in the first Round, this deciding the Junior Feather Weeiht Championship. ROBINSON of 2/12 Bn K.O. McDONALD in the first Round of the Welter Weights. leaving ROBINSON to fight KING or SWAIN in the Finals. Capt TAYLOR is now O.C D Coy and Capt BARNES is now O.C. HQ Coy.
- " 16 A Coy moved to their Exercise Area at 0730hrs. B Coy returned to Camp in the afternoon.
- " 17 A Coy returned from Exercise at Mid-day thus bringing the Tank Co-op Exercise to a close. Sgt CHRISTIE R.A.F. left to exchange with Sgt PETTY at Records WARWICK. News of the American Landings at NEW BRITAIN has just come thru. Lt-Col BERRY M.C. has visited the Bn. he is in N.G assiting with the final Screening of the Picture "Rats Of Tobruk
- " 18 Coys doing Exercises close to Bn Area. At 0830hrs D Coy and the T/Ak Pl with Capt MARSHALL as Coy Comdr left by MT to take part in the screening of the Picture RATS OF TOBRUK, this is for the Jungle sceene of that film and will take place in the UBERI Area. Bn Cricket played the 2/12 Bn and at Lunch was in a fairly secure position with 4 wickets ~~for~~ 150 Runs. Col Berry returned to the Bn and Lunched with Col CUMMINGS to-day.
- " 19 Bn Church Parade followed by Muster Parade. C.O. spoke on the recent exercises Co-Op with the Tanks and reminded the Bn that it was the Annivesary of the Bn Action at Cape Endaiere which was fought in Co-op with same type of Tank, the bitter lessons learnt in that action should make us feel very confident if evre wo-operating again with Tanks.
- " 20 Demonstrations of Bofors L.A/A was given on Bn Parade Gd by personnel of 2/4 L A/A Battery. Bn is NGF working Duty Bn and provides the working parties. Members attending Bde I School returned to Unit.
- " 21 Bn NGF working parties. Party of English Officers arrived at Mid-day for a weeks stay to study A.I.F. methods of Trg. Major HYNE-HAYCOCK HQ Eastern Army, Major STEPHENSON HQ Eastern Army, Capt M.F. COWAN, 1/6 Gurkha Rifles Capt J. ~~XXXXX~~ BOWMAN 2/10 Baluch Rifles, Capt TOLLWORTHY of 69 Fld Coy. Lieut H.P. CUNNINGHAM 64 Fld Coy. Major PHILPOTTS-GREEN 9 (Y&L). Capt FROGGATT of 1 Baluch Capt LAWSON 12/2 Punjab Regt. At night vehicles were provided to convey personnel to Concert at ELA Beach by Gladys MONCRIER.
- " 22 Working Parties. Coys not on working parties carried out Indiv Trg with Tanks in the Zero Hill Area. C.O. fostered English Officers on a Tour of Inspection of the Moresby Area and Area KOITAKI DONADABU Rubber Plantation and factory at KOITAKI. At night Bde Boxing Championships were contested in the Bde Recreation Area, And resulted as follows:- Bantam Weight Finals HART 2/9 Bn V MADDEN 2/9 Bn won by HART on Points. Welter weight Semi-final KING 2/9 Bn defeated ROBINSON 2:/12 Bn on Points. Heavy weight final POOLEY 2/10 Bn V WILLMAN 2/9 Bn Won by the former. Light Heavy Weight Final GARDINER 2/10 Bn defeated DUNN 2/9 Bn on a. T.K.O.
- " 23 Normal Trg and Working Parties. B Coy Trg Individually with Tanks and ~~XXX~~ Coy Comdrs conference on Syllabus for ensuing week and decided to complete all efficienc y tests within the Bn.
- " 24 Normal Trg C Coy at Zero Hill Area completing Indiv Trg with Tanks. In the afternoon Cricket Match, English Officer V a mixed Team of Bde and 2/9 Bn Officers, won by the 2/9 Bn after a very keen game. Bn crieket played 8 Armd Regt winning by 4 wickets and 90 runs. Record attendance at Mid-night Mass celebrated at Bn Chappel by Father PHILLIPS estimated at 700. Bn Choir toured the Hospital and were very weal received.
- " 25 X'mas Day, the 5th the Bn has had and Coy CQ's went to great pains to make the day a success. Mess Huts were decorated with flowers and Palm leaves. Fresh Turkey and Ham, Plum Pudding and Fruit Sald were on the Menu, and altogether it was voted our best X'mas up to date. A party of the English and some of our own Officers day crusing over Moresby Bay in a ~~sun fre~~



- DEC 26 Church Parades, with the remainder of the day to spent resting and recovering from the effects of the X'Mas Dinner. English Officers left Fwd Areas as Observers.
- " 27 Normal Trg, Coys carrying out TOET'S for efficiency pay. Bn Soccer Team played 2/12 Bn and lost 3 NIL. Choir and dramatic Competitions postponed until 29 on account of rain. Sigs and Mortars moved out to Area ref Map Moresby 1<sup>st</sup> 026335 for specialist Trg. It was considered that they would cover all types of Country likely to be met in N.G.
- " 28 C.O. and Adjt spent morning with Sig and Mortar Pls. Coys continue with efficiency Tests and the Mobile Showers visit the Area.
- " 29 Coys continued efficiency Tests. News received that Lt Col PARRY OKEDEN has been awarded D.S.O. for distinguished Service during BUNA SANANDANA Campaign. Pte COOP of C Coy also received the M.M. Finals of inter Bns Boxing Events was held last night. Welter Weight Pte KING 2/9, Bn defeated Pte SWAIN 2/9 Bn on Points. Junior middle weight Pte GALLAGHER 2/9 Bn was defeated by Pte McPHERSON of 2/10 Bn on T.K.O. Pte "YTE 2/10 Bn defeated Pte SMITH of 2/9 Bn on T.K.O. Middle Weight Pte ABBOTT 2/9 Bn defeated ROBINSON 2/9 Bn on Points. Lt Gen VASEY ~~was~~ the DIV Comdr was present at the Boxing and complimented the contestants, expressing his regret that up to date, he had not been able to arrange a fight against the Japs for the Bde. Bde Choral Competition was held in the afternoon, and won by 2/12 Bn with 2/9 and 2/10 Bn in second place.
- " 30 Tests of Efficiency Pay were continued. 2 i/c Acting as C.O. Adjt I.O. and I Sgt made Recce of Stanley Hill Area where Bn will act as enemy for Bde Exercise.
- " 31 0100hrs Lt McCREADY was notified to be ready to move at 0500hrs to combat Area. 1100hrs Bde Comdrs Conference Bn Issued with Rations, prepared to move by 1800hrs. Everyone very happy that we are away this time.

*W. H. Hills* Lt-Col.

C.O. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.



EXERCISE

SECRET

22 Nov 43  
Copy No. 15

2/9 AUST INF BN JUNGLE EXERCISE 27/28 NOV 43.

ATTACK

Ref Map UBERI 1/63360

1. OBJECTS To practice all Comds in Attack in Jungle.
2. LESSONS. (a) Importance of all available info being sent back by fwd tps.  
(b) Necessity for Comd having all possible info before launching an attack.  
(c) Difficulty in maintaining control and direction once tps move off track.
3. NARRATIVE At 0600 hours 27 Nov 43 a strong Jap force was observed moving along EILOGO RD from KARAKATANA ref 217340. 18 Aust Inf Bde and 15 Aust Inf Bde were bivouaced at DONADABU ref 1739. 18 Aust Inf Bde were ordered to attack and destroy the enemy while 15 Aust Inf Bde were to remain in reserve at present site. Coy 18 Aust Inf Bde ordered 2/12 and 2/10 Aust Inf Bns to move out along EILOGO RD and attack. After some success 2/12 Bn were held up at 215405 and 2/10 Bn were preparing to attack.
4. OPENING SITUATION A native boy reported a party of Japs were holding EILOGO FACTORY 227387. Strength unknown. At 0800 hrs 2/9 Bn were ordered to move out to EILOGO FACTORY via OCYNUMU ref 2038 and cut enemy L of C.
5. PROBLEMS As C O 2/9 Aust Inf Bn carry out task allotted.
6. ADM See Appx "A" attached.
7. Director and Chief Umpire Lt Col C J Currings.

*[Signature]*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

Copy No 1	C O	Copy No 9.	D Coy.
2	2 i/s	10	Major Flowering
3	Adj	11	Sigs
4	Major Swan	12	Q M
5	O C Enemy.	13	Bde HQ
6	A Coy	14 & 15	War Diary.
7	B Coy	16	File.
8	C Coy		



APPX "A"

2/9 AUST INF BN JUNGLE EXERCISE 27/28 NOV 43.

Ref Map UBERI 1/63360

ADM INSTN

DRESS. (a) Own Tps- Full Battle Order incl Mosquito Nets and tents. Felt Hats.  
(b) Enemy. Full Battle Order - Steel Helmets.

MEDICAL. (a) Full Malarial precautions will be taken.  
(b) Water. Sterilising outfits will be carried and troops will be warned that sterilising tablets must be used.

RATIONS One days hard rations to be carried on the man.

AMM. Own tps 500 rds blank per Coy.  
Enemy 1000 rds blank.

ENEMY. One Coy 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

UMPIRES. Battle HQ. Major Swan.  
Bn HQ. Sgt Vallier-Berther.  
A 2 Offrs 2/10 Bn; 3 Sgts and 3 Cpls from B Coy  
B 2 Offrs 2/10 Bn. 3 " " 3 Cpls from A Coy  
C 2 Offrs 2/10 Bn 2 " " 3 Cpls from D Coy  
D. 1 Offr. 2/10 Bn 3 " " 3 Cpls from C Coy.  
Mortars. Lieut Donnelly.  
M M G Sgt Lovett.  
B Echelon. 1 Offr 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Sigs. Capt Tillman.  
Enemy. 2 Bde L O, Lieut Davies, and 1 Sgt from D Coy.  
2/1 Bn Officers will be required only until attack is completed 27 Nov 43.

CONFERENCES Officer Umpires. (a) RV at EMMET BRIDGE ref 183387 at 1430 hours Wed 24 Nov 43, to be prepared to move out and inspect the Area. (2/9 Bn Officer Umpires will RV at Bn HQ at 1345 hrs and move to EMMET BRIDGE.  
(b) 1100 hrs Sunday 28 Nov 43 at Bn HQ.

A CONFERENCE OF ALL BN OFFERS will be held at 1145 hours 28 Nov 43 at Bn HQ.

CAMP GUARDS. Only Light Duty personnel and cooks will remain in Camp.

*A. J. Hillis*  
.....Capt.  
Adjnt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



SYLLABUS OF TRG 27 DEC 43 to 1 JAN 44

REF MAP PORT MORESBY 1/63360

2/9 AUSE INF BN

Coy	Period	Monday 27 Dec	Tuesday 28 Dec	Wednesday 29 Dec	Thursday 30 Dec	Friday 31 DEC	Saturday 1 Jan
A	A M	R	T	T	D	I	I
	P M	R	T	T	D	I	S
B	A M	T	T	D	R	I	I
	P M	T	T	D	R	I	B
C	A M	T	R	T	I	D	I
	P M	T	R	T	I	D	S
D	A M	T	D	R	I	I	I
	P M	T	D	R	I	I	S
HQ	A M	D	T	T	I	R	D
	P M	D	T	T	I	R	D
BNHQ	A M	T	T	I	I	I	R
	P M	T	T	I	I	I	R

1. Location: All except individual Trg will be carried out in Unit lines.

Individual Trg will be carried out

by A & B Coys Area B O M 953389

C & D " " AUSTINS KING 970353

H Q Coy UNIT LINES

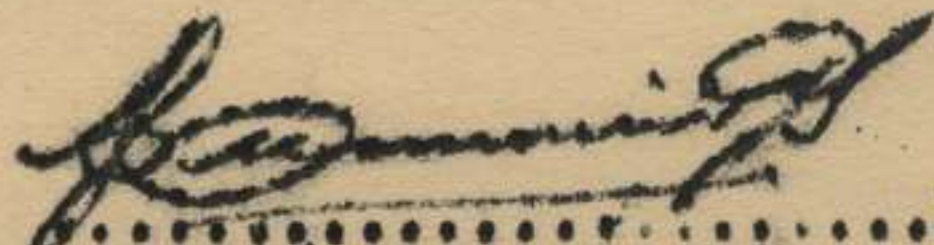
2. MOBILE SHOWERS Tue 1530 hrs - Order A,B,C,D,HQ, BN HQ.

3. LEGEND R = Range Practices  
T = Test for Proficiency Pay

D = Duty Coy

S = Sport

I = Individual Trg - this will include individual & Sec stalks - appreciation of ground and field craft.



.....Lt Col  
Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



18/12/43

ALPHA LITAN IMPERIA I FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

BY

LT COL C I CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 325

2/9 AUSTRALIAN INF BN 1 DEC 43

325 Bn Duties

To Mount at Retreat 1 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy. HQ Coy.
- N F D D Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer From HQ Coy.
- N F D " From D Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard. From HQ Coy.
- (d) Runners 2 ORs from Duty Coy.

*W. L. Smith* Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Notices The following players have been selected to represent 2/9 Aust Inf Bn in a Cricket Match to be played on the 2/9 Bn Ground commencing at 1000 hours against 2/5 Aust Fd Amb. on 2 Dec 43.

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|------------------|---------------|
| Pte Mess' (Capt) | L/Cpl Robbins |
| Bgt Hyde         | Pte Ross      |
| Pte Wallace      | Pte Chay      |
| L/Cpl Durin      | Pte McAuliffe |
| Capt Wills       | Cpl Lalchere  |
| Lt Col Cummings  |               |

Players will assemble at Bn Cricket ground at 0945 hrs 2 Dec 43. Coys will advise Bn HQ by 1800 hrs today if any of the players are unavailable.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS FOR DELIVERY IN AUSTRALIA

To ensure delivery of Xmas Greeting telegrams in Australia at an appropriate time arrangements have been made that telegrams lodged in New Guinea prior to 6 Dec will be delivered in Australia commencing 22 Dec. Delivery before Xmas cannot be guaranteed unless Xmas Greeting telegrams are lodged prior to 6 Dec. Each telegram will bear the indicator XG in prominent characters at the top of the form. This will not be counted or charged for.

Charged :- Not exceeding 14 wds. 6d.  
Each additional 2 wds or part 1d.

POSTAL To ensure delivery at the appropriate time, posting of Xmas mail matter should be made not later than the dates specified hereunder:-

1. Airmail Letters. Eastern States 20 Dec  
S A and W Aust. 18 Dec.
2. Letters Surface Mail. Eastern States 16 Dec  
Sth A and West A 12 Dec.
3. Parcels. All states 6 Dec. 43.

The following letter has been received from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde date 30 Nov 43:-  
2/9 Aust Inf Bn

"In reply to your memo of 7 Nov 43.

O O Base Post Office states that enquiries have been made on the mainland and that the delay in delivery of mail may be due to either or all of the following:-

1. Lack of Air Transport. A large percentage has to be sent by Sea.
2. In the Cairns area no Order of Battle is available and mail has to be sent south for posting. The 100% censorship in Cairns area has been responsible for some delay but military mail will in future be given priority and will not be held more than 24 hours.
3. All mail south of Rockhampton has to be forwarded to Brisbane for posting.

Signed, R J SUTTON Capt."



-2.

PROBLEM 5. Give Pl Comds Order for continuation of Advance.

Points for DS. Change Leading Sec. Casualties, other information back to  
Coy- Shortest possible time for consolidation and resuming  
advance- formations.



2/9 AUST INF BN T E W T 3 DEC 43

REF MAP PORT MORESBY 1" to 1 MILE

1. OBJECT To study action of fwd tps on making contact .
2. LESSONS
  - (a) Ground must be appreciated by all ranks at all times .
  - (b) Duty of Adv Gd.
    - (i) Protect main body from surprise attack.
    - (ii) Gain Information
    - (iii) Prevent enemy gaining information
    - (iv) Brush aside minor opposition and prevent small detachments of enemy delaying advance of main body.
3. OPENING SITUATION

At 1800 hours 2 Dec 43 Japanese amphibious troops approximate strength 400 effected ~~and~~ landing on Bootless Inlet, at Beack 024304. Air Recce at first light reports enemy movement in Bootless Rd at point 017344. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn with under command 1 Tp Arty has been ordered to contact and destroy enemy force.
4. NARRATIVE

2/9 Aust Inf Bn Command issued his orders from Camp area at 0300 hrs 3 Dec 43.  
From these Orders the following information was found.:-  
S P. Junction Camp Rd and Main Rd.  
S T 0630 hrs.  
Order of March. Adv Gd A Coy, Battle HQ, B, C. Bn HQ elements of Hq Coy, D Coy.  
Route. ~~Ex~~ NEILL RD - BOOTLESS RD - RIGO RD  
Bounds. Creek 989353, Rd June 997350, Rd June 020343  
Composition of Adv Gd. A Coy with under comd 1-3" Mortar 1 Sec MG.
5. THE ADV GD has reached first bounds.
  - Problem 1. As Pl Comd of leading Pl "A" Coy give orders, if any for point Sec to continue advance.
  - Points for DS. Formations adapted to Country -  
Point Sec sufficiently far ahead to prevent platoon being involved if opposition struck. Allow deployment- Topographical information.
6. Forward Platoon moves on towards next bound.
  - Problem 2. Place forward Sec on ground in relation to remainder of Platoon. Give detailed placing of each man of Point Section.
  - Points for DS Scouts well ahead- Maximum Control- Position of automatics- Quick covering fire.
8. LEADING SCOUT over crest of ridge at R in Road 004348, second scout moving up re-entrant towards top of ridge. Sec approach 150 yds in rear (pointed out on ground). Sec fired on by automatics from BOOTLESS KNOLL (main feature pointed out on ground and named)
  - Problem 3. Give immediate action of point Sec Leader and orders, if any.
  - Points for DS Three courses of action when surprised- line slight ridge ahead - individual fire posns- Posn of Bren- Posn of Sec Leader- Fire orders- message to platoon- protection of flanks- Pinpointing enemy posns. - decision to attack? - simple quick orders.
9. SEC less Bren giving covering fire from Road endeavoured to attack on left flank via ROAD RIDGE. Pinned down by automatic fire from BOOTLESS HILL and rifle fire from ROAD KNOLL.
  - Problem 4. Immediate action of Pl Comd and Orders
  - Points for DS Appreciation-ground-force at disposal-high ground if seized dominate situation- main enemy strength.  
Orders-direction of attack- route to ass posn - use of 2" Mor - covering fire by sec already committed- Right flank covered approach- quick consolidation.
10. PLATON attack successful, enemy is practically annihilated and few running in easterly direction along Bootless Road.



2/9 AUST INF BN REPORT 3 DEC 43

REV MAP PORT MURPHY 1<sup>st</sup> to 1 HILL

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From these orders the following information was found:-

S.P. Junction Camp Rd and Main Rd.

BT 0630 hrs.

Order of March. Adv Gd A Coy, Battle HQ, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z elements of Bq Coy, D Coy.

Route. 1st HILL RD - BOOTLESS RD - RICE RD

Bound. Creek 997393, Rd June 997390, Rd June 020343

Composition of Adv Gd. A Coy with under cmd 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Mortar 1 Sec HQ.

5. THE ADV GD

has reached first bound.

Problem 1.

As Pl Comd of leading Pl "A" Coy give orders, if any for point Sec to continue advance.

Points for Pl

Formations adapted to Country - Point Sec sufficiently far ahead to prevent platoons being involved if opposition struck. Allow deployment - Topographical information.

6.

Problem 2.

Forward Platoon moves on towards next bound. Place forward Sec on ground in relation to remainder of Platoon. Give detailed placing of each man of Point Section. Scouts well ahead - Maximum Control - Position of automatic - quick covering fire.

Points for DS

7. LEADING SCOUT

over crest of ridge at R in Road 004348, second scout moving up re-entrant towards top of ridge. Sec approach 150 yds in rear (pointed out on ground). Sec fired on by automatics from BOOTLESS HILL (main feature pointed out on ground and named). Give immediate action of point Sec Leader and orders, if any. Three courses of action when surprised - line slight ridge ahead - individual fire poses - Pose of Bron - Pose of Sec Leader - Fire orders - message to platoon - protection of flanks - Pinpointing enemy poses - decision to attack? - simple quick orders.

Problem 3.

Points for Pl

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Sec less Bron giving covering fire from Road endeavoured to attack on left flank via ROAD KINCH. Pinned down by automatic fire from BOOTLESS HILL and rifle fire from ROAD HOLL.

Problem 4.

Points for Pl

Immediate action of Pl Comd and Orders Appreciation - ground - force at disposal - high ground if seized dominate situation - main enemy strength. Orders - direction of attack - route to sec pose - use of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mor - covering fire by sec already committed - Right flank covered approach - quick consolidation.

10. PLATOON

attack successful, enemy is practically annihilated and few running in easterly direction along Bootless Road.



WJ  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C J CUTTINGS MOBE

NO 327

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 Dec 43

327 BN DUTIES

To Mount at Retreat 3 Dec 43  
(a) Duty Coy B C B Coy  
N F D A Coy  
(b) Orderly Officer From Duty Coy  
N F D From MFD Coy  
(c) Bn Guard From Duty Coy  
(d) Runners 20Rs From Duty Coy

*A. M. Houghton* Capt  
Asst Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

PUNISHMENTS:-

COURT MARTIAL - PUBLICATION OF RESULT OF TRIAL

Nature of Court :- District Court Martial.  
Place of Trial :- HQ N.S.W. L of C AREA  
Member tried :- NX 53023 Pte RYMER A.B.  
Charge :- Desertion (AWL from 2100 hrs on 28/7/43 until  
2115 hrs on 12/10/43)  
Finding :- Not guilty of Desertion, but is guilty of AWL  
for the period stated in the charge.  
Sentence :- To undergo Detention for 60 days.  
Date of Sentence :- 12/11/43.  
Confirmed :- 15/11/43 by Colonel L.E.Vail, General List.  
Date and Place of  
Promulgation :- at Holsworthy on 18/11/43.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING - - -

*WD  
I Sec*

No 326

2/9 AUST INF BN

2 nd Dec 43

326 BN DUTIES

To Mount At Retreat 2 Dec 43

(a) Duty Coy

D Coy

N F D

B Coy

(b) Orderly Officer

From D Coy

N F D

From B Coy

(c) Bn Guard

From D Coy

(d) Runners

2 ORs from Duty Coy

*P. D. ...*  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

will screen, in the Bde Area on Friday 3 Dec, the following Feature:-

"SING YOU SINNERS" Starring Bing Crosby  
Also Cartoon, Travel-Talk and News Reel.



2/9 Aust Inf Bn T E W T 3 DEC 43

REF MAP PORT MORESBY 1" to 1 MILE

1. OBJECT To study action of fwd troops on making contact.

2. AREA Sq 0034.

3. TO ATTEND All Officers except ~~WILLIAMS~~ and MARTIN  
Out lunches to be carried.

4. SYNDICATES.  
1. Major LOXTON A Coy and Officers.  
2. Capt DA UNT B Coy and Officers  
3. Lieut STEPHINSON C Coy and Officers  
4. Capt BARNES D Coy and Officers  
5. LIEUT DONNELLY HQ Coy and Officer.

5. D S LT COL C J CUMMINGS and CAPT WILLS.

6. TRANSPORT.  
1. Jeep D S Reporting Bn HQ 0745 hrs.  
1-15 Cwt HQ Coy Officers Bn HQ Car Park 0745 hrs.  
1-15 Cwt A and B Coy Officers. A Coy HQ 0745 hrs.  
1-15 Cwt C and D Coy Officers D Coy HQ 0745 hrs.

7. ORDER OF MARCH C O's Jeep, HQ Coy, A, B, C, D Coy.

8. START TIME 0800 hours.

9. START POINT. Junction Camp Road and Main Road.

10. ROUTE. NEILL Rd and BOOTLESS RD.

*W. Williams*  
..... Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn







2/9 AUST. INF BN Unit

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	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.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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	4	2	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	4	
Coppersmiths				Arrgourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	1	1	
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	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiraman							
Electricians				Cooks	-	2		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator	-	1									
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	-	1		Battery Surveyors				GEN. DUTIES 69702			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	4					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	8					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7		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.	34	30	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	18					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	-	4		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	2					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	13	21		CARRIED FORWARD	35	56		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	759	817	*

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 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
LT COL  
COMD 2/9 AUST. INF. BN



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 12 3 / 1943 2/9 AUST. INF BN (Unit)

29 / 43 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 12 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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.				
	1	1	1	Lieut.-Colonels									
			2	Majors									
			10	Captains	AAMC	1							
		3	22	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	1	4	35			1							
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	<u>36</u>	<u>B</u>									<u>A</u> <u>36</u> <u>B</u>
		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.
0X16121	LIEUT	DANIEL AT	2/5 AGH	3.12.43	RTU & HOSPITAL

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX11457	LIEUT	DOYLE FJ	2/5 AGH	29.11.43	TO HDSP (APPENDICITIS)
0X34599	"	POINTON JK	"	30.11.43	" (PUB)
0X2692	"	TIPPETTS CH	18 AUST. INF TNG BN	1.12.43	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF
0X6036	T/MAJOR	PEEK EJP	2 AUST. CORPS TACTICAL SCHOOL	29.2.43	AUTH. NGRAMS. 105740 SCHOOLS AND COURSES (SENIOR WING)

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

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




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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

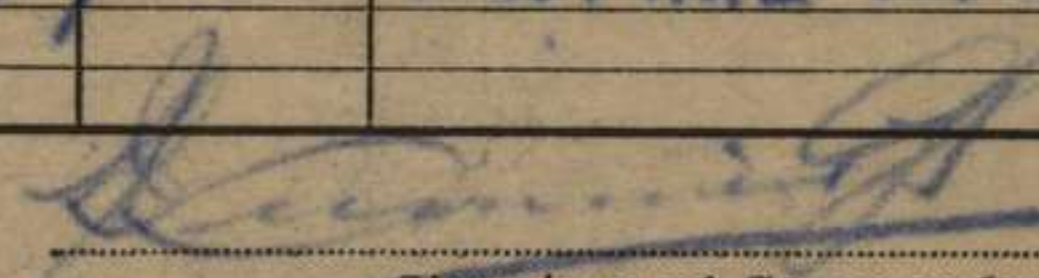
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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.
LTCOL	026011	CUMMINGS	CJ	CO	YES		
T/MAJOR	026064	FLEMING	EW	A2P	"		
"	026030	LOXTON	FEC	COY/COMD	"		
CAPT.	026016	DALINT	WWD	"	"		
"	023615	BARNES	E.	"	"		
"	024398	MARSHALL	A	"	"		
T/CAPT	022164	SUTHERS	GO	ADJT	"		
"	021257	TAYLOR	R	COY/COMD	"		
"	022628	ISAACS	WRB	COY/2P	"		
"	021148	PARBURY	CB	"	NO	DET. HQ 18 AUST INF BDE.	
"	021188	SCOTT	D CJ	COY-2/C	YES		
"	024652	WILLS	KR	ASSADJT	"		
"	022571	MCDONALD	DJ	COY-1/C	"		
LIEUT	0230589	WHITE	EK	PL/COMD	"		
"	0210317	M'MANUS.	JA	"	"		
"	0221135	CAMERON	KD	"	"		
"	0213882	BAKER	FA	"	"		
"	022163	MCINTOSH	WF	"	NO	DET. HQ 18 AUST. INF BDE.	
"	0236096	POTTER	HC	PL/COMD	YES		
"	0234545	ANGOVE	AY	"	"		
"	0234577	ROGERS.	EE	"	"		
"	023050	THOMAS.	VF	"	"		
"	021445	LINDSAY	FJ	DM	"		
"	025996	HARTLEY	AM	PL/COMD	"		
"	0237608	McLACHLAN	D.C	"	"		
"	0218224	HART	J.	"	"		
"	0210253	STEPHENSON	EV	COY-2/C	"		
"	0240320	HAYES	RE	PL/COMD	"		
"	0245406	WEBER	J.B	"	"		
"	02366	POWER	DD	"	"		
"	0210985	McCREADY	SP	I.O	"		
"	023441	DAVIES	J	PL/COMD	"		
"	025968	MARTIN	J.A.	T.O	"		
"	023610	DONNELLY	V J	PL/COMD	"		
"	0216121	DANIEL	AT	"	"		
NO OFFICERS WITH ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR TO 3/9/39							
 LT. COL COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN							

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
ATTACHED AS PER WE					
CAPT	02100251	COPLAND	CRAIG	24/2/43	RM O
OTHER ATTACHED					
CHAPLAIN	528944	PHILLIPS	EB	2/7/43	RC PADRE
"	023365	PEARSON	HH	SALARY	WELFARE OFFICER

2 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

  
Signature of Commander

COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN

a.w. 3m pads 2/43



## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt Col C. J. CUMMINGS OBE

Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

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4 Dec 43

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BN DUTIES: To mount at Retreat 4 Dec 43

(a) Duty Coy	A Coy
N.F.D.	C Coy
(b) Orderly Officer	From Duty Coy
N.F.D.	From N.F.D. Coy
(c) Bn Guard	A Coy
(d) Runners	2 O.Rs from A Coy

329.

DRESS:

It has been noted that members of this unit are wearing Hats K.F. with pieces of leather, webbing etc. in place of pug-arcs. This practice will cease immediately.

330.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IG Force Order ~~XXXXXX~~ is repeated hereunder:-

1. Applications for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadet are invited from British subjects (male or female) who, on 1 Jan 44, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth.
2. Applicants must have matriculated or held the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate. A University degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.
3. Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects:-  
English Essay, Precise, Current Australian and International Affairs and General Knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics.  
Success at the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection the preference provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act will be applied.
4. Successful applicants will be engaged for two years during which time they will receive remuneration of \$274 per annum if an adult or \$256 per annum if a minor (subject to cost of living adjustments); plus an allowance towards University costs and will be required to undertake, at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course applicants will be further examined and, on satisfactory certificate, will receive a temporary appointment to the Department of External Affairs. The question of permanent to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.
5. Any eligible member of the A.I.F. who desires consideration may avail himself of the opportunity of completing an application in accordance with prescribed pro-forma and forwarding it direct to Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra. Applications must reach the Secretary by 9 Dec 43.

*J. H. ...* Capt  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE:

Pictures will be shown in this Bde Area tonight at 1930 hrs.  
FEATURE: Madeline Carroll & Bob Hope in "My Favourite Blonde"



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HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

MANNING CHART - OFFICERS

Appointment	Regtl No.	Rank	Name	
<b>Bn HQ</b>				
O.C.	QX6012	Lt Col	CUMINGS	C.J.
2 1/6	QX6064	Major	WILKINS	B.W.
Adjt	QX2164	Capt	SULLIVAN	C.O.
Asst Adjt	QX4652	Capt	WILLS	K.R.
I.O.	QX10915	Lieut	McCREADY	S.P.
<b>H Coy</b>				
O.C.	QX1257	Capt	TAYLOR	R.
Q.I.P.	QX1445	Lieut	LINDSAY	F.J.
T.O.	NX13063	Lieut	BAKER	F.A.
	Q X3968	Lieut	<del>BRISTOL</del>	J.A. Awaiting Board
Pl	QX3641	Lieut	DAVIES	J.
Pl	QX3050	Lieut	THOMAS	V.F.
Pl	Q X3610	Lieut	DONNELLY	V.J.
Pl	QX16122	Lieut	DANIELS	A.T.
<b>A Coy</b>				
O.C.	Q X6030	Major	LOXTON	F.N.C.
2 1/6	QX1188	Capt	SCOTT	D.C.J.
7 Pl	QX36096	Lieut	POTTER	H.C.
8 Pl	QX34537	Lieut	ROGERS	E.E.
9 Pl	NX40320	Lieut	HA YES	R.E.
<b>F Coy</b>				
O.C.	QX6016	Capt	DAUNT	W.W.D.
2 1/6	QX2571	Capt	McDONALD	D.J.
10 Pl	QX10317	Lieut	McMANUS	J.A.
11 Pl	NX21135	Lieut	CAMMERON	K.D.
12 Pl	QX37608	Lieut	McLACHLAN	O.C.
<b>G Coy</b>				
O.C.	QX4398	Capt	MARSHALL	A.
2 1/6	NX102513	Lieut	STEPHENSON	E.V.
13 Pl	QX34545	Lieut	ANGOVE	A.V.
14 Pl	QX34589	Lieut	WHITE	E.K.
15 Pl	QX366	Lieut	POWER	D.D.
<b>H Coy</b>				
O.C.	QX3615	Capt	BARNES	E.
2 1/6	QX2638	Capt	ISAACS	W.R.E.
16 Pl				
17 Pl	QX19224	Lieut	HART	J.
18 Pl	QX8996	Lieut	HARTLEY	A.M.
<b>ATTACHED PERSONNEL</b>				
AMMO	VX104251	Capt	COPLAND	C.R.
RC Padre	SX8994	Capt	PHILLIP	E.B.
Sal Army	B2/365	Capt	PEARSON	H.H.
<b>IN HOSPITAL</b>				
	NX45406	Lieut	WEBER	J.B.
	QX34579	Lieut	POINTON	J.K.
	NX14871	Lieut	DOYLE	F.J.

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMINGS OBE

OFFICER

COMMANDING

331.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 5 Dec 43

331. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 5 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy..... C Coy.  
N F D HQ Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer. From C Coy.  
N F D From HQ Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard. From C Coy.
- (d) Runners. 2 ORs from Duty cov.

.....  
..... Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CULLINGS OBL

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 332

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 6 Dec 43.

332. Bn Duties.

- To Mount at Retreat 6 Dec 43.
- (a) Duty Coy.....HQ Coy:  
H F D ..... D Coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer.....From HQ Coy:  
H F D .....From D Coy.
  - (c) Bn Guard.....From HQ Coy.
  - (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty Coy

333. Guards.

In future the guard will consist of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 10 ORs. Coys will still be responsible for picqueting their own lines.

334. Qualifying Examinations for Proficiency Pay. (GRO 769 is reptd)

1. GRO F 660/1943 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends, inter alia, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he,

- (a) has been certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment
- (b) has passed the test applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.

2. For the purpose hereof, soldiers who are tested for proficiency pay are divided into the following categories.

Category A. Personnel of the undermentioned units (except those shown on the War Establishment as "attached")

Light Horse Regts.	Cavalry (Commands) Regts.
Motor Regts.	Infantry Bns.
Machine Gun Bns.	Pioneer Bns.

Category B. Personnel of units other than those included in category "A." who are neither shown on war establishments as "attached" personnel nor members of the A.I.F.C.

Category C. Personnel of the A.I.F.C.

Category D. Personnel shown as "attached" on the war establishments of the Unit with which they are serving.

3. The tests for all categories include the Tests of Elementary Training for Gas, as specified in "Gas Training (Aust) 1942" Sec 15. The following additional are prescribed

- (i) For Category "A." Small arms test with the rifle or light machine gun or medium machine gun or, in the case of personnel issued with a submachine gun or pistol as a personal weapon the submachine gun or pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as a first class shot.
- (ii) For Category B. Small Arms test as for Category A. The standard required is classification as a second class shot.
- (iii) For Category C. A. tests conducted under unit arrangements embracing the following subjects.
  - (a) General knowledge of elementary anatomy and physiology (R.M.C. Trg Chap XXIII)
  - (b) First Aid. Simple tests in the use of the triangular bandages (R.M.C. Trg Chap XXIV)  
A general knowledge of wounds and their treatment, dressing and healing of wounds, antiseptics and asepsis (R.M.C. Trg Chaps XXV, XXVI, XXVII.)  
Arrest of hemorrhage (R.M.C. Trg Chap XXIX) (Chap XIII)
  - (c) Elementary knowledge of the A.M.C. organisation (R.M.C. Trg)
  - (d) A general knowledge of the organisation of the Unit to which the member belongs (R.M.C. Trg Chap XII)
  - (e) A general knowledge of personal anti malarial control measures and personal hygiene.
- (iv) For Category D. The tests for an attached member will be those prescribed for the arm to which he belongs.



334. Cont.

4. The following conditions will govern the conduct of the small arms tests, referred to in para 3 hereof:-

- (a) Rifle, light machine gun and medium machine Gun tests will be fired on open ranges.
- (b) Classification Tables, Part II, for the respective weapons will be fired and the conditions of qualification will be as specified in SAT Vol I Pamphlet 14.
- (c) One repetition only at each test will be permitted to count as qualification for proficiency pay.

5. Where practicable, personnel in receipt of proficiency pay will undergo the prescribed tests at six monthly intervals.

.....Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Notices.

Guard Competition. The result of the Competition is- out of a possible 200 points.

Tk/A Pl	1st	with 156 points.
15 Pl	2nd	" 154 "
11 & 8 Pl	3rd	" 153 Points.

Mobile Cinema. It is advised that Cinema performance previously screened at Pioneer Crossing each Saturday Night has been transferred to this Bde Area. This alteration will NOT affect the weekly Friday Night screening which will continue as before.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Restricted.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL O J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 335

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 7 Dec 43.

335. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 7 Dec 43.  
(a) Duty Coy..... D Coy.  
N F D ..... B Coy.  
(b) Orderly Officer..... From D Coy.  
N F D ..... From B Coy.  
(c) Bn Guard..... From D Coy.  
(d) Runners. .... 2 ORs from Duty Coy

336. Proficiency Pay (GRO 660/43 is repeated)

Preliminary. 1. The approval has been given for the payment of Proficiency Pay of sixpence a day to every male member of the AMF who holds either the appointment of lance Corporal or lance bombardier, or the rank of private or its equivalent and who is not in receipt of pay prescribed for a qualified parachutist or a tradesman or specialist, subject to the conditions set out hereunder.

Interpretation. 2. For the purposes of this Order the following interpretations shall apply:-

"Six Months' Service." Only continuous full time war service will be taken into account when calculating the period of six months' service. Periods of leave with pay will be accepted as service. Periods of leave without pay will not contribute towards the requisite period, but service rendered prior to such leave will not thereby be cancelled but will be accepted as part of the period of six months.

"Good Conduct." A Soldier's conduct will be deemed good unless he commits a 'breach of good conduct' as interpreted hereunder.

"Breach of good conduct", will occur - (a) when an award has been made by a military authority imposing upon the soldier a penalty higher in the scale set out in AMF&O 414 (b) than confinement to barracks for seven days providing that no fine of less than £1 shall be deemed to be a breach of good conduct.

Intitlement. 3. Proficiency pay will be paid as on and from 1st Jul 43 to a soldier who - (a) at that date had completed at least six months' service,

(b) for six months immediately prior to that date had been of good conduct, and

(c) on the first occasion subsequent to that date on which he is examined, passes the prescribed examination.

4. A soldier who complies with sub para (a) and (b) of para 3 of this order but who fails to pass the prescribed examination on the first occasion will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes such examination, provided he has been of good conduct for the period of six months immediately prior to passing that examination.

5. A Soldier who completes six months' service on a date subsequent to 1st Jul 43, will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination provided that had been of good conduct during the period of six months immediately prior to the date of such examination. A soldier who passes the prescribed examination before he has completed six months' service will be entitled to proficiency pay on completion of six months' service with good conduct.

6. A soldier who is debarred from qualifying for proficiency pay by reason of a breach of good conduct will, providing he has passed the prescribed examination, become entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day following the date upon which he completes six months' service with good conduct. If such a soldier had not previously passed the prescribed examination, he will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination provided he has been of good conduct for the period of six months immediately prior to passing the examination.



Forfeiture of Proficiency Pay. 7. If a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct, he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction of the award against him.

8. Subject to para 9 of this order, a soldier who has forfeited his proficiency pay by reason of a breach of good conduct will, on completion of six months' service with good conduct, be again entitled to proficiency pay without the necessity for further examination. Any period spent in detention civil gaol or undergoing field punishment, as a result of circumstances constituting a breach of good conduct, will not be taken into account when calculating the required period of six months, which period will commence from the date on which the sentence was completed or any unexpired portion was remitted or suspended.

9. Proficiency pay may, at any time be withdrawn by the CO if he considers that there has been a falling off in the efficiency of a soldier and such soldier will be required to again qualify by examination before proficiency pay can be restored.

Casualties. 13. A Soldier will not forfeit his proficiency pay by reason only of his,

- (a) Admission to hospital
- (b) Becoming a prisoner of war.
- (c) being posted as missing.
- (d) Medical reclassification.
- (e) transfer to another unit (except

Pay Book entries. 15. No entry will be made in the soldiers' pay book entitling him to proficiency pay until receipt by the Unit of the relevant routine orders, Part II, showing his classification as proficient which will be quoted as the authority.

16. In cases where a soldier ceases to be entitled to proficiency pay through a breach of good conduct or inefficiency the necessary entry showing the reduction in rate of pay will be made in the pay book by the CO on the authority of the Casualty return and the reference to the routine order, Part II, will be inserted upon receipt of such order.

Lance Corporals and Lance Bombardiers. 17. Proficiency pay provided by this order is in addition to the increased rate of pay notified in GRO F 659/1943.

Prescribed examination. 18. Details of the prescribed examination were published in this Unit R Os for 6 Dec 43. - No 334.

NOTE.

Attention is drawn to the fact that in terms of GRO 660/43 a summary award entailing a higher punishment than

- (a) 7 Days C B
- (b) A censure.
- (c) Fines of less than £1.
- (d) Extra guards and pickets

in the case of a soldier drawing proficiency pay, there will be an automatic forfeiture of such pay for the ensuing 6 months from the date of the award.

.....  
*Robertson*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Lt Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



W.D.  
Rec

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8 Dec 43

337. Bn Duties: To mount at Retreat 8 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy                      B Coy  
      N.F.D.                        A Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer              From Duty Coy  
      N.F.D.                        From N.F.D. Coy
- (c) Bn Guard                      From Duty Coy
- (d) Runners                        2 ORs from Duty Coy

338. GREEN ENVELOPES

1. The practice of enclosing ~~unfranked~~ unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (other than in a Green Envelope) will cease forthwith.
2. Even when Green Envelopes are ~~in~~ in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid unit censorship.
3. All such letters detected in future will be forwarded to unit concerned.

339. DRESS

1. It has become apparent that proper attention is not being paid to the matter of dress and the correct way in which the uniform should be worn.  
     The main points noted have been as follows:
  - (a) Men not wearing shirts although not engaged on strenuous work.
  - (b) Shirts being worn outside trousers.
  - (c) Shorts being worn with socks or no hose of any sort.
  - (d) Dirty sandshoes instead of boots.
  - (e) Dirty boots. In many cases it is obvious that polish has not been applied for long periods.
  - (f) Hats made to look disreputable, worn at any angle on the head, and in a number of cases made to resemble civilian hats commonly known as "pork-pie"
2. These are only some of the irregularities which have been noticed, and the G.O.C. in C. directs that action is to be taken forthwith by all officers, WOs & NCOs and members of the Provost Const Corps to check all irregularities in dress. Strict disciplinary action will be taken where necessary to ensure that all members are correctly and tidily dressed at all times.
3. Coy Sergeants will be held personally responsible that members of their Coys are correctly dressed at all times.

340. RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH HOSPITAL LINES - 2/1 AGH - 2/5 AGH

1. The volume of traffic at 2/1 AGH and 2/5 AGH at present causes very considerable inconvenience to patients and staff.
2. A member of the AMF will not be present at any cinema or other entertainment at 2/1 AGH unless he is:
  - (a) A member of the staff of or attached to the hospital concerned.
  - (b) A patient in such hospital, or
  - (c) An invited guest of a member of the staff of that hospital.
3. A CO will not approve of the use of MT to proceed to 2/1 AGH or 2/5 AGH unless he is satisfied that such use will not lead to a contravention of this order.



*M.R. Williams* Capt  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES:1. £1000 FOR WRITERS - A.B.C.'s COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS

- (a) The A B C announces a writers' competition, with prizes totalling £1000 for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The competition calls for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems and discussions.
- (b) Nationals of all English speaking countries are eligible to compete. The following prizes will be awarded:-

<u>Novel</u>		<u>Documentary Feature</u>		<u>Poem</u>	
1st Prize	£150	1st Prize	£60	1st Prize	£25
2nd "	£75	2nd "	£40	2nd "	£10
<u>Play</u>		<u>Short Story</u>		<u>Discussion</u>	
1st Prize	£100	1st Prize	£50	1st Prize	£40
2nd "	£70	2nd "	£30	2nd "	£25
3rd "	£40				

- (c) Special Bonuses: In addition to the above prizes, the commission will award special bonuses. There will be a bonus of £100 for the work (in any section) that is considered to be the outstanding contribution to broadcasting. To encourage new writers in radio there will be a bonus for the best work purchased in each section (not a prize-winning entry) by a writer who has had none of his work either published or broadcast. The bonuses are as follows:-

Novel: £60    Play: £40    Documentary Feature: £35  
Short Story: £20    Poem: £10    Discussion: £20

- (d) Entries for the novel will close on 30 Sep 43 1944. Entries for the other sections close on 30 Jun 1944. Entry forms with full conditions of the competition may be obtained from the A.B.C., Box 487, G.P.O., Sydney.

2. SPORTS MEETING

Personnel who desire to enter for Port Moresby Sports, to be held at Ela Beach on New Year's Day, will submit their nominations to the Sports Officer, Lieut J.A. Martin by 1200 hrs 23 Dec 43.

EVENTS: Best turned-out squad of twenty men (all ranks). Relay races. 100, 220, 440 & 880 yds' championships. High & broad jumps. 220 yds Hurdles. Pole vaulting. Obstacle races. Wood chops. Tug-of-War. Mule walk. Best clown of the day.

3. BOXING:

Bde Boxing Tournament will commence on Wednesday 15 Dec 43 instead of Saturday 18 Dec 43 as previously advised. Nominations will close on Saturday 11 Dec 43 and all competitors are required to weigh-in at Bde Amenities Office on Tuesday 14 Dec 43 at 1900 hrs.

4. XMAS HAMPERS:

The ACF will be distributing Xmas Hampers to all Australian troops in NG. These hampers are all donated and in each one will be a card on which the name and address of the donor will be written. It would be appreciated if all personnel would acknowledge to the donor receipt of their hamper.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C. J. CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

341

2/9 AUST INF BN

9 Dec 43

341 BN DUTIES

To Mount at Retreat 9 Dec 43

- (a) Duty Coy                    A Coy  
      N F D                        C Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer From Duty Coy  
      N F D                        From N F D Coy
- (c) Runners                    2 ORs from Duty Coy
- (d) Bn Guard                    From Duty Coy

*Pat Murray*  
 .....  
 ..... Capt  
 Asst/Adjnt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

N O T I C E S

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FOOTBALL The following team has been selected to represent this  
 (Aust Bn against 2/10 Bn on Friday 10 Dec. Players will  
 Rules) report at Bn HQ at 1500 hrs.

- |                 |                |            |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| Capt Copland    | Pte Partington |            |
| Pte Butterworth | Pte Forrest    |            |
| Pte Staley      | Pte Walsh      |            |
| Pte Shepherd    | Pte Elliott    |            |
| Pte Heath       | Pte Beaton     |            |
| Pte Dunn        | Pte Church     |            |
| Pte Cerr        | Pte Webb       |            |
| Pte Johnston    | Capt Phillips  | } RESERVES |
| Pte Rhode       | Pte Evely      |            |
| Pte Ross        | Sgt Telford    |            |
| Sgt Berry       | Pte Anderson   |            |

It is advised that a CHOIR PRACTICE will be held at  
 Bn Education Hut at 1930 hrs tonight. All members of  
 Bn Choir are requested to attend.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

*W.D.  
Spec*

Nos 342-343

2/9 AUST INF BN

10 Dec 43

342 BN DUTIES

To Mount at Retreat 10 Dec 43  
(a) Duty Coy C Coy  
N F D HQ Coy  
(b) Orderly Officer From Duty Coy  
N F D From NFD Coy  
(c) Bn Guard From Duty Coy  
(d) Runners 2 ORs from Duty Coy

343 GAMBLING IN BDE AREA.

There has been a notable increase in the two-up game particularly in the vicinity of the Bde Cinema A rea during the showing of pictures.

All personnel are warned that this is an offence under AMR&O para 322 and, in future, disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel participating either directly or indirectly.

*A.H. Hill*  
-----Capt  
Asst/ Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

C-R-I-C-K-E-T

The following players will represent 2/9 Bn V 2/2 Pioneer Bn. Match will commence at 1015 hrs 11 Dec 43.

Players will assemble at Bn Hq at 0945 hrs 11 Dec.

Pte Moss	(Capt) A Coy
L/Cpl Robbins	B Coy
Sgt Hyde	HQ Coy
L/Cpl Dunne	C Coy
Lt Col Cummings	Bn Hq
Capt Wills	Bn Hq
Pte Elliot	D Coy
Cpl Lalchere	Bn Hq
Pte Chay	A Coy
Pte Schultz S	C Coy
Pte Shattee	Hq Coy
Pte McAuliffe	12th Man HQ Coy

CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Mass will be celebrated in the 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Rec Hut at 0815 hrs 12 Dec 43.

Confessions will be heard from 1600 hrs 11 Dec 43 in the Chaplains Tent.

O. D. Parade: 0815 hrs 12 Dec 43. Markers report to R.S.M. 0800 hrs. Coys March on at 0805 hrs.  
Holy Communion: in 2/9 Bn Salvation Army Hut at 1000hrs.

Evensong- In St Philips Chapel 2 /12 lines at 1915 hrs.

Holy Hour Saturday 11 Dec at 1915 hrs in St Philips Chapel for preparation of Communion and re-union of those confirmed during the last 12 months.



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AUSTRALIA IN IMPERIAL FORCE

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL CJ CURTIS OBE

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COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN

11 Dec 43

344 BN DUTIES

- To Mount at Retreat 11 Dec 43
- (a) Duty Coy.....HQ Coy  
H.F.D.....D Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer....From Duty Coy  
H.F.D.....From NFD Coy
- (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy
- (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty Coy

*C. Smith*  
 -----Capt  
~~Adj~~/Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

COURT MARCHIA L - PUBLICATION OF RESULT OF TRIAL

NATURE OF COURT.....Field General Court Martial.  
PLACE OF TRIAL.....HQ Milne Force  
MEMBER TRIED.....QX15278 Pte HOSKING L.  
CHARGE.....Absenting himself without leave  
 in that he absented himself from  
 his unit without leave from 1330  
 hrs 3 May '42 until 1445 hrs on  
 29 Jun '42 (Army Act Sec 15(1)).  
FINDING.....GUILTY  
SENTENCE.....To suffer Field Punishment for a  
 period of ninety (90) days, and to  
 forfeit all ordinary pay during  
 such period.  
DATE OF SENTENCE.....20 Nov 1942.  
DATE OF CONFIRMATION.....By Brig G.S. Wooten Adm Comd Milne Force  
 27 Nov 1942.  
DATE AND PLACE OF PROMULGATION:-  
 Comd 11 Div has directed that the charge Sentence and  
 Confirmation be published in 2/9 Bn R.Orders.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

30 43  
..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 2/9 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/43 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			2	Majors					
		1	10	Captains	AAMC	1			
		2	21	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	1	3	34			1			

DETAIL.	A CLASS.	I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	A.C. CLASS.	TOTAL.
A.	35									A.C. CLASS	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.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
45406	LIEUT	WEBER JB	2/5 AGH	4/12/43	P.U.D

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS

### PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 194 .....

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



2/9 AUST. INF. BN Unit

30/43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (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.
LT. COL	DX6011	CUMMINGS.	CJ	CO	YES.		
T/MAJOR	DX6064	FLEMING	EW	ARIC	"		
"	DX6030	LOXTON	FEC	COYCOMD	"		
CAPT	DX6016	DAUNT.	WWD	"	"		
"	DX3615	BARNES	E	"	"		
"	DX4398	MARSHALL	A	"	"		
T/CAPT	DX2164	SUTHERS.	GO	ADJT	"		
"	DX1257	TAYLOR	R	COYCOMD	"		
"	DX2638	ISAACS	WRE	COY2IC	"		
"	DX1148	PARBURY	CB		NO	DET. 18 AUST. INF. BDE	
"	DX1188	SCOTT.	DCT	COY2IC	YES.		
"	DX4652	WILLS.	KR	ASSADJT	"		
"	DX2571	MCDONALD	DJ	COY2IC	"		
LIEUT.	DX34589	WHITE	EK	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX10317	MCMANUS.	JA	"	"		
"	NX21135	CAMERON	KD	"	"		
"	NX13882	BAKER	FA	TA	"		
"	DX2163	MCINTOSH	WF	PLCOMD	NO	DET. 18 AUST. INF. BDE	
"	DX36096	POTTER	HC	PLCOMD	YES		
"	DX34545	ANGOVE	AV	"	"		
"	DX34577	ROGERS	EE	"	"		
"	DX3050	THOMAS.	VF	"	"		
"	DX1445	LINDSAY	FJ	QM	"		
"	DX8996	HARTLEY	AM	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX37608	MCLACHLAN	DC	"	"		
"	DX16121	DANIEL	AT	"	"		
"	DX18224	HART.	J	"	"		
"	NX102513	STEPHENSON	EV	COY2IC	"		
"	NX40320	HAYES	RE.	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX266	POWER	DD	"	"		
"	DX10985	MCCREADY	SP	I.D	NO	DET. INSTR. 18 AUST. INF. BDE ISCH.	
"	DX3641	DAVIES	J	PLCOMD	YES		
"	DX2968	MARTIN	JA	"	"		
"	DX3610	DONNELLY	VJ	"	"		

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.
		ATTACHED AS PER WE.			
CAPT.	VX104251	COPLAND	CR AAMC.	24/12/43	RMD.
		OTHER ATTACHED			
CHAPLAIN	DX8944	PHILLIPS	EBACH	6.1.43	RC PADRE
	B2/365	PEARSON	HSALARMY		WELFARE OFFICER

11 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

LT. COL

COMD 2/9 AUST. INF. BN







2/9 AUST INF BN Unit

Army Form W.3009  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
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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 11/12/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.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				Rangefinders	4	2	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors	1	1	
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	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		2		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator		1									
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		1		Battery Surveyors				GEN DUTIES 698 705			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	4					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	8					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7		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.	34	22	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		18					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		4		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	2					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	13	21		CARRIED FORWARD	35	56		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	522	*

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.V.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.

11 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—411—8/43—312m. COMD 2/9 AUST INF. BN



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LIEUT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 3456346

2/9 A UST INF BN

12 Dec 43

345. Bn Duties.

- To Mount at Retreat 12 Dec 43:
- (a) Duty Coy..... D Coy.  
N F D ..... B Coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer ..... From D Coy.  
N F D ..... From B Coy.
  - (c) Bn Guard..... From D Coy.
  - (d) Runners..... From Duty Coy.

346. Court of Inquiry.

A court of Inquiry consisting of the under-mentioned Officers will assemble at a time and place to be arranged by the President on the 13 Aug 43 for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the illegal absence of the undermentioned Soldiers:-

NX 116929 PTE BATES R G S  
 NX 48908 PTE TOLL R M

QX34537 LIEUT E ROGERS President.  
 QX36096 LIEUT H C POTTER Member.

Evidence will be taken on Oath .

..... Capt.  
 A sst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



PROBLEM 5. Give Pl Comds Orders for continuation of advance.

Points for DS Change leading Sec - Casualties , other information back to  
Coy- shortest possible time for consolidation and resuming  
advance- Formations.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL CJ CUTTINGS OBE

NO 347

COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN

13 Dec 43

347 BN DUTIES To Mount at Retreat 13 Dec 43

- (a) Duty Coy..... B Coy  
N F D..... A Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer..... B Coy  
N F D..... From N F D Coy
- (c) Bn Guard..... From Duty Coy
- (d) Runners ..... 2 ORs from Duty Coy

*A. M. Martin*  
Asst/Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

BOXING:- Competitors for the Bde Boxing Tournament will weigh in at 1900 hrs Tuesday 14 Dec at Bde HQ. Competitions commence at 1900 hrs 15 Dec (Wednesday) at Bde Stadium.

PRIZES

FIRST.....£10  
SECOND.....£ 5  
Each LOS ER £1  
and  
BEST LOSER EACH NIGHT £5

Troops are warned that there will probably be ladies present and are asked to control their advice to contestants accordingly.

CHORAL & DRAMA TIC CONTEST will be conducted on 26/27 Dec.

CHORAL: Choir to consist of conductor and 20 voices - Music-own choice.

DRAMA TIC: One Act Play presented by cast of 5 or 6 and producer - Plays will be supplied by Bde HQ to units today for selection.

PRIZES

£1 per member of choir or play.

(POINTS for contest to count in Brigade Competition.0)







SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 13 DEC - 18 DEC 43

REF MAP MORESBY 1/63360

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Coy: Perio & : Monday : Tuesday : Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday.  
: Location

B : 0830	: Coy Pde	: 0830 Coy	: Tank	: Tank	: 0830 Coy	: Proficiency
:	:	: Pde	:	:	: Pde.	:
: A M	: 0900	: Coy on	: Exercise	: Exercise	: Section	: Tests.
:	: Rifle	: Duties	:	:	:	: Individual
:	:	: Remainder	:	:	: Stalks	:
:	: Range	: Weapon &	:	:	:	:
:	:	: Bayonet	:	:	:	:
:	:	: Trg. Map	:	:	:	:
:	:	: Reading	:	:	:	:
:	:	: C O D	:	:	:	:

Location: Bn Lines: ~~Sqrs~~ : Bn Lines. : Area <sup>BOM</sup> : Unit Lines.  
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: Rifle	: Rifler	: As for	: Tank	: Discuss-	: Organised	: Proficiency
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1730hrs: : 1730 hrs :  
: patrol moves :  
: out to Tank :  
: exercise :  
: Area. :

Location: Bn Lines: Bn Lines : Squares : Bn Lines. : Bn Lines.: Bn Lines.  
: : : : 0133, 0233 :

*W. J. ...*  
..... Lt Col  
Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 13 DEC -19 DEC 43

Ref Map MOREBY 1/53360

2/9 A u s t I n f B n

Coy:	Period & Location:	Monday : 13Dec	Tuesday : 14Dec	Wednesday : 15 Dec	Thursday : 16 Dec	Friday : 17 Dec	Saturday : 18 Dec	Sunday : 19 Dec
C	Exercise	Exercise	Exercise	R	Duty Coy	TOET	Close	Church
		Co-oper-	Co-oper-		Weapon Trg	Bren	Order	
		ation	ation	A	Bren-	Talk	Drill	
	A M	with Tanks	with Tanks		Bayonet	Blister	March to	Parade
				N	Trg	Gases	AUSTINS	
					Lecture	Personal	CROSS-	
			Return	G	Map Read-	Decontam	INC	Adminis
					ing	ination	J D	
			to	E		of	Indicat-	tration
						Weapons	ion and	
			Camp			and	recognite	
						Equip-	ion of	
						ment	targets	
	Location	Sq 0233	Sq 0233		Camp	Camp	S 9735	Camp
					Area	Area		Area.
	P M	Exercise	Cleaning	R	Duty Coy	C O D	section	Washing
		Co-oper:	of weapons			Lecture:	and	
		ation	Introducte	A	ORGAN-	Map	Individ	of
		with	ion and			Reading:	ual	
		tanks	short	N	ISED	Grenade:	Stalks	Clothing
			talk on			Throw-	section	
			War gases:	G	SPORTS	ing	format	
			and their:			Bayonet:	ions and:	
			effect	E		Trg	Field	
							Sigs.Fire	
							Discipline	
							Trg.	
							March	
							Home	
	Ex GRAX	Sq 0233	GRAX Camp	Camp	Camp Area	Camp	Sq 9735	Camp
	Location:	Area	Area.			Area		Area.

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 .....Lt C-1  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 13 DEC 43 @ 18 DEC 43

REF MAP MORESEY 1/63360

2/9 AUST INF BN

Coy	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	: Location :	:	:	:	:	:	:
D	: A M	: Duty Coy:	Tank	: Tank	: Pl movement	Duty Coy:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mortar Shoot
	:	:	: Exercise:	: Exercise	: Through	:	: Competitive
	:	:	:	:	: jungle	:	: See stalks
	: Location :	Unit Lines 010338	: 010338	: Sq 9334	: Unit Lines	Zero Range &	972362
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: P M	: Duty Coy:	Tank	: Coy working	Platoon	: Duty Coy:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mortar
	:	:	: Exercise:	: Parties &	: movement	:	: Shoot.
	:	:	:	: Sport	: through	:	: Competitive
	:	:	:	:	: Jungle	:	: See Stalks.
	: Location :	Unit Lines 010338	: Unit Lines	: Mt Walker	: Unit Line:	Zero Range	and 972362.
	:	:	:	: Sq 9334	:	:	:

*W.S. Jr*  
 ..... Lt Col  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 13 DEC 18 DEC 43

2/9 AUST INF BN

Coy: Period & Monday : Tuesday : Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday /  
 & Pl: Location:

HQ	: AM	:	ENEMY FOR TANK EXERCISE	:	Maintenance.
M	:	:		:	Kit Inspection
M	:	:		:	
G	:	:		:	
	: PM	:	ENEMY FOR TANK EXERCISE	:	Organised Sports
& M	:	:		:	
O	:	:		:	
R	:	:		:	
T	:	:		:	
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R	:	:		:	
P	:	:		:	
L	:	:		:	
	: Location:	Ref	020335.	Ref	020335
					: Unit Lines

*Lt Col*  
 ..... Lt Col  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn




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2/9 Aust INF BN

Coy: Period &: Monday : Tuesday : Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday .  
&pl: Location:

HQ	: A M	:	: Pl Drill:		:	: Bridge		:	: Rifle		:	: Coy Drill	
			General	and		Duties	Building		Exercise	Kit		Inspect	
P	:	:	General	:	:	:	:	:	and	:	:	ion	:
I	:	:	Pionnet	:	Duties	:	:	:	:	General	:	:	:
O	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	Duties	:	:	:
N	: Location:		Unit	Lines	:	Unit	Lines	:	:	:	:	:	:
E	:	:	DUTIES :		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
E	: P M	:	Building	:	Organised	:	Bridge	:	General	:	Edm	Parade.	:
R	:	:	and	:	Sports	:	Building	:	Pioneer	:	:	:	:
	:	:	Building making	:	:	:	:	:	Duties	:	:	:	:
P	:	:	Targets	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
L	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
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 .....Lt Col  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn











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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER

COMMANDING

No. 348.

2/9 AUSTRALIAN INF BN 14 DEC 43

348. BN DUTIES

- To Mount at Retreat 14 Dec 43.
- (a) Duty Coy.....A Coy:  
N F D .....C Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer.....From A Coy:  
N F D .....From C Coy:
- (c) Bn Guard.....From A Coy.
- (d) Runners .....From Duty Coy.

.....Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

COURT MARTIAL - PUBLICATION OF RESULT OF TRIAL

Nature of Court.

District Court Martial.

Place of Trial.

New Guinea Force.

Member Tried.

OX1194 PTE NORRIS M E

Charge

When on Active Service Using Insubordinate Language to his Superior Officer, In that he IN THE FIELD on 14 Oct 43 when ordered by Capt A Marshall of 2/9 Australian Infantry Battalion to go on Defaulters Parade said "I Refuse. I Absolutely refuse", or words to that effect. (A.A. Sec 8 (2))

Finding

Guilty.

Sentence.

To undergo Detention for Twenty eight days and to be fined the sum of Five Pounds (£5)

Date of Sentence .

29 Nov 43

Date of Confirmation.

29 Nov 43.

Date and Place of Promulgation; Owing to the Illegal absence of the abovenamed soldier the Convening Officer of the Court has directed that the charge, finding sentence and confirmation be published in 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders and notified to Queensland L of C Area Records Office.



HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.  
15 Dec '43.

18 AUST INF BDE GP

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

INSTRUCTION NO. 3

1. DRAW

The following is the draw for the elimination bouts in the above championships, with probable order of fights for Wed 15 Dec 43 shown in right hand column.

(1) BANTAMWEIGHT

Madden 118 lbs 2/9 Bn v Poulter 114 lbs 2/10 Bn 1

Hart 114 lbs 2/9 Bn v Wagner 115 lbs 2/5 Fd Amb 11

(2) JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT

Fitzgerald 120 lbs 2/12 Bn v Castle 120 lbs 2/9 Bn x

(3) FEATHERWEIGHT

McLoughlin 123½ lbs 2/10 Bn v Gaston 126 lbs 2/12 Bn 2

Harvey 124½ lbs 2/10 Bn v Lambert F. 125 lbs 2/10 Bn 13

(4) JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

Oakes 129 lbs 2/12 Bn v Mien 128 lbs 2/12 Bn x

(5) LIGHTWEIGHT

Rowley 132 lbs 2/10 Bn v Storey 132 lbs 2/12 Bn x

(6) JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Archer 137 lbs 2/12 Bn v McPaul 139 lbs 2/10 Bn 4

Alexander 137 lbs 2/12 Bn v McAlister lbs 2/10 Bn ?

(7) WELTERWEIGHT

Swain 147 lbs 2/9 Bn v Forbes 147 lbs 2/5 Fd Amb 6

King 141 lbs 2/9 Bn v Rutherford 141 lbs 2/10 Bn 10

McDonald 146 lbs 2/9 Bn v Robinson 146 lbs 2/12 Bn 12

(8) JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

Hughes 154 lbs 2/4 Fd Regt v Clarkson 149½ lbs 2/10 Bn 5

Gallagher 149 lbs 2/9 Bn v Lambert A. 149 lbs 2/10 Bn 9

McPherson 155 lbs 2/10 Bn bye.

(9) MIDDLEWEIGHT

Jones 157 lbs 2/10 Bn v Thomas 156½ lbs 2/10 Bn 3

Kite 165 lbs 2/10 Bn v Baggley 159 lbs 2/10 Bn 7



(2).

(10) LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Beckett 167 lbs 2/5 Fd. Amb v Hyde 168 lbs 2/12 Bn x  
Gardiner 172 lbs 2/10 Bn v Dunn 168 lbs 2/9 Bn x

(11) HEAVYWEIGHT

Corry 180 lbs 2/5 Fd. Amb v Pooley 193½ lbs 2/10 Bn 8  
Willman 191 lbs 2/9 Bn bye

NOTE:

Bouts marked x will be fought on Wed 22 Dec '43.

*W. A. ...*  
Major  
President 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Boxing Championships



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUTTINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/9 AUST INF BN 15 DEC 43.

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349. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 15 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy..... C Coy.
- N F D ..... HQ Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer..... From C Coy.
- N F D ..... From HQ Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard..... Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners..... 2 ORs from Duty Coy.

350. Applications for Discharge, in accordance with GRO A736/43.

This is not an authority for the automatic discharge of personnel, who by reason of age and length of service come within the categories referred to therein. It is an order which governs the conditions under which the discharge may be authorised of personnel who are nominated by Manpower Directorate for return to industry to specified employment with a named employer. Personnel submitting application under the abovementioned GRO must show the following particulars:-

1. Nature of employment.
2. Name and address of employer.
3. Any Special qualification or experience possessed by applicant.

351. Raffling of Articles in the Bde Area=(18 Bde memo 18 Dec is reptd.)

1. Raffling of any articles within the Bde Area and areas of Units under command is strictly prohibited.
2. Personnel of Units of this Bde are also warned against participating in raffles at Cinemas in the Moresby Area particularly at John's Gully.

.....  
 ..... Capt.  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

Notices.

The following Official Xmas Cards have been forwarded.

- Lt Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED.
- Major General G S Wootten. C B, DSO, ED.
- Brigadier J E G Martin. DSO, OBE, ED.
- Lt Col R N Berry. MC.
- Lt Col W N Parry-Okeden.



*War Diary*

"BLOODY BUT UNBOWED" NO 1

(The first of a series of broadcasts by Officers and Men of a  
Famous A.I.F. BRIGADE)  
By DUDLEY LEGGETT

All honour to Australia's fighting men.

Nothing you and I can say - nothing you and I can do, will ever be sufficient homage or regard.

Before I came here to New Guinea I thought I had a pretty good idea what War was like. I had heard innumerable tales of Australian endurance and heroism, but it wasn't until I came here and saw our fellows fighting their way over the cruel ridges of the Owen Stanley Mountains - against a hidden, merciless enemy - and again saw them fighting sickness and death among the maze of Japanese defences in the swamps and jungle at Buna and Sanananda - it was not until then that I really understood what these men were going through. It was truly incredible that flesh and blood could rise to such sublime heights of determination, bravery and unselfishness. The worse conditions became the bloodier the fight, the more exhausted these men were - these men of Australia fought back more grimly and gloriously. With their mates maimed and dying beside them they refused to give up.

While they had breath left or strength enough to use their weapons, nothing mattered but the job they had to do. These Australians are fighting men. The men who stand between you and the Japanese.

You can never repay these men for the hell they've been through and for the courage and unselfishness with which they endured it. You can never repay the men who have been maimed for life, fighting for you. You can never repay the families of the men who died with such magnificent spirit in the bloodiness and awfulness of this war in these mountains and swamps and jungles.

This broadcast is the first of a series in which men of an A.I.F. Brigade will pay tribute to some of their coppers.

One cannot hope to do justice to every man, for in the confusion of fighting in the jungle and swamp, the bravest deeds can pass unnoticed, for these men who see them may never return to bear witness to the fact. However, the record of this fine Brigade speaks for all the men who belong to it and I think this series of broadcasts will show you the sublime, undying spirit with which Australia's fighting men face death for their country.

This Brigade went into action at Buna on the 18th December. At the time the enemy was still holding his main line to the East of Buna, and it was here that the Australian attack was launched by one Battalion of the brigade. The C.O. of the battalion is a quiet, retiring Queensland, but his fearless leadership was an inspiration to his men in the fight that followed. He was wounded a few days later but by that time he had led his battalion through some of the fiercest fighting Australian troops have been in and I have prevailed upon him to tell you about it.

Gummings:

The attack on 18th December on the Cape Endaiadere portion of the Buna area was probably the toughest proposition of the whole show. The Jap had an excellent defensive position on a narrow front with the sea on one side and a very deep swamp on the other. It was covered with well sited and well camouflaged pillboxes, each of which could support the other with covering fire. They were very hard to pick up in the undergrowth which was from four to eight feet high. The cocconut trees gave excellent cover from the air and also had the effect of bursting a lot of our 25 pounder shells and lessening the effect on the pillboxes. As there was no room for manoeuvre, all the supporting weapons available were used for a ten minute barrage covering the advances of the tanks and infantry. These included 25 pounder, three inch mortars, American 81 mm mortars and medium M.G.s. The tanks preceded the troops and blew extra holes in the pillboxes through which the lads threw grenades then fired their Brens, Tommy Guns and Rifles. As there were only a few tanks, many pillboxes had to be dealt with by the men only. There were never less than six Japs in each post and most of them had twice as many and



up to twentyfive. The tanks had to contend with fallen logs and bomb holes and under these conditions did a very good job for us. As the Jap was told by the Emperor to "stay-put" it can be seen that we had a very difficult job as they refused to be taken prisoner and all had to be killed. The Artillery observation Officers with me were all eager to help and to get observation for their shoots had to take a good many more risks than they would in open warfare. It was the toughest fight of the Battalion's varied career and called for many acts of individual bravery, sheer determination from all men and resolute leadership by Officers and N.C.Os to carry it through. Older men who had been in France in war say it was equal, if not worse than anything they had to face.

D.L.

The Colonel has every right to be proud of his Officers and men and I want him to tell you about some of their individual deeds before I introduce other members of the battalion.

Cummings:

During the attack on the 18th December until he was wounded on the 20th Captain Robert Taylor QX 1257 was a tower of strength by reason of his exceptional leadership and great bravery.

At the beginning of the attack one of his platoons was held up by a pill box. The tanks had pushed on, the platoon commander was killed and they were in a tight corner when Captain Taylor rushed forward, jumped up on to the pillbox and began firing into it. How he reached the post without being shot I don't know. Anyway, this enabled the platoon to close in on the post and throw grenades through the opening. The Japs apparently decided that it was too hot inside so they tried to fight their way out. Captain Taylor bayoneted three and when his bayonet stuck he dropped his rifle and leaping at two more grabbed them by the throat - one in each hand. They were surprised by the quickness of his action and were despatched by his batman. We missed him very much when he was evacuated two days later.

The Regimental Medical Officer, Captain Alexander Hugh Mc Gregor, worked tirelessly and undoubtedly saved many lives, not only by the attention he gave the wounded in the R.A.P., but by going forward and attending to the wounded under fire when the shortage of Stretcher Bearers, owing to casualties, meant that men could not be brought in quickly to him at the R.A.P. His coolness under fire and his concern for wounded cannot be praised too highly.

Lance Corporal George Tyler did a very fine piece of work at Buna. His platoon came under intense fire from one of the enemy pill boxes, and was pinned down. Tyler attacked the pillbox - fired several rifle shots into it then tossed some grenades through the entrance. He was wounded - fortunately only in the arm - but he'd broken the resistance of the pillbox, and the platoon was able to advance.

Many casualties on the first day among Officers and N.C.Os placed a heavy burden on Captain A.M. Benson in command of B Coy. This was increased by the fact that many of the casualties were among his seasoned troops. As a result he was forced to take more than his share of personal risks in directing the company but in spite of the unusual strain imposed on him he stuck it out and proved himself a reliable and brave officer.

D.L.

Captain Roger Rowley Griffen was a fine soldier, when the battalion launched its offensive against the formidable Jap positions in the coconut grove at Cape Endaiaders on the morning of 18th December Captain Griffen's company went in on the right flank with its right wing on the beach. His personal courage and able leadership was responsible for wiping out many of the enemy's strongposts. By the end of the fourth day the battalion had suffered severe losses and Captain Griffen had lost all his platoon commanders and many of his N.C.Os. Thus it was that he led a platoon attack on the final Jap position on the Eastern side of Sinemi Creek. The platoon had tank support but the tanks with their limited vision were having difficulty in locating the



enemy's positions in the jungle. Now I'll ask Lieutenant Jesse to finish the story.

Jesse:

He was personally leading the attack and he rushed over to a tank to give it directions. He had to cross an open grass patch to reach the tank but that didn't stop him. Then he noticed some of the Japs starting to withdraw and he rushed ahead calling to the platoon to follow him. It was then he was shot but through his example the attack was successful. His inspiration He was an inspiration to his company.

D.L:

For coolness and cheerfulness under fire, initiative and devotion to duty Private Clyde William Coop will take some beating. Private Coop was C Company runner and was continually on the go day and night, carrying messages from platoon to platoon. He never faltered in his duty and his cheerfulness and indifference to the enemy's fire won the admiration of everybody.

Lieutenant James Jesse saw a lot of Coop during the fighting at Buna and Sanananda and he can tell you about him as an eye witness to Cops exploits.

Jesse:

He showed absolutely no fear. In fact he spent a lot of time up among the forward troops staging a little war of his own. He'd often go out in front and sing out to the Japs - "come on out or we'll annihilate you - we don't want your Geisha girls", and he'd get up on top of pill boxes and fire into them yelling - "One, two, three, put those in your Christmas pudding you blanks". He also had considerable success as a sniper. He'd say "I think I'll go and pay my respects to the Japs" and off he'd go. On one occasion he lined up seven Japs having their tucker and got the lot of them in one burst from his Bren gun, we credited him with about fifteen Japs from sniping.

Once Coop and another man took up positions in the scrub on the creek bank. There were two small openings in front of them and they could see the Japs moving along a patch on the other side of the Creek. When a Jap passed in front of one of these openings one would call out to the other "There's one coming - get ready", and when the Jap passed the second opening he was picked. Part of his job was to take men up at night to relieve the forward posts. Before he'd take them out to their holes he'd say "Do you feel lucky?" After he'd guided them out to their holes he would run back and jump behind cover just as the Japs opened up. Then he'd repeat the performance at the next position. He was the same at Sanananda. He showed outstanding courage on one occasion in particular - an Officer and another chap were lying wounded about 30 yards from an enemy machine gun. He went out with Corporal Lloyd Logan and although they were under heavy fire they carried one of the wounded men back and then went out and brought the other in.

D.L:

Corporal Lloyd Logan was a newcomer to this A.I.F. Battalion but no one would have thought it. He came out of the toughest test our troops have had with flying colours and Lieutenant Wills will bear witness to that.

Wills:

When his section leader became a casualty at Buna he took over the S section. He did an exceptionally good job and later on at Sanananda he became platoon sergeant. His work throughout reached a very high standard. On one particular occasion at Sanananda the platoon commander and one of the men got knocked between 20 and 30 yards from an enemy machine gun on an absolutely open piece of ground. Logan went out with three men but as they went across the open ground two of the men were hit so Logan and Private Coop helped these two men back. Then Logan and Coop grabbed a ground sheet and went over the same ground, put the officer on the ground sheet and carried him in. They then went back and got the other man in the same way. It was really a first class piece of work.

D.L:

The report on Corporal Leslie Roy Thorne after the Buna and Sanananda actions was that he displayed leadership of the highest order. And of course a good leader must have courage above the ordinary.



Well Corporal Franks was in Thorne's section and he knows the type of fellow his section leader was if anyone does.

Franks: He was good alright - he led us out to attack pillboxes a number of times and he'd get ~~up~~ right up close, firing his Tommy Gun and throwing grenades inside. A good many of the boys were reinforcements too, but he kept them together which wasn't easy - because you could easily get split up in the undergrowth and jungle under the Jap's fire.

The time he gave covering fire for Mr McIntosh and Private Eric Christensen while they were getting out the wounded men, he had to expose himself to the Japs' fire and he didn't come back until they'd got back to our lines.

D.L:

From the 18th to the 22nd when he was wounded Lieutenant W.F. Mac Intosh led his platoon fearlessly in the spearhead of his company. His company reported that Lieutenant Mac Intosh did a marvellous job of leadership and this is what A/Sgt Thorne, who was in his platoon, says about him.

THORNE:

From the start of the show he was forward as platoon commander but he was well forward all the time. He carried a Tommy Gun and did a lot of work that's not usually done by platoon Commanders. When we reached the last line of the Jap defences, just before we got to Sinemf Creek, we struck a particularly tough spot in a little clump of jungle. In the morning 16 platoon were out on a recon and they stumbled right on this Jap position before they really saw it. They were knocked about and had to withdraw hurriedly. When Lieutenant Mac Intosh saw this he rushed forward to the edge of the jungle calling on his Bren Gunners to give covering fire to 16 platoon.

After 16 had withdrawn I noticed Mr McIntosh was still up there, then he sang out to me to bring a man up to where he was. I asked for a volunteer and Private Christensen jumped up and volunteered. When he got up to Mr McIntosh he told me he wanted me to give him covering fire while he and Christensen went in and brought out a wounded man. He and Private Christensen crawled right into the jungle where the Jap position was. They had to cross a small open space immediately the Japs opened up. I didn't think there was any chance of them getting back but they reached the wounded man and dragged him back OK. Just after that Mr MacIntosh went out to have another look over the ground. He showed exceptional courage and I think he was a wonderful Officer.

D.L:

NX 12500 P to Eric Christensen put the seal on his courage when he immediately volunteered to help Lieutenant MacIntosh on this occasion. He was an reinforcement to this A.I.F. battalion, having his first taste of War and he proved himself a man among men. The Battalion records show that he displayed great courage at all times. Time and again he was foremost with his Bren Gun, cleaning out pillboxes.

D.L:

A/Corporal Thomas Arnold Clark is an outstanding example of the initiative and resource of Australian fighting men in times of emergency. Taking charge when his platoon Commander and sergeant became casualties he openly braved fire to direct tanks and frequently approached the enemy's pillboxes regardless of snipers to throw his grenades into their openings. His cheerful and fearless example sustained the fighting spirit of his comrades in one of the fiercest infantry actions of this war. This is what Sergeant Bignell says about him.

BIGNELL:

We lost our platoon commander in the first hour. Then the sergeant was wounded and Tom practically took charge of the Company. He didn't seem to show any fear at all. He'd hop onto a tank and tap on the tank and tell the tank commander what he wanted. Then he'd walk behind the tank while it had a go at the pillbox. He carried on with two slight wounds until he was wounded more seriously three days later.

D.L:

And in that way this A /Corporal was responsible, with the aid of



a tank and eleven men; for the destruction of twelve pill boxes in one day. At one stage, the C.O. tells me, he personally saw Clark rally several men who were under heavy fire and lead them forward.

D.L.:

Lieutenant Hart.- you can tell about Corporal Gordon Elliott I think?

Hart:

That's right. He was in my platoon all through the show. He did a particularly good job, especially on one occasion when during an attack we struck some very heavy fire, which held the company up. In one little area they sustained quite a few casualties and the stretcher bearers found it almost impossible to get the wounded men out. Gordon saw this and left his position behind cover, went right out into the open, knelt there for some time firing automatic with his Tommy Gun, so enabling the stretcher bearers to get the wounded men out. He found his ammunition was getting low and he switched the Tommy Gun back to repetition and he remained in that position entirely in the open, in very great danger until all the wounded men were got out by the stretcher bearers.

And it is such jobs as that he did right through the show.

D.L.:

I have never known finer men than these men and I really cannot find words adequate to describe their superb spirit. And you would say the same if you had seen them go into that hell-spot at Buna - if you had gone among them and spoken to them afterwards as I did and found them sweaty, filthy, exhausted, but still undaunted - still ready to face death at a moment's notice - you would say as I do - these men are superb. And you would wonder as I am wondering, how we can ever pay our debt to these men.

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BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER

COMMANDING

No. 352

2/9 AUST INF BN 16 DEC 43.

352. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 16 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy.....HQ Coy.  
N F D D Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer.....From HQ Coy.  
N F D From D Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty Coy.

*all arranged by hand*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Notices.

The following players have been selected to represent the 2/9 Bn in a cricket match against the 2/12 Bn at 1000 hrs on 18 Dec on 2/9 Bn Grounds.

Ete Moss. A Coy (Capt).  
 Capt Willis BHQ  
 Cpl Salisbury C Coy.  
 Pte Elliott. D Coy.  
 Pte Chay. A Coy.  
 L/Cpl Skelton. D Coy.

Lt Col C J Cummings BHQ  
 Sgt Hyde. HQ Coy.  
 Pte Dunne. C Coy.  
 L/Cpl Robbins. B Coy.  
 Pte Schultz C Coy.  
 Pte McAuliffe. HQ Coy. 1st Man.



2/9 AUST INF BN EXERCISE - ATTACK IN CO-OP WITH TANKS

13 DEC 43 - 17 DEC 43

MAPS PORT MORESBY 1" to 1 MILE AND ENLARGEMENT

- 1. OBJECT: To exercise Coy in co-op with tanks.
- 2. LESSONS: Recce by both Inf and Tanks Comds. Intercommunication between Inf and Tanks. Protection of Tanks in close country. Patrolling for infn.
- 3. NARRATIVE: The Jap Invasion force has now been driven back east of REGO RD in TWIN PEAKS-MERIGLEDA MISSION Area. 21 Aust Inf Bde have pushed down to and occupied TWIN PEAKS as far as 35 GRID LINE. 25 Aust Inf Bde advancing from the west have cut the REGO RD at 024346 but are held up by strong enemy opposition from RAILWAY HILL 025335 on the left and centre whilst their right flank has been pinned by a strongly defended posn in the COCONUTS 020335. The Bde has suffered severe casualties after weeks of hard fighting. 18 Aust Inf Bde have been in reserve for some days and are rested. Prior to a general push one coy of the 2/9 Aust Inf Bn with u/c A Sqn 8 Armd Regt is to clear the COCONUTS area with a view to an attack by the Bn on the southern end of RAILWAY HILL whilst the 2/12 Aust Inf Bn attack from the North East along REGO RD.

4. OPENING SITUATION Dispositions of 2/33 Bn are as follows:-  
 A Coy High Ground 019333; Remnants of B and C Coys Western edge of COCONUTS. D Coy RD JUNG 017338. Bn HQ 01335. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn is in area 010338. Tanks will RV in this area by 1200 hrs on D-day. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn have located some pill boxes (pointed out on ground) but Coy Comd has decided to patrol on D - 2 day to get further infn. U/c of Coy one Sqn Tank, 1 Det Mortars 1 Sec MDCs.

- 5. PROBLEM: Recce, Orders and Conduct of Attack.
  - 6. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - See Appx "A" Attached.
  - 7. ADM - Appx "B" Attached.
  - 8. DIRECTOR - Lt Col C J CUMMINGS
  - 9. A C K - On attached Slip.
- G. C. Luthers*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
 Time Signed 1200 Hrs.

Issued by Runner.

Distribution List

	Copy No.		Copy No.		Copy No.
A Coy.	1	B Coy	2	C Coy	3
D Coy	4	HQ Coy	5	2/8 Armd Regt.	6 & 7
Capt Taylor.	8	18 Aust Inf Bde	9	C O	10
Adj	11	Q M	12	R M O.	13
T O.	14	File.	15	War Diary.	16 & 17

Received Copy No.....  
 Tank Exercise Orders.....  
 Signed.....



Sequence of Events.

Time	Event	Probable Action.
D - 2 Days		
1700 hrs	Enemy occupy defensive position	Patrol at dusk and during night to pin point enemy positions. On approach of patrol to any bunker guns fire into safety pits.
1800 hrs	Own tps. recon patrol arrive Bn assembly area 010338	
D - 1 day		
0830 hrs	Coy Leaves Camp.	
1100 hrs	Coy arrives Bn Assembly area	
1200 hrs	Tanks arrive in Tank Assembly area.	
1100 to 1930 hrs	Coy Comd receives reports from patrols.	(a) Coy and Tks Comds carry out Recon. (b) Coy Comd issues orders and sub units study ground. (c) Tank crew gives talk on Characteristics of tanks Role. Officers & NCOs in particular making close study of - Methods of Intercom Methods of Indication of Targets.
D		
0800 hrs	Attack commences.	Probably using six tanks up and six in reserve.
	Half way through attack <sup>three</sup> <del>three</del> tanks are destroyed.	Either three tanks sent in as replacements or first wave halted or withdrawn to replenish and second wave passed through.
1000 hrs	Exercise completed.	

*G. J. H. Hill*  
 Capt.  
 Lt Col 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



ADM INSTRUCTIONS

1. The exercise will be carried out in the following order :-  
 C Coy Tues. 14 Dec. : B Coy Thurs 16 Dec.  
 D Coy Wed. 15 Dec. : A Coy Frid. 17 Dec.
2. MOVE OUT Coys will depart from Camp at 0830 hrs B - 1 Day.
3. PATROLS: In order to carry out recon, patrols will be sent out to Bn Assembly Area to arrive by 1800 hrs D - 2 Days.
4. DRESS. Battle Order issue still helmets - to incl one ran touts  
 Gaiter sheet and Mosquito Nets.
5. MEDICAL Normal with Coys. SAs to report to Coys at 0800 hrs.  
 Full Malarial precautions will be taken.
6. WATER Water truck will report to Assembly area daily at a time  
 to be arranged. Water sterilising tablets must be taken,  
 and used.
7. RATIONS Breakfast in camp. Carry Out Lunch.  
 Evening Meal } to be arranged by Coy Comd.  
 Breakfast
8. A.M.I 5 r's blank per rifle will <sup>be</sup> drawn from R S M  
 Trench Grenades will be carried.  
 M M G Sec U/c Coy Comd will carry 250 r's .303 Ball Am  
 per Gun per Day.  
 HQ Coy as Heavy will carry 250 r's per MG per day.  
 80 r's per Bren per day.  
 100 r's per Owen per day.
9. INTERCOM 536 B Sets if available. 2-108 Sets and one pile of  
 cable per Coy.  
 Sig personnel to report to Coys at 0800 hours.
10. REPERCUSSION  
OF FIRE: Own tps. - One MG sec will fire ball am into safety  
 pits to represent supporting fire.  
 Heavy. - from concealed positions will fire ball  
 Am into safety pits. This will be the main source of  
 indication of centres of enemy resistance as no picture  
 will be painted by umpires.  
 A tank with small tins of burning cotton waste will  
 signify tank is knocked out.
11. ARMY - Supplied by HQ Coy with weapons as arranged. They will  
 occupy defensive position by 1700 hrs Sunday 12 Dec 43  
 and remain in position until 17 Dec 43.
12. STORAGE Pioneer Pl will provide 4 cans with oiled cotton waste  
 on each day of exercise.
13. SAFETY  
PRECAUTIONS: Coy Comd will ensure that no ball am is carried on the  
 attackers excepting the MG Sec which will be firing  
 into safety pits. The defenders will cease fire  
 immediately foremost troops draw level with their  
 positions. Particular care will be exercised when  
 firing into safety pit at night time.
14. UMPIRES : (a) Mj Smith, 3 LOs and 1 Offr per Tank Tp.  
 (b) Umpires will RV at HQ 2/8 Armd Regt at 0900 hrs  
 Saturday 11 Dec 43.
15. TRANSPORT: 1- 3 tonner to report to HQ Coy 1500 hrs Sunday 12 Dec
16. RETURN TO  
CAMP : On conclusion of exercise Coys will carry on with Trg as  
 per Syllabus.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
 Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

*WPH  
Jec*

No. 353

2/9 AUST INF BN 17 Dec 43.

353. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 18 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy.....D Coy.  
N F D ..... B Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer.....From D Coy.  
N F D ..... From B Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners .....From Duty Coy.

*F. Baker (Lieut. Col.)*  
.....Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

Notices.

R C Mass will be celebrated in "OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL" Chapel at 0815 hrs 18 Dec 43.

Confessions will be heard from 1600 hrs 18 Dec in the above Chapel.

O D Parade. 0815 hours 18 Dec 43. Markers report to RSM 0800 hours. Coys march on at 0805.

Holy Communion. will be celebrated in 2/9 Bn Rec Hut at 1800 hrs  
Even-Song. in St Phillips Chapel 2/15th Lines at 1915 hrs.

Bn Muster Parade. Immediately following Church Parade Sunday 18 Dec 43.



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LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No. 354.

2/8 AUST INF

BN

18 Dec 43.

354.

En Duties. To Mount at Retreat 18 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy..... B Coy.  
N F D ..... A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer..... From Duty Coy.  
N F D ..... From A Coy.
- (c) En Guard..... From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners..... 2 ORs from Duty Coy.

*AM Hartley*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Asst Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL. C J CUMINGS OBE

OFFICER

COMMANDING

No 354.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

18 Dec 43.

354. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 18 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy. . . . . B Coy.  
N F D . . . . . A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer. . . . . From Duty Coy.  
N F D . . . . . From A Coy.
- (c) Hq Guard. . . . . From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners. . . . . 20 Rs from Duty Coy.

*C. M. W. Little* Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn







2/9 AUST INF BN Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)  
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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 18/12/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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				Eangetakers	4	2	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	24		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		2		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator		1									
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				<b>GROUP III</b>				<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator		1		Battery Surveyors				GEN DUTIES 698 683			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	4					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	8					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	7		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.	34	31	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		17					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		4		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers		1	2				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	13	21		CARRIED FORWARD	35	55		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	798	*

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.

18 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]* LT. COL  
Signature of Commander  
COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 2/9 AUST. INF. BN (Unit)

31/43 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	1		1 2 9 21	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC.	1			
	1	2	33			1			

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	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								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.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
011148	T/CAPT	PARBURY CB	18 AUST INF. BDE HQ.	30.9.43	SECONDED 50(L) AUTH AMF. APPTS Y PROM LIST NO6 HQ 7 AUST DIV. A 3528

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

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



2/9 AUST. INF. BN

Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 12 / 1943 (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.
LT. COL.	DX 6011	CUMMINGS	CJ.	CO	YES.		
T/MAJOR.	DX 6064	FLEMING	EW	A 21/C.	"		
"	DX 6030	LUXTON	FEC	COY COMD	"		
CAPT.	DX 6016	DAUNT.	WWD	"	"		
"	DX 3615	BARNES.	E.	"	"		
"	DX 4398	MARSHALL	A	"	"		
T/CAPT.	DX 2164	SUTHERS.	GD	ADJT	"		
"	DX 1257	TAYLOR	R	COY COMD	"		
"	DX 2638	ISAACS	WRE	COY 21/C	"		
"	DX 4158	SCOTT.	DCT	"	"		
"	DX 4652	WILLS	KR	ASS ADJT	"		
"	DX 2571	MCDONALD	DJ	COY 21/C	"		
LIEUT.	DX 34559	WHITE	EK	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX 10317	M'MANUS.	JA	"	"		
"	DX 21135	CAMERON	KD	"	"		
"	DX 13882	BAKER	FA	TU	"		
"	DX 2163	MCINTOSH	WF	PLCOMD	NO	DET. HQ. 18 AUST. INF. BDE	
"	DX 36096	POTTER	H.C	"	YES		
"	DX 34525	ANGOVE.	AV	"	"		
"	DX 34597	ROGERS.	EE	"	"		
"	DX 3050	THOMAS	VF.	"	"		
"	DX 1445	LINDSAY	FJ	UM	"		
"	DX 5996	HARTLEY.	AM.	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX 37608	MCLACHLAN	DC.	"	"		
"	DX 16121	DANIEL.	AJ	"	"		
"	DX 18224	HART	J	"	"		
"	DX 12519	STEPHENSON	EY	COY 1/C	"		
"	DX 40320	HAYES	RE	PLCOMD	"		
"	DX 366	POWER	DD	"	"		
"	DX 10985	MCCREADY.	SP	I U	NO	DET. INSTR. 18 AUST. INF. BDE I. SCHOOL.	
"	DX 3641	DAVIES	J	PLCOMD	YES		
"	DX 3968	MARTIN	JA.	"	"		
"	DX 3610	DONNELLY	VJ	"	"		

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.
<u>ATTACHED AS PER WE</u>					
CAPT	DX 10425	COPLAN	CRAMC	21/12/43	RMO
<u>OTHER ATTACHED</u>					
CHAPLAIN	SX 8904	PHILLIPS	ERBACH	6/1/43	RC PADRE.
	B 2/365	PEARSON	HH SALARY		WELFARE OFFICER

18 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]* LT. COL  
Signature of Commander  
COMD 2/9 AUST INF. BN



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

MANNING CHART OFFICERS

HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Dec 43.

No. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Appointment.	Regtl No.	Rank	Name	
<u>Bn HQ</u> O C	QX6011	Lt Col	CUMMINGS	C J
2 1/0	QX6064	Major	FLEMING	R W
Adjt	QX2163	Capt	SUMMERS	G O
Asst Adjt	Q X4652	Capt	WILLS	K R
I O	QX10915	Lieut	MOORE DY	S P
<u>HQ Coy</u> O C	QX3615	Capt	BAINES	E
Q M	QX1445	Lieut	LENDIAY	F J
T O	NX13003	Lieut	BAKER	F A
	QX3968	Lieut	MARTIN	J A Awaiting Board
Sig Pl	QX3641	Lieut	DAVIES	J
Motor Pl	QX3050	Lieut	THOMAS	V F
Tr/A Pl	QX3610	Lieut	DONNELLY	V J
Par Pl	QX3612	Lieut	DA NIELS	A T
<u>A Coy</u> O C	QX6030	Major	LOXTON	F E C
2 1/0	QX1188	Capt	SCOTT	D C J
7 Pl	QX36096	Lieut	POTTER	H C
8 Pl	QX24537	Lieut	ROGERS	M E
9 Pl	NX40320	Lieut	HAYES	R E
<u>B Coy.</u> O C.	QX6016	Capt	DAUNT	W W D
2 1/0	QX2571	Capt	MCDONALD	D J
10 Pl	QX10317	Lieut	McMANUS	J A
11 Pl	NX21133	Lieut	GAMERON	K D
12 Pl	QX37608	Lieut	MOLAGHLA N	O C
<u>C Coy.</u> O C.	QX4398	Capt	MARSHALL	A
2 1/0	NX102513	Lieut	STEPHINSON	E V
13 Pl	QX34545	Lieut	ANGOVE	A V
14 Pl	QX4589	Lieut	WHITTE	E K
15 Pl	QX366.	Lieut	POWER	D D
<u>D Coy.</u> O C	QX1257	Capt	TAYLOR	P
2 1/0	NX2638	Capt	ISAACS	W R E
16 Pl	QX19224	Lieut	HARR	J
17 Pl	QX8996	Lieut	HARTLEY	A M
18 Pl				

Attached Personnel.

AAMC	VX104241	Capt	CORLAND	C R
RC Padre	SX8994	Capt	HILLIAMS	E E
Sml Army	BR/365	Capt	FRANSON	H H

IN HOSPITAL.

	NX45406	Lieut	WEBBER	J B
	QX34579	Lieut	POINSON	J K
	NX14871	Lieut	DOYLE	F J

..... Lt Col  
Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



*Subsidiary*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

MANNING CHART OFFICERS

HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Dec 43.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Appointment	Regtl No.	Rank	Name	
<u>Bn HQ</u> O O	QX6011	Lt Col	CUMMINGS	C J
2 1/0	QX6064	Major	FLEMING	E W
Adjt	QX2163	Capt	SUMMERS	G O
Asst Adjt	Q X4652	Capt	WELLS	K R
I O	QX10915	Lieut	MCKERRA DY	S P
<u>HQ Coy</u> O C	QX3613	Capt	BAWES	E
Q M	QX1445	Lieut	LINDSAY	F J
T O	NX13003	Lieut	BAKER	F A
	QX3968	Lieut	MARTIN	J A <i>Awaiting Board</i>
Sig Pl	QX3641	Lieut	DAVIES	J
Mor Pl	QX3050	Lieut	THOMAS	V F
Tk/A Pl	QX3610	Lieut	DONNELLY	V J
Par Pl	QX16122	Lieut	DA NIELLS	A T
<u>A Coy</u> O C	QX6030	Major	LOXTON	F B C
2 1/0	QX1188	Capt	SCOTT	D O J
7 Pl	QX36096	Lieut	POTTER	H C
8 Pl	QX4537	Lieut	ROGERS	B E
9 Pl	NX40320	Lieut	HAYES	R E
<u>B Coy</u> O C	QX6016	Capt	DAUNT	W W D
2 1/0	QX2571	Capt	McDONALD	D J
10 Pl	QX10317	Lieut	McMANUS	J A
11 Pl	NX21133	Lieut	GAMERON	K D
12 Pl	QX37608	Lieut	MOLACHIA N	O C
<u>C Coy</u> O C	QX4598	Capt	MARSHALL	A
2 1/0	NX102513	Lieut	STEPHINSON	E V
13 Pl	QX34545	Lieut	ANGOVE	A V
14 Pl	QX34589	Lieut	WHITES	E K
15 Pl	QX366	Lieut	POWER	D D
<u>D Coy</u> O C	QX1257	Capt	TAYLOR	R
2 1/0	NX2638	Capt	ISAACS	W R E
16 Pl	QX19224	Lieut	HARR	J
17 Pl	QX8996	Lieut	HARTLEY	A M

Attached Personnel

AAMC	VX104841	Capt	COPLAND	C R
RC Padre	NX8994	Capt	PHILLIPS	B B
sal Army	DR/365	Capt	PEARSON	H K

IN HOSPITAL

	NX45406	Lieut	WEBER	J B
	QX34579	Lieut	POINTON	J K
	NX14871	Lieut	DOYLE	F J

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER

COMMANDING

No 355.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 19 Dec 43.

355. Bn Duties. To Mount at Retreat 19 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy..... A Coy.  
N F D ..... C Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer..... From A Coy.  
N F D ..... From C Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard..... From A Coy.
- (d) Runners..... From Duty Coy

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 ..... Capt.  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Notices. All Night classes in Education have been cancelled for the period 19 Dec -31 Dec 43 inclusive.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE -

OFFICER COMMANDING

20 Dec 43

NO 356-357-358

2/9 AUST INF BN

No 356 BN DUTIES

- To Mount at Retreat 20 Dec 43
- (a) Duty Coy. . . . . C Coy
  - N F D Coy. . . . . HQ Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer. . . . . From Duty Coy
  - N F D . . . . . From NFD Coy
  - (c) Bn Guard . . . . . From C Coy
  - (d) Runners. . . . . 2 ORs from Duty Coy

357. SAFE CUSTODY OF PISTOLS:-

All pistols will be returned to RQMS by 0900 hrs Tuesday 21 Dec and receipt obtained. The RQMS will hold these in safe custody and keep a record showing:-

Number of Pistol	and Owner	- Date Returned	- Date Re-issued
Reason for issue.			

Pistols held will be cleaned regularly. Owners may obtain pistols only when duty necessitates the carrying of a pistol. When drawing pistols RQMS will be advised the nature of the duty. Coys will still be responsible for the safe custody of Compasses and Binoculars.

358. COURT OF INQUIRY:- A Court of Inquiry consisting of the under-mentioned Officers will assemble at a time and place to be arranged by the President on 20 Dec 43 for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the Illegal Absence of the undermentioned soldier.

QX 1194 Pte NORRIS M.E.C.

PRESIDENT . . . . . Lieut D.D. POWER  
 MEMBER . . . . . Lieut A.V.A. NGOVE

*J. Baker*  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

-NOTICES-

The Educational Lecture which was to have taken place at Bdt HQ in the mens' Mess on Tuesday night 21 Dec is now cancelled.

S P O R T S

Personnel are reminded that entries for Moresby Sports Meeting close at 1000 hrs 23 Dec 43. Such entries will be submitted to Sports Officer (Lieut J.A. Martin) before that time.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 20 DEC to 25 DEC 43.

Ref MAP PORT MORESBY 1/63360

2/9 AUST INF BN

Coy:	Period:	Monday 20 Dec	Tuesday 21 Dec	Wednesday 22 Dec	Thursday 23 Dec	Friday 24 Dec	Saturday 25 Dec
A	A M	W	W	T	W	G	W
	P M	W	W	T	W	L-I-R	W
B	A M	G	W	W	T	W	X
	P M	L-I-R	W	W	T	W	X
C	A M	W	G	W	W	T	W
	P M	W	L-I-R	W	W	T	W
D	A M	T	W	G	W	W	X
	P M	T	W	L-I-R	W	W	X
HQ	A M	W	T	W	G	W	W
		W	T	W	L-I-R	W	W

Locations.

Tank Exercise will be carried out at 994363 (Opposite 2/8 Armd Regt Lines). Exercise will consist of Trg in intercomm indication of targets and practice points brought out in recent exercise. If desired Coy Comds may contact tp leader by informing Adjnt 2/8 Armd Regt. One tp of tanks will be available.  
All other trg will be in Unit Lines.

A E S Lectures, Daily from 1345 hours to 1430 hours.

Mobile Showers, Tues. 1630 hours. Order, C, A, B, D, HQ, BnHQ.

11 A A Bty. will have one tp (3) guns on Bn HQ parade ground by 0845 hrs daily.

Rifle Range. Allotment - On application.

Legend.

T = Tanks.  
W = Duty Coy.  
I = Individual Trg.  
G = A A Guns from 11 A A Bty.  
X = Xmas Day.  
R = Range Practices.  
L = A E S Lecture.

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NOTES ON EXERCISE TANK AND INF CO-OP

REF MAP PORT MORESBY 1/63360

HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
21 Dec 43.

1. These notes are to be read in conjunction with Report on TRG TK AND INF CO-OP, Jul 43 by C Sqn 2/9 Arm'd Regt.

2. The exercise was carried out from 13/17 Dec in COCONUTS 020335, on ground ranging from open coconut grove, to coconut grove with secondary growth.

3. TPS ENGAGED

(a) Own Tps - 1 Coy inf with u/cond One sqn (16) General Stewart Tanks, One det Mortars, One sec M M G. In support One bty 25 pdrs.

(b) Enemy - 50 members HQ Coy occupying 21 Bunker positions and numerous fox-holes.

Weapons :-  
2 MMG  
8 Bren Guns  
11 Owen Guns  
1-75 MM Gun  
Rifles.  
Booby Traps.

NOTE: Representations of fire - By firing Ball amn into Safety pits, from concealed positions immediately behind bunkers. Charges of Galenite were used to represent fire from 75 MM Gun.

4. DURATION OF EXERCISE:

(a) Patrolling Night of D - 2 Day.  
(b) Recce and Preparation D - 1 Day  
(c) Attack D Day.

NOTE: Coy to carry out attack on D day were not permitted to patrol on night of D-1 day, as that night was allotted to the succeeding Coy.

No picture, except the opening situation and the inflicting of casualties, was painted by the Umpires. All deductions being made from Patrol and Recce infm, and actual fire.

5. PHASES

In these notes the exercise was considered in the following three phases:-

(a) Preparatory Stage incl Recce and Planning  
(b) Conduct of Attack  
(c) Intercomm.  
Additional points noted are appended.

6. PREPARATORY PHASE  
TIME REQUIRED

Owing to the great amount of detailed preparations necessary, at least one day is required for the successful launching of an attack of this nature. This is particularly necessary where tanks and inf are co-operating for the first time.

7. INFM:

It is very necessary to pin-point centres of resistance. This is done by patrols and is later passed on to all concerned by detailed recce carried out as close to enemy post as possible. Included in orders for patrols, must be orders to report fully on all tk obstacles, both natural and artificial. This infm must be passed on to tk Comds early.

8. RECCE AND PLANNING:

This must be carried out in the greatest detail. Personal recce must be carried out by all comds, down to at least sec comds and tk comds, as close to enemy post as possible, and drivers should be taken over ground at least as far as start lines. This entails a great deal of activity by recce parties. Consequently strict control must be



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B Coy	4
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D Coy	6.
HQ Coy	7.
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For Infm.	
18 Aust Inf Bde.	9
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	10
2/12 " " "	11
File	12 & 13
War Diary.	14 & 15.



REPLACEMENT OF TANKS:

Res tks must be well up, but not so far forward that they become involved in the initial battle. They should not be allotted at this stage to res tps but remain under coy control. When a replacement is required a guide must be left in the vicinity of the tk cas with, if possible the number placard of the damaged tk. In any case he must know the number of the tk being replaced and the present whereabouts of his sec. On taking over the tank, his first duty is to advise the tk cmd the strength of his sec and the progress of the battle to date. It cannot be rigidly laid down from where replacement tks will be drawn. This will depend on the distances of immediate res and r a from the foremost tps, but it must be clearly stated in orders from where replacements will be drawn, and the extent to which res may be drawn to replace tk cas.

14. COMMITTING THE RES:

When a fwd pl ceases to be an effective fighting force through cas and it becomes necessary to commit the res it is highly desirable for these res tps to be accompanied right from their starting point by tks, either previously allotted for this purpose or drawn from a res pool. The tks already engaged cannot be taken over without considerable delay, confusions and cas. Fwd tks should then be withdrawn to the r a.

INTERCOMM:

The principles as laid down in "Report on Trg, Tk and Inf Co-Op Jul 43" are recommended with the following modification and addition:-

15.

It is felt that closer contact could be secured if the rear pistol port of the tk were left open as long as possible. This will enable the tk cmd to keep the accompanying inf under observation and anticipate possible moves and requirements and to receive visual signals from sec leader. Visual signals will be considered as the primary means of communication and the i/c set supplementary. However it is felt that once the battle is joined the i/c extension must come more into use.

16. EMPLOYMENT OF i/c EXTENSION:

On no account must a man be continually attached to the i/c extension. A specific member of the sec should be detailed for duties on this instrument. He must travel in close proximity to the tk, but place himself where he is in view of his sec ldr at all times.

17. INDICATION OF TARGETS:

Must be clear and concise. All members of the sec must be practised continuously until a satisfactory standard is reached.

18. INFM:

There must be a constant exchange of infm between inf and tks and vice versa, with particular ref to cas and of progress of the battle generally.

19. FREQUENCIES:

It is suggested that the tk flick frequency be netted to inf frequency, thus providing another alternative means of communication between tks and inf. This will not be regarded as a normal channel as too frequent use will cause an interference and jamming of other essential traffic. The presence of tks give almost unlimited scope for intercomm. All comds down to sec ldrs should be familiarised with the possible channels of intercomm thus available, which should be explained by diagrams prior to the operations.



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REPORT ON TRAINING JULY 1943.

TANK AND INFANTRY CO-OP

7 AUSTRALIAN DIV AREA

The three major points to be considered in the above and the importance of which cannot be stressed too much are as follows. :-

1. Intercommunication and liaison
2. Control of tanks and fire.
3. Indication of targets.

There are various other points which will be explained in the latter part of this report such as :-

- (a) Battle drill and Procedure.
- (b) Identification of Tanks.
- (c) Protection of tanks (from enemy and from obstacles.)
- (d) Wireless procedure and use. (e) General.

INTERCOM%

The most satisfactory and reliable method for tropical and close country fighting is the I/C fitted to the rear of the tank. This should be a one-piece mike and ear-phone so constructed that it can easily be replaced, and cannot drag on the ground if dropped (a seat attached to the back of the tank and so the operator can sit there in safety; also the seat can be used for carrying arm, inf weapons etc.) This method is highly recommended by the inf and it is suggested it be adopted by our Bde.

LOS or WALKY-TALKIE: is the <sup>next</sup> most reliable method and alternative, but these present certain difficulties which are:-

- (a) Not thoroughly reliable owing to close country interference.
- (b) At present there is only one per coy and that set may not be in a position to receive a message from forward pls, who really need direct contact with the tk. (One set per pl would be necessary).

SIG LIGHT%

A powerful torch used a sig lamp, and a series of letters representing phrases could be used e.g. morse "A" -- require assistance etc. The inf from on this only because it means carrying extra equipment and learning some morse signals.

HAND SIGS AND TAPPING:

On the tank three times are used as a last resource and are considered the equivalent to committing Hari-Kari.

TK TO INF

To attract attention two blasts on the siren or a black flag waved out of rear porthole are the signals.

CONTROL OF TKS AND FIRE:

We aim at centralising control of tks and tps from tp HQ or Sqn HQ and this can be done in open country, or semi close where visibility is good and the whole front can be seen. As the location of targets is extremely difficult even from the ground, it is essential that each tk during the attack be directed by the Pl with which they are working. If a tp is allotted to a coy for an attack one tk will be with each of the forward pls and the third with the reserve pl, and there the tks would come under the control of their respective pls, with the Tp ldr in a position near the coy comdr where he can assume control as much as possible. So in a sense it is semi decentralisation of control. It is up to the crew comdr and the tp ldr to keep their superiors well informed of the progress of the operation. Individual tks will be given areas to neutralise or where possible pin pointed posns. If they are unable to pick up the enemy gun positions and the Inf are being



held up, the inf can direct their fire. If concentrated fire is required in one spot, the sqn ldr or tp ldr can co-ordinate.

INDICATION OF TARGETS;

WIRELESS OR I/C. By direct method using the clock ray system, the front of the tk being 12 O'clock wherever it may be pointing, e.g. "Gunner, Four O'clock, 100!" and a correction in degrees from there (yds can be used)

TRACER: Every infantry will carry ten rounds of tracer and 20 with the Bren. Then a pl comdr can get a sec or a Bren to fire at the target having first, if possible, informed the tks of his intention, or the tks can observe without being informed. The 75 mm can be directed on the target by means of tracer fired from the CO-OP.

2" MORTAR: In open country smoke bomb fired just in front of position is sufficient. In close country a parachute flare aimed at the target so that it will come down over the position, and can be easily seen (smoke in close country would blind off too much of the area and prove dangerous).

VEREY: Only as a last resource, because the pl comdr is the only person who carries one, and therefore he becomes a marked man. From the inf point of view it is an alternative in an emergency.

HAND OR VISUAL SIGNALS: Only if the inf are not under fire or where possible and then there is the difficulty of the tk observing the sigs and the limitation of expression.

BATTLE DRILL AND PROCEDURE: The average coy frontage in tropical country, plantations semi-open etc is approx 150 yds and not more than 180 yds. Therefore the greatest number of tks employed would not be more than two tps with the fwd or attacking coy and one in reserve. It is also considered according to the situation that any number from one to sixteen tks will be employed, not always will be possible to employ whole tps (Splitting tps should be avoided if possible) A rapid system of replacement of the fwd tks is imperative.

BATTLE DRILL:

- (1) Allocation of tks to coys, pls etc.
- (2) Liaison and conference by (Bn Comd, Coy Comds Sqn Ldr) Tp ldrs and Pl Comds.
- (3) Tk Liaison Offr with Bn HQ.
- (4) Thorough recon of ground by sqn Ldr, Tp Ldr and Crew Comdr.
- (5) All information possible.
- (6) Definite routes picked for each tk.
- (7) Pin Pointing posns or areas to be neutralised.
- (8) Timing.
- (9) Arty Plan.
- (10) Co-ordinated fire plan.
- (11) Protection of tks by Inf and a guide supplied if necessary.
- (12) Selection of PUP and SL (Trees blazed as indication of S L for tks.
- (13) Inf Objectives and tasks and S T.
- (14) Code names and Code signs.
- (15) Numbering of tks.
- (16) Bounds (Objective) and directing tp and tk is imperative plus direction from sqn ldr where possible
- (17) Compass bearing of C/L
- (18) Op orders issued by comds in presence of opposite numbers and a final check up between the tk Comds, Pl Comds and Sec Comds with whom they are working.
- (19) Frequency and netting inf sets to our tks. (See Appx A For coy attack with three tps on a 180 yds front.)



IDENTIFICATION OF TANKS: In addition to Tp numbers and names, the tks will be numbered from the left in tps so that the Inf may identify their particular tk from the rear (See A ppx "A") They should also be familiar with the tp number and name of each tk.

PROTECTION AND GUIDING OF TKS: is almost entirely the responsibility of the inf and they are prepared to accept it. Protection can best be obtained by travelling either with the inf lines or just forward of it or special personnel detailed for the job. Guides will be provided by the inf if required.

WIRELESS PROCEDURE AND USE: is cut down to a minimum especially when the inf have their sets as well. Ask of sigs by all concerned without control having to relay. Further wireless procedure for inf and tk co-op will be forwarded later.

CODES:

The system used by the inf to identify themselves to us over the I/C is by using the first three letters of the Pl Comd's surname or of the Coy Comd. Most of the men know their Pl or Coy Comd and are not likely to forget as they would special code names. The Bn and sqn code names would be allotted.

GENERAL:

Our main job with the Inf are :-

- (1) Providing protecting fire just forward of Inf posns while they are re-organising on their objective.
- (2) Supporting them in an attack and moving with them under control of the Pls.
- (3) Where the country permits and there is little or few tk-attack guns, going slightly ahead and neutralising enemy posns with our fire and thereby allowing them to advance. NOTE: Tks will never go beyond the protective range of the inf unless in absolutely open country. Thirty yds is normal. The Inf do not like the tks firing from behind them when they are on the move. It definitely affects their morale and should only be done if they are forced to ground and we are coming up to assist them. Even then they are not happy.
- (4) The possibility of having to locate enemy tk-attack guns or arty in open country by offensive recon should not be overlooked.

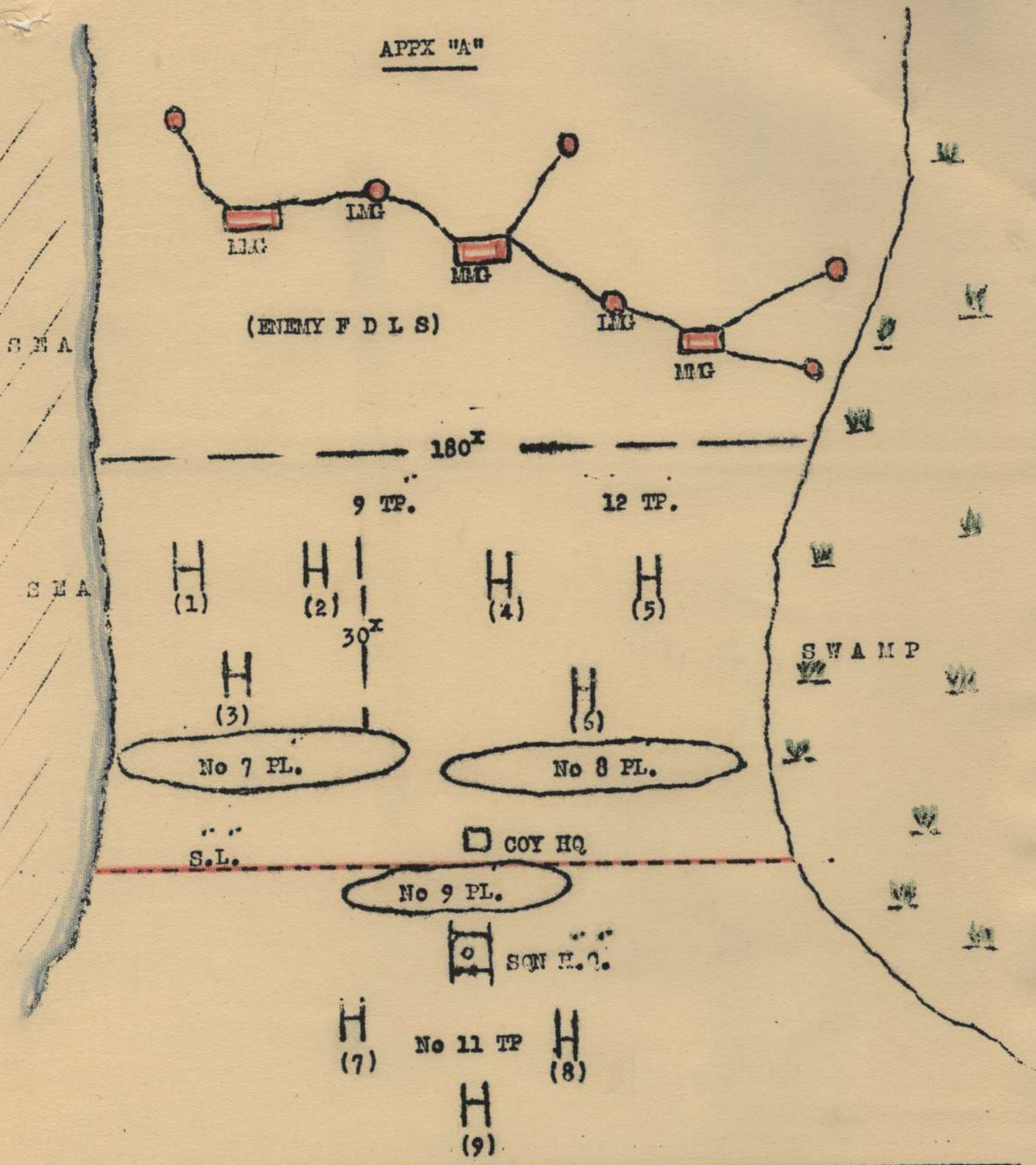
SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR BATTLE DRILL: The tks having been allotted the bn comd calls a conference of Coy Comd, Sqn Ldr, Arty Comd etc, and issues warning orders. RV arranged for "0" Gps, while Coy comd and sqn ldr make recon and outline plan. Coy Comd issues prelim orders to pl comds in presence of Sqn ldr issues prelim orders to to ldrs opposite groups.

Then recon by tp ldrs and pl comds in conjunction. Meantime sec ldrs and pl comds move to joint RV and issue orders to respective "0" Gps in each others presence. Then if possible, crew comds and sec ldrs look at ground over which they will operate. Final conference between Bn Comd, Coy Comd, Sqn Ldr etc. Final Orders issued to tp ldrs, Pl comds etc, and then the final liaison between tp ldrs and crew comds with their respective pl and sec comds.

(Signed) C A WADE Capt.  
O C C Sqn 2/9 A ust Armd Regt.



APPX "A"



During Attack 1 & 2 with 7 Pl  
 4 & 5 " 8 Pl  
 3 & 6 " 9 Pl

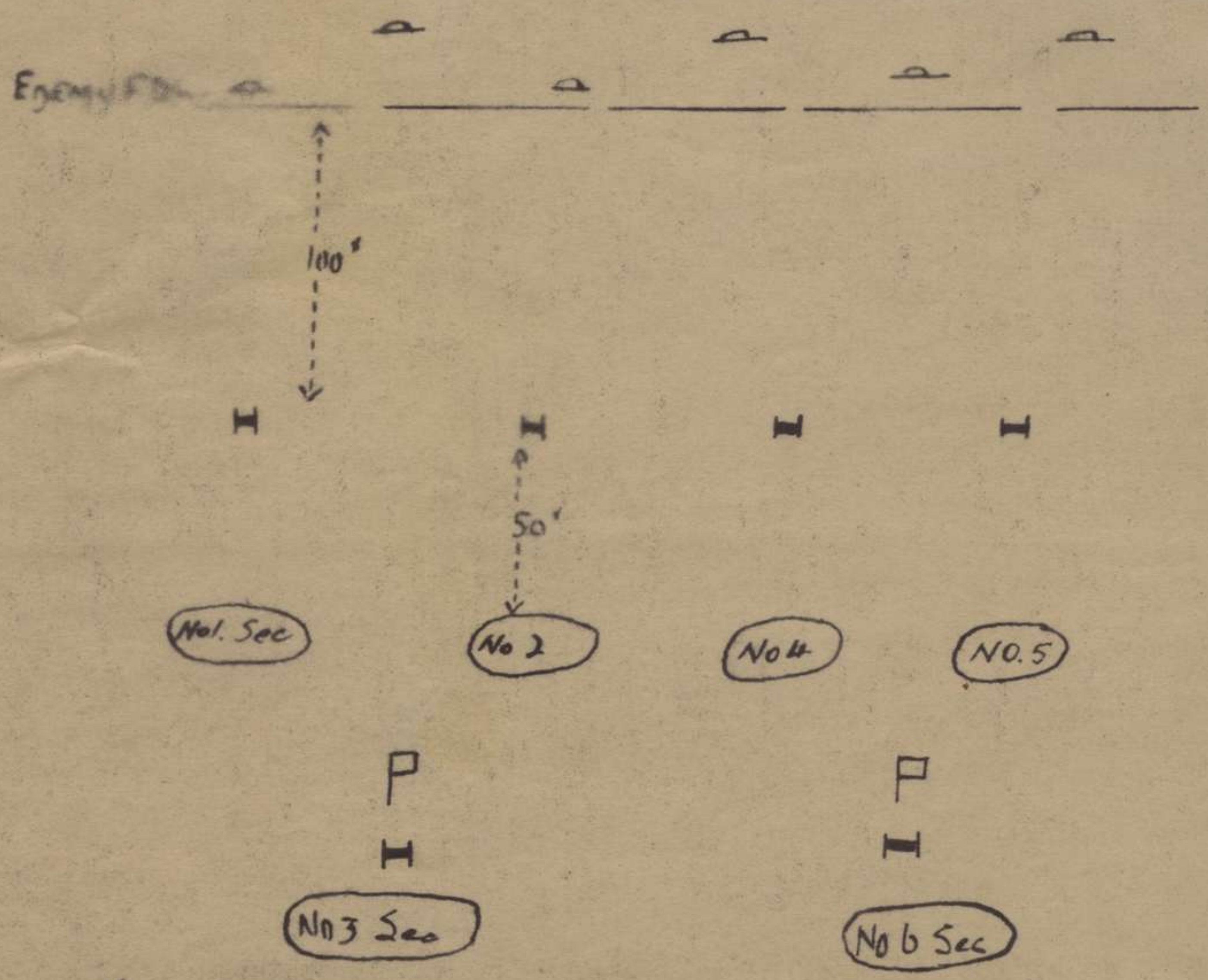
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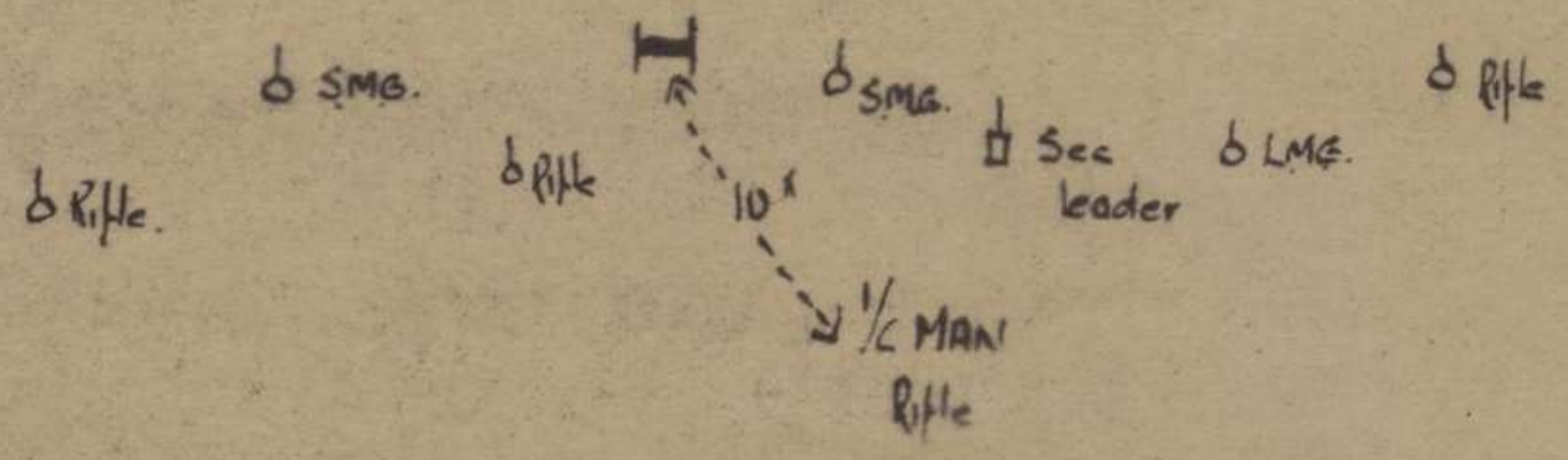
Suggested Tank + Inf formation

COCONUT PLANTATION  
(Open or with light secondary Undergrowth)



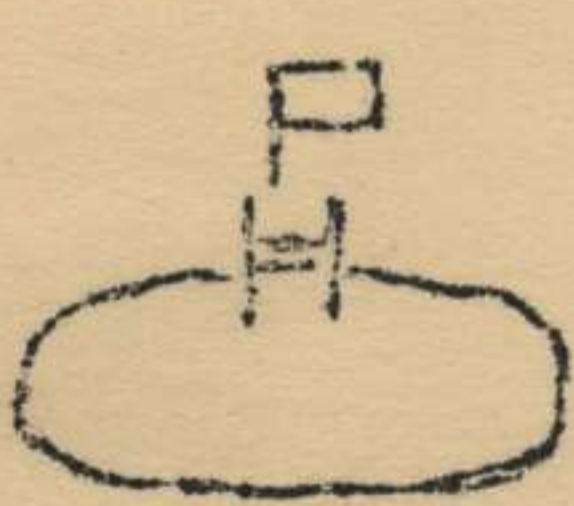
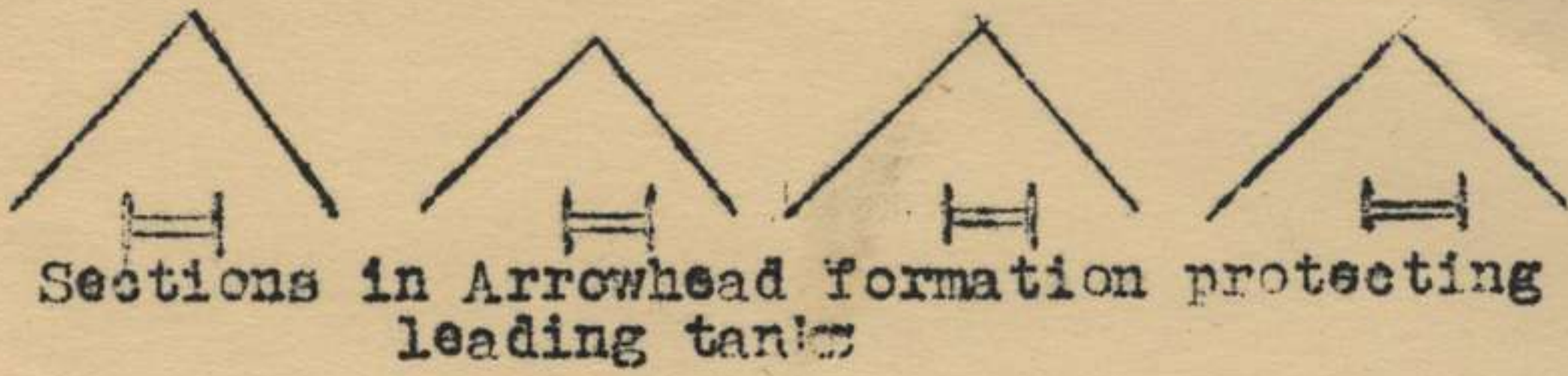
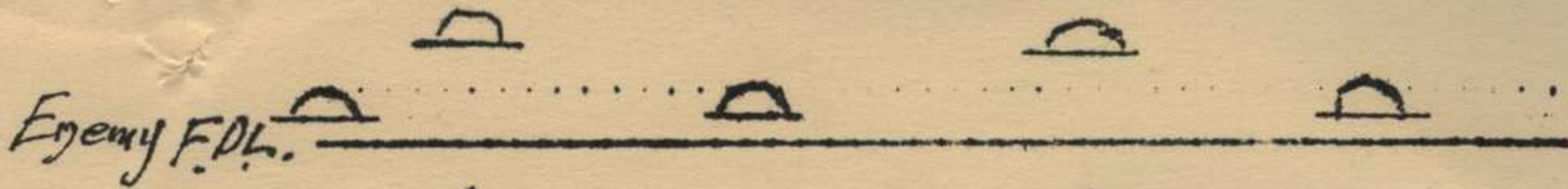
Note:- This is the suggested posn of the tanks + Inf when arty barrage lifts. Tanks continue "softening up" fire while Inf moves up. The Inf then picks up tanks and they moves fwd.

Relative posn of sec and tank during progress of attack.

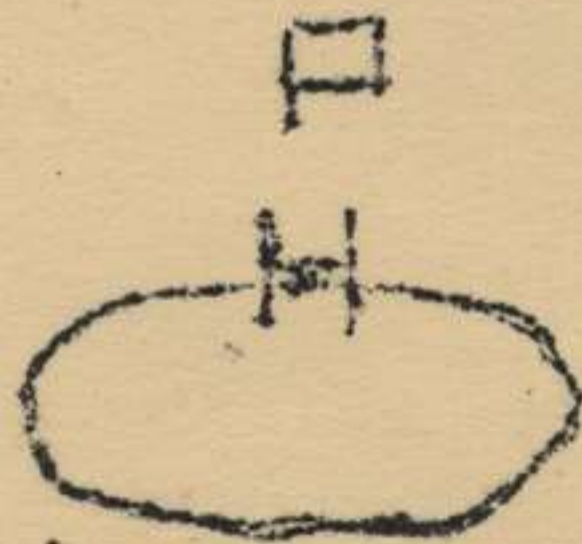




TANK AND INF SUGGESTED FORMATION IN CLOSE COUNTRY



Section in line accompanying Tank



Relative posns of Tanks and Sec During Attack

○ Rifle

○ SMG

○ Sect Comd

○ SMG



○ LMG

○ Rifle

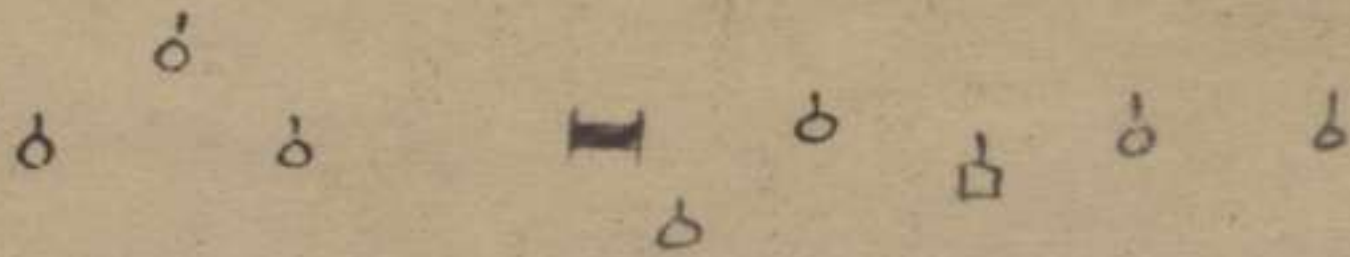
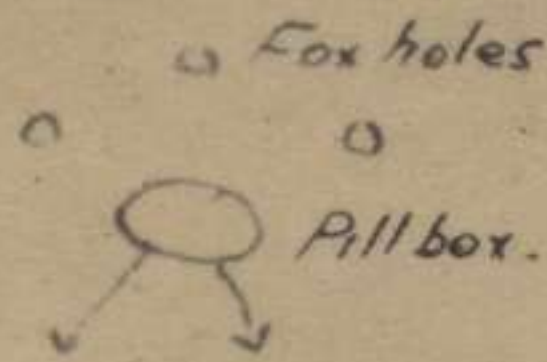
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○ Rifle



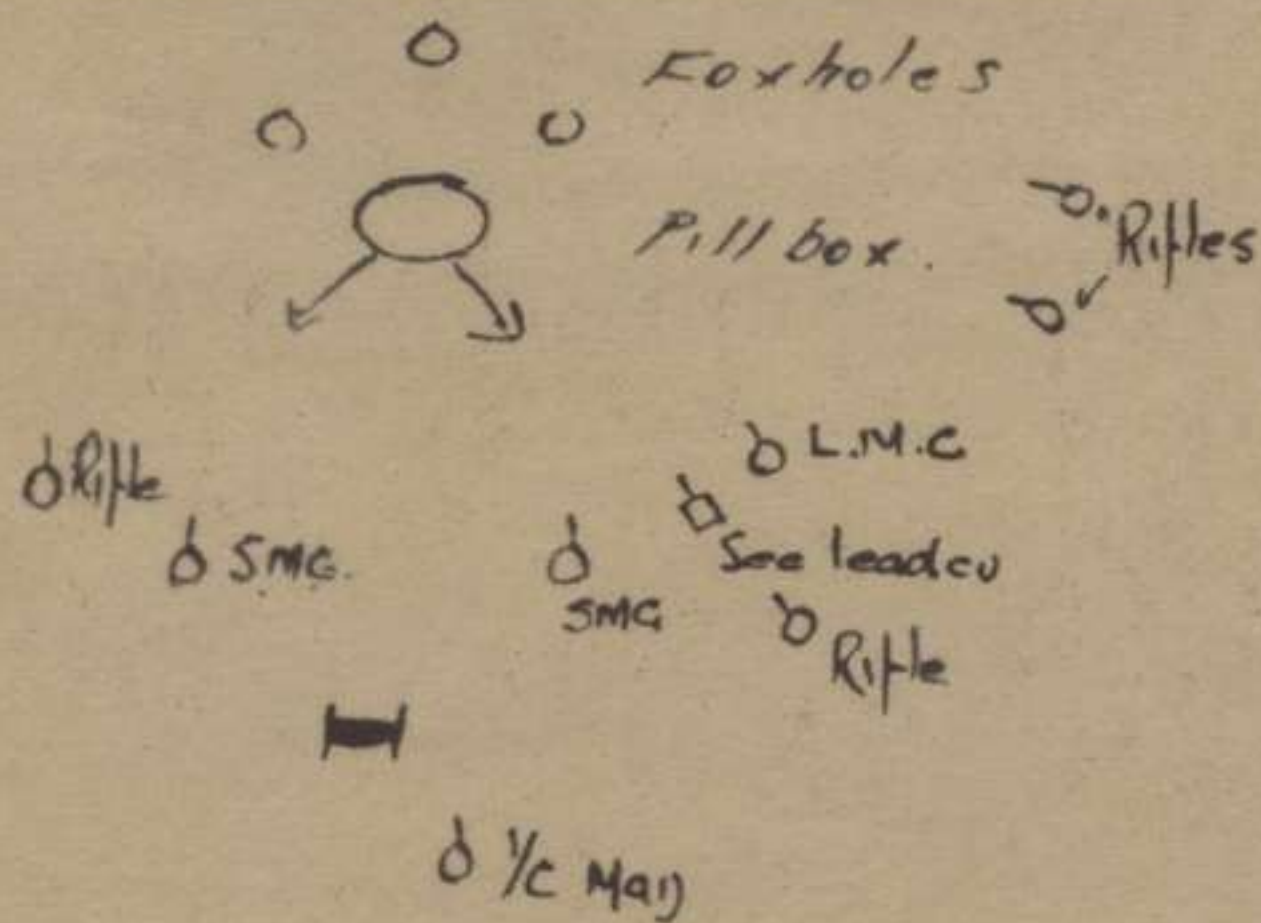
## DIAGRAM OF FORMATIONS FOR (ATTACK) ASSAULT.

(1) Enemy opposing encountered



(2) Sec leader orders tank to neutralise enemy fire while section moves to assault posn; the tank is then to fire AP and HE; when fire ceases inf assaults as detailed by section leader. Certain personnel detailed for pill box and remainder surrounding area.

Assault posn of TK. and section.



(3) When tank fire of HE. ceases inf. rush into assault and the tank prepares to engage opportunity targets in depth or on flanks.

### SUGGESTED SECTION LEADERS ORDERS

(1) To TK. through '1/2 Man' Pill box - 12 o'clock - 100 - neutralise while we move fwd. then 4 rounds AP and 2 rounds HE. on my signal"

(2) To his section.

"When we are ready tank is going to fire 4 rounds A.P. and 2 rounds H.E. @ 2 Men on left flank deal with foxholes - L.M.G. and 2 men with me deal with pill box - 2 men on right flank deal with foxholes. Move fwd as TK. opens fire and rush posn when 37mm. fire ceases!"



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

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21 Dec 43

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BN DUTIES

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 Capt  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTIONS:

18 Aust Inf Bde Boxing Championships:

(a) It has been decided to add to the programme on night 29 Dec 43 the following OPEN boxing events.

1% Bantamweight	not to exceed	118 lbs
2% Junior Featherweight	" " "	122 lbs
3% Featherweight	" " "	126 lbs
4% Junior Lightweight	" " "	130 lbs
5% Lightweight	" " "	135 lbs
6% Junior Welterweight	" " "	140 lbs
7% Middleweight	" " "	165 lbs
8% Light heavyweight	" " "	175 lbs
9% Heavyweight	unlimited	

(b) Entries for open events to be in writing and handed in to Sports Officer (Lieut J.A. Martin) by 1200 hrs 25 Dec 43. Weights and Coy of competitors to be shown.

NCF Sports Carnival - New Year's Day 1944

Best turned out squad of 20 (ALL ranks)

- Conditions:-
- (a) Squad may consist of any number of NCO's & Ptes & may be comd by an officer.
  - (b) Dress:- Drill order with water bottles. Rifles will be carried by all ranks except officers. Hats turned up and chin straps on chin. Either pattern gaiters may be worn. Paybooks, identity discs etc should be carried. Web equipment may be scrubbed.
  - (c) Drill: Squad will be called on to carry out three drill movements and three rifle exercises. These exercises and movements may be nominated by the Q.C. Squad and the orders will be given by him.
  - (d) Judging: The judging will be on appearance and drill. The men will not be questioned on any matter.
  - (e) Entries: Will be lodged with Bn HQ by 1000 hrs 24 Dec 43. There is no limitation on number of entries.
  - (f) Time, to whom to report and place of reporting will be notified through "Guinea Gold".

LOST: One brown kangaroo hide tobacco pouch with name "J. Rust" stamped on front flap. Place of loss: vicinity of Quarry (i.e. where Bn working parties were engaged 20 Dec 43). Reward of £1 is offered by owner. Finder return to Bn HQ.



XMAS GREETINGS:

The following telegram has been received:-

"Seasonal greetings and good luck to all members. Mrs CUMMINGS "

18 AUST INF BDE CHORAL AND DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES

1st Night - 26 Dec 43 (Commencing 1930 hrs)

- |    |  |                         |
|----|--|-------------------------|
| 1: | Selected Items                           | 2/9 Bn Choir            |
| 2: | "Dampier's Ghost"                        | 2/4 Fd Regt Dramatic Gp |
| 3: | Selected Items                           | 2/10 Bn Choir           |
| 4: | "The Monkey's Paw"                       | 2/9 Bn Dramatic Gp      |
| 5: | Selected Items                           | 2/12 Bn Choir           |
| 6: | Announcement by Judges of winning Choir. |                         |

2nd Night - 27 Dec 43 (Commencing 1930 hrs)

- |    |  |                     |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 1: | Items by winning Choir                         | 2/10 Bn Dramatic Gp |
| 2: | "Rory aforesaid"                               | Selected Items      |
| 3: | Choir  | 2/12 Bn Dramatic Gp |
| 4: | "The Old Bull"                                 |                     |
| 5: | Announcement by Judges of winning Dramatic Gp. |                     |

FOOTBALL PRACTICE

The following personnel will EV in Bde Cinema Area for Australian Rules practice at 1500 hrs 22 Dec 43 and 1500 hrs 24 Dec 43:-

Bn HQ

Pte Butterworth S  
Pte Forrest L.  
Pte Robbeck G.  
Sgt Berry R.  
Capt Copland  
Pte Blake G.

A Coy

Pte Church W.  
Pte Hall T.  
Pte Webb A.  
Pte Anderson O  
Pte Rhodes C.  
Pte Davidson

B Coy

Pte Curr  
Pte Evely L.  
Pte Moore J.

C Coy

Pte Ross L.  
Pte Heath L.  
Pte Craske B.  
Pte Dunne L.  
Pte Beaton I.  
Pte Johnson T.

D Coy

Pte Shephard  
Pte Walsh J.  
Pte Elliott  
Pte Partington M.

HQ Coy

Pte Whitelock C.  
Sgt Telford T.  
Cpl Newman



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CURTINGS OBE

2/9 AUST INF BN

22 Dec 43.

Nos 360 *361*

**361. Bn Duties.**

- To mount at Retreat 22 Dec 43.
- (a) Duty Coy. . . . . D Coy.  
N F D . . . . . B Coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer. . . . . From D Coy.  
N F D . . . . . From E Coy.
  - (c) Bn Guard. . . . . 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 13 ORs  
from Duty Coy.
  - (d) Runners. . . . . 2 ORs from Duty Coy.

Note additional post on Guard.

**362. Unserviceable Toothbrushes and Combs (Disposal of (GRO 782 of #6 Nov is repeated.)**

1. Henceforth, officers commanding units will ensure that members return unserviceable toothbrushes and combs to unit QMs before receiving replacement issue.
2. Units will hand over to salvage at regular intervals all unserviceable toothbrushes and combs so collected.
3. Owing to their economic value (cellulose acetate which is in short supply, is recoverable from these articles). QOs will ensure that a maximum return of used toothbrushes and combs is effected.

**363. IDENTITY DISCS (GRO A700 Part IX is repeated)**

Identity discs are frequently the only means of identification of the body of a soldier who has died, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that the following paragraphs be understood and observed by all members of the AMF.

All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below:-

(a) The No 1 (hexagonal) disc will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No 2 (round) disc will hang below the No 1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

(b) The following particulars will be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under:-

- Front side: (i) Army Number.  
(ii) Initials and name.  
(iii) Index letter(s) of religion.
- Reverse Side: Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of paybook.)

(c) The index letters of the various religious

denominations are:-

Church of England.	C E.	Congregational	C
Presbyterian	P	Roman Catholic	R C
Methodist	M	Jewish	J
Baptist	B	Salvation Army	S A
Lutheran	L	Church of Christ.	C O
Christain Scientist	C S.	Greek Orthodox.	G O.

Discs which have been stamped with incorrect details will be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements effected without delay.

Coys will institute a check periodically at intervals of not more than three months to ensure that every serving member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked. Identity discs will be worn at all times.

Neglect to wear identity discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.



363. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES TO PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNEES IN ENEMY OR ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY. (GRO 754 Paras 4(a) inclusive is repeated)

5. Contents of communication:-

(a) No information likely to be of military, political or economic value to the enemy will be included in communications.

(b) No statements or remarks (such as abuse of the enemy) likely to result in retaliatory action by the enemy) against the recipient or other prisoners of war will be included in communications.

6. Treatment of communication in Unit. Harmless letters to prisoners of war will be franked in the usual way, but as letters to prisoners of war must pass through enemy hands -

(a) they will not be stamped with the unit censure stamp.

(b) it is undesirable that they should bear any evidence of severe censorship action, such as excisions. It is preferable that the writer should be asked to re-write the letter omitting such matter as conflicts with para 5.

7. Accommodation address. No member of the AMF will disclose the designation of his unit in communications to prisoners of war but will use an accommodation address which may be -

(a) The address of a relative or friend when the address of the sender will be shown at the top of his letter as follows:-

No  
Rank  
Name  
C/o (the private address of the relative or friend) Australia.  
(A PO Box number or C/o a Post Office will not be used and the writer should make arrangements for replies to be forwarded to him).

364. INSECT REPELLENT LOTION AND ANTI-MITE FLUID. (NGF Order A467 of 6 Dec 43 is repeated)

1. The production of insect repellent lotion and anti-mite fluid in adequate quantities is a matter of great difficulty as some of the essential constituents are in short supply.

2. These substances will NOT be used for any other purposes than those for which they are issued.

.....  
..... Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

Orders. 18 Aust Inf Bde Memo AQ 1563 of 20 Dec 43. is repeated.

1. Arrangements have been made for unit choirs to sing carols at 2/5 AGH on Xmas Eve, Friday 24 Dec 43.

2. It is desired that as many personnel as possible from unit choirs attend.

Signed A J Seddon Capt.  
SO 18 Aust Inf Bde.

All members of unit choir proceeding to 2/5 A G-H on night of Christmas Eve will parade at Bn HQ by 1845 hours.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

*W.P. Sec*

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C.J. CUMMINGS OBE

365-366

COMD 2/9 A UST INF BN

23 Dec 43

- 365 BN DUTIES To Mount at Retreat 23 Dec 43
- (a) Duty Coy . . . . . B Coy  
N.F.D. . . . . A Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer . . . . . From Duty Coy  
N.F.D. . . . . From NFD Coy
  - (c) Bn Guard . . . . . From Duty Coy 1 Sgt 1 Cpl
  - (d) Runners . . . . . 2 ORs from Duty Coy & 10 ORs

366 WITHDRAWAL OF SHORTS; - (NGF Order A476 of 13 Dec 43 is repeated -

1. Shorts will not be issued to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
2. Shorts now on issue will be withdrawn immediately from personnel in NEW GUINEA. Shorts which are the personal property of individuals will be handed in to the Kit Store.
3. Unit Commanders will ensure that para 2 of this Order is fully complied with and will render to their respective Formation Commanders not later than 27 Dec 43 a certificate to that effect.
4. Action will be taken by all concerned to ensure that shorts in the possession of personnel subsequently arriving in NEW GUINEA are withdrawn on such arrival.
5. Necessary issues will be made to enable each member to have in his possession three pairs of slacks.
6. The wearing of shorts will be treated as an offence, on and from 15 Dec 43.)

Coy Commanders will render certificate by 1800 hrs 26 Dec 43 to show this order has been carried out.

Shorts which are the property of individuals will be handed in to the Kit Store for forwarding to the Kit Store.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Asst Adjt 2/9 A ust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES 25 Dec 43 (Christmas Day)

- 0700 hrs Holy Communion in St P hillips Chapel for 2/10 and 2/12 BNS.
- 0815 hrs Holy Communion for 2/9 Bn in Salvation Army Hut.
- 0930 hrs Holy Communion and Carols in St P hillips Chapel.
- 1915 hrs Evensong and Carols in St P hillips Chapel. (For all Units of 18 Bde. Preacher - Chaplain Hopkins)

R.C. CHURCH SERVICES: - FRIDAY - Midnight Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of Our Lady of Mt Carmel 18 Bde.

SA TURDAY. Mass will be celebrated at -  
0830 hrs - Chapel of Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
0930 hrs Y M C A 2/12 Bn  
Evening Devotions will be held in the Chapel at 1900 hrs.  
Confessions will be heard in the Chapel on Friday from 1600 hrs and continually from 1800 hrs.

XMAS HAMPERS: + Receipt is acknowledged of 813 Xmas Hampers from ACF.  
Distribution - A Coy 112 - B Coy 120 - C Coy 125 - D Coy 124 -  
HQ Coy 266 - Bn HQ 66. Total 813.

The following Cricket team has been selected to represent 2/9 Bn v 2/8 Armd Div 24/12/43 at 1000 hrs on Bn Oval:-

Pte Moss (Capt)	A Coy	Pte Elliot	D Coy	L/Cpl Dunne	(C Coy)
Sgt Hyde	HQ Coy	Capt Willis	B HQ	Pte Skelton	(D Coy)
L/Cpl Robbins	B Coy	Lt/Col Cummings	B HQ	Cpl Salisbury	C Coy
Cpl Wallace	HQ Coy	Pte Chay	A Coy	Cpl Lalchere	Bn HQ



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MILITARY HISTORY SECTION

Att HQ New Guinea Force.

23 Dec 43

Maj O.D. Jackson  
B M  
18 Aust Inf Bn

I have been asked by Maj Austin, liaison officer to Mr Charles Chauvel during the production of the film "Rats of Tobruk", to thank you most sincerely for your ready co-operation in making troops available for the filming at Uberi of scenes for the picture.

I would like to take this opportunity of adding my own appreciation: and would be very pleased if you would convey to Capt Alex Marshall and the officers and men from the 2/9 Aust Inf Bn who did such an excellent job, our appreciation and thanks.

The response of the troops to the requirements of the cameraman was first rate and Maj Austin, in commenting on Capt Marshall's extremely capable handling of the troops said that had Capt Marshall been at their disposal at Cronulla where the majority of the picture was produced, the filming would have taken about half the time.

Yours sincerely

Signed HARVEY NICHOLSON Capt  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

No 367 -368

COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN

24 Dec 43

No 367 BN DUTIES

To Mount at Retreat 24 Dec 43

- (a) Duty Coy . . . . . A Coy  
N F D Coy . . . . . C Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer . . . . . From Duty Coy  
N F D . . . . . From NFD Coy
- (c) Bn Guard . . . . . From Duty Coy 1 Sgt 1 Cpl  
and 13 ORs
- (d) Runners . . . . . 2 ORs from Duty Coy

No 368 DRESS:-

GAITERS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

*W. H. Mannes*  
..... Capt  
Asst/Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

- N O T I C E S -  
- - -oOo - - -

MOBILE CINEMA

The Mobile Cinema will NOT be showing in the Bde Area on Saturday 25 Dec 43.



COURTS MARTIAL - PUBLICATION OF RESULT OF TRIAL

NATURE OF COURT - District Court Martial  
PLACE OF TRIAL - HQ New Guinea Force  
MEMBER TRIED - QX 1335 Pte Clunes H.W.  
CHARGE - AA Sec 15 (1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE ABSENTING  
HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE in that he in the Field on  
9 Aug 43 absented himself without leave from 0645  
hrs on 9 Aug 43 until 1800 hrs on 6 Oct 43.  
FINDING - Guilty  
SENTENCE - to undergo detention for forty two (42) days.  
DATE OF SENTENCE - 15 Dec 43  
DATE OF CONFIRMATION - 19 Dec 43.  
DATE AND PLACE OF PROMULGATION - 23 Dec 43 with Unit in the Field.

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NATURE OF COURT - District Court Martial  
PLACE OF TRIAL - HQ New Guinea Force  
MEMBER TRIED - QX 37622 Pte PALMER V.L.  
CHARGE - AA Sec 40 (First Charge) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY  
DISCIPLINE in that he WOAS on 26 Oct 43 in the  
Field was improperly in possession of public property  
to wit Army Compass No 162043.  
AA Sec 40 (Second Charge) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY  
DISCIPLINE in that he  
WOAS on 27 Oct 43 in the Field was improperly in  
possession of public property, to wit Army Watch  
No 45436.  
FINDING - NOT Guilty of the charges.  
Date and Place of Promulgation - 23 Dec with Unit in the Field.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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LT COL C J CUTTINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 25 Dec 43.

No 369

369. Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 25 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy ..... C Coy.  
N F D ..... HQ Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer..... From Duty Coy.  
N F D ..... From H Q Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard. .... 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 13 ORs  
..... From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners===== 2 ORs from Duty Coy.

*[Signature]*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Notices.

R C Mass will be celebrated in "OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL"  
 Chapel at 0815 hours 26 Dec 43.  
 Confessions will no heard from 1600 hours 25 Dec in the  
 above Chapel.  
 O D Parade: 0815 hours 26 Dec 43. Markers report RSM  
 0800 hours. Coys March on 0805 hours.  
 Holy Communion 1000 hrs in 2/9 Bn Rec Hut.  
 Evensong. in "St Phillips" Chapel 2/12 Bn Lines 1915 hrs.







2/9 AUST. INF. BN Unit

Army Form W.3009  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
32/43 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/12/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.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				Eangetakers	4	1	3(NR)
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	1		1(NR)					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
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	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				BATMEN	34	34	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				GENERAL			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DUTYMEN.	3	3	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								OFFERS/SGTSM			
Fitters				Driver-Operator	-	1						HYGIENE.	4	4	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								DRIDERLIES	32	32	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								PIONEERS.	33	30	3
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								R.P.S.	7	6	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator	-	1		Battery Surveyors				STOREMEN.	6	6	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	4		ST. BEARERS	21	26	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10		(WATER DUT	2	2	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				GEN DUTIES	5	5	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				R.O.M.S.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				C.O.M.S.	5	6	1(SUR)
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				GEN DUTIES	5	5	22
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	-	1					22
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				A.A.M.C.	4	4	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.P.C.	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	15		A.A.O.C.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.E.M.E.	3	3	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	-	4		Engine Hands, L.C.				A.A.P.T.C.	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	2		A.A.C.C.	23	19	4
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1		1	CARRIED FORWARD	16	22		CARRIED FORWARD	40	59	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	786	35

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized 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.E. 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 Dec 43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander  
COMD 2/9 AUST. INF. BN







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12 / 3 / 1943 2/9 AUST. INF BN (Unit)

...../...../..... (Serial No.) 32 43

W.E. 11/12 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	1		1 2 9 21	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1			
	1	2	33			1			

DETAIL.	A. CLASS	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.	34									34
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.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



2/9 AUST. INF. BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 Dec 1943 (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.
LT. COL.	0X6011	CUMMINGS	CJ	CO	YES		
T/MAJOR	0X6064	FLEMING	EW	A2/IC	"		
"	0X6030	LIXTON	FEC	COY COMD	"		
CAPT.	0X6016	DAUNT	WW.D	"	"		
"	0X3615	BARNES	E	"	"		
"	0X4398	MARSHALL	A	"	"		
T/CAPT.	0X2164	SUTHERS	G.D	ADJT	"		
"	0X1257	TAYLOR	R	COY COMD	"		
"	0X2638	ISAACS	WRE	COY/2/IC	"		
"	0X1188	SCOTT	DCJ	"	"		
"	0X4652	WILLS	KR	ASS ADJT	"		
"	0X2571	MCDONALD	DJ	COY/2/IC	"		
LIEUT.	0X30589	WHITE	EK	PL COMD	"		
"	0X10317	McMANUS	J.A	"	"		
"	NX21135	CAMERON	KI	"	"		
"	NX18862	BAKER	FA	TO	"		
"	0X2163	MINTOSH	WF	"	NO	DET. HQ 18 AUST INF. BDE.	
"	0X36096	POTTER	H.C	PL COMD	YES		
"	0X34545	ANGOVE	AV	"	"		
"	0X30577	ROGERS	EE	"	"		
"	0X3052	THOMAS	VF	"	"		
"	0X1145	LINDSAY	FJ	"	"		
"	0Y8996	HARTLEY	AM	"	"		
"	0X37608	MCLACHLAN	OC	"	"		
"	0X16121	DANIEL	AJ	"	"		
"	0X18224	HART	J	"	"		
"	NX102513	STEPHENSON	EV	COY/2/IC	"		
"	NX40320	HAYES	RE	PL COMD	"		
"	0X366	POWER	DD	"	"		
"	0X10985	MCREADY	SP	IC	"		
"	0X3641	DAVIES	J	PL COMD	"		
"	0X3965	MARTIN	JA	"	"		
"	0X2610	DONNELLY	VJ	"	"		

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.
<u>ATTACHED AS PER WE</u>					
CAPT.	VX104251	COPLAND CRAAMC		20.12.43	R.M.D.
<u>OTHER ATTACHED</u>					
CHAPLAIN	SX8944	PHILLIPS EBALD		6.1.43	RC PADRE
	B31365	PEARSON HH	SALARY		WELFARE OFFICER

25 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]* LT. COL.  
Signature of Commander  
COMD 2/9 AUST INF BN



*War Diary*

PROFICIENCY PAY TEST

RANGE PRACTICES

HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
26 Dec 43.  
Ref 3/36.

Note : Personnel are required to qualify only with the weapon with which they are issued .

RIFLE

No	Range	Practice	Target	Rds	Remarks	H P S
1	200 x	Application	4 ft	5	Lying	25
2	200 x	Rapid	4 ft	10	Lying. Rifle loaded with one charge, remaining charge in pouch. Firer in position of readiness when target appears. Exposure 45 Secs	50
3	200 x	Snap	22 in Disc	5	Lying- Rifle may be in aiming posn when target appears. Exposure 5 Secs per shot. Exposed users work on whistle blasts	25, 100
						First Class shot = 60

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4	200 x	Repetition	4 Ft	5	Lying	25
5	200 x	Automatic	4 ft	15	In three bursts: 2 points per hit	30 55
						First Class shot = 42

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6	30	Repetition and Automatic	18x30	15	Mag loaded with 15 rds. Details fires repetition: 2 rds from shoulder, 3 rds from hip and then after changing to automatic advances 10 yds fires one burst then further 10 yds and fires remaining burst	30
						Scoring 2 pts per hit.
						First class shot 21.
<p>Note: Safety Precautions:- After firing repetition and changing to automatic, the detail will advance only on the command to advance and will hold and fire only on the Command "Detail Fire".</p>						

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

MANNING CHART OFFICERS

HQ 2/9 AUST INF BN  
26 DEC 43.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Appointment	Regtl No.	Rank	Name	
Bn HQ	C O	QX6011	Lt Col	CUMMINGS C J
	2 i/o	QX6064	Major	FLEMING E W
	Adjnt	QX2164	Capt	SUTHERS G O
Asst Adjnt		QX4652	Capt	WILLS K R
	I O	QX10915	Lieut	McCREADY S P
HQ Coy	O C			
	Q M	QX1445	Lieut	LINDSAY F J
	T O	NX13003	Lieut	BAKER F A
		QX3968	Lieut	MARTIN J A Awaiting Board.
	Sig Pl	QX3641	Lieut	DAVIES J
	Mer Pl	QX3050	Lieut	THOMAS V F
	Tk/A Pl	QX3610	Lieut	DONNELLY V J
	Prn Pl	QX16122	Lieut	DANIELS A T %
A Coy	O C	QX6030	Major	LOXTON F E C
	2 i/o	QX1188	Capt	SCOTT D C J
	7 Pl	QX36096	Lieut	POTTER H C
	8 Pl	QX34557	Lieut	ROGERS E E
	9 Pl	NX40320	Lieut	HAYES R E
B Coy.	O C	QX6016	Capt	DAUNT W W D
	2 i/o	QX2571	Capt	McDONALD D J
	10 Pl	QX10317	Lieut	Mc MA NUS J A
	11 Pl	NX21135	Lieut	CAMERON K D
	12 Pl	QX37608	Lieut	McLA CHLA N O C
C Coy.	O C	QX4398	Capt	MARSHALL A
	2 i/o	NX102513	Lieut	STEPHENSON E V
	13 Pl	QX34545	Lieut	ANGOVE A V
	14 Pl	QX34589	Lieut	WHITE E K
	15 Pl	QX366	Lieut	POWER D D
D Coy.	O C	QX1257	Capt	TAYLOR R
	2 i/o	QX2638	Capt	ISAACS W R E
	16 Pl			
	17 Pl	QX19224	Lieut	HART J
	18 Pl	QX8996	Lieut	HARTLEY A M
<u>Attached personnel.</u>				
AAMC		VX104241	Capt	COPLAND C R
RC Padre		SX8994	Capt	PHILLIPS E B
Sal Army		B2/365	Capt	PEARSON H H
<u>Hospital.</u>				
		NX45406	Lieut	WEBER J H
		QX34579	Lieut	POINTON J K
		NX14871	Lieut	DOYLE F J %

.....Lt Col  
Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn







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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL C.J. CUMMINGS OBE

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COMD 2/9 A UST INF BN

27 Dec 43

571 Bn DUTIES.

- To Mount at Retreat 27 Dec 43
- (a) Duty Coy ..... D Coy
- N F D Coy ..... B Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer..... From Duty Coy
- N F D Officer..... From NFD Coy
- (c) EN GUA RD..... From Duty Coy
- (d) Runners..... 2 ORs from Duty Coy

572 UNIT AUDITORS:-

The Unit AUDIT BOARD will now consist of the following officers:-

- Capt D.J.MC DONALD Chief Auditor
- Lieut F.J.LINDSAY Asst Auditor.

573 TRANSFERS:

In future NO applications for transfer will be considered except under very exceptional circumstances.

574 ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE:-

It is advised that, in future, cases of A.W.L. the C.O. may order the whole or any part of the period of absence to be debited against leave entitlement.

*[Signature]*  
 .....Capt  
 Asst/Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES  
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Xmas cards or telegrams have been received from the following:-

- Lt Col W.N.PARRY - OKEDEN DSO
- GWEN BEAL Hon Sec 2/9 Bn Comforts Fund
- Capt A.O.HOAD

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The G.O.C. Maj Gen G.A.VASEY CB CBE DSO in a letter to the Comd Officer, has expressed his appreciation of the work done by this unit over the past twelve months, and extends to all ranks best wishes for Xmas and the New Year.

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MR Charles Chauvel has expressed his appreciation of the excellent work done by Officers and ORs of this unit concerned in the filming of Scenes of the production "Rats of Tobruk".



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 375.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

28 Dec 43.

375. Bn Duties.

- To Mount at Retreat: 28 Dec 43.
- (a) Duty Coy..... B Coy.  
N F D ..... A Coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer..... From Duty Coy.  
N F D ..... From A Coy.
  - (c) Bn Guard..... From Duty Coy.
  - (d) Runners..... 20Rs from Duty Coy.

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Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining replacements of watches G S and for the present, it is impossible to have deficiencies of initial issue made up.

Repairs at 47 Aust L A D have been at the rate of 1 per day for the last three months, principally from 2 causes

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- (b) Dropping on hard surfaces.

The position is very serious in particular as spare parts are now becoming unavailable, and the attention of all personnel holding watches G S is drawn to these facts.

*G. G. Smith*  
..... Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES: The following cricket players have been selected to represent 2/9 Aust Inf Bn in a match to be played against the 2/6 M.G. Bn on the 2/9 Bn Ground on Thursday 30 Dec commencing at 1000 hrs.

Pte Moss (Capt)	A Coy:	Cpl Wallace	HQ Coy:
Sgt Hyde,	HQ Coy:	L/Cpl Robbins.	B Coy.
Pte Elliott.	D Coy.	Capt Wills.	BEQ
Lt Col Cummings		L/Cpl Skelton.	D Coy
L/Cpl Dunne.	C Coy:	Pte Chay	A Coy
Cpl Salisbury	C Coy.	Pte Schultz	C Coy



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

II

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 375.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn 28 Dec 43.

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L/Cpl Dunne.	C Coy:	Pte Chay	A Coy
Cpl Salisbury	C Coy.	Pte Schultz	C Coy



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUMMINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

No 377.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

29 Dec 43.

377. Bn Duties. To Mount at Retreat 29 Dec 43.
- (a) Duty Coy.....A Coy;  
N F D.....C Coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer.....From Duty Coy,  
N F D.....From C Coy.
  - (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy.
  - (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty Coy

*J. J. ...*  
 .....Capt.  
 A sst Adj 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES The following message from the C-in-C SWPA was received by  
 GOC 7 Aust Div.  
 "BEST WISHES FOR XMAS AND NEW YEA R TO YOURSELF AND ALL  
 RANKS UNDER YOUR COMMAND".

Sports Carnival Moresby Sports ground 1 Jan 44 (18 Bde memo AQL678 1a  
 repeated)

Authority has been obtained from HQ MORESBY Base Sub Area  
 for personnel competing in the Sports in the MORESBY Sports Arena on  
 1 Jan 44 to wear bathing trunks or athletic shorts, singlets and  
 running shoes while so competing. Shorts KD will on no account be worn.

PERIODICAL AWARDS. NEW GUINEA PERIOD.

LEO 222450 of 20 Dec 43 advises that His Majesty the King has  
 approved the undermentioned awards to members of this formation for  
 services rendered in NEW GUINEA during period 1 Oct 42-31 Mar 43.  
 These awards were to be announced in the Press on Thursday 23 Dec 43  
 by the Prime Minister's Department and gazetted the same day:-

- OX6077 Lt Col. W N PARRY-ORRISON
- OX18553 Pte COOP C W

COURT MARTIAL- PUBLICATION OF RESULT OF TRIALS

Nature of Court. District Court Martial.  
 Place of Trial. HQ New Guinea Force.  
 Member Tried. OX19935 Pte CRIBB L V  
 Charge. When on Active Service, Absenting himself  
 without leave from 0645 hrs 10 Jul 43 till  
 0920 hrs 14 Sep 43. (A A Sec 15 (1) )  
 Finding. Guilty.  
 Sentence. To suffer Field Punishment for fifty six (56)  
 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a  
 period of fifty six (56) days.  
 Date of Sentence. 21 Dec 43.  
 Date of Confirmation. 28 Dec 43.  
 Date and place of promulgation. With Unit in the Field-29 Dec 43.

Nature of Court. District Court Martial.  
 Place of Trial. HQ New Guinea Force.  
 Member Tried. OX17341 Pte CROSS S C (MM)  
 Charge. When on Active Service, Absenting himself  
 without leave from 1330 hrs 21 Jul 43 till  
 arrested at 1350 hrs 16 Sep 43.  
 Finding. Guilty.  
 Sentence. To Undergo Detention for one hundred and  
 fifty (150) days.  
 Date of Sentence. 21 Dec 43.  
 Date of Confirmation. 28 Dec 43.  
 Date and place of Promulgation: 29 Dec 43 with Unit IN THE FIELD.



# MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.  
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1.FEB. 1944

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TO *LUKA LOUV HORI DOKU LUVU*

FROM *FOPI*

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

<i>(Write horizontally)</i> <i>MOST</i>	<i>SECRET</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2/9</i>	<i>Aust</i>	5
<i>Inf</i>	<i>Bn</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>by</i>	10
<i>plane</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>DUMPV</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>ref</i>	15
<i>6653</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>1/2</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>44</i>	20
<i>0</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>march</i>	<i>on</i>	25
<i>1</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>Bn HQ</i>	<i>Sigs</i>	30
<i>Q Staff</i>	<i>Pioneers</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Coy</i>	<i>B</i>	35
<i>Coy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>↓</i>	<i>Jan</i>	40
<i>44</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>bal</i>	45
<i>HQ</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>vehicles</i>	<i>for</i>	50
<i>first</i>	<i>flight</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>to</i>	55
<i>coys</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>311800 L</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>More</i>	60
<i>to</i>	<i>drone</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	65
<i>notified</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Arthur</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>cs</i>	70
<i>per</i>	<i>2/9</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Inf</i>	<i>Bn</i>	75
<i>Explaining</i>	<i>Table</i>	<i>except</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>TK/A</i>	80
<i>guns</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>taken</i>	<i>0</i>	85
<i>amm</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>nds</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>man</i>	90
<i>brn</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>mags</i>	<i>filled</i>	95
<i>MMG</i>	<i>belts</i>	<i>filled</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>to</i>	100
<i>two</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>inch</i>	<i>mortar</i>	105
<i>amm</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Rations</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>emergency</i>	110
<i>and</i>	<i>unexpired</i>	<i>portion</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>one</i>	115
<i>day</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>ack</i>			120
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SIGNATURE *40 Arthur Capt.*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUTTINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

Nos 378-379.

289 Aust Inf Bn 30 Dec 43.

378 Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 30 Dec 43.

- (a) Duty Coy.....C Coy.  
N F D HQ Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer.....From Duty Coy.  
N F D From HQ Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty Coy.

379. Intoxicating Liquor (NGF Order A430 of 20 Dec 43 is repeated )

1. The illicit manufacture in PAPUA or NEW GUINEA of any intoxicating liquor is prohibited.

2. The possession of any liquor so manufactured is also prohibited.

3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order, and all stills and material used for the manufacture of such intoxicating liquor will be confiscated.

.....Capt.  
Asst Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL C J CUTTINGS OBE

OFFICER COMMANDING

Nos 378-379.

252 Aust Inf Bn 30 Dec 43.

378 Bn Duties.

To Mount at Retreat 30 Dec 43.

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N F D HQ Coy.
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N F D From HQ Coy.
- (c) Bn Guard.....From Duty Coy.
- (d) Runners.....2 ORs from Duty  
Coy.

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